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## Budget Committee Reduces Proposed Budgets by \$59,900

Budget requires hard work and compromises

Donna Crisp Duclos  
Chair, Budget Committee

On October 13, 2021 at 6 PM in the meeting room at the Andover Town Hall, nine residents sat down, all masked, and committed to working together to review, critique, and adjust as needed the School District, Town, Fire Department,

and Water Precinct budgets.

Little did the Budget Committee realize that five months, 12 meetings, 20+ hours, and over 700 lines of money requests on Excel spreadsheets would get us to February 9, 2022. This was a committed and hard-working group, with different opinions and reasons about what our taxes should be “buying” and what we should reduce or eliminate from these budgets.

Of the \$6,178,647 that the Andover School Board requested, the Budget Committee reduced the amount by \$54,000. We recommended keeping the present staffing level. The Budget Committee also felt that a 12.5% increase in health insurance costs was in all likelihood a large overreach. We recommended reducing the rate to 10%.

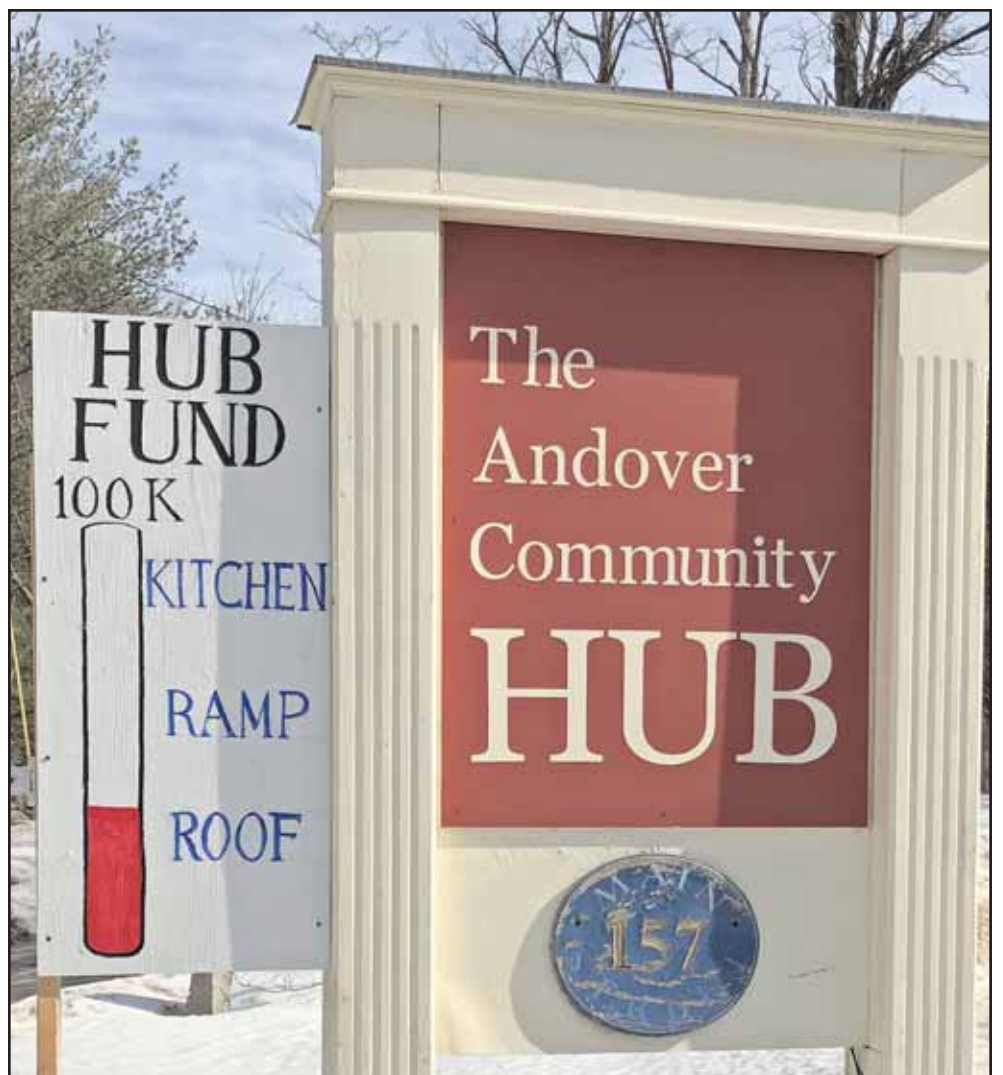
We also recommended reducing a special education line item (other professional services) by \$5,000 because that line item has not been more than \$700 the past several years. The Budget Committee also recommended removing the money for a half-time custodian because the school is functioning without that position.

Of the Select Board’s proposed budget—  
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The temperature’s about to rise on this large-scale “thermometer” mounted in front of The Andover Community Hub headquarters at 157 Main Street in Andover, and showing the Hub’s progress toward its goal of raising \$100,000 for capital improvements to the building, Andover’s old town hall. The photo, taken on February 14, shows gifts and grants received, at the time totaling about \$35,000. By March 1, the amount is expected to climb to about \$50,000.  
Photo: Susan Chase

## Andover Voters Will Choose Between Two Voting Methods

Ballot referendum or traditional Town Meeting?

John Kinney, Select Board

We’d like to begin with an apology for not getting the pros and cons of SB2 written in time for the February deadline of *The Andover Beacon*. As many can relate, life simply got in the way. Before we knew it, the February issue was in our mailboxes.

To recap what SB2 would mean for Andover:

SB2 is a ballot referendum form of voting that follows NH RSA 40:13. In short, SB2 only changes how we vote, not what is voted on.

If SB2 is adopted by those at Town Meeting this year, a public meeting similar to a Town Meeting, called the Deliberative Session, will be held, typically in early February, where attendees formulate the warrant articles to be

voted upon. All voters will then have an opportunity to vote individually on each warrant article by private ballot a minimum of 30 days later, during the all-day voting as part of Town elections on the second Tuesday of March. Voters may also vote via absentee ballot.

Researching articles posted in the past as other towns considered the same vote we have before us now, the arguments for or against SB2 seem to be the same. Some of their points have been taken in whole or in part here.

- Official ballot voting at the second session under SB2 allows more citizens to participate in the democratic process. Voting can happen before and after going to work or any time throughout the day, as well as via absentee ballot. This is in contrast to voting at the traditional Town Meeting, where residents must attend a meeting that begins at 7 PM

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The Andover Town Report 2021 will be available on Tuesday, March 1. Town Reports will not be mailed (except by special request to 603 735-5332), so visit [Andover-NH.gov](http://Andover-NH.gov) to read it online, or pick one up at any of these locations:

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## Andover Real Estate Transactions January 2022

### Slow sales, with just one home sold

Ty Morris, Coldwell Banker Lifestyles

The Anne Haley Revocable Trust sold 58 Main Street to Edward Saber for \$428,000. This two-bedroom and two-bathroom ranch has a two-bay garage, 1,934 square feet of living space and sits on four acres. Kris Labrake of KW Realty-Metropolitan represented the sellers and Valerie Provost of Central Gold Key Realty represented the buyers.

The following were inadvertently omitted from my December 2021 report.


Levi and Nicole Southworth sold their home at 230 Beech Hill Road to Andrew and Valeria Graham for \$550,000. This four-bedroom and four-bathroom colonial with an attached two-car garage has 3,028 square feet of living space and sits on 2.87 acres. Ty Morris of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the sellers and Dan O'Donnell of KW Gateway represented the buyers.

George and Trudy French sold their home at 181 Plains Road to Gerald and Gina Miller for \$550,000. This four-bedroom and four-bathroom contem-

porary colonial has an attached two-car garage, 3,207 square feet of living space and sits on 6.14 acres. Ty Morris of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the sellers and Pam Richardson of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the buyers.

Daniel Labonte sold 40 Boston Hill Road to Lauren and Richard Brown for \$350,000. This three-bedroom and three-bathroom cape has 2,392 square feet of living space and sits on 2.08 acres. Arthur Urie of Lake Farm Realty represented the sellers and Erica Bruce of KW Coastal Realty represented the buyers.

The Madelyn Baker Revocable Trust sold 42 Thompson Point Lane to Wayne and Roxanne Smith for \$750,000. This two-bedroom and two-bathroom ranch on the shore of Highland Lake has 1,814 square feet of living space and sits on 1.3 acres. David Liberatore of White Water Realty Group represented the sellers and Tracy Nangeroni of Harbor Light Realty represented the buyers.

There are six land listings and one single-family home listing in Andover. For more real estate information, contact Ty Morris 603 237-2060. 

## Around the Town in 80 Years: Fourth of July Memories

### Cost of fireworks has skyrocketed since 1964

Press release

As we thought about the theme for Andover's 80th Fourth of July celebration, *Around The Town In 80 Years*, we thought it would be fun to talk with someone who was there in the early years.

So, this month we met at the home of Dennis Fenton to hear memories he has about the celebration which, at the time, was put on by Andover's Blackwater Grange. Many thanks to Dennis for having us over to his home and sharing his memories.

The parking area in front of the Grange Hall, which is now Ragged Mountain Physical Therapy, was used for the event. Tables were set up and a string of lights surrounded the area which extended over near the town scales. (Yes, Andover had scales for public use.)

Dennis' first memory was of an early celebration (mid-1940s) during the ham and bean supper that was put on by the Andover Grange every year. The supper, consisting of baked beans, ham, and pies, was prepared by the ladies in town.

There would be games for kids, such as bobbing for apples, turtle races, and a spinning wheel. One of the prizes won at the wheel was a five-pound bag of sugar! Dennis remembers Hoodies (ice cream cups w/wooden spoons) provided for the kids.

For a few of those years, he recalls Wally Currier visiting his grandmother at the Fenton farm, where he was able to catch painted turtles for the turtle races.

On one particular Fourth of July evening, as Dennis recalls, a person was upstairs in the Grange Hall washing dishes to keep the meal moving along. In order to get the clean plates down and outside for the next round, someone had to run upstairs and get the plates and bring them back down.

Apparently the dishwasher heard some complaints about how fast (or slow) he was washing, so he said: "You want them faster ... here you go!" He began tossing the dishes out the window from the second floor to those below. The person or persons down below were able to catch most of them and rush them to the waiting tables.

After the supper there would be a street dance in the lighted area with music provided by Herman Seavey's Band. Occasionally the lights would go out and if so, Vic Phelps, Sr. (Doug's grandfather) always had an extra fuse in his pocket.

The first celebration was in 1942 and there were maybe 100 people in attendance. Everyone in town went, but it

was mostly Andover folks as, back in those days, it was a long way for folks from other towns (even East Andover folks) to travel as some didn't have cars, and gasoline was hard to come by.

After the first celebrations on Lawrence Street by the Grange, the celebration was moved to the Proctor tennis courts on North Street (where Proctor's Theater now sits); later they moved to the high school and finally the Village Green, where there was an art show during the day and the midway at the school at night.

After the war, there was a baseball game every year. Andover had a team with the Central New Hampshire Baseball League. There were eight teams in the league. Andover had a good team with many talented players such as Glen Currier and Tink Reed.

Glen was reputed to be an excellent pitcher, as Dennis remembers. One year Glen single-handedly pitched a double header in Wolfeboro – 18 innings!

Sometimes a team would come to town with a player they called "a ringer." The team would say he was not a very good player, but it would turn out that he was very good, sometimes a professional player. He would hit and hit, and they would crush Andover's team.

Lots of baseball was played on Carr Field over the years. Sam Clark hit a home run on Carr Field and the ball went across Route 11 and over the roof of the Carr House (which sits not too far from the entrance to Proctor Field House). That hard-hit ball is still talked about today.

There was no parade in the very early years. But as time went on, interest grew, and the parade became a staple of Andover's Fourth of July celebration. Dennis remembers the first time that Leapin' Lena came to be in the parade; folks were astounded. It was the talk of the town for quite some time afterward.

Dennis remembers there was a year, sometime in the 1970s, when the New Hampshire Department of Transportation refused to issue a permit, stating that the road through Andover could not be blocked for the hour or so it took to run the parade. A few strings needed to be pulled, and eventually the issue was resolved, and the parade was on.

Frank Poblentz was the first Master of Ceremonies and continued on for 34 years. In 1983, Frank was awarded a plaque for "outstanding and devoted service from 1949 to 1983"! He loved the job, and the townspeople loved having him on the reviewing stand. Others have followed in his footsteps, most recently, Bob Ward and Steve Smith.

Dennis remembers that the Fenton  
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## WHAT'S UP@THE HUB?

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**Fruit Tree Pruning:** Sat. 3/19, 10 am, off-site. AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com

**Andover Garden Club:** Wed. 3/23, 2 pm, business meeting & member "seed swap"

**Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating:** TBD--check Facebook & website for dates & time

**Gentle Flow Yoga with Maris:** Fri, 8:30 am, monthly series. Info, 603 661-8587

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**German Conversation:** 3/28, 5-6 pm. Information, Gisela Darling, 735-5681.

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**W**aiting for delivery in mid-February were these gift bags, containing the contents of two of the three prizes won by participants in the Andover Community Hub's first online fundraising raffle, held earlier in the month. One bag contained a pair of snow tubes, donated by Hub volunteers and earmarked for delivery to Traci Fowler. The other held a collection of locally-produced gift items, including two one-day ski passes donated by Ragged Mountain Resort, maple syrup donated by Trail Side Sugar House, and a gift certificate donated by Drake's Place, all about to go to Lisa Braley. The third prize, a cord of seasoned firewood, was donated by Chris Caron and delivered to winner Anne Drueding. All are Andover residents. The raffle netted a total of \$1,252.12 to support Hub activities.

Photo: Larry Chase

## Budgets from page 1

get of \$2,048,924 the Budget Committee recommended reducing the request by \$5,900. Some mileage and seminars were reduced because of COVID-19 restricting in-person training. A Highway Department supervisor with grader operator skills would reduce personnel cost. We also had new requests from social service and community organizations; we reduced their requests until we can assess what more they offer to the community.

The Fire Department budget re-

quired review and some clarification, but otherwise it was tight, appropriate spending. We did recommend some changes to the Water Precinct budget to increase future funds for several projects that will come up in the near future.

The process of assessing and changing budgets for the town of Andover has been a demanding job for all of us. I personally have worked hard, but truly enjoyed working with this very dedicated volunteer group of local residents. I thank you, and the people of Andover should also thank you.

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and can/has run well past midnight.

- The time between the Deliberative Session and Voting Day allows citizens plenty of time to think about the issues on the ballot. Under the Town Meeting format, voters must make an immediate decision without thinking about the consequences of the vote.

- Final voting action under SB2 is so far removed in time from the debate

and discussion that took place at the Deliberative Session that people can lose track of what was discussed at the first meeting. Most voters do not attend the Deliberative Session at all. The result can be legions of confused and uninformed voters.

- The voting under SB2 takes place in the privacy of the voting booth without the pressure of neighbors, friends, family, and fellow citizens watching you vote and noting the position you

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family always had a farm float in the parade, and in 1962 they won the grand prize. Riding on the float were Les Fenton, Ellie Fenton, Margie Fenton, and Cheri Fenton. Dennis remembers Amos Johnson's band in many parades, as well as Bill George and his livestock, both of which were always enjoyed by the crowd.

There were originally no fireworks. In fact, they were banned during the war, but kids did have sparklers and little firecrackers. After the war, sometime in the late 1940s, the first fireworks were

launched from the "Number 9" railroad yard, which is now Blackwater Park.

Just a fun fact: In 1964, the cost for the fireworks display was \$635. In 2022, the committee will pay \$15,000 for the display!

Anyone who would like to join our committee, please come to a meeting. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Andover Community Hub at 7 PM.

For more information, contact Doug Phelps at 603 977-0037 or Doug.Phelps80@gmail.com; Donna French at 603 735-6131 or DonnaFrench@comcast.net; or Beth Frost at 603 455-2882 or BFrost99@icloud.com.

take on any/all issues.

- A traditional Town Meeting can and has been a time of hotly contested viewpoints. Decorum and polite debate have been tossed out the window as insults and unsubstantiated accusations are flung about.

- The traditional Town Meeting approves the Town budget and warrant articles at a long Town Meeting where, typically, only a couple hundred votes are cast and there is the potential for special-interest groups to push their own agendas and to take control of ballot and budget issues.

- Because the votes at the Deliberative Session are not final, many people don't consider attendance to be important. Data from towns that have adopted SB2 show a marked reduction in meeting attendance. In many cases, the smaller number of attendees means the quality of the debate is poor and those present tend to go along with the recommendations of the governing body, or of special-interest groups.

