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In general, the board of selectmen meets at 6:30 p.m. every other Monday, adjusted for holidays; planning board meets the first and third Tuesdays at 7 p.m.; ZBA on the first Monday at 7 p.m. as needed and conservation commission on the second Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. The Newbury Beautification Committee meets the first Wednesday at 9 a.m. All these meetings occur at the town office building.

Check [newburynh.org](http://newburynh.org) or town office for meeting schedules of town boards and committees as well as meeting minutes.

>NOTE: All dates and times are subject to change so double check.<

**All aboard to the past** -- The Caboose Museum at Bell Cove in Newbury Harbor is open weekends through Labor Day.

### Free VNA health clinics

The Lake Sunapee Region VNA has settled happily into the library on every second Wednesday from 1-2:30 p.m. for its free health clinics in Newbury. Feel free to stop in to have your blood pressure or glucose checked. You can also take advantage of the Ask a Nurse program, a convenient way to deal with medical questions that come up in-between doctor appointments.

### Newbury Farmers' Market

Perfect for picking up fresh produce for the weekend, the market is open every Friday, rain or shine, from 3-6 p.m. in front of the Velie playground on Rte. 103. You will also find plants, pies, crafts, soap, wool and quilts. The market will run until Sept. 13.

**It's not too late!**

### Fishersfield community garden

There's still time to plant vegetables and reap the tasty savings from your own garden plot at Fishersfield Park. It comes with a big open space to allow the sun full access and a handy water source right to hand. Plant by July 1 and you'll still get a crop of summer and, of course, fall vegetables. Stop by the selectmen's office window at town office for information and sign up.

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## Newbury Harbor Summer Concerts

### Thursday Night Series

[all at the harbor at 7 p.m.]

- June 23 Bruce Marshall Group (rock)
- June 30 Dr. Harp's Blues Revue Band
- July 7 Track 13 ('70s/'80s popular)
- July 14 Roxanne & the Voodoo Rockers (blues rock)
- July 21 Arthur Jones and Northbound (country/rock)
- July 28 The Flames (classic rock)
- Aug. 4 Kearsarge Community Band

### Saturday Series

[all at harbor at 3:30 p.m.]

- July 2 Tammy Jackson (country)
- July 9 See Old Home Day schedule
- July 16 Balance (Van Halen tribute)
- July 23 East Bay Jazz Ensemble (classic jazz)
- Sept. 3 The Country Felix Band (country/rock)

Rained-out concerts will be rescheduled on Thursday evenings in August.

## 4th of July Parade

South Newbury Village ~ Monday, July 4, 10 a.m.

Featuring: Anyone who wants to march

Everyone is invited -- organizations, kids, families -- to bring a float, dress up, bring music, decorate bikes, wagons, banners, trucks, cars, equipment, whatever strikes your fancy. Spectators are also more than welcome.

The South Newbury Union Church is again sponsoring this traditional and quintessential 'small town' parade at 10 a.m. on Village Road and Sleepy Street in South Newbury.

There will be lots of balloons, with juice and cookies to share at the Friendship House parking lot at parade's end.

The paraders will meet on Monday, July 4th, at 9:45 a.m. at the state shed on Village Road to line up. For more information call Gail at 938-2064.

# OLD HOME DAY -- JULY 9

## Schedule of Events

### Friday

- 5:00 - 7:00 Summer Buffet at Mount Sunapee Resort  
7:30 Free concert by Windfall - Center Meeting House  
{see page 6 for details}

### Saturday

- 9:00 Triathlon - harbor  
9:00 - 4:00 Farmers Market & Craft Fair - Velie Mem'l Playground  
9:00 - 3:00 Free Kayak Rides - harbor  
9:00 - 7:00 Roaming Railroad - town office to harbor  
9:00 - 1:30 Book Sale and Big Basket Raffle - library  
9:00 - 5:00 Veterans Van - town office  
10:00 - 4:00 Caboose Museum - Bell Cove  
10:00 - 4:00 Free Admission to The Fells for Newbury residents  
10:30 Opening Remarks & Memorial Bench - town office  
11:00 - 5:00 Bounce House - library  
11:00 - 4:00 The Bug Club Volkswagen Collection - town office  
11:00 - 4:00 Merr. Vly. Military Vehicle Collectors - town office  
11:00 - 12:00 Squam Lakes Natural Science Center - town office  
11:00 - 2:00 Lunch with Smokey the Bear & Exhibits - safety services building  
12:00 - 4:00 Community Groups - town office  
12:00 - 4:00 Company A 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry  
1:00 - 3:00 Free Motorized Boat Tours - Harbor  
1:00 - 1:45 Mad Science Show - town office  
1:30 Abraham & Mary Lincoln presentation - Center Meeting House  
1:45 - 2:15 Pie-Eating Contest - town office  
2:15 - 3:00 Mad Science Show - town office  
3:00 - 3:30 3-L egged Races and Sack Races  
3:30 - 4:00 New England K-9 Unit Presentation - town office  
4:00 - 4:30 Canterbury Morris Dancers - town office  
4:30 - 6:00 12th NH Regiment Serenade Band  
4:45 - 5:00 Appearance by Abraham Lincoln - town office  
5:00 - 6:30 Pig Roast, BBQ Chicken, Veggie Burgers & Hot Dog Dinner - town office  
6:00 - 8:00 The Birch Benders Concert - Veterans Hall  
7:00 - 7:30 Rubber Duck Race - harbor  
7:30 - 9:30 Saylyn Concert - harbor  
Dusk Fireworks - harbor

### Tin Man Triathlon

The Tin Man Triathlon is held each year on Newbury's Old Home Day, this year on Saturday, July 9.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the harbor gazebo and the race starts at 9 a.m. Registration is \$10, with a free T-shirt for the first 75 registrants. Donations are also welcome and all proceeds will go towards athletic and recreational equipment at Fishersfield Park. Make checks payable to Newbury Recreation Revolving Fund.

The course is an 8-minute swim (or snorkel or float) around a buoy at the Newbury Harbor town dock followed by a two-mile bike ride to Fishersfield Park for a half-mile cross-country trail run at the park.

### Get your Friends Basket raffle tickets now!

This year there is one big basket filled with prizes valued over \$500 -- ski passes to Mt. Sunapee, theater tickets, restaurant certificates, museum passes, family season pass to The Fells, maple syrup, books, chocolates and more. It's on display at the library where you can buy your tickets, 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10.

The winner will be picked at Old Home Day on July 9. Everyone wins since the proceeds benefit the library's event programming and other expenses sponsored by the Friends.

### 1861-2011 - Civil War Sesquicentennial

In observance of the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, special guests from the period are included in the events of the 2011 Newbury Old Home Day.

### Abraham & Mary Lincoln: The Long & the Short of It

Distinctly different paths led Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd to Springfield, Illinois, where they met, married and began a family. The years that followed their move to the White House were filled with personal and national crises.

In the Center Meeting House at 1:30 p.m. the Lincolns will tell stories of their early lives and the challenges they faced during this turbulent time in our country's history. Steve and Sharon Wood portray President and Mrs. Lincoln in this living history program.

After this engagement the Lincolns will spend the rest of the afternoon enjoying the festivities and dinner. They will also visit with the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers to honor their valiant war service.

### 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment

The 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment saw extensive service in the Union Army during the Civil War. The regiment was one of the first official black units in the United States during the Civil War. The regiment's service was depicted in the movie *Glory*.

Re-enactors will bring to life "the lives of Black Civil War soldiers and their officers...as to the lifestyle, military service and general values of the Black Civil War soldier through an authentic presentation of living history activities."

### 12th NH Volunteer Regiment Serenade Band

The 12th NH Volunteer Regiment Serenade Band recreates the sights and sounds of mid-19th century America, performing music of the Civil War played on period instruments. The musicians appear in typical Union Army uniform and period dress of the day.

In addition to the original brass instruments of the period, music played by the band comes from regimental band books of the Civil War. The music performed by the band includes waltzes, polkas, gallops, quicksteps, and love songs of the time, with such titles as *Dixie's Land*, *Lorena*, *Slumber Polka*, *Colonel Meeker's Quickstep*, *Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground* and the *Port Royal Gallop*.

### Old Home Day Dinner

Tickets for dinner, served under the tents behind town office, are for sale in advance at the selectmen's office window (open 8 a.m.-noon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and on the day, though quantities are limited.

Pig roast dinners: \$7 in advance, \$8 on the day

BBQ chicken dinners: \$6 / \$7.50

Veggie burger dinners: \$3.50 / \$4

Hot dog dinners: \$2.50 / \$3

### Wanted: Donated OHD tickets

Newbury family services director Gail Bostic would gladly accept the donation of dinner tickets or tickets for the Roaming Railroad to give some Newbury families an opportunity they would not have without your donation. She can be reached at 938-2064.

### Adopt a winning duck, win prizes

On your mark, get set, go! Come into the town office to adopt your rubber duck for the second annual Old Home Day Rubber Duck Race. Ducks can be adopted for \$5 each. The grand prize is half of the money raised for this fundraiser; other prizes include tickets to: tickets to Storyland, Six Gun City, Montshire Museum, Fisher Cats game, Hopkinton State Fair, SEE Science Center, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Strawberry Banke Museum, The Children's Museum and Canobie Lake Park, and a \$100 gift card to Lowe's. The race will be held at 7 p.m. in the harbor. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets on sale in advance at the selectmen's office window on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

## **NEWBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

*Library trustees: Liz Tentarelli, Pam Ritchie, Pat Sherman*

**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

### **Author to visit Newbury, July 5**

Richard Harvell will read from his debut novel, *The Bells*, and answer questions on Tuesday, July 5, at 7 p.m. in the Center Meeting House.

Richard Harvell was born in New Hampshire and studied English literature at Dartmouth College. He now lives in Basel, Switzerland. *The Bells*, his first novel, is an Indie Next Pick (October 2010) and is being translated into a dozen languages. More information and an excerpt of the book can be found at richardharvell.com.

Paperback copies of the book will be available for sale and signing. Light refreshments will be served.

### **Talk on green architectural design, July 10**

Architect Christina O'Brien will give a talk, "Sustainable, Innovative & Socially Responsive Building Design," on Sunday, July 10, at 2 p.m. This 45-minute presentation about green architectural design will detail how we can all help reduce our carbon footprint by saving energy and being more sensitive to the environment in how we build. O'Brien will explain what 'green design' is and why it is so important to the future of the environment. O'Brien will also be bringing with her some innovative samples (floor, counter, roofing) made entirely of recycled materials.

### **Poetry Jam, July 11**

"How did I end up here?" is the theme for the next poetry jam, on Monday, July 11, at 7 p.m. in the library. Dianalee Velie will moderate. Light refreshments will be served.

### **Book Discussion, Aug. 1**

The book for discussion in August is *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. It recounts the early life of the author and her family and it did not include a hometown nor, often, a home. The book found a home on the *New York Times* Best Seller list for 100 weeks. All are very welcome at the library on Monday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m. to share reactions and perspectives on the book.

