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Santa asks a little girl what she wants for Christmas at an earlier Christmas Hub visit. Photo: Larry Chase

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## Santa Returns to the Hub to Meet and Greet Visitors

Sunday, December 4, from 2 to 4 PM

Larry Chase  
Andover Community Hub

As he did before COVID appeared, Santa Claus is coming to town – again! He'll be meeting and greeting visitors at the Andover Community Hub at 157 Main Street in Andover Village from 2 to 4 PM on Sunday, December 4.

Kids can have a one-on-one chat with the jolly old fellow, have their picture taken with him, make a wish list and send it to the North Pole, create an ornament for their holiday tree, and get a sweet treat to eat, courtesy of the Andover Service Club. Parents are wel-

come too, of course.

As an added attraction, and available for viewing at any time the Hub is open, a miniature Santa's Village, erected by local resident Renee Goodwin from her private collection, will appear throughout the month of December in the Hub's open community room.

Following Santa's visit, kids and their parents can walk from the Hub to the Town Offices Building just up Main Street for the lighting of the town Christmas tree and a brief carol sing.

For questions in case of bad weather, call 603 735-5135. For more information, and to be added to the ongoing email list for future activities, send an email to [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com).

## General Election Voting on November 8 at AE/MS

Bring ID to polls; absentee voting

Lee Wells, Deputy Moderator

The election is on Tuesday, November 8, at Andover Elementary/Middle School. The polls will open at 8 AM and will close at 7 PM.

Be sure to vote. Democracy works best when everyone votes.

Do your homework and be an informed voter. Read the candidate statements in the *Beacon*. Check out the sample ballot in the *Beacon*. (It is also posted at Town Hall and at both post offices.) And research the candidates; most will have a website.

If you cannot make it to the polls that day, you still have time to vote absentee. However, there is not enough time to vote absentee by mail, but you can do this in one visit to Town Hall before Election Day.

Please go to Town Hall, ask Lisa Meier, our Town Clerk, for an application for an absentee ballot. Fill out and sub-

mit the application while you are there at Town Hall. You will then be handed a ballot, which you can fill out there, and pass it in. Please remember that the Town Clerk's office will be open from 3 to 5 PM on Monday, November 7.

On Election Day, please remember to bring your ID with you.

If you plan to register to vote on Election Day you will be asked to document your age, citizenship, and domicile. You can document your age and your citizenship with your birth certificate, passport, or naturalization papers. You can document your domicile with your driver's license. If you have moved here recently and have an out-of-state license, you will need to document your domicile with a deed, rental agreement, property tax bill, or a utility bill.

Remember that we are in a new district. We are now District 5, which includes Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Hill, and Webster. Because the district is larger, we will have two District 5  
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The project to build an access ramp to the Hub building, as part of the Capital Campaign, is underway. Shown at work are Hub volunteers Doug Phelps (on ramp) and Steve Darling, Harvey Pine, and Ken Wells. Photo: Larry Chase

## Hub Completes Two Major Capital Campaign Projects

More help needed to finish commercial kitchen

Press release

The Board of Directors of the Andover Community Hub is pleased to announce that with the replacement of a badly leaking roof atop Andover's old town hall last summer and the construction of a universal access ramp to

its interior completed in early October, the Hub has completed two-thirds of the work being funded by its ongoing "Come On In" capital campaign.

The third step – developing, funding, and implementing a plan for a community kitchen – is now under way.

Major funding for the roof was provided by generous grants from the New  
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# Andover Garden Club Announces Winners of Horticultural Awards

## Beautification of Andover - A Garden Competition

Mary Lou McCrave  
Andover Garden Club

The Andover Garden Club is excited to announce the winners of the Beautification of Andover – A Garden Competition. In early summer of this year, a call went out to Andover businesses, residences, and organizations inviting them all to join in a new Garden Club Annual Awards Program.

Entrants were asked to select their garden category – container, neighborhood, native, raised beds, or any other

type of garden that they had created and/or developed. Entry forms were collected and the competition began! The weather made for a challenging summer to create and maintain gardens, but like



Alan and Minke Greenwood won an award for Best Garden Overall.

Photo: Mary Lou McCrave



Frank, Justine, and Pat Puliafico won an award for Best Raised Bed Garden.

Photo: Mary Lou McCrave

all good gardeners, contestants rallied and rose to the occasion!

Judging took place in late September with a panel of three judges: Tressa Gaffney, Services by Tressa; JoAnn Hicks, Garden Club Beautification Committee member and former landscaper; and Mary Lou McCrave, Garden Club chairperson. The judges visited the gardens on a beautiful fall day in late September and evaluated the gardens against established standards.

And the winners are: Alan

Stevens said, “I so love that garden, and if it were not for the contest, I’d probably have stopped with just the fallen pine this year.”

A note about our winners – they are all recently relocated to Andover and enthusiastic about their new gardens and properties. This is the Greenwood’s first year full-time on Highland Lake, having recently moved from Massachusetts; the Puliaficos moved from California recently and this is their very first garden – ever; and Joanne Stevens, also a relative new-

and Minke Greenwood for Best Garden Overall; Frank, Justine, and Pat Puliafico for Best Raised Bed Garden; and Joanne Andrews-Stevens for Best Natural Garden. Contestant and winner Joanne Andrews-Stevens

comer to Andover, created a unique and whimsical garden from a large fallen pine tree on her property that includes a beautiful curved stone retaining wall. Congratulations to these dedicated and spirited gardeners!

Awards were presented at the Club’s Annual Meeting on October 22, and contestants were presented with monogrammed Professional Hori Hori Garden Knives. A plaque in their honor will be hung at the Andover Community Hub.

Watch for information next spring about the Second Annual Horticultural Award Program and request your entry form!



Joanne Andrews-Stevens won an award for the Best Natural Garden.

