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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon.	July 27	Library – Poetry Jam, 7 p.m.
Mon.	July 27	Board of selectmen meeting, 6:30 p.m., town ofc.
Thu.	July 30	Harbor concert, 7 p.m., with The Flames*
Sat.	Aug. 1	Summer informational meeting, 8am, see below
Sun.	Aug. 2	Historical Soc. – Vanishing Newbury, see page 3
Sun.	Aug. 2	Author Howard Frank Mosher, see page 3
Mon.	Aug. 3	Library – Book discussion, 7 p.m.
Tue.	Aug. 4	Planning board work session, 7pm, town office
Thu.	Aug. 6	Harbor concert, 7 p.m., with Lunch at the Dump*
Mon.	Aug. 10	Board of selectmen meeting, 6:30pm, town office
Thu.	Aug. 13	Harbor concert, 7 p.m., East Bay Jazz Ensemble*
Fri.	Aug. 14	Historic Home Tour Gala, see page 3
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Mon.	Aug. 24	Board of selectmen meeting, 6:30pm, town office
Sat.	Aug. 29	Green-up Day – clean the roadsides in Newbury
Sun.	Aug. 30	Annual Auction by Newbury Fire Dept. see pg. 3
Sat.	Sept. 12	Conservation easement workshop, see page 4
Mon.	Sept. 14	Friends of the library meeting, see page 5
Thu.	Sept. 17	'Putting your garden to bed', see page 4

* *The rain date for Thursday concerts is the following Wednesday*

From the desk of the Newbury Board of Selectmen

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

Thanks all around

A decent crowd showed up for the dedication of the sidewalk (aka pedestrian improvements) project in the harbor at 4 p.m. during Old Home Day.

KVPartners and Piscopo Construction were recognized for their commitment, especially in the face of contrary weather, by Sel. Dick Wright.

Sel. Gary Budd expressed the town's appreciation for the involvement of local businesses in the project, including generous contributions for benches, a bike rack and planters.

June Fichter of the Lake Sunapee Protective Assoc. called out the environmental benefit of the inclusion of 'Sunapee swirlers' to protect the lake.

The honor of cutting the ribbon was reserved for Dennis Pavlicek after everyone's attention was drawn to the plaque mounted on granite in the harbor. It reads: "In appreciation of the efforts of Dennis J. Pavlicek, town administrator, for Newbury harbor improvements."

Those efforts started years ago, noted Sel. Jim Powell, and aren't confined to the pedestrian improvements project. They began with his successful search for a way to commemorate an important part of Newbury's history that resulted in the caboos museum. Pavlicek also worked to create the scenic byway whose route runs through Newbury, marked by the interpretive sign near the information booth.

That brings us to the sidewalk along Route 103, a project the town had been pursuing for some time to improve safety in the harbor area. Thanks in no small part to Pavlicek's effort and experience, the town was finally awarded a grant of more than \$500,000 in 2006. The work didn't end there, but Pavlicek was equal to the task and the safe, attractive and environmental results are to his credit.

Inside: Exciting August Events →

Support appreciated

The town thanks the following businesses for donations as part of the pedestrian improvement project in the harbor area:

Benches: Outspokin' Bicycle & Sport Shop, Mount Sunapee Resort, Lake Sunapee Bank, Skinner's Ski & Sport, LaValley's, Elliot Hansen Associates, Bubba's Bar & Grille, Baker Hill Golf Club, Mountain Edge Resort & Spa

Bike rack: Outspokin' Bicycle & Sport Shop

Planters: Mount Sunapee Resort, Country Houses Real Estate, Lumber Barn, Bob's Beacon Marina, Rainbow Garage, Marzelli's Deli, Newbury Quick Stop, Sugar River Savings Bank, Ledyard Bank

What a show!

The following businesses and residents have the town's thanks for helping support a great fireworks show and a wonderful concert series.