### **e-books and downloadable audiobooks**

Don't forget e-books and downloadable audiobooks are available. For information click 'downloadable audiobooks/ebooks' on top left of the library's home page at newburylibrary.net.

### **Summer meet-ups at the library**

Chances are there are other folks in Newbury who have similar interests to yours and chances are you don't know who they are. A meetup is an informal gathering that gives you an opportunity to discuss favorite topics with like-minded people, to share thoughts and ideas, and maybe to begin new friendships. Newbury Public Library is sponsoring monthly meet-up sessions this summer.

Wednesday, July 13, is for travelers, where you can tell others about your favorite destination and possibly discover an exciting destination for your next trip. On Wednesday, Aug. 17, moviegoers can voice their opinions about the latest from 'tinseltown.'

All meetups will be held at 7 p.m. at the library. Light refreshments will be served.

### **Monday Night Mah Jongg**

What is Mah Jongg? It's a fascinating rummy-like game played with tiles rather than cards. The game originated in China and dates back to the time of Confucius. Originally played solely by the ruling classes, to this day Mah Jongg remains the most popular game in the Orient.

Now's your chance to learn as Newbury Public Library offers an introductory series. On three Monday evenings you will learn to play American Mah Jongg, which uses a card of Standard Hands against which all games are played and includes more tiles, notably the Joker. It begins with the 'Charleston,' or the passing of three unwanted tiles from one player to another.

The dates of play, all Mondays, are June 27, July 25 and Aug. 22 with a 6:30 p.m. start. Call the library at 763-5803 to sign up. There's a limit of 16 seated players. Both beginners and those with experience are welcome as well as spectators.

### **Summer Reading Program - Grades K-5**

#### **One World, Many Stories**

The American Library Association came up with a great theme for 2011 – One World, Many Stories – and the library has lined up stories, games, music, snacks and more for the K-5 crowd on six Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. Come to one or come to all:

July 6 – Mexico	July 27 – Australia
July 13 – Brazil	Aug. 3 – Ireland
July 20 – Africa	Aug. 10 – China

#### **A World Full of Wild Tales - Aug. 11**

The K-5 summer reading program will wrap up with a special program at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11: The Granite State Zoo's "A World Full of Wild Tales."

Join the zoo's highly talented and engaging wildlife educator on an imaginary journey around the world, full of legends, folklore and amazing animal adventures! Animals visiting the library will be native to different geographic regions such as North America, South America, Africa, Southeast Asia and Australia.

### **Family Fun nights at the library**

The library is offering the following three Monday nights of family fun. All start at 6:30 p.m.

#### **July 11: I don't wanna go to bed!**

This is a wear-your-pajamas night: Bedtime stories, cuddling with your stuffed animals, cookies and milk. Does it get any better?

#### **July 18: Trolls & tricksters take over the library**

Join other families in making and hiding trolls around the library, followed by snacking on make-your-own Edible Troll Toes. (For those who've never had them, they taste just like Twinkies.)

#### **Aug. 8: An evening in France with Delphine Hill**

Delphine Hill is again bringing France to our library and the whole family is invited to join her to make crepes ~ sing songs ~ play bingo – all in Francais!

### **Teen Zone summer events**

Teen Zone offers activities for grades 6-9. Here are all the ways you can participate:

Thursday, July 7 - Tie-Dye @ 2pm

Tuesday, July 12 - Make a tank-top beach bag @ 2pm

Monday, July 25 - Chocolate Dipping @ 2pm

*Gift card drawings* -- At each of these events, if you submit a book review (one paragraph or more) you'll be entered into a drawing for a gift card. We have three cards -- iTunes, Borders, Walmart -- and will draw one winner for one gift card at each event.

*Big, big finish* -- Track the pages you have read and you are eligible to participate in our summer celebration! The more you read, the more chance to win cool prizes at the Silent Auction/Make Your Own Sundae Extravaganza! Check at the library for the date.

## **School reading lists at library**

School summer reading lists for all levels will be available at the library as usual. We'll be happy to order any books we don't have in our collection through interlibrary loan.

## **Wednesday Storyhour**

Wednesday morning readings for the preschool set continue through the summer, start time is 10:30 a.m. in the library's children's room.

## **Free passes to museums**

Passes to selected museums in New Hampshire and Vermont are available for borrowing by library patrons. Contact the librarians for information about borrowing arrangements. Passes to the following museums are available:

Billings Farm and Museum, Woodstock, VT  
Pass courtesy of Billings Farm

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester, NH  
Pass courtesy of the Newbury Beautification Committee

\* New Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Quechee, VT  
Pass courtesy of Newbury Beautification Committee

The Fells, John Hay Estate and Gardens, Newbury, NH  
Pass courtesy of The Fells

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Warner, NH  
Pass courtesy of the Friends of Newbury Library

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord, NH  
Pass courtesy of the Friends of Newbury Library

SEE Science Center, Manchester, NH  
Pass courtesy of the Friends of Newbury Library

## **FRIENDS OF THE NEWBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

*Liz Moul, Paula Falkowski, Ken Tentarelli, Mickey Noyer,  
Jackie Keegan, Suzanne Levine, Diana Morris*

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### **Friends meet on Monday, Sept. 12**

The Friends will have their next meeting at the library on Monday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. to elect officers for the coming year. All are welcome to attend

### **Your support makes library better**

On May 28 the Friends of the Library held their annual book and bake sale with a terrific selection of books, DVDs and videos, all at great prices. All the money raised from the sale supports the book budget of the library.

The Friends started their annual appeal campaign early in May. If you did not receive a mailing and wish to contribute, the forms are located on the desk in the library. We can't thank you enough for all of your donations in the past. They help support the book and technology budget of the library and pay for all programs.

Check in at the library to see the record number of events planned for this summer. Our library will be a busy place thanks to your support.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

### **Visit Newbury Rec on Facebook**

To get the latest news on events and activities, go to Facebook and search on Newbury Recreation Department Fishersfield Park.

### **Our park is ready and waiting for you**

The tennis nets are up, volleyball and basketball courts await and hiking trails are open -- come have fun with friends and family. Watch for the 'Open' sign at the snack shack that will mean you can borrow balls and rackets.

By the way, if you enjoy watching soccer games many local teams play at Fishersfield Park in the evening and on weekends. Just drive by or check Facebook (see above) to see if there's a game.

### **Interpretive guide for Fishersfield Park trails**

Enrich your walk with the interpretive guide to the 25 stations selected for their geologic, natural, historical or watershed-oriented features and marked by numbered posts. The guide describes each location and you can borrow one from the box by the trailhead, 20 yards up the road to the upper field past the snack shack.

### **First Annual Chicken Farmer 5K Run/Walk**

This race was a big winner -- 200 participants -- for its hosts, Newbury Recreation and Fit to Fight, a Relay for Life team raising funds for the American Cancer Society. It was held on June 18 in conjunction with the grand opening of the Center Meeting House.

Thanks are extended to all the sponsors. Those at the gold and platinum level were Tidal Media Group, Frank Anzalone Associates, Mountain Edge Resort and Spa, Split Rock Marketing Group, Newbury Electrolysis, Outspokin' Bicycle and Sport, Stiles Associates LLC, Scott's Yard Care, Noise 'R' Us Fireworks, Lumber Barn and Hager Investment Management Services.

### **Summer activities for kids -- Sign up now!**

An important word of advice: Sign up for the camps early because many of the programs have limited enrollments and are first come, first served. You'll find sign-up forms in the library and on the town website, newburynh.org.

### **Mom's Afternoon Off Summer Camp**

When: 1-3:30 p.m. on June 28, 30; July 8, 14, 21, 26, 28 and Aug 2, 4, 9, 11

Where: Town dock, Fishersfield Park, Velie playground, library

Staff: Travis Dezotell, certified lifeguards, junior counselors

Ages: 5-12 (children must be 5 years old by June 1, 2011)

Cost: \$10/day or \$80 to hold a spot for the season. Book individual days starting June 1; spots may open up at the last minute for single days.

This year's camp features new daily themes. Check at the library or website for specific theme activities of each day's camp. Any water activities will be supervised by a certified lifeguard as well as trained junior counselors. If you have any questions call Travis Dezotell at 763-4940 x210.

To sign up: Completed sign-up forms (available at library and newburynh.org) are due with payment by June 18. Mail form and check to Town of Newbury, PO Box 296, Newbury, NH 03255. Make checks payable to Newbury Recreation Revolving Fund.

### **Mom's Whole Day Off Trips**

Where: July 5 to Whale's Tale  
July 12 to The Flume & Cannon Mt. Aerial Tramway  
July 19 to Canobie Lake Park

When: Drop-off 8 a.m., pick up 5:30 p.m.

Ages: 5-12 (children must be 5 years old by June 1, 2011)

Cost: \$50 per day includes admission and bussing

This is an offshoot of the Mom's Afternoon Off camp. Bring own lunch, snack, drink.

To sign up: Completed sign-up forms (available at library and newburynh.org) are due with payment by June 18. Mail form and check to Town of Newbury, PO Box 296, Newbury, NH 03255. Make checks payable to Newbury Recreation Revolving Fund.

### **Adventures in Nature Camp**

When: June 27-July 1, 9 a.m.-12 noon Ages: 5-12  
Where: Fishersfield Park Cost: \$50  
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 and all kinds of things in between.

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

### **Recreation & Ecology Camp**

When: July 25-29, 9 a.m. -12 noon Ages: 6 - 12  
Where: The Fells, Route 103A Cost: \$50  
This camp is at The Fells and sponsored by Newbury Recreation. 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.

To sign up: Completed sign-up forms (available at library and newburynh.org) 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: Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
at 1 p.m. weeks of June 27- July 1 and Aug. 8-12  
at 6 p.m. the week of July 18-22

Where: Fishersfield Park tennis courts  
Cost: \$20 per week Ages: 5-12

To sign up: Completed sign-up forms (available at library and newburynh.org) 1. Mail form and check to Town of Newbury, PO Box 296, Newbury, NH 03255. Make checks payable to Newbury Recreation Revolving Fund.

### **Newbury Swim Program**

Where: July 11-15, Newbury harbor town dock  
July 18-22, Blodgett's Landing town dock  
July 16-17, Blodgett's Landing town dock  
Ages: 4 and up  
Cost: One week - \$28 per week, \$25 each child in same family  
A certified swimming instructor will teach levels 1-7 and specific groups will be assigned on the first day.  
Lesson times may change after the first day depending on the number of children participating. Show up as below on 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  
July 16 and 17 at 9:30 a.m.

To sign up: Completed sign-up forms (available at library and newburynh.org) 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.

### **Unitor Soccer Camp -- July Mini-Camp**

Ages: 5-13 Where: Fishersfield Park  
When: July 6-8, 9 a.m.-12 noon Cost: \$48 per student  
Program description and sign-up are the same as for the Unitor Soccer Camp below.

### **Unitor Soccer Camp**

Ages: 5-13 Where: Fishersfield Park  
When: Aug. 8-12, 9 a.m.-12 noon Cost: \$75  
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: Send completed sign-up forms (available at library and newburynh.org) with payment to Town of Newbury, PO Box 296, Newbury, NH 03255. Make checks payable to Newbury Recreation Revolving Fund.