Photo: Mary Lou McCrave

# Richard Lobban *for* State Senate

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Local photographer Cindy Benson is shown snapping a photo of Oeschinensee during her recent hiking trip to Switzerland. She'll share scenes and stories from her trip for Travel Night at the Andover Community Hub on Wednesday, November 16, at 6:30 PM. Cindy hiked for a week with a group of six women in the beautiful Bernese Oberland area of Switzerland and visited friends in Reichenbach and Bischwihr, France, as well. The evening is free, open to the public, and refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For further information, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com or 603 735-5509.

## Emergency Energy Bill Provides Help with High Energy Costs

From the NHEC October Newsletter

Press release

As part of a bill passed by the New Hampshire Legislature and signed by Governor Sununu last month, \$35 million in funding for emergency energy assistance will be available this fall and winter for low to moderate income New Hampshire residents.

Households with incomes between 60% to 75% of the state median income could receive \$650 in assistance towards their heating and electric bills. Assistance towards heating and electric bills for New Hampshire residents with incomes below 60% of the state median income is available through New Hampshire's Fuel Assistance Program and the Electric Assistance Program.

To apply for any of these programs, contact your local Community Action Agency at CAPnh.org/home.



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Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) of \$16,395 and from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation of \$20,000. The new asphalt shingle roof was completed in June by WeatherCheck Roofers of Georges Mills for a total cost of \$57,000. The balance of the funding came from many contributions – large and small – from generous community members and local businesses.

Construction of the access ramp began in earnest in August, with ramp components supplied by Upside Innovations and assembled by a group of dedicated Hub volunteers, along with some crucial in-kind support from Proctor Academy, at a total cost of \$27,500.

The ramp and materials were funded by grants from the New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation (\$5,000), Bar Harbor Bank and Trust (\$2,000), Coldwell Banker (\$1,000), a contribution of building materials worth \$1,000 from Bellettes Building Supply, and by contributions from additional community members.

As Board chair Larry Chase said,

“We’re immensely grateful to all who contributed to these two efforts, both of which are vital to preserving the building and returning it to its historic function as a gathering place for all town residents. And we look forward to completing the next step in rehabilitating



**A major roof repair was completed earlier this summer as part of the Hub’s Capital Campaign projects. Photo: Larry Chase**

this old building to provide additional opportunities to the Andover community.”

Due to across-the-board price increases and unanticipated expenses since the Hub launched its capital campaign, the costs of both projects substantially exceeded initial estimates. The good news is that the Hub has met its initial campaign goal of \$100,000;

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**WINNERS! Call volunteer Margo Coolidge at 603 735-5418 to collect your prize.**  
Prizes not redeemable for cash. Prizes not claimed in 90 days go back into the prize pool.



## WHAT'S UP@THE HUB?

157 Main St., Andover, NH

### NOVEMBER PROGRAMS/SERVICES

- Bone Builders:** Ongoing senior exercise class, Mon & Thu, 9–10 am
- Coffee, Conversation & Card Sharks:** Drop in, Mon & Thu, 10–11 am
- Scent Work with Dogs:** Mon/ Wed, 4–6:30 pm. [Ravenwds75@gmail.com](mailto:Ravenwds75@gmail.com)
- Bingo:** Drop in, Tuesdays, 1 pm. \$5 for the pot, ten rounds played
- GriefShare:** Bereavement Series, Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30 pm, drop in
- "Stitch & Bitch" Craft Circle:** Tue, 6:30 pm. Chat while working on crafts
- Parent/Child Playgroup:** Wed, 10:30 am–12 pm. Info, Alison 505 234-5784
- Gentle Flow Yoga:** Fri, 8:30–9:30 am, monthly series. Info, 603 661-8587
- Sit & Quilt:** Sat. 11/5, 9 am–2 pm. \$10 donation. Register, 603 491-0826
- Paint & Sip:** Sat. 11/5, 6–8 pm. Limited to 12, by pre-registration. \$25
- Senior Health Clinic:** Tue, 11/8, by appt. Call VNA, 603 224-4093, ext. 5815
- Social Dance Series (Waltz):** Ongoing Fri. series, 7–8 pm. Drop in, \$10/class
- Travel Night–Switzerland:** Wed, 11/16, 6:30 pm. Slide show & talk
- Coffeehouse:** Fri, 11/18, 7 pm. "Green Heron," Highland Lake Grange Hall
- The Giving Tree:** 11/27–12/18. Gift card collection to help our neighbors

For more information on any of the above, contact [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com) or 603 735-5509  
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## State Issues Cyanobacteria Bloom Advisory for Hopkins Pond

Advisory in effect until bloom has subsided

Press release

A cyanobacteria bloom has been observed on Hopkins Pond (Adder Pond) in Andover. The bloom was first observed on October 1, appearing as a cloudy brown color in the water. By October 6, green surface streaks appeared near the shoreline. Samples collected and reviewed revealed cyanobacteria (*Chrysochloris*) in concentrations up to 3.1 million cells/mL in areas of highest observed accumulations. Advisories are issued when cyanobacteria cell concentrations exceed 70,000 cells/mL.

As a result, NHDES has issued a cyanobacteria bloom advisory for those who use the waterbody for recreation. The advisory is not based on a toxin evaluation and is intended as a precautionary measure for short term exposure.

Surface blooms can rapidly change and accumulate in various locations around a waterbody. Please continue to monitor your individual shorelines for changing conditions. NHDES advises lake users to avoid contact with the water in areas experiencing elevated cyanobacteria cell conditions, also known as a bloom. NHDES also advises pet owners to keep their pets out of any waters that have a cyanobacteria bloom.

Cyanobacteria are natural components of water bodies worldwide,

though blooms and surface scums may form when excess nutrients are available to the water. Some cyanobacteria produce toxins that are stored within the cells and released upon cell death. Toxins can cause both acute and chronic health effects that range in severity.

Acute health effects include irritation of skin and mucous membranes, tingling, numbness, nausea, vomiting, seizures and diarrhea. Chronic effects may include liver and central nervous system damage. Be cautious of lake water that has a surface scum, changes colors, or appears to have green streaks or blue-green flecks aggregating along the shore.

The cyanobacteria advisory went into effect on October 6 and will remain in effect until NHDES confirms that cell concentrations of the bloom have subsided.