Mt. Sunapee Resort

Elliot Hansen Associates, Lake Sunapee Bank, Lumber Barn, Old Hampshire Designs, Baker Hill Golf Club, Mountain Edge Resort & Spa, McGray & Nichols, Freeman Architects, Newbury Plastering Co., New York Life Insurance, James Sadowski, Dean LeBaron, TDS

Irving Oil, Newport, New London Copy Specialists, Bob's Beacon Marina

3-Seasons Landscaping, Carroll Concrete, Screwie Lewiez, Tall Pines Realty/Insurance, Messenger Construction, Rainbow Garage, Lauridsen Auto Body, Black Bear Sportswear, Ayer & Goss, Ward Cedar Log Homes, George Neuwirt Construction

Market Basket, Double Diamond Café, Ralph Verni, Christine Daniels, Inna Moore, DLB Realty Trust, Virginia Mars, Marinus Kaashock, McLaughlin Family Fund, Joan Wight, Watermark Marine Construction, Coldwell Banker Milestone Real Estate

Nancy Guay, Douglas Whelan, Robert Saturley, Harvey Cohen, Arnold Wood, Harriet Fingerroth, Lake Sunapee Dawgz, Ralph Sweetland, Patricia Waldeck, and the contributors to the jar.

2009 Green-up Days – Selectmen made a clean sweep of 'their' two miles of Route 103 between Village Road and Route 103A to clear the roadside of trash on July 18. The next two scheduled days are Aug. 29 and Oct. 17, weather permitting. Please consider giving your neighborhood the once over now and again.

Summer informational meeting – On Saturday, Aug. 1, at 8 a.m. town personnel will be available for this annual meeting to review activities of the town and its departments and answer residents' questions. It will be held in the town office building. While scheduled to accommodate summer residents, all are invited and welcome.

Bridge to completion – Mike Vignale, engineer with KVPartners on the pedestrian improvement project, said fabrication delays seem resolved and the footbridge should be delivered around July 30. Barring further hurdles it will take little more than a day to place it, secure it and finish the sidewalk on either side to make sure it's right to grade. After the footbridge is in place a temporary railing will be put in while one is fabricated to fit; exact measurements can't be taken until the bridge is in place. The rest is work on the punch list.

Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility – Selectmen have signed off on paperwork for ARRA stimulus funding for the plant upgrade to go for approval of the governor and executive council at their Aug. 19 meeting. This follows the approval from DES of the design plans and specifications submitted by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. The project will go out to bid once the governor and council give a go-ahead.

Pavlicek said the FEMA hazard mitigation grants for Cheney, Winding Brook and Sunapee Hills roads will likely be on the governor/council agenda for the same meeting.

Sunapee Hills road work – Representatives of the Sunapee Hills Assoc. met with selectmen to further discuss work the group will fund to improve steep roads in the subdivision beyond that covered by the FEMA hazard mitigation grant.

On June 29 Steve Russell and engineer Charles Hirshberg met with the selectmen and highway administrator Cal Prussman, advising them that the association has raised \$15,000 to complete necessary tasks for projects in the Chalk Pond area. They will be working on drainage issues and some culverts. The board told Hirshberg and Russell to get together with Prussman to coordinate what projects should be done and their priorities and to keep him up to date on the goings on in their projects.

Hirshberg said they are also working on a watershed grant which needs to be submitted by August 19. The board is in agreement and in support of these projects. These are town roads and need approval of the selectmen for work to be done on them.

Intent to cut timber – On June 29 the selectmen approved an intent to cut in the buffer zone for David Rhodes, Map/Lot#16A-347-509.

Reverse 911 moves closer

Plans are moving ahead with the firm Code Red to supply so-called Reverse 911 services to Newbury and several surrounding towns. New London Dispatch has signed off on the arrangements.

Newbury's share of costs at this juncture is just under \$900. Dennis Pavlicek ventures to estimate the system might be ready within a few months.

To recap, it's a system that would allow the town to call residents either throughout the town or within affected areas about an emergency situation and response activities. An automatic dialing system would deliver a recorded message. Protocols are being developed for when to initiate use of this system.

The goal will be to have the fullest coverage and notification possible to the telephone number of residents' choosing. The vendor accesses commercial records for telephone numbers, but since everyone may not be on those lists, there will be a method for residents to supply the number on which they would like to be called, whether landline or cell. Those with unlisted numbers who wish to be on the list are asked to contact town office.