### **Bus trip to Foxboro soccer– Aug. 20 New England Revolution vs. New York Red Bulls**

Sign up quickly for a round-trip bus ride and ticket to attend this match between the New England Revolution and New York Red Bulls at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro on Aug. 20.

Only 50 tickets are available, first come first served. Cost is \$50 per person and includes bus transportation. Make checks payable to Town of Newbury RRF. Bus transportation leaves Newbury at 2:30 p.m. The game starts at 7:30 p.m.

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

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*NHS board: Barbara Steward, Shelly Candidus, Margie Weiler,  
Deane Geddes, Dennis Pavlicek, Frank Perrotta, Gay Sheary,  
Mary Thayer and Bill Weiler*  
[info@newburyhistorical.org](mailto:info@newburyhistorical.org) [www.newburyhistorical.org](http://www.newburyhistorical.org)

### **Picture-perfect history at Old Home Day**

The historical society will be running several computers with historic photos of Newbury during Old Home Day. Visit their booth behind town office that afternoon. Books and postcards of historic photos will be for sale -- fun to mail to family and friends with summer news and greetings.

### **Blodgett's Landing**

#### **Discover intriguing local history**

Sunday, Aug. 14, 1:30 p.m., town office

How familiar are you with a unique part of Newbury known as Blodgett's Landing? Join us following a brief business meeting as well-known local historian John Greenwood presents a history of Blodgett's from its beginnings as a productive farm to its present neighborhood of close-knit year-round and seasonal residents.

From campground to Spiritualist meeting, to the well-chronicled days of the Casino and entertainment, to today's busy waterfront community -- Greenwood will walk us through the decades with photos and narrative.

His interest in Blodgett's began in 1982 with the purchase of a second home. Soon after he began collecting old postcards, then pictures and eventually he developed a web site devoted to the history and settlers of the Landing.

There will be ample time for questions and refreshments will be served following the program.

[Visit <http://www.johngreenwood.net/Blodgetts/index.html>.]

### **Not a society member yet?**

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## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

### **Many thanks**

A big thank you to all our Newbury families, friends and out-of-towners who shopped our plant sale in May. The weather was not on our side but the smiling faces of our customers made the day. Behind every successful event there are leaders. This year's co-chairs were Kathy Bashaw and Susan De Applonio.

The fruits of our labor are spread throughout town. Barrels, window boxes and hanging baskets have been planted which greet visitors as they drive through. A big 'thank you' to highway administrator Cal Prussman and his men for storing and replacing all the barrels.

This year we have a new watering system. A golf cart, donated by Baker Hill Golf Club, will be our mode of transportation. With its 50-gallon water tank and extra-long watering wand it will eliminate the need for our members to haul around individual water jugs and ladders. Another big 'thank you' to associates Bruce Barton and Ted Jones for initiating this program and Diane Jones for arranging the watering schedule.

### **Many plans**

We have enjoyed our first field trip this season to Hopewell Farms in Newbury and we're looking forward to visits to three more exceptional places, which are being organized by our program chair, Cheron Barton. The upcoming trips will take us to New London to both the Cricenti Bog and the Frederick Law Olmstead Garden at Tracy Library, to Newbury and Polly Lowe's hosta garden and to a rain garden in Sunapee.

Look for our green shirts at the 4th of July parade, Old Home Day and of course watering. Guest speakers and a harvest party are planned for the future.

Come join and become a member of our *growing* organization. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the town office meeting room.

### **Free passes to VINS**

Our contribution to the library this year is complimentary passes to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS). Enjoy a day of fun and education for all ages in Quechee, Vermont.

### **NBC awards \$500 scholarship**

The Newbury Beautification Committee awarded its first \$500 scholarship to Alicia Rose Cline at the KRHS graduation awards ceremony in June. Alicia plans to attend Connecticut College in New London, CT, pursuing a career in medicine.

The selection among three very well-qualified candidates was very difficult according to NBC Scholarship Committee chair Diana Morris. The other members of the committee are Peggy Ames, Susan Carver, Bonnie Guterl and Juliana von Recklinghausen.

The scholarship was awarded on the basis of academic and personal achievement to a Newbury resident graduating from Kearsarge Regional High School.

### **When is the best time to water your garden?**

In summer, it is best to water plants early in the morning, as this will keep them damp during the hot part of the day. If you water at midday, a lot of the moisture will be lost from evaporation. Late afternoon watering is not always advisable: Certain plants, such as roses, dahlias and tomatoes, are prone to mildew.

--Sally Wollensak, NBC publicity

## **CENTER MEETING HOUSE**

### **July 8: CMH 4th annual kickoff to Old Home Day**

#### **A Musical Evening & Summer Buffet at Sunapee Lodge**

This year our buffet dinner will be held upstairs in the main lodge at Mt. Sunapee beginning at 5 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person for the dinner and there will be a cash bar. There will be open seating at round tables of 6 or 8. During dinner we will be entertained by the woodwind quintet Windfall. Later we will move to the Meeting House where Windfall will present a formal concert at 7:30 p.m. This concert is free and open to all.

If you wish to attend the buffet at Mt. Sunapee, please reserve your places by mailing a check for \$35 for each person attending. Include your name, address, number of attendees, phone number and email address to: Claire Vannatta, CMH Treasurer, PO Box 50, Newbury, NH 03255. Information about our events can be found on our website at centermeetinghouse.org. Your cancelled check will be your reservation.

#### **Free Concert by Windfall in the Center Meeting House**

On Friday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m., through our association with The Connecticut River Valley Orchestra in Claremont, we are featuring the music of the highly acclaimed woodwind quintet Windfall. The five world-class musicians will offer a fun lively evening of both classic and contemporary music performed on clarinet, oboe, flute, bassoon and French horn. This concert will be in the Meeting House with seating for 200. Seating will be on a first-come, first-seated basis; there are no reservations. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Seats cannot be saved for others who might come later so plan to enter together if that is how you wish to be seated.

Our underwriters for this event are Mt. Sunapee and Sugar River Bank.

--Gloria Whelan

### **Other events on the CMH calendar**

At press time the CMH event calendar includes:

July 5 - Library Friends present author Richard Harvell at 7 p.m.

July 9 - Living History presentation, Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, at 1:30 p.m.

July 31- CMH annual meeting at 2 p.m.

Sept. 11 - Day of remembrance and reflection on the tenth anniversary of the attacks in 2001.

Nov. 20 - Annual Thanksgiving celebration (see below)

Dec. 4 - Lighting of the tree at 5 p.m.

If you would like to consider use of the building for a gathering whether wedding or club meeting or whatever please contact any of the directors -- Charles Kennedy, Doug Whelan, Joy Nowell, Linda Plunkett, Barbara Steward, Bill Weiler and Dan Wolf.

### **Special guests at Thanksgiving Celebration**

The annual Thanksgiving Celebration will feature two special guests who will speak at 2 p.m. in the Center Meeting House.

The program is called "Our National Thanksgiving: With thanks to President Lincoln and Mrs. Hale." Sarah Josepha Hale tells the story of her thirty-year effort to have Thanksgiving declared a national holiday. President Abraham Lincoln enters at the end of her tale to read his 1863 Thanksgiving proclamation. Sharon Wood portrays Hale and Steve Wood portrays Lincoln in this living history presentation.

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

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

**Summer Town Meeting -- Saturday, Aug. 13**

The agenda for the summer town meeting will be fuller this year. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. with updates on activities from the board of selectmen and town department heads. Also featured:

- Town assessors will give an overview of the townwide revaluation
  - Town center building committee will report on its current thinking, seeking comment
  - Harbor docks committee will share its progress to date.
- Q&A periods will be integrated throughout.

**To launch or not to launch remains a question** -- There is nothing new or definitive to report on the status of the legal actions relative to the Wild Goose boat launch proposed by Fish & Game. Written decisions are still one to three months off; once issued they may or may not be appealed. A declaratory judgment is still possible.

**Blodgett WWTF nears completion** -- The construction work on the Blodgett sewer facility is expected to reach 'substantial completion' soon. The punch list, a good part of which is paperwork, should be 99 percent done by July 7.

**Intents, levies, credits and permits** -- In May and June the selectmen approved and signed the following:

- timber tax levy for Donald Clifford, map/lot 024-647-336.
- land use change tax for Peter Moore, map/lot 034-092-064.
- solar hot water and electric tax credits, John Flanders, map/lot 017-494-232.
- solar hot water, heat and electric tax credits and wind turbine tax credit, Marc Moran, map/lot 043-592-097.
- wind turbine tax credit, Francis Pitocchelli, map/lot 034-505-012.
- sign permit application for Contessa and the Cowboy, LLC.

An individual inquired about a vendor's permit for selling hot dogs at the harbor during the summer season. He was advised it requires an application, a \$350 fee & liability insurance coverage on the cart.

**Roadside is ready** -- The selectmen hit the streets on Saturday morning, June 25, to spruce things up for summer and Old Home Day. It's the second of four clean-ups they do each year for their adopted section of Route 103 from Village Road to Route 103A. Selectmen thank the others who help keep our town picked up.

**Church raffle of 8/13 approved** -- The selectmen approved the request of South Newbury Union Church to hold a raffle on the church grounds on the second Saturday in August.

**Responsibilities expanded to full-time** -- On May 31 the selectmen decided to combine the recreation coordinator position with other town duties and made it a full-time position. The new position was full-time as of June 1, 2011.

**Lake Sunapee byway meeting** -- The Lake Sunapee Scenic & Cultural Byway committee will meet on Thursday, July 21, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Newbury town office. Planning will begin for use of the recently awarded \$151,879 grant for an interpretive trail and promotional website.

**Emergency planning** -- At the June 6 selectmen's meeting, Jessica McAuliff from the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Region explained the emergency plan in place at the Mount Sunapee Resort in case of an emergency in the town. At a meeting to show residents

this plan on June 17, they planned to talk about emergency sheltering, medication dispensing and calling on the Medical Reserve Corps.

**Hazard mitigation grant payment** -- On June 6 the selectmen approved and signed the hazard mitigation grant from FEMA in the amount of \$10,056 to be used for reimbursement of the cost of additional work associated with the Sunapee Hills drainage project. An additional amount of up to \$268 for administrative allowance has also been awarded.

**TDS cable fees increasing** -- A notice from TDS stating that the cable fees will be going up was read at the June 6 selectmen's meeting. TDS is required to advise the town of rate increases as part of the franchise agreement.

**Town owns cemetery** -- In response to a query, cemetery trustee Paul Riley provided the selectmen with a copy of a deed for the South Newbury Cemetery showing it was deeded to the town many years ago. The cemetery is located behind the South Newbury Union Church.

**Recreation directed, not coordinated** -- Selectmen have agreed to change the recreation position to director from coordinator. The change will enable Travis Dezotell to join a professional organization that gives him access to free training toward certification as well as a source of ongoing information, ideas and guidance. There is no cost to the town.