Visit the NHDES Harmful Algal and Cyanobacteria Bloom Program website for photos and more information about cyanobacteria. Check out the Beach Mapper website and follow the Beaches Twitter feed for updates on cyanobacteria advisories.

If you notice anything resembling cyanobacteria, please refrain from wading, swimming, or drinking the water. Keep all pets out of the water and contact NHDES immediately. Please call NHDES to report a cyanobacteria bloom at 603 848-8094 or [HAB@des.nh.gov](mailto:HAB@des.nh.gov).

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the less-good news is that there's still a long way to go to fund construction of the kitchen that will cap this campaign.

Those interested in helping meet this

challenge can make a donation online through the Hub's website or by sending a check to the Andover Community Hub, PO Box 157, Andover NH 03216.

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### How to File an Election Law Complaint

If you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to:

- The Moderator at your polling place
- The New Hampshire Attorney General's Office at 866 868-3703 (866 VOTER03) or [ElectionLaw@DoJ.NH.gov](mailto:ElectionLaw@DoJ.NH.gov). Click on Election Law

Complaint for more information.

- The Secretary of State's Office at 603 271-3242 or [Elections@SoS.NH.gov](mailto:Elections@SoS.NH.gov)

For federal offenses, you may also notify the US Attorney for New Hampshire at 603 225-1552.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report to the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Justice at 202 514-4609.

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representatives.

The ballot states "State Representatives Merrimack District 5: Vote for not more than 2." This means that you have two votes in this race. Please do not throw one of your votes away by only voting for one candidate.

Elections have always run smoothly in Andover. This is due to the work of our Town Clerk, our Select Board, and dozens of volunteers. Please show them the kindness and respect that they deserve.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with me, Lee Wells, Deputy Moderator, 603 735-5756 or [LeeWells.LocustFarm@gmail.com](mailto:LeeWells.LocustFarm@gmail.com).

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*This is a sample of Andover's ballot for Tuesday, November 8, from 8 AM to 7 PM, at AE/MS.*

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For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1		Ann McLane Kuster <input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Burns <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative in Congress <input type="checkbox"/>
For Executive Council Vote for not more than 1		Cinde Warmington <input type="checkbox"/>	Harold F. French <input type="checkbox"/>	Executive Council <input type="checkbox"/>
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1		Richard A. Lobban, Jr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel E. Innis <input type="checkbox"/>	State Senator <input type="checkbox"/>
For State Representatives Merrimack District 5 Vote for not more than 2		Ken Wells <input type="checkbox"/> Lorna Carlisle <input type="checkbox"/>	Deborah Aylward <input type="checkbox"/> Louise Andrus <input type="checkbox"/>	State Representatives Merrimack District 5 <input type="checkbox"/> State Representatives Merrimack District 5 <input type="checkbox"/>
For State Representative Merrimack District 26 Vote for not more than 1		David A. Nesbitt <input type="checkbox"/>	Alvin See <input type="checkbox"/>	State Representative Merrimack District 26 <input type="checkbox"/>
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Ben Weir <input type="checkbox"/>	David A. Croft <input type="checkbox"/>	Keith Mitchell <input type="checkbox"/>	Sheriff <input type="checkbox"/>
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1		Paul Halvorsen <input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Halvorsen <input type="checkbox"/>	County Attorney <input type="checkbox"/>
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1		Susan Cragin <input type="checkbox"/>	Mary R. Heath <input type="checkbox"/>	County Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/>
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1		Erica Davis <input type="checkbox"/>	Peter J. Spaulding <input type="checkbox"/>	Register of Deeds <input type="checkbox"/>
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1		Jane Bradstreet <input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Maltzie <input type="checkbox"/>	Register of Probate <input type="checkbox"/>
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1		David B. Karrick, Jr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Stuart D. Trachy <input type="checkbox"/>	County Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/>

### Constitutional Amendment Proposed by the 2022 General Court

1. "Are you in favor of amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, county attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the state, provided nevertheless the legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them.

[Art.] 81. [Judges Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any probate business which is pending, or may be brought into any court of probate in the county of which he or she is judge." (Passed by the N.H. House 294 Yes 43 No; Passed by Senate 21 Yes 3 No.) CACR 21

Yes  No

### Question Proposed pursuant to Part II, Article 100 of the New Hampshire Constitution

2. "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?"

Yes  No

### Absentee Ballots

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# AT THE POLLS - GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 8

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

## Governor Vote for one

### Tom Sherman Democratic Party

I am Dr. Tom Sherman, a State Senator from the Seacoast and the Democratic nominee for Governor. I found my passion for service when I was working as an EMT during high school. That passion for service has fueled my career as a doctor and as a legislator.



Over the course of 35 years as a doctor, I have learned two valuable lessons: the importance of listening, and how we can accomplish goals when we all work together. As a state legislator I have relied on these lessons to work across the aisle to expand health care to 50,000 Granite Staters,

lower prescription drug costs, ensure our drinking water is clean and safe to drink, and protect American manufacturers.

Since March, I have been traveling the state listening to Granite Stater's concerns. And what I'm hearing is that Granite Staters are concerned about attempts to defund our public schools, soaring energy prices, and attacks on reproductive rights across our state and country.

New Hampshire needs a leader who will sit down and listen and work to solve these problems. As your governor I would take common-sense measures like working with stakeholders to reduce red tape and build more housing. I'd legalize adult-use marijuana so that revenue stops going to surrounding states.

And I'd support our public schools and put Roe v. Wade into statute.

### Chris Sununu Republican Party

Today in New Hampshire, unemployment is at its lowest rate in history, and we had the fastest growing economy in the nation in the second quarter by GDP growth.

Throughout the COVID



pandemic, New Hampshire was rated the #1 state for personal freedoms while also having one of the lowest death rates in the nation. We let data guide our decision making and empowered individuals, families, and businesses. We continue to monitor the data and are prepared with the tools in place for whatever might come this winter to keep our citizens safe and our economy open – just as we have for the last two years.

We've passed three balanced budgets without raising a single tax or fee and have lowered taxes on small businesses, stopped a 17-cent-per-gallon gas tax increase, eliminated the electricity consumption tax, and are completely zeroing out the Interest and Dividends tax within the next five years.

