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Check the town website at newburynh.org or town office for meeting schedules of town boards and committees; meeting minutes are available at both as well.

Summer concerts in Newbury harbor

Saturday	June 26	Tall Granite Jazz Band – 1 p.m.
Saturday	July 3	Bruce Marshall Group (blues/rock) – 1 p.m.
Thursday	July 8	Dr. Harps Blues Revue Band – 7 p.m.
Saturday	July 10	Dub Traffika (ska/reggae) – 7 p.m.
Thursday	July 15	High Ground Band (country/rock) – 7 p.m.
Saturday	July 17	Van Halen tribute band – 1 p.m.
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Thursday	July 29	East Bay Jazz Ensemble – 7 p.m.
Thursday	Aug. 5	Tammy Jackson (country) – 7 p.m.

Summer town meeting

On Saturday, Aug. 7, at 8 a.m., town selectmen and department heads will be available for this annual informational meeting to review activities of the town and its departments and answer questions. It will be held in the town office building.

Household hazardous waste collection – Aug. 28

The 2010 household hazardous waste collection day will be held at the highway garage on South Road on Saturday morning, Aug. 28. See details on page 13.

Fourth of July Parade

The traditional Fourth of July Parade in South Newbury is set for Sunday, July 4th at 11 a.m. Once again it's an open call for kids and families and groups to dress up, grab your kazoo, make a float, decorate your bike or carriage or dog or just march and have fun.

The South Newbury Union Church is sponsoring the parade again and word is there will be lots and lots of balloons, and cookies and juice at the church.

Meet at the state shed on Village Road in South Newbury at 10:45 a.m. to get lined up; the parade starts at 11 a.m. For more information call 938-2064.

Old Home Day – July 10

See page 14 for a preview of what Newbury's Old Home Day 2010 has to offer. You'll find old favorites and some fun new additions.

OHD dinner tickets on sale

Old Home Day dinner tickets are on sale. Stop by town office to purchase tickets for roast beef - \$6, chicken - \$5 or hot dogs - \$2. Only a limited number of tickets are available. Day-of pricing will be roast beef \$7.50, chicken \$6.50 and hot dogs \$2.50.

Buzz Call's son will handle the beef and the team of Henry Thomas, Norm Bernaiche, Dennis Pavlicek and Marty Newell will be barbecuing the chicken. The NBC is providing salads and helping serve. Dessert will be sheet cakes. Seating under the tents behind town office so don't worry about the weather.

Crafters, vendors: Need a market place?

The Old Home Day committee is looking for crafters and local vendors interested in taking part in the Old Home Day market, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 10. Home party demonstrators and local businesses are also encouraged to participate. The cost is \$25 per table, with \$5 off for Newbury residents. For more information please contact Cheyrl Fogwill at 763-5782.

Yard sale contributions welcome

Country Houses Real Estate is running a yard sale in its parking lot on Old Home Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to benefit both the South Newbury Union Church food pantry and the Newbury Beautification Committee. If you have anything to contribute to the sale, please call the office at 763-6161 and ask for Janet Luca or Susan Bedard.

Farmers & Artisans Market opens July 2

The market begins its fifth season on July 2 and every Friday through Sept. 3 from 3-6 p.m. next to the library and playground on Rte. 103. Stop in for locally grown vegetables and fruits, baked goods, herbs, plants and more. Any interested vendors, particularly of food items, should call Sue Russell at 763-0181 or, preferably, email russellpottery@gmail.com. The market will run through Sept. 3.

Clean sweep on June 26

What better way to greet the official start of summer (plus 5 days) than to hit the streets en masse and clean up the litter. To kick things off the selectmen will be cleaning the two miles of Rte. 103 they adopted on Saturday, June 26 starting at 8 a.m. It's their second of four pick-ups of the stretch of Rte. 103 from Village Road to 103A.

Annual Fire Dept. Auction – Sunday, Aug. 29

The bidding will begin at 11 a.m. for this fun and casual auction with amateur (but honed with experience) caller Chief Henry Thomas. There's always a fascinating range of items that go for low prices at this department fundraiser.

If you have any to donate bring them down no sooner than Tues., Aug. 24. They'll start doing pickups the day before the auction.

Newbury community garden **Garden sun aplenty**

Newbury's community garden at Fishersfield Park offers plots with full sunshine for those whose yards are well shaded. The garden comes with the added benefit of advice from more experienced gardeners if you'd like help getting started. There are sixteen plots, each 20 feet by 20 feet, available for \$20/plot per season. The garden is located in the upper field of Fishersfield Park on Old Post Road opposite the transfer station. The ground is tilled in advance.

Anyone interested in community garden plots this year should contact Dick Wright at 938-2414 or see Donna Long at town office for plot assignment and an information package.

Caboose Museum open in Bell Cove

The caboose museum in Bell Cove will be open weekends June 1 through Labor Day.

The information booth is open Saturdays and Sundays until the beginning of July when it changes to a five-day week, Wednesday through Sunday.

P O L I C E D E P T .

Word for the summer: Courtesy

The things that bring the biggest complaints in the summer are dog complaints, noise disturbances and fireworks without a permit. While we have ordinances for these things, showing courtesy to the other guy seems so much easier.

Pedestrians, bicyclists, bikers, hikers, swimmers, boaters, dog owners, drivers, partiers – whatever you're doing just keep other people in mind and we can all enjoy our summer.

See you around!

--Chief Bob Lee

From the desk of the **Newbury Board of Selectmen**

*Jim Powell, Gary Budd, Dick Wright
and town administrator Dennis Pavlicek*

Newbury's painted theater curtains

There's a lot to be said for spring cleaning. At the Veterans Hall it uncovered several old painted theater curtains. (Did you know there's a stage in the building?) On May 13, Christine Hadsel, who has been cataloguing and restoring theater curtains for years, visited to evaluate the new find in the Vets Hall along with curtains and panels in the old town hall in South Newbury. She has submitted her assessment and several proposals for conservation with estimates.

The working plan is to conserve the two curtains in the best shape, perhaps the panels also, and put the other four curtains in safe storage for the time being. The cost estimate is roughly \$10,000 and town administrator Dennis Pavlicek will apply for a moose plate grant to cover the cost. The next round of grants will be awarded next March.

There are six curtains altogether between the Vets Hall and the old town hall along with some side panels. The curtains measure an average of 8.5 x 17 feet. The curtain in the best condition at the Vets Hall is described in the report as a "grand drape with seascape and village" painted by C.W. Slater of Boston circa 1920. In poorer condition are curtains depicting a mountain scene and the Bay of Naples. At the old town hall are a grand drape that's been painted over to show Lake Sunapee with mountains in the background and curtains with a woodland scene and a parlor scene. A set of eight double-sided panels, called 'ears,' match the parlor scene on one side and the woodland scene on the other. Another interesting note is that one of the curtains was signed by the actors some time pre-1895.

It's possible at least some might be on display in the Veterans' Hall during Old Home Day, July 10.

Testing functionality of Veterans Hall – The selectmen have been discussing and pursuing some minimal, inexpensive work at the Veterans Hall to allow some 'test case' use of building to assess its functionality. The efforts will help clarify what it would take to get the hall back in to productive use. The use of it will bring to light any issues with its use for discussion or resolution. The recreation coordinator has proposed several activities he'd like to run in the hall this summer.

The updates set so far are minor electric work for basic lighting, widening an exit door, sanding and polyurethaning the floor and other clean-up work by volunteers and county work crews.

The building's structural soundness has been verified by engineers, architects and construction professionals. The select board has done some preliminary investigation on adding the hall to the town office septic system, and decided to postpone any action for the time being.

Memorial site search – The selectmen continue working with the veterans' memorial committee on an appropriate site for a memorial. Selectmen will be meeting with committee members in June about the committee's preference of two sites suggested by the board.

Newbury, her volunteers share in Profile Award

Newbury shared the stage with Sunapee and New London when the three towns were presented the Profile Award this May for their contributions to the state in preserving New Hampshire's land, heritage, culture, resources, traditions and history.

The towns were nominated by Maggie Stier, former executive director of The Fells and member of the award committee.

The Profile Awards were established as a way to memorialize the Old Man of the Mountain, the extraordinary rock profile that was New Hampshire's official symbol. They are given annually to recognize and celebrate an individual, an organization and a community based on criteria which include work to conserve natural resources, preserve history and historic structures and volunteerism in these efforts.

The nomination for the three towns noted they are "inextricably tied together" by Lake Sunapee which is a focus of several of the largely volunteer groups and activities called out for mention. These included The Fells, LSPA, ASLPT, the towns' historical societies and Newbury's Center Meeting House.

