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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.*

## Loudon's Very Own "Extreme Makeover!"

*By Debbie Kardaseski*



*Volunteers swarm over Jonathan and Brenda Leonard's home at 5 Chestnut Circle. Loudon held its own "Extreme Makeover" beginning on Friday, September 21.*

Look out Ty Pennington — Loudon has its very own version of "Extreme Makeover"!

On Friday, September 21, Jonathan and Brenda Leonard and their son Cleon were put on a plane to Florida by friends and family. They were off for much-needed "R&R." In December 2005, they'd lost their 3-week-old baby boy, Mason. Once again, on August 31, they lost their 4-month-old baby girl, Macie.

Due to the traumatic and devastating losses they've had to endure, their family and friends decided to surprise them by doing an "extreme makeover" while they were away. Early in September, Jonathan's brother Jeff sent out letters to local businesses explaining the situation and asking for donations or dis-

*Makeover — cont. on page 6*

## THE COMMUNICATION COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

*A plea from Kris Tripp*

With our annual meeting approaching it is very obvious to the current board members that we need to take strong measures to generate more interest in the Communications Council.

The bylaws of the Communications Council require a minimum of five directors and allow for up to nine directors. Currently we have six directors. A few more (new) faces would be helpful.

### A brief history...

The Communications Council was formed in 1999 for the purpose of overseeing the publication of *The Loudon Ledger* and the website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org). Communications Council members meet once a month to review the contents of the issue, review financials, and decide direction of future issues. Our board operates according to bylaws and publication guidelines that must be followed to assure that submissions follow our set policies.

### Our Members...

The members of our council are volunteers who donate a few hours each month to attend a monthly Monday meeting (the schedule is posted way in advance). Some of our volunteers write

a monthly column and some only attend meetings — writing is not a requirement to join this board.

### Why should I serve on the Communications Council?

There are some excellent reasons why you should serve! I have listed just a few:

- **A great way to jumpstart your career!** As a member of the Loudon Communications Council, you will be making important decisions regarding the monthly operations of a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
- **Get to know your community!** Are you new to Loudon or have you been a resident for a long time but yearn to meet new people? Joining the Loudon Communications Council is a great way to accomplish this!
- **Loudon Citizen of the Year** — many of the fine people that have been voted Loudon's Citizen of the Year have sat on the Loudon Communications Council.
- **A desire to be heard** — Do you have an important message about our community that needs to be expressed?

You don't have to be a Pulitzer Prize Winner to write for the Ledger or to participate on our board. Our intent is to be a source of information for the community without taking political sides.

- **Promote yourself, your industry and/or organization** — Do you own a business in Loudon or sit on another board? Why not promote yourself by becoming a board member?
- **Get yourself published** — Are you on the verge of exploring your talents as a photographer, writer or artist? I can't think of a better way to express your creative talents. **Become a board member today!**

The list goes on but the fact is, we need new members or the paper will cease to exist. The Loudon Ledger has become an important part of our town and I know that many look forward to receiving it each month. Loudon is the home to an estimated 5,062 residents and quite a few major businesses. I look forward to seeing a few new faces at our annual meeting on October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building "Charlie's Barn." It's that easy! Come to our meeting and share your ideas. ■

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

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

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

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

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

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

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

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

Transfer Station

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

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

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

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

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

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

30 Chichester Road

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

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

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

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

Deborah H. Wheeler

Senators — District 07

Harold W. Janeway

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Articles should be submitted to the Loudon Communications Council, P.O. Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307. They may be emailed to [debbie@debbiekgraphics.com](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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“The Loudon Ledger” 2007 Schedule

January 2007 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 12/15 Council Meeting: Mon. 12/17

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

March 2007 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 2/16 Council Meeting: Mon. 2/19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Where to Worship in Loudon

### Family Bible Church

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

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*Sunday Worship:* 9:30 a.m. A blend of hymns & contemporary songs. Fellowship time following service is provided. Sunday School for ages 4 years–5th grade during worship service. Nursery also Available.  
*Sunday Evening:* Youth Group — For Grades 6–11: 6–7:45 p.m.  
*Monday:* Men's Fellowship and Prayer 7–8:45 p.m.  
*Wednesday:* Women's Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer: 9:15 a.m.  
*Ongoing Evening Adult Bible Studies:* call for details

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### Faith Community Bible Church — Evangelical Free Church of America

*Pastor Jeff Owen*

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

#### Winter Worship Hours:

*Sunday Worship Service:* Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*Sunday School Classes:* 9:30–10:30 a.m. • *Bible Study:* Thursday 9:30 a.m.  
*Youth Group:* Leader Tom Stevens. Sept.–June 6:00 p.m., Grades 6–12  
*FWFriends:* Weds. evenings 6:30–8. Ages 3 through Grade 5 (Sept.–June)  
 Faith Community Bible Church has Men, Women, and Small Group Ministries.  
 Please call for more details.

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### Landmark Baptist Church

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*Pastor Paul J. Clow*

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

*Sunday School:* 9:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) **(New Beginnings Class:** for those interested in the Christian Faith and in Landmark Baptist Church. This is a time for questions and answers about what it means to be a Christian and what we believe here at Landmark!)

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

*Sunday Evening:* 6 p.m.

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

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

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

We never cancel services for any reason!

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### Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

*Rev. Henry Frost*

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

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

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

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### Loudon Congregational Church

*Rev. David D. Randlett, III*

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

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

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

*Sunday Evening Celebration Supper and Worship:*

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

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

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### New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

*Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor*

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

**Sundays:** *Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies:* 9:30 a.m.

*Worship:* 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided for Infants and Toddlers).

Kinder-Church (Preschoolers and Kindergarteners). Children's Church (Grades 1–6)

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

Brian & Jill Bollinger: 267-1744

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

*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)

## Announcements from New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene is excited to welcome Rev. Brian Bollinger as our new Youth Pastor. Brian was born in Quincy, MA and never lived anywhere else until recently moving to Belmont. (He can't get used to the quiet!)

Brian brings 18 years of experience in the area of ministry to early youth. Not only has he worked in the local church, but he has been a keynote speaker at youth conferences from Massachusetts to California to Papua New Guinea and, this past winter, to Australia. Brian also directs Junior High Youth Camp for the Church of the Nazarene in New England.

Perhaps you can get to know Brian best through this one prayer that he says he often prays:

*Please Lord, let me see Jesus in those you place around me. And, please, Lord, let them see Jesus in me. Amen*

**New Beginnings will hold a Spiritual Renewal Weekend, Friday, October 5 through Sunday, October 7.** Rev. Jeff Barker, pictured at left, will be the guest speaker.

Rev. Barker serves as senior pastor at the Quincy, MA Bethel Church of the Nazarene and as Assistant Professor of Religion at Eastern Nazarene College.

Before retuning to pastoral ministry, he served as College Chaplain at ENC. Jeff speaks regularly at camps and churches and serves the Church of the Nazarene on local, district, and general church levels. He lives in Quincy, MA with his wife Stacey, and daughters Emily and Abigail.

See you there at 33 Staniels Road: Friday at 7 p.m.; Saturday at 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday at 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. ■



## Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church Invites You To a Gospel Concert by Ken Fernald

The Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church will be holding a gospel concert by gospel singer and recording artist Ken Fernald on Saturday, October 20 at 7 p.m. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a potluck supper.

Ken has traveled for many years throughout New England and comes to share in song the love of Jesus Christ!

Ken is the former host of the Christian talk/television program "Born Again New England," and has hosted many radio programs. He has been called New England's own gospel singer and the "Burl Ives of gospel music." Come, listen and meet Ken Fernald!

For more information, please contact Pastor Henry Frost at 783-4540. ■



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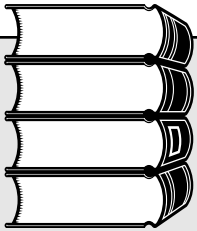
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# Maxfield Public Library News

By Cheryl Ingerson

## STORY TIME

On the 2nd and 3rd of October, story time will visit the Meadow Ledge Farm, on Route 129, to go apple picking! Call the library for more information. Story time will resume its normal schedule on the 9th of October.

As the leaves change to their autumn colors, story time will celebrate Fall. On October 9th through the 11th, the children will hear *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves* by Julia Rawlinson, and *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf* by Lois Ehlert. They will also construct a bird feeder to help the birds (and squirrels) prepare for winter.

On the 16th through the 18th of October, the children will find out what to do with too many corn-eating raccoons and too many pumpkins in Gloria Whelan's *A Week of Raccoons* and Katie McKy's *Pumpkin Town*. Story time will end when the children make a scarecrow to decorate their homes.

For the 23rd through the 25th, story time gets a little creepy as the children listen to *Diary of a Spider* by Doreen Cronin and *Dream Weaver* by Jonathan London. The children will weave their very own sparkly spider web for a craft to take home.

We invite the children to come dressed in their favorite Halloween costume on the 30th and 31st of October to participate in our yearly trick-or-treating through the town offices. We will gather around to hear Ann Turner's book *Pumpkin Cat*. Then we will parade through the police station, the fire station, and the town office, and will end with a Halloween party at the library. Parents are asked to bring a goodie to share, and the library will provide juice.

## NEW BOOKS — FOR CHILDREN

There are some new books in the children's room which will be introduced during story time. Look for these titles when they hit the shelves!

*Turkey Surprise*

*Gaspard on Vacation*

Archer, Peggy

Gutman, Anne

*Duck and Goose*

*I know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie*

*'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving*

*Fletcher and the Falling Leaves*

*The Trouble with Cauliflower*

Hills, Tad

Jackson, Alison

Pilkey, Dav

Rawlinson, Julia

Sutton, Jane

## NEW BOOKS — FOR ADULTS

### FICTION

*Away*

*Agnes and the Hitman*

*Critical*

*Sweet Revenge*

*Full of It*

*Night Work*

*Sanctuary*

*Wheel of Darkness*

Bloom, Amy

Crusie, Jennifer

Cook, Robin

Davidson, Diane Mott

French, Wendy

Hamilton, Steve

Khoury, Raymond

Preston, Douglas

### NONFICTION

*The Body Has a Mind of Its Own*

*Welcome to the Wisdom of the World*

*No Simple Victory*

*Leviathan*

*Franconia Notch and the Women Who Saved It*

*It's So Hard to Love You*

*Why Kerouac Matters*

*The World Without Us*

Blakeslee, Sandra

Chittister, Joan

Davies, Norman

Dolin, Eric Jay

Jarvis, Kimberly

Klatte, Bill

Leland, John

Weisman, Alan

## MEDICARE INFORMATION NIGHT

Do you have questions about Medicare and what benefits are available for you or someone you assist with care? Join us on October 22, at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room, when a state-certified Medicare Counselor from ServiceLink will be present at the library to fill you in on free services. If you have questions you would like to submit in advance, please call 798-5153.

## BOOK GROUP

Follow the trail of genre fiction out West to the days of the Gold Rush as we read *Comstock Lode* by Louis L'Amour. The group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 25. New participants are welcome.

## LIBRARY HOURS

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

## HOLIDAY HOURS

In observance of Columbus Day, the library will be closed on Monday, October 8th. ■

# Computer Malfunction!


By Debbie Kardaseski

This issue of the *Loudon Ledger* may be missing an article you sent. I'm not ignoring you! My computer crashed and numerous emails and email addresses have disappeared, including some articles that may have been sent to me for inclusion in this issue of the paper.

I apologize in advance for anything that may be missing. It has been a tense couple of weeks! Things are getting back to "normal" (whatever that may be!) and the next issue should proceed much more smoothly.

In the meantime — if you normally receive an email reminder from me about the *Ledger* deadline, please send me an email so I may re-save your address!

Computers — they are wonderful when they work! But, they can really mess with your life when they don't!!! Thanks for your understanding and patience. ■



What do  
sea monsters eat?

L A L F

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E R T S T A

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N A Y D C

T O M C U S E




W O L E H L E A N

M I U K P N P

L P A S E P

A E S E V L

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September Word Scramble Answers:  
Glue, School, Grades, Bus, Crayons, Math, Teacher  
GOOD BATTER

# LOUDON GIRL SCOUT NEWS

## Loudon Girl Scouts Get the Green Flag For a Great 2007/2008 Girl Scout Year!

The Loudon Girl Scout troops are beginning to hold their meetings and plan their exciting year. Make sure you keep reading your *Loudon Ledger* and find out what the Girl Scouts are up to each month!! The Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit Volunteers have already met twice and are making some super plans for the entire service unit. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! The Loudon Girl Scout Service Unit will be having a BAKE SALE on Saturday, November 17th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Maxfield Public Library** to raise money for all the fun activities we have planned for the girls here in Loudon!! We will have more yummy treats than you can imagine and MANY pies for the holiday that following week. Community Service projects, Christmas Caroling, a Cookie Kick-off event, a World Thinking Day event, a Fun & Fitness event, our Camporee and many more activities and events are all in the planning phases for the Service Unit right now.

Girl Scouts are in the process of holding their Fall Product Sale to raise funds for the individual troops and for Swift Water Girl Scout Council. Please be sure to see a Loudon Girl Scout if you haven't been approached. In addition to the nuts and chocolates, we are selling subscriptions to magazines and those who are current magazine subscribers can even renew at discounted rates. See a Loudon Girl Scout today!

If you are interested in Loudon Girl Scouts you can always go the Loudon website [www.loudonnh.org](http://www.loudonnh.org) where you will find interest forms that you can print and send in. There is a form for girls ages 5-17 who are interested in becoming a Girl Scout. You will also find a form for those of you adults who may be interested in volunteering for the Girl Scouts of Loudon. There are so many ways you can help even if you only have an hour or two a month to spare. Whether you were a Girl

Scout as a child, an adult volunteer in the past or someone who wishes they were, we have room for you to be a part of our great group! We also welcome adults, male and female, with skills or interests they would like to share with girls. If you are unable to print the forms, you can also call Michele Paquette, Service Unit Manager for Loudon Girl Scouts at 783-4275 or email [mmpaquette@comcast.net](mailto:mmpaquette@comcast.net) we hope to hear from you!

## Brownie Troop #685

The Brownie Troop is off to a running start with a camping trip planned for the last weekend in September at Moose Hillock Campground in Warren, NH. The girls will be doing some hiking and earning their Eco-Explorer try-it, plus the *Ready? Set? Go Camping!* try-it. We have many exciting things planned for the girl scout year and our anxious to get started. Stay tuned to hear all about our camping weekend and upcoming events.

## Cadette Troop #2356

This year, the older girls will be working on Interest Projects. These projects will be done in a group format meeting only to fulfill the requirements of that individual project. This means, that one project may meet only once a week for six weeks or perhaps every other week for a longer period. This will be determined at a later date based on the project chosen. The reason for doing this is to make girl scouts more accessible to the older more busy schedules of teens. It is not too late to join. If you are between the 6 and 12 grade and are interested please feel free to call Christine Campbell at 783-9838. The projects have not been finalized as of yet, but the girls last year are considering the following projects: fashion, theater and stage, scrap-booking, jewelry making, and careers. We are always open to suggestions, so if you have an interest let us know. ■

## Breast Cancer Survivors Celebration Planned for Oct. 27

Concord Hospital Breast Care Center and the American Cancer Society will host the Third Annual Breast Cancer Survivors Day on Saturday, October 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Concord Community Music School.

Individuals previously and newly diagnosed with breast cancer are invited to join us for a free, relaxing program that includes education; pampering, featuring complementary therapies; and socializing. A guest speaker will share her personal survivorship story. A light breakfast and luncheon will also be available.

Space is limited and registration is required. To RSVP, please call the Breast Care Center at (603) 230-7266 or e-mail [kbooth@crhc.org](mailto:kbooth@crhc.org) before October 19.

Concord Hospital Breast Care Center, in collaboration with Concord Imaging Center, Concord Surgical Associates and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Concord, provides streamlined care from education and detection to treatment and follow-up. Services provided include annual mammograms, breast ultrasound, ultrasound-guided breast biopsies, stereotactic breast biopsies, surgical consultations and genetic testing and counseling.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated

to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.



Concord Hospital is a nationally accredited, regional medical center that provides comprehensive acute-care services and programs to people throughout New Hampshire. The Hospital offers 40 medical specialties and subspecialties, including its cornerstone centers of excellence in orthopaedics, cancer, cardiac and women's health. Concord Hospital, along with innovative technology and exceptionally trained clinicians, ensures high quality patient care and safety. Additionally, Concord Hospital and its subsidiaries, nationally recognized for cardiovascular, stroke and diabetes medical care, offer a network of primary and specialty care physicians throughout Concord and its surrounding communities. In 2006, the charitable, not-for-profit organization provided more than \$29 million in community benefits to the residents of Central New Hampshire. For more information, visit [www.concordhospital.org](http://www.concordhospital.org) ■



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counts on the necessary supplies. The response was gratifying and heartwarming. Lowe's responded by offering a discount on the shingles needed to put on a new roof. Home Depot and Owens Corning donated four boxes of vinyl siding and gave a 10% discount on any additional siding that needed to be purchased. Loudon Building Supply donated two rolls of bithethane for the roof. Sam's Club donated food to feed the horde of hungry workers. Bob Searles donated steak strips, corn, and chicken for Saturday's lunch — and he cooked it all! The Eggshell Restaurant donated hamburgers and hot dogs. Brookside Pizza donated ten pizzas for Saturday night. Dunkin' Donuts donated six dozen donuts and two boxes of Joe. Fillmore Sand & Gravel and Mike LaBonte Enterprises offered any sand or gravel needed along with cash donations. Eastern Propane gave a cash donation — as did many individuals.