We're investing \$100 million to help build new housing which will help grow our workforce and economy, helping our workers live and work in New Hampshire.

We are doing everything we can to return more money to people's pockets by cutting taxes. To limit the impacts  
See Candidates on page 8

### Order of Parties on the Ballot

In the November general election, per RSA 656:5 II & III and the Secretary of State's website, the Andover ballot will list "Other" candidates in the first column, the Democratic candidates in the second column, and Republican candidates in the third column. For the sake of consistency, the Beacon's At the Polls section follows the same order.

The order of candidates for a given office is based on the primary election ballot (RSA 656:5-a).



## LORNA CARLISLE REPRESENTATIVE

### District 5 – Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury & Webster

I'm a Webster native and Salisbury resident for 18 years. I retired in 2021 and was looking forward to running our farm stand full time. However, with the state of politics I felt compelled to run for state representative rather than complain. I hope you'll consider voting for me, as well as Ken Wells and David Nesbitt, my fellow Democrats, in November. I will work to halt the erosion of your basic human rights being advanced by New Hampshire Republicans.

### I stand for:

- Strengthening public schools and supporting public-school teachers.
- Ensuring that birth control and abortion remain personal healthcare decisions, not matters for politicians to determine.
- Protecting marriage equality, understanding that people's sexual orientation and gender identity are civil rights.
- Caring for our environment: We must support local, state, and federal policies that protect clean air, clean water, and a rapid transition to a sustainable energy future.
- Balancing your 2nd amendment rights with your right to keep your families, all of our children, and our communities free from the threats of gun violence.
- Making it easy for every citizen to vote and to have their vote counted.

I think of the U.S. Constitution as a brilliant framework, a living document we should interpret through the lens of modern technologies and scientific understanding.

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of the nationwide energy crisis, we are providing a \$100 credit to every New Hampshire residential ratepayer to offset electricity increases, and we are working to help small businesses maintain strong supply chains.

It has been the privilege of a lifetime serving as your governor, and I hope to earn your vote for another term.

**US Senator  
Vote for one**

**Maggie Hassan  
Democratic Party**

It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as New Hampshire's governor and senator. Every day, Granite Staters work together to solve problems, and I have sought to follow their example in the Senate.



I have worked across party lines to deliver for New Hampshire, and I am

proud to have been named the most bipartisan senator in the country by the nonpartisan Lugar Center. I teamed up with a Republican to ban the absurd practice of surprise medical billing and negotiated the bipartisan infrastructure law. I also helped craft the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act that is now law, which will reduce costs, bolster national security, and strengthen American manufacturing. I have also worked across the aisle to secure a 900 percent increase in funding for our state to address the opioid epidemic.

There is still more work to do to bring

down Granite Staters' costs. That's why I fought to pass a new law that will lower prescription drugs costs and cut taxes to reduce home energy bills. I am going to keep fighting to reduce energy costs and make child care and housing more affordable. I am also fighting back against efforts to ban abortion nationwide, because our daughters deserve the same freedoms as everyone else.

With your support, I will keep working to bring people together to build a better future for New Hampshire and the country. I would be honored to have your vote.

**Representative  
in Congress  
Vote for one**

**Ann McLane Kuster  
Democratic Party**

My name is Annie Kuster, and I am running for re-election to continue delivering for New Hampshire's Second Congressional District. I am focused on cutting costs, keeping families safe, and protecting our fundamental freedoms.



Granite Staters are feeling the pinch of rising costs at the gas pump and the grocery store. That's why I took action to cut costs and address the corporate price gouging and profiteering hurting New Hampshire families.

I pushed President Biden to release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to lower energy costs here in New Hampshire, and I fought to double home heating assistance to ensure no family has to worry about heating their home this winter.  
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**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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# NO TO LOUISE ANDRUS! Just look at her voting record!

## Reproductive Choice

- HB625 prohibits abortions after 24 weeks, makes provision of abortion services after 24 weeks a felony crime, enables grandparents/ male partners who wish to sue a medical provider who provides abortion services after 24 weeks.
- HB1477 prohibits termination of pregnancy after 6 weeks.
- HB1609 A no exception for rape, incest or fatal diagnosis.
- HB1609 A2 no exception for fatal diagnosis.

Ms. Andrus, on her Facebook page says liberty is the power of choice. Yet, on all these bills, she repeatedly voted against a woman's rights over her own body. This is anti- liberty!

## Public Schools

Ms. Andrus voted to reduce education spending by \$ 10,000,000, while voting in favor of a voucher giveaway of taxpayer dollars to private and religious schools of \$8,100,000, HB 1683. The NH Bill of Rights, Article 6 states: "no person shall ever be compelled to pay towards the support of the schools of any sect or denomination".

Ms. Andrus' vote defunded our public schools and went against the NH Constitution.

## Voting rights

- SB 418 made it more difficult for military personnel stationed overseas to receive and return their ballots in time to be counted. She voted for this. This is anti-military.
- HB1668 She voted against criminal background checks, allowing felons and domestic abusers to arm themselves.
- HB1096 would have prohibited the open carry of deadly weapons within 100 feet of a polling place. She voted against this.
- House Rule 63 prohibited alcohol and firearms in the House Chamber during legislative sessions. She voted against this.

## Taxes

HB274 required the State of NH to pay 5% of the shared costs of the public employee retirement system. Andrus voted against, thus shifting this cost to towns which causes property taxes to increase.

**Ms Andrus talks about liberty, but votes to restrict women's freedom of choice.**

**She talks about the Constitution, but votes for anti-constitutional bills.**

**She talks about lowering taxes, but votes for bills that will increase our property taxes.**

**She talks about Public Schools, but votes to defund them.**

**We cannot afford 2 more years of this!**

**Vote for change on November 8**

**Elect Ken Wells, Lorna Carlisle and David Nesbitt.**

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**Candidates from page 8**

ter. I am focused on expanding the domestic production of energy to strengthen our economy and protect consumers.