"In summary," Stier wrote, "these three towns have an extraordinary sense of volunteerism and community spirit. Here, residents work together to assure a vibrant sense of community, protect the rich natural resources surrounding Lake Sunapee, and preserve and interpret the cultural history of the area. The residents of these towns give generously of their time, talent and treasure, and truly care about each other and the place they have chosen to call home."

The custom-made awards are made of New Hampshire birch and granite with a glass medallion. It will be on display in Newbury during Old Home Day on July 10.

Have you verified your CodeRED contact numbers? **Be ready – test of 'reverse 911' set for June 24**

Now is a good time to add your phone numbers and email/text to the CodeRED Emergency Notification System database. On Thursday, June 24, at 11 a.m. CodeRED will broadcast a test message by telephone. The company has offered this complimentary 'all call' to everyone in the system to test the accuracy of the contact data in the system and also to evaluate the phone infrastructure to best match its capacity with the amount of lines used during call outs.

Newbury used the system in late May when smoke from the fires in Canada was covering the area and generating calls to fire departments. If you received the call you know how the system will work; if you didn't you ought to fix that now. While CodeRED uses commercially available phone numbers, there is no guarantee that

data is correct or that it's the best number at which to contact you with emergency alerts.

Go to the town website, www.newburynh.org and lick at the lower right for the CodeRED emergency notification network. The sign-up screen is very straightforward. You can include additional contact phone numbers, cell phones, email and text addresses.

Required information includes a street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes) for location purposes – such as when an alert only affects people in a particular area – and at least a primary phone number. Additional phone numbers, email and text addresses may also be entered. *Even if you have an unlisted phone number, you can safely register your phone number in the CodeRED database; the information will not be sold nor will it be used for any purpose other than emergency contact from the town.*

If you don't have internet access, call Denise Sherrill at the town office (763-4940 x201) and she will enter the information for you.

Blodgett WWTP – Construction work on the upgrade of the Blodgett wastewater treatment plant is progressing on a timely basis. Pavlicek said they have until next June to complete the work; the firms want to be substantially done by late October.

Blodgett hookup fee up – For the first time in more than 20 years, the connection fee to the Blodgett sewer treatment plant is increasing for first-time hookups from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

New face at transfer station – Steve Palermo has been hired to fill the open full-time attendant slot at the transfer station. He'll work with Churchill Heselton there and with Will Willis on other jobs around town.

Good recycling news – The market price of recycled materials is going up dramatically from last year. Even though our volume is up just a little, Pavlicek reports we've taken in 50% more in revenue than last year at this time.

To encourage recycling the selectmen ordered signs to make the recycling areas more user friendly that are available for free from New Hampshire the Beautiful.

Chair selected – After town meeting the board of selectmen chose Jim Powell as its chairman for 2010.

WCNH broadband project – The selectmen signed a letter of support for the WCNH broadband grant request for federal rural development project funds. The grant request is being done in concert with UNH and other universities. Now it is waiting time to hear back on the grant submission, maybe late summer.

DSL service area to expand – Dennis Pavlicek, who fields many calls on the subject, has been notified by Fairpoint that it is converting a switch box located on Fishersfield Rd. at Route 103A to make DSL available to its customers in that area. The service should be available by September and the company will notify its customers. With this change most Fairpoint customers in Newbury should have access to DSL.

Volunteer board appointments – The selectmen signed (re)appointment letters for openings on the conservation commission for Eric Unger and Katheryn Holmes.

Proposed dock concerns raised – On May 17 Katheryn Holmes, chair of the conservation commission, shared concerns the group has with a seasonal floating dock that is proposed to go in on the Fells property. She said that in April DES granted permission for the Fells to put in this dock. The commission is worried about the loons and blue heron found in this area. There was a motion within the

conservation commission to oppose the DES permit due to the conservation and ecological concerns in this protected area.

Arbor award – The Arbor Day Foundation sent a congratulatory letter to Newbury for being named a Tree City again and receiving the Growth Award.

Safety services facilities – The selectmen are working with the chiefs of the fire and police departments on potential plans and sites for the two departments. The current plan is to move the police station to the Bald Sunapee property, leaving the current structure solely for the fire station.

They will use existing plans and architectural expertise to ensure the most cost-effective approach to the project. The objective at this point is to examine the options for moving forward and build a consensus on the approach. All agreed that the approach to the project needs to remain simple, using existing expertise and avoiding unnecessary expenses. The selectmen and chiefs have met and reviewed the existing research and engineering already done from the visioning sessions five years ago. They will regroup for further discussion after gathering more definitive information, such as costs, square footage, codes and the like. The goal is a cost-effective implementation to present to the public.

Sign permits – The farmers' market organizers submitted a request to put up two temporary signs during the summer season to advertise the market. The select board agreed to have these signs up between July 2 and Sept. 3. A sign permit for Rainbow Garage was also approved and signed.

Investigating elder housing – An elder housing project has been proposed for a site off Newbury Heights Rd. through an FHA program administered locally by CAP of Merrimack County. Selectmen and the town administrator have visited the site with the project engineer along with Fire Chief Hank Thomas, building inspector Paul LaCasse. Representatives of CAP have also presented their proposal to the select board and began a conceptual hearing before the planning board in April.

The next number is... – Selectmen approved a request from South Newbury Union Church to hold Bingo games throughout the summer months.

Bridge work – On May 3 the selectmen discussed the status of the work to be done on two bridges in South Newbury. Wetlands permits are approved on both and all easements from abutters acquired. The archaeological survey found nothing noteworthy. The engineers will be ready to put the job to bid within the next few weeks but are still waiting on state approval on the final design. It is anticipated work will begin late August.

Scenic byway – Lake Sunapee Scenic and Cultural Byway committee submitted its grant application to the state scenic byway council on April 9. The state council will rank the applications for final selections by the Federal Highway Administration. Don't expect to hear anything until after September. The public hearing on the corridor study was held and a report will be submitted to federal DOT by UVLSRPC to fulfill requirements of the earlier study grant.

Warrant for tax bills – The property tax warrant in the amount of \$4,834,720 for 2010 was signed in May and the first-half tax bills mailed. As usual the amount is an estimate based on one half of last year's total billing. The current-year tax rate is set by the state dept. of revenue administration in the fall and the second-half tax bill is then adjusted appropriately.

Property tax payments must be made by July 1.

PSNH offers energy savings – Newbury has submitted two lighting retrofit projects to PSNH under its small business energy efficiency program. If accepted as cost effective, PSNH will pay 50% of the labor and material cost the projects. The town’s share would be paid out of our cost savings from reduced electricity use. Our monthly PSNH payments would remain at the current level until our 50% share of the improvements is paid off, and then the billing would drop to our actual lower usage.

Under the program PSNH sponsored an assessment of the lighting in our town buildings performed by LighTec, Inc. The report it submitted inventoried the current lighting in each building, the amount of energy used by lighting at each site and offered energy-efficient lighting alternatives with the cost and savings of completing a lighting retrofit – i.e. changing the fixtures and type of bulbs for the most part.

On June 1 selectmen reviewed the report. The town office, safety services and library look to be in good shape. Following the report’s suggestions for the transfer station upgrade would yield a 75% improvement in average monthly kilowatt use and, with the 50% rebate from PSNH, would only run the town about \$850. If it’s accepted by PSNH the selectmen are thinking it’s probably best to just pay that off.

The highway garage will also be put in for the payback program. The average monthly savings in kilowatts (42%) and annual kilowatt hours (53%) would yield an estimated electric cost savings that would pay off the town’s share of the cost, estimated at \$8,800, in about 5.5 years.

For now, PSNH is checking whether any of the results pass its Smart Start cost-effective test.

Fuel costs set – The select board reviewed the bids given for oil, propane and diesel and told Pavlicek to commit with the lowest bidder. The cost is up from last year but not dramatically.

TAX COLLECTOR

The deadline to pay your tax bill is Thursday, July 1.

FAMILY SERVICES

The food pantry is okay for now and thanks to everyone who donated cat and dog food, we now have enough of that for the moment as well.

OHD dinner tickets would be appreciated

If any resident of Newbury would like to make it possible for those not able to afford it to go to the Old Home Day dinner, or have their kids participate on the Roaming Railroad ride, please contact me at 938-2064.

--Gail Bostic, family services director

PARKS & RECREATION

Recreation Committee: Inge Lee, Jane Pratt, Marilyn Hill, Jennifer Morris Sweet, Gail Bostic, Katie Seabury, Mark Cashin, Monica Valovic, John Valovic

Newbury Recreation has another active summer lined up...

Mom’s Afternoon Off Summer Camp

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1-3:30 p.m.