The response was overwhelming and work began Friday evening, as soon as Jonathan and his family were safely on a plane to Florida. Early Saturday morning, the scene at their home was one of controlled chaos! 75–100 people showed up. Within 2-1/2 hours one side of the roof had been stripped and reshingled. Work was proceeding on new siding, siding on the shed, an 8' x 17' addition, cleaning, laundry, and remodeling of a bedroom. By midday Sunday the siding was on, the addition was done on the outside, the shed was almost done, and a bit of landscaping had been started! Two women were sitting in the sun sealing slate tiles for the mudroom floor.

What made all of this even sweeter was the fact that Jonathan had been asking friends to give him a hand with these projects when he returned from Florida! The entire time he was asking for help, people were trying very hard to keep the secret of the upcoming "makeover" — while promising to lend a hand when he returned!

Jonathan, Brenda, and Cleon are due back mid-afternoon on Sunday, September 30. The plan is to have all of the volunteers attending a barbecue at their home when they arrive! Traffic will be rerouted so they will have to arrive to see the house and won't be able to see it through the trees.

The next issue of *The Loudon Ledger* will have a more complete list of donors and volunteers plus additional photos.

It was so wonderful to see everyone lending a hand to help this young family. They've weathered some very difficult times, thanks to their family and friends. So often the news we get these days is depressing. We are proud to be able to bring you this story of what it truly means to live in Loudon. ■



DAY 1: A "before" picture of the shed.



DAY 1: The roof crew hard at work.



DAY 1: The framework of the addition under construction.



DAY 1: The house is wrapped and ready to put the siding on. Insulation awaits installation.



DAY 1: Looking up Chestnut Circle — wall to wall volunteers!





DAY 2: Things are progressing rapidly. The siding is almost complete!



DAY 2: The addition is on!



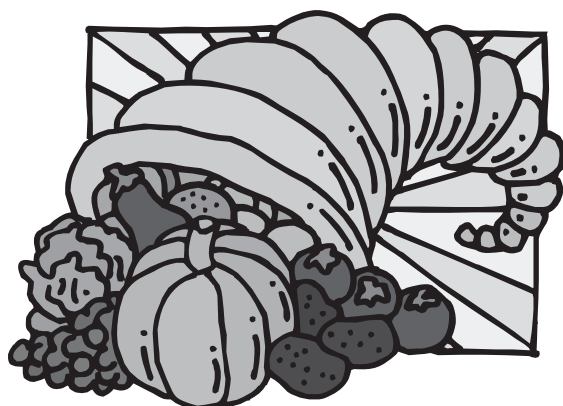
DAY 2: Landscaping shapes up.



DAY 2: The siding is almost complete on the shed.

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## Join us for Loudon Fire Department's "World Famous" Fall Harvest Supper!



Saturday, October 13  
Loudon Fire Department  
5:00–7:00 p.m. Come early!  
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# LOUDON HISTORY AND MYSTERY

By Amanda Masse

I guess this one was a bit harder. This old picture is of the “Bumfagon Farm” at 60 Bumfagon Rd., taken approximately 1931. Deeds and wills document the ownership back to 1784 when Lt. Abner Clough, of Epping, purchased the property which was then described as simply a 100-acre parcel. The History of Merrimack and Belknap Counties (Hurd, 1885) states that Lt. Clough had originally settled in Canterbury but “soon afterward exchanged land with the Shakers, who then owned the land upon Clough’s Hill, where Mr. Clough’s descendants now reside.” The farm stayed in the Clough family for three generations. The wills of Abner Jr. and his son Jeremiah A. indicate that the homestead included 495 acres in the early 1900’s. Jeremiah A. Clough owned stock in several railroad companies and was active in politics, serving as a Selectman, County Commissioner, Town Treasurer and Representative to the Legislature. However, his primary livelihood was farming. Jeremiah had no children. His widow, Nellie (Peverly) Clough, moved to Concord several years before eventually selling the house and 40 acres to Everett and Laura Jenkins in 1931.

The Jenkins family renovated the house, which appears to have been empty for years. They established a blueberry farm, which many long time locals remember. The farm was sold to Mike and Penny Perreault in 1966, and then to Ed and Jane Babonis in 1975. In the early 1980’s, the Babonis’ purchased a 40’ x 100’ antique barn from a farm on School St. to replace the original 18th century barn that had fallen down. They hired Steve Fifield, then only 19 years old, to move the structure to the Bumfagon Farm. Mr. Fifield says it was his first major project. Cyndi and Steve Babonis purchased the property from Steve’s parents 5 years ago and have dreams of getting the farm back into agricultural use in the near future.

I want to thank Cyndi Babonis very much for providing these great details on her home and its very interesting history. As of the time of this writing I received two guesses about the home; Officer Jason Fisk and Richard French. Thank you both for your detective work and for responding.

This month’s mystery.



Last month’s mystery.



Last month’s mystery house as it appears today.



Here is a good one! Do you know or can you guess where this month’s mystery was? If you have guesses or 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. 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 group, the next meeting is on October 3rd. 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 is really getting going again finding and sharing some great Loudon historical information join them to find out more! ■

## Minutes of the Loudon Historical Society — Aug. 1, 2007

Present: Bob Ordway, Dick Malfait, Melanie Kiley, Cyndi Babonis, Linda Hunton, Ron Lane, Roy Merrill, Barbara Cameron, Judy Jamilkowski, Barbara Sullivan, Henry Frost, Betty Frost, Liz Jones, Wesley Jones, Roger Dow.

At the start of the meeting, Bob welcomed all of the new attendees. It was great to have so many people interested in being a part of our mission to keep Loudon’s history alive!

The nominating committee reported that they will meet in the coming week to identify those people who are interested in becoming officers and present a list of names at the next meeting. The slate of officers will include a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, two Secretaries (who will share the position) and a Curator.

Barbara Cameron asked how the Historical Society was organized and what responsibilities were included in these positions. Bob explained that the Historical Society is not a non-profit organization, but rather an arm of the town, meaning that the town owns it. There is a line item in the budget for the Historical Society (currently \$500.00 per year.) We try to keep money set

aside in case any artifacts become available for purchase. We recently purchased a digital camera and a voice recorder for our use with oral histories and town photographs. He also passed around a copy of the constitution which lists the positions within the organization. Henry Frost commented that he didn’t feel job descriptions were necessary, since they are in the by-laws. Bob will get more copies of the constitution and by-laws made for the next meeting so we can all have one. Bob also reminded us that our by-laws call for a Board of Directors. This board meets between regular meetings. He stated that he would be interested in being on that board. Dick also said he would be interested. Both men felt that Peter Bartlett would be interested also.

Ron Lane suggested that Linda Hunton and Cyndi Babonis be considered for the dual secretary position, as they have been doing many of those tasks already. Liz Jones expressed an interest in taking on the Curator position. She has skills as an office manager which could be helpful in this position and her husband may be able to help out with computer-related tasks. Wes

Jones expressed that he may also be interested in this position at a later date. Several others offered to help Liz with projects as needed. Melanie is interested in continuing as Treasurer. We will put another notice in the *Ledger* to see if anyone else in town is interested in holding an office.

Henry offered to correspond with Martha Cheney, who is the writer for the *Concord Monitor’s* Town Crier section, and make sure our meetings are announced in the paper.

Henry stated that there may be some items donated to us in the near future. Dick stated that he knows someone who has a painting of the Batchelder farm from the 60’s. Wes felt that we should put more information into the *Ledger* about new acquisitions. Liz suggested that we put a photo of an item from the museum into the *Ledger* each month with a story to go along with it.

Wes stated that he is a member of the Chichester Historical Society and that they have a very good program there and publish a newsletter. Henry suggested

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## Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

### SCHOOL BUSES ON THE MOVE

After being in hibernation for the summer, school buses are out in full force. Here are some things to keep in mind when sharing the road with buses. Check out RSA 265:54 for further details.

You must **STOP** no closer than 25 feet for school buses whenever the alternating red lights are flashing **IF**:

- You are on a two-lane roadway (one lane in each direction).

or

- You are on a multiple lane roadway (three or more lanes), even if you are going in the opposite direction. (All lanes of traffic must stop going in both directions!)

or

- You are in a school yard, with no dedicated loading area.

The **ONLY** exceptions are:

**“...when meeting or passing a school bus which is traveling in the opposite direction on the other half of the divided highway, or when upon a controlled access highway if a school bus is stopped in a loading zone which is part of, or adjacent to, such highway and pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.”**

The flashing yellow lights and what they mean:

- School bus amber (yellow) caution lights are activated at least 100 feet in advance of a planned stop to load or unload students as a warning to motorists from either direction. These lights give time for vehicles going in either direction to slow down and stop. Watch for waiting students who may seek to cross the street before the red lights begin flashing.

**You don't have to be seen by a police officer to be convicted of passing a school bus.** Testimony under oath by a school bus driver or other witness that a vehicle failed to stop and remain stopped for a school bus shall be sufficient evidence to prove that the owner of a vehicle was driving and has violated state law... unless such evidence is rebutted or contradicted and upheld by the court. (The owner either identifies the driver or is held personally responsible.) **Hefty fines and loss of driving privileges** await you if convicted of passing a school bus with red lights flashing. Also, convictions for passing stopped school buses will **result in demerits on one's driving record**, leading to **driver's license suspension and increased insurance rates**.

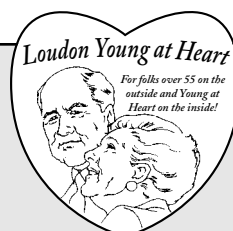
The most dangerous area for students is in the area around the bus where students are picked up and let off, not inside the bus. Give students plenty of room to be able to see you and to be seen. School buses are the safest form of vehicular transportation if we all do our part, by stopping for school buses with red lights flashing, and watching out for children boarding and disembarking the buses.

### HALLOWEEN!

It's hard to believe but Halloween is right around the corner! We celebrate Halloween on Wednesday, October 31, 2007. It is encouraged to trick or treat between

the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please use caution when driving especially in the parks and village area where it becomes very congested with walkers.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me weekdays at 798-5521 or via e-mail at [loudonpd@loudonpolice.com](mailto:loudonpd@loudonpolice.com) or [chieffiske@loudonpolice.com](mailto:chieffiske@loudonpolice.com). ■



## Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

Well, it had to happen sooner or later. It rained on our annual picnic day for the first time since I have joined this group. However, being the jolly good group that we are, we persevered. Instead of cooking hamburgers and hot dogs outside, we had turkey, ham and roast beef inside to go with our salads, desserts and drinks. What a clever idea! There were 50 of us present, and the food was super, as usual.

On October 23rd, we will be taking a bus trip to the Indian Head Resort in Lincoln. We will meet at the Congregational Church on Church Street at 8:30 a.m. The bus will pick us up there and depart at 9:00 a.m. Loudon residents who have signed up should have exact payment amount of \$14.00. Out-of-towners who have signed up should have exact amount of \$28.00. This includes the bus trip, lunch and entertainment. Since we will be stopping at the Flume Visitor Center before going to the Indian Head, you may want money for souvenirs, etc. We plan to arrive at the Resort around 11:30. We will have lunch, entertainment and should arrive back in town around 5:00 p.m.

Our float in the Old Home Day Parade depicting St. Patrick's Day won second prize. Shirley Maxfield, Dick Malfait and Don Heath were the happy green beer drinkers riding on the float. The committee did a marvelous job, and we have a trophy to prove it. The Old Home Day committee is open to suggestions about a theme for next year.

We may have two speakers at our November meeting, which are unconfirmed at this time, but more information will be available in next month's *Ledger*.

Sadly, we lost one of our members, Ray Cummings, who passed away in July after a long battle with cancer. He will be sorely missed. ■

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that we visit other societies to see what kinds of projects they do and how they get people involved. Cyndi said that she has an article taken from a website that addresses how to get a society going. Wes suggested that she bring copies of the article to the next meeting to share. Linda suggested changing the exhibits now and then to keep things fresh so that people have a reason to revisit the museum. Henry asked if we have insurance on our artifacts. Bob replied that they are insured through the town's insurance. Ron thought it would be a good idea to do a digital inventory and store it.

Barbara asked if there was a good way to get our youth involved in the Historical Society. She feels it is very important to reach the young people in the community. Everyone agreed that it is very important and some suggestions made were: boy scouts looking for Eagle projects, high school seniors looking for senior projects, youths looking for community service, elementary school visits (both in the classroom and at the museum), and after school history clubs.

Several other possibilities for projects were discussed. Ron talked about a building he knows of in town that may have been a school building. He is trying to figure out if it was or not. If it was, we may want to do something with it in the future. Bob talked about the possibility of rebuilding the first house in Loudon, which is in pieces at the moment. Wes suggested we make a list of ideas for future projects. He felt that if we could get some specific projects going, this would draw more people in who are interested in helping out. Bob suggested that we begin a trust fund to help pay for projects.

Linda felt that oral histories should be a priority because we need to collect people's stories before they are lost. Everyone seemed to agree on this. Cyndi suggested that it would be nice to have an outline to follow so that when the interviews are

put on tape or on a computer, they would all be done in the same order, thereby making it easier to access a certain piece of information. Liz suggested we may want to get some sort of release form to get permission to use the information from interviews in other ways, such as books.

Bob talked about doing group interviews, where a group of people sit down and have a conversation about their memories of Loudon. The digital recorder can record up to four people on different channels, so we would get information from all four as they reminisce. Ron asked if we keep track of the Citizens of the Year. Bob responded that we have pictures and write-ups on all of them.

Our next meeting will focus on oral histories. We need to come up with names of people we would like to interview. Wes said that he has completed several oral histories, and would be willing to share his knowledge of and experience in doing oral histories with us.

We closed the meeting with Wes Jones showing us an old log caliber that was given to him by Guy Deering. It bears the initials JS Lake. He is donating it to the Historical Society. Thank you, Wes!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Historical Society Building. (This was changed from the original date of September 5, due to the fact that several people were unable to make it that week.) Ruth (Sanborn) King will be attending our next meeting. She has written a book about the Sanborn mill that she will share with us. We look forward to it and hope that many others will join us!

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Hunton

**The Tax  
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Office will be  
closed October  
17 & 18 while  
staff is at a  
Convention.  
The Office will  
reopen on  
Tuesday,  
October 23  
at 3 p.m.**



## **The American Legion Post 88 Loudon**

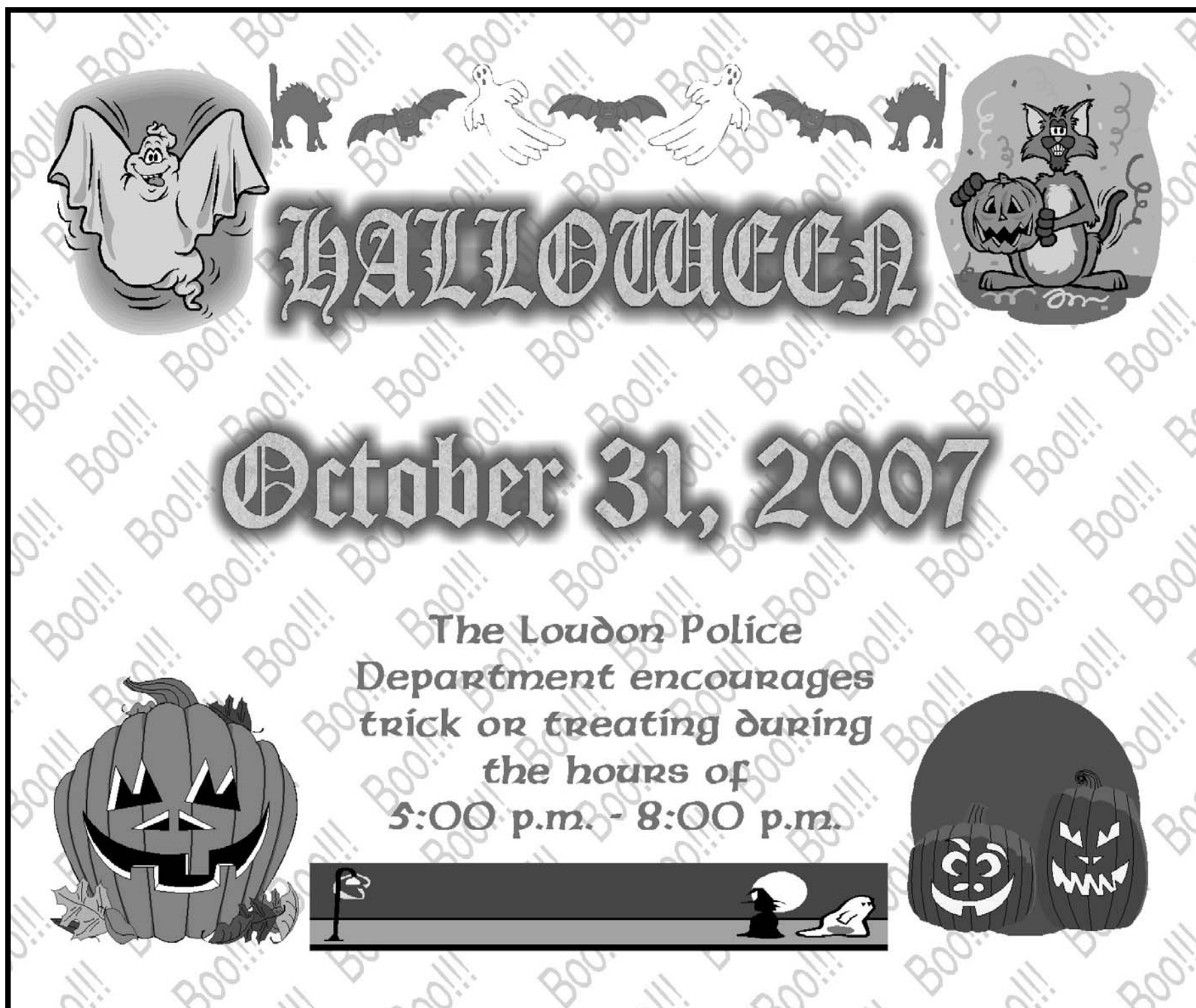
First, we would like to thank the Loudon Communications Council for last month's article on Flag Etiquette. This article was a little lengthy, but full of very important information which hopefully answered most of your questions. If we missed any please contact us.