As I travel across the district, Granite Staters tell me they want their representatives to fight for their values and protect their freedoms. That's why I am fighting to keep the government out of our personal, private medical decisions and protect access to abortion here in New Hampshire. I was an adoption attorney for 25 years; trust me, we don't need politicians inserting themselves into private medical decisions. I was proud to vote for the Women's Health Protection Act to codify the protections of Roe v. Wade and will continue fighting to protect our personal freedoms.

I would be honored to earn your vote and go back to Congress to continue fighting for you.

**Executive Councilor  
Vote for one**

**Cinde Warmington  
Democratic Party**

For the past two years, I have been the lone Democrat on the Executive Council fighting to protect public health, ensure reproductive freedom, and reduce everyday costs for working families. During that time, I have proven that one voice at the Council table can make a real difference for Granite Staters.

I came to this role having worked in health care and as a health care attorney for more than 40 years in total.



This combination of health care and legal experience has enabled me to be a powerful and effective advocate for expanded access to quality, affordable health services across our state. During my term, I have successfully prevailed in securing \$27 million in COVID-19 vaccine funding after the Council's initial rejection, succeeded in funding opioid treatment, and educated the public about the dangers of the Council's decision to defund Planned Parenthood and other family planning clinics.

As a woman and a mother, I bring a unique and important perspective to the Council table at a time when reproductive freedom is under assault at both the national and state level. I am proud to be the only candidate in this race endorsed by Planned Parenthood and to have earned the endorsements of Senator Shaheen, Senator Hassan, Congresswoman Kuster, and Congressman Pappas.

I am running for re-election to continue serving the people of District 2, a district which now includes Andover and other surrounding communities. I humbly ask for your vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8.

of work at the Naval War College and recent consultant with the New Hampshire National Guard, I support our constitution fully, but some weapons should only be for the military. I support the police with specific retraining and/or hiring adjuncts for social and domestic issues.

My vision on economic issues includes raising the minimum wage, lowering property taxes and costs for housing, energy, and costs for childcare; and support for small businesses to bring our citizens back together.

**Daniel E. Innis  
Republican Party**

My name is Dan Innis. I am a small business owner, a professor of Marketing and Hospitality Management at the University of New Hampshire, and a farmer.



I am also the former Dean of the Paul College of Business and Economics at UNH, and I have founded, owned, and operated several New Hampshire businesses, including two inns and a hotel.

Several years ago, I purchased the former Battles Farm in Bradford and renamed it Trail's End, after my grandfather's farm. I believed that running this new business would become my full-time focus, but our nation's economic downturn changed my plans. I couldn't stand by and watch as small businesses and Granite State families struggled. That's why I decided to run for the State Senate.

My priority is getting inflation under control and working to lower grocery, gas, and energy costs for families. We should not have to choose between heating our homes and putting food on our tables.

It is also critically important to me to make sure that our small businesses have the ability to compete and grow, helping our state to become even stronger.

As an educator with over 30 years of experience, I believe that we need to provide a strong education for our children with more educational choices for parents and students.

If elected, I will fight for critical infrastructure improvements, especially expanded rural broadband, and will never support an income or a sales tax.

I reside in Bradford and have three children, all UNH graduates.

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**State Senator  
Vote for one**

**Richard A. Lobban, Jr.  
Democratic Party**

Here is my background, and visions, as a candidate for New Hampshire Senate District 7. I was trained in Biology and Anthropology, and I taught in a variety of public, private, and military schools, colleges, and universities around the world. Education provides security, mobility, and empowerment to serve the citizens of New Hampshire.



Convergent with this, my deep commitment is to diversity in gender, race, religion, and ethnicity; science and critical thinking on matters such as health care, reproduction, environment and climate change, conservation, and beekeeping. Education includes the balanced study of our complex national and state history. I am endorsed by the National Education Association and the Sierra Club.

I am deeply engaged in human rights as an expert witness in immigration courts. I am focused on ethics, mutual respect, and transparency in elections in our sadly polarized nation.

My ethics relate to my vision of equitable taxes, especially for large corporations that do not pay their fair share. As a war journalist in Africa, and 17 years



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**New Hampshire Native and Conservative Louise ANDRUS of Salisbury  
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Asks for your vote in the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

**1. Will always defend and uphold the U.S. Constitution and N.H. Constitution.**

**I am: PRO SECOND AMENDMENT, PRO LAW ENFORCEMENT, PRO GUN, PRO LIFE, PRO SCHOOL CHOICE, PRO LIMITED GOVERNMENT, PRO SMALL BUSINESS, PRO VETERAN. I will NEVER vote for an income tax, nor will I ever vote for a sales tax, and I will never vote for any tax increases for the citizens of NH. I stand with every Parent in that any and all decisions that relate to their child, the Parent and the Parent alone makes decisions for that child. No one else is ever granted that right.**

**2. I believe in Public Education and School Choice. I believe we can have both. Have spent about 9 years attending MVSD school board monthly meetings, committee meetings and annual meetings, and have gained a great working knowledge of the school system and finances.**

**Democrat opponent, Ken Wells** worked for 30 years teaching in an **upscale private high school**, St Mark's School, Southborough, Massachusetts. Reading the minutes of meetings, I cannot find that he attends nor does he participate in the Andover school board meetings nor the Merrimack Valley School District school board meetings

**Democrat opponent, Lorna Carlisle**, I cannot find after reading meeting minutes, that she attends or participates in the MVSD school board meetings.

