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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.

Old Home Day A Beautiful Day!

Dearest Loudon Residents;

It is with great pleasure the Loudon Old Home Committee reports to you the success of another great August "Old Home Day!" The weather was beautiful, the entertainment for both kids and adults was great, the dinner provided by the Sno-Shakers was awesome, their biggest year yet with end profit in the amount of \$800.00 all to be donated to the Easter Seals! The fireworks, OH MY GOSH, they were phenomenal! It gave us great satisfaction to see the consistent attendance throughout the day, being that most of the crowd, in past years, have left and come back for dinner and/or the fireworks.

Thank you so much to all of our Advertisers, Sponsors, Individual Supporters, Volunteers, as well as Capital Fire Protection and the American Legion. Without their continued support, we would not be the success we are. In addition, we would like to offer a sincere apology to Mrs. Helen Sheran. On page 64 of the supporter book, where it says "In Memory of John Sheran," it should have said "In Memory of Bill Sheran." We apologize for the misprint!

To those of you that have yet to hear the winners of the various awards handed out that day, here's a run-down: *Timmy Barton* won the handmade flag donated by the "Off Your Rocker Red Hatters of Loudon," *Shelby Cadrette* won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$568.00 — our biggest yet. In the **Grand Parade**: The class of Commercial & Small Business; *Alicia's School of Dance* won first place, *A Furry Affair* won second and *Cole's Gardens* won third. In the Civic & Organizational class; *Young at Heart* won first place, *Girl Scouts* won second and *Church of the Nazarene* won third. In the Individual Supporter class; *Kyle Bean* won first, *Jerry Bean* won second and *The Doodlebugs* won third. Last but certainly not least, in the Walkers' class the *4-H Club* took the award. As for the **Car and Truck show**: *Suzanne and Jim McNeil* won the "Fifties Class" with their '56 Ford Convertible, *William and Lois Porter* won the "Pre-60" class with their '56 Thunderbird, *Rick Broider* won the "Post 60" class with his Buick Skylark, *Ora and Mary George* won the "Custom/Hot Rod" class with their Hot Rod, and *Kenny Rokentenetz* won the "Truck" class with his Plymouth pickup. **Motorcycle** winners were: *Jim Hoffman* in the "Pre 70" class with his

Honda Dream, *Jason Foss* won in the "Post 70" class with his HD Street Glide and *Mike Milligan* won in the "Custom" class for his Chopper. In the **Baking Contest**, though not as big as usual but still enjoyable, the winners were; *Barbara Brogan* with a Peach Plum Pie, *Donna Dana* with a New York style Cheesecake, *Andrew Dana* for the baked beans, *Kyle Kowalski* won in the Kid's Cake entry, Honorable Mention went to *Sara Kowalski*.

Great job to everyone! Again, to all of you who contributed, thank you so much for your time, donations and efforts. We hope to see you again in 2007!

Remember too, if there are any questions, concerns or suggestions throughout the year for the upcoming LOHD please feel free to call one of us. We welcome the input... The numbers are listed on the Loudon Home Page: www.loudonnh.org.

Sincerely,

Loudon Old Home Day Committee ■



2006 Citizen of the Year, Barbara Cameron.



First-place Civic & Organizational float, "The Wizard of Oz," was the Loudon Young at Heart's entry. Dorothy doesn't look like she's a member of the Young at Heart — not yet anyway!

For photos of the 2nd place float, see page 16



Third-place Civic & Organizational float was created by the Church of the Nazarene and featured "The Ten Commandments."

Town of Loudon Office Hours

Selectmen’s Office

PO Box 7837 • 798-4541

Selectmen meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Town Clerk

PO Box 7837 • 798-4542

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

Planning/Zoning Board

PO Box 7837 • 798-4540

The Planning Board Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The Zoning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Mon.–Thurs.: 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • Tues. evenings: 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Tax Collector

PO Box 7844 • 798-4543

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

Police Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7059 • 798-5521

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement

PO Box 7059 • 798-5584

Mon.–Fri.: 8 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fire Department: Emergencies: 911

PO Box 7032 • 798-5612

The Fire Department holds its general meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Safety Building. To obtain a fire permit, please stop by the station weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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

Loudon Elementary School

7039 School Street • 783-4400

The School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m.

Call the Superintendent’s Office for meeting location.

Transfer Station

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

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

Loudon residents can purchase facility stickers at the transfer station for \$1.00. See the attendant.

Highway Department

Road Agent: David Rice • 783-4568

Mon.–Fri.: 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Maxfield Public Library

Librarian: Nancy Hendy • 798-5153

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

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

John O. Cate Memorial Van

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

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

Blessed Hope Food Pantry of Loudon

30 Chichester Road

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

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

Loudon Representatives

Merrimack County — District 6

Claire D. Clarke: 437 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH 03303-2411

James W. Danforth: 50 Kilcare Rd., Andover, NH 03216-3210

Priscilla P. Lockwood: 435 Northwest Rd., PO Box 1, Canterbury, NH 03224-0001

Roy D. Maxfield: 7126 School St., Loudon, NH 03307-0911

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

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

Senators — District 07

Robert B. Flanders: PO Box 1, Antrim, NH 03440-0001

Loudon Ledger Submission Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Classified Ads are available. Please mail your ad copy, along with a check payable to LCC, to PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307.

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“The Loudon Ledger” 2006 Schedule

October 2006 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 9/15 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 9/18

November 2006 Ad & Copy Deadline: Fri. 10/13 **Council Meeting:** Mon. 10/16

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

Where to Worship in Loudon

Faith Community Bible Church

Pastor Jeff Owen

334 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-4045

Summer Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Winter: *Sunday School:* 9:00 a.m. • *Worship:* 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group Sunday: 6:30 p.m.

Sept.–June Friends Program: Age 3 through 5th Grade. Wed. 6:30 p.m.



First Church of the Nazarene

Rev. W. John White, Senior Pastor

33 Staniels Rd, Loudon NH 03307 • Ph: 603-224-1311 • Office Hours: 9–2, Tues.–Fri.

phyllish@nazarenefirstchurch.org • www.nazarenefirstchurch.org

Sundays: *Sunday School, All Ages:* 9:15 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childcare provided for Infants and Toddlers. Kinder-Church (Preschoolers and Kindergarteners). Children's Church (Grades 1–6)

Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

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

Bible Studies: 7:00 p.m. • *Splash Kingdom:* 7:00–8:00 p.m. (Ages 3–Grade 6)

Thursday: *Teen Bible Study:* 6:30 p.m. at Youth Pastor's Home

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

Please call the church office for details: 224-1311.



Landmark Baptist Church

Pastor Eric Davis

103 Chichester Road, Loudon, NH 03307 • 798-3818

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • *Sunday Morning:* 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. • *Wednesday Evening:* 7:00 p.m.



Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church

Rev. Henry Frost

Currently meeting at the Loudon Community Center in Loudon Village until our Church on Clough Hill is repaired following a June 12, 2005 fire.

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.



Loudon Congregational Church

Rev. David D. Randlett, III

7018 Church Street, PO Box 7034, Loudon, NH 03307 • 783-9478

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.

Women In Christ Study and Fellowship: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

LCC Youth Group (Jr. & Sr. High teens): Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.



Loudon Family Bible Church

“Where everybody is somebody, and Jesus is Lord!”

Pastor Steve Ludwick

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

www.myfamilybiblechurch.org • Email: fbc@fcgnetworks.net

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



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 • 798-4339 • pastor@sonlightchristian.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Every Month: Discovery Series Bible Lessons



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

September Events at Loudon's Church of The Nazarene

September Sunday Mornings:

New Sermon Series: *The Ten Commandments: See Them or Live Them?*

9/3 #1 “The Foundation” w/Pastor John White

9/10 #2 “The Best Building Materials” w/Pastor John White

9/17 #3 “Knowing the Builder Personally” w/Pastor John White

9/24 #4 “What's Sunday All About?” w/Youth Pastor, Doug Milne

New Adult Sunday School Classes start up this month with at least four choices.

September Events

House Churches for Sunday evenings continues: being held anywhere from Alton NH to Concord. Call the church for further details.

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together): Starts their monthly get-togethers again. They will meet at the church either Fri., 9/8 (7–9 p.m.) or Sat., 9/9 (9–11 a.m.).

OASIS (50+) Pot Luck, Devotions & Meeting: Fri., 9/15 (11 a.m.–1 p.m.)

Adult Fellowship — A Surprise Get Together: Sat., 9/30 (Call church for further details.)

Teen Ministry — Youth Group every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (at the church); Teen Bible Study every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (at Youth Pastor's Home); and four other fun events scheduled for September (Car Rally, Mountain Climb, Back-To-School-Thingy event with other youth groups, and a “See-You-At-The-Pole” event.)

If you are looking for a church home, won't you come try us out! ■



CONCORD REGIONAL
VISITING NURSE
ASSOCIATION

Concord Regional VNA News

September Senior Health Clinics

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will offer a Senior Health Clinic on September 26 from 9 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. Rides are available in Loudon by calling 798-5203.

Concord Regional VNA Offers Grief Support Groups

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association will offer morning and evening eight-week Grief Support Groups beginning in September at the Centennial Senior Center in Concord. Trained bereavement support facilitators will provide an opportunity for grief support and education to adults who have suffered a recent loss. The morning group will meet Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to noon beginning September 15. The evening group will meet Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. beginning September 13. Group size is limited. Pre-registration is required by September 4. Please contact Laurie Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator at (603) 224-4093 ext. 2826 or laurie.brooks@crvna.org.

Concord Regional VNA Receives \$10,000 Grant from Bank of America Charitable Foundation

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association has received a \$10,000 grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation for its Parent Friend Program, according to Mary B. DeVeau, President/CEO of Concord Regional VNA.

The grant funds will be used for the Concord Regional VNA Parent Friend Program, which helps struggling parents learn to nurture their infants and children through one-on-one home visits.

“The grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation will strengthen families, enable them to get off to a good start and, in the long run, strengthen our communities,” said DeVeau. ■

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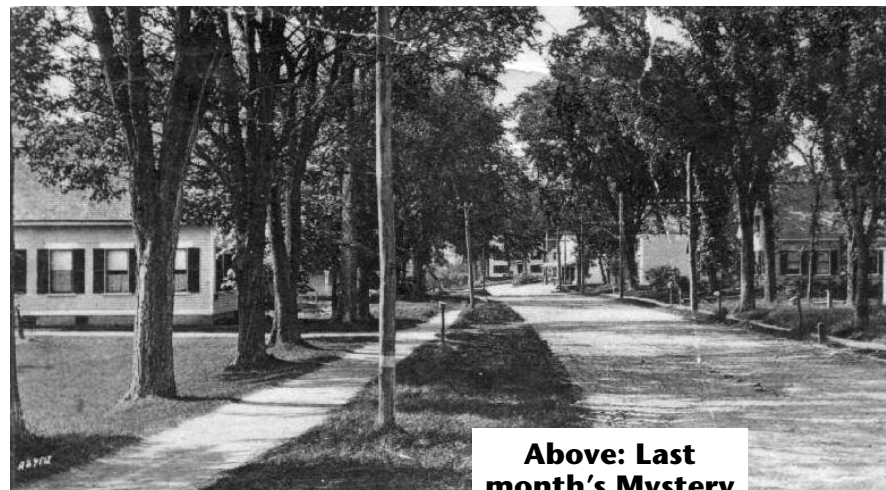
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(603)-798-3456

A LOOK AT LOUDON HISTORY

By Amanda Masse



This month's Mystery Photos



Above: Last month's Mystery Photo. Below: Additional view of same area.



First, an update on the July Mystery house: Mr. Sylvester who currently owns the home contacted me and stated that he has the house deed back to 1850 when that home was listed as "The Luther Haines Place." It is possible that the home goes back even farther.

Last month's mystery was titled "Main Street Loudon, N.H." It makes me think of the way things used to be. I hope everyone enjoyed it. I heard from a few people with regard to this photo. Muriel Burr lives in the house which is located on the left side of the photo. Ms. Burr gave me the following great information regarding the history. The house was built in August 1849. (We would assume that this would be the date the home was finished.) She had the photo shown here and it was taken in the later

1800's. The house was owned by Harris E. Morse (1816–1901) and Sarah Ann Eaton (1820–1898) they married in 1842. The assumption is that the woman in the photo is Sarah Ann Morse. Harris represented the Town of Loudon in the legislature and served as sheriff for a number of years. Harris Morse was the son of Moses Morse, Jr. and Sally Emery. He was a carpenter and wheelwright. It is possible he built this house. Annie Mitchell was the owner of the home from October 1902 until August 1954 when she died at age 81. It is believed that she was her husband's nurse and kept office records. Old town reports show that she was on the Loudon Board of Education. Her husband was Dr. William Mitchell and after they separated and divorced he moved south to

the old cape house which used to be owned by Stanley and Isabel Prescott. Many have said that Dr. Mitchell made house calls by horse and buggy.

Additional land for the two acre lot which is currently there was purchased: In 1886 from Moses R. Hillsgrove (Country Store), in 1902 from Ancie Wiggin (2nd house north), in 1905 from Mabel Ross (Country Store), and in 1907 from George Morse (1st house north). George Morse's wife's name was Mary. On this section of land were a barn and another farm building. To the right of the old picture of Ms. Burr's house is where George Morse lived and this barn, etc. belonged to him. This house burned in the early 1900's. Fred and Marguerite Parks bought this property and moved a cape-style house from Cooper Street. During this move, their daughter Emma remembered spending the night in the house in the middle of Main Street. The house was placed on the right hand side of the foundation. On the left side, he built his Park's Store. The property may have been then owned by Harry and Alice Morrill and the store portion was a barber shop and tea room. Since that time, it has been a single family residence.

An additional piece of information on Ms. Burr's house is from a record

which was noted on a window casing and under a door threshold in the early 1900's F.C. Labonte did carpentry work for the Mitchell's.

I had another response noting how nice the trees looked lining the road. The Burr's told me that those elm trees were all destroyed by Dutch Elm Disease. Some of those beautiful trees trunks were measured as big as 5 feet across.

Enormous thanks go to Muriel Burr for doing this research. Thank you to those who responded.

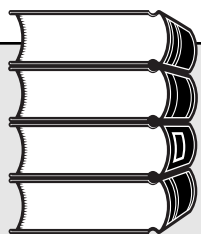
This month's mystery was a photo taken of the girls, but what we are looking for is your guess on the house behind them. Of course you will get bonus points should you know the people. Share your details of this month's mystery by contacting me, Amanda by e-mail at jaelmasse@comcast.net or by calling 783-0227.

I am always looking for more pictures to use for this column. Contact me to share your interesting historical photos. It doesn't have to be a home, it could be any structure or item that has a great story to go with it that would be fun and interesting to share. Come on, you know you have those old boxes, go ahead and dig through them. If you find some cool photos, give me a call! ■

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Maxfield Public Library News

By Dale Gregory

Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading Program "Treasure Reading" had the highest number of participants to date. There were 222 children signed up for this yearly event. Completing the program were 138 eager readers who read a combined total of 3,090 books! Congratulations to these great summer readers:

Karen Balint, Sarah Balint, Victoria Balint, Daniel Barker, Jake Barker, Caitie Barrett, Erin Barrett, Warren Bartlett, Jacob Bodnar, Josh Bodnar, Casey Carbone, Connor Carbone, Sophie Chalsma, Melissa Chaput, Matthew Cohen, Travis Cohen, Jesse Corthell, Normand Corthell, Walter Corthell, Jacob Coulombe, Nathan Coulombe, Daniel Cowan, Sarah Cowan, Caroline Crouch, Thomas Crouch, Hunter Darling, Johanna Darling, Jarrett Davis, Sarah Davis, Alec DeCato, Daniel Dockham, Elisha Dodenhoff, Ethan Dodenhoff, Jay Downs, Katie Downs, Alex Drago, Elizabeth Drago, Rebecca Drew, Abi Drouin, Katie Earle, Laura Earle, Jordan Fillion, Mitchell Fillion, Kallie Fisher, Levi Fisher, Lorelei Ford, Sawyer Fournier, Payton Geerdes, Mason Graham, Mitchell Graham, Kim Green, Nancy Gregory, Chance Grimaldi, Steven Hardt, Kristin Haycock, Jacob Hebert, Karra Hebert, Avery Henderson, Deane Henderson, Ariana Hillman, Madison Holbrook, Jessica Ingerson, Kathryn Ingerson, Casey Ingraham, Sidney Ingraham, Gabe Jacquith, Madeline Jacquith, Owen Jacquith, Emily Kordas, Nicholas Kordas, Sara Kowalski, Kyle Kowalski, Dietrich Mahlstedt, Nicholas Manning, Misty Martell, Scott Martell, Sophie Maslauskas, Vanessa Maslauskas, Emily Masse, Lauryn Masse, Kate Merrill, Brad Nash, Philip Nash, Tyler Nichols, Natalie Nolin, Sophie Nolin, Hannah O'Brien, Lily Osgood, Sophie Osgood, Chantal Paquette, Haley Parent, Andrew Parr, Haylee Parr, Kelly Pedersen, Tyler Powers, Emily Purell, Kaity Purtell, Alysa Radcliffe, Ayden Radcliffe, Breanna Rae, Kayla Rae, A.J. Rattee, Chloe Rattee, Matty Rattee, Raimee Rattee, Robbie Rattee, Tristen Rattee, Taylor Rioux, Rowenna Rodrigue, Lauren Rouse, Trevor Rouse, Kristie Schoffield, Ryan Schoffield, Scott Schoffield, Brittany Searing, Collin Sedgley, C.J. Segien, Hannah Segien, Hallie Seltzer, Noah Seltzer, Kevin Severance, Rachel Severance, Taylor Smith, Emily Stearns, Hunter Stevens, Courtney Theberge, Emily Theberge, Malcolm Thompson, Clyde Thurber-Wells, Maizie Thurber-Wells, Thomas Tuson, Deven Valenti, Emma Verville, Madison Verville, Drew Weilbrenner, Evan Weilbrenner, Jared Weil-

brenner, Alec White, Joli White, Emma Will, Samantha Will, Griffin Worster, Harrison Worster, Sophie Worster.

Book Signing and Sale

The library will be selling signed copies of Jane Bready's book *R is for Race: a Stock Car Alphabet* at Wal-Mart on September 14th and 15th, from 5-8 p.m., to raise funds to complete the Children's Room. The book will be selling for \$16.95 and Ms. Bready will be on hand to personally autograph your copy during selected hours. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Room Fund. Purchase this book for the young race enthusiasts in your family or put copies aside to use as gifts.

New Hours

Beginning September 5, the library will be open one more morning each week. New hours will be Monday 1-7 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Wednesday 1-9 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Story Time

A new season of story time starts this month. With the library now open an extra morning, parents may chose to bring their children for crafts and a lively tale, at 10:30 a.m., on either Tuesday or Thursday. Kids will learn their colors through books such as *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Bill Martin Jr. and *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle. They will also sing color songs, mix colors in dance, and make some colorful artwork. Also, as part of the changing hues of September, each day will feature a different color so please have your children wear something with that color for that day. The schedule of colors is as follows: September 5th - Yellow, 7th - Green, - 12th - Blue, 14th - Orange, 19th - Purple, 21st - Pink, 26th - Brown, and 28th - Red. This should be a fun way to reinforce the color concepts that they will be learning.

Book Group

From Boston's molasses flood in 1919, to Prohibition in the "Roaring Twenties," to the days of the dust bowl, the book group moves ahead on its literary historical tour with a look at the 1940s. The selection for September is *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw. Inspired by the 40th anniversary of D-day in 1984, Brokaw's book presents a cross section of men and women whose lives were changed forever by World War II. The discussion will take place on Thursday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. New participants are welcome.

Can You Help?

Don't forget that the library is a collection point for items to help two local civic groups. The Lion's Club has a bin

for donations of eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, and printer ink cartridges. *Box Tops for Education* and Campbell's product labels are used by

the Loudon PTA. Bring some items by the next time you visit the library to help these volunteers continue with their many worthwhile projects. ■

Which class do cows like the best?

_____ O	scorlasmo
____ OO ____	hsoloc
___ O ___	oksob
___ O _	sedk
_____ O _	nlpiec
_____ O _ _ _	aetrceh



ANSWERS to last month's riddle!
What do you get when you cross a
turtle with a porcupine?

draape	parade
stievalf	festival
tognui	guting
treelamonw	watermelon
niccip	picnic
clounskb	sunblock
hased	shade

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By Kris Tripp

Eastern Coyote

Several times this past year, I have happened upon a dog like creature running so fast that it was almost a blur — the Eastern Coyote. Coyotes are elusive, adaptive, intelligent animals that manage to hold their own when living in close contact with humans. These animals will typically weigh 30–50 pounds and are 48–60 inches long. They have long legs that are built for speed and a drooping bushy black-tipped tail. Colors can range from a silvery gray to a brownish red. The average life span of a wild coyote is four years. One way to distinguish the coyote is to see where the tail is pointing when it runs. Unlike the wolf or domestic dog, coyotes run with their tail pointing down. Dogs will typically run with their tails pointed up and a wolf will run with their tail pointed straight out.

The First Coyote in NH

The first verified account of a coyote in New Hampshire was in Grafton County in 1944. Between 1972 and 1980 coyotes spread across N.H. from Colebrook to Seabrook. Today, coyotes are common in every county through-

out the state. You will find coyotes just about any area: forests, shrubby open fields, marshy areas and river valleys.

Food, Territory, and Behavior

Most Coyotes will not hunt livestock, but once they learn that young calves are easy prey, they may become a problem. They will eat whatever food is abundant and have been known to eat mice, squirrels, woodchucks, snowshoe hare, fawns, house cats, carrion, amphibians, garbage, insects and fruit. The Eastern coyote is a social animal that *generally selects a lifelong mate*. Although I have never heard the coyote yipping or howling in my yard, they are quite vocal during their breeding season — January to March. Coyotes have several very distinct sounds — the yipping of pups, barks to indicate a threat, long howls used to bring pack members together, and group yip-howls issued when pack members reunite.

Pups are born in early May with the average litter being six pups. Pups are born blind and will open their eyes after about 10 days. They will stay in the den for 3 to 4 weeks. Both parents care for their young, occasionally with the assis-

tance of older offspring. Territories range in size from 5–25 square miles and are usually shared by a mated pair and occasionally their offspring. Coyotes mark and defend their territories against other unrelated coyotes and sometimes against other canine species.