**Grant for Lincolns** -- The town has received a grant from the NH Humanities Council for one of its living history offerings. Thanks to the *Humanities to Go* program, President Abraham Lincoln and his First Lady, Mary Todd Lincoln, will appear at Old Home Day.

**Memorial bench dedication**

During Old Home Day an engraved bench will be dedicated to the memory of two women who worked for the Town of Newbury, Meribeth P. Swanson and Susan E. Webster. They were killed during a tragic incident at the town office on November 1, 1993. The bench will be placed on the brick entryway to the town office building. At 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, there will be a moment of silence and ringing of the bell at the Center Meeting House. Members of both families will be present.

**Veterans Memorial Hall**

Progress is good at the Vets Hall. The completion of the electric upgrade is still waiting on PSNH relocating and hooking up the new meter box so everything can be transferred over.

In the main room the insulation, sheetrock and painting of the walls are done. A couple of ceiling fans are installed. Workers are now doing wood trim work in main room, trying to duplicate the wood trim and add some embellishments so the Vets Hall stands out as a beautiful building on inside.

Bids have been received on the concrete floor and door in the basement room. The floor will be leveled out before that work begins. The new service panel is in that room. It will be insulated, a job made easier by good access available under the building.

The work on the windows will be done sometime after Old Home Day. Storm windows will be installed on the outside to retain the historic 12-over-12 paned windows, which give the building character. The windows are in good shape but do need repriming, repainting and some caulking.

Enough money was saved on the insulation and sheetrock to allow finishing the entrance hallway this year. It would include putting in the doors for, potentially, bathrooms in the future, storage for now.

Old Home Day on July 9 will be a good opportunity to visit the Vets Hall and see the progress. There will be some events there during the day, and the Birch Benders will be playing fiddle and banjo starting at 6 p.m.

## Town roof replacements

The long winter took its toll on the roof of the Vets Hall. Around town meeting time selectmen got a report that shingles were coming off on the backside of the building. Then, while tearing trim out on the inside Dick Wright discovered carpenter ants, a sign of water damage.

Fowler's Pest Control in Sunapee was called in to take care of the carpenter ants just before Veterans' Day. When he learned the work was on the Veterans Memorial Hall, he decided to do the work without charge.

Wright then sought quotes for replacing the roof (some declined to even bid). Selectmen approved one for roughly \$13,800 that covers replacing the entire roof with 30-year-warranty shingles. Since this is normal building maintenance the funding for this project will come from the town buildings maintenance expendable trust fund. The work will begin the week of June 20.

Selectmen plan to do the old selectmen's office (aka Town Hall in South Newbury) this summer also. It had been on the short list of projects already to stay on top of roof maintenance.

## Town Center Buildings Committee

As reported in the last issue, the select board formed the Newbury Town Center Buildings Committee to put together a plan for use of town-owned property in the town center. Members of the committee are chairman Bruce Healey, Ken Holmes, Hal Krueger, Jim Powell, Clay Rucker, Pat Sherman and Wayne Whitford. Ex-officio members are town administrator Dennis Pavlicek, Fire Chief Hank Thomas and Police Chief Bob Lee. Architect Pete Tennant serves as a committee consultant.

To date, the committee has discussed a timeline for their work (the selectmen have requested a final report ready for the 2012 town meeting) and is developing a communications plan.

Members have also been assessing past studies and reports and discussing additional needs. The past material includes:

- Municipal Land Survey - 8/2008
- Town Center Visioning process - 2007
- Municipal Resources Inc. reports on fire & police depts. - 2006/7
- Phase I - Town Offices parking area - 2009
- Town Land Overview - 4/2009
- Newbury Master Plan - adopted 4/1/2008
  - Appendix C - Community Survey Results
  - Appendix D - Newbury Town Center Plan
- Camacho property soil profiles
- Capital Improvement Program, pages 2011-2016
- Preliminary assessment package - Fire, Police, Vets Hall, prepared by Dennis Mires, P.A. - Fall 2008
- Veterans Memorial - Conceptual Master Plan - 2011

In June the committee met with the police and fire chiefs to tour their current building and facilities. The chiefs then discussed their statements of needs with committee members.

The committee reviewed Tennant's study update and made suggestions regarding what to consider when calculating current and future facility needs. These included: compare Newbury with other lake towns' safety services facilities; consider Newbury's population base and number of buildings; use an industry-standard formula; consider forest and water rescue needs; determine if a substation is needed for fire services, and consider combining the police and fire services in one expanded facility.

Tennant is also contacting Lee and Thomas for more information on what is needed now and what is anticipated for future needs. Thomas is providing Tennant a copy of "best practices" information on safety services buildings published by the National Association of Building Sciences (NABS), which Tennant will summarize and distribute to the committee.

The information gathered, translated into square footage needs, will form the basis for determining options for the number, size and location of town center buildings. Potential building footprints will be

placed on a detailed map of the Bald Sunapee/Camacho tract and the current safety services building lot to determine fit taking into account lot restrictions such as wetlands, setbacks and topography.

Other elements to be considered in addition to the needs of the police and fire departments are the community center as referenced in the planning board's master plan survey in 2007, Veterans Memorial Hall, library expansion and veterans memorial. The committee also plans to address environmental and best practices issues such as geothermal and drainage.

As these options become clear, public meetings will be held to gather the reactions and suggestions of residents. At press time the committee was considering a 'where we are' presentation during the summer town meeting on Aug. 13. There has been general discussion about public meetings on Sept. 16 and Nov. 11 (both dates subject to change), both intended to not only show the progress of the committee but also to get input from the public.

The committee most recently met on June 16. Scheduled future meetings, at 6:30 p.m. in the town office, are on June 30 and, tentatively, July 14. The minutes of each meeting are posted on the town website, [newburynh.org](http://newburynh.org). On the homepage, click on "Departments," select "Administration," scroll to "Committee Meeting Dates" and select "Newbury Town Center Building Committee." Also check here for updates as the committee continues its work.

## Harbor Docks Committee

The harbor docks committee was formed to reexamine the possibilities for renovating and/or expanding the harbor docks. Again, the selectmen think this committee would be a positive way to explore the pros and cons, to look at whether to modify the plan and if it should be resubmitted to town meeting.

The first, organizational meeting of the committee was rescheduled due to conflicts to July 5. Members of the committee are Gary Budd, Dan Wolf, Paul Groulx, Kate Seabury and Harry Seidel; ex-officio members are town administrator Dennis Pavlicek and recreation coordinator Travis Dezotell. Gary Surprenant of Watermark Construction, which prepared the harbor plan, will meet with the committee.

The committee will report regularly to selectmen and will hold at least one public information meeting for review and comment by residents.

**Sutton Road Bridge** -- At press time PSNH had just relocated the power lines to temporary poles but progress on the bridge was still at a standstill waiting for TDS to move its telephone lines. Once all the lines are relocated the temporary bridge will be opened, the existing bridge demolished and construction can begin on the footings and abutments for the new bridge. Signage will be added at the site to indicate the start of the detour. When Hansen Construction can begin work again the firm will submit an updated schedule. The seven-plus-week delay will likely impact the finish date.

**Village Road Bridge** -- The rains during May and early June continued the water problems at the work site. The brook diversion and sediment control devices were modified to help minimize flooding and erosion of the excavation. A temporary bypass channel was constructed to handle high flows if a large storm is encountered. Meanwhile abutment A has been poured and backfilled and footer B might be poured the week of June 27. Efforts remain focused on trying to achieve completion in August.

## **TRANSFER STATION**

At a selectmen's meeting in May highway administrator Cal Prussman explained an idea that transfer station employee Stephen Palermo had suggested. For better layout and flow of traffic, Palermo had proposed locating the concrete pads for the metals box closer to those for the demo boxes. It also makes for easier movement of the trucks that haul the containers out and opened up an area for better access to the burn pile. The selectmen readily agreed.

### **Hazardous waste collection dates**

Please see the last page of this issue for dates, times and locations of for hazardous waste collection. It also lists what should and should not be brought for disposal.

Residents and landowners in Newbury can attend any of the listed events. Proof of your residency in Newbury will likely be requested.

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Paul LaCasse, building inspector and code enforcement officer, anticipates that his duties in the state legislature will be winding down in June. For July and August he plans to have regular office hours of Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In any event, leave him a voicemail at 763-4940 x203 and he will respond when he's in the office.

### **Three reminders**

1. Don't neglect to get your building permits before the project begins, and that includes repairing or rebuilding a chimney.
2. Work within the 50-foot buffer zone of a body of water needs approval from the state under the shoreline protection act.
3. As noted in the previous issue, if you plan any repair or replacement of an existing residential ISDS (individual sewage disposal system) be advised the Dept. of Environmental Services has revised the design rules. To view those sections of the rules that have been changed visit <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#aquality>.

## **ASSESSING DEPT.**

### **Newbury 2011 Valuation Update**

At press time the assessors are in the sales review phase where they are verifying the sales data in the field to finalize the sales analysis. Then they will put the model that is developed into the main system, re-calculate the values and perform a complete field review of the entire town.

By mid-August everyone will get a letter with their new value and have the opportunity to meet with the assessing staff to discuss their assessment. There will also be a public information session on Saturday, Aug. 13, concurrent with the summer town meeting.

### **Visit the assessors' Old Home Day booth**

The Newbury assessing staff will have a booth at Old Home Day for a few hours to explain the revaluation process and educate people about how to access useful public information concerning their assessment records. It will most likely be inside the town office as they hope to include a big screen with a demo of the on-line database and mapping.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

*What is the 2010 tax rate?* \$13.85 per thousand of valuation

*What is the 2010 assessment ratio?* 100 %. The assessment ratio is the ratio of assessed value to market value.

*When is the deadline for filing tax abatements for 2011?*  
March 1, 2012.

*When does the tax year begin?*

The tax year in Newbury runs from April 1 to March 31.

*When was Newbury last reassessed?*

The Town of Newbury underwent a full revaluation April 1, 2003. Vision Appraisal conducted the project. Our current chief assessor updated values in 2006 and is doing so again in 2011.

*What is a revaluation and why is it necessary?*

A revaluation is an update of all assessments in the municipality conducted under the direction of the assessor. The assessor is a state-certified individual whose duties are to discover, list and value all taxable real property in the municipality, in a uniform and equitable manner. The State of New Hampshire recommends that all property in a municipality be assessed within 10 percent of market value. Further, the NH Constitution requires that each municipality take value anew every five years. A revaluation is the most equitable way to accomplish this.

*Is it necessary that you view the inside of my property?*

To make a proper assessment on a building, it is desirable that an inspector sees the inside as well as the outside of your property. The law requires that property be valued from an actual view, or the best information available. We do not always have current data on the physical characteristics of each property in Newbury. If we are unable to enter your property, we will estimate your assessment based on the data that is available and sales of properties similar to yours.

*What if I refuse to allow assessment personnel in my property?*

To ensure an accurate assessment, it is to your advantage to allow the assessor inside your property when an inspection is requested. By denying your inspection, you lose your right to appeal your assessment to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals or Superior Court.