**DO THESE TWO DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES HAVE REAL KNOWLEDGE OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HOW THEY WORK?**

**3. New Hampshire Firearms Coalition Ratings: LOUISE ANDRUS "A+"—What the Grade Means: "A+ 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment leader, sponsors and promotes pro-gun legislation."**

**Democrat opponent, Ken Wells "F" What the Grade Means "Sponsors or promotes legislation hostile to 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment civil rights.**

**Democrat opponent, Lorna Carlisle "?" What the Grade Means: Failed to respond, but unable to confirm if received survey.**

**While Ken W. was a State Rep in 2019 and 2020 K. Wells voted FOR Gun control bills 2019-HB564, HB109, HB514; HB696 2020-HB1608, HB1285, HB1101, HB1379, HB166.**

**Democrat opponent, Lorna Carlisle a Quote taken from her ad, "Sensible gun safety (background checks, waiting periods) Hunters don't need AR's**

**DO WE REALLY WANT THESE TWO CANDIDATES AS STATE REPS?**

**4. Louise Andrus believes in the citizens utilizing the energy of their choice. Whether it be wood, coal, kerosene, natural gas, propane, solar, or windpower. It is not up to the government to dictate and make those choices. Louise believes each person should work to make a better and safer environment but not at the expense of the taxpayers.**

**Democrat opponent, Ken Wells stated in an ad recently, "I stand for: reducing NH's dependence on imported fossil fuels and its pollution of our environment. When he was a State Rep, K. Wells voted for eliminating wood stoves built prior to 1986. HB290. In my opinion a bill of this nature is a first step to eventually eliminating wood burning altogether and I am against anything of this nature.**

**DO YOU WANT THIS CANDIDATE BACK IN THE LEGISLATURE AS A STATE REP?**

**5. In a previous issue of the Andover Beacon, Lorna Carlisle wrote in part, "The current Republicans claim they are for freedom, but if you dig deeper, their actions are actually taking away our freedom IN HER OPINION. Basic human rights IN HER OPINION for LGBTQIA+ are under attack.. Growing up in rural New Hampshire I learned how to shoot, but I don't think people need assault rifles. Too many kids have been killed. Our public schools are under attack. Teachers deserve respect and not be questioned on their curriculum at every turn. If Republicans are so worried about their children seeing "inappropriate books", they should really take away the cell phones and monitor social media and internet content TAUNTING; FATUOUS. That's way more dangerous. " In my opinion this writing was a tirade, the reader has no idea who "IN HER OPINION" is referring to, and this writing is all over the place and lacks organization. Do you want this candidate in the Legislature as a State Rep?**

**ARE YOU BETTER OFF TODAY THAN YOU WERE 2 YEARS AGO? Is food, electricity, heating fuel, or gas cheaper?**

**ARE YOU SAFER TODAY THAN YOU WERE 2 YEARS AGO?**

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The election on November 8th for both National and New Hampshire will be the most important elections I have ever seen in my lifetime. Each of us has a decision to make. Are we voting Republican and putting people into office that will keep our way of life, NH Freedoms, and Live Free or Die alive as we know it and for future generations, or are we going to allow the Democrats to take over the State of NH and turn this State into Socialism. Freedom and Live Free or Die or Socialism which do you want?

*I can be reached at 406 Raccoon Hill Rd, Salisbury or 648-2510; Website <https://www.louiseandrus.com/>; or Facebook Louise Andrus for NH State Rep*

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**State Representatives  
Merrimack District 5  
Vote for two**

**Ken Wells  
Democratic Party**

I'm Ken Wells, and I'm seeking re-election as your State Representative. You might ask, "Why, in these crazy times, would any reasonable person step up to do this?" A fair question...



In one way or another, I've spent most of my adult life helping others. I reject the idea that

the rules of life must be arranged so that for one person to gain, another must lose. I believe we can all win together, by supporting communities, fairness, education, and truth.

Our state legislature plays a strong role in setting the rules we live by, and I've demonstrated the determination and persuasive skills to play a leading role in that legislative process.

I'm lucky to have a wonderfully wide experience: I've done factory and construction labor. I've driven advances in classrooms and laboratories. Both are hard work, in different ways. As a teacher, I've shared what I know about dozens of topics ranging from carpentry to calculus, and I've provided advice and support to kids and their families as they navigate some of the biggest challenges in their lives.

I served previously in the New Hampshire House from 2018 to 2020, being the prime sponsor and author of

six pieces of legislation and co-author of a seventh. Five of these bills passed the House and Senate, only to be vetoed by the Governor. We would have seen laws to limit dark money in New Hampshire politics and laws to make our energy cheaper and cleaner.

Please send me back to the House to complete this work!

**Lorna Carlisle  
Democratic Party**

I am Lorna Carlisle, and I am running for one of the two positions for District 5 (Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster). I was in sales my entire career. My skills at negotiating, listening, innovating, etc. will be essential for work as a State Representative. (I retired in 2021.)



This is a critical time for our democracy. It is imperative that people vote to have their voices heard. Let's make voting more efficient and user-friendly.

Local politics can affect our lives in so many ways. I'm very concerned about supporting our public schools and teachers. Books should not be banned. We should encourage our children to read as much as possible so that they hopefully become life-long readers and learners.

Science should be trusted. Schools should expand offerings, not limit them. This is a changing world, and our students need to expand their understanding of the world.

We should also enshrine a woman's right to self-determination on her healthcare and on when to start a family and allow her and her doctor to make decisions without government interference. I believe we should respect everyone's rights – especially the LGBTQIA+ community.

As a full-time farmer, I see the direct implications of climate change: droughts, erratic weather patterns, and higher temperatures for longer periods of time.

**Deborah Aylward  
Republican Party**

The political world can be cutthroat, and being a legislator is not for the faint of heart. Solving complex, real-world problems for people from all walks of life, many of whom faced the darkest days of their lives, I stood between my private investi-



gation clients and threats of imminent harm while operating in dangerous field conditions.

Being successful also required a calm but assertive demeanor, along with a show of courage and humanity to survive in a male-dominated occupation where the competition was often ruthless.

There is an urgent need for aggressive action to be taken on behalf of citizens who will struggle to keep the lights on and stay warm this winter, which is unprecedented and of deep concern. Our grid's reliable capacity is declining while demand is increasing, which is causing human crises. So far, and though having every opportunity, my opponents' have failed to take a stance on this grave issue, which is very telling.

The chaotic state of energy costs must be thwarted, and time is of the essence. Intending to firmly stand between constituents and threats to their well-being brought by high-pressure special interest groups, I will support a common-sense energy policy that achieves measurable relief.