Rest assured this information, whether listed or unlisted, will be kept confidential.

Expanding parking at town office

Selectmen reviewed the layout and design for the expansion of the parking lot behind the town office with the engineer. The selectmen said they would like to begin the work after Labor Day. The length of the project should be about two weeks.

There is a concrete culvert running across the back of the lot from the wetland area over towards Fishersfield Road. It was decided to videotape the culvert to try and determine its condition before paving over it. That was done and shows the pipe is in very good condition but for a small area at one end.

The selectmen also decided to reconfigure the islands to add two more parking spaces.

The ads for the invitation to bid are running and sealed bid proposals for the site work will be accepted until noon on Aug. 7. A mandatory pre-bid site walk is scheduled at 9 a.m. on July 29. The town reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive technical or legal deficiencies and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the town. Plans and specifications are available electronically or by hard copy for a fee of \$15 by calling the town administrator.

Energy inventory

At the end of June the selectmen agreed to have the energy committee pursue Newbury's participation in the Small Town Carbon Calculator. The energy committee includes Elizabeth Ashworth, Jim Bruss, Steve Remen and Suzanne Levine.

The Small Town Carbon Calculator [STOCC] is used to conduct a greenhouse gas/energy inventory. The town was originally contacted by an intern at the University of New Hampshire, which is partnered with Clean Air-Cool Planet/The Carbon Coalition in this project to cut energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, in part with this 'calculator.'

Excerpted from the introductory email: "STOCC is a simple energy inventory tool that allows your town to set a benchmark of your energy usage, energy costs and total carbon dioxide emissions (a key greenhouse gas). With growing pressure to reduce energy costs and minimize municipal impacts on the environment, small towns like yours could greatly benefit from this simple inventory process.... STOCC accounts for buildings, facilities, town vehicles and streetlights."

The UNH summer intern will help with "guidance through the data collection process, data input and a final written report that outlines the results of your inventory. I will be working closely with both Clean Air-Cool Planet and the Regional Planning Commissions throughout this process." The findings from this process would serve as a concrete foundation for a presentation to the board of selectmen in an effort to further improve municipal energy efficiency.

TOWN CLERK

State fees go up

The legislature has amended certain statutes to increase the state portion of certain fees. There are different effective dates on some. Some of the most common are listed below, excerpted from the DMV letter to town clerks.

Boat registration fees have doubled, effective Aug. 28, 2009. The range is now \$24 to \$92 depending on length. The lake restoration and preservation fee has increased from \$5 to \$7.50. The boat agent fee has increased from \$1.50 to \$5.

For initial 'vanity' plates, effective Aug. 1, 2009, the vanity plate service fee has increased from \$25 to \$40 per year for a renewal or twelve (12) month new registration. The vanity number plate fee for new registrations other than twelve months, plate changes, etc., is now pro-rated at \$3.33 per month (\$40 for a renewal).

Vehicles are now assessed a surcharge based on their weight. This surcharge is in addition to the 'normal' fees based on weight. Based on gross vehicle weight (GVW):

0-3000 lbs. - \$30 surcharge + \$31.20 = \$61.20 for twelve months

3001-5000 lbs. - \$30 + \$43.20 = \$73.20

5001-8000 lbs. - \$45 + \$55.20 = \$100.20

8001-10,000 lbs. - \$45 + \$0.96 per hundred pounds gross weight

10,001-26,000 lbs. - \$55 + \$0.96 per hundred pounds gross weight

26,001-73,280 lbs. - \$75 + \$0.96 per hundred pounds gross weight

Motorcycles now have a flat \$25 fee charged on all 12-month registrations, up from \$15. The \$1 fee for the motorcycle rider safety fund will still be charged.

The transfer fee has increased from \$10 to \$25. Fees for semi-trailers and automobile utility trailers are increased as well. For details on this and other changes see the town clerk or DMV.

Where in the World is Kingdom County? With H.F. Mosher – Aug. 2

Breaking news: Librarian Rosie Johnson just found out that author Howard Frank Mosher was available Sunday, Aug. 2 to visit Newbury.