In New Hampshire there is no closed season on coyotes but it is illegal to use poison as a control method. If you have and over population of coyotes, please check with the state wildlife agency before undertaking any control methods. Preventive measures include: proper disposal of livestock carcasses, keeping expectant animals and newborns in confinement or using electric fences can deter coyotes. In suburban areas coyotes have been known to kill house cats. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department recommends keeping pets and pet food inside at night to help reduce the likelihood that a family pet will become prey.

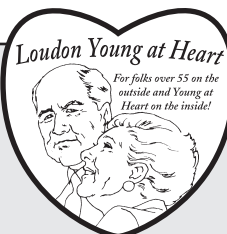
Coyotes are often blamed for events for which domestic dogs, automobiles or other wildlife are responsible. As for your safety, coyotes pose little risk to people. *In New Hampshire there has never been a report of a coyote attacking a person.* For more information



about the Eastern Coyote, visit these fantastic websites: www.wildlife.state.nh.us, www.nhptv.org/natureworks/coyote.htm.

Facts for this article were obtained from the above websites. Picture courtesy of Clipart.com.

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



Loudon Young at Heart

By Joanne Arsneault

September! School has started up again for the young ones. We've all been there, done that, many, many moons ago. It's also time for our annual picnic, which we really look forward to. Mother Nature has given us great weather for our picnics in the past: let's hope it holds true for this year, as well.

Old Home Day was a tremendous success, from breakfast down to the fireworks display. One highlight of the day was the parade. The Young at Heart float won first prize in the Civic Organizations category!! How about that! The "Wizard of Oz" float participants were excellently portrayed by Walter Howard as the Scarecrow; Sarah Lampron as the Tin Man; Donald Heath as The Cowardly Lion; and Mindy Littlefield as Dorothy. The entire parade was wonderful, but first prize; wow!

In July and August, we had no group meeting, but we are back on schedule in September with our cookout and election of officers for the coming year. We are also planning a trip for October, so stay tuned for more information about that.

Our membership remains fairly constant, around 40 or so members present at each meeting. New members are always welcome to join us. We do have a good time! ■

You are invited to the Loudon Lions Club's Third Annual FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, September 8
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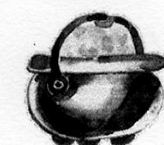
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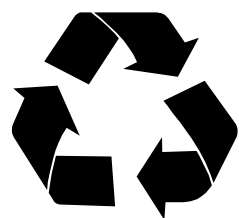
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FreeCycle.Org Making Old Things New

By: Karen Thurber

Have you ever had a couch, toys, almost anything, that was still usable but not worth the trouble of selling? Have you been looking for something for free? Well, FreeCycle.org is the place for you! FreeCycle.org gives you a place to post your old and unused items. After an item is posted an email goes out to all people on the list. Many times people respond with-in the same day with interest in your item. Best of all, they will come and get it. Saving you a trip to the dump and possible fees involved with the disposal.

Freecycle.org was started in May 2003 to help reduce the amount of waste going into landfills. Freecycle.org is a nonprofit organization moderated by volunteers. There is no fee to join. Just go to www.freecycle.org, there you can join a local group, where you will receive daily emails with listings of unwanted items and items people are looking for. The main rule for Freecycle is everything posted must be free, legal and appropriate for all ages.

So help reduce the trash that ends up in our landfill and maybe find a treasure for yourself. One person's trash CAN be another's treasure!

Changes in Mixed Paper Recycling

You may have noticed a few changes when recycling your paper at the Loudon Transfer Station. Due to the drop in price for mixed paper. Paper is no longer being baled. Instead it is being sold as loose paper. Mixed paper including, all office paper, junk mail, and magazines, is now place in a 1.5 yard blue bin, still located in the same recycling shed, however instead of being bailed the paper is emptied into a large 30-yard container. Thanks to all who recycle their mixed paper, Loudon is filling this large container in just 6 weeks. ■

More Than 160 Depth Maps Available For NH Lakes And Ponds

New Hampshire anglers can now access 166 depth maps of the state's lakes and ponds from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department website. Developed from N.H. Department of Environmental Services lake survey data, the depth ("bathymetry") maps cover a large portion of the state's waterbodies and can be an important tool to help both expert and rookie anglers have a great day of fishing.

While they are not recommended for navigational use, the maps can help anglers find the sharp dropoff points and other rapid changes in water depth where there is a rich abundance of fish during warm summer months. In addition to providing depth measurements, they also include species lists, access information, and road systems in the surrounding area.

The maps are available free of charge and in an easy-to-download electronic format at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm>.

The data used to create the maps is not currently available for all lakes and ponds in the state. However, as depth data for additional lakes and ponds is generated by N.H. Department of Environmental Services survey crews, maps of those waterbodies will be developed and posted to the Fish and Game website. Keep a lookout for maps of your favorite fishing spots!

Buy your fishing license online anytime at <http://www.nhfishandgame.com>.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works to conserve, manage and protect the state's fish and wildlife and their habitats, as well as providing the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. ■

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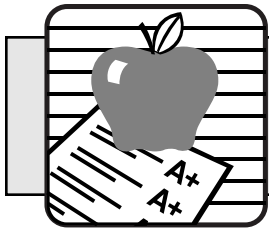
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Merrimack Valley School District News

Loudon Elementary School

Welcome back to school!

The first day of school was Wednesday, August 30th. Parents received a letter from principal Tom Laliberte explaining drop off and pick up procedures for this school year. He requested that we not park in the front spots of the building between the times of 8:30–9:15 and 3:15–4:00.

New Teacher

The staff of LES would like to welcome Jennifer Keaton as their new instrument teacher! The fifth grade class will join her on September 15th for an instrument demonstration.

Important Dates

August 30	First day of school
September 1 & 4	School closed for Labor Day
September 5	Open House Grades 1,2 and 3 at 6:30
September 6	Open House Grades 4 and 5 at 6:30
September 14	Picture Day!
September 15	Instrument demo for 5th Grade
October 6	School closed for Teacher Convention
October 9	School closed for Columbus Day

MV Middle School

Important Dates

September 12	Picture Day for 6th and 7th Grade!
September 13	Picture Day for 8th Grade!
September 14	Middle School Open House
September 22	7th and 8th Grade dance (sponsored by NJHS)
September 29	Hat Day

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@debbiekgraphics.com or call Kris Tripp at: 783-0448. We look forward to hearing about your event or activity!

MV High School

Construction Update

The renovation and addition project is progressing on schedule, and classes will start ON TIME on August 30th. This summer, the exterior walls facing the middle school and the new softball/baseball fields have been replaced with new materials (brick, insulation and windows). The locker rooms have been completely renovated and are ready for fall athletes and PE classes, and the wood chip heating plant is on track to supply the HS and MS with heat starting this fall. Many of our classrooms have been updated with new floors, lights, paint and other accessories while the remainder will be refurbished in the coming year. The new science wing is projected to be ready for second semester classes, while the cafeteria, library and administration/guidance/lobby phase of the project will be scheduled soon. We continue to work closely with Hutter Construction to ensure that student safety and the educational climate remain priorities during this project. Overall project completion is anticipated for September 2007.

Student Parking

Parking on campus continues to be tight due to construction. All students may park in the lot by the bus compound or in the front parking lot. Limited student parking is available in the large lot between the High School and Middle School (follow staff directions on the first day back). Over-flow parking is always available at Rolfe Park. However, given current gas prices might we suggest the school bus as the most efficient and convenient way to arrive at school?

New Staff Update

The MVHS school community welcomes the following new staff members: **Mr. Reed** will be teaching math, **Mr. Englander** will be teaching Project Lead the Way and technology. **Ms. Pitrone-Nason** will be teaching English & Theater Arts. **Ms. Durr** will be teaching Special Education classes and case managing our students. **Ms. Graham** is teaching grade 9 English teamed with **Mr. Neilson**. **Mr. Taranow** will be the new guidance counselor for students N-Z. **Mr. Richard** will be the new L&A program counselor. We are still waiting to hire a new guidance counselor for students G-M.

Updated Food Service Program

The school district's new lunch payment software, Nutrikids, was successfully piloted last June. *Prepayments save time* and allow parents to get information about the student's account and spending. Simply write a check to "MV Food Service" and send it in for deposit (put your child's name and ID# on the memo line). Remember, there is no charging allowed at the registers. Call Wendy at 753-6422 with any questions about food service accounts.

Coaches Contact Information:

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BOYS SOCCER: MARK BOUCHER, 568-8583
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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: KEVIN O'BRIEN, 753-8198

Reminder – Concord's Local Radio Station, WKXL, carries many MV sporting events throughout the year. Tune your radio to AM 1450 or listen on the internet at www.WKXL1450.com.


Important Dates

August 30	First Day of School for Students
September 1–4	No School – Labor Day
September 7	High School Open House – 6:30PM-8:30PM
September 7	Senior Project Parent Meeting – 8:00PM
September 15–16	Home-Coming Weekend
September 19	School Photos for grades 9 & 12
September 20	School Photos for grades 10 & 11
September 29	Mid-Term Term 1 Ends – Next Newsletter Mailed
October 6	No School – Teacher Convention
October 9	No School – Columbus Day

Transportation

Bus schedules will be available at: <http://fc.mvdsd.k12.nh.us/bus/bus/schedule.htm>. ■

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Health Officer's Report

By Robert N. Fiske, Health Officer

This year is getting busier than usual due to the West Nile Virus (WNV) concerns and the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (a/k/a Triple E) threat. As you have heard through the media sources, the WNV and EEE threat is in New Hampshire. I strongly urge you to review the simple prevention guidelines below.

This article is meant to help educate the general public and deter public alarm. Part of this article appeared in the annual town report but is worth repeating.

Below are a few things that the homeowner/resident can do to make an impact. Additional information and fact sheets can be reviewed and downloaded at the state website <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov>.

PREVENTION GUIDELINES

1. Eliminate standing water and other mosquito breeding locations.

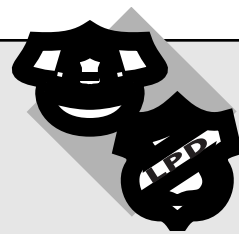
- In warm weather, mosquitoes can breed in any puddle that lasts more than 4 days!
- Remove old tires from your property.
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or other containers. Don't overlook containers that have become overgrown by aquatic vegetation.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outside.
- Make sure roof gutters are clean and draining properly.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools and hot tubs. If not in use, keep empty and covered and keep covers free of standing water.
- Aerate garden ponds or stock them with fish.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and change water in birdbaths at least twice weekly.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use (including buckets used to rinse your feet before entering a pool).
- Check boats or canoes, pet water bowls as well as tarps and covers over wood piles, etc.
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their properties.

2. Be aware of where mosquitoes live and breed and keep them from entering your home.

- Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Weeds, tall grass, and bushes provide an outdoor home for the adult *Culex pipiens* mosquito (the common northern house mosquito), which is most commonly associated with West Nile virus.
- Mosquitoes can enter homes through unscreened windows or doors, or broken screens. Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace all screens in your home that have tears or holes.
- Resting mosquitoes can often be flushed from indoor resting sites by using sweeping motions under beds, behind bedside tables etc. and once in flight, exterminated prior to sleeping at night.

3. Protect yourself from mosquito bites.

- If outside during evening, nighttime, and dawn hours when mosquitoes are most active and likely to bite, children and adults should wear protective clothing such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks.
- Consider the use of an effective insect repellent, such as one containing DEET. A repellent containing 30% or less DEET (N,N-diethyl-methyl-meta-tolu-



Loudon Police Department News

By Robert N. Fiske, Chief of Police

There have been many inquiries regarding the Loudon mobile command SUV. This vehicle was of no cost to the Town of Loudon. This SUV was made possible through a federal grant from Homeland Security (New Hampshire's 2005 Buffer Zone Protection Program). This vehicle is a mobile command center that would be utilized in any major incident. In the rear of the vehicle is the mobile command that houses our major communications system and can be utilized from any location in the event of a major incident. This command unit was fully funded through the federal grant and was not funded through your property tax dollars. We continue to research and apply for grants to supplement our services to you.

A reminder that our lifeguard is off duty after Labor Day weekend.

School is back in session. Please use caution on the roadways. **School Street will continue to be one-way from North Village Road to Oak Hill Road until construction is complete at the Elementary School.** Please be patient as the safety of our children is our main concern.

We have had inquiries regarding the bicycle helmets that were given to resident children during our annual bicycle safety class held in April. We have run out of helmets but some are on order. They should arrive by the time this news arrives in your mailboxes. Remind your children it is now a law they must wear their bicycle helmets. We continue to educate and reward youngsters for wearing their helmets with free ice cream coupons. Thanks to the Recreation Department for helping us sponsor this event and support us in our efforts to keep our children safe!

The final major race event should be arriving by the time you receive this edition of the *Ledger*. I thank the residents for their continued patience and support during these busy times.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me weekdays at 798-5521 or via e-mail at loudonpd@totalnetnh.net or rfiske@totalnetnh.net. ■

amide) for children and adults. Use DEET according to the manufacturer's directions. Children should not apply DEET to themselves. Repellents that contain Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus have also been determined to be effective.

- Vitamin B, ultrasonic devices, incense, and bug zappers have not been shown to be effective in preventing mosquito bites.

We also continue to monitor the Avian Flu threat as well. We continue to attend trainings and seminars to educate ourselves on the impact and response that we will have. Through education and communication, we hope to deter panic.

If you have any comments or suggestions, I encourage you to contact me. I may be reached weekdays from 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at 798-5584 or e-mail me at rfiske@totalnetnh.net. ■

"Wonders Of Wildlife" Volunteer Training Offered

If you enjoy learning about wildlife, enjoy young people and can volunteer during the day, consider becoming a Wonders of Wildlife (WOW) educator for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. By becoming a WOW docent, volunteers have the opportunity to present programs about the state's wildlife in elementary school classrooms. Starting this year, the training for new WOW volunteers is being held jointly with training for Community Tree Stewards and Earth Team Natural Resource Volunteers, programs coordinated by UNH Cooperative Extension Service.

Training courses (11 sessions) for new volunteers will begin in early September in their choice of two locations: either the Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth, from September 5–November 14; or the Hillsborough County Complex in Goffstown from September 7–November 16. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from

8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., with optional Friday field days. A \$50 course fee includes an extensive resource guide. Some scholarships are available, as is college credit through UNH. After the training ends in November, those deciding to become trained WOW docents for Fish and Game will have some additional training in January.

To sign up for the training, visit <http://extension.unh.edu/Forestry/FORCTS.htm>, where you can print out a Community Tree Steward volunteer application (filling this out is also the first step in signing up to be a WOW volunteer). A detailed course listing is also posted at this site. For more information, contact Pam Doherty, UNH Cooperative Extension — email pam.doherty@unh.edu or call (603) 629-9494, ext. 120.

"By teaming with Cooperative Extension, we can offer more extensive training for our docents," said Dr. Judith Silverberg, Wildlife Education Coordi-

nator for Fish and Game. "WOW is a great way to get involved with natural resource education. Learning firsthand from wildlife biologists and other experts prepares our volunteer docents to be effective environmental educators."

Trained WOW docents travel to schools or organized youth groups to present programs focusing on New Hampshire wildlife and endangered species, aquatic ecology and wetlands. Being a docent requires a long-term commitment. WOW volunteers get specialized training covering topics including wildlife habitat and restoration program, tree identification, map interpretation, soils, watersheds and water quality and sustainable landscaping. These sessions give participants a comprehensive background in natural resources.

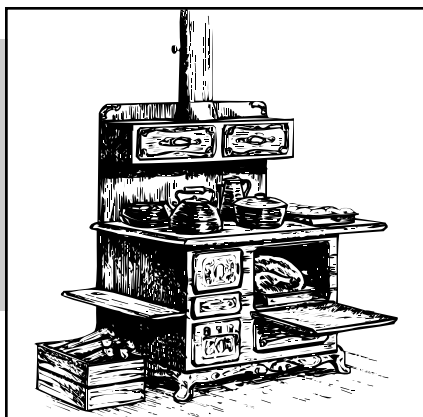
After the training is complete, WOW volunteers commit to providing at least 48 volunteer hours of natural resource

education over the following two school years, delivering programs to school-children or organized youth groups. Both the training sessions and volunteer hours take place during daytime hours.

For more information on Fish and Game's Wonders of Wildlife volunteer program, contact coordinator Mary Goodyear at mgoody@ncia.net; or call (603) 846-5108 or (603) 271-3211.

The natural resource training is sponsored by the UNH Cooperative Extension, the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, the U.S. Forest Service and N.H. Fish and Game, in partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Conservation Districts.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats. Visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>. ■



What's Cookin'! Recipes from Loudon kitchens...

This month: Old Home Day Winners & Fresh From the Garden

By Jennifer Pfeifer

I would like to begin by congratulating those who won in this year's Loudon Old Home Day Baking Contest, and thank you to all who entered. By the looks of things, judging was tough and there were a lot of wonderful dishes and recipes submitted for this year's contest. The following are the winning recipes submitted.

BAKED BEANS — submitted by Andrew Dana

- 1 pound dry beans (navy beans, soldier beans, Great Northern beans, etc.)
- 3/4 pound salt pork
- 3 tablespoons molasses
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 medium sized sweet onion

Wash beans in a colander or strainer; pick over them to remove any pebbles or debris. Place in a large saucepan, and then add water to cover the beans by 1 inch. Soak overnight.

In the morning, bring beans to a boil in 5 cups of water. Boil until the skins break when you blow across a few beans on a spoon. Place a layer of beans in the bottom of a bean pot or Dutch oven. Score the salt port, cutting through the pork but leaving the rind intact. Place about 1/2 pound salt pork in the pot. Add more beans and enough water to cover by 1/2 inch. Place the remaining 1/4 pound salt pork in the pot. Cover with the remaining beans. Add molasses, brown sugar, salt, and dry mustard. Cover with more water. Place the lid on the pot.

Bake in a 300° oven for at least 6 hours, adding water as needed. You may want to use a drip pan under the pot in the oven.

PEACH PLUM PIE — submitted by Barbara Brogan

Crust

- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup shortening
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup milk

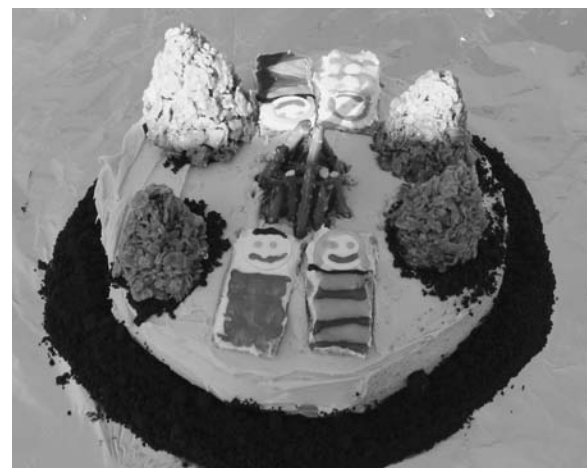
Filling

- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 cups peaches (fresh)
- 3 cups plums (fresh)
- Juice of one lemon (add a little zest)

Heat oven to 425°. Make crust: Mix flour and salt; cut in butter and shortening; mix in oil and milk (makes enough for 2 crusts).

Mix sugar, flour, and cinnamon in a large bowl. Stir in peaches and plums and lemon juice/zest. Put 1 tablespoon of butter over the top if desired.

Bake for 45 minutes or until the crust is golden brown and the juice begins to bubble. Cool for at least 2 hours.



"Camping Fun in Loudon"
was created by Emily and
Lauryn Masse and entered in
the Baking Contest at Old
Home Day.



"Sombrero Cake"
submitted in the
Baking Contest
by Payton Geerdes.

NEW YORK STYLE CHEESECAKE — submitted by Donna Dana

Crust

- 1 cup zwieback crumbs (18 pieces) or graham cracker crumbs (6 double crackers)
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1-1/2 tablespoons granulated sugar

Filling

- 5 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 large eggs
- 2 large egg yolks
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease bottom and sides of a 9-inch spring form pan.

To prepare crust, in small bowl, mix together crumbs, melted butter, and sugar. Press mixture evenly over prepared pan bottom. Bake crust until golden, 10 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

To prepare filling, in a large bowl, beat together cream cheese and sugar at a medium speed until creamy. Gradually beat in flour and vanilla. Add eggs and egg yolks, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add sour cream and beat until smooth. Pour mixture into crust. Bake for 25 minutes. Increase oven temperature to 500°. Bake until top is golden, about 4 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 200°. Bake for 30 minutes longer. Turn off oven; let cake stand in oven with door ajar for 30 minutes.

Transfer pan to a wire rack to cool slightly. While cake is still warm, gently run a knife around edge. When cool, carefully remove sides of pan. Chill for at least 2 hours. Remove from refrigerator 20 minutes before serving. Top with melted dark chocolate, fresh strawberries, and Belgian chocolate seashells.

Fresh from The Garden

The rest of this month's section is devoted to, "Fresh from the garden!" What a great combo — fresh vegetables and the grill!

Start by flavoring your skewers!

- 1 clean bottle
- 4 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon freshly ground pepper
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme
- Balsamic vinegar (1/4 cup for a small bottle, 1 cup for a large bottle)
- 2 packages of bamboo skewers
- Water to fill the bottle to cover skewers

Starting with the skewers — the longer the skewers, the taller the bottle you will need for marinating. First, wash your bottle well. I suggest the dishwasher or an

Boy Scout News



BOY SCOUTS TROOP 30. Front Row (L-R): Richie Bittle, Dylan Swain, David Vincello, David West, James Judd, Thomas Balint. Back Row (L-R): George Balint (Scout Master), Ian Crowell, Josh Williams, Andrew Judd, Austin Campbell, Gary West (Asst. Scout Master)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 30

Sponsored by the Loudon Police Association
Submitted by: George Balint, Scoutmaster

Boy Scout Troop 30 tackled Hidden Valley Boy Scout Camp the week of August 6–12. Many of the scouts participated in merit badges of first aid, camping, art, swimming, and emergency preparation. Four first-year camper awards were given out. It was a great week of fun and testing skills. Just ask any one of these guys — they will tell you what they liked best! ■

What's Cookin'? — cont. from page 10

unopened water bottle. Put the ingredients in the bottle in the order listed. Put the cap on the bottle and shake vigorously to combine and melt the salt. Let stand at room temperature for 1–2 hours before using. The marinade can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 4–6 weeks.