- With SB2, towns must rely on websites, newsletters, and other media to get information out to the public prior to the voting session, but some residents do not have internet access or read papers. Attending a traditional Town Meeting is their only way to become informed.

- The purpose of the Deliberative Session is to determine the wording of

the articles and the final form of ballot questions. While the wording of some warrant articles may not be amended (e.g. zoning articles), the general rule is that all other warrant articles are subject to amendment. For example, an appropriation article could be amended down from \$250,000.00 to \$0. The New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled in 2008 that deleting all language from a warrant article except the words "To see" was permissible.

- If the SB2 Deliberative Session is lightly attended or only attended by those pushing a specific agenda, what's presented to the voters on Voting Day may be far different from what the governing body had proposed. Likewise, if a traditional Town Meeting is poorly attended, what gets voted in may be far different from what the governing body presented at the Public Hearing and published in the annual Town Report.

This article is only attempting to highlight the differences between a traditional Town Meeting and the SB2 format. The Select Board is presenting the SB2 warrant article solely as a means for the citizens of Andover to decide for themselves which method of voting is best suited for our town.

For those who care about this outcome, it is vital that you attend and vote at the upcoming Town Meeting on March 8, at the Andover Elementary/Middle School beginning at 7 PM.

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# LETTER

## Town Meeting, Not SB2, Offers Sense of Community

Andover has many gatherings. We have many organizations with constructive meetings. We have the Fourth of July, which we share with a couple of thousand visitors. But only at Town Meeting do we all have the chance to come together as the whole Andover community on its own.

There is also, of course, the opportunity for the give and take of healthy debate. Some citizens see this as mayhem. From my 17 years as Town Moderator, and about 30 as School Moderator, I can recall quite a few mistakes I made, but

I cannot remember a single instance of rudeness or disruption in any meeting. The town made it easy for me, and it was my opinion that any sensible proposal when clearly explained and discussed would be approved.

Under SB2 with its Deliberative Session and early voting, Andover would lose this sense of the community gathering and decision making. I hope the voters will turn it down.

*Bill Bardsley*



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## Chimney Fire Danger Increases With March Weather Fluctuations

### Spring is good time to check sump pump

Rene Lefebvre  
Andover Fire Department

March is a transition month most years. The very worst winter has to offer often happens in early March with heavy wet snowstorms and, for the most part, the end of March starts to usher in the warmth of spring and mud season.

March also changes the way we operate our heating appliances. Modern oil burners keep the heat output the same and automatically adjust the time they need to run to keep the home warm. Propane and electric heating appliances operate pretty much the same. However, wood burning appliances take a little more thought.

We respond to several chimney fires in March because of warmer days. Wood stoves control their heat output with dampers that allow more or less air into the burn chamber. The more air, the hotter the fire will be. Less air, and a cool fire box will make more smoke that is very slowly going up the chimney.

This relatively cold, slow-moving smoke becomes the ingredient that makes creosote along the walls of the chimney. This flammable gooey mess only needs a few sparks from your wood stove to set the material in the chimney on fire.

Experienced firemen can smell a chimney fire as we approach your home by the unique odor. To prevent

this from happening, use much less wood each time and run a small hot fire during the spring heating season. The fire will warm your home and then burn off as coals with very little, if any, smoke. Most experienced firewood users are constantly making adjustments to the amount and kind of wood they burn depending on the weather.

One more point on wood stoves. If you "think" that you are having a chimney fire, you are! Call 911. We have lots of modern toys that will show us if you really do have a chimney fire. If you don't, we will go home. If you do, well, aren't you glad you called!

### Get Your Sump Pump Ready

Another great fact of late March is that the snow is melting and the ground is thawing. The smell of sweet mud is in the air, along with ominous sounds of water trickling into your basement.

There is nothing nice about a flooded basement. Now is the time to lessen your risk by checking your sump pump. Clean out the pump end and test it while you have time to make repairs.

A great insurance policy is a brand new sump pump sitting on your shelf. You will be glad you did.

March is also the time of boiling sap to make golden maple syrup. This wonderful tradition is unique to our part of North America. Please get out and enjoy this special place we get to call home.

Stay safe!



## Each of Four Offices in Town Building Has Specific Duties

### It's a busy place; time management is crucial

Marjorie Roy, Town Administrator

There are only four offices in the Town Building, but an incredible number of responsibilities are conducted there. Of course, we all know that the Town Clerk-Tax Collector and the deputy register cars, handle elections, provide vital records, license dogs, and sell Town stickers, but did you know their office is the depository for all Town records? This includes historical records and today's records that will someday be historical.

The Zoning Administrator is also the Planning and Zoning Coordinator. Her office issues building and demolition permits, and mechanical permits when necessary. This is the place to go if you have questions about property setbacks, the Andover Zoning Ordinance, or Planning Board matters. This position also prepares and researches matters that are to come before the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Select Board is the executive, managerial, and administrative body of the town. This does not mean the Select Board performs all of the tasks on

a day-to-day basis. It is appropriate for the Board to delegate the performance of day-to-day tasks to employees.

The Town Administrator is the chief administrative officer for the Select Board and is responsible for duties assigned by the Board. She coordinates, directs, and plans the workflow of the administrative functions of the Town and oversees the overall operation of the Town; manages the office of the Select Board; and acts as liaison between all elected officials, boards, commissions, departments, committees, employees, and the public.

The Bookkeeper is responsible for the financial operations of the Town and manages everything from payroll and accounts payable to IRS and state reporting, as well as maintaining the operating budget and collaborating closely with the Trustees of Trust Funds and the Treasurer. Currently, there are two people staffing the Select Board's office: the Town Administrator and the Bookkeeper.

As you can see, the offices are always busy. We enjoy visitors and appreciate their awareness of our need to manage our time effectively.

Job descriptions can be found on the Town website at [Andover-NH.gov](http://Andover-NH.gov).



## Andover Police Department January 2022

The Andover Police Department handled 200 calls for service during January 2022, including:

- Assist Citizen: 10
- Civil Issue/Stand-by: 3
- Death/Suicide: 1
- Dog Loose: 2
- Manner of Operation: 2
- OHRV Complaint: 1
- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 2
- Road Rage: 1
- Sexual Assault: 2
- Suspicious Circumstances: 4

- Theft: 2
- Traffic Accident: 4
- Traffic Citation: 7
- Traffic Warning: 42
- Warrant, Criminal/Civil: 2
- Welfare Check: 6

### Arrests

- Zachary Banks, 20, Londonderry: Operating After Suspension; Operating After Suspension, 2nd; Operating Without a Valid License
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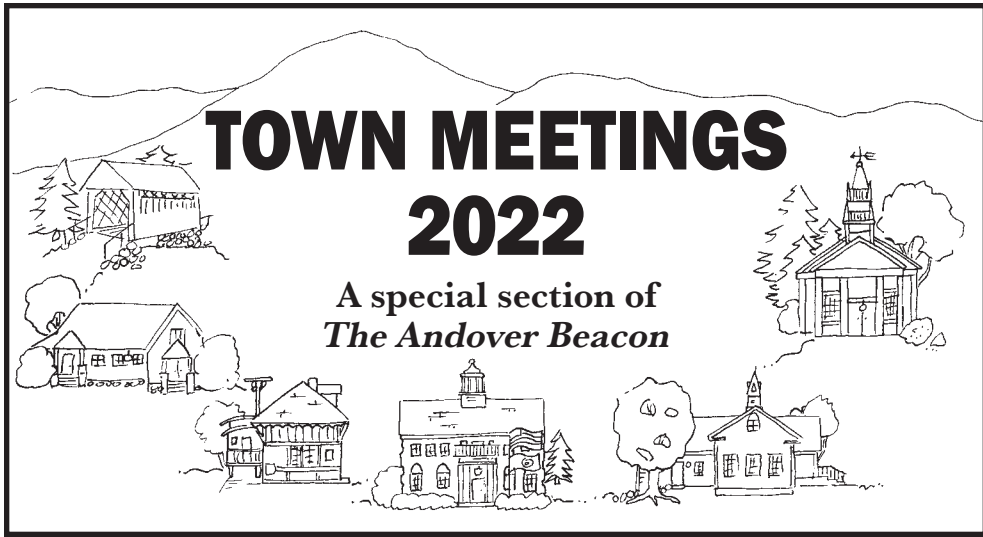
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# TOWN MEETINGS 2022

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## Town Meetings Special Edition

In March, voters in Andover are called upon to make important decisions that will influence our taxes and guide our Town government for the coming year. We'll elect a dozen of our neighbors to positions in Town and School District governing bodies, and we'll close the books on 2021 with the annual Town Report.

This month's *Beacon* coverage of this very important season includes:

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### Important Dates

Here are the dates you need to keep in mind in order to participate fully in

this important time of year:

**Saturday, February 26:** Supervisor of the Checklist available to correct the checklist and register new voters, Town Hall, 10 to 11 AM. This is also the last day to register to vote until March 8.

**Monday, March 7:** Andover School District Meeting, AE/MS Gym, 7 PM.

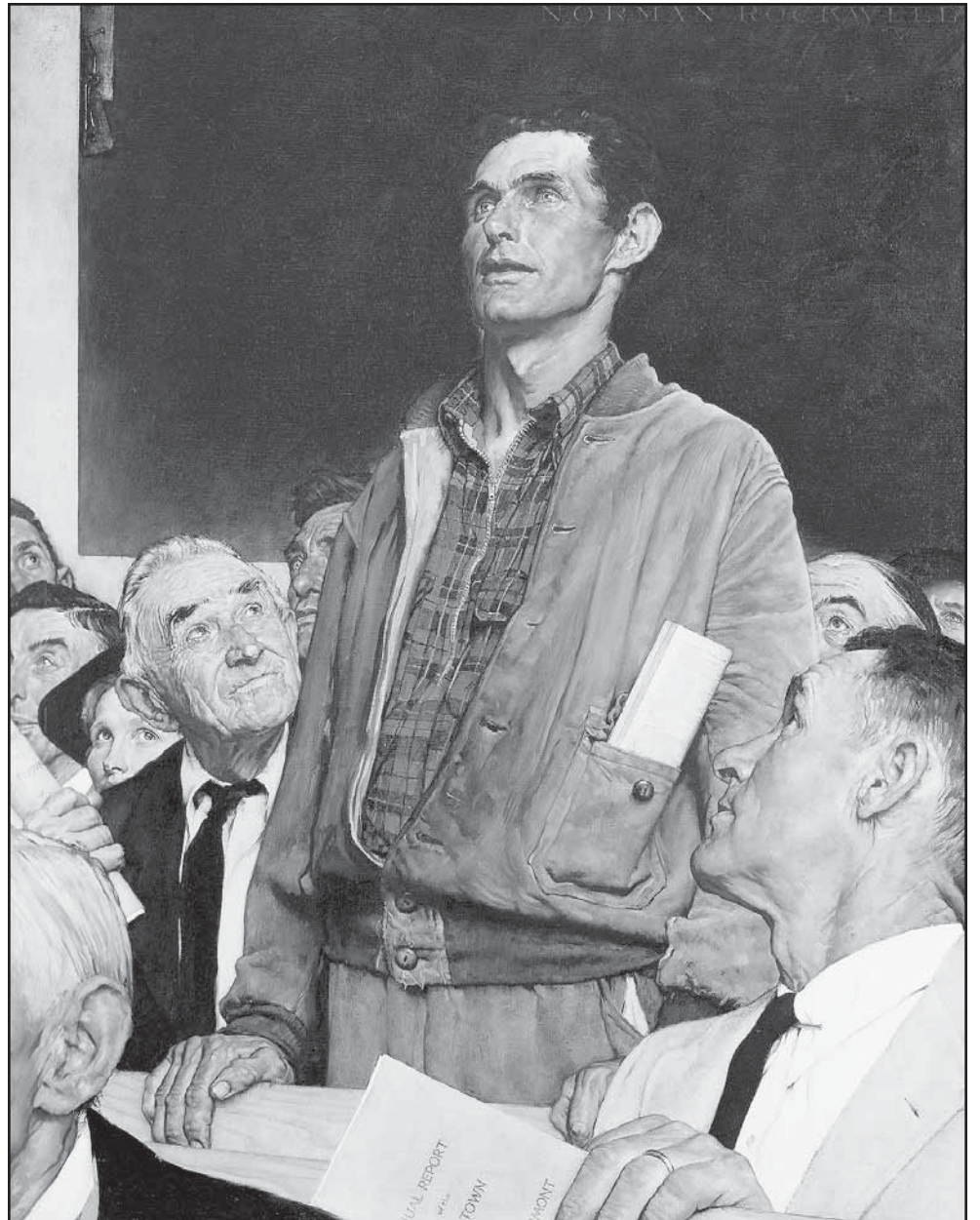
**Tuesday, March 8:** Voting by ballot on candidates and on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, AE/MS Gym or drive-through, 11 AM to 7 PM. Register to vote *with valid ID*.

**Tuesday, March 8, 7 PM:** Andover Town Meeting, AE/MS Gym, 7 PM.

**Tuesday, March 15:** Andover Fire District Meeting, East Andover Fire Station, 7:30 PM.

**Monday, March 28:** Andover Village District Meeting, Town Hall, 7 PM.

For more info, contact 603 735-5332 or TAdmin@Andover-NH.gov.



Norman Rockwell's famous *Freedom of Speech* painting, reproduced in the Picturing America collection at AE/MS, reminds us of the importance of participating in our annual meetings this month.

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## Town Meetings Require Public's Attendance and Cooperation

Fines were once assessed for missing meetings

Marjorie Roy  
Town Administrator

Did you know that in colonial times there were mandatory weekly town meetings? When the people decided town meetings should be less frequent, they became monthly mandatory meetings. Eventually, annual town meetings were instituted, but they were still mandatory and one's absence resulted in a fine.

As town meetings evolved and colonists became more empowered by their government, it was increasingly seen as a threat to Britain. Town meetings fueled the spark that ultimately led to the American Revolution.

That was 246 years ago, and our annual Town Meeting and School District Meeting still play a critical part in our lives. Fines are no longer assessed if you are absent from a meeting, but attendance by all voters is especially important because our annual meetings determine policy and budget for the ensuing year.

Prior to our annual meetings, the Budget Committee holds a public hearing(s) on all matters to be presented at the meetings. The purpose of public hearings is to ask questions, discuss the budgets and articles that will appear on the various warrants, and form your opinions as to how you will vote.

Lots of interesting conversations and debates take place around town after public hearings and before the annual meetings, which are the business meetings of the Town and the School District and are the places to amend the budgets and warrant articles if you feel it is necessary.

### 2022 Town Meeting Warrant

This year there are nine articles on the Town Meeting warrant. Some are customary appropriations to expendable trust funds and capital reserve funds. New articles include raising and appropriating funds for a \$10,000 contingency fund and raising and appropriating \$400,000 to construct a Highway Department garage. These funds are to come from the unreserved fund balance.

The Town operating budget shows an increase of \$111,601 with increases in the new and improved accounting software, cemetery labor, retirement, and health insurance. There were also reductions in some lines, including the Transfer Station, Recreation Committee, zoning enforcement, and Town buildings and maintenance.

We all tend to be passionate about our visions for the town, and it is easy to get carried away and say things we never intended, but it is important to remain civil. Let's all practice civility, cooperation, and compromise and have a productive and effective Town Meeting.

## Help the Moderator Run a Smooth and Civil Town Meeting

Democracy requires respect at all levels

Stuart Green, Town Moderator

Respect is one of the most essential, if understated, ingredients in democracy. We simply cannot function without it. Our civilization, our social order, and our government only work because enough citizens are interested in the greater good, believe we have a common identity, and are respectful of one another.

I had the privilege of serving 20 years in the United States Navy, where I told my sailors essentially the same thing. We had our ranks, of course, but it was deep and abiding interpersonal respect up and down the chain of command that allowed my units to function well. Before we were "Chiefs" or "Commanders" we were war fighters, we were Americans, and we had each other's backs. We were family.

I now have the privilege of serving as your Town Moderator, and I must say that it has been a unique experience to grow up here, take a multi-decade journey, and come back. I see service all around me. There are so many working to run and make this town better: the selectmen, the teachers, the town hall, the fire department, the road agents, the police officers, the administrators, volunteers, curators, transfer station operators, restaurant owners... There are too many to list. Suffice it to say I am deeply impressed.

