

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

In 2007 the zoning office issued 175 permits, which is up slightly from 2006. There were twenty-three permits granted for new housing and ten more permits were issued for additions being built onto existing housing. There were also fourteen permits for garages and sixteen permits for sub-divisions issued.

Lyndon Institute and Lyndon State College were granted permits for two of the bigger projects in Town during 2007. Lyndon Institute completed construction of a new twenty-six bedroom girl's dormitory, complete with a laundry facility, weight room, and common room for the students. The dormitory opened for the 2007-2008 school year. Lyndon State College was granted a permit to resurface the main parking lot, and replace the parking lot lighting with new updated "shoe box style" lighting, which should greatly reduce the glow that can be seen from the College. In addition, the college recently decided to become an NCAA Division III school, and will be installing lights at the baseball and softball fields to meet the NCAA's standards for play.

The Planning Commission has been meeting regularly as it works towards a final draft of a new Town Plan. Currently, the Commission members and many volunteers are finishing up drafts of sections of the Plan.

Many Lyndon citizens and members of various organizations have helped with this very important work. The Commission hopes to have the new Town Plan ready for the first public hearing sometime this Spring.

A continuing problem that concerns the Development Review Board 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. A phone call could save you \$15.00 late fee charge.

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.

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