



The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents



200th Birthday Celebration for the John Bishop House Museum

By Kim Sperry

Once again, Fall Festival was the highlight of September and the Historical Society celebrated with a birthday party for the John Bishop House. We partied with music provided by Nick Anderson and Tom Bosse and special cake contest. Michelle Grogan was the winner of the "This Old House" category with her replica of the John Bishop House entry, amazing to look at and delicious, too. Jeanne Tremblay took the prize in the "Traditional" category with her beautiful and scrumptious carrot cake. Both winners received dining certificates to Todd English's Tuscan, generously donated by Mohegan Sun. We also had special guests, Heidie Donnelly and Roxanne Hosking from Yankee Fiber Friends. The ladies, in their period garb, spent the day spinning and explaining the process of cleaning, carding and weaving yarn. The Lisbon Artist Guild presented selected works by their members in a special exhibit. The Guild meets every Thursday evening in the Lisbon Senior Center; anyone interested in joining is to call Paula Adams at 860-887-8052.

The Society thanks everyone who made this special day possible, members, past and present, who have worked diligently for over 30 years to restore and maintain the property; the town for its continued support of our efforts; can bottle and bottle donations, and most of all, all the visitors, young and old. At 200, we should all look so good, but it would not be possible without the efforts of the whole team.

We could not have asked for a better day for the Last Green Valley's annual Walktober. Breezy, brisk and sun-drenched, perfect for the 15 walkers from Lisbon, Canterbury, Plainfield, and several other communities who participated in the

Old Lee Road walk.

Upcoming events include our annual Holiday Open House, on Saturday, December 4. Once again, the open house coincides with the Newent Congregational Church, Gingerbread House Sale. The Bishop House will feature an apple pie and cookie bake sale, handmade holiday ornaments and decorations, and open hearth cooking. We invite you to warm yourself by the fire and celebrate the season with us.

We are taking registrations for our annual Open Hearth Cooking Classes, the Society's first fundraiser of 2011. This is a hands-on cooking experience geared to adults. Students will prepare an 1810 dinner over the John Bishop House fireplaces using traditional recipes, and period cooking implements and techniques under the guidance of experienced LHS members. Sign up today for a fun, relaxing, educational evening and chase away the chill of winter. We will hold classes in February and March; please call Paula Adams for information and a registration form.

Speaking of the chill of winter, prior to 1885, most New England homes heated with wood in a brick fireplace or with a cast iron stove, which was invented in 1742 and 4 times more efficient than an open fireplace. By the end of the 19th century, cast iron radiators with a coal fired boiler in the basement delivered hot water or steam. This early furnace transported heat by naturally rising warm air. It is conceivable that a house the size of the John Bishop House with 7 fireplaces used about 57 cords a year to heat, cook, bathe, wash laundry and run the farm. The house did not have a

conventional oil fired furnace until the late 1980s. Prior owners kept with traditional open fireplace and cast iron stove heating and bundled up in long johns and layers. Bedroom fireplaces did not usually burn during the night so the Bishops, Browns, and Bradlaws probably warmed the sheets with a bed warmer and bundled up under quilts.

Thanks, once again to all our can and bottler donors. Your eclectic tastes make the job of sorting - interesting.

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.

File of Life Campaign

By Mark Robinson, Chief, LVFD

The Lisbon Fire Department Launches "File of Life" Campaign, Friday, October 12, 2010.

File of Life is a program that has been around in the area for a little while now but is newly being offered by the Lisbon Fire Department. It was designed to bring all of your important medical information to the attention of Emergency Medical Technicians in the case of an emergency.

The File of Life is a red plastic magnetic file folder that attaches to your refrigerator. The file contains vitally important information about you so that

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emergency medical professionals have quick access to your basic medical information. The basic information includes:

Medications that you take

Allergies you have

Your Medical Condition

Your Blood Type

Emergency contact Information

Your Physician's Name

Your Preferred Hospital

The free File of Life packets are available at the Fire Department for Senior Citizens and any other resident of Lisbon. The File of Life is limited to one person while supplies last.

