



The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents



Regional Animal Control Services

From the desk of Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman

Please be advised that pursuant to a vote at a Special Town Meeting, residents are advised that effective Friday, December 3, 2010, the Town of Lisbon began to share animal control services with Sprague, Bozrah, Franklin and Lebanon in a regional collaboration. The telephone number for routine calls is **860-642-6379**. The emergency number for the animal control officer is **1-800-236-1987**. The Town of Lebanon will provide the primary pound facility which is located at 34 Goshen Hill Road, Lebanon, CT, 06249 with a secondary pound facility provided by the Town of Bozrah for any overflow. Emergencies include:

- Biting animals
- Wild animals vs. domestic animals
- State Trooper requests
- Animals hit by motor vehicles
- Roaming, ill, injured stray dogs or cats
- Large or small domestic animals at risk
- Injured or ill wild animals on town roads, state roads or private property
- Barking dogs (handled at the discretion of the animal control officer)

During the fall of last year you may have notice an addition to the front lawn at the Town Hall. Forest gold in color with gold trim with a brightly illuminated face is a new courtyard post clock. Manufactured here in the United States by the Electric Time Company, Inc. of Medfield, Massachusetts, the clock has

a built in GPS system that allows it to constantly adjust itself for accuracy and the change in time during the spring and fall.

On behalf of the residents of the Town of Lisbon I offer our thanks to Dr. Albert Gosselin, who donated the clock to the Town in memory of his wife Laura.

Planning and Zoning Commission Quarterly Notes...

by Kim Sperry

Both Lisbon Landing and The Crossing at Lisbon ramp up development of their projects this spring. At this writing known tenant, arts and crafts retailer, Michaels, and a proposed Dick's Sporting Goods are to be located in Lisbon Landing. During the February meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a special permit request from WS Development to subdivide the former Linen N Things space into three tenant spaces and to revise the exterior front elevations and signage. The look of the new development will be consistent with the existing design and Michaels will occupy the largest of the three spaces. Dick's is proposed to occupy the pad next to the cinema. Because of its size, the proposed store will take up three previously approved spaces. That site plan and front elevations are still under review.

Across the street Lowe's construction is nearly complete and we anticipate a spring opening. Aldi's expects a late summer opening. The only space left to develop at The Crossing at Lisbon is a pad next to Aldi's.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has an alternate position vacancy that must be filled in accordance with Town Ordinance by a member of the town's Republican Party. The commission is made up of volunteers, whose duties include weighing the merits of a land use application, establishing zoning regulations, holding public hearings as required, preparing a Plan of Conservation and Development every ten years, and establishing subdivision regulations, among others. Commissioners should be prepared to be familiar with the town's zoning and subdivision regulations and to attend regular meetings the 1st Tuesday of every month, special meetings as required, and public hearings. While challenging, the work in service to our community is rewarding. The town supports continuing education by funding seminars and conferences. Copies of zoning and subdivision regulations are distributed to all members and the town's professional planner is always available. A copy of *What's Legally Required* written by Michael Zizka, our town counsel, details powers and duties of the commission, procedural and scheduling matters, conducting public hearings, decision making and conflict of interest issues. The book is available at the town hall for on-site review. The commission encourages any interested Republican to submit a letter of interest to the Planning and Zoning Commission, 1 Newent Road, Lisbon, Connecticut.

Regular Planning and Zoning meetings take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall. The public is welcome to attend and speak during any public comment period.

Spring News Letter

by Marcia Shafer, Town Historian

Winter will soon be over and there will be new life bursting from field, flower, and trees. Before new life bursts open with foliage to cover the winter hibernation of fauna, take a look around and see what is around you that has been there for years or maybe hundreds of years. Some might be natural to the setting such as trees and rock formations. Others might be man made from hundreds of years ago.

Buildings of interest that are unique to life hundreds of years ago are the Bishop House, the Congregational Church, the Hale House now known as the Skeleton Key Antique shop, the winery that used to be the Palmer Farm, the Anshei Synagogue, and many other homes throughout the Lisbon area. These are some of the oldest buildings but there are many other homes that have historical status but are from another era and would be considered newer because they are from the mid to late 1800's.

There are also many manmade historic sites that come to mind. Carl Lake has a huge tree that is 17 feet in circumference that has to have been in his woods for hundreds of years. It has lost the top of the tree and has many branches that have decayed and fell off but the trunk and other lower branches are still there. It has signs of being a tree house to someone's youth and appeared to be a great tree house to hide in and maybe the children played hide and seek or other various games to hide out from parents.