The Legion members have recently volunteered at The Lodge in Belmont, with hopes of raising money for upgrades needed to the Legion hall, for town charities, and other projects.

### **POST NEW AND EVENTS**

- Dues for next year are needed by the October 20th deadline. At this time we are behind in our memberships, so if anyone is interested in becoming a member, or would like more information, please contact Jim Dymont as soon as possible at 603-435-8892 or Fred at 603-224-0172. This month is the start of our membership campaign program. Let's all support our veterans.
- We will soon have "Disaster" pamphlets. We are working with the town on this project, and this information will be available to the public. The information contained will include what to do when a disaster happens, and also what type of assistance is available. Remember, a disaster can happen at anytime and anywhere.
- Don't forget about Columbus Day, and have a safe and fun-filled Halloween.

*Thank you,  
The Legion Family*



## Thanks to All Who Made PTA Auction Successful

The Loudon Elementary School PTA would like to thank the following local businesses and individuals for donating items for the Silent Auction at Old Home Day.

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Liliana Flower Farm  
New Hampshire International Speedway  
Pampered Chef  
Gary Maxfield  
Windswept Maples  
Michele's Sweet Shoppe  
Wyman Farm B&B  
Speedway Self Storage  
Jennifer Becker  
Christine Campbell-Pampered Chef

## Loudon Teen Official Entrant for Miss NH Teen USA

Brittanie Schwab, 14, of Loudon has been selected as an official entrant for the MISS NEW HAMPSHIRE TEEN USA Pageant. Brittanie is a freshman at Merrimack Valley High School and her parents are Dennis "Michael" and Robin Schwab of Loudon. Congratulations Brittanie and best of luck! ■



**NEXT DEADLINE:  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE**

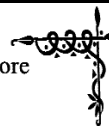
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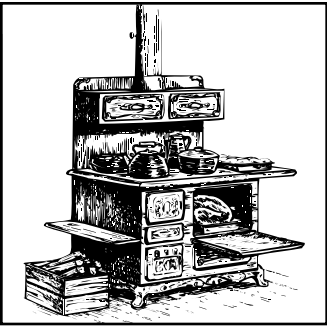


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# What's Cookin'!

## This month: 2007 Old Home Day Winners

*By Jennifer Pfeifer*

Congratulations to this years winners of the Old Home Day Cooking contest, and thank you to all those that entered. This year was no different and there were a lot of great dishes and recipes submitted in the contest. The following are the winning recipes submitted.

### CARROT CAKE — By Michele Holbrook

- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 2½ cups finely grated raw carrots
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 1½ tsp cinnamon
- 4 eggs
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 cup canola oil
- 2 tsp vanilla extract

Combine dry ingredients and set aside. Mix sugar and eggs then add oil in steady stream; beat in vanilla extract. Add dry ingredients and mix till just incorporated; fold in carrots and walnuts. Pour in prepared bundt pan and bake at 350 degrees for 25–35 minutes. Frost when cooled.

#### Frosting

- ¼ cup unsalted butter
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 2 cups confectioners sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla

Mix butter and cream cheese until combined then add vanilla. Add confectioners sugar till well mixed.

### MIXED BERRY SOUR CREAM PIE — By Barbara Brogan

- 1 unbaked pastry shell (use your favorite recipe)
- 1 quart fresh berries strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, black berries
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sour cream
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp sugar (reserved)

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Sort and rinse half strawberries. Sort and rinse remaining berries and fill pastry shell with berries. Sift flour, sugar and salt together. Add sour cream and stir well. Pour mixture over berries and spread evenly. Sprinkle reserved sugar over the top. Bake 10 minutes. Reduce oven to 350 degrees and bake another 30 minutes or until crust is a gentle golden brown.

### WHOOPIE PIES — By Judy Johnston

- ½ cup shortening
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ cup cocoa

Cream shortening and add rest of ingredients in order given. Drop by tablespoons on ungreased cookie sheet. Spread cookies out a little to form a circle. Bake at 400 degrees for 7-10 minutes. Put two together will filling in each.

#### Filling:

Cream ½ cup sugar and ½ cup shortening. Let set. Mix ½ cup milk, 2½ Tablespoons flour and pinch of salt. Cook and stir until thickened. Let cool, then add to sugar mixture. Add 1 tsp. vanilla. Beat with mixer until fluffy (this takes a little time).

### MAPLE BAKED BEANS — By Gary Maxfield

- 1 pound red kidney beans
- ½ pound bacon
- 1 medium red onion
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 4 Tbsp molasses
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 Tbsp brown mustard
- 1/8 tsp black pepper
- 3 cups water

Directions: cook in crockpot until tender

### BLUEBERRY COBBLER PIE — Honorable mention is a pie from Cheryl Ingerson

- 2 cups flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 2/3 cup shortening
- ½ cup milk
- ½cup sugar
- dash of salt
- 1½ Tbsp flour
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- 2 cups blueberries
- confectioners sugar

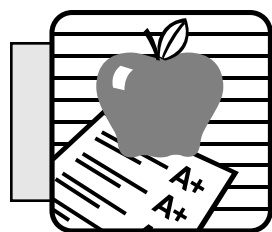
Combine flour, salt and shortening until crumbly. Sprinkle with milk. Mix into ball; chill dough at least one hour.

In a separate bowl, combine sugar, salt, flour, butter, and lemon juice; fold in blueberries. Set aside.

Reserve 1 cup dough, split remaining dough in half. Roll out one half for bottom crust. Layer with ½ blueberry mixture. Roll out reserved cup of dough into a circle place on blueberries. Layer with remaining blueberry mixture. Top with remaining crust. Bake at 425 degrees for 40 minutes. (covering pie with aluminum foil for the last 15 minutes) cool pie. Mix water and confectioners sugar; drizzle over pie.

**Next Month:** Crock pot cooking. If you have any recipes or suggestions 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.





## School District News

### Loudon Elementary School

The falling leaves and cooler weather can only mean one thing — HALLOWEEN! The annual LES Halloween parade will take place on Wednesday, October 31st. This celebration is anticipated by not only the students but the entire staff of our elementary school. More information will be sent home with your children.

#### Cold Weather Gear

The fall weather patterns can be very unpredictable — we may have very hot weather one day and chilly weather the next day. Dressing in layers is the answer! Make sure your child has a warm outer layer to wear “just in case.”

#### New Entrance to the school

Please note that the Loudon Elementary School has a new entrance on the side of the building for all parents and visitors. For security purposes, all visitors must now check in at this entrance.

#### Important Dates

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|--------------------------|---|
| <b>October 3 &amp; 4</b> | 1st grade field trip to the apple orchard   |
| <b>October 4</b>         | PTA meets — 1st Thursday of every month     |
| <b>October 4</b>         | Mid-term marks close                        |
| <b>October 5</b>         | <i>School closed for Teacher Convention</i> |
| <b>October 8</b>         | <i>School closed for Columbus Day</i>       |
| <b>October 12</b>        | Mid-term marks are issued                   |
| <b>October 30</b>        | Book Fair (Buy night will be November 1st)  |
| <b>October 31</b>        | Halloween Parade & Celebration!             |

### MV Middle School

#### Important Dates

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>October 1–19</b> | State testing begins (NECAP)                   |
| <b>October 5</b>    | <i>School closed for Teacher Convention</i>    |
| <b>October 8</b>    | <i>School closed for Columbus Day</i>          |
| <b>October 17</b>   | PTO meeting, 6:30 Library                      |
| <b>October 26</b>   | PTO Halloween Party All Grades & Hat Day       |
| <b>October 29</b>   | 8th Grade Washington DC Trip; 10/29/06–11/3/06 |

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

## Loudon Ladybugs Making Strides Team

By Sue Staples

On October 14th at 1:00 at Memorial Field there is a Making Strides event to raise money to fund research to find better ways to prevent, detect and treat breast cancer. The Loudon Elementary School Staff has a team called, The Loudon Ladybugs that walk in memory of Pam Hutchins. Pam was a kindergarten teacher at Loudon Elementary School who touched and influenced so many students and teachers lives while she was here. She had a special feeling about ladybugs and that is the reason for our name. If you would like to walk with us on Sunday the 14th you can register the day of the event at the field at 11:00 a.m. If you are not able to join us, but would like to contribute to The Loudon Ladybugs Team, please drop by or mail your donation check, made payable to American Cancer Society, to Loudon Elementary School attention Ms. Staples.

On October 4th from 9:20–2:30 at the Loudon Elementary School, the students will be participating in a making strides day. Our goal is to have staff and students walking loops outside the school on a rotational basis. During these times if you would like to come by the school and walk with the students you would be more than welcome. Please check in the office. ■

## Boating Education Classes

Call 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 (Monday through Friday 8:15 a.m.–4:15 p.m.) or go to our website: [www.nhboatingeducation.com](http://www.nhboatingeducation.com)

The Dept. of Safety, Boating Education recently scheduled additional boating safety courses for the upcoming months. There is a \$10.00 non-refundable fee per person for the class & because of the limited seating pre-registration is required. Call (603) 267-7256 or (888) 254-2125 to pre-register. Seating is still available in the following courses:

#### ONE FULL-DAY SESSION (Saturday)

|          |                     |  |
|----------|---------------------|--|
| 10/06/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Moultonborough Public Safety Bldg., Moultonborough |
| 10/06/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Newbury Town Hall, Newbury                         |
| 10/13/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Dept. of Safety, 33 Hazen Dr., Concord             |
| 10/13/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Ossipee Town Hall, Ossipee                         |
| 10/20/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Hampton Police Dept., Hampton                      |
| 10/20/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Squam Lakes Association, Rte 3, Holderness         |
| 10/20/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center, Portsmouth       |
| 10/20/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | St. Joseph's Hospital, Nashua                      |
| 10/27/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Plaistow Library, Plaistow                         |
| 10/27/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Rochester Police Dept., Rochester                  |
| 10/27/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Windham Fire Dept., Windham                        |
| 11/03/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Dept. of Safety, 33 Hazen Dr., Concord             |
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| 11/17/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Rochester Police Dept., Rochester                  |
| 11/17/07 | 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Windham Fire Dept., Windham                        |

#### TWO-DAY SESSION (weeknights)

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| 10/09/07 & 10/11/07 | 6:00–9:30 p.m. | Seabrook Fire Dept., Seabrook             |
| 10/15/07 & 10/17/07 | 6:00–9:30 p.m. | Bedford Police Dept., Bedford             |
| 10/16/07 & 10/18/07 | 6:00–9:30 p.m. | Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Ctr., Lebanon |
| 10/22/07 & 10/24/07 | 6:00–9:30 p.m. | West Running Brook M.S., Derry            |
| 10/23/07 & 10/25/07 | 6:00–9:30 p.m. | Dover High School, Dover                  |
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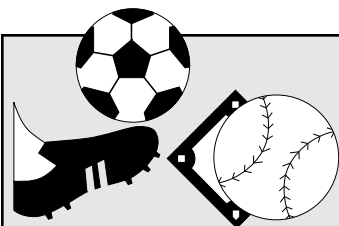
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## Loudon Youth Athletic Assoc.

By Melody Broider

### Soccer News:

The season kicked-off on Sept. 8th. Thank you to all those parents, coaches, sponsors, and volunteers that put in their time in to make the season a success for all the children. If you signed up to assist in the concession stand or would like to help out please contact Cindy Labonte. Be sure to check the website for information regarding games, schedules, directions, news articles etc....[www.lyaanh.org](http://www.lyaanh.org). A reminder to coaches: if you re-schedule/cancel games make sure to drop an email to [foreyesstudios@hotmail.com](mailto:foreyesstudios@hotmail.com) or call 267-8383, so we can keep the website schedule as accurate as possible for all the families involved. If you have any soccer questions call Commissioner, Scott Hagerty at 753-4735.

### 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.

### Help Wanted:

We need many volunteers to keep our programs successful for the children. We are looking for anyone that would like to be part of the new soccer field committee (Robinson Fields Project) and many other small projects. Many hands lighten the load, so whatever time you can volunteer can be helpful.

## Save those Box Tops!!

Loudon Elementary School is continuing to save General Mills Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education are located on hundreds of General Mills products. You can help Loudon Elementary by clipping off the Box Tops and sending them in to the school or dropping them in the box at the lobby of the Maxfield Public Library. Each General Mills Box Top is worth 10¢. We also receive 50¢ for each one from Sam's Club items. The funds that are received are used for different projects, activities and books at the Loudon Elementary school library. Thank you to everyone for remembering to save and send in those Box Tops. If you have any questions you can contact Mary Jo Powelson at the Elementary School 783-4400.

There is also a collection bin located at the Maxfield Public Library. ■

### Independent Community Basketball (ICB) Basketball News:

Things are heating up for another exciting season of basketball. Saturday, October 20 will be the only opportunity to sign up from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., location TBA. Upcoming ICB fundraising events include a Halloween Dance, Shoot-a-Thon, and a tournament. Watch for flyers!

The L.Y.A.A. meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Loudon Library. Next Meeting is scheduled for October 23rd at 7:00 pm. Is there something that you'd like to see LYAA offer? Do you have a question or concern? Come see what's happening and check out how you can add value to the youth in Loudon! For more info, please contact Melody Broider via e-mail: [foreyesstudios@hotmail.com](mailto:foreyesstudios@hotmail.com). ■



## NH Association for the Blind Prepares for Spooky Silent Auction

Members of the South Down Shores Garden Club of Laconia are preparing for this year's Spooky Silent Auction to benefit the New Hampshire Association for the Blind. Sharon Cholette, the Spooky Silent Auction Chair, and Garden Club members, launched the event last year raising over \$15,000 for blind and low vision services in New Hampshire. The Auction will be held on Saturday morning, October 27th at the Marriott Hotel's Grappone Conference Center. Doors open at 8:30 with bidding starting at 9:00. A hearty breakfast buffet will be served. Admission is \$20.00. Limited tickets will be available at the door. For more information and to order tickets call Mary Chase at 224-4039 or email [mchase@sightcenter.org](mailto:mchase@sightcenter.org). ■



Center: Bob Cholette, Chairman of the Board for New Hampshire Association for the Blind and President of South Down Shores receiving recognition award. From Left to right are: Phyllis Martell, Alice Contardo, Lorraine Moscardini, Sharon Cholette, Auction Chair, Mary Jo Austin, Nancy Fischer and Barbara Shea.

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## Concord Hospital Helps Enhance New Hampshire Technical Institute Nurse Education Experience

A dedicated network connection from Concord Hospital to New Hampshire Technical Institute allows nursing students to access the hospital's nursing documentation training module, without ever leaving campus. Previously, nursing students needed to be physically at Concord Hospital to use the training module.

In the past, NHTI's administration worked with Concord Hospital staff to schedule time for nursing students to use the hospital's computer lab to access the nursing documentation training modules. However, the hospital's new nurse hires also had to use the lab for orientation purposes, which created scheduling difficulties. In August 2006, Concord Hospital established a dedicated network connection to NHTI to allow nursing students access to these valuable training modules which permit them to experience patient care and safety enhancements typically found at leading technologically advanced hospitals across the nation. The overall cost of the network and software is funded by Concord Hospital.

"The advantage for nursing students is that they can spend more time learning on the nursing documentation training module at NHTI in a less stressful environment," said Deane Morrison, chief information officer at Concord Hospital. "The advantages for Concord Hospital are two-fold. When we hire NHTI nurses, the time it takes to orient and train them is significantly decreased because of their prior experience with our state-of-the-art technology. Our hope is that by exposing students to our technology, we encourage them to work here, which in turn improves our recruiting ability."

"This new link available on NHTI's campus has already allowed more than 200 nursing students to learn about medication bar coding, clinical documentation and assessment, and trending; all methods to help improve patient care and safety," said Linda Tasker, MSN, ARNP, professor of nursing at NHTI. "Students now have the resource to learn in a more flexible timeframe to encourage individualized learning styles. They learn technical skills and are able to problem solve and critically think, which are positive attributes for any nurse graduate."

"Additionally, clinical time is such a valuable resource that by using the computer program at NHTI, students will be able to use their clinical time for actual time with clients," she added. "Eventually our hope is that we will have the students orient to the computers during the week so that time at the hospital will be spent with their assigned clients."

NHTI is fully accredited, offering associate degrees and certificates in 62 programs including business, computers, criminal justice, education, engineering technologies, human service, nursing and health-related, and liberal arts. The 240-acre campus includes residence halls, a full student life program, and intercollegiate and intramural athletics. NHTI is affordable, accessible, and credits are transferable to four-year public and private colleges. For more information, visit [www.nhti.edu](http://www.nhti.edu).