So, as the relative newcomer, I ask

for your help in ensuring a respectful tone for our business session on Tuesday, March 8. My goal is a smooth, civil, and effective meeting where all voices from the legislative body (you) may be heard with equal regard. There are a few things worth keeping in mind to make that happen:

- Our compatriots deserve the benefit of the doubt. Nearly everyone coming to the Town Meeting is performing a civic duty. Few come for fun.

- Disagreements are natural, part of working together, and can lead to greater common solutions. Alternative views are valuable.

- Personal attacks, however, are like sand in the gears. They degrade the "machinery" of democracy and make moving forward harder – no one benefits.

- Our right to free speech is sacrosanct. We may forget that our interruptions, outbursts, and other disruptions deprive others of that same right.

- Our voices are equal.

This will be the first in-person meeting since March 2020, and I will do my absolute best to run it fairly and dispassionately for you. Everyone will get their say. Consider that I "have your back" there.

When disagreements arise – and they will – I would ask you to have my back by helping keep the tone respectful. We are a small, interdependent community, and whatever happens at the meeting, the day after we will go right back to relying on one another.

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# Town Voting on March 8 Offers Absentee and Curbside

Tuesday, March 8 from 11 AM to 7 PM

Lee Wells, Deputy Moderator

On Monday, March 7, voters can vote on the School District Warrant Articles at the annual School District Meeting at AE/MS.

On Tuesday, March 8, the polls at AE/MS will be open from 11 AM to 7 PM for voting on Town and School District officers and on a Planning Board proposal. Please remember to bring an ID with you.

The only opportunity voters will have to vote on the rest of the Town Warrant Articles is in person at Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 8.

People attending Town Meeting will need to check in and get their voting cards before entering the area for Town Meeting. Check-in for Town Meeting will begin at 6:50 PM. The meeting begins at 7 PM.

As deputy moderator in charge of the election, it is important to me that as many people vote as possible, and that they feel as safe as possible as they do it.

Voters may vote absentee if they are concerned about COVID-19. To get an absentee ballot, you must first apply for it. You may call, email, or stop by Town Hall to get an application for an absentee ballot. You can also download the application for an absentee ballot from the Secretary of State's website at [sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballots/request-an-absentee-ballot/](https://sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballots/request-an-absentee-ballot/).

You can print out the application at home, fill it out, and then mail it or bring it to Town Hall. You will notice that the absentee ballot application does not list "concern about COVID" as a reason for requesting an absentee ballot; you should check off the "disability" box instead.

It is important to note that if you request an absentee ballot you will receive two ballots: the Town Officers ballot and the School District Officers ballot.

If you stop by Town Hall in person

and fill out the absentee ballot application right away, you can receive the two ballots immediately. You can vote then and return your ballot, all in one visit to Town Hall.

If you receive your ballot in the mail, the best way to return it is to drop it off in person at Town Hall when Town Hall is open; you can hand your ballot directly to our Town Clerk, Lisa Meier.

If you drop it off at the Andover Post Office and put it in the "local" mail slot, it will be placed directly in the Town Hall's PO box.

This is not the case at the East Andover Post Office; any ballots mailed from there or from our mailboxes in front of our homes will be sent to Manchester first for sorting. Please plan ahead and allow enough time for your ballot to arrive on time if you are voting by mail.

On Town Election Day, Tuesday, March 8, there are two ways to vote. You may come into AE/MS to vote in person, or you may let one of the greeters know that you would like to vote from your car with curbside/accessible voting.

Anyone may vote curbside. In the past we have seen parents not wanting to bring their kids with them into the polling place vote curbside, and we have seen people with mobility issues vote curbside.

If you do vote curbside, just let the greeters know that you would like to vote curbside. They will verify your ID, check you in with the ballot clerks, and bring you all the paperwork for you to vote.

The warrant articles and a sample ballot are in this issue of the *Beacon*, as well as candidate's statements. Please take the time to read the candidates' statements and be an informed voter.

If you would like to volunteer to help out at the election or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 603 735-5756 or [LeeWells.LocustFarm@gmail.com](mailto:LeeWells.LocustFarm@gmail.com).

# AT THE POLLS - MARCH 8

These are samples of the ballots for Tuesday, March 8, 11 AM to 7 PM, at AE/MS.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
3 year term 2025 Vote for 2  
Jessica Rand  
Donna Crisp Duclos

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
2 year term 2024 Vote for 2  
Mark Cowdrey

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
1 year term 2023 Vote for 1

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**  
3 year term 2025 Vote for 1  
James Reed

**TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS**  
3 year term 2025 Vote for 1

**SELECTBOARD**  
3 year term 2025 Vote for 1  
James Delaney

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**  
3 year term 2025 Vote for 1  
Lisa Meier

**TOWN TREASURER**  
2 year term 2024 Vote for 1  
Shirley Currier

**SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST**  
6 year term 2028 Vote for 1  
Victoria Mishcon

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**  
3 year term 2025 Vote for 2  
Janet Moore  
Susan Chase

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary School District officers for the year ensuing.

**SCHOOL BOARD**  
3 year term 2025 Vote for 2  
Kayla Chandler  
Stephen Chella

**SCHOOL TREASURER**  
1 year term 2023 Vote for 1  
Shirley Currier

**SCHOOL BOARD**  
1 year term 2023 Vote for 1  
Adam Rand

**SCHOOL MODERATOR**  
1 year term 2023 Vote for 1  
Adrienne Summers

ARTICLE 2:

Are you in favor of an amendment to the Andover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to add Article XVI: Conservation Subdivision? (By ballot vote during polling hours. By law this amendment cannot be voted on during Town Meeting.)

YES  NO

### Write-In Candidates

At press time, the *Beacon* was aware of two write-in candidates:

- Donna Duclos, Select Board candidate
- Adam Jones, School Board candidate

### Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk up until the day before the election. Call 603 735-5018 during the Town Clerk's business hours for more details.

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# AT THE POLLS - TOWN ELECTIONS - MARCH 8

The Beacon asked candidates running for an office in a contested race to submit up to 250 words and a picture.

## School Board 3 year term; vote for 2

### Kayla Chandler

I grew up in Boscawen and graduated from Merrimack Valley High School in 2002. I studied Marine Biology for a year at the University of Maine, Machias. I then transferred to NHTI in Concord to study Criminal Justice. I am a certified Correctional Officer, and I worked for the Merrimack County Department of Corrections for three years. I am currently the Branch Relationship Manager of Bar Harbor Bank and Trust in Andover. I have a combined experience of over 20 years of customer service and management experience.



I moved to Andover in 2013. I have a daughter now attending AE/MS, and I would like to become more involved with the school community. I know that it has been quite a few years since the playground has had an update. I would like to start a fundraiser for the school to bring some new equipment to the

playground. It is important for me to be involved as I want my child and every child to receive the best education that this town can offer.

I'm willing to give my time to the school and the community to ensure that every child has a safe, positive, and inspiring experience at AE/MS. Thank you for your consideration of me as a candidate for the Andover School Board.

### Stephen Chella

I believe that my passion for education, as well as my experience as a Paraprofessional, Math Interventionist, Classroom Teacher, Special Education Teacher, and Case Manager has sufficiently and thoroughly prepared me for excelling in the School Board position currently open in Andover.



Having experience as an educator, in various positions, in a range of primary grade levels has prepared me with an understanding of effective classroom strategies that help students succeed.

With my variety of experience I have extensive insight on what it takes when working with students. I have an uncompromising view that all students can learn, given a positive learning atmosphere that welcomes exploration and enhances student confidence.

As a teacher, I facilitate student learning through using creative, intentional, and research-based strategies that support the personal, physical, social, and academic development of every child. This is accomplished through collaborative planning and preparation

of interdisciplinary, appropriately-sequenced lessons aligned to instructional goals, while remaining flexible and incorporating student choice.

I am a passionate, creative, and energetic educator. I would be very grateful for the opportunity to help support the school-based decisions for the Andover School District. I could be an asset, as well as significantly contribute to the vision and goals that will help prepare Andover's students for the 21st century workforce. If elected, I will strive to be

See At the Polls on page 11

### Order of Candidates on the Ballot

New Hampshire RSA 656:5-a defines the order in which candidates' names will appear on the ballots. For the sake of consistency with the ballot, the *Beacon's* "At the Polls" section follows the same scheme.

The essence of the RSA 656:5-a scheme is that as an election draws near, the Secretary of State's office picks a random number for each possible number of candidates in a race. The candidate whose position in a specific race's alphabetical list of candidates matches the random number chosen for races with that number of candidates becomes the candidate who is listed first on the ballot. The ballot for that race continues from that point in the alphabetical list, wrapping back to the beginning of the list to include all the candidates.

In other words, if candidates A, B, and C are running against each other and the Secretary of State randomly selects the number 2 for races with three candidates, then the candidates will appear on the ballot in this order: B, C, A.

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**Adam Jones, write-in candidate**

Elected in 2019, I am currently serving as the Vice-Chair of the Andover School Board. Unfortunately, I wasn't aware of the January deadline to be on the ballot for this year's election. I am appealing to the residents of Andover to consider my candidacy as a write-in candidate.



Over the last three years as a member of the School Board, I have held a variety of leadership positions. Last year, I was the School Board's liaison to the Town Budget Committee and oversaw the creation and presentation of the school budget. As we navigated the early stages of the pandemic in 2020, I was the chair of the Reopening Working Group that helped to lay the groundwork for the transition from remote learning to an in-person learning model. And over the last year, I have been the chair of the AE/MS-Merrimack Valley Tuition Agreement Review Work Group. I wish to remain on the School Board for another three years because I am eager to continue this important work for Andover families.

Beyond my work at Proctor Academy, I am Dad to Leo (10), Finn (10), and Stella (6 months). As they have grown up in town, I've enjoyed volunteering with the Andover Recreation Department coaching soccer, basketball, skiing, and baseball. Additionally, I've been the President of the Andover Youth Baseball program for the last three years.

Thank you for considering my candidacy to remain on the School Board. I am eager to continue to offer leadership and continuity into the future. I love this community and am committed to serving. You can contact me at AJones@AEMSeagles.org or 603 735-6635.

**School Board  
1 year term; vote for 1**

**Adam Rand**

Hello, my name is Adam Rand and I am running for the Andover School Board. My family and I were blessed with an opportunity to move to Andover in 2020 after visiting for many years. With two young children who are interested in attending the Andover school, I will bring an additional parental perspective to the board.



Having both a public and private education, participating in school sports programs, being officially employed, or working on a separate venture has taught me how to work with people in a commu-

nity to achieve favorable results. I hope to earn your vote and serve the community for years to come. God Bless.

**School Treasurer  
1 year term; vote for 1**

**Shirley Currier**

I'm running for School Treasurer and Town Treasurer. I graduated from Hesser Business College. I did the accounting for the Andover Village Store and Currier and Phelps Inc. for 30+ years.

I was the treasurer for 40+ years for the Andover Fourth of July Committee and treasurer of the Andover Historical Society for a number of years. I enjoy this work, and would appreciate your vote on March 8, 2022.

**Budget Committee  
3 year term; vote for 2**

**Jessica Rand**

My family and I relocated to Andover full time in 2020 after I spent all my summers here on my family's property.. I've always cherished this small town and appreciated its values. I feel beyond blessed to be able to raise my children here.



I enjoyed my time working in the Town Office from September 2020 to November 2021 as the Financial Assistant, only leaving recently to begin a

new "job" homeschooling my children. I had the honor of sitting on the Budget Committee this past year. I was able to learn a lot from other members and Town officials.

Aside from my position with the Town, I have served as a CFO to an international company, Polaris Electric Bikes, from 2012 to 2018 and have run a successful bookkeeping company for the last 17 years.

I am a fiscal conservative, and I believe the Town budget should provide its taxpayers with their needs while remaining within its means. I do not believe increasing taxes is necessary to deliver maximum value, and I am committed to ensuring that the citizens of Andover are getting the most with their tax dollars.

I hope to give back to my community in service to the Budget Committee.

**Donna Crisp Duclos**

I was appointed to the Budget Committee this past fiscal year because of the six at-large positions, only two were filled by election; four had to be appointed by the Select Board. I offered to be part of the committee because of my background in non-profit accounting, and having grown up in Andover.



This was an eye-opening experience, working with an amazing group of people with diverse backgrounds and opinions, as we worked for five months

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**At the Polls from page 11**

to review the School District and Town budgets, question expenses and increases in requests, and, after many discussions among ourselves, come to a consensus on budgets to present to voters at the School District and Town meetings. I would like to continue on this committee and would appreciate your vote on March 8, 2022. Thank you.

**Budget Committee  
2 year term; vote for 2**

**Mark Cowdrey**

I moved to Andover with my wife in 1999. I was born in New Hampshire and have lived here most of my life. I have previously served on the Planning Board, the Village District Commission, and as a Library Trustee. I also serve on the Merrimack County Advisory Committee.

I am currently filling out a term on the Budget Committee that is about to expire, after I was appointed to fill a vacancy in November of last year. Although I had had some exposure to the Budget Committee several years ago as the Village District's ex officio representative, it was a challenge to learn the serial steps required to finalize the budget.

I will continue to attempt to find common ground for the Town's fiscal matters, to try to find the balance of frugality and responsibility.

**Select Board  
3 year term; vote for 1**

**Jim Delaney, Sr.**

Most of you know me, but I'll enter my qualifications. I have served three years on the zoning board; three years on the school board; three years on the budget committee; and three years as a selectman. I was also the first Recreation Director in Andover.



In my three years as selectman we established the highway department and we also managed to keep the tax rate increase at a modest 1 to 3%. In those three years, I made it possible for loggers to do their work when there were obstacles in their way, as well as help people build on property they owned on class six roads. I represented everyone in Andover, not just a few, so I would appreciate your vote on election day. Thank you.

**Donna Crisp Duclos,  
write-in candidate**

For the last year and a half I have spent Mondays from 6 to 8 PM attending Select Board meetings at the Town Hall meeting room. In that time I have learned quite a bit about what is involved in keeping Andover running smoothly and staying within a budget, while addressing many issues that are immediate and long term.



I am running a write-in campaign in order to give the citizens of Andover a choice of how we want Andover to progress, as big and small issues and problems will need to be resolved. I am hoping to create a space where citizens who are feeling marginalized, or just plain too busy keeping their heads above water to attend meetings, will feel they can let me know how they would like Andover to address the many and various issues, problems, and opportunities available to all of us.

I would appreciate your vote for write in (Donna Crisp Duclos) for Select Board on March 8, 2022.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
3 year term; vote for 1**

**Lisa Meier**

I have resided in Andover since 1973. There is no other place that I would want to reside. Married since 1979, my husband and I raised two children in this very special town. Many of you know me from my 21 years as an Insurance Agent; Clerk / Treasurer of the Andover Water District since 1997; Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment since 2000; Secretary to the Planning Board since 2001; Secretary to the Andover Snowmobile Club since 2007; Secretary to the Select Board since September 2021.

In my spare time I enjoy hopping on my Harley, meeting up with friends, and just cruising wherever the front wheel takes us; sitting around a campfire with friends; and especially spending quality time with our precious seven-year-old granddaughter.

I applied for and accepted the position of Deputy Town Clerk / Tax Collector in June 2021. I was appointed Interim Town Clerk / Tax Collector in December 2021 and find it to be a very unique and fulfilling opportunity.

I love seeing, greeting, and chatting with all our residents, and I especially See At the Polls on page 13

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**At the Polls from page 12**

love the opportunity to say “Welcome to our beautiful town” to all new residents. I would appreciate your vote to be your Town Clerk / Tax Collector for the next three years.

**School Treasurer  
2 year term; vote for 1**

**Shirley Currier**

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**Supervisor of the Checklist  
6 year term; vote for 1**

**Victoria Mishcon**

My family has been living in Andover since 1987, thirty-five years already! I’ve had many opportunities to serve my community while raising our two children here. I’ve served on the board of the East Andover Village Preschool, the Andover School Board, and the Andover Select Board. Two years ago I was appointed to finish the term of Supervisor Janet Splan.



Being a Supervisor of the Checklist is a huge responsibility and includes registering new voters and making sure the voter checklist is up to date and correct. On Election Day, the supervisors work with all the other election officials (Moderator, Town Clerk, Ballot Clerks, Select Board) to make sure everyone is able to

exercise their right to vote. I’ve taken advantage of all the training provided by the Secretary of State’s Office and I’ve had great guidance from my fellow supervisors, Doug Phelps and Cindy Benson.

I have learned that there are many checks and balances in the election process – each election official carries out their particular job. No one person has control over the entire process. On Election Day, an official from the Secretary of State’s Office arrives at some point during the day, clipboard in hand, to be sure all procedures are followed correctly.