June 29 – Aug. 5

Where: Town dock, Fishersfield Park

Staff: Travis Dezotell, certified lifeguards, junior counselors

Age: 5 years old by June 1, 2010

Cost: \$8/day or \$75 to hold a spot for the season

This year’s camp features new weekly themes. The first three weeks will each have an ‘introduction to’ activity – week 1 will offer an introduction to martial arts, week 2 will be canoeing and kayaking,

week 3 BMX and mountain biking, with more themes in the pipeline. Camp will rotate between the park and town dock area at Newbury harbor. Any water activities will be supervised by a certified lifeguard as well as trained junior counselors. On ‘downpour’ days we will have indoor programming available in conjunction with Newbury Public Library.

Adventures in Nature Camp

When: July 5-9, 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Where: Fishersfield Park

Cost: \$40

Ages: 5-12

Campers will spend each day learning to experience nature in many different and creative ways through exploring and experiencing Fishersfield Park – from fort building to plant pressing, nature photography to geocaching and all kinds of things in between.

To sign up for either camp:

Completed sign-up forms (available at town office) are due with payment by June 28 for the MOA camp and by July 1 for AiN camp. Mail form and check to Town of Newbury, PO Box 296, Newbury, NH 03255. Make checks payable to Newbury Recreation Revolving Fund. If you have questions call Travis Dezotell at 763-4940 x210.

Newbury Swim Program

Week 1: July 12-16, Newbury harbor town dock

Week 2: July 19-23, Blodgett’s Landing town dock

Ages: 4 and up

Cost: One week - \$24 (\$20 each child in same family)

Two weeks - \$40

A certified swimming instructor will teach levels 1-7 and specific groups will be assigned on the first day.

11 a.m., levels 1-2, beginners & nonfloaters

12 p.m., levels 3-4, floating beginners & deeper-water beginners

1 p.m., levels 5-7, intermediate to advanced swimmers

To sign up: Completed sign-up forms (available at town office) are due with payment by June 30. Mail form and check to Town of Newbury, PO Box 296, Newbury, NH 03255. Make checks payable to Newbury Recreation Revolving Fund.

Newbury Recreation & Ecology Camp at The Fells

When: July 26-30, 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Ages: 6 - 13

Where: The Fells, Route 103A

Cost: \$40

Camp description: Campers will be exploring the streams, forest, fields and trails at The Fells, learning about animal habitats, aquatic creatures, birds and plant life in a fun and interactive format. One activity will be a day of kayaking and canoeing. Guest naturalists will also visit.

To sign up: Completed sign-up forms (available at town office) are due with payment by July 20. Mail form and check to Town of Newbury, PO Box 296, Newbury, NH 03255. Make checks payable to Newbury Recreation Revolving Fund.

Youth Tennis Lessons

When: Fridays, July 2 - 30

8:30 a.m. for ages 5-7

9:30 a.m. for ages 8-12

Where: Fishersfield Park tennis courts

Cost: \$20 for five lessons

Children will be taught using USTA-developed Quick Start Tennis. Limited number of rackets available on advance request.

To sign up: Completed sign-up forms (available at town office) are due with payment by July 1. Mail form and check to Town of Newbury, PO Box 296, Newbury, NH 03255. Make checks payable to Newbury Recreation Revolving Fund.

Wednesday Night Soccer

Ages: Under 15 When: Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Where: Fishersfield Park June 30 – Aug. 11
Cost: \$5/training session

The idea behind this program is to help our local youth prepare for their upcoming middle and high school pre-season and regular-season schedules. Proper training, stretching, warm-up, skills work, goalkeeper training, full- and small-sided play and mental approaches will all be covered, with guest coaching from local high school and college coaches. Exhibition matches could be possible with sufficient numbers. Whether or not the program is co-ed will also depend on numbers; we will have sufficient coaching to accommodate either approach.

To sign up: Forms will be available to fill out on site. Payment can be made by the session or for the whole summer (make checks payable to Newbury Recreation Revolving Fund).

Unitor Soccer Camp

Ages: 5-15 Where: Fishersfield Park
When: Aug. 9-13, Cost: \$65
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Proper training, stretching, warm up, skills work, goalkeeper training, full and small-sided play and mental approaches will all be covered. Unitor staff and guest coaching from local high school and college coaches will be featured and a play-based learning system will dominate the curriculum. Theories and techniques will be demonstrated and learned through small-sided and full-field game play situations. Unitor and Newbury Rec both feel the best way to learn is through realistic play opportunities. Each camper will receive a T-shirt and a ball.

To sign up: Completed sign-up forms (available at town office) are due with payment by Aug. 5. Mail form and check to Town of Newbury, PO Box 296, Newbury, NH 03255. Make checks payable to Newbury Recreation Revolving Fund.

Bus trip to Foxboro soccer– Aug. 7

Sign up quickly for a round-trip bus ride and ticket to attend this match between the New England Revolution and D.C. United at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro on Aug. 7.

Advance ticket sales now – only 50 tickets are available, first come first served. Cost is \$50 per person; make checks payable to Town of Newbury RRF. The trip is a joint effort of the recreation departments of Newbury, Newport and Sunapee.

Bus transportation leaves Newport at 2 p.m., Sunapee at 2:25 p.m. and Newbury at 2:50 p.m. The game starts at 7:30 p.m.

For additional information contact Travis Dezotell, 763-4940 x210.

Interpretive guide for Fishersfield Park trails

Recreation coordinator Travis Dezotell and Justin Varney, an intern from Colby-Sawyer College, have created an interpretive trail system at Fishersfield Park. There are 25 stations selected for their geologic, natural, historical or watershed-oriented features and marked by numbered posts. A corresponding guide describes each location.

The guide should be out by mid-June, in a box by the trailhead, 20 yards up the road to the upper field past the snack shack.

Find Fishersfield on Facebook, too

You can also find the park on Facebook under Newbury Recreation Fishersfield Park with links to maps, history, photo albums and more.

NEWBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Library trustees: Liz Tentarelli, Pam Ritchie, Pat Sherman.
Friends of NPL: Liz Moulton, Paula Falkowski, Ken Tentarelli, Mickey Noyer, Jackie Keegan, Suzanne Levine, Diana Morris*

Library hours: Sunday 12- 5 p.m., Monday 12-8 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 12-5 p.m., Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
763-5803

Poetry jams, book discussions

Dianalee Velie, renowned poet and Newbury resident, leads poetry jams at the library, usually at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month but with flexibility for the schedules of the participants. A session is scheduled for Monday, June 14, with the topic “Dad didn’t dare.” New participants are always welcome.

A book discussion group meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. Check at the library for that month’s book selection and to confirm the date.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE UP & RUNNING

Open house June 21

The Newbury Public Library invites the public to an open house on Monday, June 21, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the library. Come see our new computer workstations now up and running and join us in thanking our very generous donors.

The Friends also purchased a new computer and monitor for one additional patron station and a new printer thanks to donations.

The intent of the project was to substantially increase computer access, internet speed and reliability in the library with five new networked computers and new printers. There’s also new shelving and location for the new computer stations.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Stories and Ice Cream for Hot Summer Days

For first grades K-5 on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. beginning on July 7 through Aug. 4.

Family Time Stories at the library

Join us for stories, family fun and inspired silliness on these Mondays in July from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

July 12 – PJ Party! Bedtime stories and lullabies with children’s librarian Jane Moss.

July 19 – Stuffed Animal Pet Show! Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library for a very special pet show.

TEEN ZONE: GRADES 6 AND UP

“Newbury State of Mind” Video Contest

Ken Tentarelli and Janet Rucker will teach teens to direct, film and edit their own original videos. Submit your Newbury-themed video and win prizes.

Teen Zone reading program

Newbury Public Library is sponsoring a summer reading program just for young adults (6th grade and older). Complete your log by reading 1,500 pages and visiting the library four times. Finish your log by August 9 and we’ll invite you to the Summer Reading Wrap-Up party/silent auction on August 12.

July 7	Tie Dye
July 20	Book Report Help
July 22	Chocolate Dip/Candy Making
Aug. 3	Book Report wrap up
Aug. 9	Turn in reading log
Aug. 12	Silent Auction

News from Friends of the Library:

Thanks for the support

Our annual appeal which started on May 1 is getting a nice community response and we can't thank you enough for your contributions. Many thanks, too, to all who supported our recent book and bake sale at the library over Memorial Day weekend. All of the money raised goes to support the library and its programs.