Concord Hospital is a nationally accredited, regional medical center that provides comprehensive acute-care services and programs to people throughout New Hampshire. The Hospital offers 40 medical specialties and subspecialties, including its cornerstone centers of excellence in orthopaedics, cancer, cardiac and women's health. Concord Hospital, along with innovative technology and exceptionally trained clinicians, ensures high quality patient care and safety. Additionally, Concord Hospital and its subsidiaries, nationally recognized for cardiovascular, stroke and diabetes medical care, offer a network of primary and specialty care physicians throughout Concord and its surrounding communities. In 2006, the charitable, not-for-profit organization provided more than \$29 million in community benefits to the residents of Central New Hampshire. For more information, visit [www.concordhospital.org](http://www.concordhospital.org). ■



## 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 October 23 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, Oct. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 16 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. ■

**NEXT LEDGER DEADLINE:**  
**Friday, October 19**



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# INTERESTING HISTORY AND CUSTOMS OF HALLOWEEN

*Information accumulated By Kris Tripp*

Halloween is celebrated in much of the Western world, though most common in the United States, Puerto Rico, Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom, Canada, and with increasing popularity in Australia and New Zealand.

The History: Hundreds of years ago in what is now Great Britain and Northern France, lived the Celts. The Celts worshipped nature and had many gods, with the sun god as their favorite. It was "he" who commanded their work and their rest times, and who made the earth beautiful and the crops grow.

The Celts celebrated their New Year on November 1st. It was celebrated every year with a festival and marked the end of the "season of the sun" and the beginning of "the season of darkness and cold." On October 31st after the crops were all harvested and stored for the long winter the cooking fires in the homes would be extinguished. The Druids, the Celtic priests, would meet in the hilltop in the dark oak forest (oak trees were considered sacred). The Druids would light new fires and offer sacrifices of crops and animals. As they danced around the fires, the season of the sun passed and the season of darkness would begin.

When the morning arrived the Druids would give an ember from their fires to each family who would then take them home to start new cooking fires. These fires would keep the homes warm and free from evil spirits. The November 1st festival was called **Samhain** (pronounced "sow-en"). The festival would last for 3 days. Many people would parade in costumes made from the skins and heads of their animals. This festival would become the first Halloween.

During the first century the Romans invaded Britain. They brought with them many of their festivals and customs. One of these was the festival known as **Pomona Day**, named for their goddess of fruits and gardens. It was also celebrated around the 1st of November. After hundreds of years of Roman rule the customs of the Celtic's **Samhain** festival and the Roman **Pomona Day** mixed becoming 1 major fall holiday.

The next influence came with the spread of the new Christian religion throughout Europe and Britain. In the year 835 AD the Roman Catholic Church would make November 1st a church holiday to honor all the saints. This day was called **All Saint's Day**, or **Hallowmas**, or **All Hallows**. Years later the Church would make November 2nd a holy day. It was called **All Souls Day** and was to honor the dead. It was celebrated with big bonfires, parades, and people dressing up as saints, angels and devils.

But the spread of Christianity did not make people forget their early customs. On the eve of **All Hallows**, Oct. 31, people continued to celebrate

the festivals of **Samhain** and **Pomona Day**. Over the years the customs from all these holidays mixed. October 31st became known as All Hallow Even, eventually All Hallow's Eve, Hallowe'en, and then — Halloween.

The Halloween we celebrate today includes all of these influences, **Pomona Day's** apples, nuts, and harvest, the Festival of **Samhain's** black cats (which are given for good luck in Europe even today), magic, spirits and death, and the ghosts, skeletons and skulls from **All Saint's Day** and **All Soul's Day**. For modern day Pagans the holiday is still referred to as **Samhain** and is a day to honor loved ones who have passed on. It is also a time for reflecting upon the last year, making plans for the upcoming one.

**Trick-or-Treat:** The custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not with the Irish Celts, but with a ninth-century European custom called souling. On November 2, All Souls Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes," made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes the beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors. At the time, it was believed that the dead remained in limbo for a time after death, and that prayer, even by strangers, could expedite a soul's passage to heaven.

**The Jack-O-lantern:** The Jack-o-lantern custom probably comes from Irish folklore. As the tale is told, a man named Jack, who was notorious as a drunkard and trickster, tricked Satan into climbing a tree. Jack then carved an image of a cross in the tree's trunk, trapping the devil up the tree. Jack made a deal with the devil that, if he would never tempt him again, he would promise to let him down the tree.

According to the folk tale, after Jack died, he was denied entrance to Heaven because of his evil ways, but he was also denied access to "the hot place" because he had tricked the devil. Instead, the devil gave him a single ember to light his way through the frigid darkness. The ember was placed inside a hollowed-out turnip to keep it glowing longer.

The Irish used turnips as their "Jack's lanterns" originally. But when the immigrants came to America, they found that pumpkins were far more plentiful than turnips. So the Jack-O-Lantern in America was a hollowed-out pumpkin, lit with an ember. ■



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## Congratulations to Officer Jason Fiske!

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Logan is a very lucky young man: he has great, great grandparents! His grandparents are Carolyn Fiske of Loudon and Police Chief Robert Fiske, Loudon. Great great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Loys Ashland, also of Loudon. The family is very proud and happy. ■



## SCATTERGORIES

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This is a lot harder than you think. Now Go!

State Your Name:

1. Famous singer/band:
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4. Color:
5. Gifts/ presents:
6. Vehicle:
7. Items on a menu:
8. Boy Name:
9. Girl Name:
10. Movie Title:
11. Drink:
12. Occupation:
13. Flower:
14. Celebrity:
15. Magazine:
16. US City:
17. Pro Sports:
18. Reason for being late for work:
19. Something you throw away:
20. Animal:

## Join the Loudon Communications Council!

**We meet once a month at the Community Building. The Council can always use help writing articles, taking photos, and distributing papers.**



**The Loudon Communications Council invites you to its  
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Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time To Reach Me: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Parent Volunteer
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- ☐ Sharing a Special Skill with Troop or Group
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# Loudon Wildlife

By Kris Tripp

## Eastern Gray Squirrel

The crisp morning air reminds me that it is time to think about winter preparations, holiday festivals and spending more time with my family. I am not the only one thinking about the change in the weather. My need to prepare is also shared by the ever growing population of squirrels that live in my yard and nearby woods.

I have some of the largest squirrels living in my yard that raid my feeder on an hourly basis. A quick trip to the internet identified these gray squirrels as the Eastern Gray Squirrel. This is the only large squirrel in much of the Northeast – our family has nicknamed these creatures “Koala squirrels” because they seem immense to me. Size of these creatures ranges from 17 to almost 20 inches! Gray in color with a buff belly and a Flattened bushy tail with gray with silver-tipped hairs, the Eastern Gray Squirrel is unmistakable. This animal’s tail is used primarily for balance in trees, but serves as a sunshade, an umbrella, a blanket, and even a rudder when swimming! Their tail also aids in flight when the squirrel leaps from branch to branch and slows descent should the squirrel fall.

### Diet:

The Gray Squirrel feeds on hickory nuts, beechnuts, acorns, and walnuts and is active all year long including the cold months of winter. They will burry each nut individually instead of in a bunch like many other rodents. Believe it or not, approximately 85% of the buried nuts will be retrieved due to a great sense of smell. Besides nuts, the Eastern Gray Squirrel feeds on other items including maple buds, bark, apples, fungi, and a wide variety of seeds, as well as the occasional insect. They usually feed on just one food at a time, changing the item as additional sources come along. In my case, it appears they have a great fondness for thistle and sunflower seeds!

### Behavior & Habitat:

Fall is a busy time for the squirrel as they spend most of their time cutting and burying nuts. Sometimes there is a rain of nuts on the forest floor, especially when the animals cut white oak acorns. You will find these squirrels in dens, using either natural cavities or old woodpecker holes, especially white oaks, beeches, elms, and red maples. Tree cavities must be at least 12 inches deep and have an opening at least 3 inches in diameter. Nests are generally made of leaves.

Mating occurs in midwinter and a mating “chase” is often involved, with several males following a female as she moves about during the day. Frequently the spring litter of young is born in a tree cavity, while the second, late-summer litter is born in a leaf nest. Females often move their litters back and forth between cavity dens and leaf nests, perhaps because of changes in the weather or to escape predation or parasite infestation. The young are weaned in about 50 days. The second litter stays with the female over the winter.

### Squirrel talk:

This squirrel has an aggressive bark that sounds like “que, que, que, que.” It is usually accompanied by flicks of the tail which I have personally seen myself. It makes other calls as well, including a loud, nasal cry.



For more information about the Eastern Gray Squirrel visit:

- [eNature.com](http://eNature.com)
- [www.wildlife.state.nh.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us)
- and
- [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org).

Facts for this article were obtained from the above website. Picture courtesy of wikipedia.org.

## October Around the State

### Squam Lakes Natural Science Center:

#### WISE ABOUT PORCUPINES.

**Saturday, October 13. 10:00–11:30 a.m.**

Where does the name porcupine come from? It’s Italian! Porco means pig, and spino means spine or quill. A nickname for porcupines is “quill pig!” Find out much more about porcupines through activities, story-telling, a wild snack, and a visit with a live porcupine.

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### HALLOWEEN HOOT N HOWL

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**Peter Huybers, Ph.D.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 17th, 7 p.m.**

Huybers was trained in climate physics at MIT and has published important work on the causes of ice ages. He is an assistant professor in Harvard University’s Dept. of Earth and Planetary Sciences.

**Cost: \$10 suggested donation; N.H. Audubon members, free. For more information call: 603-224-9909**

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). ■



# Why Buy Locally-Grown Fruits and Veggies?

• **They are fresher.** Locally grown fruits and vegetables are usually picked within the last 24 hours. That freshness affects the taste and nutritional value of the fruits and vegetables.

• **It preserves open space.** Farms provide the fields, pastures and meadows that separate residential and business development. They also provide the views of hills, valleys and mountains that give New Hampshire its special character. When you buy local produce, you help preserve your local environment for today and the future.

• **It keeps farms and communities strong.** Money spent by consumers at New Hampshire farms and by New Hampshire farmers at local businesses stays in New Hampshire. It's good business for everyone.

## Where to Find Locally Grown Fruits and Veggies

NH has over 50 farmers' markets selling fresh fruits, veggies, herbs and much more! Some farms offer farm stands or harvest-your-own options. And, some grocery stores and food coops sell locally grown produce. To learn more, try these publications at the NH Dept of Agriculture, Markets & Foods website [agriculture.nh.gov/publications/index.htm](http://agriculture.nh.gov/publications/index.htm).

- NH Farmers' Market Directory
- NH Farm Stand Directory
- NH Harvest-Your-Own Guide

## Is CSA a Good Option for You?

CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) is a way for food shoppers to buy locally grown produce and other foods. There are about 1,000 CSA's in the US; 20 are in NH.

Before the growing season, customers pay the farmer for a share in the farm's harvest. They become shareholders or subscribers. Their support gives the farmer additional resources to buy seeds, greenhouse supplies, heat and labor. In return, customers receive a steady supply of high quality, locally grown, fresh produce once a week from mid-spring through mid-autumn. At [www.localharvest.org/csa](http://www.localharvest.org/csa) you can learn more about CSA and locate the CSA farms near you. Just enter your home or work zip code and click on "Search."

While it's too late to sign up for this summer's CSA, some CSA's may allow you to participate in two other options. Ask your local CSA farmer about both:

## Bulk Purchase

When the harvest is in full swing, some CSA's offer the option to buy fruits and vegetables in bulk. What a great way to shop for canning, freezing – or a large party or gathering.

Fall Share Plan runs from October to Thanksgiving.

## Chameleon Salad

Are you tired of eating the same old salad day after day? This is the recipe for you! Like a chameleon changing its color, you can change the flavor of this salad when you change a few ingredients.

Serves 4 (4 cups vegetables per person)

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

*First, select one of the Chameleon Dressing recipes (to the right). Some recipes suggest a specific vinegar or oil.*

*The last two recipes also suggest substitutions for some of the vegetables.*

- 4 cups raw spinach
- 4 cups romaine lettuce

- 2 cups red, yellow, or orange bell pepper
- 2 cups grape or cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup chopped broccoli
- 1 cup chopped cauliflower
- 1 cup sliced yellow squash
- 1 cup sliced zucchini
- 2 cups sliced cucumbers
- 2 cups chopped baby carrots

• Wash and chop all the vegetables.

• Mix vegetables together in a large bowl.

• Make one of the dressings.

• Add dressing and toss gently.

## Chameleon Dressing

4 servings

Place all ingredients in covered jar and shake.

## Classic Dressing:

2 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil; 2 tablespoons balsamic or wine vinegar; 1–2 tablespoons water; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 clove crushed garlic; 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard; 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme; pepper to taste.

## Honey Mustard Dressing:

2 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil; 2 tablespoons balsamic or cider vinegar; 1–2 tablespoons water; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1–3 teaspoons ground hot dry mustard; 1 tablespoon honey.

## Curry Dressing:

2 tablespoons vegetable or olive oil; 2 tablespoons balsamic or wine vinegar; 1–2 tablespoons water; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon curry powder; 1 tablespoon honey; 1/2 teaspoon ground dry ginger.

## Asian Dressing:

2 tablespoons sesame oil; 2 tablespoons rice vinegar; 1 clove crushed garlic; 1–3 teaspoons fresh grated ginger root; 1/2 teaspoon soy sauce. Try adding a small amount of orange juice and toasted sesame seeds.

- Substitute fresh pea pods and canned sliced water chestnuts for some of the vegetables.

## Walnut Dressing:

2 tablespoons walnut oil; 2 tablespoons wine vinegar; 1–2 tablespoons water; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, oregano or winter savory.

- Substitute chopped apples or pears and dried fruit for some of the vegetables. Add toasted chopped walnuts.

**Nutrition Facts** – using Classic Dressing (made with balsamic vinegar) Serving size: 1/4 recipe. 180 calories, 70 calories from fat, 8g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, 0mg cholesterol, 460mg sodium, 25g carbohydrate, 8g dietary fiber, 13g sugars, 6g protein.

**Nutrition Facts** – using Honey Mustard Dressing (made with balsamic vinegar) Serving size: 1/4 recipe. 200 calories, 70 calories from fat, 9g fat, 1g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, 0mg cholesterol, 370mg sodium, 29g carbohydrate, 8g dietary fiber, 17g sugars, 6g protein. ■

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# T O Y O U R H E A L T H

By Tricia Ingraham, MPH

## Alcoholism

Alcoholism, also known as “alcohol dependence,” is a disease that includes four symptoms:

- **Craving:** A strong need, or compulsion, to drink.
- **Loss of control:** The inability to limit one’s drinking on any given occasion.
- **Physical dependence:** Withdrawal symptoms, such as nausea, sweating, shakiness, and anxiety, occur when alcohol use is stopped after a period of heavy drinking.
- **Tolerance:** The need to drink greater amounts of alcohol in order to “get high.”

People who are not alcoholic sometimes do not understand why an alcoholic can’t just “use a little willpower” to stop drinking. However, alcoholism has little to do with willpower. Alcoholics are in the grip of a powerful “craving,” or uncontrollable need, for alcohol that overrides their ability to stop drinking. This need can be as strong as the need for food or water.

Although some people are able to recover from alcoholism without help, the majority of alcoholics need assistance. With treatment and support, many individuals are able to stop drinking and rebuild their lives.

Many people wonder why some individuals can use alcohol without problems but others cannot. One important reason has to do with genetics. Scientists have found that having an alcoholic family member makes it more likely that if you choose to drink you too may develop alcoholism. Genes, however, are not the whole story. In fact, scientists now believe that certain factors in a person’s environment influence whether a person with a genetic risk for alcoholism ever develops the disease. A person’s risk for developing alcoholism can increase based on the person’s environment, including where and how he or she lives; family, friends, and culture; peer pressure; and even how easy it is to get alcohol.

### How Addiction Affects Families

Alcoholism and drug addiction is taking a toll on the American family. As a result, 8.3 million children in the United States, approximately 11 percent, live with at least one parent

who is in need of treatment for alcohol- or drug-dependency. One in four children under the age of 18 are living in a home where alcoholism or alcohol abuse is a fact of daily life. Countless others are exposed to illegal drug use in their families.

The toll addiction takes on these children can be substantial. Children of addiction (or COAs) are at significantly greater risk for:

- mental illness or emotional problems, such as depression or anxiety;
- physical health problems; and
- learning problems, including difficulty with cognitive and verbal skills, conceptual reasoning and abstract thinking.

In addition, children whose parents abuse alcohol or drugs are almost three times more likely to be verbally, physically or sexually abused; and four times more likely than other children to be neglected. Strong scientific evidence also suggests that addiction tends to run in families. Children of alcoholics are four times more likely than non-COAs to develop alcoholism or other drug problems.

If you or someone you know would like information or to seek help, contact:

NH Department of Health and Human Services  
Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services  
Call 603-271-6110 or 800-804-0909 (toll-free in NH)

Or visit their web page at:

[www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/ATOD/default.htm](http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/ATOD/default.htm)

You can also call SAMHSA’s Toll-Free Referral Helpline at 1-800- 662-HELP (1-800-662-4357)

### Sources:

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration [www.samsha.gov](http://www.samsha.gov)

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism [www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov)

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



## Prescribed Burn in Concord Airport Area to Improve Wildlife Habitat

New Hampshire Fish and Game and the N.H. Department of Resources and Economic Development Division of Forests and Lands, with support from the N.H. Army National Guard, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and City of Concord, will be conducting a “prescribed burn” in areas on and near Concord Municipal Airport grounds. The prescribed burn is likely to take place this weekend, Saturday, September 22; the date will be finalized when the weather and atmospheric conditions are seen to be safe.