I hope voters will elect me for this six-year term, so I can continue to be a part of our election process.

**Library Trustee  
3 year term; vote for 2**

**Janet Moore**

I love libraries. Entering and allowing my eyes to be snagged by a particular cover or title causes me to drop everything and tune out the world for a while. Surfacing from the book-induced trance, I find two or three volumes in my arms that have nothing to do with what I was initially seeking. That experience is possible because towns support their libraries, and the trustees help maintain them.



Both buildings have seen a fair amount of upkeep and repair in the last several years. The Bachelder Library got a new side-venting furnace, which meant the chimney had to come down and the roof gable be reconstructed. Inside, the ceiling damage was repaired and cleaned up.

In Andover, the entrance hall clos-

ets were removed, the walls repainted, and a used book sale installed. We discussed the concept of universal access, and that resulted in the book return box being re-situated at ground level and talk and planning for a new ramp. However, the Town is drawing up plans of its own, a project in which we will happily assist.

Everything the trustees do is with the good of the community in mind. We offer information; reading, audio and viewing materials in digital and print format; meeting spaces for all ages; and lots of good cheer. I’d like to continue my participation on the Board in order to facilitate all that community outreach.

**Susan Chase**

Having served for three terms on the Board of Library Trustees – and as treasurer for those years – I welcome the opportunity to serve a fourth term. The board, along with our dedicated librarians, has worked hard to expand the special programs offered to the community and to provide Andover residents of all

ages and reading tastes with the information they need and a wide selection of books for their enjoyment, education, and personal growth.

We’ve also updated the building systems of the Bachelder Library in East Andover and the energy efficiency of both library buildings so they can be operated in as fiscally prudent a way as possible.



As someone who enjoys reading herself, I also enjoy being involved in making our two small libraries the best they can be and working toward the goal of being sure all Andover residents can avail themselves of the opportunities for learning that our libraries provide.

In addition to Library Trustee, I’m also on the Board of Directors of the Andover Community Hub and a member of the Andover Energy Group. 🚗



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The Andover Garden Club's tree pruning workshop will be held at the Ratzki's orchard in East Andover. Photos: Mary Lou McCrave

## Andover Garden Club Plans Pruning Workshop

**Business meeting on Tuesday, March 23**  
 Press release  
**Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop**  
 reports and learn about upcoming projects, outings, and events. Participate in a "seed swap" and "show and tell" of favorite garden tools and books.

The beginning of March marks the start of pruning season in New Hampshire, when many fruit trees and berries remain dormant. Pruning helps maintain plant vigor, creates and preserves good structure, increases flower and fruit production, improves health, enhances appearance, and manages size.

Join homeowner Mario Ratzki and member of the International Lilac Society, John Bentley, in a fruit tree pruning demonstration at Ratzki's orchard. Learn the different kinds of cuts, techniques, and the proper tools to use. The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 19, from 10 AM to noon, with a rain/snow date of Sunday, March 20, from 2 to 4 PM.



Garden Club meeting attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite tool to discuss and display at the first business meeting of 2022.

Bring sharpened hand tools – pruners, loppers, and limb-type saws – if you wish to try your hand at cutting. Isopropyl alcohol will be available for disinfecting tools. Bring your own water/snack, and dress for the weather and field walking conditions.

The demonstration is \$5 for Club members and \$10 per person for non-members; cash or check only. Advance payment by check is much appreciated. Email [AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com) for reservations and directions. The Andover Garden Club is a program of the Andover Community Hub and membership is free and open to all.

**Business Meeting on March 23**  
 The Andover Garden Club members will gather for the first meeting of 2022 on Wednesday, March 23, from 2 to 4 PM at the Andover Community Hub, 157 Main Street. Hear committee

Bring a viable packet of labeled vegetable or flower seeds for a blind drawing during the meeting, and trade with other members if you like. Also bring along a favorite garden tool to share its merits with others. Tools will be displayed for all to view, so please be sure to label your tool with your name.

The meeting is free, however donations and purchase of raffle tickets are greatly appreciated. This meeting's raffle item is a hand-crafted Bluebird Nest box made to North American Bluebird Society standards. You must be present to win.

New club members are always welcome. For more information, email [AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com). The Andover Garden Club is a program of the Andover Community Hub, and membership is free and open to all.

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## Proposed Conservation Subdivision Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

By ballot vote during polling hours

Andover Planning Board

### I. Purpose

The Town of Andover Master Plan (2011) emphasizes and prioritizes the inclusion of Conservation Subdivisions as an appropriate approach to town zoning. The 2011 Master Plan notes, "Conservation Subdivision can lower public infrastructure development and maintenance costs in addition to protecting community-defined resources of importance" and can potentially "aid Andover in achieving the goal of maintaining large blocks of land in very low-density areas of town."

A Conservation Subdivision is a residential subdivision in which a portion of the site remains as permanently protected open space. Homes are located on a predetermined portion of the remaining lot. Under this approach, the Planning Board works with the applicant to fit the development into the newly defined landscape to maximize the protection of important natural features and to maintain the character of the zoning district.

### II. Objective

To maintain the rural character of Andover, preserve its farmland and forests, and maintain its rural views:

A. To preserve those areas of the site that have the highest ecological value, including, for example, large unfragmented blocks of undeveloped land, wildlife habitat corridors, and hunting game lands, "Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat" as assessed by the NH Fish and Game Department's Wildlife Action Plan, and water resources (especially drinking water supply areas and watersheds, wetlands, streams, and rivers).

B. To locate buildings and structures on those portions of the site that are the most appropriate for development and not on portions ill-suited for development, including, for example, areas with poor soil conditions, a high water table, vulnerability to frequent flooding, or excessively steep slopes.

C. To preserve historic, archeological, and cultural features located on the site.

D. To create a contiguous network of open spaces or "greenways" by linking

the site's open spaces both within the subdivision and to open spaces on adjoining lands wherever possible.

E. To reduce the impacts on water resources by minimizing land disturbance, creation of impervious surfaces, and stormwater runoff.

F. To reduce the extent of roads, sidewalks, and stormwater management structures that must be built and maintained.

G. To minimize the deleterious impact of residential development on the municipality, its neighboring properties, and the natural environment.

### III. Requirements

A. Conservation Subdivisions shall comply with all provisions of this Ordinance and the Andover Subdivision Regulations. Where regulations are in conflict, the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply.

B. Conservation Subdivisions are allowed in all zoning districts except Forest and Agriculture zone (FA), provided that the subdivisions are consistent with the predominant character of the district in which they are located.

C. Conservation Subdivisions may be established with either of the two types of ownership included herein. The ownership of homestead sites shall be established at the creation of the Conservation Subdivision:

1. Individual lots and separate ownership for each residential building site. Each building lot will be identified with a property line and dwelling envelope which shows where any building and any well and septic will be placed. The envelopes will be spaced to provide for adequate separation between structures. The lots and envelopes will be designed to enhance the privacy of each dwelling.

2. Land owned by one entity with individual dwelling units owned by others. Each dwelling unit will have an identifiable dwelling envelope indicating the location for each building and any well and septic but will not have separate property lines. The dwelling envelopes will be planned to provide for adequate separation between structures.

The full text of the proposed amendment is on the Town's website and available in the Town Office.

## Conservation Subdivision Ordinance Would Expand Housing Options

Ordinance included on ballot for March 8

Andover Planning Board

A new Conservation Subdivision ordinance will be on the ballot before Andover voters on Tuesday, March 8. The Andover Planning Board and the Andover Conservation Commission both recommend a "yes" vote to adopt the new ordinance. (See selected text from the proposed ordinance, left.)

The new Conservation Subdivision ordinance aims to protect Andover's open spaces and wild areas from "suburban sprawl," while also creating more options for building the types of attractive housing that are in high demand today. The new ordinance encourages the construction of quality housing with

low heating and upkeep costs, while empowering the Planning Board to reject the types of structures that would be out of keeping in Andover.

The wording of the ordinance was carefully chosen by the Planning Board after nearly two years of research and discussion. It was then reviewed by citizens at two public hearings held in January.

Voting "yes" to accept the new Conservation Subdivision will protect Andover's "rural New England town character" while encouraging the creation of attractive, high-quality housing that will meet our community's needs and desires into the future.

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New to the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop: adult and children's hand-knitted hats and mittens under \$3. Photo: Nancie Jacobson

## Andover Thrift and Gift Shop: A Reliable Community Resource

Reasonably priced, managed by volunteers

Press release

The Andover Thrift and Gift Shop has been a reliable community resource for more than 25 years, offering shoppers new and gently-used clothing and accessories at reasonable prices.

The shop, managed by volunteers from the non-profit Andover Service Club, has been a major fundraiser for the club, with proceeds going to college scholarships and many other local causes.

In 2019 the shop broadened its inventory to include artisan-made items, giving local craftspeople an opportunity to showcase their handmade gifts, and shoppers a gift destination close to home.

Please make the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop a regular stop when in town, and browse the great selections, or drop

off any in-season women's and children's clothing items, accessories, and jewelry as a donation or for consignment. The shop carries a vast array of Cardigan Mountain Soaps and lotions, including the Gardeners Healing Hands Soap, and 100% soy candles from Iridescence of Kim, with many spring-time-themed candles in stock.

Bundle up for savings this month with coats just \$5 and brand new, finely knitted adult and kids hats and mittens under \$3!

Whether you need a new outfit, a gift, or a card, visit the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop first and support the non-profit Andover Service Club with your purchase. The shop is located beside AE/MS at 26 School Street in Andover.

Interested in being a featured artisan with our shop? Stop by or contact us at [ASCThriftAndGift@gmail.com](mailto:ASCThriftAndGift@gmail.com). Booking now for spring and summer spaces!

# WARRANT ARTICLES TOWN MEETING

The polls will be open from 11 AM to 7 PM on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Articles 1 and 2, below, will be voted on by ballot during polling hours. Town Meeting begins after the polls close at 7 PM.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Andover in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs: You are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Meeting to be held as follows:

At the Andover Elementary/Middle School on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7 PM to act on the following subjects:

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot vote during polling hours 11 AM to 7 PM on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.)

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of an amendment to the Andover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to add Article XVI: Conservation Subdivision? (By ballot vote during polling hours. By law, this amendment cannot be voted on during Town Meeting.)

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At Town Meeting and School District Meeting this year, remember this:

Every \$1,000 the meeting adds to (or subtracts from) the amount to be raised by taxes will potentially add (or subtract) about 63¢ to (or from) the tax bill of a \$200,000 property in Andover.

**Article 3:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,042,422 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Select Board does not recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. Majority vote required.

**Article 4:** Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to

allow official ballot voting on all issues before the town on the second Tuesday of March? Passage requires a three-fifths (3/5) majority vote of those voting.

**Article 5:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of construction of a Highway Department garage. Said funds will come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the garage is completed or by 2025, whichever is sooner. The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. Majority vote required.

**Article 6:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) previously established. The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Forest Fire Labor ETF	\$5,000
Town Buildings	\$20,000
Transfer Station Projects	\$15,000
Technology ETF	\$15,000

**Article 7:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$254,800 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) previously established. The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Revaluation CRF	\$11,300
Highway Equipment CRF	\$15,000
Highway Projects CRF	\$150,000
Police Cruiser Replacement CRF	\$13,500
Transfer Station Equipment CRF	\$10,000
Bridge Rehabilitation CRF	\$50,000
Town Office Boiler Replacement CRF	\$5,000

**Article 8:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,954 to be added to the Solar Energy Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Said funds to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance. The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.

**Article 9:** To see if the town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put in the fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. Majority vote required.

**Article 10:** To transact any other business that may come legally before this meeting.

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- outside the AE/MS gym (the town polling place)
- at the Town Office
- at the town Post Offices
- on the Town Web site at Andover.NH.us

**WARRANT ARTICLES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Andover qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Andover Elementary/Middle School Gymnasium in said District on Monday, the 7th day of March 2022, at 7 PM to act upon the following subjects:

**Article 1:** To see if the School District will vote to accept the reports of Officials, Agents, Auditors, and/or Committees as printed in the School District report.

**Article 2:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million, Two Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$6,283,711) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of School District officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District. (The Budget Committee recommends passing this Article. The School Board recommends passing a budget in the amount of Six Million, Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$6,333,987).)

**Article 3:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be deposited in the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust for the purposes of saving for

the boiler replacement with said said funds from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. (The School Board and the Budget Committee support this article.)

**Article 4:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**PARENTS: HOW ARE THE KIDS?**

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Send news and pictures to [Articles@AndoverBeacon.com!](mailto:Articles@AndoverBeacon.com)

**AE/MS and Proctor Alumna Begins PT Practice in Lake Placid**

Daughter of former AE/MS principal Jane Slayton

Maddy Pfeifer attended Andover Elementary/Middle School and Proctor Academy. She also attended Green Mountain Valley School and the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 2018 with a BS in Exercise Science.

She recently graduated from the University of Vermont with a DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy). She has since passed the NPTE and is licensed to practice in New York.

This month Maddy started work at the Adirondack Health Medical Fitness Center in Lake Placid, New York.

Maddy is the daughter of Jane Slayton of Andover and Keith Pfeifer of Bremen, Maine.



Maddy Pfeifer, daughter of former AE/MS principal, Jane Slayton, earned her Doctor of Physical Therapy and has now become licensed to practice in New York.

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# 2021 Annual Report for the Andover Historical Society

## Andover Historical Society in 2021

Well here we are in year two of the pandemic. After a slight reprieve from Covid (or at least being able to get outside) we were able to accomplish a fair amount in 2021. During the first few months we were having our meetings via zoom. Town Meeting was held virtually so we weren't able to sell calendars, books or get new and renewal memberships.

In the Spring of 2021, we hired Archivist Consultant Daniel Peters to help with the Gordon-Lull House Archives Project. There was a fundraising effort to get the money in order to be able to hire him for 6 months and the amount of \$2675 was raised to get Daniel on board. Susan Schnare spearheaded this committee to hire Daniel. Daniel helped to look at construction details for our new archives area in the Gordon-Lull house and worked on getting estimates for the construction needed. Needless to say, this was a hard task with construction materials through the roof and difficulties finding a contractor to do the work. He also helped to look at ways to fundraise for the society along with filing for grants, such as the LCHIP grant.

In May, people were ready to get out and spend time outdoors. Sam Humphrey, William Hoffman and Spring Ledge Farm got the Native Garden Project under way. A huge thank you to Sam Humphrey and Spring Ledge, as Sam donated his time and designed the garden and Spring Ledge donated the plants. With the help of about 20 volunteers, Sam, and Bill, we were able to dig up all of the lilies that were growing in the bank by the picnic table and move them to the bank along the tracks in front of the station and the Gordon-Lull house.

We also had Ken Cushing talk about the history of the railroad. The talk was held via zoom and we had a wonderful turnout. Thank you again to Ken for so much information! We held an open house at the Gordon-Lull House as well, to show the plans of what we are hoping to do with the Archives project.

In June, The Tucker Mountain School House opened as usual and included a visit from Zac Rivard and his Oxen. We opened up the Emon's Store and Potter Place Railroad Station with the CDC guidelines of masks and distancing. Gail Richards and Judy Perreault organized another online Auction for us and priced all the donations we had been given in order to have weekend sales in the Freight House.

In July, we had a small ceremony to hang the plaque on the Freight Shed in Honor of Pat Cutter and all she did for the Historical Society. It was wonderful to have her family back with us to celebrate Pat. Pat's family was at least half of the workforce for our Old Time Fairs.

We had a flea market to help raise money, along with other sales on other weekends. Thank you to all of the people who donated or bought items.

We received some wonderful new books in July for our reference Library. Wood Sutton donated a 1910 Concord City and Merrimack County Directory. These are wonderful resources which give pertinent information about each town (including Town Officers), and lists the names of residents, often including occupation, where they are employed, where they live or board, mailing address, etc. There's also a Business section and many many advertisements. Great information. Steven Wright gave us the 1908 four-volume set of the Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire, the 1903 two-volume set of the History of Concord, and the Eric Sloane book on American Barns and Covered Bridges. Also Galen Beale's book Beech Hill: The Reconciliation of Hervey Elkins and the Enfield Shakers has just been published, and she has graciously donated a copy. She did a great deal of research here from the information, photographs, and Elkins family diaries we have in our collection, and with a lot of help from Pat Cutter. The book includes several of those photographs and diary entries.

We had a number of visitors come through the Historical Society this summer. It was wonderful and most weekends had over 25 visitors. A big thank you to all of the Station masters that helped out. Our president, Charlie Baer, was there almost every weekend. Bill Hoffman and John Hodgson put in a lot of work to have the Bulletin Board outside of the store with a map and information showing Potter Place with the existing buildings along with buildings that are no longer here.