CHECK THEM OUT:

Free passes to museums

The NBC has donated two museum passes to the library – for the Currier Museum of Art and Canterbury Shaker Village. Along with the previous ones purchased by the Friends of the Newbury Public Library and its supporters we now have lots of choices for our library patrons:

- > McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord – one 4-person pass to the Discovery exhibit hall
- > SEE Science Center in Manchester – pass is coming soon
- > Billings Farm and Museum in Woodstock, VT – passes for 2 adults and their children under age 18
- > Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner – 2 one-person passes
- > The Fells historic estate and gardens in Newbury – pass for 2 adults and accompanying children
- > Currier Museum of Art in Manchester – two two-person passes
- > Canterbury Shaker Museum in Canterbury – 100 two-person discount coupons

The passes are available for checkout at the library. Call the library for more information and reservations at 763-5803.

Gift baskets for Old Home Day

Once again, the Friends will offer a silent auction on gift baskets on Old Home Day on July 10. Stop by to place your bid and then visit the book sale and ice cream booth, all proceeds to support the library.

Bidding on the baskets will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. during Old Home Day and the winners will be called on Sunday.

We hope to see you there.

[If you'd like to help out with a basket, please let us know by leaving a message at the library with Rosie. We plan to earmark those funds raised by the baskets for the museum passes in future years. Thanks once again for helping us to support the library.

Join the Friends

The Friends will be meeting in the library at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14 and again on Sept. 13. Everyone is invited to attend.

--Liz Moulton, Friends president

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Annual meeting to honor Alice Lynn

The Newbury Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and program on Sunday, July 18, at the town office building. The business meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. and will be followed immediately by the program at 2 p.m.

The short business meeting will include a special presentation to Alice Lynn conferring upon her our first Director Emeritus designation. Come join us as we honor Alice for her many years of support and dedication to the Newbury Historical Society.

Other business will include the election of three directors.

'Wild Goose Waters from Above'

Immediately following the annual meeting on July 18, Ron Garceau and Babe Sargent will offer a PowerPoint presentation, *Wild Goose Waters from Above*. This fascinating view of the entire shoreline of Lake Sunapee has been assembled from hundreds of photos taken in 1949-50 with a World War II military camera. You will be amazed at the clarity of the photographs as you re-visit many landmarks now lost forever and you will enjoy hearing the stories and adventures encountered in the process.

Summer full of PALS programs, exhibits

Be sure to read through a copy of the PALS (Partners Around Lake Sunapee) brochure as it contains another six months' worth of interesting and varied programs and exhibits which will be offered in our Lake Sunapee area. Additional copies are available at the Newbury library and the town office.

--Barbara Steward

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Not all our volunteering is outside. April found us at the Fells Main House. Every other year The Fells holds an event called "Christmas at The Fells." All the rooms are theme decorated and we are transforming the Teddy Roosevelt room into Santa's Workshop.

May, our busiest month, is planting time. The barrels come out of winter storage; thank you, highway department. Stillwater Garden Center did a great job creating and babysitting our baskets in their greenhouses in early spring, and the associate members did a fine job in hanging them on the poles. The window boxes and barrels were refreshed with new soil and planted with flowers and grasses for a new season of summer blooming. We appreciated all our residents and friends who stopped and shopped our 5th annual plant sale. Hope to see you all again next year!

June is watering time. You can always tell an NBCer's car – it's the one with milk jugs filled with blue water.

July is "plant the flags," marching in the 4th of July parade, serving salad at the Old Home Day barbecue and planning field trips to area gardens.

August brings more watering and dead heading. We are a busy organization, proud and pleased to make our town more beautiful... and have fun at the same time. Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month, 9:00 a.m., Newbury Town Office meeting room. Come join us. Membership is always open to all.

What are the flowers planted in the hanging baskets?

The dark red flower is Calibrachoa and the red flower is Verbena Lanai.

--Sally Wollensak, NBC publicity

Chippers donates work effort

Thanks to the efforts of Gloria Whelan of the NBC, Chippers, a professional arborist and land care company in New Hampshire and Vermont, is donating a three-man crew and equipment to work on the Fishersfield Park trails for a day. The crew will clear dead trees from the trails and take away the debris, a donation of services valued at \$1,800.

Chippers said its "Find a Need, Plant a Seed: Community Beautification Initiative is an effort to contribute to the communities that sustain us all. Although Chippers sponsors and donates to many local causes and charities throughout the region, this year they also wanted to make a direct contribution to the beautification of our community spaces with the actual professional green care services they provide: tree, turf, soil, land and forest."

After Chippers completes its tree work the NBC has scheduled a trail clearing for its adopted section of the park trail to make it more accessible for the summer.

CENTER MEETING HOUSE

The task this year for CMH is to complete the restoration so that they can begin to hold both individual and community events in the building. The final phase of the restoration should begin in June, with hopes of a completion by summer's end.

Pews for posterity

Doug Whelan reports that they have now sold 25 pew sponsorships at \$5,000 each with only 17 pews left to go. Sponsoring a pew, he points out, will not only allow the restoration to move forward but it will allow the sponsors to leave a legacy for the future. There will be a museum-quality book that will have a page available for each donor family to leave any memories or ideas that resonate with them.

CMH summer events: More than meets the eye

CMH has associated with PALS (Partners Around Lake Sunapee) and planned two events around the group's 2010 theme "Lake Sunapee: More than Meets the Eye!"

A Musical Evening with the New England Brass Consort

Our third annual concert will kick off Newbury's Old Home Day weekend at 7 p.m. on July 9 under the big tent at Mount Sunapee. The CMH is presenting the New England Brass Consort, five world-class musicians from Boston's finest orchestras: The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, the Boston Ballet Orchestra, the Handel and Haydn Society, the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra and Boston Lyric Opera Orchestra. Selections will include renaissance dances, classical favorites, marches and show tunes.

The Connecticut Valley River Orchestra is associating with us to bring this talented quintet to Mt. Sunapee. In keeping with our mission of offering events to enrich our community, the concert is free to all.

In addition, if you wish to attend the preceding buffet dinner in the Spruce Lodge, at \$35 per person, please call 763-3461 to make your reservation before June 29. The dinner begins at 5 p.m.

Construction Secrets of Newbury's Center Meeting House

On Sunday, July 25, after our annual meeting which will begin at 2 p.m., we will present an enlightening program to the public in which we will learn of early construction techniques. Our historical architecture team, Duffy and Rick Monahan of Peterborough, has worked for five years offering their expertise as we restore the 1832 Center Meeting House to its original condition. They have challenged the state's historical experts and our contractor to ensure that the building is accurately restored. The Monahans will share with us construction methods and unpredictable discoveries unearthed during the restoration work. We will see photos they took throughout the restoration process and hear about their journey of learning about the construction secrets of our historic building. The Monahan presentation will begin at 3 p.m., also in the Newbury town office.

HIGHWAY DEPT.

At press time the paving is done on the areas of Newell, Brown, Proctor and Gillingham roads that were reclaimed last year. The crew is doing culvert and other prep work on Stoodley Rd. which will be paved in the fall. The paving came in under budget so selectmen took highway administrator Cal Prussman's suggestion to go ahead and prep Shore, Pine Cliff and Cloverfield roads for reclaiming in the fall.

The hazard mitigation work in Sunapee Hills, paid for by a grant from FEMA, is finished. Hazard mitigation work on Cheney Road is nearly finished, including hardpack and riprap in ditches. The town has filed for an extension to use part of the remaining grant money for culvert replacement.

Other maintenance will be handled as it comes up through the summer. Prussman also reports that the new chipper is in and is working great.

FIRE & RESCUE DEPT.

Roadway accidents up 40%

The Newbury Fire and Rescue Department has continued to be very active over the last several months. While the total number of calls year to date is about the same as last year, the number of motor vehicle accidents that the department has responded to is up 40% for the first five months of 2010.

The department responded to its first organized-racing accident on May 22 when several of the bicyclers in the Lake Sunapee bike race collided near the Mount Sunapee traffic circle. First reports indicated that there were a number of injuries and ambulances were called from New London, Newport and Bradford. Fortunately, most of the injuries turned out to be minor with most **cyclists** not needing medical attention and continuing the race. Two of the participants were transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Fireboat pump: tested and ready

The Newbury Fire Boat is in the lake for the season with the new high-capacity fire pump, installed by Valley Fire Apparatus of Bradford. Training has been under way for the last month on the new pump with all members now familiar with the operation of the new equipment.

A joint exercise was conducted with the towns of New London and Sunapee to determine the capabilities of the new pump in filling tanker trucks that might be needed in the event of a structure fire in the three towns. The demonstration proved that the boat pumping from the lake to fill the tankers was a very effective way to rapidly provide large amounts of water for firefighting. Plans are to utilize the fireboat as a mutual-aid water supply source during the months that it is in the water.