Mosher will present his slide show, “Where in the World is Kingdom County?” a place familiar to his many readers as the fictional setting of most of his books. His talk will chronicle his life as a novelist in Vermont’s remote Northwest Kingdom and is reportedly very funny and witty.

The talk will be at 2 p.m. in The Fells Gatehouse. Johnson said seating is limited to about 45, so be sure to call the library and get a reservation, 763-5803. Copies of his books will be available for purchase and autograph.

Mosher’s novel, *Northern Borders*, is the selection for the August book discussion on Monday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. in the library. Three of his novels, *Disappearances*, *A Stranger in the Kingdom* and *Where the Rivers Flow North*, have been made into feature movies by the Vermont independent filmmaker Jay Craven.

Vanishing Newbury – Aug. 2

The 1858 map of Newbury shows roughly 205 buildings of which only 110 remain. At one time Newbury had 14 public school buildings and seven mills, none of which are in use today for their intended purpose. Only one of the three churches survived and now one post office serves the town compared to the five of yesteryear.

Historian and author Tracy Messer will present *Vanishing Newbury* on Sunday, August 2 in the town office building at 2 p.m.

Discover the fascinating path the town has taken in Messer’s PowerPoint presentation of then-and-now contrasts in the Town of Newbury as he addresses the loss of so many structures.

The program is open to the public as part of the Then and Now series put together by the organizations that make up the Partners Around Lake Sunapee (PALS).

Newbury’s pictorial history book, *Newbury*, will be available for purchase and Shelly Candidus will be on hand to autograph your copy.

The presentation follows the society’s annual meeting which will start at 1 p.m. and is open to all members. On the agenda are revised bylaws for members’ approval and election of board members.

> NOTE DATE CHANGE <

Fishersfield Family Picnic – Aug. 21

Join your friends and neighbors for this casual summer evening of family fun. It’s set for Friday, Aug. 21, from 5:30 p.m. to dusk at Fishersfield Park. Bring your family and a picnic, spread your blanket and join in the fun. Snack shack will be open offering hotdogs, burgers, drinks and snacks.

Enjoy pick-up games of whatever strikes your fancy. Explore Fishersfield Park. Walk the trails to the pond. Shoot some hoops, challenge another family to a game of Frisbee golf, grab a soccer ball and bend it like Beckham or just watch the kids run around having fun.

Historic Home Tour, Aug. 15

A grand summer tour of eight historic lake and farm homes in the Lake Sunapee area will be offered on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through a partnership of the Center Meeting House of Newbury and the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance.

The tour’s first stop is the meeting house itself, where visitors can see the unusual reverse-pulpit interior, learn about the history of the building, and see the progress of restoration to foundation, roof and the historic Asher Benjamin-style bell tower, removed for restoration and now on the meeting house lawn until funds can be raised to return it to its rightful place.

Highlights that might interest tour goers include an authentic Indian Brand motorcycle on display at the Adirondack-style home on

Bay Point Road; a ‘fine antique’ sale in the Governor Grant home on Fortune Road; an historic ‘Walk along the Boardwalk’ in Blodgett’s Landing with viewing of two turn-of-the-century Victorian cottages; antique cars on display and open farm stand at Schroeder farm, a ‘New Hampshire farm of distinction’; unique turn-of-the-century furnishings and a wonderful view from the expansive circular porch at Natleh; a newly restored home on the far shore of Lake Todd; a Franklin Pierce-style home with museum-quality furnishings and wall paintings on West Road hosted by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and may be ordered by calling 763-2840 or 927-4006 or at Marzelli’s Deli in Newbury, Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London and Bayberry Barn in North Sutton. Tickets may be purchased the day of the tour at the town office for \$20.

Please note: The Stone Barn is open for tours only during the Gala on Friday, Aug. 14.

Gala preview party, Aug. 14

A gala preview party at the Stone Barn, once part of the Hay estate, The Fells, and now converted into a home, will be held Friday evening, Aug. 14. The garden party from 5 to 8 p.m. will include a classical guitarist, hors d’oeuvres and desserts. Guided tours of the interior of the Stone Barn will be given at the gala but will not be available during the home tour the following day.