We had hoped for our Annual Fall meeting to have Galen Beale speak, but as the Covid numbers started to go back up in New Hampshire, we decided not to. We are hoping to have her in June. We will send out a notice once we have a date, and you can check our website and facebook page for updates. We do have her book for sale in the Emon's store if you are interested in purchasing it. We also have had a committee working on transposing all of the wonderful oral histories that have been done and getting them on to the website. The Caboose is still being refurbished along with signal switch.

We ended the year hearing that we were approved for the LCHIP grant!! Andover and Wilmot were the only towns that received two grants (The Andover Hub, the Historical Society and Wilmot Town Hall and North Wilmot Union Meetinghouse). We will be using the money from the LCHIP Grant of \$15,000 to fix the roof on the Potter Place Station. Part of the requirement of the grant is that we need to raise the matching amount, so we are looking to raise \$16,000. We have already received pledges of \$9,500 towards this fund-raising effort.

We have had a pretty amazing year considering the circumstances of the pandemic! We hope 2022 will also be as good if not better. Thank you to everyone involved!! We couldn't do it without your help!! Please support our mission by becoming a member.

2022 Officers and Trustees	
<b>Officers</b>	Pam Cooper
<b>President:</b> Charlie Baer	Charlie Darling
<b>Vice President:</b> Jesse Schust	Alex Estin
	Sandra Graves
<b>Treasurer:</b> Pam Cooper	John Hodgson
<b>Secretary:</b> Alex Estin	William Hoffman
<b>Co-directors, museum management:</b>	Ellen Langlais
	Rita Norander
	Suzy Norris
	Tim Norris
<b>Director, buildings and grounds:</b>	Fred Nystrom
	Doug Phelps
	Gail Richards
<b>Curator:</b>	Joan Ryan
	Jesse Schust
<b>Trustees:</b>	Nancy Teach
	Sarah Will
	Charles Baer
	Luan Clark

### Holdings

- Potter Place Railroad Station and Freight House
- J.C. Emons Store
- Gordon-Lull House
- A B&M freight car and Central Vermont CV-4030 caboose
- Secret Garden
- Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

### Donors of items to our collection in 2021

Charlotte (Currier) Clark	Amy Shepard
Shirley (Henderson) Currier	Wood Sutton
Seth Currier	Mark Stetson
Pat & Bill Cutter family	Frank Monroe
Kent Hackmann	Haley family
Karen (Phelps) Hanson	Robert Terhune
Susan Huntoon Ford	Jim Williams
The Ice House Museum	Steven Wright
Andrea Landini	

### Finances

2021 expenses (some examples)	2021 Income stream (some examples)
Total operating(estimated): \$27,618	Total: \$24,004
Annual calendar: \$688	Grants: \$1,000
Building maintenance \$10,589	Old Time Fair: \$0
Insurance: \$4,935	Other Fundraisers: \$3,790
Real estate taxes: \$942	Calendar: \$1,688
Utilities: \$1,498	Gift shop: \$2,113
Salaries: \$0	Membership dues: \$2,865
<i>(we are an all volunteer organization)</i>	General donations: \$7,780
	Archives donations: \$2,655

### Some of the 80+ historical items donated in 2021

- Circa 1905 Edison Standard Phonograph and wax cylinder records
- 1910 Merrimack County Directory and the 1908 Genealogical and Family History of the State of NH
- Dietz Comet lantern, and a RR Flanger board
- 1940s Fada brand "Table Model Radio-Phonograph Combination"
- Scythes and hay rakes used by the Stetson and Hall families
- Wash basin and pitcher from the old Farnum Farm on Beech Hill
- Victorian highchair
- Butter mould kit, complete with moulds, tools, papers and original box
- Aladdin lamp from the "oldest cabin at Ragged Mountain Fish & Game"

### Visitor information (in normal times) Info call 603-735-5232

- **Railroad Station and Emons Store:** open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays, Memorial Day through Columbus Day
  - **Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse:** open to the public on five summer Sundays
  - **Secret Garden:** open 24/7 all year
- 2022 hours: If status of coronavirus permits, hours will be posted before Memorial Day.

### Please Join Us! Time to Renew!

Learn more about local history and support the work of the Andover Historical Society by becoming a member today.

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Thank you!

### Membership Type

- \$10 Individual Annual
- \$25 Annual Family
- \$100 Business
- \$200 Lifetime
- \$350 Lifetime Couple

### Our Life Members

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Donna Baker-Hartwell	Nelda Coulter-Smith	William & Barbara Hunting	Marilyn Pike
William Bardsley	Rick Estes	Robert Hurlbutt	Patty Pond
Lydia Bates	Alex Estin	Joyce Jones	Mario & Caroline Ratzki
Alexander Bernhard & Myra Mayman	Martin Fairall	Everett Jones	David & Barbara Roby
David & Donna Blinn	Dennis Fenton	John Keener	Elizabeth Stevens & Jan Hostage
Jay & Robin Boynton	Paul Fenton	William & Althea Keyser	Wood Sutton
Deborah Brower	Mike Fifield	Mark LaFlamme	Nancy Teach
John & Lisa Burbach	Paul & Maria Glorioso	William & Marjorie Leber	Robert Terhune
Karen Cangiano	Brenda Godwin	Brendaen Makechnie	Nancy & Ken Tripp
Kim Charboneau	James Goody	Sean McInerney	Stephen & MaryJane Walsh
Larry & Susan Chase	Marilyn Gould	Joyce Hall Newman	Arch & Mary Weathers
Charlotte Clark	Florence Gove	Sally Nicoll	Charles & Sarah Will
Luan Clark	Sandra Graves	Robert & Rita Norander	Richard & Linda Wood
Lorraine Cline	Jerry Hersey	Chris & Kit Norris	
	Edwin & Mary Hiller	Tim & Suzy Norris	

### Our Current Members

Kent & Kait Armstrong	Janet & Tom Dickson	John & Judith Manning	Wyman & Kathy Ordway
Charles & Kim Baer	Donald Evans	Carmelita Moe	Gail Richards
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David & Annette Bashaw	Gregory & Mary Gutgsell	Marie Nardino	Larry Sprague
William & Loretta Bates	Kent Hackmann	Fred Nystrom	Dana & Cheryl Swenson
Pecco & Gail Beaufays	James & Karen Hanson	Thomas & Susan O'Connor	Shawn & Christine Upton
John & Shelley Chesley	Glenn & Irene Haley		
Pam & Ron Cooper	Michael Haley		
Donald Corliss	Betty Henderson		
John & Tina Cotton	Nan Kaplan		
Shirley Currier	Margaret Karl & Family		
Charlie & Sharon Darling	Dennis Lavoie		

### Members who died in 2021

#### Regular Members

Janet Corliss

# THE REST OF THE TOWN REPORT

To save the Town time and money by reducing the size of the annual Andover Town Report, the Beacon has agreed to publish some 2021 reports submitted by organizations that serve Andover. Long reports have been edited to about 250 words.

## American Legion Crosby/Gilbert Post 101

Crosby/Gilbert Post 101 of the American Legion was chartered in Andover in the year 1947. The Post was very active for a number of years. As with other organizations, it went into decline with a loss of membership.

In the year 2015, with the help and guidance of the state American Legion, the Post became active with the selection of a slate of officers. A lot of work was done by members to support community activities.

In the year 2021, the Post was involved in the following activities.

- Organized and placed flags on veterans' graves within the town for Memorial Day. A total of 290 flags were replaced.
- Collected unserviceable American flags and made certain that they were disposed of properly.
- Held a brief ceremony on the Fourth of July on the Village Green in observance of the day. The American flag was raised and flags were placed at all corners of the veterans' monument.
- On Saturday, September 11, a brief ceremony was held on the grounds of AE/MS to honor the memory of those who lost their lives or were injured in the terrorist attacks against the USA on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.
- Provided annual Christmas boxes for needy veterans within the area. Each box contained enough food items for a complete meal.
- Replaced weathered flags on both the Cilleyville-Bog and Keniston covered bridges.

Post 101 is seeking new members in order for it to continue and expand on its support of various functions within the town. On July 30, 2019, President Trump signed the Legion Act.

All veterans who have been honorably discharged may now become a Legion member.

For more information, please call Lloyd Perreault, Finance Officer, at 603 735-5493.

## The Andover Beacon

Despite the many challenges we all faced in 2021, *The Andover Beacon* delivered another 11 issues at no charge to every mailing address in Andover ... our 17th year of uninterrupted service to our community!

More than just a monthly newspaper, the *Beacon* also provides the community with a robust website at [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com) – including many articles exclusive to the website – and a Facebook page at [Facebook.com/AndoverBeacon](https://www.facebook.com/AndoverBeacon).

Everything we do is focused on one goal: to connect you, the reader, to:

- the information you need about Andover budgets, elections, meetings, policies, practices ... everything you need to fit in and participate
- the important, interesting work of Andover's many non-profit organizations, all of which are eager to serve you
- news from our schools, where your tax dollars are helping Andover kids learn to be our future leaders
- your friends and neighbors ... Andover people are always in the news in the *Beacon*!
- Andover history, for when you're ready to connect with our town's fascinating and often hidden past
- music and art events in Andover and throughout the area
- many opportunities to get outdoors to enjoy Andover's great natural beauty
- news of our local entrepreneurs, many of whom may have just the products or services you're looking for

*The Andover Beacon* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose sole purpose is to serve and strengthen the community of Andover. We rely on donations from you and your friends and neighbors to try to balance our annual budget. When asked, please donate as generously as you can, even if it's not much. We simply can't keep you connected to our wonderful community without your help!

## Andover Energy Group

Andover Town Meeting in March 2017 approved air-based heat pumps and solar panels for the Town Offices building to save energy and lower costs for the Town and improve the building's working environment. The heat pumps were installed in April 2017 and the solar system began generating at the end of October 2017.

The solar system was acquired through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with ReVision Energy, the system installer. Under the PPA, the Town pays ReVision for power generated by the solar panels for six years at a below-market rate, and then purchases the system at a discount. The Town is slated to purchase the system in October 2023.

In 2021 the solar panels produced more power than expected (23,004 kWhs produced compared to 21,494 kWhs expected).

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The South Danbury Church held a successful "Love Your Neighbor" drive-by donation event in February. Photo: Linda Wilson

## South Danbury Church News

### Press release

Danbury is such a wonderfully caring community! Congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped to make our South Danbury Church's "Love Your Neighbor" drive-by donation event on Sunday, February 13, such a happy success!

Generous donors contributed all kinds of household essentials for the South Danbury Church Home Goods Shelf at the Danbury Community Center, and cash gifts, too!

The South Danbury Church, located at 1411 US Route 4 in South Danbury, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, UCC.

To learn more, follow "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church" on Facebook; call or text 603 491-3196; or email [SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com](mailto:SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com). Please contact us if you need a ride to attend worship or events. We'll be happy to help. 🚗

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kWhs expected). The solar system aligns with the needs of the building; in 2021 the building consumed a total of 19,693 kWhs, a bit less than it produced.

In 2021 the energy upgrades and solar panels together saved the Town \$784 in electricity and oil costs. Once the Town owns the solar system, the annual savings will jump dramatically since it will pay nothing for all the power the system generates.

If the Town had already owned the system the total savings would have been over \$3,200. Since going live, the Town Offices solar system has saved over 143,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> from entering the atmosphere, the equivalent of over 1,000 newly planted trees grown for 10 years.

The Town is scheduled to purchase the solar panel system in October 2023. The purchase price is \$17,724, a very substantial discount from the installed value of the system of \$59,081.

The March 2017 Town Meeting approval provided that the Town would set aside one sixth of the \$17,724 purchase price (or \$2,954) every year for six years from the Unassigned Fund Balance to fund the purchase. Because the funds come from the Unassigned Fund Balance there is no tax impact.

Assuming 2022 Town Meeting approval of this year's final \$2,954 installment, the Town will be in position to complete the purchase in October 2023.

**Andover Lions Club**

Formed in November of 1954, the mission of the Andover Lions Club is to provide assistance to people in need, specifically those who are visually or hearing impaired. We sponsor projects that benefit the community and improve the lives of those citizens in need in Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, and Wilmot.

Eye care and hearing aids have been provided to hundreds of people.

Scholarships, emergency funding, and the Andover Food Pantry.

Operation Kidsight, screening children between the ages of one and six years old for amblyopia. Now testing children at the Imagination Inn, the East Andover Village Preschool, and the Wilmot Community Center.

Fundraising includes the Fourth of July pancake breakfast and food sales on the Village Green, Musterfield Farm Days, and Halloween night for the town.

The funds raised are donated to community needs, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Vision Weekend for the blind, surrounding food pantries, food backpacks for school weekend and vacation time, and a trophy for AE/MS Citizen of the Year.

We meet once every other month at 6 PM at the Franklin Pizza Chef and welcome new members. Call 603 735-6140 or 603 768-3838.

**Andover Service Club**

The Andover Service Club is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of (approximately) 50 women from Andover and neighboring communities. Its mission is to be of service to the people of the community and the State and to broaden and strengthen the social and intellectual life of its members.

Although our general monthly meetings and usual fundraising events have been curtailed during the COVID-19 pandemic, members have continued to support our organization. They baked pies for the successful Thanksgiving Pie sale in 2021. The monies raised fund the ASC Merit Scholarship Program, which has benefited hundreds of Andover High School graduates and continuing education college students since 1959. In 2021, four scholarships were awarded.

Proceeds from the updated ASC

Thrift and Gift Shop also support the philanthropic mission of the Club. It sells new and gently used clothing and accessories and has incorporated beautiful, handcrafted articles, made by local craftspeople, some of whom were attracted by the ASC's Jingle Bell Christmas Fair, organized by our former president, Mary Ofenloch.

Throughout the years, the ASC has donated to many other community organizations, but COVID-19 has limited our fundraising opportunities, resulting in the Club having to somewhat curtail these financial contributions. We look forward to a future when we can resume our various community projects.

The ASC general meetings are held at 10 AM on the second Wednesday of the month, September to June, in the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover. To make inquiries about membership write to PO Box 22, Andover NH 03216 or visit the Thrift and Gift Shop. We welcome new members.

**Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners**

Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners (KNP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a community where neighbors help each other flourish. Partnering with local entities such as Warner Connects, Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministries (KREM), town welfare offices, Colby-Sawyer College, food resources, the Andover Hub, and the New London Hospital, KNP seeks to address some of the root causes leading people to seek emergency help.

Whether for a day or a year, KNP embraces the power of interpersonal relationships. We are connectors!

KNP helps "weave" a net of local support in the Kearsarge region, matching a list of over 250 committed KNP volunteers with the short and long-term needs of neighbors and organizations in our region. Volunteers may provide a meal or a ride to a medical appoint-

ment, spring-clean a yard, or do a small home repair.

In a more involved situation, a pair of KNP Advocates will meet with a household over time, walking beside people who are facing challenges as they move toward a more stable footing in life.

We continue to work on accessing affordable housing, food security, and transportation. The Tray It Forward program is in its third year, with five local organizations growing and distributing vegetable garden seedlings to help local folks improve their own food security. Kars for Kearsarge is a new KNP/KREM partnership providing repairs and used vehicles to qualified individuals in the region who lack transportation.

To learn about KNP and get a sense of what we do in the region, please visit [KNPnh.org](http://KNPnh.org).

**Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition**

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKG) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization to promote hiking and land conservation.

The 75-mile SRK Greenway was built to link the most prominent peaks in the area – Mount Sunapee, Ragged Mountain, and Mount Kearsarge. It extends through 10 towns; 9.4 miles of SRKG trails are in Andover.

SRKG Trail #10 enters Andover from Twist Hill Road, comes down Dawes Road, links to Bridge Street, and ends at Proctor Academy near the Field House. There is a delightful 1.6-mile spur trail off Twist Hill Road to Morey Pond.

Trail #9 begins at the Proctor Field House and goes up to the east and west peaks of Ragged Mountain, with a spur to Balancing Rock, before descending into Wilmot at New Canada Road. There is a trailhead kiosk near the Field House with maps of all the SRKG trails and information about the Proctor woodlands.

This second year of COVID brought very heavy use of SRKG trails, with sales of the Greenway trail guide tripling. The SRKG made significant improvements to its trails: new trailhead signs, two new kiosks, new and re-decked bridges, and new drainage ditches.