Voters have but one job to do, and that's to elect a principled candidate having a strong moral compass; who will listen to her God-given (and therefore, never wrong) conscience to perform for the common good. I am that candidate and thank you in advance for your votes.

**Louise Andrus  
Republican Party**

I am a native New Hampshire conservative candidate and the incumbent in the House of Representatives for Merrimack County District 1: Andover, Danbury, and Salisbury (one seat).



Due to re-districting, I will now be a candidate for District 5: Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster (two seats).

I am not a politician. Rather, I work for the citizens of New Hampshire. I extremely like and enjoy serving the people of my district here and now, while preserving New Hampshire for future generations. My voting record can be found at the New Hampshire General Court website.

My positions have been and continue to be: pro life, pro second amendment, pro law enforcement, pro veteran, pro gun, pro school choice, pro limited government, and pro small business.

I will always defend and uphold the United States and the New Hampshire Constitutions. I am a voice for the citizens of my district and fight for all citizens on the "Live Free or Die" motto we stand for.

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I stand with every parent in that any and all decisions that relate to their child should be made by the parent alone. No one else is ever granted that right.

If you wish to chat, I can be reached at 603 648-2510 or L.A.Andrus21@gmail.com, or at 406 Raccoon Hill Road in Salisbury. I ask for your vote in the November 8 General Election. Thank you for your support.

**State Representative Merrimack District 26 Vote for one**

**David A. Nesbitt Democratic Party**

I am David Nesbitt, and I am running to represent the Merrimack 26th floterial district.



I am a New Hampshire native, brought up in a military family and thus experienced life in different parts of America and Western Europe. As a result, I approach problems with a broader perspective. I earned my college degree from the University of New Hampshire system and worked in two careers: 20 years in outdoor recreation and 18 years as a public school history teacher.

When I retired in June of 2020, I did not anticipate running for elective office! I had dreams of traveling with my wife Chris, gardening, reading for pleasure, and maybe fulfilling a long-held desire to bicycle across the country. Recent events changed my mind. I had two choices: I could get frustrated watching the nightly news, or I could get more involved and make a difference.

I support our public education system and will work for stronger state financial support for it. I believe in a woman's right to choose; I also believe urgent environmental action must address the immediate threat posed by climate change and its very real impact on our lives. Finally, civil and voting rights must be protected.

I am deeply concerned with the world my former students and my own granddaughter will inherit. I feel compelled to act and will devote my energy to work within the legislative body to ensure a safe and just New Hampshire. I hope you will support me in this effort.

**VOTE!**

**Alvin See Republican Party**

I am Alvin See and am running for State Representative in District 26. I am currently serving on the Loudon Zoning Board. When elected, I will be a conservative voice for the citizens of this district.



Inflation is one of the many concerning issues affecting citizens this year, with huge increases in the prices for both fuel for our cars and for heating our homes. Food prices, along with almost all other consumer goods and services, have increased as well.

While the administration in Washington must address these particular issues to help bring about relief, there is plenty that legislators can do in Concord to alleviate some of the price pain. When elected, citizens can count on me to help small businesses thrive post-pandemic and work to reduce impediments to bringing jobs back to our communities.

I will also diligently work to improve the integrity of our elections, such as supporting ballot access control, recounts, and additional audits after each election, thus ensuring confidence in the final vote count.

Merrimack County District 26 is a floterial district that overlays District 5 serving Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster, along with District 1 serving Boscawen, and District 4 serving Canterbury and Loudon.

**Sheriff Vote for one**

**David A. Croft Democratic Party**

My name is David Croft, and I am seeking re-election as Merrimack County Sheriff. My candidacy is being endorsed by the Local 633 Teamsters.



I am a former United States Marine, with 35-plus years in New Hampshire Law Enforcement. My successes include increasing security in all five Courthouses, increased training on how to deal with folks struggling with mental health issues and substance use disorders, and I instilled mandatory training in de-escalation techniques.

Additionally, I updated our Communication Department to increase the

safety of the 17 agencies we dispatch for by using federal monies.

I'd appreciate your vote on November 8 so that I can keep the momentum going. Thank you.

**Keith Mitchell Republican Party**

I am running for election as Sheriff for Merrimack County. I believe that public safety services should be provided in a professional, fair, and impartial manner. An elected Sheriff's duties are to all citizens.



I recently retired from the Concord Police Department with over 30 years of community service, retiring as the

Deputy Chief of Operations. I have years of leadership and practical experience working for the Capitol City.

My reason for seeking the office of the Sheriff is to make Merrimack County a safer place to live and raise families. It is very important that effective law enforcement leaders possess the desire and ability to recognize deficiencies and make difficult choices to effect positive change. The object is to enhance professionalism and the service provided to the public. The Sheriff's Office will be ethically sound, integrity driven, and completely transparent.

The Sheriff's Office needs to engage its communities and form partnerships with both residents and stakeholders. That goal, and outreach, will be a priority. The Sheriff's Office will be involved in programs like the Merrimack County Drug Court, Concord Coalition to End Homelessness, and National Alliance on

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## League of Women Voters Explains Two Ballot Questions

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League of Women Voters NH

Two questions will be on the November 8 ballot statewide. The League of Women Voters New Hampshire, a non-partisan grassroots organization, offers this explanation to help voters understand the questions and decide how to vote. We do not take a position on either question.

### Question 1

The intent of this question is to amend the New Hampshire constitution to delete references to registers of probate, thus eliminating this county office.

The bill to put this on the ballot passed the House 294 to 43 and passed the Senate 21 to 3.

**Why this amendment is proposed:** In New Hampshire, prior to 2011, the Register of Probate offices in each county handled simple wills. But after 2011, when the New Hampshire state legislature approved a reorganization of the court system, many of the official duties of the Register of Probate office were stripped. After 2011, the primary job of the Register of Probate was to preserve files that have “the potential for historical significance.” – from Ballotpedia.org

To help voters understand the text of this question, League of Women Voters

has shown the references to Registers of Probate currently in the New Hampshire constitution as struck through. No struck-through phrases appear in the question on your ballot, which makes understanding the question harder than it needs to be. (By law, the question must be shown on the ballot as it will appear if passed.)