Watch the fire danger sign

Most residents are familiar with the Smokey Bear fire danger sign at the safety services building. The sign is updated on a daily basis based on the fire danger reports provided by the State of New Hampshire. Please keep in mind that even if you have been issued a permit by the forest fire wardens, outside burning is not allowed when there is a high fire danger. Please check with one of the wardens if you have any questions.

Fireworks need permit

With the 4th of July holiday approaching; residents are reminded that the Town of Newbury has a Fireworks Ordinance that requires a permit to set off fireworks within the town. Information on the fireworks permit application is available on the town website or from one of the forest fire wardens.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Did you get the call?

Sign up for reverse 911 alerts

The first test of Newbury's CodeRED reverse 911 emergency notification system was conducted successfully on Memorial Day. Smoke from a large Canadian forest fire was carried by strong winds over much of New Hampshire. The Newbury Fire Dept. along with fire departments through the state was inundated with calls from residents reporting seeing and smelling smoke near their homes. The CodeRED message went out to all residents and businesses in Newbury informing them of the source of the smoke and not to be concerned, but reminding them to call 911 if they see an actual fire.

Calls automatically go to all listed telephones in Newbury and to unlisted and cell phones of residents and businesses that have provided their information on the CodeRED information form available on the front page of the Town of Newbury website. If you did not receive a message from the Town of Newbury or you would like to add a cell phone or additional phone number to the CodeRED list, please go to the website and complete the form. If you do not have internet access, please contact Denise Walters at the town office and she will assist you with getting your information on the database. Please keep in mind that your contact information is only used in the event of an emergency or when it is necessary to provide important information to Newbury residents.

HEALTH OFFICER

Prevention guidelines for WNV, EEE

No one needs to be told that the damp spring has resulted in a bumper crop of insects this year. In addition to the aggravation that these bugs bring, they can also spread diseases such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). Although there have not been any cases of these serious diseases in Newbury, there has been illness and even fatalities in other parts of the state. The NH Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS) provides the following prevention guidelines for WNV and EEE.

1. Eliminate standing water and other mosquito breeding locations around your property. In warm weather, mosquitoes can breed in any puddle that lasts more than four days.

- Remove old tires from your property and 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 them empty and covered and keep covers free of standing water.
- Aerate garden ponds or stock them with fish.
- Turn over wheelbarrows, change water in birdbaths at least twice weekly, turn over plastic wading pools when not in use.
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their properties.

Note: Please do not attempt to drain or alter natural water bodies for mosquito control, since the management of ponds and wetlands is regulated by the Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) and any planned alterations will require a permit before work may begin.

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 adult mosquitoes, including several species commonly associated with WNV and EEE.
- 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 30% or less DEET for children and adults. Use it according to the manufacturer's directions. Children should not apply DEET to themselves. Repellents that contain Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 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.

Updates from DHHS and other public health resources are posted on the health officer's page of the town website – newburynh.org.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Katheryn Holmes, chair; Eric Unger, vice-chair; Bill Annable, Chuck Crickman; Deane Geddes, Suzanne Levine, Dick Wright

The information below is taken in summary from minutes, some draft, of the conservation commission's meetings of March 18, May 11 and May 17. There were no CC meetings in April. You are encouraged to read the full and approved minutes available at town office.

John Hay National Wildlife Refuge plan

3/18/10 This was a special session meeting devoted to discussing the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's (FWS) *Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge*. The FWS plan was presented at a public meeting on March 11 and the FWS asked the conservation commission (CC) to review the plan and submit a written response by March 31.

Holmes stated that the John Hay National Wildlife Refuge was established as a migratory bird and wildlife reservation and should be preserved as such. She said the property is a watershed that feeds into Lake Sunapee, is interconnected with Sunset Hill and The Fells and would be adversely affected by increased human impact.

Holmes reviewed the three options offered by FWS:

- Plan A involves no action and proposes to continue managing the refuge under the current management strategies;
- Plan B proposes increased foot trails, a meadow expansion that reaches to the shoreline, a fishing access area, increased visitor services, a parking lot and the addition of seasonal on-site staff; and
- Plan C incorporates all of the proposed development in **Plan B** and adds a network of trails that are widened to make them ADA compliant, an increase in tree cutting, establishing permanent structures for visitor comforts and adding permanent staff.

Input from various sources was shared, questions were raised about the impact to the environment in the face of increased human access, management oversight of the options, funding for the project, the practicality of allowing shoreline fishing, and the short- and long term effect on wildlife habitation and longevity.

Holmes canvassed the members present for their preference for Plan A (4 votes), B (1 vote) or C. Following receipt of comments from Wright, Geddes and Perrotta, Holmes said she will draft a letter from the CC to the FWS expressing the issues, concerns and preferences expressed by the majority of the commission members.

5/11 Holmes reviewed with the commission the March 26 letter sent by the CC to FWS regarding its draft plan and for the John Hay refuge.

Member addition/deletion

5/11/10 Holmes announced the appointment of Dick Wright, selectman, as an ex-officio member of the conservation commission (CC). She added that Frank Perrotta has resigned as a commission member.

Intent to cut

5/11/10 Unger said he received an intent to cut in the buffer zone from Bert Pinard, owner of the Lakeview Motor Lodge. Pinard requested cutting some trees down in order to open up a view of the lake. Unger said he made a site visit at the end of April and discovered the trees in question were 120' to 150' from the shoreline. Holmes noted that the setback is 250' under the Shoreland Protection Act. Unger said many of the trees marked for cutting were dead but the smaller trees that were marked were removed from the cut list.

The Fells' seasonal dock permit

5/11/10 Holmes reviewed the history of the DES permit which refers to a request by The Fells for a seasonal dock installation to accommodate the needs of the Lake Sunapee Rowing Club. The Rowing Club last summer used The Fells as an access point for rowing activities. The board heard the concerns of the Cohens, Fells

Cove Road abutters to The Fells and a letter from the Loon Preservation Committee.

The commission members considered the appropriate next step. The Cohens indicated their intent to file an appeal to DES by May 19. It was suggested that the commission submit a letter of concern to DES.

Holmes suggested scheduling a site visit and meeting with Karen Zurheide, executive director of The Fells. It was agreed to meet following the site visit to review their findings and formulate a response regarding the proposed project.

5/17/10 Site visit - Karen Zurheide, executive director of The Fells, accompanied commission members on the site visit to the location of the proposed seasonal dock. The minutes of the visit are available at town office.

5/17/10 Holmes said this meeting is to review the information and research gathered regarding the proposed seasonal dock at The Fells and to determine the CC's response to same. She recommended formulating a list of the commission's concerns regarding this project and including it in a letter sent to the board of selectmen and The Fells. After discussion the CC voted unanimously to oppose the DES permit due to conservation and ecological concerns for sensitive species or communities that may be present on this protected area and the fact that there is already an existing dock on the water frontage which is in violation of condition 3 of the permit.

DES permit communications

5/11/10 Holmes reviewed the following communications from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES):

-- May 1, to Donna C. Flanders, 18 Autumn Lane, a permit by notification (PBN) to repair existing dock and boathouse damaged from ice push in January.

-- May 3, to Betsy P. Deasy, 205 Bay Point Road, a wetlands and non-site specific permit (with conditions) to repair an existing dock.

-- May 6, to Town of Newbury, a wetlands and non-site specific permit (with conditions) to dredge and fill an area and temporarily impact another for replacement of the Sutton Rd. bridge and associated road upgrades. Temporary detour bridge construction is proposed.

Tree cutting application review

5/11/10 Crickman presented the second draft of applications for the commission's review. Members will review the draft and present suggestions at the next regular meeting.

LAND USE BOARDS

Please note –

The land-use board sections here first present topics the boards covered at work sessions and other administrative actions. This is followed by summaries of hearings, arranged by case numbers and / or date sequence within each case. In all cases these are very brief summaries and in some cases are from draft minutes. You are encouraged to read the full and approved minutes, available at the town office.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Katheryn Holmes, chair; Helen Wright, vice-chair; Harry Seidel, Barbara Richmond, Peter Fichter.

Alternates: Alex Azodi, Sue Russell, Steve Russell

The following information is taken from minutes, some draft, of the ZBA meetings as indicated.

Legislature looks at increased penalties

3/22/10 Holmes reviewed a document from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) which describes a legislative proposal being drafted by a coalition including NH's state

forester, the forest society, the NH Timberland Owners Association and state legislators that would provide for a more aggressive system of financial penalties for repeat offenders of state forestry and wetland laws.

Board posts, appointments

3/22/10 In three unanimous votes the ZBA re-elected Holmes as chair, Wright as vice-chair and Azodi as an alternate.

Holmes reviewed each member's term expiration date as follows: Fichter 2012, Richmond 2011, Wright 2011, Azodi 2011, Sue Russell 2012, Seidel 2013 and Holmes 2013.