*Will all property values change?*

Most likely, yes. However, not all property values will change at the same rate. Market value will have decreased more for some neighborhoods and property types than for others. Some neighborhoods and property types may have increased in value and others may have remained the same. One purpose of a revaluation is to make sure that the assessed values reflect the changes that have occurred in property values.

*When will the update of values begin?*

The revaluation began in April 2011 and we expect to have the work completed by the end of August 2011. The resulting values are effective as of April 1, 2011 and will be the basis for the tax bill that will be mailed after the 2011 tax rate is set in October 2011.

*Will I be notified if there is a change in my assessment?*

The assessing department prides itself on its efforts to communicate with taxpayers. Normally, letters are mailed monthly to property owners whose values have changed, along with a copy of the updated record card. For the 2011 update of values, letters will be mailed late July or early August 2011.

We recommend that you review your record card regularly to ensure data accuracy. The assessors are in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays and welcome your phone call, e-mail or visit to discuss your concerns. It is advisable to call ahead and make an appointment.

*What if I don't agree with my assessment?*

We ask that you schedule an appointment with one of the assessors. During this informal session you can learn how your assessment was made, what factors were considered and what type of records we have on your property.

*What if after this informal meeting I still disagree with the assessment?*

If any property owner believes their assessment is incorrect and wishes to apply for an abatement, they shall first appeal to the board of selectmen who are the local assessing officials, in writing, within 90 days of the notice of tax bill (RSA 76:16) or by March 1, 2012, whichever occurs first. The assessing office has the necessary form

that must be completed in full. It is also available on the town website (newburynh.org) under Departments/Assessing/Municipal Abatement Application.

*What if, after the abatement has been granted or denied by the local assessor, I still disagree with the assessment?*

You have a choice. You may either appeal to the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals or appeal to the Merrimack County Superior Court. In either case, your appeal must be filed by September 1, 2012. The only recourse to either of these is the NH Supreme Court.

*What if I miss the filing deadline for abatement?*

Legally, you are not entitled to request an abatement for the prior year if you miss the March 1 deadline. However, you may request to review your property assessment with the assessor.

*How will my taxes change as a result of the new assessment?*

If other factors stay the same -- most particularly the amount of money to be raised by taxes for the town, school district and county -- then whether your taxes change as a result of the reassessment depends on how your assessment relates to any change in the town's overall value of taxable property.

For example, if the total assessed value of the town goes up and your assessment is down, your taxes would go down. If your new assessment is up while the town's overall is down or up to a lesser degree, your taxes will increase. Put another way, your 'share' of the town's property value will reflect your 'share' of its taxes.

Although the value of your property affects your share of taxes, the actual amount you pay is determined by the budgets of the town, school district and county. Once the budgets of these taxing units are approved -- by the voters in the case of the town and school district, by the legislative delegation for the county -- a tax rate for each is set by the state that will generate the needed dollars. The rate is set per \$1,000 of property value based on the total value of taxable property in the town.

Your property taxes are then determined by taking your assessment, dividing by 1000, and multiplying by the tax rate. For example, assessed value \$250,000 divided by 1000 = 250 multiplied by tax rate \$13.85 = \$3,462.50 annual taxes.

*When are property taxes due?*

The Town of Newbury bills for property taxes semi-annually. Bills are due July 1 and December 1 of each year.

*What types of tax credits and exemptions are available in the Town of Newbury, and what are the qualifications?*

Please refer to our exemptions and credits link on the Assessing page.

*What is the Cyclical Inspection Project?*

The purpose of this program is to ensure that the assessing department has up-to-date information as it relates to physical improvements, inventory and condition of all residential property in the town of Newbury. Correct inventory and measurements are extremely important in the assessing process and result in data accuracy and equity. Both assessors will be out and about collecting the data for this project. The scope of the project is to visit one-fifth of improved parcels per calendar year, the ultimate goal being fair and equal assessments for all.

**Reminder:** Although the assessors will not be doing interior inspections for this market update, they will be visible throughout town as they confirm data. Our assessors, who will carry photo identification, will not ask to come into a home unless they had scheduled a prior appointment. They may knock at the door and ask you to verify data, and they may measure the *exterior* of the property, but they will not ask to come in unless they had made prior contact with the property owner and were expected.

If someone comes to your house claiming to be a town assessor and asking for indoor access, please contact the police immediately.

## SAFETY SERVICES

### **Cindi Croft honored for saving a life**

On April 18 the swift action of a Newbury resident literally saved the life of her neighbor with effective support from local emergency response and hospitals.

After looking into the series of events that took place that day, Police Chief Bob Lee felt they deserved further consideration and sent a letter to the board of selectmen on April 21. It read:

"...A resident in town had been stung by several bees while in her yard that evening. Having suffered from reactions to such events before, she realized that her condition was unlike what she had experienced in the past. The resident called a neighbor, Cindi Croft of 70 Winding Brook Road, who works as a family physician. Cindi responded to her neighbor's home and realized that she was suffering from a severe allergic reaction. The neighbor had gone into shock, her airway had closed, she had stopped breathing and she had gone into full cardiac arrest.

"Cindi remained calm, ordered the notification of rescue personnel and began to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Even after the arrival of Emergency Medical Services personnel, Cindi continued her efforts until an airway could be established and her neighbor could be transferred to a hospital.

"Since being transported to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, our resident has been admitted to the facility's Intensive Care Unit where she has regained consciousness and is showing signs of a full recovery from the ordeal.

"There is no doubt that the expedient and heroic actions taken that evening saved a life. Absent Cindi's involvement, the outcome of this event would have yielded a far more tragic outcome. Cindi's calm and professional demeanor, coupled with a swift and skilled effort, serves as an example to us all of what true heroism means.

"I therefore take great pride in nominating Cindi Croft for the Citizen's Life-Saving Award."

On June 6 the board of selectmen presented the award to Cindi Croft. Her family was present, as was Dena Shields whose life Croft had saved. Here is an excerpt from the letter she read that evening thanking Cindi Croft as well as all the emergency personnel that were at the scene that day:

"To all of those that had a hand in saving my life...I, more than anyone, know that things could have turned out very differently on April 18. I can't help but think about what may have happened if the time, day or those involved were different... To my dear friend Cindi...Thank you for being the kind of person that would drop everything and go running to someone in need. I know that you would do that for anyone, but it was me that you ran to, and I am so grateful. You saved me without any of the equipment that a doctor usually has available. It was just you and your skills and you did it!

"To the Newbury, New London and Bradford volunteer EMS and first responders: Hank Thomas, Wayne Whitford, Ken Holmes, Jack Holmes, Mike Mennino, Dave Smith, Stephen Snyder, Edward Thorson, Frederick von Recklinghausen, Sue Linaris, Rich Riley, Carl Goldberg, Ann Branch and Off. Aaron Sparks."

Shields said that what she learned from her doctors' responses to the events of the day "is the sure knowledge that people don't live through what I went through, and if they do, they don't go on to live normal lives. You all played a very important role in making sure that I could be here today, healthy and well. I am so grateful that you came quickly.

"In the past I, like most people, took emergency services for granted. No longer. I have such respect and gratitude for what you do...to remain available, day or night, to take care of any one of us in the community is valiant and selfless."

Her letter also thanked friends and neighbors for their support to her family during and after.

## **POLICE DEPT.**

### **BOLO (be on the lookout) issued**

Summer brings lots of people to our town, so please be on the lookout for bikes and foot traffic. We have charity bike rides a couple of times this summer and fall, such as the Prouty Ultimate Ride on Friday, July 8, with 130 bicyclists expected. Some 5K races are scheduled as well.

### **More good giveaways for Old Home Day**

The police department has some more good giveaways for children at this year's Old Home Day displays at the safety services building. Be sure to stop by.

*--Police Chief Bob Lee*

### **Cruiser auction v. trade-in nets extra \$3,350**

The original plan was to trade in the oldest cruiser as usual. Chief Lee had the idea to offer it at a national auction -- eBay. He set a reserve price so it wouldn't sell for less than the trade-in value.

At the auction's close the 2008 Ford Taurus had sold for \$9,150. That was a gain in value of \$3,350 over the previously negotiated trade-in value of \$5,800. The high bidder was Farmington Ford of Farmington, Maine.

## **FIRE & RESCUE DEPT.**

### **Fireworks**

Fireworks may be legal in New Hampshire but they can be dangerous and cause serious injury if not handled properly. Weather conditions and the location where fireworks are set off can also increase the hazard. Because of the danger, the Town of Newbury requires a permit issued by the fire chief or his designee for all displays of fireworks in the town. There may be times when permits will not be issued because of fire danger under dry or windy conditions. There may also be locations where it is considered unsafe to set off fireworks. Because conditions change, permits cannot be issued more than 48 hours prior to the scheduled fireworks display. Violations of the fireworks ordinance are subject to a fine of \$250.00 per violation.

New Hampshire State Law states that individuals must be at least 21 to purchase and display fireworks. You must be on your own private property or have written permission of the property owner. Only fireworks that are listed as permissible by the State of New Hampshire may be sold and possessed in communities that allow their possession and use. Firecrackers, bottle rockets and - shells are illegal in New Hampshire to have in your possession and/or use.

Please visit the Newbury Fire Department website, [newburyfd.org](http://newburyfd.org), to review the fireworks ordinance and get a copy of the permit application form. Contact [newburyfire@gmail.com](mailto:newburyfire@gmail.com) if you have questions and when the application is ready. Please allow 2-3 days for turnaround.

### **Knox Boxes for emergency access**

Please remember that Newbury Fire & Rescue now uses the Knox Box emergency building-access system. The fire department key is secured in special Knox Box on the fire truck that can only be opened by authorized personnel and all openings of the box are electronically recorded

A Knox Box is a secure key box containing building keys affixed to the outside of a business or home. If a fire alarm is received or there is a report of other emergency when the building is unoccupied, the fire department utilizes a secure fire department key that will open the Knox Box, accessing the building keys. This eliminates the need to force a door or break windows to enter the building or presume there is no fire when nothing is visible from the outside. The ability to thoroughly inspect a building will enable the responders to locate other problems such as electrical hazards, heating problems and gas

and water leaks [[that might have]] set off an alarm and could lead to costly other problems if not identified.

Knox Boxes keyed to the Newbury system are purchased by the building owner from the Knox Box company and are installed in accordance with fire department specifications. Information on Knox Boxes for your home or business can be found on the Newbury Fire & Rescue website and is available at the town office. Knox Boxes can be ordered online from the Knox Box company at [knoxbox.com](http://knoxbox.com). Newbury is a registered department with the company, so when you enter your Zip Code the proper key code is assigned and the fire department is notified in order to coordinate the installation of the Knox Box.

### **Old Home Day**

Once again this year, Newbury Fire & Rescue will be an active participant in the Newbury Old Home Day celebration on Saturday, July 9. Fire safety information will be available at the safety services building and the department's newest piece of apparatus, Engine 4, will be on display at the station. Lunch and cold drinks will be available for sale at the fire station and Smokey Bear will be on hand for the children. As in past years, the department personnel will be available for first aid during the events and will maintain public safety during the fireworks display.

### **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 the forest fire wardens have issued you a permit, outside burning is not allowed when there is a high fire danger. Please check with one of the wardens if you have any questions.