Now that you have begun to flavor your food from the inside out, use the same recipe for the skewers, omitting the water and half of the salt (using only 2 tablespoons as opposed to 4) and adding 1/4 cup honey and 1/4 cup olive oil, and your favorite fresh vegetables (zucchini, summer squash, cherry tomatoes, peppers, onions, mushrooms, etc.). Be sure to cut, or slice, the vegetables to an equal size in order to assure even cooking. When you are skewering the vegetables, be sure not to put the vegetables too close together, or too close to the ends of the skewers. Place the skewered vegetables in a shallow pan and pour the marinade over the top to cover. Let stand for 1/2–1 hour before cooking to your likeness on a medium heat grill.

Chicken, beef, pork, and shrimp are also great marinated and skewered. I suggest skewering the meat separately to ensure proper cooking time, but it can be marinated with the vegetables. If marinating meat with vegetables, do not re-use the marinade (unless you bring it to a boil first). If only vegetables are marinated, you can use the remaining marinade for dipping at meal time or for storing for 1–2 days in the refrigerator for flavoring more vegetables.

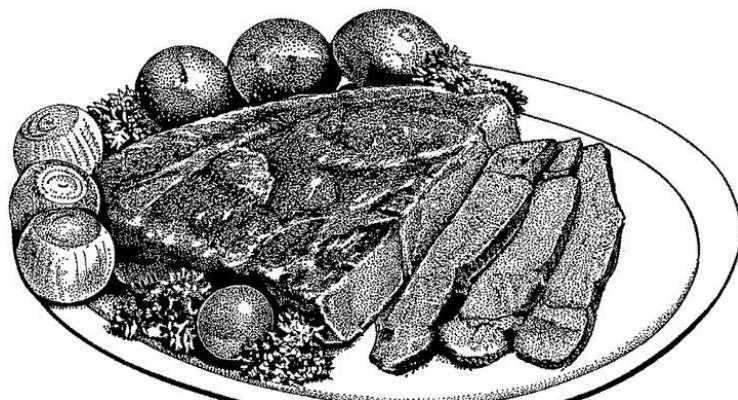
* Try substituting soy sauce for balsamic vinegar and adding 1 teaspoon sesame oil and 1 tablespoon sesame seeds for an Asian flare!

Next Month: It's the Great Pumpkin! Well, at least I think so, and I hope to hear from you to find out what pumpkin recipes you think are, "Great!" Email me at jtpfeifer@comcast.net, call at 783-8986, or send mail to 168 North Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307. ■

Troop 247 scouts are having their 2nd Annual Roast Beef Supper!!!

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Missing Loudon Old Home Day

By Emelia Campbell, Age 11, Grade 6, LES

I was so excited about Loudon Old Home Day. I spent Sunday, August 6th planning the costumes that my horse Dallas, a 21 year old Quarter Horse, and I would wear in the Loudon Old Home Day parade. The theme this year was "Let's Go Hollywood" and I had planned to enter Dallas as *Seabiscuit*.

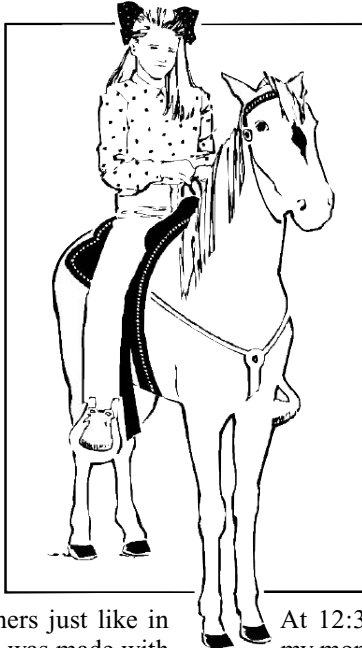
Our costumes would reflect the Santa Anita Handicap race. My mom was making a beautiful blanket filled with yellow daisies to drape over Dallas' withers just like in the movie. My costume was made with my riding show clothes using red electrical tape to create the designs and letters of Seabiscuit's rider, Red. Our costumes were great!

The week was going to go so slow in anticipation of Loudon Old Home Day that my aunt said that I could spend the week with her in Attleboro, MA where I lived last year. My Aunt Deb was going to bring me home Friday afternoon so that I would have time to groom Dallas for the big day. What I had planned though didn't exactly work out.

Wednesday night I got sick to my stomach. I vomited a lot and felt terrible. Thursday morning I wasn't sick anymore, but I couldn't stand up straight. The cramps in my stomach were so bad that I had to hold myself while hunched over. My Aunt Deb thought that maybe I had pulled a muscle or something while I was sick, but then Thursday evening I began a fever. My aunt called my mom and after they talked my aunt felt around my stomach. The pain on my right side where my aunt put pressure was unbearable. Aunt Deb called mom back and mom told her to take me to the emergency room.

I arrived at Sturdy Memorial Hospital at 8:30 p.m. that night. The nurse brought me to the triage area and asked me lots of questions like, had I fallen, do I take medications daily, how old was I and things like that. After triage I was brought to a tiny room in the emergency department. I was assigned a nurse named Catie. Catie's job was to put a needle in the vein on the top of my hand to give me more fluids because she knew that I wasn't able to eat or drink very much. Catie also took three vials of blood from my arm to help the doctor determine what was wrong with me.

Dr. Kalb came to talk to my aunt and me. He was pretty sure that I had



appendicitis, but needed to wait for the blood work to come back from the lab to be 100% sure. At 10 p.m. Dr. Kalb came to tell us that my blood work had come back and my white blood cell count was 14.7, very high. I had to have my appendix removed!

We quickly called my mom to let her know that she needed to make the drive to MA. While I waited for my mom the doctors and nurses were busy getting the operating room ready.

At 12:30 a.m., Friday morning my mom arrived with my big sister, Katelyn, little sister, Ada and my little brother, Reid. My older brother, Austin was away at boy scout camp in Gilmanton and my dad was at Fort Drum New York with the 1/172nd Field Artillery Unit doing his annual training with the National Guard.

Soon after my mom signed papers. Nurse Allan took me to the room where I would recover from anesthesia after my surgery. Here the nurse gave me socks to put on and I went to the bathroom for the last time before the doctor used the IV in my hand to put me to sleep so that I wouldn't feel my operation.

At 3 a.m. Dr. Kalb told my mom and Aunt Deb that I had done great. The operation was successful and my appendix was gone. At 4:30 a.m. I finally woke up in room 202 on the pediatric floor. Even though my appendix was gone I was sore. It hurt to move, talk and I still had a fever. Dr. Kalb said that I would have to stay in the hospital until Saturday afternoon. I was heartbroken that I would have to miss the Loudon Old Home Day parade.

I was Dr. Kalb's last patient. He was leaving Sturdy Memorial Hospital on Friday to return to Minnesota where he lived. He transferred my care to his partner, Dr. Bernstein. On Saturday, Dr. Bernstein made the decision for me to stay another day because of my fever. On Sunday I had plans to go to Bear Hill 4-H camp in Allenstown for the military kids camp for a week, but Dr. Bernstein said no.

I was finally able to leave the hospital on Sunday, August 13th at 3:30 p.m. I wish that Dallas and I had been able to be in the parade. We would have been GREAT! Maybe next year the Loudon Old Home Day theme could be, "Let's Go To The Movies." ■

Fun Activities for the Whole Family:

MAKE A SUMMER MEMORY COLLAGE

From *Prime Time Together with Kids* by Donna Erickson

You will need:

- An assortment of favorite summer souvenirs and "finds" (ticket stubs, postcards, travel brochures, maps, snapshots, etc.)
- 10" x 24" poster frame (available at discount stores, department stores, and photo shops)
- Construction paper or poster board cut to the size of the frame
- Glue or adhesive

Whether it's stashing away ticket stubs from the baseball game or unusual leaves found at a park, kids love collecting things. Here's an easy way to put those memories on display instead of letting them collect dust under the bed. Place the poster frame on a flat surface. Remove the glass or plastic and clips. Place construction paper or poster board on the frame backing. Arrange your souvenir items, fixing them to the paper with glue or adhesive. When complete, place glass over the collage and attach metal clips to hang. Hang the finished collage in your bedroom or on a family wall. Memories of summer will last far into the cold days of winter. And because the frame snaps apart, you can reuse it year after year, replacing old memories with new.

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with these recipes from *Healthy Snacks* by Susan Hodges

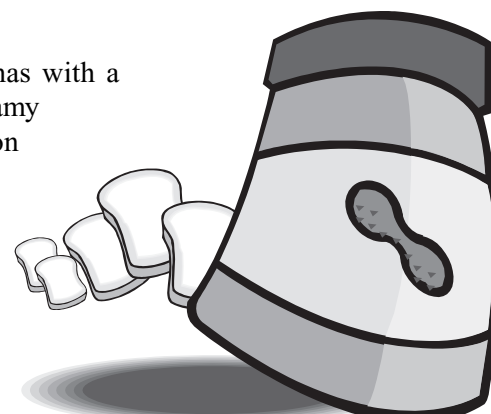
Sunshine Spread

Stir together 1/2 cup unsweetened orange-juice concentrate with 1/2 cup peanut butter. Spread on your bread, crackers, carrot sticks, pretzels, celery, etc.... experiment — it is fun!

Or try

Banana Butter

Mashing 3 small ripe bananas with a fork and mix with 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter. Add 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon shredded coconut and 1/2 cup raisins mixing well. Spread on different breads, fruits or vegetables for a fun treat. ■



ATTENTION KIDS OF LOUDON!

We are starting a kid's page for The Loudon Ledger and we want to hear from YOU! Do you write poetry, stories, draw, have a funny joke to tell, a favorite memory of Loudon? Type it up or write it down and send it to

The Loudon Ledger, PO Box 7871, Loudon, NH 03307
or email it to debbie@debbiekgraphics.com

Concord Hospital Announces Online Bill Management And Payment Portal

The Concord Hospital Web site, www.concordhospital.org, now offers patients real-time access to their billing information.

The Verus Patient Account Center (vPAC), an online patient accounts center, is a secure Web portal for patient transactions and information-including billing and payment. The new feature, that meets the standards of both Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Patient Friendly Billing® Project, is a convenient way to manage Concord Hospital bills, make payments, and communicate with Concord Hospital Patient Financial Services representatives.

"The online bill management and payment portal does more than simply automate the existing paper billing process," said Kevin Hunt, Concord Hospital patient financial services director. "It integrates with our existing billing system so patient billing is current, accurate and accessible."

Using the portal, patients can access their online bills 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the convenience of their home or office. You can choose to make payments by check, debit or credit card, set-up payment plans, view itemized bills and subscribe to receive e-mail alerts when charges are posted, insurance payments are made or incentive offers are expiring. Additionally, patients can print their bill, search a database of billing information and billing procedures and interact with Concord Hospital.

The portal is accessible via the "My Bill" icon on Concord Hospital's Web site at www.concordhospital.org. ■

Concord Hospital To Use State-Of-The-Art Computerized Provider Order Entry System (CPOE)

Concord Hospital is the first hospital in New Hampshire to begin two-year implementation of a computerized provider order entry (CPOE) system, a sophisticated information technology application that allows providers to enter medication, imaging and laboratory test orders directly into a computer.

By allowing physicians to electronically input medical orders for hospitalized patients, it will in turn give nurses, pharmacists and other essential clinical staff a secure accessible reference point to complete those orders. Translation errors due to poor penmanship or confusion about a specific drug or test being ordered can be greatly reduced by using CPOE. The state-of-the-art system also utilizes embedded decision support infrastructure to enhance a physician's clinical decision-making ability and is able to track every order for outcome evaluation that can later be reviewed by clinicians.

"Over a decade ago, Concord Hospital adopted a comprehensive and long-term approach for the use of information technology to enhance quality and efficiency," said Mike Green, president and CEO. "Physicians and hospital staff are presently using a variety of information technology applications including an electronic medical record system with a pharmacy system, a nursing documentation system and a provider portal that allows providers to access lab results and imaging exam results."

"CPOE is another example of our commitment to information technology to enhance our ability to care for our patients," Green added.

CPOE's order entry system uses embedded decision support based on proven scientific evidence and best clinical outcomes. With embedded decision support, CPOE can help a physician quickly identify a patient's drug allergies, alternative medications, dosing recommendations and possible side effects.

"Every patient is unique and needs to receive care accordingly, but scientific studies unequivocally demonstrate that use of evidence-based practice and reduction of variation in care both improves care and reduces costs," Green said. "However, the computer generated recommendations never take precedence over the clinical judgment of physicians, but rather provide information that can assist the thoughtful assessment of the needs of our patients."

CPOE will necessitate process change for physicians, nurses and pharmacists throughout Concord Hospital. For instance, today nurses rely upon paper orders that are "flagged" so they know from a visual cue what has been ordered for each of their patients. With CPOE, nurses will have to refer to a secure computer monitor that will provide cues needed to care for our patients.

"CPOE with embedded decision support will continue to accelerate Concord Hospital's vision in achieving an optimal healing environment for our patients," Green said. ■

Communications Council Wants YOU!

The Loudon Communications Council is in its eighth year and continues its mission to educate the residents of the town of Loudon. Through the years, the paper has continued to grow and expand its coverage of the happenings here in town. Organizations have gotten used to sending their announcements — and the Council is more than happy to publish the various items that are sent our way.

We would like to do more! And we'll need your help to do that. We'd like to publish more general interest articles such as business profiles (something we used to do), articles about Loudon's service men and women (something we also used to do!), and stories as told by some of our "seasoned" citizens.

If you have an interest in writing — or ideas for a story — please join us. We meet once a month and in between these meetings you'd have four weeks in which to write your story. If you need photography to accompany your article, it can be arranged.

Our next meeting is Monday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building in the Village. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us! ■



Quilts Donated to The Family Place

Darci Rubin, RN, Pediatric Nurse Clinician, The Family Place at Concord Hospital, seated right, accepts 12 quilts donated by Ellen Ahlgren, founder of ABC Quilts. While in operation, over 600,000 quilts have been made and donated by adults and children through ABC Quilts, to hospitalized infants including those born with HIV/AIDS virus. If you have a quilt you would like to donate please contact Project Linus, a volunteer not for profit organization. For more information, visit their Web site at www.projectlinus.org. Quilts may also be donated directly to pediatric patients at Concord Hospital by contacting Volunteer Services at (603) 227-7000, ext. 3660. ■



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TO YOUR HEALTH

By Tricia Ingraham, BS

September is National Food Safety Education Month

What Is Foodborne Illness?

Foodborne illness often presents itself, as flu-like symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or fever, so many people may not recognize the illness is caused by bacteria or other pathogens in food.

Thousands of types of bacteria are naturally present in our environment. Not all bacteria cause disease in humans. For example, some bacteria are used beneficially in making cheese and yogurt.

Bacteria that cause disease are called pathogens. When certain pathogens enter the food supply, they can cause foodborne illness. Millions of cases of foodborne illness occur each year. Most cases of foodborne illness can be prevented. Proper cooking or processing of food destroys bacteria.

Age and physical condition place some persons at higher risk than others, no matter what type of bacteria is implicated. Very young children, pregnant women, the elderly, and people with compromised immune systems are at greatest risk from any pathogen. Some persons may become ill after ingesting only a few harmful bacteria; others may remain symptom free after ingesting thousands.

Four Simple Steps to Food Safety

1. Clean: Wash hands and surfaces often

Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen and get onto cutting boards, utensils, sponges and counter tops.

- Wash your hands with hot soapy water before handling food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers and handling pets.
- Wash your cutting boards, dishes, utensils and counter tops with hot soapy water after preparing each food item and before you go on to the next food.
- Use plastic or other non-porous cutting boards. These boards should be run through the dishwasher—or washed in hot soapy water—after use.
- Consider using paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces. If you use cloth towels, wash them often in the hot cycle of your washing machine.

2. Separate: Don't cross-contaminate

Cross-contamination is the scientific word for how bacteria can be spread from one food product to another. This is especially true when handling raw meat, poultry and seafood, so keep these foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods.

- Separate raw meat, poultry and seafood from other foods in your grocery shopping cart and in your refrigerator.
- If possible, use a different cutting board for raw meat products.
- Always wash hands, cutting boards, dishes and utensils with hot soapy water after they come in contact with raw meat, poultry and seafood.
- Never place cooked food on a plate, which previously held raw meat, poultry or seafood.

3. Cook: Cook to proper temperatures

Food safety experts agree that foods are properly cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause foodborne illness.

Use a clean thermometer, which measures the internal temperature of cooked foods, to make sure

meat, poultry, casseroles and other foods are cooked all the way through.

- Cook roasts and steaks to at least 145°F. Whole poultry should be cooked to 180°F for doneness.
- Cook ground beef, where bacteria can spread during processing, to at least 160°F. Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) link eating undercooked, pink ground beef with a higher risk of illness. If a thermometer is not available, do not eat ground beef that is still pink inside.
- Cook eggs until the yolk and white are firm. Don't use recipes in which eggs remain raw or only partially cooked.
- Fish should be opaque and flake easily with a fork.
- When cooking in a microwave oven, make sure there are no cold spots in food where bacteria can survive. For best results, cover food, stir and rotate for even cooking. If there is no turntable, rotate the dish by hand once or twice during cooking.
- Bring sauces, soups and gravy to a boil when reheating. Heat other leftovers thoroughly to 165°F.

4. Chill: Refrigerate promptly

Refrigerate foods quickly because cold temperatures keep harmful bacteria from growing and multi-

plying. So, set your refrigerator no higher than 40°F and the freezer unit at 0°F. Checking these temperatures occasionally with an appliance thermometer.

Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food and leftovers within two hours.

- Never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw food in the refrigerator, under cold running water or in the microwave. Marinate foods in the refrigerator.
- Divide large amounts of leftovers into small, shallow containers for quick cooling in the refrigerator.
- Don't pack the refrigerator. Cool air must circulate to keep food safe.

LEFTOVERS

How long can you safely store leftovers and luncheon meat?

Refrigerator storage at 40 °F or below

- Cooked meat or poultry 3-4 days
- Leftover Pizza 3-4 days
- Luncheon meats 3-5 days
- Egg, tuna, and macaroni salads 3-5 days

Remember the 2-Hour Rule

Discard all perishable foods such as meat, poultry, eggs, and casseroles, left at room temperature longer than 2 hours. 1 hour in air temperatures above 90 °F.

Keeping Your Child's School Lunch Safe

By Tricia Ingraham, BS



When you were growing up, you probably used one of those metal lunch boxes that sat in your classroom for hours before the lunch bell rang.

Today, we know that leaving perishable food at room temperature is downright dangerous. There are more known foodborne pathogens, or germs, than ever before, and there is plenty of blame to go around:

- Unprecedented volumes of fruits and vegetables are being imported from Central America and South America, where it is more difficult for U.S. officials to monitor food-handling protocols.
- Low levels of antibiotics are being fed to chickens, cattle and other farm animals. While this practice promotes rapid growth and animal health, many scientists believe it has also given rise to antibiotic-resistant strains of foodborne bacteria.
- Another reason to be concerned about foodborne diseases is the centralized, factory-like conditions that produce much of the country's food supply. One contaminated batch of food can be shipped to hundreds of cities throughout the country.

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Temperature control

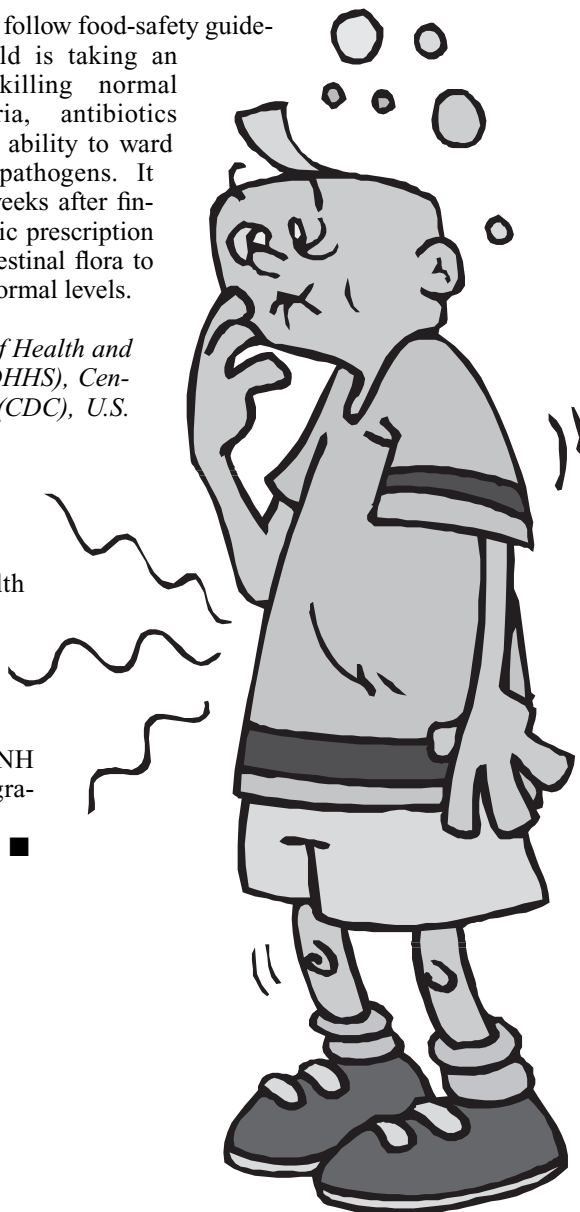
When it comes to packing a safe school lunch and keeping it safe until lunchtime, temperature control is key. Pathogens like to grow in the temperature “danger zone” between 40 degrees F and 140 degrees F.