4/12/10 Sue Russell and Steve Russell were nominated and unanimously voted in as alternates for the ZBA.

New variance criteria application, applicant notice

3/22/10 The board reviewed the revised 'application for a variance' and draft notice to the applicant regarding the variance criteria changes. Seidel questioned whether or not it was appropriate for the ZBA to review the documents, noting that it was the role of the planning board (PB) to undertake such revisions.

Holmes said that the purpose of both documents was to help the applicant prepare fully before appearing before the board for a hearing. She added that there exists among the ZBA, the PB and the board of selectmen a commitment of sharing information and concerns. One of the results of information sharing is a better-informed and more fully prepared applicant.

There was general discussion about the new variance criteria that went into effect on January 1, 2010, specifically that the new criteria is a state law (RSA 674:33) and that the criteria used for an "area" variance or "use" variance are now the same throughout the state. Also, the board noted that the new law takes precedence over the current variance criteria in the town's zoning ordinance.

There was discussion about the draft notice to the applicant regarding the variance criteria changes. The recording secretary was instructed to relay the board's suggestions to the PB at its next meeting on April 6. In addition Holmes will confer with the PB chair about the draft document.

Azodi expressed concern that the language used in the new criteria (RSA 674:33) currently does not match the language used on the revised application and has the potential to confuse the applicant.

Seidel suggested that the ZBA and the PB plan to meet and further discuss the concerns and issues surrounding the language used in the new variance criteria. Holmes agreed.

Holmes noted that variance is, by definition, an overturning of the town's lawful ordinance. She added that the guiding principle when considering a variance is whether or not it follows the 'spirit' of the town's ordinance.

There was further general discussion about the phrase 'spirit of the ordinance,' the Newbury Zoning Ordinance, the new variance criteria and the Newbury Master Plan.

Steven & Jennifer O'Brien, for property located at 9 Bay Point Landing Road, sought a variance to permit extending the roofline within the 75' wetland setbacks of the property.

4/12/10 Applicants sought a variance from Paragraph 7.3.2 of the zoning ordinance which involves setbacks from a lake or a permanent stream of a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet. They want to take the existing 23-foot roofline of the house and extend it to cover the open deck. A variance is needed because the new deck roof would extend the footprint of the house (as defined by the roof) to within the 75' wetland setback buffer zone from the lake. After much discussion the board voted to continue the hearing to April 21.

4/21/10 The hearing was continued and after discussion the board voted unanimously to grant the variance from Paragraph 7.3.2 of the Newbury Zoning Ordinance to extend the roofline within the 75' wetland setbacks of the property with the following conditions: (1) a revised building plan containing amended "Notes" detailing the

extended gutter system; (2) the architectural drawing showing the location of the extended gutter system, and (3) the landscape plan.

Anthony & Kim Lopresti, for property located at 34 Pine St., sought a variance to permit construction of an addition to the existing dwelling to enlarge a bedroom and bathroom within a non-surveyed setback.

5/10/10 The property owner's agent said the request is to extend the existing roofline and end about three feet past the existing wall on the property, ending on the edge of the driveway. The proposed addition will result in a 'squaring off' of the house. The proposed addition does not meet setbacks because the property owners do not have a survey plan. Asked if the variance is being requested because the Loprestis don't have, or don't want to engage, a surveyor, the agent said they would prefer not to incur the expense of a survey if possible. He said the 15-foot setback requirement is met but without a survey, the requirement is for a 25-foot setback.

The board voted three to two (3-2) in favor of granting the variance from paragraph 6.7 and 6.13 as presented.

OEP conference, board practices

5/20 There was general discussion about the course content of the Office of Energy & Planning conference held May 8. The informational emphasis was on strengthening the ZBA's application of criteria to cases. In addition the OEP instructors discussed the new criteria for variances that took effect on January 1, 2010, specifically on whether or not ZBA members should be more helpful to applicants regarding the criteria. Attendees were cautioned against doing that since it poses the risk of setting a precedent that must then be applied to every applicant.

There was general discussion concerning the language of the new criteria as it appears on the application, the apparent difficulty applicants to date have had answering the criteria questions, and methods to improve the applicant's preparation prior to his/her hearing. Holmes stated the importance of making sure the applicant completes the ZBA application checklist and submits that with the application. Also discussed:

-- the board's increased attention to erosion control plans and how water runoff and drainage are handled on site. There was further talk regarding strengthening the requirements for erosion control plans and stormwater management as it appears in the town's zoning ordinance. To improve the information given to the applicant regarding stormwater management it was suggested that a copy of the stormwater guide be made given to applicants when picking up an application.

-- having a consulting engineer available to the board when needed to review erosion control plans and/or provide erosion control guidelines specific to the environmental concerns in Newbury. It was also suggested that the responsibility for having the professional input of a qualified engineer be placed on the applicant.

-- oversight to ensure that the applicant implements what the board approved. It was noted that the code enforcement officer inspects the property to verify that the property owner has implemented all of the items required by the board prior to issuing an occupancy permit.

-- Blodgett's Landing, the "spirit of the ordinance" as it applies to that district, and the ongoing challenge of obtaining property surveys.

Holmes reminded the board that if an applicant has not satisfied the necessary criteria or has not provided the board with enough information, it is within the board's purview to request that the applicant get the necessary information and return for a second hearing.

There was further discussion about the criteria language used in the variance application. Holmes noted that it would be useful to have town counsel and/or Ken McWilliams, town planning advisor, review

the language and make suggestions for putting it into more understandable terminology.

There was general discussion about the "spirit of the ordinance" as it applies to the Newbury Zoning Ordinance.

The Board discussed the procedure when reviewing the variance criteria on an application and decided to go into discussion after each criteria is read instead of having all the criteria read into the record before going into discussion.

Upcoming hearing: The ZBA will conduct a public hearing on June 14 on the following proposal: Appeal of administrative decision regarding Steven Landrigan's property located at 1094 Route 103, which in the planning board's opinion is one legal lot of record. Landrigan is appealing the planning board's opinion of his lot being one lot rather than two.

PLANNING BOARD

Tom Vannatta, chair; Barbara Freeman, vice-chair; Travis Dezotell; Bill Weiler; Bruce Healey; Elizabeth Ashworth; Jim Powell, ex-officio (Dick Wright, alternate). Alternates: Ron Williams, Alison Kinsman, Russell Smith, Deane Geddes; Ken McWilliams, advisor

Board posts

4/6/10 The board voted unanimously to elect Vannatta as chair and Freeman as vice-chair. Vannatta welcomed Elizabeth Ashworth as a new member of the planning board.

4/20/10 The board voted unanimously to appoint Deane Geddes as an alternate to the planning board for a three-year term.

Release form created for mylars

4/20/10 The board signed the mylar for the Graf/Eppler-Epstein annexation (Case 2010-002). A release form for the mylar has been created as standard operating procedure to ensure that the mylar and deeds are both filed in a timely manner by the applicant's agent.

Notification of dam owners

5/4/10 The board reviewed RSA 676:4, *New Requirements Regarding Notification of Upstream Dam Owners and NHDES Dam Bureau for Development Proposals*. The RSA describes the new requirement as follows: "Since construction of any structure near streams or rivers downstream of a dam can increase the hazard classification of the dam established by the department of environmental services, the application shall identify the nearest dam upstream and include the name and address of the dam owners." It also states the planning board shall notify those owners and the DES dam bureau.

There was general discussion about the known dams located in Newbury including Loch Lyndon Reservoir and Chalk Pond. McWilliams noted that the notification requirement applies to all upstream dams regardless of the size and classification. It was agreed the possibility of the RSA affecting any potential development in the town is small.

Workforce housing committee

5/4/10 Dezotell said the committee is comprised of Gail Bostic and Will Hurley but no one from the planning board; he would welcome additional committee members. He reported that the next step is for the board to decide is whether to run a "mock development" to test the town's existing regulations. He said the board should develop a process to test the town's regulations and to do so every two or three years.

There was discussion about how the mock development would help. Dezotell said, at this point, the committee should develop a recommendation to the board stating that the mock development is the recommended process that should be used as a test to make sure the development falls within the HUD numbers and how often the test will be implemented.

Subdivision regulations committee

5/4/10 Weiler reported that the committee met and discussed suggested subdivision regulation changes. He is in the process of writing up the suggested changes and the committee will meet again to review the changes.

In-house seminars

5/4/10 Vannatta presented a new program designed to offer informational in-house seminars on a range of topics affecting the board's decision-making process. Following discussion among the chair, vice-chair and advisor, an initial list of seminar topics includes: the role of the planning board in the subdivision and site plan review process, a review of the criteria and standards regarding the aforementioned, waivers and enforcement. The first seminar is scheduled for the board's June 1 meeting.