### **Street numbering - post lakeside too**

Most residents are aware of the town ordinance that requires that all residences and businesses have the street address clearly posted and visible from the street. People may not be aware that owners of lakefront property with boathouses or docks must also post the street address on the boathouse or dock.

The Newbury Fire & Rescue department responds with the fireboat to all fires reported on the lake and lakeside numbering makes the location much easier to find from the lake. Because of the steep slopes to the water on many parts of the lake it often makes sense to transport an injured person from a dock or beach on the fireboat to the ambulance than carry them up a steep hill. The fireboat responds to medical calls on the lake for this reason and the numbering of the docks is important in medical emergencies as well.

### **Hiking safety = preparation**

Every year the department receives calls for lost or injured hikers on Mount Sunapee or one of the many other hiking trails within the town of Newbury. Cellular phones, which may or may not work on parts of the mountain, have given novice hikers a false sense of security when going into the woods. Often hikers are unprepared for the steep trails or do not have the proper hiking equipment or maps of the area. Debris from last winter's storms may have blocked trails or made trail markings difficult to read.

Hikers should plan for their hike by obtaining information on the trails that they will be taking, wearing the proper clothing, carrying the proper equipment and bringing sufficient food and water for the hike.

Hikers should be aware that if they get into trouble, a rescue from the mountain is very difficult. The nearest road may be miles away and motorized vehicles cannot navigate the narrow rocky trails. Usually rescuers must hike in on the same trail the hiker took and hike out carrying the person who is injured.

## **Outside cooking fires require permit**

The State of New Hampshire requires an outside burning permit, issued by the local forest fire warden, for all outside fires. Most people are aware of the requirement for burning brush in the yard, but may not know that campfires, fire pits and fireplaces, including chimineas, are covered as well.

The statute is very specific about the location of these fireplaces, including a distance of at least 25 feet from any building or wooded area. Gas and charcoal grills that are up off the ground do not require a permit, but must be UL Listed and should be used at a distance of at least 10 feet from a building or a distance from combustible materials as specified by the grill manufacturer. Contact Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith or Chief Thomas for information on the state regulations and for a permit application.

*--Wayne Whitford*

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

### **Tornado preparedness**

The recent devastating tornados in western Massachusetts and the tornado that impacted central New Hampshire two years ago demonstrate that this area is not immune to these serious weather events. Newbury is in the area where a tornado watch was issued on the day of the Massachusetts tornados and there have been several tornado watches issued for our area over the last year. Areas of the Midwest frequently have tornados and the residents of these areas are much better prepared for these storms than we are in New England. We are used to severe thunderstorms and snow and ice storms but most area residents do not know what to do when a tornado warning is issued.

Two levels of alerts are issued by the National Weather Service: "Tornado Watch" (which was issued last week) means that conditions are favorable for the development of tornados in the area and people should be aware of changing conditions. "Tornado Warning" means that an actual tornado has been spotted in the area and people should seek shelter immediately. Often when a warning is issued there are only a few minutes until the tornado strikes.

In making their personal emergency plans, residents should identify a shelter in their home to go to in the event of a tornado warning. A basement room or an internal room without windows is best for a shelter as window glass may become a missile in a tornado. Persons outside or in a vehicle should seek shelter in a building as soon as possible. Additional information on tornado preparedness can be found on the Emergency Management page of the Town of Newbury website.

### **Thunderstorms**

Severe thunderstorms are a common occurrence in the Newbury area. New Hampshire ranks 16th in the nation for casualties from lightning strikes. Nationally lightning kills and injures over 400 people a year. A thunderstorm can generate deadly lightning. Anyone who can hear thunder is in danger of being struck. People should seek shelter in a sturdy building if a thunderstorm approaches. Thunderstorms often result in downed power lines and residents should always stay away from any power lines on the ground; always treat a power line as if it is energized. Call 911 to report any downed power lines.

*--Wayne Whitford*

## **HEALTH OFFICER**

### **Risks of extreme heat**

With summer finally here, many residents may not be fully prepared for the extreme heat that we will have over the next couple of months. Newbury residents and visitors, especially the elderly and young children, need to take precautions to avoid heat-related illnesses such as heat cramps, heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

When the body is unable to cool itself sufficiently by sweating, the body temperature rises and people begin to experience symptoms indicating distress. Cool, moist, pale or flushed skin; heavy sweating;

headache; nausea or vomiting; dizziness and/or fatigue are symptoms of heat exhaustion, which generally occurs when people exercise or work in hot, humid conditions and body fluids are lost. If the patient is not treated, with cool beverages, seeking air conditioning, rest and removing heavy clothing, heat stroke can result.

The symptoms of heat stroke are red skin that is hot to the touch; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse and rapid, shallow breathing. The temperature may rise dramatically and the patient's skin may feel dry. If someone is experiencing heat stroke, they should be moved to a cool place and be cooled down with water if possible, and emergency medical help should be called immediately because heat stroke can be life threatening.

There are, however, simple, common-sense precautions to take, including remaining in an air-conditioned environment whenever possible, which is the number one protective measure; drinking plenty of fluids but avoiding caffeine, alcohol and large amounts of sugar; wearing light clothing and limiting outdoor activity.

When the temperature soars into the 90s, the Newbury town office is opened as a cooling center for residents who do not have air conditioning to get out of the heat. The public library is also air conditioned and residents are welcome to use the library as a place to get out of the heat during the normal library hours.

### **Summer Insect Hazards**

The Newbury Health Officer and New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) are encouraging residents and visitors to the state to take precautions against mosquito and tick bites to prevent diseases such as West Nile Virus (WNV), Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Lyme disease.

Ticks and mosquitoes are already out and the most likely time for them to spread disease is June through September.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus are transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. EEE is a serious disease that carries a high mortality rate for those who contract the serious encephalitis form of the illness. Symptoms may include high fever, severe headache and sore throat. A stiff neck is also a symptom of the severe form of the disease, which can lead to seizures and coma. Symptoms usually occur 4 to 10 days after being bitten.

Lyme disease is caused by a bacterium that is spread by the bite of some ticks. Often, but not always, people bitten by an infected tick develop a large circular rash at the site of the bite. Sometimes people are not even aware a tick has bitten them. Symptoms of Lyme disease can include chills, fever, headache, fatigue, stiff neck, swollen glands and muscle and/or joint pain. These may last for several weeks. If Lyme disease is left untreated for a few weeks or months, complications such as meningitis, facial palsy, arthritis and heart abnormalities may occur and other body systems may be affected. Symptoms can appear anywhere from 3 to 32 days after infection. If the tick is removed within 24 hours there is usually no chance of infection. Antibiotics are generally used to treat Lyme disease.

Precautionary steps everyone should take to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes and ticks include:

- Using an insect repellent containing DEET against ticks and mosquitoes; picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 also work against mosquitoes.
- Wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors when mosquitoes are biting or while in brush, grass or woods where ticks are found.
- Tucking pants into socks to help prevent tick bites.
- Doing a thorough tick check, looking over all clothing and skin surfaces, when returning indoors.
- Reducing ticks around your home by keeping grass short and reducing leaf litter.
- Monitoring yourself if you are bitten by mosquitoes or ticks. Tell your healthcare provider if you develop any symptoms.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

*Katheryn Holmes, chair; Eric Unger, vice-chair; Chuck Crickman; Deane Geddes, Suzanne Levine, alternates Frank Perrotta and Bill Annable, ex officio Dick Wright*

The information below is taken in summary from minutes, some draft. You are encouraged to read the full and approved minutes of all the meetings, available at town office. There was no meeting in May.

At their April 12 meeting the members of the Newbury Conservation Commission unanimously elected Katheryn Holmes as chair and Eric Unger as vice-chair for the upcoming year.

### **Intents to cut**

4/12/11 After reviewing a particular intent to cut in the buffer zone there was significant discussion concerning the current procedures surrounding intents to cut, the commission's role in overseeing this area, the role of the board of selectmen and procedures concerning intents to cut. There was further discussion about the need for low vegetation planting after the cut is completed to prevent erosion. In addition the commission discussed the evolution of the current approach to cuts in the buffer zone.

6/14/11 Wright discussed the approved intent to cut at 84 Forest Brook Road as a follow up to Unger's comments to the board of selectmen on March 27. Unger's comments noted the application's obsolete form, lack of required photos, use of obsolete zoning regulations, the severity of the cut and the cutting of buffer zone trees on the abutting lot (as indicated on the survey). The cut met minimum DES requirements.

Wright said the select board is committed to being more diligent in the future when reviewing intents to cut, with particular attention paid to the form used, attached photos and appropriate zoning regulations cited.

Holmes asked about the follow-up procedures to all intents to cut. Wright said the selectmen compare the timber tax paid to what the property owner and/or logger/forester has listed on the intent to cut. If there is a discrepancy between the two, the logger/forester must file a "supplemental." He said the system is based on honesty and that the logger/forester and the property owner are accountable for the accuracy of the cuts.

There was further discussion on the follow-up procedures for intents to cut. Holmes suggested that the commission review any arborist report on trees intended for removal that appears in a ZBA application.

### **DES permit follow up**

4/12/11 Holmes reviewed communications from the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) to applicants on their permits, noting that the commission will send its response letter to DES permits to them. Holmes said the commission's response letter to DES permit recipients has received positive feedback from the chairs of area conservation commissions at a recent meeting of Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. Likewise, DES has shared its support of the commission's follow-up efforts in Newbury.

### **Trails and railroad beds**

4/12/11 Crickman reported that the Saving Special Places Conference he attended in April covered deeds for conservation easement and information on trails. Holmes suggested that the commission might consider mounting a workshop on Newbury's trails.

There was discussion about establishing a walking trail along the old railroad bed, the challenges of doing so and several potential strategies for accomplishing the task. The commission discussed the topic in relation to providing a footpath connecting with the proposed Newbury Elderly Housing Project proposed by CAP. The feasibility

of an easement for the railroad bed and what is involved to obtain the remaining parts of the bed up to the Newbury Cut were considered.

6/14/11 Holmes made the suggestion that the commission consider hosting or co-hosting a Trail Day in summer 2012 and tabled further discussion for future meetings.

Crickman discussed the status of the potential opening of the pedestrian trail along the old railroad (RR) bed. He said Ralph Littlefield, executive director of the Merrimack-Belknap Community Action Program (CAP), stated at the May 17 planning board meeting that CAP was ready to work with interested parties to make the proposed pedestrian trail a reality.

Crickman noted that Littlefield met with Gerry Gold to review the concerns and issues surrounding the pedestrian path. There was general discussion regarding the old RR bed, strategies to limit the path to foot traffic only and the challenges to gaining access to the Newbury Cut from the end of the proposed footpath.

There was discussion concerning the abutting property, tax map/lot 032-661-340, belonging to Susan Hanamoto. Discussion included the current-use law and strategies to ensure access from the end of the proposed pathway to the Newbury Cut.

### **More on CAP elderly housing project**

4/12/11 Holmes raised the point of considering working towards placing the remaining 23 acres of the proposed CAP project property into a conservation easement. Wright said an easement might not be necessary since there is no development planned for that remaining acreage.