Prescribed burning, which is highly controlled and conducted by trained professionals, is an indispensable tool for safely managing the pine barren forests in the Concord community. While rare species are associated with both early and late successional stages of the Concord Pine Barrens, the most critically imperiled species occur in the grassy opening stage. Fire is a tool used in restoring or converting habitat conditions that are capable of supporting rare and important wildlife, including

the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly — New Hampshire’s official state butterfly. The fire will also reduce dangerous accumulations of wood that could result in wild, unmanageable fires if left unchecked. The prescribed burn will take place within the Conservation Zones on the Concord Municipal Airport (see map at online version of this news release). It is allowed under a state-issued burn permit, which also serves as a smoke management permit (RSA 227-L17).

Precautions will be taken to limit smoke and to ensure that the prescribed burn stays within the distinct borders shown on the map. In addition, at least one fire vehicle with water tank will be available on-site at all times as part of the protocol to deal with any unexpected situations. However, neighbors should recognize that atmospheric conditions could change, and smoke may create temporary visibility hazards. The smoke poses no imminent threat to people’s health or the community. ■



# N.H. Hunting Digest: Your Guide to Hunting in the Granite State

Crisp fall days signal the start of hunting season in New Hampshire. The best resource for hunting in the Granite State is the 2007-2008 N.H. Hunting Digest, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's handy, pocket-sized publication, available at [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunting.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunting.htm) (click on the orange publication cover) or pick up a free copy at Fish and Game offices and license agents.

The Hunting Digest provides details about New Hampshire's hunting seasons, plus bag limits, Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) boundaries, regulations, check stations and other information hunters need. Pick your copy up soon, because New Hampshire's hunting seasons are already underway. Bear season began September 1; archery seasons for turkey and white-tailed deer started September 15; most small game hunting, including grouse and pheasant, begins October 1. New Hampshire's most popular season — firearms deer hunting — opens on November 14.

New this year, the woodcock season will start on October 6, a week later than usual. Also, in WMU A in northern New Hampshire, a new antler restriction and shortened season dates for deer are in effect. Please consult the Hunting Digest for more details.

Start your scouting with the 2006 Wildlife Harvest Summary, your guide to the status of wildlife populations in different wildlife management units (WMUs) and towns, including the most recent harvest statistics and hunting/trophy records. This report can be accessed at [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunting.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunting.htm) (click on the publication cover at right).

If you need a hunter education class (required for first-time hunting license holders), you better get going! There are still a few course offerings left; they are listed at [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter\\_ed\\_schedule.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed_schedule.htm), or call (603) 271-3212.

## 2007 NEW HAMPSHIRE HUNTING SEASONS AT A GLANCE:

### WHITE-TAILED DEER:

Youth Deer Weekend: Oct. 27-28  
Firearms: Nov. 14-Dec. 9 (closes Dec. 2 in WMU A\*)  
Muzzleloader: Nov. 3-Nov. 13 (opens Nov. 5 in WMU A\*)  
Archery: Sept. 15-Dec. 15 (closes Dec. 8 in WMU A\*)

### BLACK BEAR:

Starts Sept. 1 (end varies by WMU)

### GRAY SQUIRREL:

Sept. 1-Dec. 31 (Closed in WMUs A, B and C1)

### SNOWSHOE HARE:

Oct. 1-March 15 or 31 (end dates and bag limit varies by WMU)

### RUFFED GROUSE:

Oct. 1-Dec. 31

### WOODCOCK:

Oct. 6-Nov. 4

### MOOSE:

Oct. 20-28 (by lottery only)

### FALL TURKEY:

Shotgun: Oct. 15-19 (in certain WMUs only)  
Archery: Sept. 15-Dec. 15 (Closed in WMU A)

For specific hunting dates and seasons, check the 2007-2008 N.H. Hunting Digest. Hunting licenses and permits can be purchased online at [www.HuntNH.com](http://www.HuntNH.com) or from license agents statewide. (\*An antler-point restriction is in place in WMU A.) ■

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**Clough Hill Road.** Commercial opportunity with Route 106 exposure. **\$174,900**  
**Clough Hill Road.** 2.07 acres open field with stone walls. 2008 permit. **\$114,900**  
**Greenview Drive.** 3.50 acres golf course community. 2008 permit. **\$139,900**  
**Creekwater Lane.** 3.29 acres exclusive subdivision. 2007 permit. **\$95,000**

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Charlie's Barn in the Village**



## Market Watch

*By Jack Prendiville, Century 21 Thompson Real Estate*

For anyone looking to buy a home, watching the real estate market is a requirement. It can help you make informed decisions and be a better consumer. Here are some variables to monitor once you decide you are in the market for a new home.

1. Use newspapers and the internet to see where sellers are setting their asking prices. The laws of supply and demand ultimately determine where the sellers can set their limits. Knowing what is the ballpark asking price for the type of home you want in a certain neighborhood is key to knowing a good deal when you see one.
2. Monitor the newspaper for legal statements about what homes have sold for. This is different from the asking price. Instead of what the seller wanted to earn, this announcement tells you what it sold for, which could be above or below the asking price.
3. Watch how long homes are staying on the market. In a seller's market when consumer demand is high or mortgage rates are favorable, homes may sell very quickly. In a buyer's market, when the supply of homes is greater than consumer demand, properties may linger.
4. Study mortgage rates. Should you find a house you want to make an offer on, you will want to know what a good rate with favorable terms is. doing your homework ahead of time so that you can "lock in" a rate can save you money in the end.
5. Investigate tax rates. find out what the tax rate is in the town where you are looking to buy. this can be a sizeable annual bill, so it is important to include it in your budgeting. In addition, a historical perspective is a good idea. When were taxes raised last? By what percent? Is there a municipal project in the works that could boost rates again?

In addition to watching these factors yourself, a good Realtor® follows all these variables as a matter of course and will be able to give you insights and information to help make you a better buyer. ■



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## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — August 14, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, and Deputy Fire Chief Bob Bottcher.

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

*Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 7, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.*

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

Mr. Fiske presented the Board with new legislation regarding parades for review.

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

Mr. Fiske advised the Board the water testing for e-coli at Clough Pond Beach has been done and came back within the allowable level.

Mr. Fiske asked the Board if there was anything further that he needed to do with the driveway permit issue for Dee Dee Maratea. Selectman Bowles said he wanted to measure the driveway to be sure that it follows the requirements of the driveway permit. He also discussed the issue with the right-of-way relative to the structure that Ms. Maratea built. Discussion ensued regarding the right-of-way. Mr. Fiske asked what the justification was regarding the barriers in the right-of-way. The Board stated road safety and road maintenance was the

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justification for removal of the barriers. Mr. Fiske said he does not know why this issue was dropped on him. Selectman Bowles asked if he was the Enforcement Officer. Selectman Ives said he does not understand how anyone could build a permanent structure in the Town right-of-way and he felt that a permit would have needed to be obtained. Mr. Fiske said the direction is that Ms. Maratea is not to have anything within that 16'-foot mark. Selectman Bowles said he is not sure that she cannot have anything in the 16'-foot right-of-way, but if she does have a structure within that right-of-way, it will need to be addressed. He went on to say that if the structure is within the 16'-foot right-of-way there may be a need to have an engineered plan drawn up to be assured the structure is not going to affect the safety of the road. Selectman Bowles said he felt the Town would need to have assurance that the structure is going to be sound and stable. Mr. Fiske asked how the Cape Cod Berm was going to be addressed where the curb cut was. Selectman Bowles said if needed, Engineer Tony Puntin could draft a letter advising Ms. Maratea that the Cape Cod Berm needs to be replaced so the water does not spill back into there. Mr. Fiske asked where the curb cut comes in to play. Selectman Bowles said what is there is not exactly the same style that the Engineer wanted but it does deflect water and seals the crack. Discussion ensued regarding driveway permits that are in place. Mr. Fiske said he would advise Ms. Maratea about the 16'-foot issue and the Cape Cod Berm issue he is not sure about. Selectman Bowles said that the Board could have the engineer draft a letter regarding the driveway issue. Mr. Fiske stated it appeared that Ms. Maratea could pick where she wanted the 30-foot driveway access to be but needed to follow the requirements of the driveway permit as issued.

The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Bob Bottcher.

Deputy Bottcher asked about the status of the work done on the dry hydrant at the Village Dam. Selectman Ives said he felt that RM Piper installed the insulation as they were instructed to do, however the issue with the pipe not being installed properly to begin with is the issue. He said that the Board would need to draft a letter to H.L. Turner Group addressing the dry hydrant. Discussion ensued regarding the pipe freezing.

*Chairman Maxfield moved to enter into executive session to discuss Police Department pending litigation at 6:47 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Maxfield yes, Ives yes, Bowles yes. All in favor. Motion carried.* Selectman Ives stated

the Selectmen entered into executive session at 6:47 PM to discuss pending litigation of personnel labor dispute concerning two former Officers with Chief Fiske; and discussed the number of hours worked before overtime pay kicks in for both Police and Fire Departments. The Board came out of executive session at 7:29 PM. Present was Chief Fiske, Jean Lee, and the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Maxfield stated he would call Attorney Slawsky and advise him the Board agrees with the settlement demand. Selectman Bowles stated he felt the question regarding the contract has not been addressed and does not agree with the settlement at this time. Chairman Maxfield will contact Attorney Slawsky and inquire about the signed contracts.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of a letter from Attorney Mayer regarding the Library Trustees as well as correspondence on pending litigation. Chairman Maxfield stated he would like to have Town Counsel contact the Library Trustees. Selectman Bowles said he thinks Attorney Mayer feels that the Board is in agreement with the decision to give the Library Trustees the funds they are asking for. He said speaking for himself; he is not in agreement at this point to hand over the funds to the Library Trustees. Selectman Bowles said he is willing to talk with the Trustees and discuss the issues. Selectman Ives said he also does not agree. He said the schedule for turning over the funds would be the Trustees submit the bills, and the Selectmen will see that the bills are paid. Selectman Ives said the Board has sent three letters to the Library Trustees asking that they meet with the Selectmen and he is flabbergasted at the arrogance. Chairman Maxfield will contact Attorney Mayer.

The Board received a request from Wayne Jackson for an abatement of timber yield tax. *Selectman Ives moved to abate the Timber Tax billing for Wayne Jackson, Tax Map #001, and Lot #023 in the amount of \$126.59. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board advised Office Manager Jean Lee that their decision regarding the request from Mr. Dean Wilbur for reconsideration of his abatement is denied. The Board stated they agree with Assessor Dave Wiley's recommendations.

The Board received copies of information from Steve Bennett regarding battery recycling at the Transfer Station. Selectman Bowles said that the Town would be getting more funds with this company and would not be spending the money or time transporting the batteries from the Transfer Station.

The Board received copies of an e-mail from Wendy LaClair regarding the traffic

issues encountered during the Old Home Day parade. The Board will review this information and will take steps to see this issue is addressed in the future.

The Board received the 2nd Quarter Host Community Fee from ESMI in the amount of \$25,384.96.

The Board received an invitation for the rededication of the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church on September 9, 2007 at 3:00 PM.

The Board received the July property transfers for review.

The Board received a copy of an e-mail from Judy Houston to DES regarding the Clough Pond dredging.

The Board received Scholarship thank you notes from Kevin Clark, Charles Aznive, Sarah Sylvester, Laura Moody, and Cassandra Cressey.

The Board received brochures for the Municipal Law Lecture series, the Road Scholar Seminars, and a newsletter on Safe Bicycling and Walking to School.

The Board received a reminder that the Annual Audit begins on Monday, August 20, 2007.

The Board received information on the status of work performed by Cross Country Appraisal Group. It was noted that the annual re-measuring and re-listing will not begin until October and the Current Use update is

not finished so neither of these updates will reflect on the MS1 for the 2007 Tax Rate.

Selectman Ives stated he would like to have a letter from Auditor Paul Mercier regarding his opinion on the request of the Library Trustees to transfer funds, so the Board has it in writing for the meeting with the Library Trustees.

The Board members discussed the phone calls that each of them are going to make to follow up on pending issues as well as asking Terry Knolls to contact the Library Trustees and be the one to mediate.

Bob Bottcher asked if the Library Trustees would be presenting their bills to the Selectmen for their review. The Board said no, the Library Trustees want to have their own checking account, own audit, and will do their own thing. Mr. Bottcher said he felt that was ludicrous. Selectman Ives said he would like to have Terry Knolls present at the meeting so the Board is not paying Attorney fees.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. 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 — August 21, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 14, 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 the Highway Department had a couple of trucks breakdown today. He stated that the 1996 truck that was involved in the rollover a few years ago has to be sent to Liberty, as there is a noise in the motor that the mechanics cannot get to.

Mr. Rice said that Alan Minery has been moving along with the roadside mowing and gave a list of areas that have been completed so far. Mr. Rice advised the Board that he had spoken with Mr. Schneider of Ilona Lane explaining that Mr. Minery was cur-

rently mowing the Ridge area of Town and would be making his way to Ilona Lane.

Mr. Rice said the Highway Crew was working on grading roads.

Selectman Ives inquired about the status of Clough Pod. Mr. Rice said he had multiple calls from residences on the pond regarding issues with drainage from the last storm. He advised the Board that when the Highway Crew grades the road, they would tip it towards the ditch on the uphill side of the road. Mr. Rice stated there are a couple of culverts that need to be cleaned out, and once that is taken care of, he thinks the water should drain like it use to. Chairman Maxfield asked what type of complaints Mr. Rice was getting. Mr. Rice said water was running down into people's driveways. Selectman Ives asked about placing crushed banking in that area. Mr. Rice said that he couldn't build that area up because the driveways are paved up to the road and if he builds it up the owners are not going to be

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able to get on to the road. Mr. Rice said the road had been graded with a crown in it, but now if they grade the road all one way, it should address the issue. Discussion ensued regarding the driveway on Berry Road and the 16½-foot right-of-way from the center of the road. Mr. Rice stated that he had measured and the structure is not within that 16½-foot right-of-way. Selectman Bowles asked what the width of the driveway was relative to the 30-foot width approval. Mr. Rice said he did not measure the width of the driveway. Selectman Ives asked about the excavator for use at Clough Pond. Discussion ensued.

Selectman Ives asked about the new truck for the Highway Department. The Board reviewed the invoice for the new truck.

Selectman Ives asked Mr. Rice if he had heard anything from DES regarding the dam at the Loudon Country Club. Mr. Rice stated he had received the same correspondence as the Selectmen.

*Selectman Ives moved to encumber funds to pay for the litigation for a Police Department labor dispute in the amount of \$21,600.00 with funds to be taken from the Police Department Regular Salary line, account #01-42100-100-110 in the amount of \$10,800.00 and from the Legal Services line, account #01-41531-300-320 in the amount of \$10,800.00. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Chairman Maxfield stated when the Board said "encumber" they encumber funds from last year that were remaining to cover this litigation. All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a draft letter to be forwarded to H.L. Turner Group regarding the dry hydrant at the Village Dam.

The Board discussed the assessing pickups and current use update information regarding Cross Country Appraisal Group and the monthly billing. The Board will talk with Jeff Earls of Cross Country Appraisal Group regarding the billing and work to be completed.

The Board received copies of the draft estimated revenues for submission to Department of Revenue Administration. Chairman Maxfield stated that Motor Vehicle fees have dropped a bit as have Current Use Lien Release Penalties.

The Board received a proposal from Steve Fifield for repairs to the cupola on the Community Building. Chairman Maxfield stated the total amount is \$1,850.00. *Selectman Ives moved to encumber \$1,850.00 for the repair of the cupola on the Community Building from the Town Office/Community Building repairs line, account #01-41941-400-430. Seconded by Selectman Bowles.* Selectman Bowles stated if there was any way to increase the funds to \$2,000.00—\$2,200.00 in case of unforeseen issues he would like to do that; however, if it cannot be done, he understands. Selectman Ives agreed. Chairman Maxfield stated Selectman Bowles would need to amend the motion. Selectman Bowles said he was not sure that legally, the Board could do that with encumbered money if it is not in written form. Discussion ensued regarding encumbering the \$1,850.00 and if needed utilizing the money in the new budget for any unforeseen problems that could arise. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board received copies of a letter from Auditor Paul Mercier regarding the Library's request to transfer appropriations. Selectman Bowles stated Mr. Mercier does not support decentralization of the accounting records, and feels the issue of having to have additional accounts will be more costly

to the Town. Selectman Bowles stated one of the items the Library Trustees feel is an issue has to do with purchase discounts they think they would be able to get with the decentralization of the funds. He went on to say that with the Library not forwarding their bills to be paid on time, that will cost the Town more money in interest fees and he does not feel the Library Trustees are working on trying to save the Town money with their actions. Chairman Maxfield stated he spoke with the mediator and asked her to try and encourage the Library Trustees to forward their bills to the Selectmen's Office for payment. The Board stated that at this time, the bills have still not been forwarded. Selectman Ives said that the Library Trustees have always been able to take advantage of discounts, as the Selectmen are not the ones that approve the purchases; the Selectmen's Office pays the bills. He said whether the Selectmen's Office paid the bills or the Library Trustees paid the bills, it would not have any bearing on the discount

issue. Chairman Maxfield stated the Selectmen have the authority to disapprove any bills that they feel are not appropriate. The Board stated they do have the authority to not approve a purchase; however, they have not had any reason to do so in the past.

The Board received copies of the Library budget submitted on November 11, 2006 noting the part-time wage line indicating that they were waiting for the town rate increases to compute this line.

The Board received copies of the US Department of Labor fact sheets on Police and Fire employees for review.

The Board received information from Attorney Mayer regarding the Baillargeon litigation. Discussion ensued. Chairman Maxfield will contact Attorney Mayer.

The Board received copies of the water analysis from Clough Pond Beach.

The Board received copies of correspondence from DES to Loudon Country Club regarding an unregistered dam at the 12th Hole.