For more information, please visit <http://www.lisbonfiredept.org> or contact the Lisbon Fire Department at 860-376-2558 and leave a message with your name and contact information and we will get you a File of Life packet at no charge.

Town Historian Winter Report

By Marcia Shafer

Winter will be upon us soon or may be here already by the time you read this. Winter means the coldest months of the year. How will you keep warm this winter- especially at night when you hear the wind and feel the chill "down to your bones"?

Do you have a furnace system or an electric heat? Do you snuggle under a layer of blankets, use an electric blanket, pile on winter pajamas and heavy socks, or do you use a quilt and just a few light blankets?

Now imagine living before the luxury of a heating system. You might have slept in a room without heat or minimal heat that went up the chimney from a fireplace. You would have used many blankets and quilts. To prepare for winter using a fireplace or a wood burning stove you would have gone to the woods and cut down wood and let it season to cure it for use the following year.

You might have slept under a cover initially woven on a loom and made from spun wool, linen, and cotton. You can see one of these coverlets on the second floor bedroom of the John Bishop House Museum. It is a classic blue in color with a white weave.

As the time progressed you might have slept under a quilt made from patches of discarded scraps of material or worn out clothes. They would have used any possible pieces of cloth to cut and sew into any type of pattern at the beginning but as fabric became more available, patterns and designs became artistic and also may have told stories about a person or their life.

Quilts were used to guide slaves on the Freedom Trail to locate the next safe house on their way north from the slave holders. Other quilts were made to be of political statements, made in memory of a person's life or tell a story of a time of life, love or tragedy, for warmth, and a gift to remember a loved one for a special occasion.

An example of a Life Quilt is at the Bishop House on the first floor and is framed and hung on a wall in the center hallway. This quilt was made by people in the town of Lisbon who each made a sample of the highlights of the history of Lisbon. It is called a patchwork quilt.

Quilting was initially done out of necessity and was done to show sewing skills, story telling in living color and an event for socialization. It was a time to refine sewing skills that was started at a young age for girls and as they progressed, they learned to make quilts for their own homes as they grew into adulthood. Many times the women gathered to demonstrate their sewing skills while they worked on a gift for a couple getting married, a baby on the way, or as a fund raising activity. As always there was a need for quilts for the women's own home too.

Quilts were used for warmth, bed coverings, and wall hangings to keep drafts out of the home, for decorating a home and for traveling. Quilts were used

as Eastern Americans moved westward to protect their belongings in a covered wagon using a trunk for breakable items. A quilt would protect their stoneware in the trunk or bundle around their furniture placed in the wagon as it went over the bumpy roads.

Planning and Zoning Notes

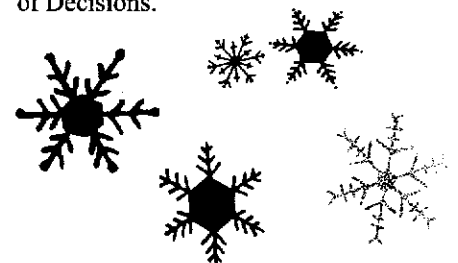
By Kim Sperry

Recently, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved an application submitted by the Recreation Committee to construct a 200-meter running track behind the senior center adjacent to the school. The track, with its proximity to parking and the Senior Center is an upgrade for the school's track team and a health and fitness asset available to the entire community. The existing playground equipment will be relocated to another site on school grounds.

During the past quarter, the Commission also approved a 30-lot residential subdivision on land formerly know as the Barber property on River Rd., (Route 12), and a 9-lot residential subdivision on Sullivan Rd.

Lowe's is currently under construction (exterior masonry is going up and the steel has been delivered and should be installed shortly) with plans for a spring opening. Aldi's (groceries) should break ground this month.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall. Public Hearings are usually scheduled on the same evening before the regular meeting. All residents are invited to attend. Please watch the Norwich Bulletin classified ads for notices of Public Hearings and Notices of Decisions.



From Office of the Building Inspector

By Carl Brown, Building Inspector

I would like to pass on a little information to help people follow the laws when it comes to doing construction work on their properties in the Town of Lisbon. The following is taken from the **2003 International Building Code** which by state law we are adhering to at this time.

