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Holden News December 6, 2007

THE HOLDEN ROUNDUP

SIX MORE MONTHS: Selectmen voted to request another six months from the state Department of Housing and Community Development for Winterberry Hollow, the town's first 40B rental project proposal. The project is currently making its way through review with the ZBA, which has until the end of January under the old extension. That extension was requested by the select board in May and granted by DHCD. Town Planner Pamela Harding told the board the review probably wouldn't be finished before January. The attorney for the applicant, B.A. Sundin of Holden, told the ZBA the applicant would not be requesting an extension, but would add their approval for the extension to any ZBA request. The select board had asked for several conditions to its request for an extension last May, including waiving the right of the applicant to appeal. That condition was denied by DHCD; four of five selectmen voted to include a request for the condition again. Selectman Joseph Sullivan said he favored asking for the extension, but not including the condition. Sullivan voted against the extension for that reason.

WEATHERIZE: Representative Lew G. Evangelidis (R-Holden) and Senator Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester) announced November 28 that the Department of Housing and Community Development has awarded the Holden Housing Authority a grant of approximately \$30,000. The grant will be used

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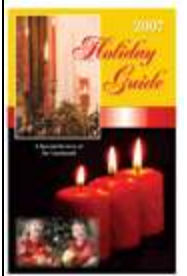
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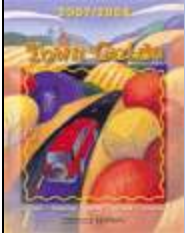
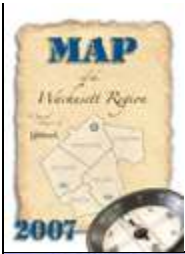
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for technical assistance and emergency capital improvement bond funding. This assistance will supplement its own capital reserves to replace the windows at the Authority's Holden Commons development. The DHCD's new Accelerated Emergency Response Pilot allows Local Housing Authorities to administer emergency capital projects with a construction cost of less than \$ 25,000.

SCAM ALERT: Holden Police Detective Chris Carey reported that two Holden residents were bilked a total of \$16,000 in scams recently. "Every day hundreds of people are contacted either by e-mail, U.S. mail or over the phone indicating they won something or something may be wrong with their credit card or bank card. The majority of these people contacted are aware that it is a scam and ignore the contact," Carey said. But recently, two residents responded to letters that came in the U.S. mail. Such scams frequently involve requests to pay administrative fees up front. The Holden victims cannot recover the funds advanced in these scams. "If you receive one of these letters or e-mails, it is a scam. Do not cash the check or wire any money. If you still feel you might have won the money, do some research on the company offering to give you thousands of dollars," Carey said. For more information, visit the US Postal Inspector's Web site: <http://postalinspectors.uspis.gov> or contact the police department.

ART AT THE LIBRARY: Holden artist Mary Shepherd has an exhibit of "mono prints" in December at Gale Free Library. The show is titled "Naturally Diverse" and will run through December 31. Shepherd's art work is on the town of Holden Web page.

DITCH THAT DIVAN: Burnable bulk items that require a sticker (large green sticker) to be removed by the town's trash hauler must be put out at the curb with the sticker before December 31. Pick-up arrangements must be made with the town's new trash hauler, Casella, by calling (888) 532-2735. Casella will honor this year's green stickers from the town's previous trash hauler,

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