

**LOUDON COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2006 AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING – CHARLIE’S BARN, ON VILLAGE ROAD.**

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**Council Members Present:**

Raymond Cummings     Dorothy Mulkhey  
Amanda Masse         Kris Tripp

**Non-Members Present:**

Samantha French     Tom McCue  
Deb Kardaseski     Terri Barton (dropped off paperwork)

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- I. Secretary Amanda Masse distributed copies of the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes to those who had not received them via email. Those present reviewed the minutes. Amanda made the change that Kris Tripp was not in attendance at that meeting. A motion was made by Dorothy Mulkhey to accept the minutes with that change; with a second by Kris Tripp, the minutes were accepted.
  
- II. Treasurer Dorothy Mulkhey read the income and expense report for January. For the month of January the beginning balance was \$1,484.44. There were deposits of \$5,211.00 and there were expenses of \$87.00. The ending balance for January was \$5,211.00. A motion was made by Amanda Masse to accept the Treasurer’s report as read; with a second by Raymond Cummings, the report was accepted. It was discussed by those present that the printing and publishing bills will be paid out of the Communications Council portion of the town budget. The mailing costs will continue to be paid out of the regular account. The mailing costs have increased to .083 cents for the first 2-3 ounces and Beverly from Direct-O-Mail will bill the difference in postage costs for the February issue. The new rates will be reflected in the March bill.
  
- III. Advertising – Terri Barton stopped in with her advertisements and paperwork for the month. Terri also has a maple article that she will be getting to Deb for the issue. Samantha French had sold 11 advertisements for the month and submitted her paperwork as well.
  
- IV. Publication Coordinator – Deb Kardaseski reported on the March issue of *The Loudon Ledger*. She has continued to receive an increasing amount of information from various organizations in town. This issue will be dedicated to our friend and founding member of The Communications Council ~ Lyford Merrow. Council members will work with family members in putting together an appropriate article in his memory. Plans for the April issue were also discussed and include a town meeting review and Easter recipes. Publication Coordinator Deb Kardaseski noted that she will be creating a new proposal for the publication of *The Loudon Ledger* and hopes to have it available within the next few meetings.
  
- V. Website – Rodney Phillips was not present. Amanda Masse reported that the website is growing daily and there is a huge amount of information for the citizens on the site. Those present were encouraged to continue to spread the word about the information that is available on the site and continue to increase the use.
  
- VI. Old Business-
  - a) New Members – Everyone present discussed the continued need to seek more individuals to serve on The Communications Council and represent the various organizations in town. Amanda stated that she would add something to the website as well. Raymond Cummings noted that he was working on several people who may be interesting in serving.

- b) Town Meeting – Tom McCue represented The Communications Council at each of the budget hearings and the line item is in at \$12,000 which is a decrease in last years numbers. Those amounts were discussed and it was agreed not to challenge the line item as it continues to meet the requirements for portions to be publicly funded for the non-profit 401c3 status. Council members thanked Mr. McCue for his representation of The Council at these hearings. All those present were encouraged to attend Town Meeting and support the Communications Council’s funding if need be.
- c) House Accounts – Those present discussed the continued need to set a clear policy which will avoid any and all confusion regarding ad sales and “house accounts”. Everyone agreed that this issue would need to be re-addressed at the next meeting.

VII. New Business-

- a) Lyford Merrow Memorial Contribution – Those present discussed a way to signify our appreciation for Lyford’s years of dedication to The Communications Council. A motion was made by Amanda Masse to donate \$100.00 to the SPCA in honor of Lyford Merrow’s dedication and service to The Loudon Communications Council; with a second by Kris Tripp, the motion passed. Dottie will make the contribution out of the regular account in his honor.

A motion was made by Amanda Masse to adjourn, with a second by Raymond Cummings, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting of The Loudon Communications Council will be held on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at The Community Building - Charlie’s Barn in the village.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Masse, Secretary  
Loudon Communications Council