Between May 2019 and December 2021, 73 hikers obtained certificates and a completion medallion from the SRKG after hiking all 75-miles of the SRKG trails. On January 22 and 23, 2022, the SRKG sponsored its third SOLO Wilderness First Aid course at Colby Sawyer College to encourage safe hiking in all seasons.

To learn more about the SRKG, or to join, visit [SRKG.org](http://SRKG.org) or [Facebook.com/SunapeeRaggedKearsargeGreenwayCoalition](https://www.facebook.com/SunapeeRaggedKearsargeGreenwayCoalition). Thank you for your support, and we hope you enjoy the trails!

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# TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

**RSA** 91-A:2 states that minutes from each meeting of each Town body must “be promptly recorded and open to public inspection not more than five business days after the meeting.”

Minutes are often not in publishable form at that point. Considering the time it takes to make them publishable, and the long lag between issues of the *Beacon*, it may be a month or more before they appear in the *Beacon*.

## School Board

January 4

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**In Person Board Present:** Dan Newton, Lisa Burbach, and Aimee Menard

**Administration Present:** Mark MacLean, Randy Wormald, Dennis Dobe, Hilary Denoncourt, Beth Page

**Public Present:** Caden Heath, Susan Chase, Nancy Robart

**Finance Report:** Hilary reported that overages are the same as last month, in special ed contracted services, and special ed transportation. Dan motioned to accept the finance report; Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

**Public Comment:** Heath commented about COVID-19 and masking protocols.

### Board Chairperson’s Report

The 2022 Annual Meeting will be on March 7, 2022 at 7 PM in the AE/MS gymnasium.

### Principal’s Report

Mr. Dobe discussed the Wizard of Oz production in December and the athletics department’s basketball games happening this evening at AE/MS. Other initiatives discussed include the Response to Intervention program and the Ski and Skate program. We are watching COVID rates, and as they vary, AE/MS takes this into account in regard to programming.

Staffing continues to be a challenge; staff absences are being filled by current staff, no substitutes are available at this time. Mental health issues for AE/MS students were discussed; the team is working toward wraparound services for students who may have that need. Proctor has also gifted ASD a \$5,000 grant for substance abuse prevention. Ms. Page reported that the Title I annual meeting is scheduled for January 19, with invitations sent. Everything else is running smoothly.

Mr. Audet reported that alternate heating options are still being researched. Quotes for the windows continue to be researched. All faulty lights in the gym have been replaced. Menard added that the middle school lunch enrichment program has been very impactful to her students.

**Town Matters!**  
The *Beacon* needs help with reporting about town news. 603 735-6099

### Old Business

**Budget Update:** Superintendent MacLean has been in communication with the Budget Committee. Burbach noted that tomorrow night at 6 PM is the next Budget Committee meeting to review the AE/MS proposed budget again (now that the Budget Committee has had a few weeks to process). Wednesday, January 12, is the public hearing for the School Budget. It will be at the Town Hall at 6 PM.

**COVID-19 Update:** Today the CDC confirmed that COVID guidance has changed and has been posted on their website. NH DHHS will interpret this advice and consider how this will impact local protocols.

AE/MS continues to follow NH DHHS guidance for COVID-19 isolation and quarantine. The regional number for the eight attached towns right now is 1,349 per 100,000, which is

about 13.5x higher than the amount that ASD determined would put the school in the red zone to require masks (adopted per NH DHHS recommendations). Andover’s infection rate is 1.35% right now - higher than the current infection rate in Merrimack County.

### Superintendent’s Report

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Tue 1:30-6:30

Last Saturday of month, 9-11

**Zoning Administrator:** Mon 9-12,

Tues & Thur 9-4, Wed 1-4

**Transfer Station:** Wed 7-5, Sat, 7-5

Swap Shop: second Saturday 8-12

**Andover Library**

Mon 6-8

Wed 9-12 & 6-8

Thu 1-5 • Sat 9-12

**Bachelder Library**

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Thu, Fri 1-5

### MEETINGS

*At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted*

**Cemetery Trustees:** 2nd Tues, 10

Last Thu, 7

**Conservation:** 2nd Wed, 7

**Emergency Medical Service:**

2nd Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7

**Fire Department:** Mon, 7

**Fourth of July:** 1st Wed

Andover Community Hub, 7

**Library Trustees:** 3rd Thu, 7 Andover or

Bachelder Library (except July & Aug)

**Planning Board:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 7

**Recreation:** 2nd Wed, 7,

AE/MS Science Room (except July)

**School Board:** 1st Tue

(except July), 6:30, AE/MS

**Select Board:** 1st & 3rd Mon, 6:30

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** 3rd Tue, 7

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which went into effect last year (state level EFA), were discussed. An amendment to HB 607 (a bill that was tabled last year) is being proposed to allow families to request local educational money through an EFA, which would come from local budgets, specifically in this case, Andover’s School Budget.

Per student, this could cost ASD approximately \$9,000 to \$12,000 per student (calculations vary a bit based on interpretations of the proposed legislation). This would have to be voted in by the town by way of a petitioned warrant

article that receives at least 60% approval from the legislative body.

If the home school population, the private school population, and 10% of the current Andover student body applied for and accessed an EFA, it could potentially cost our Andover School Budget approximately half a million dollars.

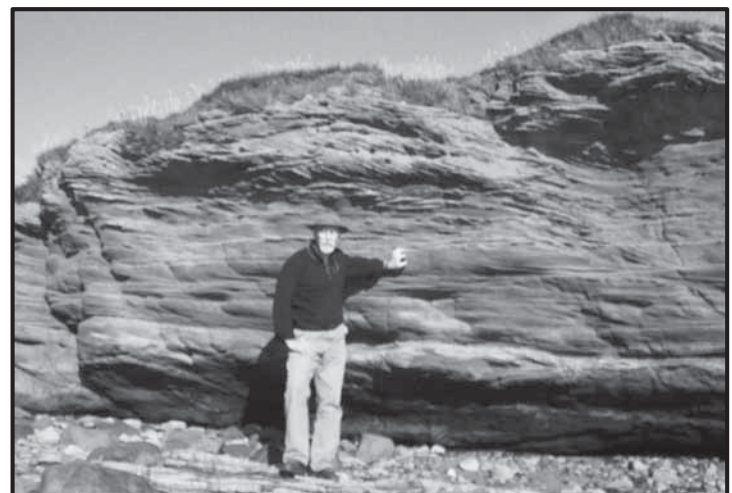
### Assistant Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Wormald commended the staff in how they’ve gone above and beyond through staff shortages and quarantines.

## Perspectives on the Geology of Andover and Salisbury, NH

By Joe Schmidl (Geologist)

Thursday March 24 at 7pm (online only)



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# Andover Libraries Page

## Through the Reading Glasses March 2022

Janet Moore  
Trustee, Andover Libraries

Colson Whitehead is an award-winning author in love with New York City. He was born there, grew up in Manhattan, and after graduating from Harvard, went right back to the city to write.

He has been given MacArthur and Guggenheim fellowships, the National Book Award, two Pulitzer Prizes, and is the author of *The Underground Railroad*, a fascinating look at the possibility of an actual train beneath the surface, freeing enslaved people in pre-Civil War America.

In *Harlem Shuffle* he sticks to reality; almost every reviewer has called it a love letter to Harlem. Set in the 1960s against the backdrop of a city just on the edge of strikes and protests (although when is New York City not on the edge?), the story zeroes in on a colorful cast of characters that manage to make you laugh and cry simultaneously. Leaving you on the edge of your seat certainly isn't out of the question either!

Given Ray Carney's occupation as furniture salesman and sometimes fence for his cousin Freddie, you can't help but get caught up in family matters as Ray tries to maintain a respectable facade for his in-laws and wife, while he

skates on very thin ice with the crooks Freddie leads him to.

It's a crime novel, sure, but what crimes and plots these are. Chet the Vet, Miami Joe, Zippo, Detective Munson, Moskowitz the jeweler, Mam Lacey, and Pepper all have a hand in the Hotel Theresa heist, which leads to imaginable consequences in Whitehead's 1960s Harlem.

Although I'd love to tell you more about the plot and Ray Carney's truly inventive way of getting back at the crime bosses making his legitimate life almost unbearable, I'd rather leave you with a passage that evoked summer in a certain area of NYC.

"This first hot spell of the year was a rehearsal for the summer to come. Everyone was a bit rusty but it was coming back, their parts in the symphony and assigned solos. On the corner, two white cops recapped the fire hydrant, cursing. Kids had been running in and out of the spray for days. Threadbare blankets lined fire escapes. The stoops bustled with men in undershirts drinking beer and jiving over the noise from transistor radios.... Unseen on the rooftops, the denizens of tar beaches pointed to the lights of bridges and night planes."

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### Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

#### Adult Fiction

*The Becoming*, Nora Roberts  
*Last Man Standing*,  
William W. Johnstone  
*The Last Man on the Street*,  
Diane Chamberlain  
*Reminders of Him*, Colleen Hoover  
*Invisible*, Danielle Steel  
*Shadow's Reel*, C.J. Box  
*Abandoned in Death*, J.D. Robb  
*City of the Dead*, Jonathan Kellerman  
*Code Talker*, Joseph Bruchac  
*You Can Go Your Own Way*, Eric Smith  
*This is Why We Lie*, Gabriella Lepore  
**Adult Nonfiction**  
*I Didn't Do the Thing Today*,

Madeleine Dore  
*Chasing History*, Carl Bernstein  
*Lost and Found*, Kathryn Schulz

#### Children's Books

*Escapade Johnson Books 1-4*,  
Michael Sullivan  
*The Powers: Haven's Secret*,  
Melissa and Jessica Benoit  
*The Vanderbeekers Make a Wish*,  
Karina Yan Glaser  
*Operation Do-Over*, Gordon Korman  
*Rubylicious*, Victoria Kann  
*Pete the Cat: Valentine's Day Is Cool*,  
Kimberly and James Dean  
*Funny Valentine*,  
Stan and Jan Berenstain  
*The Valentine Bears*,  
Eve Bunting and Jan Brett  
*Where Butterflies Grow*, Joanne Ryder

### Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

#### Adult Fiction

*Beach Wedding*, Michael Ledwidge  
*Black Cake*, Charmaine Wilkerson  
*The Book of Two Ways*, Jodi Picoult  
*Journey of the Pharaohs*, Clive Cussler  
*The Lover: The Sufi Mysteries*  
*Quartet, Book One*, Laury Silvers  
*The Jealous: The Sufi Mysteries*  
*Quartet, Book Two*, Laury Silvers  
*The Unseen: The Sufi Mysteries*  
*Quartet, Book Three*, Laury Silvers  
*The Keeper of Lost Things*,  
Ruth Hogan  
*The Maid*, Nita Prose  
*Small Things Like These*,  
Claire Keegan  
*Something to Hide*, Elizabeth George  
*The Unknown*, Heather Graham

#### Adult Nonfiction

*Call Us What We Carry, Poems*,  
Amanda Gorman  
*Civil Rights Queen: Constance Baker Motley and the Struggle for Equality*, Tomiko-Brown Nagin  
*Colors of Paradise: A Spiritual Journey*, ed. Fereidun Shokatfard  
*How the Word Is Passed*, Clint Smith  
*On Juneteenth*, Annette Gordon-Reed  
**Children's Books**  
*Before I Grew Up*, John Miller  
*The Boy Whose Head Was Filled With Stars: A Life of Edwin Hubble*, Isabelle Marinov  
*Colors of Love and Peace*, The 186th Street Elementary School, Gardena, California  
*Happy Valentine's Day, Mouse*, Laura Joffe Numeroff

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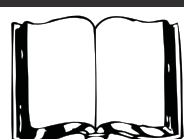
Application forms available on line at:

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# Andover Libraries March Newsletter

## It's time for March Madness

Lee Wells and Priscilla Poulin  
Andover Libraries

Happy March!

The entire month of March is Women's History Month, Irish-American Month, and Quilting Month. Both libraries have plenty of books in these categories, so please swing by to check them out.

The Book Club read this month will be Ruth Hogan's Keeper of Lost Things, "a charming, clever, and quietly moving debut novel of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives, and the surprising connections that bind us.

"Anthony Peardew is the keeper of lost things. Forty years ago, he carelessly lost a keepsake from his beloved fiancée, Therese. That very same day, she died unexpectedly. Brokenhearted, Anthony sought consolation in rescuing lost objects – the things others have dropped, misplaced or accidentally left behind – and writing stories about them." (ReadingGroupGuides.com)

We will meet on Wednesday, March 23 at 7 PM to discuss it. Both libraries have copies as well as audiobooks. It is also available on Hoopla as an e-book or audiobook. Let us know if you would like to take part in the discussion.

March is the time for March Madness, and the two Andover Libraries are having our own "Madness." Every time

you come to the library and check out materials you will receive a raffle ticket. On Friday, April 1 we will draw the winning raffle tickets.

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses there will be a good assortment of gift certificates to go to lucky readers. The more you read, the greater your chances of winning a prize. Only one prize per person though! Be sure to visit our libraries often.

Don't forget the WABL Walkers: weather permitting, let's meet at the library at 10:30 AM on Mondays and Wednesdays to walk up Chase Hill, then on to Emery Road, and we can then turn back when people feel they have gone far enough. This is a hilly walk with spectacular views. Come join us.

We have renewed our State Park Pass. If you are up for some hiking and would like a free pass to a state park, swing by either library. Please remember that you need to reserve the pass at least one day in advance.

Hoopla is adding to their list of titles that can be borrowed with BingePass. With BingePass the library is charged for one borrow, but you have unlimited borrows from that particular collection for a week.

BingePass includes magazines, the Great Courses Collection, and now CuriosityStream, a streaming service that offers documentaries. If you go to Hoopla's website and enter "BingePass" into the search box, you will come up with what's available.

Please feel free to let Lee or Priscilla know of any books you would like to have us purchase for the libraries.

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## Historic Grange Hall Building Renovations Require Funds

### Many thanks to Jon Champagne

Donna Thompson  
Andover Community Church

Hello everyone! We begin this article with two big thank yous. First, to Jon Champagne for the help, expertise, and time he has generously given the church over the years, and especially towards the recent paving of the parking lot for the church and East Andover Village Preschool. Thank you, Jon, for your welcomed experience.

Second, for everyone who has been donating to the clothing shed, just up the driveway on the right. What a great way to share clothing for the poor among us, not only in the USA but all over the world.

This month we are focusing on the Highland Lake Grange Hall (thank you, Susan Norris, for your wonderful article in last month's *Beacon*). The future plans for the building involve a painting party this summer, where anyone from the community will be invited to lend a helping hand.

Many have enjoyed the hall (coffeehouse, civic meetings, party rentals, etc.) in the past, and they are invited to lift a brush and make this building shine like it once did. Dates of the painting project to be announced.

Other projects to raise money for new

floors, a roof, repairing the leaning cupola, and the purchase of a new furnace (done by Huckleberry Propane and Oil), include a number of fundraisers. Our first one begins on Saturday, March 19, from 10 AM to 2 PM, and continues each third Saturday of each month until May. This project includes the making of pre-made meals, baked goods, home-made cookies, pies, breads, and sandwiches.

Want a hearty break from cooking for yourself, a shut in, or a neighbor? Place your order with Donna Thompson at 603 744-6858 or CraftyDonna@metrocast.net.

A second way the community can help raise money for the restoration of the Grange Hall is to swing by the yard sales. These rummage sales have proven to be quite popular in the community and resume on the fourth Saturday of the month, beginning May 28 and ending October 29.

Anyone wishing to donate towards the renovation of this historic building can send specific donations to ACC, PO Box 211, East Andover NH 03231, Attn: Donna Thompson.

We'd also like to take this time to invite you to visit on a Sunday and welcome you back to church. So many people in our community have roots in the "church on the hill," even considering it "my church," yet haven't visited in years.

Welcome guest! The doors of the church are always open and, more so, the arms of God are still as comforting as ever. Each Sunday we celebrate the presence of One who loves His children dearly. Many leave the services with a sense of purpose and empowerment for their lives, especially in these times of uncertainty.

Our service schedule starts at 8 AM with Traditional Communion (by the book Anglican) and continues at our 10 AM Service with Music (communion on first and third Sundays of the month).

Both services are available on Zoom. Visit [AndoverCommunityNH.org](http://AndoverCommunityNH.org). To meet the pastors, contact Pastor Bill.

Andover Community Church is a Spirit-filled community sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in the Anglican tradition.

### Application deadline is Friday, April 22

#### Press release

The Andover Lions Club offers two scholarships every year:

- John Thompson Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000
- Stephen Jewett Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000

Because no scholarships were given last year, for this year only we will offer two additional scholarships to college freshmen, with the same guidelines in place.