The gala is by confirmed reservation in advance. If you wish to attend please send a check for \$60 per person to CMH, PO Box 50, Newbury, NH 03255. When your reservation is received your name will be added to the gala reservation list. There are a limited number of reservations so be sure to get yours in by the cutoff date, August 1.

At the Gala there will be an art show and sale of original art painted by professional Newbury artists. Raffle tickets for the Peter Helwing watercolor *Newbury Harbor* will also be available along with a limited number of signed prints (see below).

Watercolor, Newbury Harbor, offered at raffle

CMH is offering a raffle of an original watercolor painting by Peter Helwing of Newbury entitled *Newbury Harbor*. There are also 15 signed prints of the painting being offered at \$250 each. Seven have already been taken.

The raffle tickets are being sold by board members (Dan Wolf, Linda Plunkett, Barbara Steward, Claire Vannatta, Chuck Kennedy, Bill Weiler and Mary Marzelli) and by Carolyn and Tiff Stanley (763-5286). Tickets will be available for sale at the town offices, tour headquarters on Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$5 for one ticket and \$10 for three tickets.

Drawing will take place inside the vestibule of the CMH at 5 p.m. after the home tour on August 15.

Annual Fire Department AUCTION – Aug. 30

Here is a huge time saver: Come to the auction on Sunday, Aug. 30 and you can have fun, eat lunch, bid on some great bargains and show your support for the Newbury Fire & Rescue Dept.

It starts at 11 a.m. at the safety services building, but come early because there’s always lots of stuff to preview – and don’t rush examining the boxes or you might miss some gems. Speaking of gems, Chief Hank Thomas as auctioneer is not to be missed.

If you’ve never been you don’t know what you’re missing.

50/50 Raffle

The Newbury Fire & Rescue Dept. members are selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle that will be drawn at their auction on Aug. 30. Tickets are \$5 each, only 200 will be sold, and the winner gets half of the ticket sales. Ask a firefighter, or stop by the safety services building any Tuesday evening to buy a ticket.

Items to donate to auction?

If you have items to donate to the auction – they are appreciated – please leave a message at the fire station, 763-4403, and the firefighters will call you to arrange pick up.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday, Aug. 22

Newbury is participating in the collection of hazardous household waste on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at the Sunapee highway garage, 621 Route 11. It is free to residents of Newbury.

Businesses, schools and nonprofits must pre-register by calling Victoria Davis at the UVLSRPC at 448-1680.

Watch for flyers with more details at the transfer station and town office. Visit www.uvhhw.org for more information and recipes for nontoxic cleaning and yard products.

What to bring

Button, rechargeable and NiCad batteries; cleaners; polishes; hobby chemicals; pesticides; herbicides; flea powder, pool chemicals; oil-based paints (no latex); solvents; varnishes; stains; paint remover; mercury-containing devices such as thermometers & thermostats; adhesives; driveway sealer; photo chemicals and misc. other materials which are considered hazardous as waste. Look on the product for warning labels such as caution, flammable, reactive, caustic or poisonous.

What not to bring

-- *Latex paint* (look for clean up with soap and water) is not considered hazardous, unless it is pre-1990 and labeled that it has mercury as a fungicide. Use kitty litter to dry out latex paint and then throw in your trash. It must be made into a solid to be considered solid waste. Empty, dry paint cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility.

-- *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* can be taken to most Ace and True Value Hardware stores for free. Newbury transfer station collects them separately.

-- Please do not bring *ammunition and explosives, fire extinguishers, radioactive materials or propane tanks*. Contact your police or fire departments about ammunition, explosives and fire extinguishers.

-- *Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors* can be sent back to the manufacturer. Propane tanks can be exchanged or refilled at a propane distributor.

Newbury Conservation Commission presents

Love Your Land, Forever Conservation Options for Newbury Landowners

Saturday, Sept. 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

You are cordially invited to an informal workshop explaining conservation easements – the one sure way to protect your land forever. Presentations will be offered by experts from the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests, UNH Cooperative Extension and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. Newbury property owners with conservation easements will be on hand to discuss their experiences.

Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Please join us at the Newbury town office building.

