

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

In 2008 the zoning office issued 158 permits. This was down slightly from the 175 permits that were issued in 2007. Among the permits issued there were twelve permits granted for new housing, which is about half of 2007's total of twenty-three housing permits. There were also fourteen permits issued for additions being built onto existing housing, five permits for garages, twenty-two permits for sheds, and twenty-one permits for decks/porches.

The Planning Commission finished its final draft of the new town plan in August. The Selectboard recently adopted the town plan on December 22, 2008. Copies of our new plan are available in the Zoning & Planning Office or on-line on the Town's website lyndonvt.org.

Many Lyndon citizens and members of various organizations helped with this very important work. This included participation at Planning Commission meetings, serving on committees, participating in the Planning Commission's survey, and attendance at both the Planning Commission's and the Selectboard's required public hearings.

In the near future the Planning Commission will start on the next step in the planning process which is to examine the Zoning Bylaws and determine if there are changes which need to be made. The Commission at a minimum will need to review chapter 117 of the Vermont Statutes and implement necessary changes to definitions, fair housing, and planned unit development, which are the result of the statute being completely revised in 2004.

As always 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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