Here are some tips that can reduce the risk that your child will consume a disease-causing dose of foodborne pathogens at lunch:

- Use an insulated lunch box or bag. Many of these insulated boxes contain a pouch for an ice pack.
- At least once a week, wipe the interior of the lunch box with a paper towel dampened with a weak solution of bleach and water (1 teaspoon of bleach per gallon of water).
- Include an ice pack in the lunch bag. Or freeze a juice box and use it as an ice pack. (It should be defrosted by lunchtime.)
- Make sandwiches from cold ingredients. This means keeping your loaves of bread in the freezer and refrigerating your cans of tuna before making tuna sandwiches. If a germ finds its way onto your child's sandwich, it will have a harder time multiplying if the food is already cold.
- Scrub all fruit and vegetables with a vegetable brush under running water. This rule applies to bananas and other fruits that have an inedible peel, and to bagged “pre-washed” vegetables such as baby carrots. After scrubbing, wrap the fruit or vegetables in plastic or a paper towel before placing in the lunch box.
- Wrap loose chips, cookies and crackers in plastic or foil.
- Instruct your child to wash his or her hands with warm water and soap before lunch and to refrain from touching doorknobs, friends' hands, shoelaces, chewing gum wads under the desk and other potentially contaminated surfaces before sitting down to eat.
- Give your child pasteurized juice. Many foodborne illness outbreaks have been traced to unpasteurized juices and apple cider.
- Instruct your child to throw out any leftover food.
- Admonish your child from sharing food with other children.
- Be extra careful to follow food-safety guidelines if your child is taking an antibiotic. By killing normal intestinal bacteria, antibiotics reduce the body's ability to ward off foodborne pathogens. It takes about two weeks after finishing the antibiotic prescription for the natural intestinal flora to build back up to normal levels.

Sources: Department of Health and Human Services of NH (DHHS), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA).

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. ■



REAL ESTATE TIPS:

Hassle-Free Home Buying

By Jack Prendiville, Century 21 Thompson Real Estate

Perhaps you'd like to take advantage of today's great buyer's market in housing but feel a little intimidated by everything that's involved.

You know the routine: finding the right locale and the right house; negotiating an agreement; putting together a down payment; and selecting the best mortgage available.

There are two things you can do to make every step run smoothly. The first is to select a really professional agent who knows the real estate business, knows your local market, has both a solid reputation for integrity and a solid record of success, and clearly is eager to respond to your needs.

The second is to make your agent your *teammate* in the literal sense of the word, using teamwork to be sure that the house you ultimately buy is the house you've always wanted.

Making your agent your teammate requires choosing an agent you feel able to trust both as a person and as a professional. And that's no small matter. In real estate, as in all areas of business — as in all aspects of life, actually — trust can make all the difference in the world.

True teamwork is nearly impossible to achieve unless you stick with one agent throughout the buying process. By all means you should shop around — and shop around carefully — when you're still deciding which agent to work with. Once you've made that decision, however, don't reverse it unless (and this rarely happens to people who are careful in the first place) something specific happens to make it clear that your choice was unwise.

Teammate status is all the motivation a first-rate agent needs to go all-out in finding houses that suit your needs. And if you're concerned about what it is you're looking for and how much house you think you can afford, your agent can save you huge amounts of time and effort.

If you're not sure how much you can afford, be candid with your agent about that, too. He or she can provide you with some helpful preliminary guidelines and can put you in touch with mortgage lenders who know how to get you focused on an appropriate price range.

It's always a good idea, as you look at listed homes, to give your agent a lot of feedback on what you've seen. Good feedback will refine and sharpen the agent's understanding of your likes and dislikes, which in turn will make it easier to find the house of your dreams.

The ultimate payoff, once again, is that you get to your goal more quickly, expending less time and less effort along the way.

Anyone who has ever done it this way will assure you of one thing: it pays off. ■



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Girl Scouts Old Home Day Parade Float

By Michele Holbrook, Parade Float Committee Chairperson

The Girl Scouts of Loudon had a parade float this year instead of just marching in the Old Home Day Parade. Some wonderful and dedicated committee members: Gina Bertheim, Darlene Conte, Samantha French, Michele Holbrook, Amanda Masse, and Michele

Paquette decided it was high time the scouts joined the parade float fun and set out to make it happen. Together, armed with ideas from Girl Scouts of all ages, they went to work designing and planning the "Let's Go Hollywood" theme for this year's parade. After many

meetings and an adult preparation/cutting day the committee organized two separate days of production for the girls. The first, Sunday, August 6th at the Recreation Field you could see quite a number of helpful, eager girl scouts and their parents skillfully mastering the art of tissue paper flowers and painting stars, stars, and yes more stars because, as you well know, there are never enough stars in Hollywood. The second, Friday, August 11th, was assembly day. All hearts were pounding in anticipation of the big event. Would we win the coveted Oscar? Oh wait, that's right, we weren't at Kodiak Theater in Hollywood, CA. My mistake. It just looked like we were with all the glitz and glamour one would see on the red carpet.

The day of the parade came and we could not have asked for better weather. Our float was filled to the brim with beautiful starlets, a director and camera crew, and we even had our own security people. The only thing we were missing was Joan Rivers. She apparently had a previous commitment. Oh well, her loss. Many onlookers were in awe of

our majestic "Hollywood" hill. You certainly couldn't miss that famous landmark as we made our way down the parade route. Our float came in second place for the civic organization category, but in my mind we were the stars of the show if only for one day.

I would personally like to thank everyone who made this all possible. The Girls Scouts of Loudon, their parents, the parade float committee members and their families, the Old Home Day Association and all of our wonderful sponsors (*no specific order*): Pleasant View Gardens, Dana & Paula Cabana, Concord Wal-Mart, Shaw's (Loudon Road), Letty & Al Barton, Alan Rattee, Country Homes, Phil Paquette Construction, Blimpie, the Bertheim family, Jason Masse & family, David Holbrook & family, and Entertainment Cinemas. It was an honor just to be nominated. Oh wait, that's right. We still aren't in Hollywood, CA. Well then, we will see you all next year and eagerly await with anticipation the 2007 Old Home Day Parade theme. ■



Pre-parade production looks like an assembly line as Girl Scouts gather to build their prize-winner float before the 2006 Old Home Day Parade.

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Above and below: Views of the second-place float created by the Girl Scouts.



Public Health Network Awarded Grant Money

The Capital Area Public Health Network (CAPHN), a collaboration of 23 communities and 15 health and human service agencies, was awarded an \$81,502 grant from the state's Department of Health and Human Services to help establish regional emergency plans in the event of an avian flu pandemic.

The CAPHN, a collaborative partnership formed to identify and solve community health problems and improve local public health emergency preparedness, includes representatives from local police, fire, government and social service agencies in the capital region including Allenstown, Barnstead, Boscawen, Bow, Bradford, Canterbury, Chichester, Concord, Deering, Dunbarton, Epsom, Henniker, Hillsborough, Hopkinton, Loudon, Northwood, Pembroke, Pittsfield, Warner, Washington, Weare, Webster and Windsor. Concord Hospital provides coordination, operational support and acts as fiscal agent for the CAPHN.

CAPHN has been working on creating a regional emergency plan since December 2005. To date, the network has worked on building a mass-dispensing plan including links to important agencies and facilities that serve special populations. Additionally, volunteer recruitment and training is under way.

With the award money, the CAPHN must continue developing the emergency plan based on recommendations made by the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Safety. The plan, which also must be accepted by the Department of Health and Human Services, will include provisions for:

- Identification of special populations within the region and a plan to involve all special populations in planning and exercising efforts;
- Continuity of governmental operations within each city and town;
- Recruitment of volunteers and others to assist public health and safety responders and to help ensure community awareness of state and local efforts;
- Education and training of direct care workers, volunteers and other identified in the plan as well as the business community;
- A mass vaccination plan;
- Risk communications and public education plans including communication plans that are directly linked to the statewide communication strategy to provide for continuity;

Each community will receive money to assist in the planning efforts and to help get pertinent information to its residents. For more information, contact Wendy Dumais, CAPHN Coordinator at (603) 230-6162 or e-mail wdumais@crhc.org.

The Capital Area Public Health Network (CAPHN) is a collaborative of 23 communities and 15 health and human service agencies in the Capital Region. The mission of the CAPHN is to identify and solve community health problems and improve local public health emergency preparedness by mobilizing a community partnership. The CAPHN is funded through a contract from the state Department of Health and Human Services. ■

Free Screening For Peripheral Vascular Disease

Concord Hospital is providing free screenings for people at risk for peripheral vascular disease on September 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the cardiovascular department. The free screenings are offered in collaboration with Legs for Life, a national screening program for a disease that affects an estimated 8-12 million people in the United States.

Many people are unaware they have peripheral vascular disease - the most common being peripheral arterial disease (PAD) and in its early stages, there may be no symptoms. One common warning sign is leg pain caused by arteriosclerosis (clogged blood vessels). Arteriosclerosis is the leading cause of death in the U.S. and the primary cause of heart attack, stroke and abdominal aortic aneurysm. Other symptoms of peripheral vascular disease may include swelling or numbness in the leg, or skin discoloration.

Those at highest risk for PAD include individuals age 50 and over who have a family history of cardiovascular disease and/or have diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or are smokers, and people who are overweight and/or lead an inactive lifestyle.

Screenings will also be held to detect those at-risk for peripheral venous disease and abdominal aortic aneurysms. Peripheral venous disease occurs when there is a vein blockage because of a blood clot - most commonly found in a person's arms or legs. The abdominal aorta supplies blood to a person's abdomen, pelvis and legs. If a blood vessel becomes abnormally large, a rupture may occur causing an aneurysm.

Registration is required and space is limited. Contact the Concord Hospital cardiovascular department at (603) 227-7003 to register. Upon arrival, park in Lots A or B and enter the hospital through the main entrance. This examination is performed solely for screening purposes and is not within the Essential and Standards adopted by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories. ■

"Family Fun Ride" With First Lady, Dr. Susan Lynch On September 16

Bicyclists of all ages and ability levels are invited to join First Lady, Dr. Susan Lynch and professional cyclist and cancer survivor, Brian King, on Saturday, September 16 to help raise money for patients at Concord Hospital's Payson Center for Cancer Care.

The finale of the "Pedaling for Pennies" campaign, which began on April 15, offers two bicycle rides as ways to help patients of the Payson Center for Cancer Care. The first opportunity is a 50-mile bicycle ride that circles through Concord and surrounding towns beginning at 9 a.m. The second opportunity is a three-mile "Family Fun Ride" through Concord beginning at 1 p.m. Both rides start and finish at Rollins Park in Concord.

A minimum contribution of \$5 for the "Family Fun Ride" and a minimum contribution of \$100 for the 50-mile ride are requested. All funds raised will benefit the Gene Gills Fund, which provides support for out-of-pocket expenses such as transportation costs, funds for needed nutritional supplements and other items that enhance the quality of life for people with cancer.

To learn more about how to participate in "Pedaling for Pennies" or the "Family Fun Ride" visit www.concordhospital.org or call the Concord Hospital Office of Philanthropy at (603) 225-2711, ext. 3076. ■

Boating Education Class Schedule

The Department 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 and 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)

09/02/06	9:00-4:30	Winnisquam Marina, Winnisquam
09/16/06	9:00-4:30	Ossipee Town Hall Bldg., Ossipee

TWO-DAY SESSION (weeknights)

09/11/06 and 09/13/06	6:00-9:30	Bedford Police Department, Bedford
09/11/06 and 09/13/06	6:00-9:30	Merrimack Town Hall, Merrimack
09/19/06 and 09/21/06	6:00-9:30	Berlin NHCTC, Berlin
09/25/06 and 09/27/06	6:00-9:30	Running Brook Middle School, Derry

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The American Legion Post 88 Loudon

By Charles Bourbeau, Post 88 Historian

The Loudon Old Home Day has come and gone, and summer is on the downhill slide. The Legion had a great turn out for breakfast and bingo. We would like to thank all that participated and hope that everyone enjoyed themselves. These two events could not have happened without the following volunteers: Larry, Harold, Buster, Bernie, Fred, Ben, the two Jim's, the members of the Auxiliary, and anyone else I forgot to mention. Thank you!

The L.O.H.D. committee did a great job of organizing and making this event happen. The workers in the Legion don't usually get to enjoy much of the events, but this year with Alicia's School of Dance performing on stage, we thoroughly enjoyed the performance along with everyone else who packed into the hall. The kids were terrific!

The fireworks are the best around, and by all of the people on the grounds and along the roads, we have built ourselves quite a reputation.

A lot happens on Sunday, the day after, the committee is not done yet. They call it "cleanup day." Everyone who helped did a wonderful job. Last, but not least, Roger and Irene Dow put on a much appreciated breakfast for the cleanup crew. Thank you to everyone.

POST NEWS AND UPDATES

- We lost one of our members this month. Ward Lewis, whom will surely be missed, and our thoughts go out to his family.
- Membership fees are now due. Anyone interested in becoming a member or transferring membership, please call Fred 224-0172.
- All of the previously collected flags have been properly disposed of. If you still have an old flag,

please feel free to put it in the Legion's drop off box.

- A variety of hospital equipment is available to anyone in need. With word getting out for this service, we are now loaning out more equipment than ever.
- World War II Vets. V-J Day. September 2nd.

- School is open now. Let us all protect our young ones by driving safely.
- Don't forget our military personnel, past and present.
- Legion meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Guests are welcome.

- Bingo is on every Tuesday night starting at 6:00 p.m. Come check us out. We need your support.

THE MORE WE GROW, THE MORE WE CAN ACCOMPLISH. ■

Thank you,
The Legion Membership

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Bob Ordway Planning Board member, and David Powellson, ZBA Chairman.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, June 27, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit.

Bob Fiske discussed the Hawker and Peddler's application for Speedway Convenience Store. He stated the application is the same as last year. Discussion ensued regarding the paperwork not being in on time. Chairman Bowles said he felt a letter should be forwarded to the applicant advising them they need to submit all their paperwork in a timely fashion. The Board agreed the cutoff date to submit a Hawker and Peddler's application for the NEXTEL race events will be the second Tuesday in June from this year forward.

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

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

Chief Fiske presented three pistol permits for signature and approval. Chairman Bowles stated for the record three pistol permits were signed.

The Board received a memo from Chief Fiske regarding an increase in Special Events pay for Janice Morin. Chief Fiske stated he did not feel an increase would be an issue as the billing would be the same amount as the Special Events Police Officer. Discussion ensued regarding responsibilities. Chairman Bowles said he did not feel comfortable having this come in a few days before the event. He said he would have liked to have gotten it a few months ago. Chairman Bowles said it is not that he feels an increase is not deserved; it is that it comes at the last minute. Chief Fiske said this is not the first time this has been submitted. The Board said they would consider an increase later, just not right before the race. They wanted time to look into it. Roy Merrill asked if the Board would support the request if Bob Bahre gave his approval. The Board said not right now. They want more time to think about it. Selectman Ives said that once the Fire Department finds out about this it will cause a domino effect.

Chairman Bowles said that the Board would have to deal with that if it occurred, but for now he felt they should just deal with this issue. Chief Fiske said he would have no problem with going to Mr. Bahre for his approval; however, he does not feel that is all there is to it. Chairman Bowles said he did not want Bob Bahre to find out about this in the *Ledger*, or by someone in Town that might not understand the number of work hours or responsibility involved with that position. Chairman Bowles said he would be more willing to see a smaller increase, but agreed that Ms. Morin has many responsibilities. Chief Fiske asked if the Board had a problem with him going to Bob Bahre and discussing this issue with him. He said he would come back to the Selectmen later with the results of the conversation. The Board said they had no problem with it.

Chief Fiske provided the Board with copies of the grant audit report.

Chief Fiske advised the Board the septic tank at the Police Station has been pumped.

The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Deputy Chief Wright discussed the Concord Rescue Truck. He stated the paperwork is being drawn up and he believes Chief Burr has offered \$100.00 for the truck. Deputy Chief Wright will keep the Board informed.

Deputy Chief Wright advised the Board that fire personnel would be stationed at the racetrack beginning on Thursday.

Chairman Bowles said he had gotten an update from the Highway Crew.

The culvert on Shaker Road has been replaced and the swamp is draining. He stated they are going to have to call Mr. Paradise to trap the beavers, as they are becoming more than a nuisance.

The Highway Crew are working on relining the ditch on Beck Road, and resigning Chichester Road with "Road Closed," "Bridge Out," and "Detour" signs as people are ignoring the signs currently in place.

The Board met with Emergency Director Sigrid Little.

Chairman Bowles discussed the Emergency Management meeting that was held on Friday, July 7, 2006. He stated he felt things went well and discussed the importance of updating the Emergency Operations Plan. Mrs. Little discussed a meeting she had with the NHIS regarding the role Emergency Management plays at the track. Mrs. Little stated she has advised Chief Burr and Chief Fiske that if Emergency Management can be of assistance to their departments they are more than happy to help.

Mrs. Little stated she had spoken with the 12th Civil Support Team of the NH National Guard and they want to sit down and discuss what supports they can give to the Town in an emergency.

Chief Fiske said the State of NH Office of Emergency Management Director will be placing a trailer at NHIS and will be on site during the race events. Chief Fiske went on to say that if there was an emergency event, the State OEM Director is the person who would be making the call on emergency services and resources that are available. Selectman Maxfield asked about the DOT Traffic Control meetings. Chief Fiske said that he had been questioning if the roads could be closed down on Friday or Saturday like they do on Sunday if there was an emergency event. He said he has finally gotten the answer that the State feels they can reroute or shut the roads down within 1-1 1/4 hours. Chief Fiske said that other than the discussion of an emergency rerouting or shutdown, all other traffic plans have stayed the same as last year. The Board commended all the departments involved in the race event for their hard work.

The Board met with Tony Merullo regarding the subdivision bond for Creek Water Lane.

Mr. Merullo stated he has deposited \$153,000.00 with TD Banknorth and provided a collateral account transfer agreement. He stated that if the Board agrees to sign the agreement no money can be withdrawn from that account without the Board's authorization. Mr. Merullo went on to say that, it is a Money Market Account and within that account, there are a couple of CD's that need to be setup. He went on to say that the account is actually in his sister Denyse Merullo's name as she is the landowner. Discussion ensued regarding how the bank knows no money can be withdrawn from the account without the Board's authorization. Mr. Merullo said by signing the collateral account transfer agreement. Chairman Bowles said that it was his understanding that typically all the money that is put in an account for a bond remains in the account until the work is completed or time is up on the bond. Mr. Merullo stated that with the Money Market Account all the money is tied to the same account and the Money Market Account controls the CD. Chairman Bowles asked what happens with the CD in six months and nine months when they come due. Mr. Merullo said it goes back into the Money Market Account. He said that Darin H. from Primevest through TD Banknorth is available to answer any

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for the
October issue
of "The Loudon
Ledger" is
Friday,
September 15.**

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questions the Board may have. Mr. Merullo stated the Town would receive a monthly statement for their review. Discussion ensued regarding the sale of land and when that sale goes through there will be a request to put \$83,000.00 into a nine month CD and the remaining \$12,000.00 into the Money Market Account to give a total amount of \$248,000.00. The Board thanked Mr. Merullo for coming in.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the final June 30, 2006 weekly expenditure report.

The Board received the revised plan for Deedee Maratea's driveway. Chairman Bowles stated he had spoken with Engineer Tony Puntin regarding the changes to the driveway plan and Mr. Puntin still has concerns regarding the plan. Discussion ensued regarding concerns for the plan as well as issues with the embankment. Chairman Bowles discussed forwarding a letter requesting a guarantee the work will be done as well as questioning if the bond in place is enough to cover work. Discussion ensued regarding engineering fees. The Board discussed obtaining a guarantee from Ms. Maratea that she would follow the plan exactly, to include riprap, paving, and be responsible for any erosion that occurs down Berry Road.

The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

Mrs. McNeil provided the Board with copies of the properties for tax deeding on August 4, 2006. Mrs. McNeil asked that the Board review the list and give her their decisions on August 2, 2006. Mrs. McNeil will provide the Board with an updated listing on August 2.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board reviewed a copy of a letter sent to Deedee Maratea by DES regarding a wetlands complaint.

The Board received a copy of a disallow letter from DRA regarding a vote at the 2006 Town Meeting. The Board met with DRA last week regarding the emergency spending for the flood damage. Chairman Bowles read the letter into the record as follows "it was discovered that warrant article 9 voted upon in March 2006, must be disallowed. The original article as presented on the warrant was to raise and appropriate \$250,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance to acquire land for the future construction of town offices. At the town meeting however, an amendment was introduced to raise and appropriate \$250,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance for the construction of a town office building with said funds to be placed in the capital reserve fund for Town Office Building. Per RSA 39:2 the subject matter of all business to be acted upon at the town meeting shall be distinctly stated in the warrant, and nothing done at any meeting... shall be valid unless the subject thereof is so stated. The stated purpose was to acquire land for the future construction of town offices, not to place the funds into a capital reserve fund for Town Office Buildings. As a result of this discovery, the \$250,000.00 raised and appropriated from the unreserved fund balance is disallowed and will remain in the unreserved fund balance. Your total appropriations raised for tax year 2006 is now \$4,984,939.00. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you and also for the lateness of the discovery." Chairman Bowles stated DRA was very glad that the Selectmen requested the meeting as not very many other towns had done so.

The Board received copies of a letter from Robin Robinson regarding Moore and Mount Hope cemeteries not being mowed. Chairman Bowles stated those cemeteries are not ones that the Town is in charge of mowing and they are handled differently than the other cemeteries. Selectman Maxfield said Wilbur Maxfield had contacted him regarding the same thing. The letter has

been forwarded to Bob Ordway and he was aware that the mowing was not done. Selectman Ives stated he would be getting a hold of the contractor in charge of the Town's cemeteries to trim the cemetery near the Town Office.

The Board received copies of the \$1,000.00 administrative grant for NH Volunteer to pay Terri Barton for her work which she submitted an invoice for \$800.00.

The Board received correspondence from The Local Government Center for the most recent payment to Fifield Restoration.

The Board received the Septage Lagoon permit renewal from DES through to July 10, 2016. Discussion ensued regarding needing to move forward on finding an alternative plan for the future.

The Board received a notice of surcharge tipping fees from DES for septage received by the Franklin facility.

The Board received the July 20, 2006 Planning Board agenda.

The Board received discretionary easement samples from Assessor Dave Wiley. The Board will review these samples and make a decision at a later date.

The Board received a copy of a note from Tom Early of Lower Ridge Road that the Tax Collector received with his tax payment.

The Board received three Scholarship thank you notes.