Crickman suggested a strategy that would allow the town legal access to all the land next to the Davis property and, as part of the CAP project approval process, have that land ceded over to the town. Holmes asked Crickman to write down his suggestions and strategies and note all the property owners along the railroad bed. She said that information will serve as a starting point for the commission's consideration on how to proceed.

Holmes reviewed the commissioners' comments regarding the proposed Newbury Elderly Housing Project and reviewed the information packet that will be submitted to the planning board as the commission's requested input regarding the project.

There was discussion about the history of the Davis property and the CAP project. Holmes noted that the long- and short-term impact to the town must be considered thoroughly as this application moves through the review process.

### **Wetlands, shorelands**

6/14/11 Holmes noted that the commission is being kept informed of the Landing Boat Club (Blodgett's Landing) DES Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit application. Wright said the select board is also being kept informed.

Holmes distributed copies of the Senate Bill 154, the proposed Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, and asked that commissioners review it for discussion at the next meeting. SB 154 replaces the existing Shoreland Protection Act.

### **Possible forestry workshop**

6/14/11 Holmes discussed the possibility of sponsoring a forestry workshop in the fall and Unger said he will review the materials collected from a similar workshop he attended several months ago.

### **Old Home Day**

6/14/11 The conservation commission will host an information booth at Old Home Day on July 9. Holmes said she intends to invite Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust to share booth space.

## LAND USE BOARDS

Please note –

This section presents summaries from work sessions and hearings of the land use boards. 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 and newburynh.org.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

*Katheryn Holmes, chair; Peter Fichter, vice-chair; Harry Seidel, Barbara Richmond, Sue Russell; alternates Alex Azodi, Steve Russell*

#### **Motion for rehearing on the special exception for an accessory apartment granted to the Crofts, 70 Winding Brook Road.**

5/9/11 The board addressed a motion for rehearing on the decisions made by the board at the March 28 hearing regarding granting a special exception for an accessory apartment. The motion was submitted by Paulette Lowe.

Fichter questioned the proper way to proceed with this motion for rehearing – go over the motion line by line, consider if the board made an error in its original finding, or determine that new information has been presented that may alter the board's original decision.

Holmes said she sought legal advice from town counsel and he stated that income status is not a criteria for the granting of a special exception and while the ordinance is intended to provide housing for low-income individuals and supplement the income of families with low income, it does not preclude individuals with sufficient income from applying.

After extensive discussion the board voted in the majority (4-0) to deny the motion for rehearing.

#### **Jason and Heidi Saghir, for property located at 115 Bay Point Road, sought a variance to permit tearing down the existing house and building a new house at the same location.**

6/13/11 The Saghirs sought a variance from the requirements of two paragraphs of the Newbury Zoning Ordinance: Para. 15.1.1 Non-conforming Building: Alterations and/or Expansion and Para. 15.1.2 Non-conforming building: Restoration, reconstruction and/or replacement.

The ZBA voted to grant a variance with the following conditions: Footprint not to exceed the dimensions and location as presented in the May 2011 drawing, DES shoreland permit approval, state-approved septic system and installation of a drip-edge trench around the proposed detached garage.

#### **Blohm Family Realty Trust, trustees David and Mary Blohm, for property located at 195 Bay Point Road, sought variances to permit tearing down the existing house and building a new house at the same location and to permit construction of a garage within the front setback.**

6/13/11 The Blohms sought variances from the requirements of three paragraphs of the Newbury Zoning Ordinance. The first two were Para. 15.1.1 Non-conforming building: Alterations and/or expansion and Para. 15.1.2 Non-conforming building: Restoration, reconstruction and/or replacement, both for the house. The third was Para. 5.9 Setback requirements, for the garage.

The ZBA voted to grant a variance from the requirements of Paragraphs 15.1.1 and 15.1.2 with the following conditions: DES shoreland permit approval, state-approved septic system and landscape plan submission.

The ZBA also voted to grant a variance from the requirements of Paragraph 5.9 with the following conditions: DES shoreland permit approval and state-approved septic system.

## PLANNING BOARD

*Tom Vannatta, chair; Ron Williams, vice-chair; Travis Dezotell; Bill Weiler; Bruce Healey; Russell Smith; Jim Powell, ex-officio (Dick Wright, alternate). Alternates: Alison Kinsman, Deane Geddes; Rachel Ruppel, UVLSRPC circuit rider*

### **2010 Census Data**

5/3/11 Ruppel said the 2010 Census figures have been released and are available on the federal census website and NH Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) website. The census data, broken down by county and town, show that Newbury's population growth in the past 10 years was in excess of 20 percent. She said figures also reflect occupied versus vacant housing units, adding that more seasonal homes are becoming year-round homes.

### **Newbury Elderly Housing Project**

5/3/11 Vannatta said the status of the legal action brought against the ZBA by abutters of the proposed Newbury elderly housing project includes an initial hearing in Superior Court on May 9 followed by a second hearing on July 5. The abutters are seeking an injunction to stop the project. Vannatta said legal counsel has advised that this action does not affect the planning board's review of the application at this time.

As to the census data, Vannatta referred to the data provided by CAP in the board's requested "Newbury Elderly Housing Cost Benefit Analysis" questionnaire. He said the data provided by the applicant is from the 2000 federal census and questioned whether the applicant could access more current data. Ruppel said the 2010 age breakdown data is not yet available. However, she said the applicant could access a service the Census Bureau has started called the American Community Survey which surveys two percent of the population in rural areas. She said data for 2005 – 2009 is available and covers age breakdown and income levels.

### **Consultant fees/escrow account**

5/3/11 Vannatta said the established escrow fund of \$3,000 for the board's engineer consultant for the proposed Newbury Elderly Housing project has been exhausted. There was discussion about how to proceed regarding requesting additional funds from the applicant. It was agreed Vannatta would consult with the engineer, determine an estimate based on his anticipated future services and request that amount from the applicant to refresh the escrow account.

### **Subdivision regulations, bond amendment**

5/3/11 The board discussed an amendment to the subdivision regulations regarding an irrevocable letter of credit for bonding.

Weiler noted that concerns were raised regarding this issue in connection with the CAP application for the proposed Newbury Elderly Housing project. He emphasized that even if changes are made to the ordinance regarding this issue those changes will not apply to the CAP application.

There was discussion about acceptable forms of security and whether they are revocable or irrevocable. Weiler noted that town counsel said irrevocable letters of credit are readily available and recommended requiring same in the town regulations.

There was further discussion about the CAP/HUD bond and whether the town can be named as beneficiary of the bond. Smith said HUD was not covering the off-site improvements.

The existing regulations state that the board shall determine the form of security. Ruppel pointed out that Exhibit C in the subdivision regulations is a "Suggested Form of Acceptable Irrevocable Letter of Credit." She said the site plan regulations refer the applicant to the subdivision regulations regarding security.

## Rules of procedures revisions

5/3/11 The board discussed extensively the appropriate voting procedure (roll-call vote or all-in-favor vote) for several categories of the board's rules of procedure including appointments of alternates, disqualification, hearings and approval of minutes. There was additional discussion regarding committee creation and distribution of the amended rules of procedure. The board agreed to review the proposed amendments and vote on them at its next meeting.

5/17 Vannatta reviewed the timeline regarding the proposed amendments to the rules of procedure that were discussed at the board's work session meeting on May 3. A minimum period of five days must pass before the board may vote on the amendments and two weeks had passed since the board's discussion of same. The board voted unanimously to adopt the amendments to the rules of procedure as presented.

[The planning board's rules of procedure cover: membership policy, organization, duties of officers, members and alternates; duties of secretary; duties of land use board coordinator; site visits, meetings including addressing the board, quorum and voting, disqualification, order of business; hearings both related to adoption of regulations or amendments to ordinance, review of subdivision and site plans, nonappearance; joint meetings and hearings; records; committees; forms and application fees. / Most recently amended 10/19/10 and 5/17/11]

## Proposed zoning amendments, definitions

5/3/11 The board discussed at length a number of definitions currently in the zoning ordinance along with terms not currently defined. Areas discussed included cottage industry, bed & breakfast, accessory apartment, home occupation, boarding house, inn and motel/hotel.

There was discussion about including a definition in the ordinance for bed & breakfast. The board asked Ruppel to draft an amendment for a definition of a bed & breakfast for review at the board's next work session.

There was discussion concerning the site plan review for a bed & breakfast. Weiler said further review is needed to determine the differences between a standard site plan review for a cottage industry and a site plan review for a bed & breakfast. Questions arose whether a bed & breakfast was an overnight accommodation or a service.

Vannatta suggested appointing a committee to work on definitions for bed & breakfast, cottage industry, short-term rental, long-term rental, etc. The board discussed short-term rental as a per-diem situation. There was further discussion regarding the different residential situations that could be considered bed & breakfast. Weiler said a bed & breakfast is a subordinated use within the cottage industry category. Ruppel suggested putting bed & breakfast into the cottage industry category in the ordinance as an example and apply the aforementioned definition.

There was general discussion regarding special exceptions and the respective roles of the planning board and the ZBA pertaining to site plan reviews, special exceptions and approved uses.

There was discussion concerning the definition and approved uses for accessory apartments. Weiler suggested that accessory apartments not be used for cottage industries. Vannatta suggested adding a sentence to the approved uses of an accessory apartment to state that it may not be used as a nightly rental.

Weiler summed up the board's discussion into three items: (1) place bed & breakfast under cottage industry; (2) state that accessory apartments may not be used for cottage industry; and (3) state that accessory apartments may not be rented on a per-diem basis.

6/7/11 The board discussed the definitions for cottage industry and bed & breakfast. There was extensive discussion regarding the differences between a bed & breakfast and an inn. The board decided to define a bed & breakfast as follows: "*Overnight accommodations and a morning meal in a dwelling unit provided to transients for compensation.*"

The board further decided to remove the term "and bed and breakfast" from the definition of cottage industry (Paragraph 2.33).

The board asked Ruppel to research industry definitions for inns.

There was discussion regarding the proposed Paragraph 4.10.5 "*Accessory apartments shall not be used for a cottage industry.*"

## Town Center Buildings Committee

5/17/11 Vannatta said the board of selectmen has formed a committee to examine town building needs and siting in the town center. The select board has requested that each land use board have a representative on the committee. Healey, who was already invited by the selectmen to participate as a private citizen, agreed to act as representative for the board if nominated. The board voted unanimously to appoint Healey as its representative on the committee.

## Waiver requirements for 'unnecessary hardship'

5/17/11 Weiler requested clarification regarding what constitutes unnecessary hardship under RSA 674:44 and suggested that the question be raised at the upcoming OEP conference on June 11. Ruppel said her research indicated the difficulty of a clear definition because there is no case law about unnecessary hardship for a waiver and it is therefore subject to interpretation. The research surfaced that unnecessary hardship is more than mere inconvenience and there must be some substantial hardship present. Discussion followed; Vannatta agreed to raise the question to the OEP conference.