#### Criteria

First priority will be given to graduating high school seniors with financial need and strong academics who are a resident of Andover or Danbury.

Second priority will be given to students enrolled in, or applying for, continuing education undergraduate programs with financial need and strong academics, who are a resident of Andover or Danbury.

Scholarships will be paid after successful completion of the first semester. The President or a designee of the Andover Lions Club will present the scholarship.

The Andover Lions Club Scholar-

ship Application Form must be used. Forms are supplied to guidance departments of Merrimack Valley High School, Newfound Regional High School, and Proctor Academy. Forms may be duplicated as needed.

For information, write to C/O Richard O'Connell, 316 Webster Lake Road, Franklin NH 03235, or contact Andover Lions Club members Richard O'Connell at 603 934-0245 or xlpdroc@metrocast.net; or Virginia Edwards at 603 768-3443 or zinnthewhitexmas@aol.com.

#### Application Requirements

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Secondary Record Transcript completed by the school counselor. This must accompany the application. It is the responsibility of the student to see that this is completed.
- Two Letters of Recommendation must accompany the application.

Deadline for submission is Monday, April 22; no exceptions. Application must be submitted to the address above.

Please notify the Scholarship Committee at the address above or at one of the contact phone numbers above of any change in status after the submission of your scholarship application.

## Trout Ice Fishing Derby Draws a Decent Crowd in Spite of Cold

### Kids' Ice Fishing Derby on Saturday, February 26

Rich Gross  
Andover Fish and Game Club

We had a decent crowd for the Trout Ice Fishing Derby, on February 5, even though it was cold and windy.

#### Adult Division

- First:** Jeff Lacharite, 3.3 lb, 17<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"
- Second:** Nicholas Millett, 2.55 lb, 17"
- Third:** Nicholas Millett, 2.5 lb, 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"
- Fourth:** Austin Sartwell, 2.5 lb, 16<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"

#### Kids Division

- First:** Brady Turgeon, 2.6 lb, 16<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"
  - Second:** Kyle Greenwood, 2.45 lb, 16<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"
- Winner of the 50/50 raffle was Aaron

Dunn, for \$258. Congratulations to all!  
**Kids Ice Fishing Derby**

Our 37th annual Willis Nowell Memorial Kids Ice Fishing Derby is to be held at Eagle Pond in Wilnot, right off of US Route 4, on Saturday, February 26. This is open to all kids 15 years of age and under.

Registration starts at 9 AM, and the derby will start soon after and run until noon. There is no charge for the derby or for the food we provide. No tackle or bait is needed.

As usual, there will be food, drink, lucky prizes, ribbons, and trophies provided. Spread the word. For questions, call 603 496-4494.

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## Friends of the Northern Rail Trail January 19, 2022

*Condensed from draft minutes.*

**Board Attendees:** Alex Bernhard, Amy Chan, Barbara Couturier, George Heaton, Lindy Heim, Cody Hussey, Dustin Ladd, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Ricker Miller, Don Moyer, Jack Shields.

**Committee Member:** Patrice Rasche  
**Business Matters**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dustin Ladd's presentation offered a proposed 2022 budget for Board approval. The budget is the result of considerable discussion in the committees, as well as Dustin's much-appreciated effort to bring it together in a budgetary format. Recognizing that the budget provides a flexible template for the year rather than a restriction, approval was enthusiastic and unanimous.

In addition, Dustin presented the usual monthly Treasurer's Report showing bank balances, funds expended, and allocations for the future. These show FNRT ready to embark on new projects in the spring.

**Correspondence:** A letter and donation of funds was received from Dick MacKay, long-time President of FNRT-Grafton County. As the Grafton County organization has been merged with Merrimack County into a single entity for promotion of the Trail, Dick sent its remaining funds to FNRT. We say, "Thanks!"

**Committee Reports**

**Trail Building and Maintenance:** In addition to its recap of budgetary needs for 2022, Don Moyer's report covered several discrete building and maintenance issues on the Trail, as follows:

Lawrence Street Tunnel (Andover): This project's experiment with solar lighting has been judged impractical and is terminated. Paving to improve the tunnel surface has in fact solved much of the problem of an undulating surface and large stones.

Grafton County Top Priorities: the Enfield Lakeside Park Bridge refurbishing and the Mascoma Stone Cut repaving need take highest priority among the several Grafton County projects now being planned.

RTP Grant Application: Plans are being made and contractor estimates solicited for various Grafton County resurfacing projects, including Potato Road, US Route 4 underpass near Tunnel Road, and the Indian River bridge. We expect this application to be submitted by the June deadline.

Boscawen Trail Extension: Plans for removal and disposition of the rails in the .6-mile Boscawen extension are being discussed with the relevant parties. (Since the meeting, New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has given notice that they

intend to keep the rails.)

Trail Counts: In connection with the New Hampshire Rail Trail Plan, currently being developed by a committee led by NHDOT, FNRT has been asked to estimate annual visits to the Trail. Current counters at a few locations give partial data, from which a "best estimate" extrapolation of 120,000 to 150,000 visits per year could reasonably be inferred. Impressive!

**Technology Committee:** Befitting the Technology Committee, Chair Cody Hussey's graphic presentation of FNRT's tech portfolio illuminated, elucidated, and raised new questions for the Board.

Of top importance at the moment is website migration. With Cody's recommendation being Squarespace. Others supported this platform as suitable for FNRT's needs. Its initial and continuing cost is being considered.

The email system has migrated to Microsoft 365, which is a free service. Digital maps have emerged as the #1 interest in our Newsletter, and these also require no budget. The current payment arrangement with PayPal, as well as donor management software, were also considered.

Lastly, there was considerable discussion of the FNRT "brand," particularly the design of our logo, and the need for modernization both of logo design and transformation into a vector-based image. The expertise in this arena is often hard to locate and expensive, but some volunteer possibilities will be pursued.

The resolution of these various issues – most especially the question of website migration – will be postponed until the March meeting.

**Other Committees:** Both the Finance and Administration Committee and the Marketing and Promotion Committee had met during the month and sent reports earlier to the Board. As there were no questions or comments on either report, these were not further discussed in the meeting.

**Other Developments**

**Boscawen Extension:** Recent reports from our Counsel confirm continuing progress at the State level, as various approval processes among various parties – NHDOT, the Governor and Council, PanAm Railways, and FNRT – continue to move forward.

**Historic Signage:** Dick Mackay, former Chair of the Grafton County FNRT, has proposed an initiative to develop historic signage along the Trail and is seeking others to join him in this effort. Anyone interested should contact Dick at DickMackay@comcast.net.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 16, at 5 PM via Zoom.

## Wilmot Farmers Market Plans for Summer 2022 Season

### Returning vendors' deadline is March 5

Press release

The Wilmot Farmers Market Board of Directors is busy building the vendor base for another successful summer season. The 2022 season will operate from 9 AM to noon on the Wilmot Town Green every Saturday starting on June 25 and running through September 24.

Returning vendors who submit their applications by Saturday, March 5 are assured of their spot for the upcoming season. Remaining spots will be filled by new applications received after this

date. Vendors can be full time (11 to 14 weeks) or part time (a commitment of at least three Saturdays).

Information about becoming a vendor, including applications, are available by contacting Laura Kilkenny (Info@OffABitFarm.com or 603 530-2496). Contact Donna Sprague, Board Chair, for general market questions at WilmotFarmersMarketNH@gmail.com.

The market is a great place to socialize, enjoy the music, and find high quality products while supporting your local businesses and neighbors. Visit WilmotFarmersMarket.com for updates on our vendors, music, and activities for the season.

## Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon Canceled for March

### Hope to resume luncheons in April

Press release


Out of concern for our seniors, the March 2022 Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon in Wilmot Center has been canceled.

Organizers of the popular senior luncheons hate to disappoint the 40-plus guests who love getting together monthly to share a hot meal and each other's company. However the decision was made to cancel the March Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon in the spirit of caution and out of concern for our seniors' well-being.

Sponsors hope to resume hosting luncheons at the First Congregational Church in Wilmot Center again soon, possibly in April. Those who attended a luncheon in the fall of 2021 will be contacted by phone when luncheons can be held safely. Fingers are crossed!



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*Seller, New London*



Jane Snow  
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# OBITUARIES

**CHRISTINE BECKMAN LEAVITT** died unexpectedly on January 20, 2022, at her apartment in Andover. She was 53 years old.

Christine was born to Brenda and James Beckman of Carlisle, Massachusetts. Growing up in Carlisle, and also Sunapee in the summer, Christine was always a free spirit who collected many friends and animals along the way.

Christine graduated from Concord Carlisle High School where she received a Varsity Letter in skiing, and then she went on to attend Plymouth State College in New Hampshire.

After college, Christine moved to northern New Hampshire for a few years, where she adopted the first of many dogs, this one a Golden Lab named Nugget. Christine was very pleased that the dog shared her love of riding on Harley Davidsons. With the added responsibility of Nugget, Christine found the value in work and settled back down in Claremont, where she worked at her father's company in Newport.

It was at that time that Christine completed her life-long dream of owning a Harley! The fact that she sometimes had to use a screwdriver to start it never took away from the joy of achieving her dream. It was during that time, she met her husband-to-be, John Leavitt. After a quiet marriage in Sunapee, Christine and John settled in Unity, New Hampshire.

Christine and John would go on long weekend rides with many friends. During the winter, they would host epic sledding and skating parties at their house and go snowmobiling. There were always plenty of friends and dogs in attendance.

The house in Unity was always open for anyone who happened by on a motorcycle or snowmobile. There were also the annual trips to Martha's Vineyard, which always started and ended at The Lookout in Oak Bluffs.

Christine suffered from two brain aneurysms, one in 2003 and the second in 2017. Each event resulted in many months spent at Dartmouth Hitchcock, where she received great care from the amazing doctors and nurses there. Christine fought through the adversity and challenges that come with brain injuries.

Christine leaves behind her brother Scott, his wife Rebecca, her niece Libby, and her nephew Chase, who will always adore and miss their "Aunt Kiki." She also leaves behind her ex-husband, John Leavitt, and the entire Leavitt family, who she loved deeply and who were always there to look out

for her.

There will be a Celebration of Life on February 19 from 4 to 6 PM at Salt Hill Pub's new building in Newport at 11 Central Street. Friends of Christine are welcome to stop by and share their memories.

**MARYANN E. ALLCROFT**, 84, passed away on January 25, 2022 in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Maryann is survived by three of her children: Kevin and his wife Kay of Orrington, Maine; Kristian and his wife Dawn of Barrington, Illinois; Alissa Barrow and her husband Robert of Enfield, Connecticut; four grandchildren: Kyle Allcroft, Kody Allcroft and wife Kelsey, Jacqueline Barrow, and Sophia Allcroft; her sister Elizabeth Frost of Andover; and her brother Gil Emery and wife Ruth of Woodstock Vermont.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Allcroft; her son, Stephen Allcroft; and her brother-in-law, Tim Frost.



Maryann was born on July 14, 1937, in Claremont, New Hampshire. She graduated from Woodstock High School in 1955 and went on to attend Burdett Junior College in Boston, Massachusetts.

Maryann loved jazz music, playing the piano, swimming, ice skating, old movies, gardening, birds, waterfalls, family vacations, and Vermont. While raising her four children, she worked in the West Hartford, Connecticut school system and later happily worked at El Hogar to provide low-cost housing in

Hartford, Connecticut.

Next, she worked at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for many years. In 2005, Maryann was overjoyed to return to her beloved Vermont, purchasing a home in Perkinsville, where she lived until January 2019. She was also active in the Woodstock High School alumni association.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Vermont later this year. The family

tasks with a varied, unusual slant. He was an amazing brother and uncle who didn't let anything stop him from living life his way. He inspired many of us with his perseverance and determination. He lived his life simply, not needing extravagant things.

Marty built his parents' home with some help, after it was destroyed by fire. Marty then built his own house, again, with help from family and friends.

## In Memory

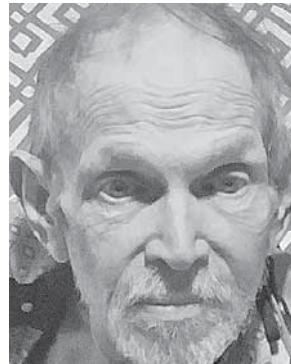
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asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Woodstock Community Food Shelf in Woodstock, Vermont.

**MARTIN HARRY JEWELL THISSELL**, "Marty," went home to be with his Lord on January 27, 2022 after a long battle with health-related issues resulting from contracting polio as a young child, including kidney disease and failure. He was born to Maurice and Marjory (Davis) Thisell on April 1, 1957.

He worked at Webster Valve in Franklin for 29 years. Because he was so fond of them, Marty considered his co-workers at Webster Valve his second family.



Marty will be remembered as a one-of-a-kind man, with unique ideas and opinions on many things, approaching

His family will remember Marty as a very generous, giving man, generally placing the needs of others before his own needs. He valued hard work and honesty. Marty loved music and played bass guitar in his sister's (Shirley) country and western band.

Marty was predeceased by his parents, Marjory and Maurice Thisell, and his sister, Maurine Lamos, and nephew, Brent Lamos. He is survived by two brothers and their wives: Milton and Margaret Thisell; and Myron and Janice Thisell.

He leaves behind sisters Shirley Thisell, Norma and Richard Kimball, Roselyn Brackett, Carol and Howard Towne, and Birdie and Warren George. He leaves many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. At Marty's request, there will be no funeral service.

**KAREN RUTH SCOTT**, 63, of Salisbury, died at her home on February 5, 2022 after a period of fail-  
See Obituaries on page 28



### Tribute to Mary Ofenloch

The Andover Service Club members would like to pay tribute to long time member and former Club President, Mary Ofenloch who passed away in February. Mary was an incredible woman with many gifts and abilities. She brought her talents, skills, and motivation to the club, and energized the organization with her enthusiasm. Mary was a dedicated and thoughtful member, leader, and friend. Her contributions to the club and the community in general will continue to enrich us all.

We will miss her.

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## Preschool Students Focus on All Things Green for March

Welcome back, Miss Stephanie!

Press release

Despite the cold New Hampshire has brought us this winter, at East Andover Village Preschool (EAVP) we have managed to get outdoors.

Our preschoolers love playing in the snow, from making snow angels and snowmen to sledding down the hill on the playground. Often a teacher will sit at the top to give the preschoolers an extra boost down the hill.

The time spent outside is very beneficial to our students, helping them to use and improve their gross motor skills along with developing their social skills. The freedom the outdoors brings to our students helps to spark their imaginations and minds.

For the month of March we are focusing on all things green and lucky! The students love to go on “scavenger hunts,” often for numbers or letters.

On St. Patrick’s Day they will get the opportunity to go on the search for a

pot of gold within the classroom or even outdoors, weather permitting.

Here at EAVP we love learning through play and hands-on experiences; as the days start to get warmer, we are eager to get outdoors and soon into our mud kitchen.



From far to near: Owen, unnamed child, Callister, and Finn. Photo: Robyn Boisvert

We are very excited to be welcoming back Miss Stephanie; the classroom has not been the same without her. The preschoolers are ready to show her all they have learned and to start learning with her again. She brings a special energy and calm to our classroom, along with all of her creative songs!

## Obituaries from page 27

ing health, surrounded by loved ones and under hospice care.

She was born in Concord on April 3, 1958, the daughter of Earl Skillin and Betty (Hardy) Calkins. Karen graduated from Merrimack Valley High School in 1976 and resided in Salisbury for several years.



She enjoyed many things, including the outdoors where she enjoyed fishing, gardening, and swimming. She also liked making various crafts. Karen loved animals.

Family members include her husband of 45 years, Walter L. Scott, Jr. of Salisbury; two daughters, Amy Lyn Scott of Pownal, Vermont and Peggy Sue Scott of Salisbury; Amy’s two daughters, Ashley Marie Rose and Jadeah; a brother, Frank Starky of Webster; sister Laurie Jean Calkins of Webster; and her stepdad, Wilfred “Bill” Calkins of Webster. She was predeceased by both of her biological parents and a brother, Kevin.

A funeral service and Celebration of Her Life will be held at the Salisbury Congregational Church on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 1 PM followed by a memorial gathering at the church hall.

Donations in her memory may be made to Salisbury Firefighters Assn., PO Box 100, Salisbury NH 03268, or Granite VNA Hospice, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord NH 03301. Thibault-Neun Funeral Home in Franklin is assisting the Scott family, and an online guestbook is available at NeunFuneralHomes.com.