The Board received copies of a memo from Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little regarding training records for the CERT Team members.

The Board received copies of the July 30, 2007 Planning Board Work Session Minutes.

The Board received the ESMI compliance report for July.

The Board was reminded that there is a vacancy in the position of Trustee of the Trust Funds, which needs to be filled. The Board will look into finding someone to fill the vacancy until the appointment term expires in March of 2009.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. 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 — August 28, 2007**

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

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

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

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 21, 2007 with one amendment in section III, relative to the Police Department Labor litigation to read "the gross amount required to settle the case with the money to be taken out of account #01-42100-100-110 should be \$15,156.00 not \$10,800.00 and account #01-41531-300-320 should be \$11,200.00 not \$10,800.00." Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Selectman Ives moved to approve an appointment for Sandra Blanchard to the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee, with an expiration date of March 31, 2008. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles abstained.*

Chairman Maxfield stated the Board was in receipt of a Dealer/Repair License for H & W Automotive, LLC 304 Ricker Road, Loudon NH for review and approval.

Chairman Maxfield stated the Board was in receipt of the Municipal Services MS-1, Summary of Valuation for 2007 and the MS-4, Revised Estimated Revenues to be sent to the NH Department of Revenue Administration for signature.

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

Mr. Fiske asked for clarification of the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 21, 2007 section II-d relative to a driveway on Berry Road. He asked the Board whom they were referring to in the discussion. Chairman Maxfield said it is his understanding that it is referring to Dee Dee Maratea's property. Chairman Maxfield said he had contacted Mr. Fiske and advised him the Board had no issues as long as the "wings" were back at least the 16½ feet, which the Road Agent verified.

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

The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Chief Burr said he had nothing new to report.

Chairman Maxfield asked Chief Burr if he had observed the work on the Village Dam dry hydrant. Chief Burr said that he

had checked on the dry hydrant and discussed the letter that was forwarded to the H.L. Turner Group regarding the concerns of the pipe freezing in the winter. The Board has not received any response from the H.L. Turner Group.

Selectman Ives stated he had been reviewing the payroll sheets and noticed that there appeared to be a good turnout of EMT's taking shifts for the nights and weekend shifts. He said he is not sure if the Townspeople know how hard it is to fill those shifts to create coverage 24 hours per day. Chief Burr said the people who fill those shifts get a very small stipend but there is a lot of education that is required before a person can fill those shifts.

*Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Constance Ives to fill the vacancy for Trustee of Trust Funds left by Brenda Pearl, who replaced Tom McCue, with a term to expire on March 10, 2009. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Selectman Ives said he would be abstaining from the vote, as the appointee is a member of his family. Chairman Maxfield said he has known Constance Ives for many years and he feels she will do an outstanding job. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.*

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Town Counsel regarding overtime/FLSA.

The Board received copies of weekly expenditure reports for review.

The Board received correspondence from Attorney David Slawsky regarding conversations the Board had with him regarding the settlement.

The Board received copies of printouts of the legal fees that have been paid out for the recent FLSA litigation for review.

The Board received notification that the balance of the FEMA monies should be arriving shortly for Chichester and Cross Brook bridges. Chairman Maxfield stated the total Federal share is \$446,444.80.

The Board received notification regarding the monies being forwarded on the April 2007 flooding.

The Board received notice of recent changes in NH Law regarding Building Codes.

The Board received notice of insurance reimbursement for Library water damage in the amount of \$1,915.00 in addition to a payment made directly to ServePro in the amount of \$1,189.44.

The Board received copies of the Berry Road restoration plan. Discussion ensued

regarding a possible timeline for the work to be completed.

The Board received copies of a letter sent to Dave Wiley from Dean Wilber regarding his abatement.

The Board received notice that Cross Country Appraisal Group would be starting on their fieldwork for the re-measuring/re-listing next week.

The Board received correspondence from the Town of Chichester regarding two regional impact proposals as well as a letter from a Chichester resident regarding the proposals.

The Board received copies of battery recycling revenue in the amount of \$324.36.

The Board received correspondence from Central NH Regional Planning Commission on two brownfield assessment grant applications.

The Board received copies of draft August Planning Board and Zoning Board minutes for review.

The Board received a news release from District Two Councilor John Shea.

Chairman Maxfield discussed the Baillargeon logging issue. He said the Attorney would try to work out an agreement with the landowners.

The Board discussed the dredging of a portion of Clough Pond. Discussion ensued regarding lowering the pond.

Chairman Maxfield recognized Alvin Davis from the audience.

Mr. Davis inquired if the Board had received the settlement agreement for signature and approval. The Board advised Mr. Davis that it had been signed. Mr. Davis asked that Bob Fiske be notified as soon as possible so that he can schedule an inspection. The Board agreed to have a copy of the settlement agreement forwarded to Building Inspector Bob Fiske.

Mr. Davis asked about the abatement process relative to reviewing all the information submitted by the applicant. The Board advised Mr. Davis that Assessor David Wiley reviews the information, prepares his recommendation, and the Board reviews the application and Mr. Wiley's recommendations before making their decision.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

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*Steven R. Ives, Selectman*

*Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman*

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes — Sept. 4, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice.

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

*Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 28, 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 he was moving forward on the work at Clough Pond. He stated he was having a hard time locating the floatation silt fence. Mr. Rice said he has found a rubber track loader and that Greg Fillmore has agreed the Town could use his mini-excavator. Discussion ensued regarding the floatation fence.

Mr. Rice discussed a letter he received from a resident of Berry Road regarding drainage issues. Mr. Rice stated he has spoken with the landowner previously. He discussed the culvert and drainage. Selectman Bowles stated the new house being built on Berry Road needs to have the driveway fixed so the drainage does not just run down into the road. He said the ordinances are in place and the Code Enforcement Department needs to review the site and work with the Road Agent to be sure it meets the ordinances. If the driveway does not meet the ordinances then the landowner needs to be made aware of the issues and it needs to be fixed. Discussion ensued regarding the new driveway ordinances as well as the old driveway ordinances. Chairman Maxfield asked if Mr. Fiske has been made aware of this specific driveway. Selectman Bowles said that he is not sure Mr. Fiske needs to be made aware of any specific driveway, because as Code Enforcement Officer, he is the last defense before a CO is issued. If Mr. Fiske sees a driveway that may not meet the zoning ordinance at the final inspection, he should check with the Road Agent to be sure that the driveway does meet the ordinance before the CO is issued. Mr. Rice stated Mr. Fiske has contacted him for a few of the driveways on Wellington Lane.

Mr. Rice requested vacation time for September 21, 2007 as well as the first week of October. The Board agreed and encouraged Mr. Rice to have the Clough Pond drainage project finished by the time he goes on vacation. Discussion ensued regarding the timeline and requirements set forth by DES for the Clough Pond project. Selectman Bowles asked if Mr. Rice had obtained written permission from the landowners. Mr. Rice stated he only needs written permission from Ms. Touzin and he will try to contact her on Wednesday. The Board advised Mr. Rice that if he needed their assistance with this project to be sure and let them know. Mr. Rice discussed the requirement of having the Engineer present during the excavation process relative to funding. Mr. Rice will look at his budget.

Selectman Bowles asked Mr. Rice about the shoulder work on Clough Pond Road. Mr. Rice advised the Board that Pike would be coming back to finish the shoulder work. It was discussed that the catch basin on Clough Pond Road and Flagg Road would be finished as well as discussion regarding water pooling on the bridge. Mr. Rice said that they would be working on that issue.

Discussion ensued regarding paving a driveway on Route 129. Mr. Rice said the landowner might have to request a permit from the State of NH for an asphalt apron.

Chairman Maxfield asked about the headers for the culvert on Clough Pond Road near the duplex. Mr. Rice stated the Highway Crew would be digging the area out a bit more so they can lay a piece of concrete. Selectman Bowles discussed a driveway on Old Shaker Road that used pre-cast. He said he felt the Town should be looking into using this type of product. Selectman Bowles went on to say he felt a lot of money would be wasted if they did not start looking into some of these options.

Discussion ensued regarding correspondence received from the City of Concord to Mr. Osgood on Hot Hole Pond Road relative to a request to cut a tree. Mr. Rice advised the Board that Tad Flagg has spoken with Mr. Osgood and advised him that the Highway Department will remove the tree once they can get the excavator over there as the Highway Department turns around in that driveway.

The Board met with Walter Howard to discuss the J.O. Cate Van building.

Mr. Howard asked about the status of the building. Selectman Bowles stated he has spoken with Harry from Harry O Electric and was advised that within the next week the underground power would be installed. He said there are volunteers lined up to help once haying season is over. Selectman Bowles stated all the materials are purchased or donated and as soon as time allows, volunteers will get back to finishing the project. Barbara Cameron asked about the staging that had been at the building site. Selectman Bowles said that the staging had been taken down and was being used on another project, but as soon as they begin work on the Cate Van Building, the staging will be available. He went on to say that Harry O also offered use of his wheeled lift. Discussion ensued regarding the Highway Department digging the trench to bury the electrical wires. Chairman Maxfield stated there are not a lot of funds left for this project in the budget. Selectman Bowles stated that almost everything has already been purchased for this project. He said the only issue might be the final cost of the furnace. Ms. Cameron asked about drywall for the interior walls. Selectman Bowles stated the intent is to either use shiplap like the exterior of the building or particleboard or plywood due to the windy conditions and the movement of the building. Selectman Bowles stated there is a purchase order in place in case OSB or plywood would need to be purchased. Discussion ensued regarding interior painting. Mr. Howard stated he just wanted to touch base and find out where things stood.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

Chairman Maxfield stated the meeting with the Library Trustees and Terry Knowles from Charitable Trust will be on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 6:30 PM.

The Board received correspondence from Town Counsel regarding the Growth Management Ordinance as well as final copies of a settlement agreement. Chairman Maxfield stated Attorney Mayer suggested that the Town hold a joint meeting with Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Town Counsel to review and make recommendations of the current Growth Management Ordinance. Attorney Mayer also suggested the Town hire a consultant for this process. Selectman Bowles stated he thought it was important to look at the ordinance as RSA's change and the Growth Management Ordinance has not been looked at for a long time. He said Growth Ordinances are not permanent, per the RSA's, they need to be continually reviewed and updated. Selectman Ives said when the current ordinance was voted in, there was no fact finding to support the ordinance. This issue will be discussed at the Board of Permit next week to set a date for a meeting. Discussion ensued regarding funding to pay the consultant.

The Board received confidential correspondence from Attorney Slawsky.

The Board received copies of Loudon's 2007 Merrimack County Tax Apportionment figure in the amount of \$1,186,210.00.

The Board received copies of the FEMA funds from the April 2007 incident in the amount of \$19,831.98. The Board will hold

a public hearing on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 7:00 PM for acceptance of these funds.

The Board received copies of the OHRV grant monies in the amount of \$1,080.00.

The Board received copies of correspondence from NH Dept. of Safety regarding a correction to the adoption of the International Residential Code and the International Building Code.

The Board received copies of an e-mail from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding a Unified Command Post meeting at Station #2 on September 6 at 10:00 AM.

The Board received information from Batteries Plus. Selectman Ives stated he is continually impressed with Steve Bennett's operations at the Transfer Station. Discussion ensued regarding the battery recycling.

The Board received copies of Watershed Restoration and Watershed Assurances Grants.

The Board received copies of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association meeting minutes and an agenda for the September 12, 2007 meeting.

The Board received copies of an invitation from Pike Industries, Inc. for their Annual Golf Tournament.

*Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.*

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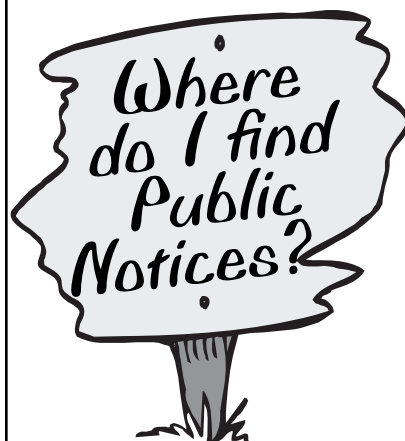
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## Planning Board Minutes — August 16, 2007

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

### Attendance:

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

Alternate Jeff Green was appointed to sit in the absence of member Tom Moore.

Bob Butler and Dan Geiger were present to represent the Conservation Commission.

### Acceptance of Minutes:

**July 19, 2007 Public Hearing.** Henry Huntington noted that he was not listed as in attendance. *Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of Henry Huntington in attendance and the inclusion of the Duprez discussion as written on the memo to Board members; seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor.*

**July 30, 2007 Work Session.** Stanley Prescott made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

### Discussions:

**Pleasant View Gardens** — Henry Huntington and Jeff Green stepped down from the Board. Jeff Green of J L Green Enterprises spoke on behalf of Pleasant View Gardens (PVG). Mr. Green explained that the owners of PVG want to change one of their existing buildings and add a connector between two other buildings. He said that the building to be changed is 16,860 SF and that changes would result in 1,200 SF change to impermeable. The whole building will be covered and would change the loca-

tion of the loading dock from one side to another. Mr. Green showed drawings of the proposed building. He said the project at the back is to connect two buildings and would be 3200 SF, with 1700 currently grass and gravel and the rest being asphalt. Henry Huntington said the use of the building would be the same. He said there is a lunchroom in the building and production would be the main use so that their production is more centralized. Mr. Green said the second portion of the project is to connect two existing greenhouses to avoid having to outside with materials. Mr. Huntington explained the layout of that area.

Mr. Green asked if the Board had any concerns before he proceeds with the plans. Stan Prescott asked about the size of the lot. Mr. Green said it was 95-98 acres, noting that the amount shown on the plan is 23 acres. Dustin Bowles asked if there is an area left between the greenhouses for emergency access. Mr. Green stated that there is access at either end of the greenhouses and said there will be access doors through the connector. Henry Huntington pointed out the various accesses in the area of the greenhouses. Mr. Green said he will show the contours and areas on his overview plan. Tom Dow asked if this change would increase the traffic flow. Mr. Huntington said they hope it will decrease the traffic and increase the efficiency. Stan Prescott asked about the total area of the establishment on the lot. Mr. Huntington said there would be about seven acres for greenhouses, one acre for buildings, and they have 25 to 30 acres used overall. Mr. Prescott said they should show the total acreage less current use

acreage to get the usable acreage and then show what is actually used. He also recommended that they check to see if any special exceptions or variances will be needed.

Henry Huntington and Jeff Green returned to the Board.

### Conceptual Review:

**Tony Marcotte, Map 1, Lot 49** — Mr. Marcotte explained that he and some others are setting up a new partnership and they are waiting for availability of the name, therefore the name listed on the conceptual plans, Concord Region Development, Inc., may change as the project progresses. He stated that the property is currently owned by Hefron and is under agreement. Mr. Marcotte said that they have talked with DOT about the access to this property. He stated that DOT said the driveway is fine and that the sight distance is 1/2 mile to the north and 1/2 miles to the south. He also said that DOT said it does not matter if they use one or two accesses. Mr. Marcotte said he has updated the topography plan. He said he has been in contact with the Planning and Selectmen's offices about the status of Staniels Road and determined that that portion of the road was not discontinued by the town when the access to Route 106 was closed by DOT.

Mr. Marcotte presented three proposed options. Option 1: Single story at the front, two story at the back. He explained that access to the back could be from Staniels Road. Option 2: Two buildings, one with possible drive-through. He said there would be a 20' retaining wall at the rear. Option 3: Two buildings, one being retail and the other being contractor/office. He said the rear building would be offices at the front and

have access at the back for contractor materials and vehicle shelter.

Mr. Marcotte noted that there is a 50' access easement to the campground that was recorded with the subdivision of this piece from the campground parcel. Dustin Bowles said that he thought the access easement was to run between Staniels Road and Cascade Park as an emergency egress.

Tony Marcotte said he feels that Option 3 works best as there is a lot of vegetation left on the site and it uses the existing topography. Gary Tasker suggested that Mr. Marcotte might want to look at the Master Plan to determine what the Board is looking for along Route 106 with regard to aesthetics, pitched roof, as much parking in the rear as possible, etc. Mr. Marcotte said that the second building at the rear of Option 3 would be 40' below road level, which would mean they would not have to bring in a lot of fill and make it look like a large parking lot area. Mr. Tasker said that the Board likes to see landscaping to break up the area, using islands in the parking lot and between the building and parking lot.

Mr. Marcotte said he will have to investigate the use of Staniels Road where the point of access to Route 106 was removed. There was discussion about Staniels Road and the 106 Corridor Study. Mr. Marcotte was encouraged to get a copy of the study from the Planning office. He stated that DOT would determine if a turn lane would be needed based on the traffic study that he has just had done.

Henry Huntington asked what Mr. Marcotte envisioned for retail at this location. Mr. Marcotte said he had thought maybe a



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sandwich shop and other types of “on your way home” stops. He said it would not be a large restaurant or gas station because of well and septic requirements. Stan Prescott asked if Mr. Marcotte was looking for direction as to which concept was favored. Tom Dow said the back building would be good for office space. Mr. Prescott said that he liked Option 1. Gary Tasker said that he does not like all of the parking in front of Option 1. Mr. Marcotte said that Option 3 fits the topography better. He said he will have to work some numbers as the parcel drops off 60' from front to back. He noted that it uses the natural vegetation by Staniels Road. He said they could do a high roof on the contractor building at the back and it would not be seen from Route 106.

The Board agreed that this parcel is not a corner lot as there is no access to Route 106 from the closed portion of Staniels Road. The side setback of 50' that is on the subdivision plan will stand as recorded.