Selectman Ives moved to appoint Patrick Kiley as Deputy Treasurer with a term to expire March 11, 2008. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Maxfield moved to award a proposal to the H.L. Turner Group, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services Mill Pond Dam and North Village Road Abutment Repair Project in the total amount of \$170,600.00. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Selectman Maxfield stated John Lavigne on the Turner Group hopes that this project will come in under budget. He stated there is approximately \$11,000.00 budget for the Turner Group in addition to the

\$170,000.00 budgeted for the project. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield moved to amend the previous motion to allow the Chairman sign the proposal. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles stated he had been in contact with The Louis Berger Group regarding bridge update for Chichester Road and Cross Brook Road. He said he has requested that every Tuesday afternoon the Board receive an e-mail from Jason Gallant of The Louis Berger Group with the bridge update. Chairman Bowles stated Chichester Road project is close to going out to bid; they are waiting for a revised survey. Cross Brook Road needs easements to cross the four abutting properties in order to work on the culvert when they are ready to replace it. Chairman Bowles stated the Town was able to bypass boring as Wayne Thistle provided the Town with his reports of borings that had taken place when the road was constructed. He stated this saved the Town a lot of money. Chairman Bowles said Cross Brook Road is approximately 1-1/2 weeks behind Chichester Road in the permitting process but once they submit the survey they feel it will be ahead of Chichester Road. Chairman Bowles stated he know it is frustrating but with a little patience it will all be worked out. Chairman Bowles discussed the application for preliminary estimate on bridge aid for Chichester Road.

Raymond Cummings discussed the bond for the Merullo subdivision on Creek Water Lane. Discussion ensued regarding money being insured at the bank.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, July 18, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice and Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 11, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the Highway Crew would be working on cleanup on Cross Brook Road next week.

Mr. Rice advised the Board he needed to get the catch basins in Town cleaned out.

Mr. Rice discussed mowing in Town. He stated Alan Minery is available if needed. Discussion ensued. Mr. Rice will check with Mr. Minery regarding his hourly rate.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that the FEMA Agent he had been working with is no longer working in this area and he has not heard anything regarding who has been assigned to take over.

Discussion ensued regarding what the cleanup of Cross Brook entails. Chairman Bowles stated having the footings removed and having the area cleaned up is part of the bid specs.

Selectman Maxfield discussed the issue of Mr. Rice's compensation and annual

leave time that has built up. Due to the many projects Mr. Rice is involved in it will be difficult for him to take the amount of time off to lower the accrued time on the books. Selectman Maxfield suggested paying Mr. Rice the hours he has accrued for compensation time. The Board agreed and advised Mrs. Lee to take the necessary steps to pay Mr. Rice the comp time that has accrued. Discussion ensued regarding having Mr. Rice take one or two hours off during the week if needed to keep from accruing an abundance of comp time in the future.

Chairman Bowles discussed the bid information that Jason Gallant of The Louis Berger Group was supposed to be e-mailing the Board for the meeting. He stated he would like Mr. Rice to attend the meeting the Board is planning to have with the Engineers. Chairman Bowles also discussed the possibility of a meeting with the residents of Cross Brook Road and Chichester Road regarding the status of the bridge projects.

The Board met with Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

Mrs. Little stated that she had identification badges made up for Emergency Management personnel. She advised the Board that she had been at the racetrack from Thursday to Saturday getting ideas on what issues might need to be addressed and talking with the Police and Fire Chief regarding what assistance Emergency Management could provide. Mrs. Little stated that communication appears to be the biggest issue

to work on at this point. Mrs. Little said she spent Sunday at the Loudon Fire Department in case there were any issues that arose. The Board thanked Mrs. Little for her efforts and the efforts of the people working with her.

Selectman Maxfield stated that Raymond Cummings had discussed the request to encumber money for the Loudon Communication Council and the Board had not responded to the request. Chairman Bowles stated he felt the Communications Council should be able to stay within their budget and he is not in favor of encumbering the money. The Board agreed unanimously to not approve the encumbrance.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received copies of Canterbury Planning Board minutes regarding a proposed Manufactured Housing Park on Route 106 south of Rocky Pond due to regional impact.

The Board received copies of invoices from The Louis Berger Group for work performed on the Chichester Road Bridge project. The Board agreed to pay this invoice from the Clough Pond Road project.

The Board received a copy of the Fire Department billing to NHIS for the Nextel Cup race for approval.

The Board received an invitation to attend a Volunteers of America meeting on Thursday morning, 10:00 AM at the Community Building.

The Board received a letter from Deedee Maratea regarding her intentions of the drainage installation for her driveway. The letter states that the recommendations from the Engineer will be included, the plan will be followed, the construction will be complete by September 1, 2006, and the bond will stay in place.

The Board received the copy of an agreement between Deedee Maratea and Sean and Laura Ford regarding Ms. Maratea's encroachment on the Ford's property. Chairman Bowles stated Ms. Maratea is waiting for the release of the Certificate of Occupancy. Selectman Ives asked if the Town should have Town Counsel review the documents. Discussion ensued. The Board advised Mrs. Lee to forward a letter to Compliance Officer Bob Fiske advising him that the Board has the requested documentation and agrees that the Certificate of Occupancy can be released.

The Board received a letter from Bob Barry regarding his retirement from Department of Transportation. Chairman Bowles stated the Town would miss Mr. Barry's expertise and guidance that he has given especially during the past few months with the bridge projects.

The Board received a memo from the Office of Emergency Management regarding Federal Assistance and Flood Insurance.

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Chairman Bowles opened the Public Hearing for the All Hazard Grant money in excess of \$5,000.00.

Chairman Bowles advised the public that Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little had filed and was granted a \$6,000.00 grant to update the Town of Loudon Emergency Operations Plan. Jane Hubbard of Hubbard's Consulting, LLC. will be working on the plan update. Chairman Bowles stated the purpose of the public hearing is to advise the public the grant funds have been received and the EOP is being updated. Chairman Bowles read the public notice for those present.

Selectman Maxfield moved to accept the grant from the State of NH for the purpose of Local All Hazard Planning in the amount of \$6,000.00. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to enter into the contract with Hubbard Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the purpose of updating the Town of Loudon Emergency Operation Plan. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles closed the Public Hearing.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received NHMA Legislative Policy information material.

The Board received two Scholarship thank you notes.

The Board received a letter from Treasurer Melanie Kiley regarding the Denyse Merullo bond. Selectman Ives stated he had spoken with Bobby-Joe at TD Banknorth regarding questions he had relative to the insurance on the money in the Money Market Account, which is through the SIPC. This insurance is for Brokerage Firms and therefore does not fall under the \$100,000.00 limit. Selectman Ives also confirmed that no money could be withdrawn from the account unless Ms. Merullo and the Town of Loudon make the withdrawal together. The Board agreed that this type of bond would be acceptable.

Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Petition and Pole License for Verizon New England and PSNH pole #9AAZLN. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Petition and Pole License for Verizon New England and PSNH pole #9AAOJS. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to enter into an executive session at 7:20 PM to discuss a Highway Department personnel issue. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Ives yes, Maxfield yes, and Bowles yes. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles stated the results of the executive session were discussion of a Highway Department personnel issue. Selectman Maxfield moved to seal the executive session minutes for a period of five years until July 18, 2011. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives stated he wanted to thank Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Fire Dept. Officer Chuck Cormier, and Fire Fighter David Nelson for helping out the Police Department with traffic control and pedestrian control

during the let-out at NHIS last weekend with keeping people safe. Chairman Bowles stated he felt that the Board could not thank everyone enough that participates in the race event with safety and traffic control. He said he did not want to leave anyone out and the Board thanked all the departments involved. Selectman Maxfield stated it was a success for Loudon and for NHIS.

Chairman Bowles stated they just received the e-mail from Jason Gallant of The Louis Berger Group regarding the bid specifications for the bridge projects. He said the survey for Cross Brook Road was completed on July 14, 2006 and they are now working on the design of the structure type and provisions for alternate structure types. Chairman Bowles stated draft geotechnical recommendations were received on July 17, 2006. Chairman Bowles gave a brief review of the bid specifications. He stated both projects are moving forward and

The Louis Berger Group will be continuing to get the plans set and a draft bid package will probably be ready for the Board's review by August 2, 2006. Chairman Bowles stated The Louis Berger Group is still working on getting the right-of-way and utility issues settled on Cross Brook Road.

Selectman Maxfield stated he would get updated copies of the Village Road Bridge project for the Board's review when he meets with the representative of the H. L. Turner Group.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Selectmen's Minutes — Saturday, July 22, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, and Jason Gallant and Tony Puntin of The Louis Berger Group.

The meeting was scheduled to start at 6:30 AM.

Mr. Gallant advised the Board he had the proposed plans for Cross Brook and Chichester Road bridge projects.

Mr. Gallant reviewed the plan for Cross Brook and stated that they will use the existing roadway width to go by for the bridge replacement. He advised the Board that the right-of-way or easements need to be obtained so that it does not hold up the project. Discussion ensued regarding language needed in the easement or right-of-way as well as the possibility of needing to get them recorded as soon as possible. Selectman Ives stated it was very important that the Board know exactly what is required of them so they do not hold up anything on these projects. Mr. Puntin said that he feels the State of NH will want the Board to have all the documentation set prior to advertising for construction. Mr. Gallant stated the two biggest issues are the right-of-way and the utilities. Mr. Gallant discussed the former structure on Cross Brook Road being 110 feet long and the new structure being 70 feet, which will allow them to create taller walls and possibly save some money on the project. He said this is based on the new alignment of the stream. Mr. Gallant discussed bank stabilization and demolition work as well as the utility poles in place. He discussed the need to have the Town take the lead on the on contacting PSNH and other possible utilities. Mr. Gallant said they are trying to work with the structures that will be the quickest to complete. He said that construction traffic phasing should not be a problem as the road is currently shut down and the historic archaeological issues do not apply to this site. Mr. Gallant stated he hopes the emergency permits used to complete the demolition of Cross Brook Bridge can be modified for new construction. He said he had spoken with the inspector from DES and she has indicated that as soon as a Wetlands Permit is completed, to contact her regarding that permit and she should be able to get it through within a day or so as long as everything is in order and they meet the intent of the previous permit. Mr. Gallant discussed trying to build a maintenance free structure. Mr. Puntin and Mr. Gallant discussed the language to be included in the bid specs. They stated they want to leave it open to competition as new products come

available or if one company has a new method of producing the same type of structure and as long as they are able to meet the performance, they would be willing to consider it. Mr. Gallant said that they are not going to look at box culverts due to a couple of different issues. The two basic types of structures they will be looking at are rigid frame or steel frame arch type structure. Mr. Gallant stated the wetlands have changed a little bit and discussed ways they are looking to deal with it. Dave Rice discussed the swale that was already in place. Discussion ensued regarding drawings that Mr. Gallant had presented the Board. Mr. Gallant said that the pricing is currently being worked on. Discussion ensued regarding the project being a State vs. FEMA project. David Rice stated that the FEMA money goes to the State, then the Town requests the money from the State and the project must follow the State requirements. Mr. Rice will get the name of the contact person through the State and notify Mr. Gallant and Mr. Puntin. Discussion ensued regarding the disbursement of the FEMA money. Mr. Rice stated that the State would receive 50% of the 75% (37.5%) the Town qualifies for, as soon as the project is underway. The remaining money will be received once the project is complete. Mr. Puntin said he felt the Town should be sure they have money on hand to cover the costs associated with the project to be sure the contractor is not waiting for the State to forward the money to the Town to pay for the services. Selectman Maxfield discussed the length of time it is taking to get these projects finished. Mr. Gallant said they are trying to have the bid specs ready to go out August 1, 2006 for the Cross Brook Road. He discussed the timeline of the events that need to take place before the project would be possibly completed. Mr. Puntin stated that normally they do not advertise for projects like this during August as everyone is on vacation, but with this being an emergency, they will be advertising and faxing the information to some contractors. David Rice discussed the gravel material that is either near the site or at Decato Sand and Gravel. It was discussed that the intent is to get this project complete before the first snow if possible. It was discussed that the easements are going to be for Map #12, Lot #37 (Nemiccolo) and #50 (Clark).

Mr. Gallant began reviewing the progress of the Chichester Road Bridge project. He said that because this project is going through the State it might take longer because of the permitting process. Mr. Gal-


lant stated he would be trying to get the Chichester Road project to the State for their review on Monday. Chairman Bowles said there are State Representatives that are ready to go to the Governor if these projects are put on the back burner and he asked that Mr. Gallant and Mr. Puntin keep the Board informed if they feel things are not progressing in a timely fashion. Discussion ensued regarding the hydrology and drainage, which relates back to the Cross Brook area. Mr. Gallant discussed the con span 6 X 20 structure. He discussed the geometry issues and the curve of the road and said roadway design and structure design are cut and dry. Mr. Gallant said that this project would be set up to work within the existing right-of-way so therefore right-of-way should not be an issue with this project. Mr. Gallant discussed the utilities for this project. David Rice will contact Chichester TDS Telephone Company regarding the fiber optic line in this area. Mr. Gallant stated this would be a pre-cast structure. Mr. Gallant stated the preconstruction/pre-bid meeting would be very important for both of the projects. Mr. Puntin stated there is a chance that companies could bid on both projects and be awarded both project if they are chosen. Mr. Gallant said there is more documentation required due to the bridge aid program. He stated he had already dealt with the environmental part of the process. Mr. Gallant went on to discuss categorical exclusion document. He said they have already filed letters with the Natural Resources such as Fish and Game. Mr. Gallant stated the Army Corp of Boston has already been contacted and discussed the permits required for this project. David Rice asked if the width would be larger than what was previously in place. Mr. Gallant stated that they had made it wider. Mr. Gallant discussed the ledge on one side and sand on the other side. He discussed u-back wing walls. Mr. Gallant discussed the reasons that the bridge gave way. Both Mr. Puntin and Mr. Gallant discussed timeframes for the project. Discussion ensued regarding the pre-bid meeting, the design of the pre-cast structure, Bob Barry retiring from DOT, and wording for the easements. Chairman Bowles stated the Board would like some rough numbers to let DRA know where things are at.

The meeting adjourned around 8:30 AM.

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Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent David Rice, and Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 18, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Saturday, July 22, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Fiske advised the Board he is in receipt of a letter of intent from Rick Latham regarding an outdoor event at his property on Oak Hill Road. The date of the event is Saturday, August 19, 2006 from 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM. There will be live music. Mr. Fiske stated that everything will be onsite and there will be no parking on the road.

Mr. Fiske presented the Board with two bills from race week.

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

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice stated he had contacted TDS regarding the utility line on Chichester Road. He stated someone would be calling him back on Wednesday.

Mr. Rice said that he also contacted Engineer Jason Gallant with the contact information for the FEMA representative. He said all the paperwork should be signed and ready to be submitted on Wednesday.

Mr. Rice advised the Board the Highway Crew has gone back to Wiggins Road patching the holes and are working on maintaining it.

Mr. Rice discussed the progress of Beck Road.

Mr. Rice stated Alan Minery's rate for mowing is \$35.00 per hour. Discussion ensued regarding areas in Town that need to be mowed. Mr. Rice stated as soon as the Town tractor is back from getting the recalled part replaced, they will be utilizing it.

Mr. Rice discussed replacing the rope at the Town Beach. Discussion ensued regarding checking with DES to see if fill can be placed at the Beach.

Discussion ensued regarding the emergency permit for Cross Brook Road.

Selectman Maxfield stated that he would be meeting with Merrimack Valley School District Transportation Director Tom Burke regarding Wiggins Road at 10:00 AM on Wednesday. Mr. Rice will meet with them.

The Board met with Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

Mrs. Little reminded the Board that the Emergency Management meeting would be Friday, July 28, 2006 at 10:00 AM at the Fire Station.

The Board met with Alvin Davis III regarding the bond for the roadway being built off Lovejoy.

Mr. Davis stated he would like to post a mortgage in lieu of a bond. He stated it is the same type of mortgage that he had on Ilona Lane. Mr. Davis explained that it would be a performance agreement that states what he is intending to do with the project that gets tied to a mortgage and is recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds. He stated it gives the Town statutory ability to sell the property if Mr. Davis does not complete the job as agreed to. Selectman Maxfield asked if the Planning Board was requiring Mr. Davis to keep putting the road in as he progresses. Mr. Davis stated it is a short road and he plans to finish it as soon as possible. Selectman Maxfield asked what the Town would own if Mr. Davis did not complete the project. Mr. Davis said the Town would own his commercial property by way of the mortgage deed. Chairman Bowles stated he felt based on Zoning, Mr. Davis had three options: cash bond, regular bond, or real estate deed. Mr. Davis stated the only other mortgage on that property is the \$22,500.00 maintenance mortgage, which has been on for approximately 4 years. Mr. Davis stated the road is only 700 feet long. The Board will forward the information to Attorney Mayer for his review. Chairman Bowles discussed the issue of the name Mr. Davis has requested for this road. Mr. Davis will research this and provide the Board with other names that will be reviewed by Concord Post Office.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received a fax from Engineer Jason Gallant regarding the Chichester Road easements.

The Board received copies of the draft Emergency Operations Plan for review and comment.

The Board received a copy of a letter received regarding Town Hall reconstruction.

The Board reviewed a proposal from Advanced Data Systems to add the Purchase Order module to the new software. The Board advised Office Manager Jean Lee to move forward with this purchase with the funds to be withdrawn from the computer upgrading budget line.

The Board received copies for the final Legislative Bulletin of the 2006 session.

Selectman Maxfield stated he had attended the Volunteers of America meeting that was held last Wednesday. He said the land purchase has been completed and they plan to begin construction in September.

Selectman Ives said Chief Burr asked about the insulation at the Safety Complex. The Board discussed holding off on the project until the figures on the two bridge projects are obtained. Selectman Ives will notify Chief Burr that the insulation project should be put on hold at this time.

Selectman Maxfield discussed the lumber for the Cate Van building.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, August 1, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield and Ives.

Also present: Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright, Road Agent David Rice, and Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little and Greg Wells.

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

Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 25, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Deputy Chief Wright presented the Board with the list of radios that have been purchased through the grant money for addition to the insurance policy. Discussion ensued regarding if the radios are covered under an umbrella policy or if they need to be listed individually. Deputy Chief Wright will talk with Office Manager Jean Lee regarding this.

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice advised the Board he had checked into the sand for Clough Pond Beach. He stated that the Town can place six yards of sand at the beach, however, the sand cannot go into the water. Mr. Rice said that paperwork also needs to be filed with DES. Discussion ensued regarding what type of barrier would need to be used as well as safety concerns. Mr. Rice stated the Town is allowed to place six yards of sand on the beach every six years.

Mr. Rice advised the Board that he has left a message for Alan Minery regarding mowing.

Mr. Rice discussed the truck that hauls the trash to Penacook.

Mr. Rice discussed Cross Brook Road. He stated the excavator operator from Fillmore Industries injured his knee and there was no one to operate the excavator until Greg Fillmore returns from vacation.

Chairman Bowles discussed the tractor and mowing, ditching of roads, setting goals and getting them completed among the emergency issues. Mr. Rice said they would be working on Clough Pond Road next week. He stated there are five culverts that need to be replaced on the road.

The Board met with Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

Mrs. Little advised the Board that the Capitol Area Public Health Network would be having a meeting regarding the logistics of a pandemic outbreak of the Avian Flu. She stated they would be touring the sites where the mass immunization locations would be. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Little stated the Emergency Management Plan update meeting last Friday went well. Selectman Ives asked if there would be another draft of the EOP. Mrs. Little stated there would be another draft.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received weekly expenditure reports.

The Board received a letter from Attorney Mayer regarding the construction performance agreement for Alvin Davis III. Discussion ensued regarding types of bonds that have been accepted in the past and the process of collecting on a mortgage agreement if the work is not done. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.

The Board met with Recreation Chairman Becky Osgood.

Mrs. Osgood advised the Board that there had been an issue with two of the MLS Soccer coaches on Monday evening after Soccer Camp and MLS has resolved the issue by replacing the two coaches with new ones. She stated she just wanted the Board to be aware that this issue has been resolved. Selectman Maxfield stated he had spoken with the MLS coaches at the recreation field regarding the squealing of tires at the recreation field.

The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Deputy Chief Wright advised the Board that Office Manager Jean Lee had spoken with Chief Burr regarding the insurance for the portable radios. He stated the radios are not covered under the umbrella policy, as they are portable and have to be listed out individually. The Board advised Mrs. Lee to take the necessary steps to put the 38 portable radios on the insurance policy.

The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the second quarter 2006 ESMI Host Community Fee calculation.

The Board received copies of the Merullo construction bond account showing that the money has been deposited for the bond.

The Board received a letter from Michael Harris regarding Clough Pond. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.

Selectman Ives moved to forward past due ambulance bills account #29126 in the amount of \$47.43, account #33144 in the amount of \$615.30, account #4540 in the amount of \$17.41, account #31930 in the amount of \$483.44, account #32118 in the amount of \$636.52, and account #30645 in the amount of \$92.40 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board received July Planning Board Minutes and the June Cate Van meeting minutes.

The Board received a thank you note from the Fillmore family.

The Board received a scholarship thank you.

The Board received a regional impact notice from the Town of Epsom regarding a cell tower.

Chairman Bowles stated the Board received a fax from The Louis Berger Group. It is the application for State Bridge Aid that the Board needs to sign and return to them. Chairman Bowles read the letter to the Commissioner, which states that the Town of Loudon has raised and appropriated the sum of \$17,500.00 as Loudon's share

of the costs for replacement of Bridge #061/044 on Chichester Road. Selectman Maxfield stated the \$17,500.00 is 5% of the total cost of the project. The Board is meeting with the Engineers on Wednesday, August 3, 2006 to review the bid packets. Once the bid packets are approved, they will be sent out and it will be in the newspaper giving ten days to two weeks for responses.

The Board reviewed a list of pending items including:

Updated Tax Maps. A draft set of tax maps will be ready for the Board's review in two weeks.

Preservation Easement wording. The Board discussed the preservation easement program. If the Board decides to make changes, they would have to review the easements from 2004 as well. Discussion ensued. Roy Merrill suggested the Board allow the 75% reduction in assessment, with the 1% penalty at the end of the ten years. It was discussed that there could be a higher penalty imposed if the person were to take it out of the easement before the ten year timeframe. The Board asked that copies of the preservation easement be brought back for next weeks meeting.

Sale of Tax Map 20, Lot 70. The Board agreed not to sell this lot at this time.

Old Home Day Parade. The question is if any of the Selectmen would be riding in the Parade. The Board stated that they

would not need a car for the parade as Selectman Ives would be driving a Fire Truck, Selectman Bowles would not be participating in the parade, and Selectman Maxfield would watch the parade.

Lightening Protection System at the Town Hall. No one has heard back from Susan Sprague of the Local Government Center who was in the process of finding someone to look into this. Selectman Maxfield will contact Ms. Sprague on Wednesday regarding this issue.

