

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

There were many changes that took place in Lyndon in 2006. The most noticeable change is the reconfiguration of our Boards from a Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission into a Development Review Board (DRB) and Planning Commission. This change gives the permitting function solely to the Development Review Board, which will oversee all conditional use and site plan approvals. Formerly, the Zoning Board of Adjustment heard all conditional use applications, while the Planning Commission heard all site plan applications. The change will allow the Planning Commission to spend time on the “planning” function of the job, which unfortunately due to the heavy permit load the last few years got pushed to the background. Most of the members for the Planning Commission are new to the job, and are very excited about beginning the process of adopting a new Town Plan. If you are interested in participating in the planning process the Commission would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. There will be a couple of different opportunities to participate, the Planning Commission will have a survey available at Town Meeting, and they are also going to hold two public meetings to hear your ideas. The meetings will be held Monday, March 12, 2007 and Wednesday March 21, 2007. We look forward to seeing you there.

In 2006 the zoning office issued 168 permits. There were fifteen permits granted for new housing and eleven more permits were issued for additions being built onto existing housing. There were also thirteen permits for garages issued.

A problem that concerns the DRB is the increase in the number of permits that are being obtained “After the Fact”. Please be sure to check to see whether or not a permit is required for your project before starting. Smaller scale projects such as sheds, porches, decks, and outdoor wood furnaces all require permits. The Town has recently added a \$15.00 late fee for all permits that are obtained after a project has started.

I look forward to working with many of you on your projects in the upcoming year. Please do not hesitate to stop by my office or contact me at 626-1269. I would also like to extend a special thanks to the following members of the Development Review Board and Planning Commission for volunteering many hours of service to the community.

### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Tim Sturm	Lou Josselyn	Edward Newell (Chair)
Peter Morrissette	Craig Weston	Keith Johnson
Pauline Harris	Sara Simpson (Alternate)	Eric Paris (Alternate)

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Tim Sturm (Chair)	Eric Paris	Eric Berry
Michelle Mathias	Linda Hilton	Al Dilley
Sara Simpson		

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