## Site plan application review process

6/7/11 The board discussed what constitutes unnecessary hardship. There was further discussion concerning waivers, specifically in terms of consistency of application.

Vannatta discussed the existing the site plan application review process and recommended that the board consider surfacing specific agenda items for discussion when complex site plan applications are presented. The board concurred.

## Capital improvements program, 2012-2017

6/7/11 Vannatta reviewed the list of committee members to date and the meeting schedule (July – September). Ruppel distributed the schedule process for updating the CIP.

The following are the members of the 2012-2017 CIP committee: Ivor Freeman, chair; planning board members Ron Williams and Tom Vannatta; selectman Gary Budd; citizen at-large Bruce Barton; town administrator Dennis Pavlicek and Rachel Ruppel, planning board planner/consultant.

Recent planning board hearings:

### Case 2010-003: Davis Revocable Trust/ Agent: Community Action Program, Newbury Heights Road - Preliminary Site Plan Review for elderly housing project

Given the complexity of this project a fair and useful summary would be at best difficult. You are encouraged to read the minutes of the hearings either at the town office or at newburynh.org. The contents of the letters and emails submitted to the board are contained in the binder, available for review at town office, of the planning board's final minutes.

The hearing continued to April 19 was further continued to May 17 and then to June 21.

### Case 2011-002: Brett & Cindi Croft - Final Site Plan Review (cottage industry) for an apartment rental at 70 Winding Brook Road

4/19/11 This hearing was continued from March 15, 2011. The application was accepted as complete. There was discussion concerning whether the proposed use of the property is a cottage industry or a bed and breakfast. The board agreed to proceed with the understanding that the proposed use is that of a cottage industry. The board also agreed to discuss the terms cottage industry / bed & breakfast at the next work session.

Croft and his wife want to use the area above their garage as an accessory apartment available for short-term rentals.

He stated that a building permit was applied for in 2007 to convert the area above the garage into an open concept family room with a small bathroom and a bar. All work was approved by the building inspector including the installation of all plumbing. No new construction is required or proposed. He said the assessor examined the area and its value has been included in the property assessment and taxes.

Healey said the code enforcement officer has not yet approved this new use of the property; he approved the use as a family room, not as an accessory apartment. Also, the building permit referred to was for a family room. Healey said if this application is approved, he would like a condition added requiring an approval of the new use by the code enforcement officer along with a certificate of occupancy.

Vannatta stated that the board received quite a few letters/emails expressing points of review regarding this project. He said the letters/emails in hand are of interest to the board, not [third-party statements of numbers] of individuals in favor or opposed to the project. He added that all letters and e-mails received will be listed by name and address in the minutes and the entire letter/email will be attached to the final minutes and placed in the planning board's final minutes binder at the town office.

Vannatta noted that on March 28, 2011 the ZBA granted a special exception for an accessory apartment on the second floor of an existing attached garage with the condition that all building code regulations for an apartment are met. The ZBA also granted a special exception for a cottage industry for the short-term rental of a furnished accessory apartment.

The board voted 5-1 to approve the application for a cottage industry for the short-term rental of a furnished apartment with the following conditions: inspection by the code enforcement officer for all buildings and occupancy permits for an accessory apartment and no meals are offered. Voting in favor were Dezotell, Smith, Healey, Williams and Vannatta. Opposed was Weiler because the use is inconsistent with the terms of an accessory apartment.

**Case 2011-004: Final Review, Lot-Line Adjustment, Emily Welsh & Marc Moran, for property located on South Rd. & Morse Ln.**

4/19/11 An application for a final hearing for a lot-line adjustment was submitted and the board accepted it as complete. Moran said he and his wife purchased the lot from Emily Welsh in 2008. It was part of the original Shultis farm and he has been reestablishing some of the original practices of the Shultis' maple sugar operation. He said his annexation application would add a 20-acre parcel to his property.

Moran said the 20-acre maple orchard contains 100- to 150-year-old trees, 60-foot lanes between the trees and a tubing system in the streams that dates back to WW II. He said he conferred with the UNH Cooperative Extension before making a decision to annex the land and continue with a sugaring business. He added that there are original records of production that date up to the 1950s. Moran said his original purchase was for 40 acres.

The board voted unanimously to approve the application as submitted.

**Case 2011-005: Conceptual - Great Island Realty Trust, Tom Hoffmeister, agent.**

4/19/11 There are two parcels of property involved – 1.3 acres and 5.6 acres – and a house that is on both pieces of property. The property is on Great Island in Lake Sunapee. Hoffmeister wants to create three lots from the existing two lots. The lake frontage for each lot would be 201 feet, 235 feet and 345 feet.

There was discussion about the wetlands regulations and frontage along the lake. It was determined that the proposed subdivision is a minor subdivision and must follow the applicable regulations. The applicant said they might want to do an annexation at the same time as the minor subdivision.

Ruppel referred the applicant to Article VII (Shore Land Overlay District) and Article XV, Section 15.2 Non-conforming Lots of the

zoning ordinance. Vannatta reviewed the next steps for the applicant, namely presenting a preliminary and/or final minor subdivision application.

**Case 2011-006: Conceptual - Justin Willett, 437 Route 103 - Meat Business**

5/17/11 Willett said his property is less than one acre with an existing house and a shared driveway. He wants to establish a business that sells organic meats and locally grown and produced food products. He anticipates removing the existing house and building a new structure on the footprint. The new building will contain coolers and retail space for the sale of product. The board advised Willett that his concept falls under the category of retail trade and is subject to a site plan review. In addition a new structure must meet all zoning requirements and he will have to comply with all state regulations regarding right-of-way (ROW) connected with the shared driveway.

Vannatta recommended that Willett obtain a copy of the zoning ordinance and site plan regulations – both available on the Town website – and then get appropriate applications from the land use board coordinator. Vannatta suggested that Willett consult with Ruppel prior to the next conceptual meeting with the board to ensure that all the necessary applications and information are in place.

**Case 2011-007: Conceptual - David Long- Captain's 1<sup>st</sup> Choice, Route 103**

5/17/11 Long said Captain's 1<sup>st</sup> Choice is currently a retail gift shop and he wants to offer ice cream for sale. He has applied for a license to do that and distributed copies of same to the board. His shop currently has a kitchen and he will use this area to serve soft and hard ice cream to customers through a dedicated window.

Weiler said the board needs a record of Long's last site plan review to ascertain all the uses that have been approved for this property. In addition the board must determine the use category that covers serving ice cream. There was discussion about the contents of Long's prior site plan review and Ruppel said she will research the document, the minutes from that meeting and the letter of decision concerning that earlier application. She said she would also research the regulations that govern the serving of ice cream.

Long said he wants to be able to serve ice cream this summer. Vannatta suggested and the board agreed to meet with Long during the next work session on June 7 to review Ruppel's research and provide guidance regarding the next step.

Long said he also wants to change the parking lot configuration to accommodate several greenhouses. Vannatta said that change would require a separate site plan review.

6/7/11 This was continued (see above). Vannatta noted that Ruppel researched the case file for Captain's 1<sup>st</sup> Choice, per the board's instructions from the last meeting, and her findings were distributed to the board.

Long reviewed his plans as presented May 17 and said he also wants to make jellies and pickles in the kitchen. In addition he wants to install a greenhouse on the property, per the 2007 site plan.

Vannatta referred to the Nov. 20, 2007 notice of decision which does not include approval for office space or a restaurant.

There was discussion regarding the site plan and meeting minutes of Nov. 20, 2007 and the notice of decision. Discussion included the use of the building as a function hall and whether limited food service was considered part of the use definition of a function hall.

Vannatta said historically, the property has been used as a function hall with a limited form of food service that does not include a place to sit down and therefore is not considered a restaurant. Weiler said serving ice cream could fit into the same category.

Long discussed the parking situation after the installation of a greenhouse. Also, he said he wants to have a vegetable stand set up in front of the greenhouse.

Weiler suggested that Long file an amended site plan showing the greenhouse, parking and the location of all the buildings on the site. The amended site plan would be subject to board approval.

Ruppel asked if the board would require Long to project every possible eventuality for the property use. Weiler said serving ice cream would be all right without an amended site plan.

Williams asked if a statement indicating that should be submitted to the state for approval. The board concurred that approval from the code enforcement officer would be sufficient.

Vannatta suggested that Long update the existing plan and provide an executive summary describing what he intends to do for submission to the code enforcement officer and the case file.

### Upcoming planning board hearings

The planning board agenda for June 21 included:

Case 2011-009: Conceptual - Hokanson Realty LLC, Ericka Hokanson, for juice and smoothie stand featuring healthy snacks.

Case 2010-003: Preliminary Hearing/ Site Plan Review for elderly housing project - Davis Revocable Trust/ Agent: Community Action Program.

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## 2011 Hazardous Waste & Unwanted Medicine Collection

Newbury is participating in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission's household hazardous waste collections, which are free for residents of participating towns.

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee's website -- [www.uvhhw.org](http://www.uvhhw.org) -- 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 offered.

Small businesses, schools and churches must register at least two weeks in advance of the collection and pay disposal costs or make arrangements with a sponsoring town. Call Vickie Davis at the Regional Planning Commission at (603) 448-1680.

### When and where

Collections will be held from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at the following locations:

Saturday, July 16 Lebanon Solid Waste Facility  
370 Plainfield Rd. (Rte. 12A)

*(Swap your mercury thermometer for a digital at this collection.)*

Saturday, Aug. 20 New London Public Works Garage  
184 South Pleasant St.

Saturday, Sept. 17 Newport Highway Garage  
449 S. Main St. (Rte. 10)

*(Electronics collection at same location but by fee; call Town of Newport)*

Saturday, Oct. 15 Lebanon Solid Waste Facility  
370 Plainfield Rd. (Rte. 12A)

### Unwanted Medicines

Unwanted medicines will be accepted at the Hazardous Waste Collections from residents as shown below. Bring your unwanted prescription 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

It goes into our drinking water. If there are no collections, it is better to put unwanted medicine with your trash.

See the website [nh.gov/medsafety](http://nh.gov/medsafety) for more information.

Thanks to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Outpatient Pharmacy for making this collection possible.

### 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
- Photo chemicals
- Hobby chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- NEW smoke & carbon monoxide detectors with radioactive symbol
- Mercury-containing devices such as thermostats and thermometers
- Pesticides & herbicides
- Oil-based paint (not latex)
- Solvents
- Varnishes
- Stains
- Paint removers
- Adhesives
- Flea powder
- Driveway sealer
- And much more...

### 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.
- **Asbestos** must be handled by a specialist. Contact NH DES at 271-1370 for disposal info.
- **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** 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** - The state is no longer funding collection of these bulbs by hardware stores; some still do, others don't so be sure to call first. The Newbury transfer station will accept them but be sure to hand them to an attendant for safe handling. You are strongly encouraged to visit the EPA website ([epa.gov](http://epa.gov)) for instructions on safe clean up if a fluorescent or CFL bulb breaks - before it happens.
- **Ammunition** and **explosives, fire extinguishers** - Contact your local police or fire departments
- **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 website at [nh.gov/medsafety](http://nh.gov/medsafety).

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