September Primary. The Board stated they do not know at this point if anything needs to be done. Chairman Bowles stated he would contact the utility company to find out the status of utility pole and wires run for the phone line and internet hookup for the Supervisors of the Checklist. Discussion ensued regarding the line for the Supervisors of the Checklist and it being a State funded program. The Board reminded Mrs. Lee the food and beverages needed to be ordered for the election workers.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Selectmen's Minutes — Wednesday, August 2, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Louis Berger Group Engineers Jason Gallant and Tony Puntin.

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Jason Gallant, Engineer for The Louis Berger Group discussed Cross Brook Road Bridge project.

Mr. Gallant stated Selectman Maxfield has gotten the deeds from the landowners for the easements on Cross Brook Road. He said if Attorney Mayer needs additional information to prepare the easements he could help. Mr. Gallant stated the utilities should not be an issue due to the overhead utilities. He said that State Bridge Aid does

not apply to this project. Mr. Gallant said the Wetlands permit is scheduled to be submitted on behalf of the Town, on Monday. The permit will become an addendum to the Contractor's Agreement. Tony Puntin, Engineer for The Louis Berger Group stated because this is a dredge and fill permit, the Army Corps of Engineers have the opportunity to review it. If they want to make comments, they could. Mr. Puntin stated he felt that there shouldn't be any problems with Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Gallant discussed the bid package information for Cross Brook Road Bridge Project. He advised the Board that if everyone agrees Chairman Bowles would need to

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Selectmen's Minutes — Tuesday, August 8, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow, Planning Board member Bob Ordway, and ZBA Chairman David Powelson.

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

Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 1, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, August 2, 2006 with the Engineers of the Louis Berger Group as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit.

Chairman Bowles stated that the Board had received correspondence from Attorney Mayer regarding mortgages for road bonds. He said the current regulations do not allow for this type of bonding for road construction. Chairman Bowles said that if the Boards feel mortgages should be considered, it needs to be included in the update to the Land Use Regulations. He read a portion of the letter from Attorney Mayer. Selectman Maxfield reviewed the portion of the letter pertaining to the types of bonds that should be allowed as well as the costs associated with foreclosure on the mortgage bond. Tom Dow said the regulations currently in place state are a cash construction bond, letter of credit, or performance bond. He said when Mr. Davis approached the Planning Board regarding the mortgage as a bond, Mr. Davis stressed that he had previously been allowed to use a mortgage for a bond. Mr. Dow said the Planning Board was

leaving it up to the Board of Selectmen to decide on the type of bond, as is the procedure. He said that he felt that the regulations were not being followed as strictly as they should be. Discussion ensued regarding collecting on a bond. Mr. Ordway said he felt it should go by the regulations. Bob Fiske discussed that Mr. Davis had been allowed to provide the mortgage on a previous project. Selectman Maxfield stated he did not feel precedence was set because the approval to allow the mortgage in the past went against the Town's regulations. Chairman Bowles stated he felt the Planning Board needed to look into this issue during the updating of the Land Use Regulations. Roy Merrill stated one thing that needs to be looked into is some of the subdivisions that are being approved now are not going to be built for possibly three years from now. He said that the cost estimates for the roads are based on current construction figures, not the cost for construction in three years. Chairman Bowles stated the mortgage agreement has been prepared but has not been signed or accepted. Discussion ensued regarding the options that are stated in the regulations. The Board will forward a letter to Mr. Davis advising him that he needs to produce the bond in one of the three forms listed in the regulations.

Tom Dow discussed the contract with Central NH Regional Planning Commission to update the Land Use Regulations to be in sync with the Zoning Ordinance and the request from Planning Board to encumber the funds for this project. *Selectman Maxfield moved to encumber from the 2005 – 2006 Budget line item #01-41911-100-135 in the amount of \$1,000.00 and line item #01-41991-500-550 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of paying CNHRPC for updating the Town of Loudon Land Development Regulations. Seconded*

by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield moved to sign the letter of agreement between the Town of Loudon and the CNHRPC to update the Land Development Regulations in the amount of \$6,000.00. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Selectman Maxfield stated \$2,000.00 will come from the encumbered money from the 2005–2006 budget, \$2,000.00 to come from the 2006–2007 budget and \$2,000.00 will be matched by the CNHRPC. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles asked that some Zoning Board members be on the committee to review the changes.

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

The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

Mr. Rice stated the Cross Brook location had been cleaned up. He advised the Board he had spoken with Gregg Fillmore and if Mr. Fillmore cannot find another operator for his excavator, he would be operating the excavator himself to get the work done next week.

Mr. Rice stated that some ditching had been done last week on Clough Pond Road.

Mr. Rice stated that he would be working on cutting brush on Lovering Avenue.

Selectman Maxfield asked if Mr. Rice heard anything further regarding Clough Pond Beach. Mr. Rice stated had placed a call to Darlene at DES and was waiting for a call back.

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

Mr. Fiske stated he had received a call from Robin Heinz of Merrimack Valley School District. Ms. Heinz said she had received a call from a Maxfield Public Library representative with concerns of the late bus dropping off children at the Library. Mr. Fiske advised Ms. Heinz that partway through last year the late bus began dropping off the children at the lower lot. Ms. Heinz asked about having Fox Pond Plaza as the late bus drop off. Mr. Fiske stated he felt the lower parking lot was a much safer location than Fox Pond Plaza. The Board stated that they agreed the lower parking lot would be the location for the late bus drop off.

Mr. Fiske asked if the Selectmen had put any more consideration into the special events pay increase for J. Morin. Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Fiske the Board would have an answer for him next.

Mr. Fiske advised the Board that the new bomb disposal unit for the State would be at NHIS on Wednesday. He said there would be two detonations during the day.

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

The Board met with Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

Mrs. Little advised the Board that the Emergency Operations Plan update meeting would be Friday, August 11, 2006 from 9:00 AM to approximately 12:00 PM at the Safety Complex.

The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

Mrs. McNeil provided the Board with the list of properties for deeding. Discussion

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sign the advertisement document. Bids will be received no later than 4:00 PM on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 and will be opened at 7:00 PM at the Selectmen's Meeting. Mr. Puntin stated there would be a legal notice in the newspaper. The bid packages will be available on Monday, August 7, 2006 at the Selectmen's Office, at The Louis Berger Group, and the Dodge Reports are available at the AGC's Office. The bid sets would be \$50.00 per packet payable to the Town of Loudon. Mr. Gallant stated they are soliciting 30 contractors from a list of pre-qualified contractors and will receive some interest from the advertising notice in the newspaper. He discussed the structure types that have been disqualified from this project and stated that some companies may have other comparable structures that would be reviewed as long as they meet the requirements set in the bid package. Mr. Gallant reviewed the schedule for the Cross Brook Road Bridge Project. He discussed the substantial completion date of December 15th and the final completion and acceptance of the project to be May 1, 2007. Discussion ensued regarding the final completion in the spring due to seeding, slopes, wearing course, etc., FEMA payment, and the section relating to what is considered under the final completion section. Mr. Gallant and Mr. Puntin went through the standard documents included in the contract process. Mr. Puntin stated they hold 10% retainage on the contractor until substantial completion and 5% until final completion is finished.

Mr. Gallant stated everything they are using is based on DOT specs. He discussed the payment schedule that is also included. Mr. Gallant discussed that the Contractors will be providing the as-built plans and drawings. Discussion ensued regarding the notices for the two separate projects, which can be bid on by the same contractor.

Mr. Gallant discussed the bid package information for Chichester Road Bridge Project. He discussed the wording of "apparent low bid" as the information needs to be checked thoroughly before the actual awarding of the contract can take place. The Selectmen should have the contract for signature on August 29, 2006. Mr. Gallant went through the schedule for this project. Discussion ensued regarding the paving timeline. Mr. Gallant discussed the right-of-way easements and utility easements. Selectman Ives gave a brief update on the status of the easements.

Discussion ensued regarding if there are any additional contractors that the Board wanted included in the bid solicitation. The Board stated that all of the contractors that had been in contact with the Town were included on the list. Mr. Gallant will forward the advertisement document for Chairman Bowles to sign on Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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ensued regarding the deeding process. The Board will review the information and give Mrs. McNeil their decision.

The Board met with Michael Harris.

Mr. Harris expressed his sincere thanks to the Board and other public officials in the room for their service. He advised the Board that he was also recording this discussion. Mr. Harris stated he would like to speak for five minutes, at the very most it would be ten and if the Board would respectfully hear him when he was finished, he would respectfully hear anything the Board had to say to him. Mr. Harris said he was at the meeting representing himself and his family. Mr. Harris stated he had spoken with various Selectmen over the years and heard promises that the issues he has would be addressed. He feels his issues have not been addressed. Mr. Harris stated he had spoken with his lawyer and was advised that if the Selectmen did not do what they were supposed to do, he could take the step of "private enforcement action." Mr. Harris stated he was making a solemn promise, a solemn vow, that this is the last time he would address this to the Selectmen. He said if the Board could not protect the interest of the residents of the Town, his neighbors, young children, and his family, this would be the very last time, of the many; many times, he has brought this to the Selectmen. Mr. Harris stated when Mr. Little was Selectman and he heard what Mr. Harris had to say, and stated, "That's garbage, and it has got to stop." Mr. Harris stated when Selectman Maxfield was Chairman a few cycles ago; Mr. Harris went to a Selectmen's Meeting and asked to speak under the "other business" section. After Mr. Harris spoke to the Selectmen and Chairman Maxfield said after Mr. Harris was finished speaking, "you know Mike, you have taken up about twenty minutes of our time, and the next time you want to come and talk about this, please make an appointment." Mr. Harris stated he told Selectman Maxfield "he did not want to come back and talk to you about this; I want you to do what you are suppose to do." Mr. Harris said that conversation was about three to five years ago and now it is late 2006 and he is still dealing with the situation. Mr. Harris stated after years of discussion, Chief Fiske made a big announcement that there would be a zero tolerance policy for the nonsense that goes on at the racetrack. Mr. Harris said he understands the racetrack brings a great deal of benefit to the Town and he shares the appreciation of those benefits. He said the racetrack is operating under a permit to conduct racing activities during the day. Mr. Harris went on to say the attorney he is consulting with is the attorney that framed the framework for the

racetrack as to specific times of operation. He stated many people all live with the inconvenience of noise and other things as a result of the legitimate operation of the racetrack during the day, which is fine and he would learn to live with it. Mr. Harris stated Chief Fiske said he could hear the noise from the racetrack from his home. Mr. Harris stated he does not hear the noise from the track, he feels the vibrations. Mr. Bahre makes his money running the racetrack; he does not make his money by allowing people to shoot off fireworks all night long. Mr. Harris stated he has had this discussion years and years ago and Chief Fiske made a declaration of zero tolerance for that kind of nonsense overnight, which was published in the *Union Leader*. He said the Police Department sent him a copy of the article. Mr. Harris said that the Police enforced the declaration and it was peaceful and excellent. He stated he had handwritten a thank you note to the Chief of how much he appreciated after all the years of nonsense that they brought about a cessation of this overnight bologna, which Selectman Little called garbage and had to stop. Mr. Harris asked what happened this year. He said it was worse than ever before. All night Friday right through the night, all night Saturday explosions all through the night, and Sunday night when people have to get up and go to work on Monday morning it never stopped. Explosions at ten, explosions at eleven, explosions at twelve, explosions at one, explosions at two, explosions at three, explosions at four, explosions at five, and the last one he recalls hearing was at six AM Monday morning. Mr. Harris said he called the Chief on Monday morning and the Chief blew him off. He stated his whole family was awake because nobody could sleep with the explosions going on and he turned on the television at eleven o'clock on Sunday night, WMUR, Channel 9 News, and there was the Chief being interviewed saying "we had a really quiet time this time, we didn't make many arrests. In the past we made a lot of arrests, but this time we didn't make many arrests, we had a really quiet time." Mr. Harris said here was his family who had not had any sleep due to the explosions, and they were watching the Chief on Channel 9 News saying it was quiet. He asked if anyone knew what kind of effect that has on children trying to sleep, what kind of effect that has on a man that was under the bombing of 88's a man who was wounded in Anzio, a man who has to listen to explosions all night long when he comes to the family property to sleep. Mr. Harris said Mr. Bahre is not making any money on it. Chief Fiske announced the zero tolerance policy two years ago enforced it and it worked and was great and he even wrote a thank you note, what happened. Mr. Harris said the final

thing he was going to say and he was going to stop here is subsequent to the July race, there was a situation where if you stood in his house, right by his window you would hear racing noise at night that seems like any logical measure to be coming from the racetrack and a concert going on late into the night. Mr. Harris said he felt the Board had done a great job in sorting out the application for Boar's Tavern to try and see what could be done to try and balance their interest in having some outdoor activity with concerns for the neighbors, setting limits, saying 8:30 PM sharp as the cutoff. He said he felt the Board had done a great job. Mr. Harris said the racetrack has created an illegal campground, and unlicensed music events late at night. He said he called into the Police Department late at night and he never even got a call back. He asked what is going on. Is everything having to do with the track voodoo? We don't talk about it; we don't think about it, we don't look at it? Mr. Harris said this is really abusive and I know you know it is. He said none of his neighbors would complain about the NASCAR races, when they run reasonable races at reasonable times, but this is abusive and if the Town won't do anything about it, and the Police won't do anything about it what are we going to do? Chairman Bowles asked if that was it for Mr. Harris, could the Board now respond. Selectman Ives said he did not have a response at this time. Chairman Bowles asked if Chief Fiske wanted to respond. Chief Fiske stated no. Selectman Maxfield said he would have to check the minutes, but he could not recall telling Mr. Harris that he needed to make an appointment at this time. Mr. Harris said the point is that this discussion has happened about six times and this July was worse than ever. Chairman Bowles stated Mr. Harris was the only resident that has come forth at this point. Mr. Harris said "negative." Chairman Bowles stated there is no other correspondence anywhere. Mr. Harris stated his neighbor made a formal presentation to the Board, which was reflected in the minutes, his other neighbor has had direct contact with Mr. Bahre and the Police Department. Mr. Harris stated he had direct contact with Mr. Bahre and the Police Department. Chairman Bowles asked if it were for this race, this July. Mr. Harris said, no, he could not say that. Chairman Bowles stated the July race is the issue they are dealing with now. Mr. Harris said he did not agree, it was the non-controlled situation, it is not just one race, it is looking forward to September, its looking forward to next July, its looking at what happened last week. He said all of a sudden we allow an illegal campground to grow up at the racetrack, we allow unlicensed concerts to go on late at night, and no one even looks at it or calls him back.

Mr. Harris said it is a long chain of events, not one event, it is a long continuing, briefly interrupted when Chief Fiske announced his zero tolerance policy, published it in the *Union Leader*, and successfully enforced it and earned the gratitude of our community, and now it is worse than ever. Chairman Bowles said the Board has heard Mr. Harris through and are not going to discuss this any further, they will take this under advisement. He said he had done a little homework and has not found all of these problems to be 100% true and that is where they will leave it for now. Mr. Harris said his final comment was that he deeply appreciates the Board's service and asked the Board to do the right thing in the interest of the public, and fairness and justice, and he promised the Board this is the last time that he would come here to discuss this with them. He stated he vowed to them, he has done this about six times and he will not do it again.

The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

The Board received the revenue report as of June 30, 2006 and the balance sheet report for fiscal year end.

The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding filing an extension for the MS-1 report. The Board agreed to file the request for the extension for the MS-1.

The Board received a copy of a memo from Jeff Burr to Claire Crowley regarding the dry hydrants on Greenview Drive.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Julie Robinson of the Conservation Commission to Wetlands Bureau regarding Chichester and Cross Brook Roads dredge and fill applications.

The Board received copies of sample preservation easements from Assessor Dave Wiley. Discussion ensued regarding the sample wordings. Chairman Bowles advised Office Manager Jean Lee to contact Attorney Mayer regarding the Preservation Easements. The Board has agreed to have the 1% penalty at the end, and follow Columbia's example of 20% penalty within the first half of the duration, and 15% penalty for the second half of the duration if they should remove the property before the set time. Chairman Bowles stated Mr. Tuson was in the audience and asked his opinion on the new wording as Mr. Tuson had applied for the easement but requested it be withdrawn due to the previous wording. Mr. Tuson said he agreed to the penalty for early withdrawal of the easement. He will provide the Board with some sample wording he had found. Discussion ensued regarding the current wording versus new wording and what the Board agreed upon for the penalties. Mr. Merrill asked the Board if a person wanted to continue their easement at the end of the

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ten years if the 1% penalty would be waived. The Board said yes. He asked if at the end of the ten years the person wanted to remove the easement would they be assessed the 1% penalty. The Board said yes and if someone wanted to remove the easement within the first five years it would be a 20% penalty and a 15% penalty from the fifth through the tenth year.

The Board received notice of Merrimack County Public Hearing on Supplemental Appropriations to the 2006 Budget.

The Board received a letter from Compliance Network regarding the services they offer.

The Board received a scholarship thank you note.

The Board received information from the State on Hazard Mitigation grant programs. The information will be forwarded to Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.

The Board discussed concerns regarding a Planning Board application for a business on Route 106 that is trying to open.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Elizabeth Warner regarding her property on Tower Road. The work done on Tower Road has been done by the State, not the Town of Loudon. A copy of this letter will go to the Planning and Zoning Secretary.

Chairman Bowles stated the Board had a direction to pay Foley and Buhl. He stated the payment comes from the Local Government Center insurance account. Chairman Bowles stated the Loudon Freewill Baptist Church would be responsible for half of the payment.

Chairman Bowles stated he thought the lumber was all sawed for the J.O. Cate Van building. He discussed the process for the drying of the lumber. *Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the payment to Labell Sawmill and Custom Lumber in the amount of \$1,650.00 for custom sawing pine and kiln drying lumber for the J.O. Cate Van building. Seconded by Selectman Ives.* Selectman Maxfield asked when the work would begin. Chairman Bowles stated two trees need to be cut and then site work needed to take place to start. He also stated the money needs to be withdrawn from the Cate Van Warrant Article. Bob Fiske asked if anyone had contacted Mr. Milligan as he had discussed a donation on the concrete work.

Selectman Maxfield stated that he had met with a representative of the H.L. Turner Group regarding the South Village Road Dam.

Selectman Maxfield said that he received the construction project documents. The plan on going to go out to bid next week. Selectman Maxfield stated he was advised they are planning on waiting for the water to go down a bit before they take the dam apart. He stated John Levigne of the Turner Group has already touched base with some potential contractors.

The Board met with Mrs. DeCato regarding the Chichester Road Bridge.

Mrs. DeCato said she has read a lot about the project and heard a lot about the project but nothing has happened. Chairman Bowles stated it is currently out to bid, both bridges are out to bid. He stated on August 22, 2006 there is a public hearing scheduled to open the bids. Once the Engineers confirm the information, the bid will be awarded. Mrs. DeCato asked about the Bailey bridge and if the Board was going to be putting it in temporarily. Chairman Bowles said they were not going with the temporary bridge. Mrs. DeCato stated this is going to put her out of business. Chairman Bowles said that as he had discussed before, if they were to put the Bailey bridge in it would delay the permanent project because of the time to set it up and the time to take it out. Mrs. DeCato stated the Town of Gilmanton told her it took them three hours to put one in. Chairman Bowles asked if it was an application exactly like the one for Chichester Road. Mrs. DeCato stated she did not go and view the site. Chairman Bowles explained that the Board and Road Agent met with Bridge Engineers from the State of NH and they explained the process to place the Bailey bridge. Mrs. DeCato said it has been almost 90 days. Chairman Bowles stated he was aware of how long it has been and said that it is very frustrating to the Board. He explained the process that the Town has had to go through to meet the requirements for the funding for the bridge project. Mrs. DeCato asked why the Board did not put in the 8 x 8 culvert in like she had received quotes for. Chairman Bowles stated the Town could put in the 8 x 8 culvert but it does not meet the 100-year water shed. Mrs. DeCato said we are not going to be here in 100 years and it would be someone else's problem. Chairman Bowles stated the Town does not have the cash flow to do it. He said if we want to meet the Federal and State funding there are things that need to be followed. Chairman Bowles stated an 8 x 8 culvert would not have held back the amount of water that came through in the spring. Chairman Bowles stated the start date would be in September. He said that while Mrs. DeCato was not the only one affected by the bridge being out, he was sorry for the inconvenience this caused her and everyone else involved. Chairman Bowles stated this also effects the agreement with Chichester for ambulance services. He asked that everyone have a little more patience. The Board discussed the process that has to take place for the projects as well as the easement issues.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

**Planning Board Minutes —
July 20, 2006 (DRAFT)**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Dow, Vice Chairman Stanley Prescott, Bob Ordway, Gary Tasker, and Ex-Officio Dustin Bowles were present. Tom Moore, Henry Huntington, and alternate Jason Masse were not present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

June 15, 2006 Public Hearing. Bob Ordway made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and to put them on file. Seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

Discussions:

Alvin Davis — Road Bond — Mr. Davis asked to address the Board about bonding for the new road in his Kinkade Haven subdivision. Mr. Davis said he had been contacted about the bonding and explained that he had not planned to bond the road but rather had planned to cover the road costs with the sale of the first lot. He said he will now have to hold off on the completion of the house that is currently going in per the phone call he received about no bond being in place. Mr. Davis suggested that the town could take a mortgage on his commercial land. Chairman Dow asked if a fund for testing also had to be established. Dustin Bowles stated that has already been set up. Mr. Dow said he would be fine with the plan if the selectmen are in agreement. Mr. Bowles said the selectmen will know more when they meet with Mr. Davis at next week's selectmen's meeting. Mr. Davis said he has a construction price of \$150,000.