**SARA WALTON ANDREWS, 47,** died peacefully on February 13, 2022, surrounded by her family. A seven-year survivor of brain cancer, Sara approached each day hopefully, always repeating – and believing – “Tomorrow will be better.”

Born in Concord in 1974 to Donald and Rolande Andrews, Sara spent her childhood in various towns throughout southern New Hampshire and Vermont as well as coastal Maine. She lived most recently in Andover, having previously called several Upper Valley communities home, and held Thetford, Vermont, particularly close to her heart.



An early-college graduate of Simon’s Rock, she completed her BA at Marlboro College and her MFA at Columbia College. Though primarily a photographer and paper artist, Sara showed passion and talent across the arts, with significant additional study in music, dance, and choreography as well as writing and book-making.

Prior to her illness, Sara served as program assistant at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Dartmouth. In earlier years, she taught photography and paper-making to high school and college students; owned and operated Under the Table, a one-woman artisanal bakery (pedaling deliveries through Chicago on her cargo-bicycle); and served as director for the In-Sight Photography Project in Brattleboro, Vermont. Kind and brilliant and with a rich sense of humor (well-known by her friends for giving the “best hugs”), Sara loved the people in her life deeply.

Sara enjoyed gardening, baking, and reading, but her true love was hiking; wherever she lived, she found and explored all the trails, often with her dog Pearson or, later, Sukey, by her side. Brave, adventurous, and free-spirited, she was proud to have completed solo through-hikes of both the Appalachian Trail and the Long Trail, and she continued walking out in nature until her very final days.

Sara is survived by her parents, Rolande and Donald Andrews, sister Christiane Andrews, brother-in-law Dean Barker, and nephew Oliver Andrews, all of Andover. The family would like to thank Dr. Amy Chan of DHMC and all the doctors and nurses at the Jack Byrne Center for their profoundly compassionate care.

A celebration of Sara’s life will be held later this spring on her May 17 birthday. To view Sara’s online tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, visit CSNH.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be sent to support brain tumor research (fund 2-22819) at DHMC’s Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Office of Development, DHMC, 1 Medical Center Dr. (HB7070), Lebanon NH 03756.

Additionally, those who knew and loved Sara are encouraged to spend time out in nature, keeping her in their memories.

Ragged Mountain

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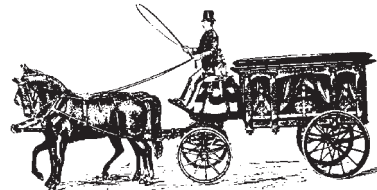
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**Skiing from page 32**


of Parson’s Hill (across the Blackwater River from campus) was cleared and blasted to create the Blackwater Ski Area.

Improvements to the Blackwater Ski Area throughout the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s allowed Proctor’s ski program to develop alongside the passion of coaches and program directors. Producing five Olympians throughout the late 1990s and early 2000s, Proctor’s niche as one of the only schools with a privately owned and operated facility on its campus continued to draw talented snow sport athletes to the school.

Throughout the 2010s, significant investment by the school and generous donors amplified the impact of the renamed Proctor Ski Area: top to bottom lights, high efficiency snowmaking capacity on both Nordic and alpine trails, a freestyle ski terrain park, and enhanced grooming equipment have empowered Proctor Ski Area Manager Garry George ’78 and his crew to create the single best snow surface for training and racing in New England. Period.

Today, Proctor’s snow sport athletes and coaches have the opportunity to be a part of something larger than just Proctor. The Proctor Ski Area is a beacon for snow sports in New Hampshire, with some of the best college alpine teams in the region seeking training time on the hill, while also serving as a home base to the Andover Outing Club and local youth snow sport programs. It is this broad commitment to snow sports as a whole that simultaneously energizes us and challenges us to continue to grow.

We believe in the emotional, physical, and psychological benefits of spending time outdoors, especially during the coldest months of the year. We also believe that lifelong lessons are taught when we push our bodies to their physical limits.

Watching the joy on our students’ faces, and the faces of those young and old at the Proctor Ski Area, as they clip into their bindings reminds us that winters in New Hampshire are pretty darn perfect if you simply choose to embrace the snow and cold as we do. 

**Snow Day from page 32**


meetings. A large majority of students were in attendance on time that day. The reaction from staff and students was all 100% positive.

Elementary Special Educator Haley Peters said, “I have to admit I was worried about today... but that was honestly so much fun! And lots of learning was accomplished. All the students loved telling me about what they were doing in the whole-class sessions. Our whole community – staff and students – did something pretty amazing together today. What a day!”

This was followed up by kudos to all from Principal Dobe. “Our teachers and students prepared for success with our first Remote Learning Day of

the school year, and their efforts clearly paid off. All indications are that meeting attendance was strong, engagement and participation were high, and assignment completion was on par with a regular in-person learning day at AE/MS.

“It could be said that although our campus was closed, learning at AE/MS didn’t skip a beat. Congratulations to AE/MS teachers and students for a job very well done!”


Teachers repeatedly try to teach their students that you learn from your mistakes, so long as you don’t give up. February 4 certainly proved that theory. Although we hope we never have to make it a long-term situation again, we have learned from our struggles and found a way to make remote learning successful when it needs to be done. 

**Normalcy from page 32**

With our days getting longer, with more daylight and milder temperatures, and the recent lifting of indoor masking requirements in our school, everyone is feeling more comfortable, at ease, enthusiastic, positively engaged, and joyful. Thankfully, we are now moving at a quicker rate to all that our school should be for our students, families, and the greater Andover community.

Despite the incredible efforts of our school staff and the solid partnership of our staff and families, the past two years have been extremely difficult – and it has been extremely hard for any of us to feel truly successful in our work. Now it appears that things are turning around,

and turning around quickly at AE/MS. It is definitely starting to feel like AE/MS is the school that it should be, and we are overjoyed to be in a position where it feels that, at long last, we are truly and substantially gaining.

Although how people stay together and struggle through adversity is the true measure of a person, organization, or community’s character, and we’ve all done fantastically well, it surely would be nice not to be challenged so significantly in the time ahead. Although not completely out of the woods yet, there is reason for great optimism here at AE/MS – and we are now seeing evidence of true progress each and every day in your community school. 

**Andover Student Reflects on Mountain Classroom Experience**

**On site at Big Bend National Park**

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

For the first time in its history, Proctor Academy is running all five of its term-long off-campus programs this winter. Four Andover students are studying on these programs this winter: Lily Menard ’22 (Ocean Classroom), Sasha MacKenzie ’22 (European Art Classroom), Wesley Koziol ’22 (Mountain Classroom), and Ani McIntyre ’23 (Mountain Classroom). In a recent blog post for Mountain Classroom, Ani shared the following reflections.

**Ani McIntyre’s Blog Post**

Joy is not usually someone’s reaction when they find out they will be sitting in a car or even a bus for four to seven hours. Personally, when I learn I will be sitting in the car for a large amount of time I am faced with absolute misery.

Not anymore. The announcement of a drive makes me and many others in our group tingle with excitement.

I saw houses that looked so tiny out in the distance. The tiny houses morphed into a vast landscape of nothingness. Or so it seemed.

I began to study the land more close-

ly. The desert is not just flatness, cacti, and dirt. There are also surprisingly big mountains. Naked mountains. Maybe not even mountains but huge rocks! Ginormous rocks even.


Mesmerized, I watched these rocks grow, shrink, and collapse in the distance. I eventually get bored of the various forms of rocks and look at the billboards again. They are all quite unique; the people who make these need a raise.

Each billboard tries to convince me




Andover’s Ani McIntyre ’23 is one of four Andoverites studying on Proctor’s off-campus programs this winter. She is pictured here at Big Bend National Park. Photo: Caroline Feeney

I need a lawyer, my car fixed, to buy some sort of tree nut, indulge in some beef jerky, or even see this thing. Then I gazed further into the desert and mountains on the horizon returned and so did the music. Never a dull moment on ye old Deb.


Read more about the adventures taking place on Proctor’s off-campus programs at [blogs.ProctorAcademy.org](https://blogs.ProctorAcademy.org). 

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Camden Allenby drives around the left side on his way to the hoop.



Dylan Menard and Jack Parris charge down court on a fast break.  
Photos: Lindsey Allenby



Carter Wheeler makes room for Ethan Dukette to get off an inside shot as Lorenzo Guzman, Jack Parris, and Camden Allenby work the perimeter.



Seventh grader Aly Wheeler shoots. Billy Caron defends the key.



Seventh grader Victoria Koron drives to the basket with support from Hannah Churchill.



Seventh grader Adalyn Boucher drives the left side.



Eighth grader Ryleigh Perry shoots while Indra McIntyre (4), Addison Bickford (20) and Aly Wheeler (7) prepare to rebound.



Jack Parris works the ball in against the Kearsarge defense.



Seventh grader Addison Bickford prepares to shoot as Cilla Abrahamson moves into position.



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## AE/MS Basketball Teams Thank Michael Jensen

### COVID made it a challenging season

The 2021-22 AE/MS Eagles boys and girls basketball teams would like to show our appreciation for Michael Jensen, who was not only the boys coach but also the Athletic Director dealing with all of the scheduling and rescheduling of teams and officials with all the COVID challenges this year.

## AE/MS Boys Basketball Played as Team Through Challenging Season

### Focused on good sportsmanship

Michael Jensen  
AE/MS Boys Basketball Coach

The 2021-22 AE/MS Boys Basketball team's season got off to a strong start in December. The boys practiced their skills, learned the offense, and developed their understanding of playing team basketball.

The team faced challenges throughout the season. COVID made practices

and games difficult, but the team carried on and had a successful season.

The team focused on good sportsmanship, playing tough, playing together as a team, and eliminating mental errors. We learned to win as a team, and to lose as a team. All the boys had a great time and the season was a success.

The boys finished with a record of 5-6. I am proud of the hard work exhibited by all of our players. Go Eagles!

## Girls Basketball Completes 11-Game Winning Season

Lauren Koron  
AE/MS Girls Basketball Coach

The 2021-22 AE/MS Girls Basketball team's season started in early December as the girls got back into gear, polishing off the rust and working on their skills. They came together as a team, coached by Lauren Koron and Katelyn Churchill.

The winter play production prevented full-court practice or any home games at the start of the season, as well as some late evening practice times. Many thanks to all the families for getting the girls to practice at all times and in all weathers and cheering them on at home and away.

We got in only one game before Christmas because of COVID cancellations, but once we were back from vacation we completed an 11-game season with a winning record; most of the

losses were very close games.

Most of these girls have played together since third or fourth grade, and it is gratifying to see how far they all have come, from jumping and skipping around the court to a hard-charging athletic force of six seventh graders and seven eighth graders.

The girls can be proud that throughout the season they were a credit to their school and community, playing hard and fair, gracious in victory and defeat, and above all, playing as a team.

We are already looking forward to next year with a core group of seventh graders who will be joined by the girls now in the sixth grade.

Thank you to Mark Cowdrey for his support of the team, including attending all of the games to do the score book for us!

**School Matters!** The Beacon needs your help with school news.

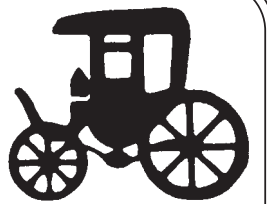
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you Mark and Kyle Tremblay, Lindsey Allenby, Lauren Koron, Shane and Leah Szilagy, Bob McNutt, and Myles McLeod. Also a big thank you to Mr. Dobe and AE/MS for allowing us to use the gym all winter.

The Andover Recreation Committee is looking for new members to help organize and run our youth sports programs in town, specifically soccer in the fall. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Alan Hanscom at Alan.Hanscom@yahoo.com.

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- The Education Freedom Act takes taxpayer funds earmarked for Public Schools and gives them to parents to spend on private education with no oversight.
- Originally budgeted at \$130,000, in one year this cost ballooned to over \$8,000,000 in taxpayer money.
- There is no accountability from the private agency running and profiting from this program.
- Bottom line: the Education Freedom Act defunds New Hampshire's historically established Public Schools.



## AE/MS Normalcy Plan Removes Indoor Masking Requirement

Challenges remain, but there is optimism

Dennis Dobe, AE/MS

Although it seems that it will take a very long time for all things to return to normal in our school and community after the most devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to make substantial gains toward restoring normal conditions for students, staff, and families at AE/MS.

After a fall of 2021 rich with student activities and a return to fully in-person learning (which we actually started the previous spring), we have been able to provide a minimally disrupted academic program so far this year. Higher than normal student and staff absences due to COVID have been our greatest inhibitor of progress. We have further expanded improvements

in student life this winter to include: a return of The Andover Players, who assembled a school and community production of *The Wizard of Oz*; a return of middle school interscholastic basketball, hosting Andover Recreation basketball; a return to collaboration with the Andover Recreation Department to afford students an opportunity to participate in an alpine skiing/snowboarding program at Ragged Mountain and a skating program at Proctor Academy; and expanded enrichment opportunities for our middle school students during their lunch and recess time.

Another very notable aspect of our return to normalcy plan for AE/MS was the removal of an indoor masking requirement for students and staff (and the general public) beginning on February 14.

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The Proctor Ski Area has been a hotbed of activity all winter for local snow sports. Caption: Scott Allenby. Photo: Lindsey Allenby

## Proctor Embraces Snow Sports Through Skiing Programs

Proctor Ski Area attracts Alpine teams

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

When you choose to live in northern New England, you can either complain about the winter weather, or embrace it. At Proctor, we choose to embrace it. With over half of our school (more than 190 students) on snow each winter, Proctor's love for snow sports remains as deep as it has for almost a century.

Nestled at the base of Ragged Mountain in the Blackwater River valley, the

steep hills on the land on which Proctor sits have long enticed young people to strap pieces of wood to their feet and slide with increasing speed downhill. Known as the School on Skis throughout the 1940s and 1950s when skiing was the only winter sport offered, Proctor students and faculty cleared trees and built the school's first on-campus ski area behind Leonard Field.

Slalom Hill, as it was known, served the boys of the school well until the 1960s when the northern facing slope

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Andover's 5/6 Boys Basketball Team was one of four teams that competed through the Andover Recreation Department program this winter. Back: Steve Allenby, Hugh Summers, Fox Verite, Micah Allenby, Leo Jones, Seth Spaulding, Billyjack Braley, Scott Allenby; front row Cam Boucher, Dante Delaney, Brody Hawks, Brayden Lunn, Jaxon Daigneault.

Photo: Lindsey Allenby.

## Andover Recreation Finishes Winter Basketball Season

Thank you to AE/MS for use of the gym

Scott Allenby

Andover Recreation Department

The Andover Recreation Department finished its winter basketball season in mid-February. Roughly 50 youth between kindergarten and sixth grade took part in this year's program, with those in grades three to six playing games in both the ICB League and Merrimack Basketball League.

While the third and fourth grade teams did not have a playoff this year, both the boys and girls fifth and sixth grade teams put forth valiant efforts in their open round playoff games, but both were eliminated after the first round.

During this chaotic chapter of our children's lives, youth sports have provided a remarkable sense of normalcy. Yes, masks were required for games, and there were limits to the number of spectators in the gym, but we had a sea-

son and it was awesome.

A huge thank you to all of our volunteer coaches who dedicated hours and hours of their time to providing a positive experience for our teams. Thank

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Andover's 3/4 Girls Basketball Team. Back: Lindsey Allenby, Sadie Allenby, Charlie Welch, Addie Tremblay, Kyle Tremblay. Front: Viola Shedd, Acaydia Wright, Idallis Farrell, Millie Newton. Not pictured: Candice Goodwin, Savannah Cowles, and Madyson Drouin.

Photo: Scott Allenby

## Remote Learning Day at AE/MS Proves Practice Makes Perfect

First remote-learning snow day a success

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

Mention the words "remote learning" to any student, parent, teacher, or administrator and there is a solid chance that you will receive an eye roll or some other negative reaction. After all, it didn't seem to be a very successful "experiment" back in the spring of 2020. It was nobody's fault. Nobody involved in the planning or participation had any experience with how to do it or what it should look like for each of the varying grade levels.

Fast forward to the 2020-2021 school year, when you were given a hybrid option of schooling, where some days you received live in-person instructions at

school and worked at home on the other days (independently and without teacher supervision). It sounded better, but somehow not having a teacher with you half the time still made it difficult to say it was a positive experience.

All of this did teach us a lot about what works and what doesn't as far as virtual learning goes. It must be possible. There are successful at-home learning programs out there that have been doing this for years at all levels of education. For AE/MS, it has finally clicked!

On February 4, AE/MS held its first remote learning day in place of a traditional snow day. Teachers were ready to teach classes to all of their students at the same time via Google Classroom

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