For further information, call conservation commission chair Kathryn Holmes, 763-5671, or e-mail newburyconservation@gmail.com.

PARKS & RECREATION

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

See page 3 for information on the Fishersfield Family Picnic on Friday, Aug. 21 at 5:30 p.m. to dark.

> NOTE THE NEW DATE: AUG. 21 <

Newbury Walking Club

Come enjoy our new half-mile of lakeside sidewalk while meeting new people and getting some exercise. Dates and times still being set – please contact Travis Dezotell, recreation coordinator, with your input, to register your interest or for information. He can be reached at 763-4940 x210 or travis@newburynh.org.

Mom's Afternoon-off Camp

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., June 30 – Aug. 6. Ages 5-13. \$8 per day. Camp rotates between Fishersfield Park and harbor beach area.

Hiking & Ecology Camp

Aug. 3-7. Ages 6-13. Takes place at The Fells from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and cost is \$40 per camper. Lots of hiking with focus on watershed ecology and fisheries biology. [2 spaces left]

Wednesday youth day trips

Newbury Recreation in conjunction with New London Rec is offering day trips for 1st to 5th graders, others for 6th to 8th graders. Remaining trips are:

Grades 1-5	Aug. 12	Whales Tale Waterpark (\$20)
Grades 6-8	July 29	Paddle the Connecticut River (\$25)

Wednesday Night Soccer

July 8 – Aug. 12. Cost is \$5 per session. Players entering grades 6-8 practice from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; those entering grades 9 and up practice 7-8:30 p.m. At Fishersfield Park. The focus of this program is to bring in college and high school coaches to help players prepare for the upcoming season. Sessions will deal with skills, formats of play and mental approach. [drop in, no limit]

Unitor Soccer Camp

Aug. 10-14, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Fishersfield Park for ages 5-17. Cost is \$65 per camper and comes with a T-shirt and soccer ball. Featuring local high-level coaches. [spaces still left]

Adult Coed Summer Tennis League

A fun tennis league to get your feet wet with competitive tennis and meet some new friends. Free, sign up at the selectmen's office.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The members of the Newbury Beautification Committee are maintaining all the window boxes, barrels, planters and hanging baskets.

Some of our members took a field trip to Pleasant View Gardens to see the Proven Winners test gardens and the Proven Winners plant selections for 2010 introduction. We got some great ideas for next year's plantings.

Please join us for 'Putting Your Garden to Bed' on Thursday, Sept. 17 at Newbury town office at 7 p.m. It will be presented by a master gardener from the UNH Cooperative Extension of Merrimack County.

--Joy Nowell, NBC president

NEWBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trustees: Liz Tentarelli, chair; Pam Ritchie, secretary; Pat Sherman, treasurer. Friends of NPL: Liz Moulton, president; Paula Falkowski, secretary; Ken Tentarelli, treasurer; directors: Mickey Noyer, Jackie Keegan, Suzanne Levine

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

Poetry Jam

The next poetry jam, moderated by award-winning poet and Newbury resident Dianalee Velie, is on Monday, July 27, 7 p.m. The August date is not set as of press time; ask at the library.

Book Discussion...plus

Author Howard Frank Mosher is visiting Newbury on Sunday, Aug. 2 (see page 3) and on Monday, Aug. 3, his novel *Northern Borders* will be discussed in the library at 7 p.m.

Teen Zone

The teen zone – young adults entering sixth grade and above – will be talking about books, working on book reports and snacking on Thursday, July 30 and Tuesday, Aug. 11, both at 3 p.m. The big finish is set for 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13 with a silent auction and ice cream party.

Story Hour

Preschoolers and their caregivers start gathering at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday mornings and the story starts at 10:30.

Stories and Ice Cream for Hot Summer Days

What's not to like about this program, geared to the K-5 crowd, from 3-4:15 p.m. on Wednesdays through Aug. 12. No registration, just show up for book reading, a craft activity and ice cream.

Nights at the Library

The last of three Monday evenings in July booked for the kids is on July 27. During the program *Summer Eats*, Kathleen Stowell and the kids will look at what we eat in summer and what animals in the wild eat and what they put away for winter. As usual, there will be fun activities too. It begins at 6:30 p.m.