Old Business:

Application #05-11, Wildwood Sanctuary Association, Inc. — Major Subdivision, Located on Young's Hill Road, in the AFP District. Map 34, Lot 2. Raymond Shea of Sandford Survey, Len LaPadula, and Mike Bean were present to present this project. There were no abutters present. Tom Dow stated for the record that this application has not yet been accepted as complete. Mr. Shea explained that they have the dredge and fill permit and once the Site Specific has been approved the state Subdivision Bureau will release the subdivision approval. He said the plans were submitted to the Planning Board in hopes of keeping the process moving. Mr. LaPadula stated if nine lots are developed they don't need the Site Specific. Mr. Shea explained that nine lots would shorten the road thus not needing the Site Specific. Gary Tasker asked what the regulations are of Site Specific. Mr. Shea reported the Site Specific is required if 100,000 sf are disturbed, including road, swales, and side slopes. He said the application is in the process of being reviewed so he would like to let that process continue even if they did decide to go with fewer lots. Mike Bean reported meeting with Stanley

Prescott, Dustin Bowles, and Road Agent Dave Rice on Young's Hill Road to view and discuss proposed road upgrades. It was asked what section of Young's Hill will be upgraded. It was said that the amount of road to be upgraded would depend on whether it will be a 9 lot or 10 lot subdivision and the work would begin at the new subdivision road. Mike Bean stated that some areas of the road will not allow a 24' width, some areas need to be "boxed," and one house will lose a small amount of lawn. He reported that the basic scope is to allow 24' as much as possible. Mr. Bean read the scope of work he listed on his letter to Mr. LaPadula, saying there would be some clearing done, new gravel and crushed gravel once the drainage is done, and he outlined the items requested by those on the site walk. Tom Dow said there is a lot of information and it would be nice to have someone review the assessment of the road conditions. Mr. Bean stated he has walked the entire length of the road and has met with Mr. Rice. Stanley Prescott said nothing is really clarified and he wants to be sure there are no misunderstandings as there are areas that may not have been noted. He said the group had not walked the full length of the road and something needs to be put together outlining the full distance and work needed. Mr. Bean said he was lead to believe he was to make notes, get those to Mr. Rice, and it was up to Mr. Rice at that point. Dustin Bowles said in the best interest of the town we need something a little more concrete. Mr. LaPadula asked if they want something in writing. Mr. Prescott gave an example of what he was expecting, to go back out and go from rock to rock and explain what is going to happen section by section. He said planning board members and road agents change so this needs to be clear to anyone looking at the plans now and in the future. Mr. LaPadula asked if the board wants this in writing with more detail. Mr. Prescott stated that is what he would like to see and be able to pass it to someone and have them understand it. Mr. Bean stated that the same pattern would apply to every foot of the road. Mr. Prescott said he would like to see where the road is to be widened and where cutting is needed. Mr. Bean asked if a plan would do it. Mr. Prescott asked the board if a rough plan is acceptable. Mr. Tasker said it would be as long as the town engineer is in agreement. He also stated that this is a very wet parcel. Mike Bean stated there is not a whole lot of cutting to be done. Mr. LaPadula said in the past they have been asked to fix the topography and advised the Board that the topography looks a lot different on this set of plans. Mr. Prescott said it is as it should be. Mr.

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Bean said he does not see any issue with what is unclear. Tom Dow stated that all are clear on the road and closed the hearing to the public, opening it to Board members only. Mr. Dow asked to clarify that Mr. LaPadula proposes to go with a gravel road. Mr. LaPadula said he is hoping that the town will consider doing the remaining small stretch of Young's Hill Road and pave. Mr. Bowles asked what the proposed timeframe would be. Mr. LaPadula said they are ready to start as soon as need be or can delay if that is preferred. Mr. Bowles stated that funds are tight due to recent flooding. He said an article to raise and appropriate the funds for the paving would have to be presented to voters next March. Mr. Prescott asked if the consensus is to go with a 10 lot subdivision. Mr. Dow said he feels the town should take advantage of the 10 lot for road upgrade purposes. Mr. Bowles stated a 10 lot subdivision would equate to 2800 feet of upgrade. Mr. Shea said the improvements are to begin at the Clough Hill Road end. Mr. Tasker said he would like to see the whole road done. Mr. Bowles said it is not reasonable for Mr. LaPadula to do the whole road since there are other owners on the road. Mr. LaPadula said they had been told to start at the new subdivision road and go toward Clough Hill. Mr. Shea said it make sense to start at a good paved road rather than go from paved to gravel to paved. Mr. Bowles said they could add the last 600' of the road to the article for paving. He said he would like to see the footage shown and improvements. Gary Tasker made a motion to continue this application to the meeting of August 17th. Seconded by Dustin Bowles. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. This is the only notice.

Application #06-07, William Taranovich, — Minor Subdivision, Located on Bee Hole Road, in the RR District. Map 21, Lot 23. This application is before the Zoning Board. Stanley Prescott made a motion to continue this application to the meeting of August 17th. Seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor. This is the only notice.

Application #06-16, J. Andrew & Debra L. Knowlton, Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Berry Road, in the RR District. Map 58, Lots 46 & 47. There were no abutters present. Gary Tasker made a motion to accept the application as complete. Seconded by Dustin Bowles. Surveyor Jeff Green explained the boundary line adjustment that is being proposed for two lots on Berry Road. He said this is an equal area transfer of land with part of Lot 47 being added to Lot 46 and vice versa, keeping both lots at the area at which they started. He explained that the right-of-way would cross only one lot rather than both as it does currently and this adjustment would make the lots more conforming as far as frontage is concerned. Dustin Bowles asked about an easement for pond access. Mr. Green said there would be an easement and that ownership of that piece would actually be added to that lot.

Tom Dow asked if Mr. Green was straight with the width of the road. Mr. Green reported that he had found nothing saying 32' as had been mentioned at a previous hearing. He said the deed says "right to pass" but no width is given. Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board members only. Mr. Bowles said he feels this adjustment cleans the lots up and makes it more presentable than the original proposal. He asked Mr. Green which lot the easement comes off. Mr. Green said it has been added to Lot 47, with the new property line being on the south side of the road. Bob Ordway made a motion to approve this application. Seconded by Dustin Bowles. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Lot line adjustment granted.

New Business:

Application #06-18, Atlas Fireworks Factory, Daytime Parking Permit, Located at 941 Route 106, in the C/I District. Map 60, Lot 32. There were no abutters present. Shawn Cross represented Atlas. Mr. Cross explained that they would use the same layout as the former permit holder rather than the one turned in with this application. Gary Tasker stated that the lane widths would have to be revised to 20'. Chairman Dow asked Mr. Cross if he is aware of all of the requirements. Mr. Cross said he was familiar with them but would get a copy of the regulations from the Planning Board office the next day. Mr. Tasker made a motion to approve the daytime parking permit with the amendment of lane widths from 15' to 20'. Seconded by Stanley Prescott. All were in favor. Daytime Parking Permit granted.

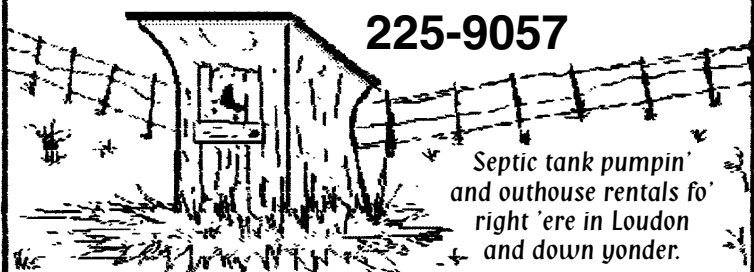
Application #06-19, Sharron Macomber & David Mayo, Daytime Parking Permit, Located at 63 Clough Hill Road, in the RR District. Map 51, Lot 2. There were no abutters present. Sharron Macomber explained the proposed parking on her property, saying vehicles would enter and exit on the Clough Hill side where she will remove three fence posts. Chairman Dow reported that there is a letter from the Fire Department stating they are in agreement with the layout. Gary Tasker said he was not familiar with the property. Ms. Macomber explained that it is in the V of Clough Hill and Lower Ridge Roads and that a bus will pick up right at the property. Stanley Prescott asked if there is a good sight distance. Mr. Macomber stated there is. Chairman Dow said he has a note from the Police Department stating they have no problem with the proposal. Dustin Bowles said his only concern would be emergency access to the house with cars parked in front of it. Gary Tasker said they could leave a spot or two open. This would lower the number of vehicles to 53, two spaces being removed from the house area with an opening left for access to the house in case of emergency. Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve the application as amended. Seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor.

Application #06-20, Skip Fern Management, Site Plan Review for Dunkin Donuts,

Located on Route 106, in the C/I District. Map 20, Lot 75. Abutters Warren S. King and June King were present. Gary Tasker made a motion to accept this application as complete. Seconded by Bob Ordway. Skip Sagris reviewed the proposal with the Board. He said there will be no major work done to the building itself. Mr. Sagris explained that they will take down the existing wooden post and rail fence and replace it with vinyl post and rail. He said they have removed the state wire fence to the south side of the driveway and will replace the first 48' with the white vinyl post and rail and the next 210' with chain link. Mr. Sagris reviewed the new parking and picnic table area. There will be 3 lights added to the new parking area and there will an additional 110' of stockade fence at the rear of the property. He said he is completely remodeling the inside of the building. Mr. Sagris said the dumpster will be moved 12-14' with a new pad and 6' chain link fence with red privacy slats to match the brick of the building. Chairman Dow asked if the sign size will change. Mr. Sagris said it will be the same size but with one post rather than the two of the Honey Dew sign. Gary Tasker asked if downward lighting would be used. Mr. Sagris said it will be adjustable lighting and not quite as high as the existing lights. Mr. Tasker said he had read in the previous meeting's minutes that landscaping was planned. Mr. Sagris stated that he would like to get the construction done first before doing a definite plan. Mr. Tasker stated that he would like to see it on paper. Mr. Sagris said he would put up a bond if necessary. Bob Ordway asked about the septic system status. Mr. Sagris reported that the system is practically new; it was 6 weeks old at the time of the fire at Honey Dew. There are 3 tanks and he plans to have them cleaned and begin fresh. Stanley Prescott asked about the building color. Mr. Sagris said it would be the same with the only change being a 36" white reveal being shortened to 12" and a maroon colored panel being set in. Mr. Prescott asked the Board if they needed to see that. Gary Tasker stated that they were pretty specific originally. Mr. Sagris said he has blueprints and is trying to dress up the building. He explained the current 36" reveal is painted and the 12" reveal will be white with the 24" being plastic material adhered to plywood and set back in. Warren King stated there have been a lot of trees cut and dirt brought in. He is concerned about drainage and runoff from the parking lot. June King stated there is wet land in this area. Mr. Sagris explained that runoff will be trapped and he outlined the lay of the land and the proposed drainage plan. Mr. King said runoff from the river goes to his pond and he voiced his concern about the runoff doing the same. Mrs. King asked how much it can hold in heavy rains and it being all downhill. Mr. Sagris explained this would be a reservoir with sand for filtration. Mr. King asked what sand will hold. Chairman Dow explained that Mr. Sagris has to stabilize the area with 6" of loam and it has

to be hydro-seeded. Mrs. King said she would like a berm of trees since they can see Route 106 and hear the noise, also saying there was no notice of trees being cut. Chairman Dow stated that an owner can cut on their land. Mrs. King and Mr. King voiced their concerns about the amount of water there could be in a situation similar to May's rains. Chairman Dow stated that an engineering firm has been consulted and he feels the Kings will find this has been done properly and if not, it will have to be addressed. Mr. Sagris repeated that he will be running the fence all the way down the length of the property. Gary Tasker asked if trees had been cut where the properties abut. Mr. King said they had been, near his front pond. Mr. Tasker asked if they were cut to the property line. Mr. Sagris said they were not; there was a 60' buffer left in place. Mr. Tasker said it is state law that you must keep water on your property. Mr. Sagris confirmed that to be correct and with the projected water runoff this reservoir is two times the required size. Roy Merrill stated there is a 400' no disturb law in town and nothing should have been touched on this property before abutters were notified. Mr. Sagris stated an owner is allowed to cut trees. Mr. Merrill said an owner is not allowed to grub and fill. Mr. Sagris reported talking with Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske before doing any work on this property. Dustin Bowles stated that he had also spoken with Mr. Fiske who was under the impression it is ok to do this as long as not building. Mr. Bowles said he is not happy with the answer but it is what Mr. Fiske said. Mr. Bowles feels this is not good procedure. Mr. Tasker gave a list of what the Board will be looking for from Mr. Sagris: lighting detail, panel color, and landscape plan. He said if there is a 60' buffer and fence being extended further down the back of the property he feels Mr. Sagris has done his best to protect the abutters. Mr. Sagris asked if one plant could be exchanged for another when doing the actual landscape work. Chairman Dow stated they want to see the extent of the plan. Mr. Tasker told Mr. Sagris that he can get detailed plans by an expert and to take his best shot to meet the town regulations. Chairman Dow stated this is a high visibility area and they want it to look good. He told the Kings there is a full drainage report that deals with storm water runoff and this is available to them at any time. Mr. Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to Board members only. Mr. Bowles asked if the Board should do a site walk or wait until later in the project. Stanley Prescott asked if Mr. Sagris should continue the work or stop. Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Sagris what his next move would be. Mr. Sagris stated that he would like to complete the parking lot area which is almost up to grade. Mr. Bowles stated that Mr. Sagris has done all he can do that was approved by Mr. Fiske. Mr. Sagris said he would like to continue filling so he can put the state fence back. Mr. Tasker asked how much more fill

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was needed. Mr. Sagris said some areas need 2' and some need closer to 5'. Chairman Dow asked Mr. Sagris if he had received a letter from the state in regards to the fence. Mr. Sagris said he has already filled out an application and been approved and the fence is on order. Mr. Tasker asked why the landscape change. Mr. Sagris said he used to own the lot to the north of this one but has sold that lot. He explained these changes are to provide parking for trailers, to better see the business when approaching from the south, and have a safer entrance onto Route 106. Mr. Tasker stated he has no problem if this is to be an area of lawn but does if it is going to be pavement. Chairman Dow said that is understandable and agrees with Mr. Tasker. Mr. Sagris explained that it will be all lawn in the area of the state fence. Mr. Tasker said the Planning Board is not out there every day checking to see if people are filling, that is the job of the Code Enforcement Officer and he does not feel the Planning Board should be reprimanded for what has been done. *Mr. Prescott made a motion to continue this application, with lighting detail, color photo of building/panel, and a landscape plan, to August 17th. Seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.* This is the only notice. Mr. Bowles asked if the Board wanted to allow the filling of the rest of the area. It was agreed and decided to set a time for a site walk. Mr. Sagris asked if he could fill in the area to replace the state fence. *This was added to the motion so it now reads "Mr. Prescott made a motion to continue this application, with lighting detail, color photo of building/panel, and a landscape plan, to August 17th, and to allow Mr. Sagris to fill in the area in order to replace the state fence." Seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.* A site walk was scheduled for Wednesday, July 26th at 4 p.m.

Application #06-21, Boar's Tavern, Site Plan for Outdoor Seating Area, Located at Route 129, in the C/I District. Map 21, Lot 16. Abutters Dave Zarges and Madeline Greenwood were present. Chairman Dow explained that the applicants had been given a temporary permit which ran from June 14 to July 14 and they are now asking for this to become permanent. Mr. Zarges thanked the Tavern for their efforts and said if it can continue with no excessive noise he has no problem with the proposal. Mr. Zarges asked who is to monitor the noise level and what the options of recourse are if it gets too loud and offensive. He noted the revving of motorcycle engines, saying it is not appreciated and can be heard even with his house closed up. He said this was going on with previous owners as well. Mr. Zarges said he

appreciates the fence but needs to have some kind of recourse if things get out of hand. Chairman Dow said Mr. Zarges made a good point and said there is a lot of responsibility on the Tavern to keep their patrons in line. He said he would expect neighbors to call the police if things were unruly. He said it would be a disservice to neighbors if there was no recourse in place, suggesting the "three strikes and you're out" rule. He said the applicants need guidelines of warnings and maybe written notice. Mr. Bowles said he wants it in writing and on record for when there are new Board members, Code Enforcement Officer, and police. He said it needs to be clear, easy to comprehend, and spelled out. Mr. Zarges asked who determines what an acceptable or appropriate level might be. Gary Tasker said as abutters they have to use their own judgment, saying motorcycles don't have anything to do with the outdoor seating area. Mr. Tasker told Mr. Zarges that he is the person who has to monitor the matter and suggested an annual review with consequences if too noisy. Applicant Matt Alosa stated they had one complaint and that was someone spinning their tires in the parking lot. Mr. Alosa said they can't control the parking lot but will monitor the outdoor seating area and shut it down if need be. He will use signage and monitor the area. Mr. Alosa said they have cut down on the number of bands and is willing to give the abutters all of the pertinent contact phone numbers. Ms. Greenwood asked about the time limit set for this outdoor area. Chairman Dow stated that it was set for 8:30 p.m. and there are no lights in that area. Mr. Alosa said there is a sensor light out there for emergency and security purposes. There was discussion about how to best set an end time with the change of daylight. Mr. Alosa said "dark" would work. Mr. Bowles said he was not willing to go with that since it is one person's judgment as to when it's dark. Mr. Prescott asked what other activities are going on in this area. Chairman Dow read a note from Police Chief Fiske saying this area is limited to food and drink only. Mr. Prescott said Mr. Alosa has to try something to see if it will work and he has to monitor the situation if he wants to keep this going. Mr. Prescott said he agrees this needs to be tied to a time and no other activity. Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Zarges if this is in the realm of what he had in mind. Mr. Zarges said it sounds appropriate. Mr. Bowles stated this puts some stipulation to it and give them something to enforce. Mr. Prescott proposed they approve this for 6 months to a year, come back and ask neighbors how it worked. He suggested that the neighbors put any problems in writing to the town, with copy to the Planning Board, if they don't feel things are

handled properly. Ms. Greenwood said she is not sure that the Board fully understands how loud this has been for the Zarges' in the past, saying it was unbearable. Mr. Zarges said he has to give credit to the new owners as it is much improved. There was discussion about this permit being reviewed on an annual basis with Mr. Dow suggesting every April and including any verbal or written warnings or complaints. Mr. Alosa does not want to tie the parking lot to the enclosure, saying he does not want to be penalized for parking lot problems. Chairman Dow closed the hearing to the public and opened it to the Board only. *Mr. Bowles made a motion to accept the application with the conditions of "3 strikes" and annual review each April. Mr. Ordway suggested daylight as the end limit. Mr. Bowles said he is not willing to accept that. Mr. Ordway suggested one half hour after official sunset. Mr. Bowles said he wanted a specific time given. Discussion continued about how to resolve the time matter. Mr. Bowles suggested daylight hours, no later than 8:30 p.m. He also asked that it be stated that this area is for eating and beverages only and there is to be no other outdoor activity of any kind in this area. Dustin Bowles made a motion to approve this application with the conditions of a) daylight hours no later than 8:30 p.m., b) this area is for eating and beverages only and there is to be no other outdoor activity of any kind in this area, c) the permit is to be reviewed annually each April, d) abutters must be notified of the annual review at the applicant's expense, and e) three strikes from the Police Department revoke the permit. Seconded by Gary Tasker. All were in favor. Outdoor seating area approved.*

Application #06-22, Chester & Eileen Gay, Minor Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment, Located on Bee Hole Road, in the RR District. Map 21, Lot 64 and Map 21, Lot 24. Applicants Eileen Gay and Kerry & Kendall Gay were present. There were no abutters present. Dan Geiger & Jessica Storey of the Conservation Commission were present. *Gary Tasker made a motion to accept the application as complete and move to public hearing. Seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.* Web Stout represented the applicants. Mr. Stout explained that he submitted the application as a minor subdivision and a lot line adjustment because he wasn't sure just how it would be categorized. He explained the acreage as it currently stands and what the resulting lot sizes would be. He said there is no new lot being created; they are simply annexing and changing the size of the two existing lots. Bob Ordway asked where they are proposing to add the "leg." Mr. Stout said it would be part of Lot 64. Stanley Prescott said the road goes through this piece which means

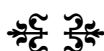
there should be a lot on the north side of the road and one on the south side of the road. Dustin Bowles said if you take the north lot off it is then non-conforming. Mr. Prescott stated that the road automatically divides it as a lot. Mr. Bowles said he would not want to change it to be more non-conforming. Mr. Stout said it is an existing road and falls before the Zoning Ordinance was enacted. Gary Tasker asked if it should be numbered differently if creating another lot. Mr. Stout said it would be a new number. Mr. Bowles stated it is not a separate deed. Mr. Stout said it does not have to be, it is in the way it reads and is represented on the tax map. The hearing was closed to the public and opened to the Board only. Mr. Prescott asked Mr. Bowles if he was clear on the separate lots. Mr. Bowles said he was but does not agree. Mr. Prescott said town counsel could be consulted if thought best. Mr. Bowles stated that his concern is that in theory it is "almost" 2 acres which means it is "almost" conforming. Mr. Stout stated again that just by the road being there these are 2 lots. He also said a new deed would not have to be drafted until the land is sold. Mr. Stout said Mr. Gay will get a deed with the description. Mr. Bowles asked if this is approved tonight and then registered would the additional piece become part of Lot 24. Mr. Stout said it would go to assessing for a new Lot number of the small piece north of the road and the "leg." Mr. Bowles said he had no further questions; he just doesn't want to put the Planning Board in the wrong. Mr. Stout said he knows the Planning Board prefers not to give conditional approvals but while he goes to the assessor the Board could go to legal counsel. Mr. Bowles said it is simple enough if the Board gets the right answers to give a conditional approval. Mr. Stout said they could do a lot line adjustment once it is determined if this is one lot or two. Mr. Prescott stated that he is in favor, this needs to be clarified and he understands what Mr. Stout has done. He said he knows the road makes it two lots. *Mr. Prescott made a motion for a conditional approval to straighten out these lots. Seconded by Dustin Bowles. Mr. Bowles suggested this be run by the assessor first and then town counsel if necessary. All were in favor. Application approved on the condition of determination if Lot 24 is one lot or two lots.*

Board Discussion:

Chairman Dow advised the Board that contact has been made with Central N H Regional Planning Commission about updating the Land Development Regulations. The secretary gave a list of dates suggested by CNHRPC Director Sharon Wason. The Board would prefer to do the

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meeting on a night other than a regular monthly meeting. August 3 at 6:30 p.m. was suggested. The secretary will confirm with CNHRPC once she secures the meeting room.

Bob Ordway brought up the brochures they received from the Lincoln Institute about a free planning kit, asking if it is one per Board or one per member. It was clarified that each member can receive a kit for their own use.

Chairman Dow read a memo from the police chief with regard to a couple of daytime parking permits and issues that have been noted on each. The secretary will send letters to each permit holder explaining that these permits will not be renewed if regulations are not followed.

Ray Cummings asked to address the road subdividing land matter. He referred to the case of *Keene vs Meredith* and said the town has been to counsel about this in the past. Mr. Bowles stated that the assessor should be familiar with this situation and we need to go to him first.