Freeman said the reason behind the in-house seminars is that the board now has a number of new members who may not be able to attend outside seminars and could benefit from an in-house informational review of the board's responsibilities and the town regulations.

Dezotell suggested including a seminar on creative technologies for water management that would encourage applicants to explore low-impact technologies for water management when developing site plans. He said the University of New Hampshire has a center devoted to developing and testing new technologies and suggested that the board learn about these innovations and be able to offer them as suggestions to applicants. Technologies include porous concrete, bio-filters, silt containment, storm water runoff, bio-retention areas, etc.

Lake Sunapee watershed meeting

5/4/10 Vannatta informed the board of the May 12 meeting of the Lake Sunapee Watershed Coalition Project. Healey, who with Geddes attended earlier meetings of the project, reported that it is focused on storm-water runoff. He said the grant-funded project partnered with Antioch College and has accomplished the following research: an inventory of all storm-water drainage systems (including the culverts, sizes and materials) in the three towns; a list of issues affecting the towns in terms of dealing with and/or correcting stormwater runoff; provide a forum for brainstorming among the three towns; the development of a grid for each identified issue along with consensus-based solutions, and an effort to generate an awareness of the issues among the governing bodies within each town.

Freeman noted that following a conversation with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) she learned that the grant funding the above study did not include a specific next step but noted that the project has collected important and useful information. She added that she has just become chair of the LSPA subcommittee on land preservation and the committee will look at the regulations governing the lake and which regulations should extend into all three of the towns regarding how water runoff is handled.

Wild Goose boat ramp

5/18/10 Vannatta informed the board that a hearing before an appeal board is scheduled in October 2010 regarding the Wild Goose boat ramp project. He said the legal firm of Upton Hatfield requested using the board's letter of concern that was sent in June 2009 to NH Fish and Game. Vannatta said he checked with town counsel regarding releasing the information and added that he or other members of the board may be called upon to testify concerning the letter.

Site plan issues

5/18/10 Weiler raised concerns about site plan changes at Rainbow Garage noting that substantial bulldozing and tree removal is evident and suggested that a site plan amendment is called for under the town regulations.

The second site plan change is located at Stone Face Excavating which used to be a welding shop and now appears to be a contractors' yard, which may constitute a change of use.

Vannatta said he will talk with the code enforcement officer on May 19 regarding the above.

Summaries of planning board hearings

Following are brief summaries of recent planning board hearings, some from draft minutes, listed by case number. You are encouraged to use the full minutes, available at town office, for any reference.

Steve Landrigan – Discussion re one lot vs. two continued

4/6/10 Steve Landrigan presented the board with the history surrounding his property. In short, two lots were deeded in 1938 that now show on the town map as being one lot. Vannatta stated that Landrigan presented his situation thoroughly at the board's meeting on March 2, 2010, after which town counsel was consulted. Vannatta said town counsel reviewed Landrigan's situation and concluded that Landrigan's property is one lot based on the following: (1) the sequence of deeds that has taken place calling it one lot since 1986; (2) by virtue of history, the property has been twice transferred as one lot; and, (3) the owners have enjoyed the benefits of being taxed as one lot. In addition the latest survey shows an "old line" separating the properties which, according to town counsel, means the property is no longer separated.

A motion that, in the board's opinion, this lot is one legal lot carried with a vote of five in favor, one opposed. Landrigan asked about the appeal process available to him and was told he may file an administrative appeal to the planning board's decision within 30 days.

Case 2010-001: Site Plan Review - Richard H. Wright, for property located at 405 Old Post Road and off Route 103, Wrightway Landscaping for a greenhouse

4/6/10 The proposed business with a 26' x 48' greenhouse will be located on a parcel of land where there is an existing house and barn.

On a motion to approve the site plan as submitted, including the waivers, and with the condition that a new plan be submitted showing the specific size of the building, the board voted four in favor and two opposed.

Case 2010-002: Annexation - Walter & Marlene Graf, for property located on Baher & Chalk Pond roads

4/6/10 This is a lot-line adjustment between Walter and Marlene Graf and Steven Eppler-Epstein. The Grafts owned 77.04 acres and they deeded 34 acres to Eppler-Epstein resulting in the Grafts now owning 43.04 acres and Eppler-Epstein owning 130.59 acres. Both properties have houses with wells and septic systems.

The board unanimously approved the annexation as presented with the condition that the deeds be recorded with the plat simultaneously.

Case 2010-003: Conceptual - Clark M. & Evelyn C. Davis / Newbury Elderly Housing Project

4/20/10 Ralph Littlefield, executive director of the Community Action Program (CAP) Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. and others presented a project aimed at providing housing for Newbury elderly residents and when completed it will be turned over to a community-based, non-profit corporation for management and ownership. The site is 28 acres off Rte. 103 behind the safety services building and accessed from Newbury Heights Road. The property is currently owned by the Davis family. The proposed project is funded by HUD and calls for 34 housing units on the site.

A great deal of information about the project, its process, funding, how the project unfolds and contractors are selected, requirements, regulations and more was covered. Those with interest can read the minutes at the town office or town website.

Asked if the proposed conceptual plan as presented was acceptable, Vannatta suggested that they consider a preliminary site plan review before presenting a final site plan review for the board's consideration. Vannatta noted that the conceptual plan may encroach on the town subdivision regulations.

It was proposed that the board make a site visit and the conceptual be continued to May 18 when the board will be able to give the project team non-binding feedback on the project.

5/4/10 At a board work session, Vannatta said that, because of the complexity of the proposed project, a set of informational goals should be developed in preparation for the site visit. The applicant was asked on 4/20 to provide a written list of requested for the upcoming site visit. Some mentioned at the hearing were steep slopes, wetlands, necessary stream crossings, the well system and storage/pumping facility of same, type and location of sanitary facilities and release from the required 200-foot topo over the entire tract of land.

Vannatta cautioned the board to approach the site visit with not only the proposed waivers in mind but also with an attitude of open observation to other possible issues concerning the proposed project. Williams raised a question about the length of the proposed access road – the road into the proposed project and the road to the farthest unit of the proposed project – and noted that it might not meet the 1,500-foot requirement needed by the fire department.

5/11/10 At the start of the site visit Vannatta was given a list of proposed variances and waivers that may be required by the housing project. The site visit began at the intersection of Newbury Heights and Bell Cove roads. Again, the detailed information is available in the full minutes.

Prior to the next conceptual meeting, Vannatta asked McWilliams, advisor to the board, to meet with the housing project developers to discuss various options and concerns.

5/18/10 At the continuation of the conceptual hearing the site visit was reviewed along with the list of requested waivers and variances. Points discussed included whether this would be considered a cluster development vs. subdivision, frontage, road length, density, setbacks from wetlands, wetland buffers, storm-water management plan, offsite improvements to Newbury Heights Road, grading and impact on the steep slopes for the road access. HUD has sign size requirements that are in dispute with the town's sign requirements.

Reviewing the proposed schedule of the application process the board suggested that the applicant address the road issue first and determine if there are any other items on the waiver list that would stop the project if denied and have those items examined by the board first.

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2010 Hazardous Waste & Unwanted Medicine Collection

Newbury and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) provide a free household hazardous waste collection for residents of participating towns.*

Sat., Aug. 28
9 a.m. – 12 noon
Newbury Highway Garage
50 South Road, South Newbury

New: Unwanted medicines accepted

New this year, unwanted medicines will be accepted at the hazardous waste collection. Bring your unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications (including veterinary medicine) as follows:

- medicines in their original containers
- leave labels on medicine
- black out patient's name only
- do not bring sharps or needles (EpiPens OK)

Do not flush or pour medicine down the drain. The average collection participant brings a *gallon* of medicine including containers. If these materials are flushed or poured down the drain, eventually they will end up in our drinking water. If there are no collections, it is better to put unwanted medicine with your trash. See www.nh.gov/medsafety for great information on managing unwanted medicines.

Businesses and institutions – Small businesses, schools, churches...must register at least two weeks in advance of the collection and pay disposal costs or make arrangements with the town. Call Vickie Davis at 448-1680.