Friends to meet on Sept. 14

The Friends will be meeting to elect officers for the coming year on Monday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend.

Liz Moulton reports the raffle baskets at Old Home Day were a big success and the group offers many thanks to those who joined in the bidding.

LAND USE BOARDS

Please note –

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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Katheryn Holmes, chair; Helen Wright, vice-chair; Barbara Richmond, Steve Russell, Alternates: Alex Azodi, Sue Russell, Peter Fichter

Steven & Jennifer O'Brien, for property located at 9 Bay Point Landing Road, sought an area variance to permit the construction of a new house within the side setbacks of the property.

7/13/09 This property has been in the O'Brien family since the 1850s. Currently there are two houses on the site. One down by the lake has been there over 100 years and the other one closer to Bay Point Landing Road has been there not as long, but is also in a state of disrepair. The O'Briens would like a home to fit their needs. The lot is approximately 75 ft. x 180 ft. deep. The placement of the new septic system dictated the placement of the well and the house. The two existing homes are well within the sideline setbacks, and the leach field, which is also very old, is partly on the neighbor's property.

The O'Briens would like to remove the two existing houses – with a total of 12 bedrooms – and septic systems and build one new home with four bedrooms and a new enviro-system clean solution septic system. Because of the width of the property, it is difficult to site a standard home. The designers tried to place the leach field as close to the property line as possible without encroachment. This leaves the septic system only 7 ft. from the proposed attached garage.

The board voted unanimously to grant the request for a variance from Art. 5.9 sideline setback with the condition that clarification to the height measurement be made prior to obtaining a building permit.

Steven & Jennifer O'Brien, for property located at 9 Bay Point Landing Road, sought an area variance to permit the construction of a new house within the 75 ft. wetland setback of the property.

7/13/09 There are two existing houses and the closest one is 31 ft. from the lake. The proposal is to remove the two houses and build one house 52 ft. back from the lake. This distance moves the proposed house as far back from the lake as possible without running into conflict with the leach field. The number of bedrooms would be going from a total of 12 between the two existing houses to 4 in the one proposed house, keeping the work within 75 ft. of the lake to a minimum.

The existing lot has a lakeshore frontage of approximately 75'; current zoning requires 200'. The existing lot size is 0.318 acre; current zoning requires 2 acres. The lot size does not allow for the construction of a new house outside of the setbacks and the construction of a new septic system.

The board voted unanimously to grant the request for a variance from Art. 7.3 buffer zone setback.

PLANNING BOARD

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

Sign Ordinance

7/7/09 Powell reported that the sign ordinance committee has reviewed the handouts provided by McWilliams and has chosen one as a guide. The building inspector has been consulted for his insight and business owners are going to be contacted for one-on-one discussions for input. There are no suggested changes for the sign ordinance at this time.

Vannatta asked Powell if he had come across any legal opinion regarding signs in the state right of way. Powell said that town counsel advised that the town has full authority to regulate any sign in the town of Newbury whether it is in the state right of way or not.

Workforce Housing

7/7/09 Dezotell advised the board that the workforce housing committee has been having difficulty coordinating schedules to meet, but there is a meeting scheduled for July 22.

Meeting schedule change

7/7/09 The board decided to cancel the July 21 meeting and reschedule the conceptual hearing for Baker Hill Golf Club to Aug. 4.

**CASE 2004-006: Angel Hawk Subdivision - Jamie Gould aka
Advanced Conception Property Development, LLC**

7/7/09 Vannatta suggested that, since neither he nor the vice chair would be able to attend the regularly scheduled July 21 planning board meeting, the hearing for consideration of revocation of the Angel Hawk Subdivision be postponed until August 18 so that a full quorum could be present. The board voted unanimously to hold a hearing on August 18 at 7:30 p.m. to consider revocation of the Angel Hawk Subdivision.

Planning board meetings in August

Tuesday, Aug. 4: Baker Hill Golf Club conceptual site plan and work session.

Tuesday, Aug. 18: Hearing to consider revocation of Angel Hawk Subdivision at 7:30 p.m.

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