Report of the ZBA:

There are two special exception applications before the ZBA. One is for reduced side setbacks and the other is the Taranovich property on Bee Hole, common driveway that will cross the side setbacks.

Report of the Board of Permit:

Bob Ordway reported there was one Hawker & Peddler permit for the Speedway Convenience.

Motion to adjourn at 9:53 p.m. was made by Stanley Prescott. Seconded by Dustin Bowles. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White*

Please note that both Planning and Zoning Minutes are DRAFT minutes, i.e., they have not been approved yet. For a copy of the approved minutes, please contact the Planning/Zoning Office after their monthly meetings (798-4540).

Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes — July 27, 2006 (DRAFT)

REGULAR HEARING

Chairman Dave Powelson called the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on July 27, 2006 to order at 7:30 PM at the Loudon Community Building.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present: Dave Powelson, Chairman; Roy Maxfield, Vice Chairman; Ned Lizotte, Roy Merrill, George Saunderson, and alternates Jon Huntington and Howard Pearl.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE 22, 2006 MINUTES:

Roy Maxfield made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Roy Merrill asked to amend the minutes (page 11) to say that Bob Ordway would not answer his question of Mr. Ordway's relationship to VOA. Mr. Maxfield asked the secretary if she knew what the tape of the meeting reflects. The secretary reported that the tape is at the office but that she does recall something of that conversation. Mr. Maxfield asked Mr. Ordway if what Mr. Merrill said was correct. Mr. Ordway stated that he did not say he would not answer, he simply referred it to VOA. Mr. Merrill said he does not believe that is true and wants to go by the tape. Chairman Powelson asked if it would be possible to approve the minutes with the provision that the secretary review the tape to review for completeness of this discussion and amend the minutes accordingly. Mr. Merrill said he would agree with that. Ned Lizotte seconded the motion as amended. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Powelson announced that the first order of business would be a motion for rehearing filed by Roy Merrill's attorney. Mr. Powelson said although this was not listed on the agenda the matter must be acted upon in a timely manner. He asked Mr. Maxfield and Mr. Merrill to step down and then appointed Jon Huntington and Howard Pearl to be voting members for this case.

Chairman Powelson said it is the purpose of the Board to decide whether to accept the motion for rehearing and fairly soon. Mr. Huntington asked what Mr. Powelson is asking for. Mr. Powelson said he would like to make a motion to deny the appeal. Mr. Huntington said he would second that motion. The chairman stated that the Board made their decision, accepted an appeal, made a decision again, and feels their position has been made. He reported that he has talked with town counsel, Attor-

ney Bart Mayer, and has several comments to the points in the appeal. The points in the appeal (see full text on file at ZBA office) and comments are as follows:

ZBA granted applications for a special exception and two variances for the Volunteers of America following a public hearing on June 22, 2006...

The owner of the property in question (Map 20, Lot 9) is Barbara Brown.

A zoning board of adjustment may grant a rehearing if in its opinion good reason therefore is stated in a motion for rehearing.

Mr. Merrill owns property immediately abutting the Brown/VOA property and has standing to file a motion for rehearing under RSA 677:2.

The ZBA's decision of June 22, 2006, granting VOA's applications for special exception and variances were unreasonable and unlawful. The ZBA properly covered in discussion and hearing all points necessary to approve special exception and variances.

The participation of ZBA member Roy Maxfield tainted and unduly influenced the ZBA's decisions... Minutes show that Mr. Maxfield recused himself and neither voted on a motion nor participated in any deliberations of the Board. Mr. Maxfield did make comments during the public hearing portion of the meeting but when the Board entered into deliberation any statements made by Mr. Maxfield focused exclusively on procedural issues. Mr. Maxfield was the chairman for many years and is much more familiar with procedural issues than Mr. Powelson or any of the others therefore he sat in an advisory capacity and made no comment on the substance of the appeal nor Board members' observations.

Moreover, three of the five ZBA members who voted on VOA's applications for special exception and variances on June 22, 2006 (Saunderson, Lizotte, and Powelson) participated in an illegal "voice vote" on January 26, 2006, to grant VOA a variance to the 10-acre minimum lot size required for an elderly housing project... There were no requests made that any Board member be recused other than Mr. Maxfield and it is now too late to raise that issue.. Furthermore, no Board member would be recused for the reasons stated in the Motion for Rehearing as the discussion and "voice vote" at the January 26, 2006 meeting was advisory only, and in response to a request for guidance for the applicant, VOA. As evidence of the fact that this was merely a nonbinding guide to the applicant, at least one of the

individuals who participated in that voice vote ultimately voted against the variance.

The ZBA's concern, both on January 26, 2006, and at the hearing on June 22, 2006, with the price at which Merrill and VOA were going to sell and buy an additional 2 acres, so that the variance would not be required, was unreasonable and unlawful... During the hearing in June the Board, the VOA's attorney, and several individuals specifically stated that negotiations between private parties and the price to be paid for the property were not issues with regard to this application pending before the Board. Nevertheless, Mr. Merrill repeatedly returned to this issue. It was not the Board but rather Mr. Merrill who insisted on discussing the price of the property.

VOA sought both a use variance (for the 33-unit project under one roof) and an area variance (in order to meet the 10-acres minimum requirement)... Mr. Powelson stated the Board did not mention Supreme Court decisions of Simplex and Boccia in the hearings because they are not in the Loudon Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance has taken the results of those two court cases and the language was adopted and put into the Ordinance in Section 701.2. He said the Board was cognizant of these cases when this decision was made.

Chairman Powelson went on to say that the ZBA is not required to make specific findings or rulings, unless requested by a party. He stated that Mr. Merrill had failed to make a request for any rulings or findings. Having answered those points of the motion, Mr. Powelson said as the Motion for Rehearing fails to allege any error with respect to the Board's substantive decisions he would recommend this be denied. He asked if there were any questions from the Board. Jon Huntington stated that it seems they have covered all the bases and the Board did bring up the point that they are not here to deal with prices of land but to approve an application. He said Mr. Merrill did get a variance for his piece of property. He said that piece was denied in favor of the Brown property and finding that the project could be done on 8 acres instead of 10 because of the well requirements. Mr. Merrill still has the variance on Lot 10 and can develop that himself if he chooses. Mr. Huntington feels it was discussed at length and those who voted felt the same way.

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Mr. Merrill asked if he could discuss the points brought up. Chairman Powelson said he was not sure he could as the Board is expected to make a decision on the motion for rehearing as presented. Howard Pearl asked if the reason to deny is because this is a second appeal. Mr. Powelson said yes and no, explaining that the Board heard the case and then heard it again and whether or not this is a second appeal there is really nothing of any substance not covered. Ned Lizotte said he disagrees, saying he still thinks there is reason to rehear this partly because of point #9. He referred to the minutes of last month saying he feels there was failure to meet the land use variance requirements. Mr. Lizotte said with this land use variance there has been such a push to move things along that the Ordinance is being pushed aside because there were options that were not explored or were done privately. He said he feels #9 is a valid point, especially with what he brought up at the last meeting where the VOA attorney retracted the financial hardship and tried to change the application. Chairman Powelson clarified that the area variance in point #9 of Mr. Merrill's refers to the 10 acre minimum requirement and the use variance refers to the 33 units under one roof. Mr. Lizotte said he was not talking about the 33 units but about the land, an area variance. Mr. Powelson stated that hardship for an area variance is a little different than a use variance. Area variance is spelled out as a reasonable alternative whereas the use variance description states there is no other possible use for the land.

Mr. Merrill asked what the hardship was that determined VOA needed an area variance, adding that his attorney had not found that the ZBA had reason for hardship and that by law you have to have a hardship to have a variance. Howard Pearl asked why a variance was granted if the Zoning Ordinance requires 10 acres, was it because VOA could not afford the additional 2 acres or because there was no other land available at a reasonable price. Ned Lizotte said it was granted because this is an important project and that seems to be thin. Mr. Pearl agreed that the project can be done on 8 acres but the ordinance says 10 acres and he asked where the hardship was determined. Mr. Lizotte read from ZO Section 701.2 #2b "The benefit sought by the applicant cannot be achieved by some other method reasonably feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance." Mr. Pearl said his question is, if rehearing the case, would the facts change or if they are what they are and the Board feels strongly about the decision they made last month then they should stick to it. Jon Huntington asked what the opinion of the town attorney was. Chairman Powelson stated that in his discussion with Attorney Mayer he was lead to believe the Board had properly covered all the points. Ned Lizotte questioned if that was with regard to procedure. Mr. Powelson said procedure and substance. Mr. Lizotte said he is

not a legal mind but he disagrees with the lawyer. He said from this discussion it sounds like there might be the same split as last month so the decision would be the same as last month, asking the Board if that was a fair assessment. The chairman said the best way to determine that would be to take a vote and decide if there is any other substantive discussion. *Chairman Powelson called for a roll vote on the motion to deny the appeal. Howard Pearl — no; Jon Huntington — yes; George Saunderson — yes; Ned Lizotte — no; Dave Powelson — yes; 3 Yes — 2 No; motion for rehearing denied.*

Roy Merrill and Roy Maxfield returned to the Board.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Case #06-10 William Taranovich — Special Exception — Map 21, Lot 23. David Dolan, surveyor, represented Mr. Taranovich and Dan Aversa. Mr. Dolan explained the purpose of the special exception. Mr. Taranovich has a minor subdivision application before the Planning Board, with the access to lot #2 being a common driveway that goes through lot #1. The special exception has been requested because the driveway crosses the side setbacks in each lot. There would be a 50' easement across the abutting lot for the driveway to lot #2. Mr. Dolan stated that the Zoning Ordinance allows a driveway to serve 2 or more lots. They have been to the Planning Board and to this Board last month. The driveway would be kept in the easement, out of the 75' buffer for the adjacent wetlands. There is an existing driveway that was roughed in a couple of years ago.

Jon Huntington asked Mr. Dolan to point out Wiggins Road on the plan. Mr. Dolan showed the road and wetlands. Roy Merrill said one of the first comments made by Dan Aversa at the site walk was that he would prefer accessing lot #2 from Wiggins Road but he would have to bring it up to town standards. Mr. Merrill said it appears that it would basically need one culvert and has minimal wetlands. He said that Julie Robinson of the Conservation Commission had no problem with that. That would require no special exception and would not involve the steep slopes. Mr. Merrill said another reason for feeling Wiggins Road access was the better choice is that the land across the road from this piece is for sale which means there will be more development on the road. He said he, other Board members, and Julie Robinson walked Wiggins Road and found that this lot is a short distance from a house with power so it would make sense for this lot's driveway to come off Wiggins Road and bring Wiggins Road up to a driveway standard.

Dan Aversa stated that he did not say that Wiggins Road was his first choice. Mr. Merrill said that was the first thing Mr. Aversa had told the group. Mr. Aversa said that soil scientist Peter Schauer agreed that the common driveway was a much better option with less impact than accessing from Wiggins Road would have. He noted the dog kennel that sits so close to Wiggins Road, saying no one would want to pass that daily.

Mr. Merrill mentioned a recent minor subdivision by the Gay family on Wiggins Road which would lead him to believe that Wiggins Road will get built up and that area of the culvert and terrible wetlands that the group couldn't see will be addressed regardless. Mr. Aversa asked if the Gays would access the new lot from Bee Hole Road. Mr. Merrill said they would access from Wiggins because the lot is on the corner and runs up the land that is for sale. Mr. Aversa asked where the driveway to that lot would be and Mr. Merrill said there was nothing in at this point. Mr. Aversa stated that he had talked with Joe Bohi and he had said that Wiggins Road is very ledgey and doesn't think you would ever see it as a town road.

Mr. Aversa stated that the common driveway would have the least impact. Ned Lizotte disagreed with him, saying he had come in from Route 129 on Wiggins Road and found it to be in fairly good shape. Mr. Lizotte noted there is already a house and power out there and two for sale signs, all making it seem so clear to come in from that way. He said he also walked the other side. Mr. Lizotte said accessing Wiggins from Route 129 would make sense because the road before this property had no issue of wetlands and with regard to drainage it seemed fine. Dave Dolan asked to clarify that Mr. Lizotte was suggesting coming in from Route 129. Mr. Lizotte confirmed that to be what he meant, saying that Wiggins is a passable road and goes to the beginning of this property. He said they would not need any variances or special exceptions. Mr. Aversa said the reason everyone favors accessing through Lot #1 is that it keeps them away from the wetland area whereas accessing from Wiggins takes them right through the wetlands. Mr. Lizotte said it is an alternative to having a common driveway; Lot #1 would have Bee Hole access and Lot #2 would have Wiggins access from the 129 side without any special exceptions.

Mr. Merrill said he was totally surprised when he walked Wiggins Road from the Bee Hole end, saying there was one little rise and then it was almost flat near this piece. An unidentified man in the audience interjected with his thoughts on the road and shot accusations of not knowing what he was talking about at Mr. Merrill. Mr. Merrill attempted to clarify to the man what area of the road he was discussing. Dan Aversa asked to set that matter aside. He said he has talked with Chester Gay about bringing Wiggins Road up to town standards, noting that Mr. Gay said he was deeding some of his property to his son, and Mr. Gay told him if he needed more property to accomplish the road width it was going to be pretty expensive. Mr. Aversa said putting that with the matter of the barking dogs and what his experts have said makes the original plan the better option. Ned Lizotte said those were great points but once again suggested looking at accessing from the 129 end of Wiggins. Mr. Aversa asked if Mr. Lizotte knew how far that was. Mr. Lizotte reviewed what he had said about coming in from that end saying there was already power lines going to a

house a few hundred feet from where this property is, the for sale signs across from this property, and the road already being in decent shape so requiring less to bring it up to standard.

Roy Maxfield stated that he does not like the plan. Mr. Aversa asked him if the issue is the wetlands or wanting him to come in from 129. Mr. Maxfield said the issue is the driveway going through the slope. Roy Merrill said he knows enough about contracting that getting a 12' driveway in that road would be very minor and to say they would have to buy land from another owner is untrue. He also noted that there is already a right of way through there. Dave Dolan said he had recently walked the road and there was standing water on the opposite side of Wiggins Road from this property, saying water to water leaves about 15' of road. He also said the average width is 33'. Mr. Merrill said there is no slope on either side of the road and they could easily get the 12'. Mr. Dolan said he believes they would have to bring the road to town standards. Mr. Merrill said he disagreed and there is other access noting the Decato property that has ample frontage on Route 106 but they couldn't access from 106 so they came in from Chichester Road. He said it is his opinion if this lot is to be sub-divided it should be accessed from Wiggins Road. Dan Aversa said it made sense to come in from Route 129 if that is dry but coming from Bee Hole is too wet. Mr. Merrill said he disagrees that the area is as wet as being said and reported that even Julie Robinson was amazed at the issue being made about the wetlands. Mr. Aversa said he was going by what the experts are saying about the area.

George Saunderson asked if the Conservation Commission had a problem with the driveway plan. Mr. Dolan said they did because they are within 75' of the wetlands. Mr. Aversa said the Planning Board told them they are allowed to do the driveway plan but they needed to come to the ZBA for the 30' crossing of setbacks. Chairman Powelson asked how much of the wetland buffer they are crossing. Mr. Dolan outlined the wetland buffers on the plan, saying they would stay as far out as possible and have minimal impact on the wetlands. He said by definition driveways are not structures, therefore they are allowed to cross slopes. Mr. Aversa said he would like to have that option but will also look at the other end of Wiggins. Ned Lizotte said they may have to do some clipping but he believes it has value as an access.

The chairman asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of the application. Bob Ordway stated that the Planning Board had walked the property and approved the plan. He said Wiggins is not much of a road once east of the houses and said the group must not have walked the whole section or they would have seen a wet hole where horse manure has been dumped on the road. Peter Schauer is the one to be listened to. Mr. Ordway said. Mr. Merrill

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said the wetlands shown on the map are not nearly the size of wetlands near the driveway. Mr. Ordway also referred back to the case that Mr. Merrill had mentioned about a piece on Wiggins being subdivided saying there is no plan to subdivide that piece or ask for a driveway. Mr. Merrill said he felt the Planning Board should have sent the Gay case to the ZBA, noting that Wiggins Road has been there since the 1800s so one more month to properly decide a case should not have been a problem.

Mr. Aversa mentioned junk and dogs on the neighbor's property as deterrents for the sale of his lots. He asked the Board for the 30' in case approaching from 129 does not make sense, saying he does not want to have to come back to the ZBA. Ned Lizotte said the back corner of the property is dry and in fairly good shape and he is not a soil scientist but it is clear to him that access to the building area seems to make more sense from 129, noting that it does not seem to have the complications that the other plan does. Mr. Lizotte stated he is not in favor of common driveways because of potential boundary issues.

The chairman asked if there was anyone who would like to speak against the application. There was no one. Dave Dolan said it is his understanding that a Class VI road would have to be upgraded to town standards. Dan Aversa said he appreciated the Board bringing up the other option but he is here to decide on 30' area of setback if he has to go that route. He did agree to look at the approach from 129. Jon Huntington asked if the Planning Board approved three lots. Mr. Dolan said two lots were approved, pointing out each on the plan. Roy Merrill asked if the PB gave them a contingent approval. Dan Aversa said they received approval contingent on getting the ZBA approval of crossing the setbacks. Mr. Dolan said the PB told them to go to the ZBA and then come back to them. Mr. Merrill then clarified that they do not have PB approval if they were told to come back with the ZBA ruling. Mr. Aversa said if the ZBA gives them the 30' then they are approved. He also said they have been working on this a long time, trying to do what everyone has asked. George Saunderson asked how much frontage each lot has on Bee Hole Road. Mr. Dolan stated that each lot has about 300'. Mr. Saunderson said it would appear that Lot #2 would have about 450' along Wiggins Road and he asked if the intention is to divide Lot #2. Mr. Aversa said there was no such intention. Chairman Powelson closed the hearing; case to be brought back up under Unfinished Business.

Case #06-11 Karl Colby — Special Exception for Reduced Setback — Map 29, Lot 52. Mr. Colby explained his request for a special exception due to a lean-to on his garage being 5' short of the side setback. Chairman Powelson read a letter from Ronald McCoo whose property abuts the area of the lean-to. In the letter Mr. McCoo stated that he has no problem with Mr. Colby's request. Roy Merrill asked where the property is located. Mr. Colby said it is Hoit Road, School Street. Roy Maxfield said he has seen the garage and lean-to and had suggested to Mr. Colby that he go before the Board to avoid any future problems. Mr. Colby stated that Code Enforcement Officer Fiske told him that a fence put up by Mr. McCoo several years ago is fairly accurate at the property line. Mr. Maxfield said the area is about the only option on the property due to the septic system and well and he has no issues with the request if Mr. McCoo does not. George Saunderson asked if there was a foundation. Mr. Colby said there is no foundation, just a lean-to with four posts.

The chairman asked if all abutters had been notified. The secretary reported that they had. Mr. Colby asked a procedural question with regard to abutter notification, asking how one can abut oneself and have to send notification. Mr. Merrill explained the legal need for self notification. Chairman Powelson asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of or against the application. There was no one. The chairman closed the hearing; case to be brought back up under Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Case #06-10 William Taranovich — Special Exception — Map 21, Lot 23. Roy Maxfield made a motion to deny the application. Seconded by Roy Merrill. Mr. Maxfield said he has reluctantly listened to the wetlands group in the past but with the town having approved the wetlands section to the Ordinance he now feels the Board has to listen to them. Ned Lizotte said there is another alternative that needs to be addressed first. Roy Merrill said he feels they could easily put a driveway in from Wiggins and if they can't do it but can show a reason or hardship that they can't then they have the right to come back but their first obligation is to go that way which in the long run would make more sense for the town. George Saunderson said Mr. Merrill's response seems reasonable to him. Jon Huntington agreed. Howard Pearl said there seems to be a reasonable alternative. Chairman Powelson stated there is a motion to deny this application, based mostly on concerns of the Conservation Commission with regard to the impact on the wetlands and wetlands buffer zone. Mr. Lizotte said it was that as well as other alternatives to access

the larger lot without having a common driveway. Jon Huntington asked if that motion is made with Roy's comment is that giving Mr. Aversa false hope, that if he can't come in from Wiggins Road he can come back to the Board and expect to get a permit. Mr. Maxfield said that was not part of his motion. Mr. Merrill said he did not make the comment as a motion. The chairman asked for a roll vote on the motion to deny the application. *George Saunderson — yes; Roy Merrill — yes; Ned Lizotte — yes; Roy Maxfield — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Unanimous; application for special exception denied.*

Case #06-11 Karl Colby — Special Exception for Reduced Setback — Map 29, Lot 52. Roy Maxfield made a motion to approve the side setback reduction from 30' to 25' for the purpose of an addition to his barn. Seconded by George Saunderson. The chairman asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Merrill stated it is more than reasonable, that 5' is not a big deal particularly if the neighbor is in favor of it. Mr. Maxfield said Mr. Colby has done a lot of work to the property and it all enhances the piece. Chairman Powelson called for a roll vote on the motion to approve the application.

George Saunderson — yes; Roy Merrill — yes; Ned Lizotte — yes; Roy Maxfield — yes; Dave Powelson — yes; Unanimous; application for special exception for reduced setback granted.

DISCUSSION:

Roy Maxfield asked to address the matter of one Board member with a personal agenda and asked the Board to have the member removed for causing discontent, aggravation, and malfeasance. He cited a couple of examples of behavior he feels is unacceptable. *Mr. Maxfield said he would put that as a motion even though he doesn't expect anyone to vote for it but he wants it on record. Jon Huntington seconded the motion to allow for discussion.* There was discussion and rebuttal amongst the Board members after which Mr. Maxfield withdrew his motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

George Saunderson made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Ned Lizotte. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna White, Secretary*

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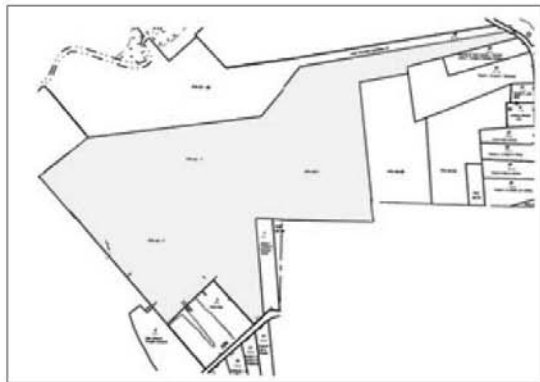
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