What to Bring:

Look on the product warning labels for words like 'caution,' 'flammable,' 'reactive' 'caustic,' or 'poisonous.' Examples of hazardous products to bring to a collection are as follows:

Button batteries	Rechargeable batteries
Ni-cad batteries	Household cleaners
Polishes	Oil-based paint (not latex)
Solvents	Varnishes
Stains	Paint removers
Photo chemicals	Hobby chemicals
Pool chemicals	Pesticides & herbicides
Flea powder	Adhesives
Driveway sealer	
Mercury-containing devices such as thermostats and thermometers	

What not to bring

- Latex paint is not considered hazardous. Use kitty litter or shredded paper to dry out latex paint and then throw in your trash. Empty, dry paint cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility.
- Empty aerosol cans can be recycled with scrap metal.
- Alkaline batteries for flashlights and other household items are not considered hazardous and can be thrown in the trash. This includes most non-rechargeable batteries such as AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt batteries.
- Automotive batteries are accepted at the Newbury Transfer Station or can be exchanged, given or even sold to local garages and auto parts stores.
- Used motor oil is collected at many local garages.
- Fluorescent light bulbs can be taken to Lumber Barn in Bradford, most ACE and True Value hardware stores or Home Depot for free.
- Ammunition and explosives, fire extinguishers - Contact the police or fire departments.
- Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors can be sent back to the manufacturer.
- Propane tanks can be exchanged or refilled at a propane distributor.
- Medical sharps must be placed inside a rigid, puncture-resistant container such as a detergent bottle with cap, seal cap with duct tape and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling." Dispose of with regular trash. EpiPens may be brought to unwanted medicine collections. See www.nh.gov/medsafety.

*Residents from towns participating in the HHW collections, such as Newbury, may attend any of the collections at no charge. Residents from non-participating towns are welcome to participate, but they must pay a fee of \$40 or more dependent on type and quantity of materials. Up to one gallon of medicine only (including containers) is \$25. In addition to the collection in Newbury there will be two (July 17 and Sept. 25) in Lebanon. For info call UVLSRPC at 448-1680, Mon-Fri 8:30-4.

Check it out ... www.uvhhw.org

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee's website provides the HHW collection schedules, information on what to do with common household wastes, recipes for alternative cleaning products and more information on committee activities and the services they offer.

NEWBURY OLD HOME DAY

Saturday, July 10

Agenda and times below are tentative.
Watch for fliers nearer to July 10.

This nearly final schedule for Old Home Day will help you plan your day – and convince you to save the date for a full day. Asterisks indicate there's useful information and answers to some potential questions included in the accompanying paragraphs.

FRIDAY – JULY 9, 2010

- 5:00 Buffet Dinner, Spruce Lodge - Mt. Sunapee Resort, Tickets \$35, fundraiser for Center Meeting House*
7:00 New England Brass Consort - Mount Sunapee Resort
Free concert sponsored by Center Meeting House

SATURDAY – JULY 10, 2010

- 8:30 Triathlon, register at the harbor *
9:00 – 4:00 Farmers Market and Craft Fair – by playground *
9:00 – 3:00 Free Kayak Rides – harbor
9:00 – 3:00 Benefit Yard Sale at Country Houses Real Estate *
9:00 – 7:00 Roaming Railroad *
10:00 – 4:00 Caboose Museum - in Bell Cove past the harbor
10:00 – 4:00 Art Show - town office meeting room
10:00 – 4:00 Reenactment of Revolutionary war period - town ofc
10:00 – 4:00 The Bug Club - Volkswagen Collectors - town office
10:00 – 2:00 Wildlife Encounters traveling zoo - town office *
10:00 – 11:00 Music at the Market - Kearsarge Community Band
10:00 – 2:00 Book & Ice Cream Sale - library
Silent Auction of Gift Baskets by Library Friends
10:00 – 4:00 The Fells – free admission for Newbury residents
11:00 – 12:00 Music at the Market - Richard King
11:00 – 2:00 Fire & Police Open House - safety services building *
Firefighters Lunch Grill - burgers & hotdogs
12:00 – 4:00 Community Groups - town office
12:00 – 1:00 Music at the Market - Janet Rosen
1:00 – 1:30 New Fire Boat Pump Demonstration - harbor
1:00 – 5:00 George Washington visits for chats and photos
1:00 – 3:00 Free motorized boat tours - harbor
2:00 – 3:45 Fire & Ice Show by Mad Science - town office *
2:30 – 3:00 Pie-eating Contest - at the market
3:30 - 4:30 State Police K-9 Unit Presentation - town office
4:30 - 5:15 Canterbury Morris Dancers and Two Fiddles - town ofc*
4:45 – 5:00 OHD Presentations: 2010 Profile Award and Newbury's 1787 copy of the U.S. Constitution - town office *
5:00 – 6:30 Dinner under the Tents - town office *
5:30 – 7:00 Scots Highland Pipes and Drums - town office
7:00 – 9:00 Two Fiddles Traditional NH Barn Dance - Vets Hall
7:00 – 7:30 Rubber Duck Race – harbor *
7:30 – 9:30 Dub Traffica reggae/ska band - harbor
9:30 Fireworks over the Harbor

Old Home Day Dinner tickets are on sale so stop by town office to purchase tickets for Roast Beef - \$6, Chicken - \$5 or Hot Dogs - \$2. Only a limited number of tickets are available. Day-of pricing will be roast beef \$7.50, chicken \$6.50 and hot dogs \$2.50.

Buzz Call's son will handle the beef and the team of Henry Thomas, Norm Bernaiche, Dennis Pavlicek and Marty Newell will be barbecuing the chicken. The NBC is providing salads and helping serve. Dessert will be sheet cakes. Seating under the tents behind town office.

Roaming Railroad is a miniature train that will run a route from the market to the caboose for fun family mini excursions. Tickets \$3.

Farmer's Market & Craft Fair: Morning snacks and lunch will be available. The price for tables is \$25, \$30 if electricity is needed. A \$5 discount will be given to vendors that are Newbury residents. Sponsors of the event will receive free tables.

Friday evening free concert and fundraising dinner are again offered by the Center Meeting House; see more on page 7.

Triathlon is designed to be 30-45 minutes of exercise for all skill levels. It starts with a 150-yard swim in the harbor followed by a 1.5-mile bike ride up to Fishersfield Park where it ends with a run of less than one mile. Sign up in the harbor at 8:30 a.m. for \$10; T-shirt included. You can preregister at the selectmen's window at town office.

Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to benefit both the South Newbury Union Church food pantry and the Newbury Beautification Committee is being run by Country Houses Real Estate in its parking lot at 895 Route 103 next to Marzelli's Deli. Call if you have something to contribute to the sale, 763-6161, ask for Janet Luca or Susan Bedard.

Wildlife Encounters is a not-for-profit traveling educational zoo operating from its USDA-licensed wildlife center near the seacoast. They 'bring the zoo to you' with a mixture of reptiles, mammals and birds selected from a collection of rescued and captive born/raised non-native (or 'exotic') wildlife to help spread the message of conservation, appreciation and respect for all creatures. There's usually some to see and some to touch.

Rubber Duck Race in the harbor at 7 p.m. may offer pulse-racing excitement and *definitely* great prizes. Adopt your own yellow rubber contestant early so you have a chance of winning one of the very zippy prizes being lined up. Ducks will go for \$2 each, 3 for \$5. The race is a fundraiser for the recreation department.

Fire & Police Open House gives you a chance to look over the equipment, pick up some handouts and giveaways while they last and even sit in a fire truck. Plus there's lunch fresh from the grill.

OHD Presentations at 4:45 p.m. at the town office will feature Newbury's original 1787 copy of the U.S. Constitution and the 2010 Profile Award that Newbury shares with New London and Sunapee. Newbury owns a rare original printed copy of *The Constitution of the United States as Recommended to Congress*, believed to be one of the 400 copies ordered printed by the state legislature in December of 1787 and sent to the towns so the proposed Constitution could be read before delegates voted on whether to ratify it at the state convention.

The Profile Award, custom made of New Hampshire birch and granite, in part acknowledges Newbury's "extraordinary sense of volunteerism and community spirit." Read more on page 2.

Fire & Ice Show by Mad Science means sizzling' excitement! Join fun at the town office from 2:00-3:45 p.m. and see amazing properties of fire and combustion. Then cool off with spectacular demonstrations involving dry ice. Check out the Big Burp, the Screwdriver Sizzle and the famous Mad Science Bath. The Mad Scientist might even create bubbling potions, some that change color and columns of foam 20 feet high.

Morris dance is a form of English folk dance first popular in the 1500s, usually accompanied by music and based on rhythmic stepping and the execution of choreographed figures by a group of dancers. Implements such as sticks, swords, handkerchiefs and bells may be wielded by the dancers, who often have bells on their pants and adorn their outfits with ribbons. The original 'Moresca' is a sword dance and celebrated the driving of the Moors from France.

Clean-up help after dinner would be appreciated, clearing tables and trash and folding up chairs and tables. Then on Sunday morning the chairs and tables need to be returned to storage. Ask Dennis Pavlicek for the meeting time on that if you can help.