**Old Business:**

**Application # 07-02, Loudon Woods Estates – Major Subdivision, Located on Chichester Road, in the RR District. Map 2, Lot 23.** Peter Holden of Holden Engineering represented the owners. Mr. Holden reviewed the comments of town engineer Tony Puntin. He handed out a revised cost estimate for the new road and the changes to Bee Hole Road. Mr. Holden also handed out revised, reduced plans to Board members, noting that he has made changes to the cistern piping on sheet 25 per Chief Burr's request. He noted that the waiver request for the road length has been changed from 1075' to 1135'. Mr. Holden said they have been to the ZBA for a special exception for crossing a wetland for the new road. He stated that they have had a meeting and site walk and will go back for the vote next week and feels it will be approved. Mr. Holden said he would like a conditional approval from the Planning Board contingent on the ZBA approval.

Tom Dow asked about the plan and timeframe for the reconstruction of Bee Hole Road. Mr. Holden said that the applicant would like to address that matter. Dan Aversa asked that Jon Rokeh be allowed to speak on his behalf. Mr. Rokeh stated that he had been before the Board with the original plan for the first phase of Loudon Woods Estates. He noted that the applicant volunteered an easement along Bee Hole Road that would give the town the option to widen the road. He noted that the applicant helped the town with an easement to get the bridge put back in on Chichester Road. He also noted that they have helped an abutter get access to backland and have designed plans for the intersection. Mr. Rokeh stated that Bee Hole Road is seven miles long and has about one hundred houses on it. He noted that the applicant has thirteen houses on the road with the overall impact being 15% of the total traffic on Bee Hole Road. Mr. Rokeh said the applicants feel that this subdivision is not causing the entire problem but they are willing to help fix the issue with the town and other developers. He noted that the town has instituted impact fees for new lots and the applicants are contributing, contributing, contributing. He asked if the Board feels it is realistic for the applicant to pay for the fix.

Tom Dow asked if they have any proposals. Mr. Rokeh said they have 15% of the houses on Bee Hole Road so they would suggest 15% of the cost estimate prepared by Holden Engineering. He said they are willing to participate when the town comes up with other developers to contribute. Mr. Dow said he was surprised that they are just

coming to the Board with this and that nothing was said prior to this point. Dan Aversa stated that they had given the easement during the first phase of this project, and he said that three months ago he spoke to the Board about having to cover the full cost of the reconstruction of Bee Hole. He also mentioned the easement for the bridge and the access road for the abutters.

Stan Prescott said that the Board extended the new road and has done a few things for the applicants as well. He noted that the Board had asked the applicants to cut the number of lots but they did not want to do that and that he feels that there has to be some give and take. Mr. Prescott said that he feels that the applicant was going to participate. Mr. Aversa said they want to pay their fair share. Mr. Prescott said he feels that is part of doing business in making this a good subdivision and he is not interested in shifting the responsibility to somebody else. Gary Tasker said they could bring it up at town meeting if that was preferred. Mr. Aversa said that he would like Peter Holden to speak to the effectiveness of the changes at the intersection. He said there have been no accidents at the intersection and that there are no warning signs on the road. Mr. Tasker said that he has seen cars go through the intersection. Mr. Aversa said there are no signs warning to go slow, steep hill, or stop ahead. Stan Prescott said the road is being shifted over and that is an improvement engineering-wise. Gary Tasker noted that the new houses along Chichester Road also add traffic and risk to the intersection.

Dan Aversa asked Peter Holden how much better these changes would make the intersection. Mr. Holden said it would not be a dramatic change but would take some of the steepness out. He said a lot of time, money, and energy have been spent but this is not a real solution. Stan Prescott said the road has been slid to the right as going on Bee Hole Road and he feels that is part of the project. He asked Mr. Aversa when they are going to build out. Mr. Aversa said they would start this next year. Mr. Prescott said this will be phased over a period of time and the cost estimates need to reflect that.

Steve Jackson stated that the Growth Management Ordinance section of the Zoning Ordinance reads that no subdivision over five lots will be approved. Gary Tasker noted that they have been approving whole subdivisions and that developers could get five permits per year. Stan Prescott pointed out that the Zoning Ordinance is law and referred to page 100, Article III, Subdivisions, which states that no more than five lots are to be approved except if the applicant proposed measures that will mitigate the impact of the additional lots.

Dan Aversa asked if the Board truly believed that a 2' difference was a significant improvement to the intersection. Gary Tasker said it was designed, presented, and accepted in good faith. Dustin Bowles said that the Board was given two or three options and he feels they chose what would be the best solution for the intersection. Mr. Aversa asked if the Board is saying that they expect him to pay 100% and if the Board feels it warrants that kind of money. Stan Prescott said he did but is only one of the Board. Mr. Aversa said he would like to continue until a time certain, perhaps next month.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. Gary Tasker asked Mr. Aversa if he wanted to continue. Tom Dow said he had been prepared to suggest a conditional approval, contingent upon ZBA approval of the wetland application, of the project as presented. Mr. Tasker asked if the applicants were willing to make that commitment of 100% of the improvement. Mr. Aversa said he is per-

plexed because there is no signage on the town's part and there have been no accidents. He said he would like to continue to next month. Dustin Bowles said the changes would be an improvement to the whole network. Mr. Aversa said he would like to look at the costs, etc. Mr. Bowles said options were given and there had been discussion about working on Chichester Road as well. Gary Vermette said he would like the project to move forward. Mr. Aversa and Mr. Vermette discussed the matter and Mr. Aversa agreed to go ahead. Gary Tasker asked about a timeframe for the Bee Hole improvements. There was discussion and the applicants stated that the work would be done by the end of the 2008 construction season. There was discussion about bonding and the “Wellington Note” to be on the plans. Exact wording of the note will be sent to Peter Holden and will be put on the plans to replace notes 23 and 24 on sheet 6.

Chairman Dow read the waiver request for a road length of 1135'. Steve Jackson noted that they gave access to back land, which pushed the road out in length, as did the oblong cul-de-sac that was requested by the Board and road agent. He said he would be in favor of the waiver. *Steve Jackson made a motion to approve the waiver request for a road length of 1135'; seconded by Henry Huntington. All were in favor.*

Chairman Dow said that he would recommend a conditional approval. He said this has been a long process and the applicants have done all that the Board has asked for. Mr. Dow said this would be the one time that he ever said a conditional approval is necessary. Henry Huntington asked if the “Wellington Note” would cover the work on Bee Hole Road as well. The note was read again and it was agreed that it would cover both roads. Gary Vermette said they would have the Bee Hole improvements done by the end of 2008. Tom Dow stated that the applicant has agreed that the Bee Hole project would be complete by the end of the construction season of 2008. Steve Jackson said he would support a conditional approval.

*Steve Jackson made a motion to conditionally approve the subdivision as presented with the addition of the “Wellington Note” and completion of improvements to Bee Hole Road by the end of the construction season of 2008 and approval of the ZBA Special Exception for the wetland crossing; seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.* Steve Jackson noted that all lots in the subdivision were approved because of the provisions for off-site improvements to mitigate the impact of the additional lots.

**Application #07-03, Septic Disposal Solutions-Major Site Development, Located on Dump Road, in the C/I District. Map 40, Lot 7.** Jeff Green stepped down from the

Board because he is working on this project. Chairman Dow read a request from the applicant to table until the September meeting, pending their next steps with the Zoning Board. *Gary Tasker made a motion to continue this application to September 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.* This will be the only notification.

Jeff Green returned to the Board.

**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 September meeting because they are seeking a special exception from the ZBA and are still waiting for state wetlands approval. *Stan Prescott made a motion to continue this application to September 20, 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 September meeting because they are still waiting for state subdivision approval. *Henry Huntington made a motion to continue this application to September 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.* This will be the only notification.

**Application #07-11, David K Moody – Site Plan Review, Located on Dump Road, in the C/I District. Map 40, Lot 7.** Jeff Green stepped down from the Board because he is working on this project. There were no abutters present. Jeff Green of JL Green Enterprises spoke on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Green gave an overview of the site and project. He said he has done a boundary survey of the entire parcel and an existing conditions plat where he added the sheds that are close to the boundary on the transfer station property. Mr. Green said this application is for the 30.9-acre site with a 40' x 80' building at the northeast corner. He said they have received septic approval. He stated that the access road for the parcel is shown on the plans and he has done a profile and shown grades. Mr. Green said they are cleaning up some slopes and he has shown the reclamation areas and steep slopes that will be brought down to 3:1. He noted that there is an agreement with the town and one with Fill-More to bring the slopes down over time. He said that there is a 100' wooded buffer along the access road and Route 106 and a 30' wooded buffer on the town side. Mr. Green pointed out that there will be a 24' x 60' paved apron at the access

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to the parcel. He said he has left a 50' right-of-way along the driveway and has shown bearings and distances.

Mr. Green showed the designated areas for each use on the parcel as 2+ acres for dumpster storage, 2.1 acres for trailer storage, 2.1 acres for the building in the northeast corner, 2.6 acres for cordwood, 2.72 acres for log storage and portable sawmill, 5.7 acres in the southeast corner for future use, and 12 acres with nothing on it. He said there is some open excavation and some wooded in the 12-acre area. Mr. Green said that the proposed building would house portable toilet and concrete form storage, two uses currently on the property. He said they would maintain the gravel driveway and parking and there would be grass around the northeast sides. He pointed out an area for snow storage at the end of the driveway. Mr. Green said there will be four parking spaces, two at each side of the building, and there will be lighting at the entrance doors. There will be motion-sensor lights.

Mr. Green pointed out the paved apron at the entrance access and said that they will try to hold the angle. He said they have cut the knoll and brought it down to a 6% grade. He stated that most all of the drainage on the site goes naturally to the wet area. He said that the storm water management study showed that the drainage will take care of itself before it ever got to a pond because it will dissipate since the property is gravel. He said the driveway has been widened slightly to maintain a 24' width and all area entrances are now at the bottom of the hill.

Gary Tasker asked if this is for site development or the building or both. Jeff Green said it is to put a building in the northeast corner of the site. He said it is addressing concerns of cleaning up the lot, getting other uses out of the five-acre southeast corner, developing the northeast corner, and designating areas for the current uses. Steve Jackson said that the Board had asked him for a major site plan and that is what he is doing. Mr. Tasker asked if the curve in the road is satisfactory for tractor-trailers. Mr. Green said they are not doing a subdivision and are looking at it as a driveway access. He said it might be a little tight by road standards but it is being used with no problem. He pointed out that it is going around the old scale house and they did not want to change the access angle or fill the slope. Mr. Green said they are proposing a swale along the access driveway to avoid draining down the steep bank. Gary Tasker asked if the road should be improved to some sort of standard. Mr. Green said it is being improved to a better standard and he is not sure how it would be classified other than as

a driveway. He said it is gravel and 24' wide, which is wider than a standard private road.

Steve Jackson said that the Board has asked for delineation because some day the property could be subdivided. Jeff Green said they are leaving the 12-acre area that could be used in future subdivision for the road move. He said they are coming in at the bottom of the hill and he showed possible options for future driveway/accesses. He pointed out that all current uses are in their own areas. Dustin Bowles said that the Board could address the road question every time another building is proposed. Tom Dow said he was in agreement with that. He said they need to locate some of the areas and setbacks from which to measure. Mr. Green said he has put the bearings on the plans and could set something on the back lines if need be. Dustin Bowles said he would agree with Mr. Dow in that the intent is to organize the area and it should be easily seen. Mr. Green noted that he has put grade stakes as markers and he will do what he can to make it clear. Dave Moody stated that he has also put concrete blocks in place so that each user knows their area. Mr. Bowles said it should be easily detectable from one area to another. Board members emphasized the need to make the areas clear to anyone who may go down into the property.

Stan Prescott asked if the uses are in line with the lot sizes. There was discussion about uses and required area. Chairman Dow said this is one 30.9-acre piece with multiple uses and not a subdivision. He said that the Board asked for designated areas and that is what is being shown. There was a question about the portable sawmill. Jeff Green said it is registered as a portable sawmill with the state. There was discussion about the use of the proposed building and that the two uses that will occupy the building are already on the property.

Gary Tasker said he was satisfied with the plan as long as the Board can revisit the road each time a new use is proposed. Stan Prescott said he has concerns about the entrance, noting that they were proposing to pave the apron but it does not appear that they are cutting trees. He said he has looked at the entrance and is not too concerned about the angle but down at the bottom there is cold patch, the road is getting beat, the ditches are full of roly-poly stone, and it gets narrower as it goes up to the dump. He said he feels that they should look at Dump Road, whether now or in the future. Jeff Green said they are not putting any more traffic on the road as they are improving the site with what is there now and are not adding businesses or anything at this time other than the proposed building.

Stan Prescott asked how much material is hauled out every year. David Moody said

he would estimate 1,000 yards per year. Mr. Prescott said that he has seen that in the last couple of weeks. Mr. Moody said that is because they are cleaning up the slopes as requested. He pointed out that Pike had far more traffic on that road than will be seen with the current uses. Mr. Prescott asked about the width of Dump Road. Jeff Green said it is 22.5' at the entrance, 24.5' between the catch basin about halfway down, and 26' at the bottom. Tom Dow said it is a legitimate concern and as things progress they may have to look at it again. Mr. Moody said he had no problem with cutting a few trees. Jeff Green said they have proposed to widen the entrance but have to be careful because they were asked to keep the buffer along the road. He said the paved apron will take care of the narrow area in the road. There was discussion about sight distance, flares at the access, and that any changes will require Planning Board review.

Roy Merrill said it would appear that the Board was thinking of approving the application without any operating hours, with a sawmill without a special exception, a kiln that would not seem to be portable, and a tank for septage with no approval. David Moody said a site plan was given to the Planning Board in 2005 and he received a letter stating that everything was in compliance. Mr. Merrill said that Mr. Moody never came before the ZBA and that there is a lot of history on this. Stan Prescott asked about the location of the septage trailer. Paul Johnson said it was shown on the 2005 plan and is a tanker registered to Best Septic Service. Jeff Green said it is by the old scale house. Mr. Johnson explained that it is a tank trailer and the theory was to use it as emergency storage when the lagoon/transfer station was not open. He stated that it has never been used. Chairman Dow read Planning Board minutes of January 20, 2005, reviewed the 2005 site plan showing the different areas and uses, and a letter from the Planning office to the Code Enforcement office, dated April 5, 2005, that stated that Mr. Moody had fulfilled the conditions set by the Planning Board to bring his property into compliance.

Roy Merrill said there is no reason not to go to ZBA. Discussion followed about portable versus permanent and what is stipulated in the Zoning Ordinance. Steve Jackson asked if it would affect this application for a building and septic. Chairman Dow said this application is for a building and septic system in the northeast corner and that is what the Board is acting on at this time. Gary Tasker said that he is not sure that a registered sawmill is a problem. He said it is portable and not a structure and it seems a little picky. Stan Prescott said he felt that this needed to be discussed. He said the Board had approved the plan and that Mr. Moody did what was asked of him and had shown everything on a plan as asked in 2005. Gary Tasker said he may not have told Mr. Moody to bring the plan to the Board for approval in 2005 rather than drop it off at the Planning office. Tom Dow said the Board did not know what was there before

and now they do. Dustin Bowles said he would stress that if anything more is proposed for the property then it has to come to the Board. Mr. Tasker said he has never seen the sawmill but if it is registered he has no problem with it.

Mr. Merrill asked again about setting operating hours. Mr. Tasker asked that someone set some hours. Paul Johnson said there should be provisions for emergencies, citing a situation during the floods when he had to get forty toilets to St. Paul's School. Mr. Moody said he is out at 5 a.m. sometimes and Mr. Brock's crew would generally be out from 6 a.m. to dark. Gary Tasker asked if 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, would be suitable. He noted that they are talking about things happening on site, not trucks in and out. He said hours are not for trucks but more for causing noise and disturbing the neighborhood. He noted that the types of business on this parcel are not noisy operations. Stan Prescott pointed out that the town is in the area 24/7 in the winter. Dustin Bowles said they are hauling out from the dump at 5 a.m. Mr. Merrill said he wants it equal for all businesses in town and that is all he asks. Tom Dow pointed out that there is no residential area here and the location is suitable for the hours set. Paul Johnson agreed that it would be different if it was in a residential area.

Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. He stated that this application is for the area in the corner with a proposed building and septic. He asked if the Board thought this should be continued. Steve Jackson said that he has reviewed the minutes from two months ago where Gary Tasker asked for things and Stan Prescott recommended that they look at the Land Development Regulations and there was discussion about future development of the road. He noted that all of the requests have been met and he sees no reason to continue. *Gary Tasker made a motion to approve the site development as designed with a storage building on a 2.1-acre area at the northeast corner and the site plan as shown; seconded by Steve Jackson.* Dustin Bowles asked that a note be made that as this property is developed the Board will look at the road issues each time. Gary Tasker said he would agree with that. *Gary Tasker amended his motion to include the operating hours of 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, with a note that the hours could be reviewed upon another application; seconded by Steve Jackson.* *Yes: 3 (Jackson, Tasker, Huntington) No: 2 (Prescott, Bowles) APPROVED*

**New Business:**

There was no new business.

**Board Discussion:**

Donna reported that she spoke with Attorney Mayer about the process to follow on the Duprez subdivision revocation. After learning that the recorded plans state that the fourth lot will be deeded to the town, and after being informed that the property is in current use and further review of the RSA governing subdivision revocation, Attorney

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Mayer has advised that the town is secure and there is no need to pursue the revocation at this time. Roy Merrill stated that the owner cannot sell any lots until a bond is in place. Stan Prescott said that anyone interested in the property should come back to the Board to ensure that there are no questions or misunderstandings about the requirements of the approval.