Section 105 Permits, subsection

105.1 Required. Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permits.

Section 105.2 Work exempt from permits. Exemptions from permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction. Permits shall not be required for the following:

- 1 One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11.15m²).
- 2 Fences not over 6 feet (829mm) high.
- 3 Oil derricks
- 4 Retaining walls which are not over 4 feet (1219mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II, or III-A liquids.
- 5 Water tanks supported directly on the grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18925L) and the ration

of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.

6. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762mm) above the grade and not over any basement or story below and which are not part of an accessible route.
7. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
8. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy, as applicable in Section 101.2 which are less than 24 inches (610mm) deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons (18925L) and are installed entirely above ground.
10. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery and agricultural purposes and not including service systems.
11. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwelling.
12. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support of Group R-3, as applicable in Section 101.2, and Group U occupancies.
13. Moveable cases, counters, and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753mm) in height.

Another section of interest pertains to emergency work and timing. The following section governs this aspect of permits and this type of work:

Section 105.2.1 Emergency Repairs.

Where equipment replacement and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the building official.

None of these situations exempts one from Zoning, Conservation, Health, or wind loading requirements which is the responsibility of homeowners to follow those regulations as well.

I hope putting this information in easy access helps property owners to satisfy the Laws of the State and Ordinances of

the Town of Lisbon. It is my job to assist you in complying with these regulations. If I can be of assistance, I am in the office Monday mornings 9AM-12 noon and Wednesday evenings 6-8 PM.

Meet and Greet at the Senior Center

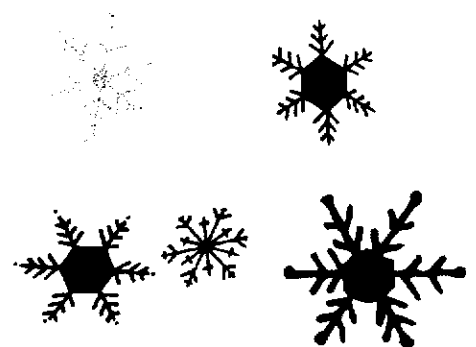
By Blake Wawrzynowicz, LCS Student

The Lisbon Senior Center had a meet and greet on November 2nd with the candidates running for election. The attendees present at this meet and greet were Lisbon seniors and two 7th grade classes. The candidates present were Edith Prague and Sean Sullivan running for the State Senate, and Steve Mikutel and Mike Zelasky who were running for State Representative.

During the meet and greet, Edith Prague and Sean Sullivan debated each other on many issues at times becoming very boisterous. On the other hand, Steve Mikutel and Mike Zelasky were much more calm during their debate.

There were a lot of questions asked by the seniors and students. At the end, Courtney Davis asked what their hobbies. Edith Prague spoke saying "playing golf for fun". Sean Sullivan said "building stonewalls and playing with my new grandchildren". Steve Mikutel said "building stonewalls", and Mike Zelasky said "I don't build stonewalls, I do Jewett City softball and indoor soccer for girls".

The meet and greet turned out good for all that were present. It was very educational and we hope the Lisbon seniors will host this again at the next election.



Fiscal Year 2011/2010 Budget Schedule

By Michael Zelasky, BoF Chair

The town offices, boards and commissions have begun working on next year's budget (FY 2011-12). The budget schedule of meetings is below. All meetings are scheduled for 7:00 PM. Anyone may attend the meetings.

The schedule is subject to change. All changes will be announced in an email from the Board of Finance account. If you would like notification, please email bof@lisbonct.com to be placed on the distribution list.

The revenue projections are heavily dependent upon the state budget more so this year than in past years because two years ago the legislature cut the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant for every school district in Connecticut by 14%. The districts weren't affected by the cuts because the

legislature used federal stimulus monies to make up the 14%. Unless the legislature adds the 14% back in, the Town of Lisbon will be facing an approximate \$550,000 shortfall in revenues.

Hearings on both budgets

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).

WINTER PARKING BAN

The winter parking ban is in effect for town-owned roads and is enforced when the weather is expected to be hazardous for vehicles. Any vehicle found parked on Lisbon town roads during the ban may be towed at the owners expense.

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