Some man made sites that come to mind are the Railroad Tunnel off Route 12 that is the first in the United States and was all hand dug. Those very proud men can be seen in a photo with all of them in front of the tunnel when it was completed. There also is the stone arch railroad bridge off of Kinsman Hill Road that is a single lane for vehicles to drive through and was

built in the 1850's. Judy Jencks informed me that there is a tunnel that has been filled in but was driven through before the Route 169 railroad overpass was reconstructed in the very early 1960's.

The Mill Brook Bridge did not survive the flooding in 2010 and has decayed as it was dry laid and the force of the water washed away the foundation of the bridge which was used to cross over the stream from Norwich to Jewett City.

There is an old stone bridge along Route 169 that is part of the old Burnham Highway route before 169 was modified- you can see some of the stones that form the bridge. Do you know of any other stone bridges that are lost to the modern times and are hidden away by man or nature? Do you see any stone foundations that are left from buildings long gone? These are the last evidence of a piece of history of a home, school, or business of the life from centuries gone by. Partial stone foundations can tell some history or lead you to explore what the building might have been or the property of a particular person.

If you know of any documentation or evidence of a past piece of history that you would be willing to share with the towns people please let me know and I will copy it and return the original to you. Marcia Shafer 860-376-8108 or lisboncthistorian@yahoo.com. Thank you

Happy 70th Birthday to the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department.

Spring and Summer Recreation Activities

Watch the sign at the entrance of LMP for announcements of upcoming recreation activities and events.

Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget Schedule:

03/09/11 (Town Hall) - General Government Budget Discussion

3/16/11 (Town Hall) - Board of Education Budget Presentation & Discussion

03/30/11 (LCS Cafeteria) - Public Hearings on both budgets

04/06/11 (Town Hall) - Potential vote on budgets by Board of Finance

04/13/11 (Town Hall) - If necessary special Board of Finance Meeting

04/20/11 (Town hall) - Regular Board of Finance meeting - if needed potential vote

05/02/11 (LCS Cafeteria) - Annual Town Meeting

- Per ordinance, the Annual Town Meeting is the first Monday in May.
- The Town Aid Road and Capital & Non-Recurring will be voted on at the meeting.
- The Board of Education and General Government budgets will **not** be voted on at the meeting except to send the budgets to the referendum.
- Approximately two weeks later-Referendum (General Government and Board of Education Budgets).

Lisbon Residents

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sponsored by the Lisbon Recreation Committee

SATURDAY APRIL 16, 2011

(Rain Date: Sunday, April 17th @ 10am)

AT

LISBON MEADOWS PARK

(Near the Pavillion)



HUNTING BEGINS

PROMPTLY AT 10AM

EGG HUNT DIVISIONS

AGES: 2-4, 5-7, AND 8-10

*Participants are encouraged to bring their own basket for collecting!

Lisbon Historical Society Quarterly Notes

By Kim Sperry

Spring is on the horizon and as sure as another storm or two is expected, our long snowy winter is coming to an end. While we grow weary of shoveling and plowing, snow removal in the country during the 18th and 19th centuries was not a big deal. In fact keeping packed snow on dirt roads was an asset to farmers traveling by horse-drawn sleds. The community's snow warden had the task of keeping the road smooth by packing and filling in melted and bare spots. This was done by using snow rollers pulled by oxen, or dragging the road with a heavy log. Often, winter roads were in better shape than the same road the rest of the year. Come spring, off came the sleigh runners, replaced with wagon wheels until the next snowfall.

Last fall the Historical Society invested in a modern fix to keep the chill of winter at

bay. New Plexiglas storm windows were installed over the John Bishop House's 32 windows. Each window had to be custom fit, but we expect the investment will pay off in lower heating costs. Winter work on the Bishop House roof while ready to commence, was deferred until more cooperative weather arrives in the spring.

Many of you might have noticed the green candles in the windows of the JBH, as well as green lights in the synagogue and adorning the bushes in front of the town hall. The Last Green Valley initiated The Green Light Campaign in an effort to communicate the organization's efforts to unify resources that will preserve and protect our collective natural resources. The Last Green Valley stretches across the 35 towns in northeastern Connecticut and south central Massachusetts, its mission, programs and opportunities to support the region can be found on their website, www.tlgv.org.

Our thanks go out to the town's Public Works crew for donating the downed tree to the Bishop House. Once cut and split the wood will get us through several seasons of hearth cooking demonstrations and classes, and school field trips.

There are several times during the year that can and bottle drop-offs peak and one beverage is the most popular for that event. The week after the Super Bowl is one of those times. This year's can and bottle Super Bowl winner is Mike's Hard Limeade (might that have something to do with the green label?), Sam Adams, any flavor was runner up. Thank you to all our can and bottle donors, we hope your team took home the trophy.

The Society meets on the second Friday of each month in the town hall and new members are welcome. For information on Lisbon history and LHS event go to www.99main.com/~chill/Historic.html

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