**Report of the ZBA:**

Donna reported that there are three applications before the ZBA this month, a special exception for a major home occupation for hobby woodworking and two special exceptions for wetland/wetland buffer impact.

**Report of the Board of Permit:**

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

**Work Session** — A work session to review the proposed changes/update of the Land Development Regulations was scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2007, 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building if available. Reminder cards will be sent to members.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn at 10:38 p.m. was made by Gary Tasker; seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White

**Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — Aug. 23, 2007****REGULAR HEARING**

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting of August 23, 2007 to order at 7:30 PM at the Loudon Community Building.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

*Jonathan Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes of July 26, 2007 work session, July 26, 2007 regular hearing, and July 28, 2007 site walks; seconded by George Saunderson. All were in favor.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Case #07-13, Debra Rattee — Special Exception for Wetland Crossing, Map 38, Lot 7.** Ned Lizotte recused himself and Jon Huntington was appointed as a voting member. Tracy Sweeney of Richard Bartlett & Associates represented the applicant. There were no abutters present. Mr. Sweeney stated that a site walk was done on July 28th with Dave Collier of Richard Bartlett & Associates and he felt there was positive discussion on the special exception. Chairman Powelson said that one thing discussed at that site walk was the concern voiced by Roy Merrill about the need to widen the shoulders. Mr. Sweeney said they have discussed this with the applicant and are comfortable with doing what they can within and what is required for the driveway, but the desire is not to disturb any wetlands beyond those impacted by the driveway crossing. Roy Merrill said the edge of the road drops off, they are adding traffic, and he thinks it is a must to bring the slopes up in both directions. Mr. Sweeney stated that he is before the Board tonight for the crossing and that the shoulder widening belongs in the Planning Board forum and can be conditionally approved upon that approval. The chairman asked Mr. Sweeney if they have an objection to widening the shoulder as described. Mr. Sweeney said there is no problem with widening the appropriate width for safe turning to the driveway but they have no desire to disturb further wetland. Dave Powelson said that he thinks that is what was discussed. George Saunderson said he agrees and asked if they are talking 50' or 75'. Roy Merrill said they were talking at least 75' in the beginning but now Mr. Sweeney is saying they would be doing only where the driveway is.

Mr. Sweeney said they feel it would be reasonable to do 50' to either side of the driveway. Jon Huntington asked Mr. Sweeney if they feel they would be encroaching on the wetlands by doing that. Mr. Sweeney said that they do not feel they will be in that distance and stressed that it is their desire

not to encroach into the wetland upstream. George Saunderson asked if they would improve the shoulder 75' to the west and 50' to the other side, which is the less problematic area. Roy Merrill said that Mr. Sweeney is talking from the center of the 30' access, not from the edges of the driveway. Ned Lizotte asked how many driveways this involves. Dave Powelson said it is for one driveway and that the other driveways do not need wetland crossing. Mr. Sweeney said it is a reasonable request but they do not want to encroach on the wetland. Roy Merrill said they should get whatever permits are necessary and should widen out the shoulders for public safety. Mr. Sweeney stated that their request is for one driveway crossing wetlands.

George Saunderson asked if they would be willing to extend 75' to the east. Mr. Sweeney said to the east is more problematic but they will improve the shoulder to the best of their ability. The chairman asked if members were satisfied with that plan. George Saunderson and Jon Huntington said they were. Roy Merrill said he did not think that was what was discussed at the site walk. Jon Huntington said it was more to the west than east that was discussed that day. Mr. Merrill said that the edge of the road drops right off and he personally does not feel the Board is asking a lot to straighten it out. Mr. Huntington asked if they would be encroaching on the wetlands more to the east than west. Mr. Sweeney said that was correct and that the west was easier because the wet goes deeper into the parcel and they could do it without additional regulatory permitting. Chairman Powelson said he remembered some discussion of additional regulatory permitting but did not think the Board was asking for that. He said the thought they were asking for what could be done in the drive. Mr. Sweeney said that the request to extend to the west could easily be done and they would do the best they can to the east. Ned Lizotte asked Mr. Sweeney what to the best of their ability implied. Mr. Sweeney pointed out the wetland and said they would stake out the edge of the wetland and start tapering the slopes up from there. He said it would be a slight improvement. Mr. Lizotte asked what that would look like. Mr. Sweeney said it would be 1-1/2:1, very steep.

Chairman Powelson asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of or against the application. Hearing none, Mr. Powelson stated that this application is to cross a wetland to provide access to buildable land. He noted that members have suggested improving the shoulder. The chairman closed the hearing, to be brought up under Unfinished Business.

Ned Lizotte returned to the table.

**Case #07-14, Loudon Woods Estates — Special Exception for Wetland Crossing, Map 2, Lot 23.** Tom Murphy of Holden

Engineering represented the applicant. Abutter Bob Ordway was present. Mr. Murphy stated that this application is for the disturbance of 6,869 SF for a new road. He noted that a site walk was done, DES approval has been received, and conditional approval was received from the Planning Board, contingent on the approval of this application.

Chairman Powelson asked if there were any questions from the Board or public. Hearing none, he closed the hearing, to be brought up under Unfinished Business.

**Case #07-15, Charles Dore — Special Exception for Major Home Occupation, Map 1, Lot 12.** Mr. Dore stated that he does hobby woodworking in his garage and would like to be able to hang an open flag. Chairman Powelson went through the points of the application. He asked if Mr. Dore's pieces are sold elsewhere. Mr. Dore said he currently has some items at the Pine Bough in Concord. Mr. Powelson asked if the intent was a few may stop by at Mr. Dore's residence. Mr. Dore said that was correct. Jon Huntington asked if there would be a sign. Mr. Dore said he would have a sign. Howard Pearl asked if Mr. Dore had a design of the sign with him. Mr. Dore said he did not but it would be a simple wooden sign. Howard Pearl asked about the distance to the nearest neighbor. Mr. Dore said it was about 150'.

Donna read a letter from abutter Patricia Scott Bowen that stated she was in favor of the application. George Saunderson asked if the hours would be something like 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mr. Dore said that was correct. Chairman Powelson asked if the Board felt there was a need to see the location. Jon Huntington said they have pictures of the house and garage. George Saunderson said that nothing new is being built and nothing is being added. Roy Merrill said all they would see is the garage that is in the pictures. Ned Lizotte said this sounds like a minor home occupation other than the sign. Howard Pearl asked if the sign would be placed so that it would not block sight. Mr. Dore said it would be on the lawn, out of the line of sight.

Chairman Powelson asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the application. Abutter Ivan Stevens stated that he lives about 200' from Mr. Dore and has no problem with the request and he never hears any noise from the property. There was nobody wishing to speak against the application. The hearing was closed, to be brought up under Unfinished Business.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

It was suggested that the applications be taken up in reverse order.

**Case #07-15, Charles Dore — Special Exception for Major Home Occupation, Map 1, Lot 12.** Ned Lizotte made a motion to approve the application; seconded by

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Howard Pearl. Chairman Powelson asked if there was any discussion. Howard Pearl said it is a straightforward request. Ned Lizotte said it is a pretty mild case. The chairman asked if all were in agreement that the request meets all criteria. The Board agreed that it does. The chairman stated that they have a motion to approve. *Roll vote: Howard Pearl — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes. APPROVED*

**Case #07-14, Loudon Woods Estates — Special Exception for Wetland Crossing, Map 2, Lot 23.** George Saunderson made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Roy Merrill. Mr. Merrill said this appears to be pretty minor and the wetlands people are happy with it. Chairman Powelson asked if anything formal had been received from the Conservation Commission. Donna said there has been nothing received. Jon Huntington asked if there are any concerns. He said the Planning Board has seen the area and the applicant has state approval so he is not sure why it is even before this board. The chairman asked if the Board feels that all criteria have been met. The Board agreed that they have been met.

*Roll vote: Howard Pearl — Yes; Roy Merrill — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Ned Lizotte — Yes; George Saunderson — Yes. APPROVED*

**Case #07-13, Debra Rattee — Special Exception for Wetland Crossing, Map 38, Lot 7.** Ned Lizotte stepped down and Jon Huntington was appointed as a voting member for this case. George Saunderson made a motion to approve the special exception with the provision that shoulder work would be done from the edges of the driveway of Lot 4, 75' to the west and 50' to the east; seconded by Jon Huntington. Roy Merrill said he thinks they should get wetland permits and have the shoulders brought up. He said it is his opinion that they are trying to get out of it. Mr. Merrill said this should be done under the current ownership and it would be a pretty simple process to go to the wetlands bureau and get the proper permits to do the job right. Jon Huntington asked where the town's responsibility come in for safety's sake. Mr. Merrill said he does not think that the town is going to do anything. He pointed out that Mr. Aversa has to widen Bee Hole Road as part of his subdivision and he said he does not think it is asking too much of this applicant to fix the shoulder the way it ought to be. Mr. Huntington asked if more permitting for wetlands was required if they do more work to the east. Mr. Merrill said it might require a little permitting and may take a little time but those permits are given out all the time. George Saunderson pointed out that the reason for

asking for the improvements is for safety and the west is much more of a safety concern in that somebody might drift off the road and into the embankment, which is crossing the wetland. Roy Merrill said the shoulder drops off the whole length of this subdivision. Mr. Saunderson said they are trying to prevent a situation where they are making it more dangerous and that the west is more important than the east, noting that to the east the ditch is clearly there. Roy Merrill said this is for public safety and was discussed at the site walk but now it appears they have backed away. Mr. Saunderson said it was discussed but there were no commitments made that day. Dave Powelson said that there was a strong implication at the site walk that Mr. Collier would let the Board know if there were any objections from the applicant. Roy Merrill said he personally feels they discussed it and then did not want to go through the process.

George Saunderson said they are asking for one driveway to one lot. Mr. Merrill said they are gaining a lot if the Board gives this but they could lose that lot. Mr. Saunderson asked if there is any case to be made that the Board would be arbitrarily devaluing a piece of land because they are sticking on this one lot, noting that the land is developable once over the little hump. Roy Merrill said this may be one lot but there are several lots in the project. George Saunderson asked if Mr. Merrill would agree to 100' in each direction. Mr. Merrill said he would agree to that. Mr. Saunderson asked about 75' in each direction. Dave Powelson said he thought that shoulder width is more the issue. Roy Merrill suggested that they could taper to the stonewall. Jon Huntington asked if they already have a driveway permit. Mr. Merrill said that is what they are asking for. There was brief discussion about the driveway permit process. Dave Powelson said the road is pretty straight in this area and the sight distance is sufficient. He said he thought the issue is an errant vehicle leaving the road. Roy Merrill said the issue is that it is too narrow at that point and the time to do it is when it is being subdivided. He said this is not asking a lot of the developer in widening the shoulder. George Saunderson asked again if Mr. Merrill would be happy with 100' to either side. Mr. Merrill said that he would. Mr. Saunderson asked about 75' either side of the 30' driveway. Mr. Merrill said he would go along with that. Mr. Saunderson said the provision is for 75' to the west and 50' to the east and asked Mr. Merrill if he would be happy if they added another 25' from the edge of the driveway. Mr. Merrill said yes, with a total of 180'.

Kelly Sweeney said he feels they have issues with managing the shoulder development easterly because of the physical environment constraints. He said he does not

feel they have issues as they head westerly and the point has been taken well. Mr. Sweeney said with the agreed upon 75' they can flatten the area to the west to a 2:1 slope but easterly they have run out of room without more wetland impact that they have worked to keep at a minimum. Roy Merrill stated that they would have to get a minor wetlands application. George Saunderson asked if Mr. Sweeney was clear that this is not figured from the center of the driveway. Mr. Sweeney said it is from the edge of the 12' driveway and that 75' to the west and 50' to the east is being proposed. Howard Pearl noted that it would be an improvement to what is there now. Mr. Saunderson agreed. Mr. Sweeney said they would start at the edges and go the distances. Mr. Merrill said they need to go get the wetlands permit. Mr. Sweeney said there seemed to be some unreasonableness here, noting this is one lot, Lot 4, where the issue exists. He said he thinks what has been offered is reasonable and takes into consideration the Board's requirements. Roy Merrill said there are two spots where the road is low. He said this could fix one. Again he said that he personally feels that the Board is not asking much of the applicant to add five lots.

Chairman Powelson restated the motion and went over the points of the application. On point two, he said it would appear that there is adequate sight distance and that the applicant made a good faith promise to work on the shoulder to the limit that George Saunderson proposed. On point four, Mr. Powelson said he does not believe there will be any additional demands created by approving this application. On point five, he said that ten trips a day seems the standard. George Saunderson said that would not be a problem for that road. On point six, Mr. Powelson said it appears that the applicant has minimized the impact to the natural environment and the Board agreed. On point seven, Mr. Powelson said that the applicant stated that the special exception would not have an impact on groundwater resources and the Board agreed. *Roll vote: Jon Huntington — Yes;*

*George Saunderson — Yes; Dave Powelson — Yes; Roy Merrill — No; Howard Pearl — Yes. Yes — 4; No — 1 APPROVED*

**RULES OF PROCEDURE:**

The draft Rules of Procedure were presented to the public for review and comment. Jon Huntington asked about the term of an alternate and about an alternate's jurisdiction if sitting on the Board. Chairman Powelson said that it is officially the five-member board that votes until an alternate is appointed in the absence of a voting member. He said an alternate can participate in discussions but does not vote unless appointed for an absent member or a member who steps down from a case. There was brief discussion. There were no other comments on the draft rules. They will be presented again next month.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Alternate** — There was discussion on seeking another alternate or two for the Board. Jon Huntington leaves for the winter so it is felt that there should be at least one other alternate available. It was asked if the Board would like to run an ad but they agreed that mentioning it in the minutes might suffice. Members agreed that an interested candidate would be civic-minded and that there are provisions allowing the Board to set criteria for suitable candidates.

An application for a special exception for reduced setback was received after the deadline for the August agenda. The applicant wants to get the slab for the proposed garage poured before it gets too cold and would like to not have to wait until the October meeting for an answer. It was suggested that the Board might do a site walk of the property prior to the hearing in September. The Board agreed to do a site walk at 358 Lower Ridge Road on Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Jon Huntington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Howard Pearl. All were in favor.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna White, Administrative Assistant*

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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|  | <b>1</b><br>10/1–19•State testing at MVMS<br>8pm•Fire Department   | <b>2</b><br>10:30am•Storytime @ Library — Apple Picking<br>6pm•American Legion Bingo<br>6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting<br>7pm•Lions Club @ Library                  | <b>3</b><br>2pm•Storytime @ Library — Apple Picking<br>6pm•Conservation Commission @ Library<br>7pm•Historical Society   | <b>4</b><br>10:30am•Storytime @ Library<br>9:30–2:30•Making Strides Day at LES<br>PTA Meets @ LES<br><br>MID-TERM MARKS CLOSE | <b>5</b><br>New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene Spiritual Weekend Begins<br><br>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TEACHER CONVENTION | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br>COLUMBUS DAY<br><br>Library Closed<br>School Closed  | <b>9</b><br>10:30am•Storytime @ Library<br>6pm•American Legion Bingo<br>6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Board of Permit @ Com. Bldg.                                 | <b>10</b><br>2pm•Storytime @ Library<br>7pm•American Legion<br>7pm•Historical Society  | <b>11</b><br>10:30am•Storytime @ Library  | <b>12</b><br>Mid-Term Marks issued   | <b>13</b>   |
| <b>14</b><br>1pm•Making Strides Cancer Walk at Memorial Field, Concord. LES Ladybugs to walk in memory of Pam Hutchins | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br>10:30am•Storytime @ Library<br>6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting @ Com. Bldg.<br>7pm•Lions Club @ Library   | <b>17</b><br>2pm•Storytime @ Library<br>6:30pm•Loudon Recreation Com. @ Library<br>6:30pm•MVMS PTO<br>6:30pm•Cub Scouts Pack Meeting @ LES<br>6:30•MVMS PTO Meeting @ MVMS Library                           | <b>18</b><br>10:30am•Storytime @ Library<br>7pm•Planning Board @ Com. Bldg.   | <b>19</b><br>LEDGER DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE   | <b>20</b><br>9–12•Independent Community Basketball Signups<br>6pm•Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church Potluck followed by Ken Fernald Gospel Concert at 7 |
| <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>6:30pm • Communications Council Annual Meeting @ Com. Bldg.<br>6:30•Medicare Information Night at Maxfield Public Library | <b>23</b><br>9-Noon•VNA Health Clinic @ Com. Bldg.<br>10:30am•Storytime @ Library<br>6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg.<br>7pm•LYAA @ Library | <b>24</b><br>2pm•Storytime @ Library<br>6:30pm•Loudon Recreation Com. @ MPL  | <b>25</b><br>10:30am•Storytime @ Library<br>7:30pm•Zoning Board @ Com. Bldg.<br>7:30pm•Book Group @ Library                   | <b>26</b><br>PTO Halloween Party. All Grades and Hat Day.  | <b>27</b><br>9–2•Cancer Survivors Day @ Concord Community Music School  |
| <b>28</b><br>10/28–11/2•Eighth Grade Trip to Washington, DC  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>10:30am•Storytime @ Library<br>Book Fair @ LES<br>6:30pm•Selectmen's Meeting/Work Session @ Com. Bldg.<br>7pm•LYAA @ Library                       | <b>31</b><br>HALLOWEEN! Trick-o-Treat from 5–8 pm<br>Halloweed Parade & Celebration @ LES<br>2pm•Storytime @ Library<br> |   |  |   |

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