**Text of the question:** “Are you in favor of amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows:

“[Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, ~~Registers of Probate~~, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, ~~Registers of Probate~~, county attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the state, provided nevertheless the legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them.

“[Art.] 81. [Judges ~~and Registers of Probate~~ Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge or Register of Probate shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any pro-

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Mental Health.

My platform is simple: To provide the residents of Merrimack County with the services they expect and deserve to feel safe. I plan to accomplish this goal through leadership, partnerships, and cooperation. I will be accountable to the residents and fully transparent. If elected, it will be an honor to serve as your Sheriff. Thank you for your support.

### Register of Probate Vote for one

Scott Maltzie  
Republican Party

My name is Scott Maltzie, and I am running for Merrimack County’s Register of Probate. This position affects everyone. It provides essential services to our citizens in assisting them when a loved one passes.



Even though the position is in our state’s constitution, in 2011 the legislature stripped it of its essential duties, which were passed to court clerks, and lowered it to simply filing historical documents. This leaves a large gap in services that help those in need to navigate the process at a time of grief that may be the most difficult in their lives. Now they want to kill the position altogether with a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot this November.

Therefore, I’m asking you to vote for me and to vote against the Amendment. I feel uniquely qualified to lead in this role as I have served for the past four and a half years as Chairman of the Merrimack County GOP. I have had the opportunity to build relationships with our legislative delegation which will help pass legislation to restore this position.

If elected, not only will I work to do that, but I will also use it as a platform to promote estate planning and financial management in order to help our citizens retire with dignity and lessen the burden on loved ones after they pass.

Please vote for Scott Maltzie for the Register of Probate, and vote “No” on Amendment 1.

## Merrimack County Commissioner Vote for one

Stuart D. Trachy  
Republican Party

As your Merrimack County Commissioner I am running for re-election, having been elected in November 2020.



I have long had an interest in county government. I was a student intern in the commissioner’s office, and have served as a New Hampshire state representative, Franklin’s youngest mayor, county treasurer, and a county commissioner.

I am retired after running my own business for many years. As a lifelong resident of Merrimack County, “neighbor” to Andover, I am fortunate to have many friends there. My wife and I are the proud parents of a son and grandson.

The current economic situation has posed many challenges to county government and its 800+ employees as we strive to provide the best quality care to the residents of the Merrimack County Nursing Home. Staffing shortages at the Nursing Home and the Department of Corrections, as well as at other county departments, remain a challenge. We are doing our best to recruit and retain well qualified employees.

The County Commissioners are currently drafting the 2023 county budget. Our goal is to continue the successful programs we are proud of, dealing with juveniles, the incarcerated, and those who need long-term care. For the past three years we have held the line on property tax increases, and we hope to continue that trend next year.

Please help me continue to work for you and your neighbors. I would appreciate your vote (at the bottom of the ballot) on November 8. Thank you.



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# Party Platforms for the November Election

Mary Anne Broshek  
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The definition of a party platform (from YourDictionary.com) is “a set of beliefs that are accepted as characteristic of a particular political party and presented to the public to help the public know the principles and values for which that party stands.” We are all inundated with ads and mail, but a party’s platform can help you see a larger picture of where the party wants to lead the country.

The comparison below is between the New Hampshire Republican Party platform, the New Hampshire Democratic Party platform, and the National Libertarian Platform. Due to space constraints and the differing categories in each platform, the comparison shows the category heading used by the party and descriptive sentences that highlight major differences.

The actual platform of each party shows a great deal more detail. You can view them at NHDP.org/platform, NH.GOP/platform, and LP.org/platform.

The Democratic National Committee revises their platform every four years and their 2020 platform is found at: Democrats.org/ Where-We-Stand/ Party-Platform.

The Republican Party’s 2016 platform and the resolution carrying it forward for 2020 is at [https://prod-cdn-static.gop.com/docs/Resolution\\_Platform\\_2020.pdf](https://prod-cdn-static.gop.com/docs/Resolution_Platform_2020.pdf) I did not find an official national 2022 platform.

## Democratic Party

Condensed from NHDP.org/platform.

### Introduction

New Hampshire Democrats put people first. We know that quality public services are foundational to the common good.

Democrats know life in New Hampshire has become more costly. We understand the financial strains individuals and families are experiencing and what it will take to ease those financial pressures.

### Protecting Democracy and Voting Rights

The freedom to choose our leaders and speak up for what we believe in is foundational to American democracy.

We believe in policies that broaden voter participation and make it more

convenient to vote.

We support fair redistricting free of partisan gerrymandering to ensure every vote counts.

We reject all attempts to undermine legitimate election results.

We believe civics education should occur at home, in schools, and throughout the community to build awareness and understanding of our democratic institutions.

We reject all attempts at voter suppression.

### Economic Building Blocks

We know that government serves a vital role in partnering with the private sector and public employers to create the building blocks New Hampshire’s economy needs to thrive today and tomorrow.

We believe that good government promotes business development statewide by ensuring the availability of a well-educated, well-trained, and well-compensated workforce with competitive wages and benefits and the skills needed to compete in a globalized economy.

We believe Government must promote policies that include ensuring the right of every worker to join a union, making the minimum wage a living wage, achieving pay equity for women and people of color, restoring overtime protections, and supporting prevailing wage standards.

Government plays an important role in ensuring a comprehensive transportation infrastructure, including bus and rail service.

Government is responsible for helping establish telecommunications and broadband infrastructure.

We recognize the importance of our immigrant population to our workforce and economic growth.

### Fiscal Responsibility

We are committed to engaging the public to develop a fiscally sound, transparent, and accountable balanced budget to serve the needs of all Granite Staters.

We believe an effective and efficient government must provide essential services including supporting the health and safety of our residents, public education, the protection of our envi-

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bate business which is pending, or may be brought into any court of probate in the county of which he or she is judge or register.”

A “Yes” vote is to eliminate the office of Register of Probate. A “No” vote is to keep the office of Register of Probate in each county.

**What happens next:** If the proposed amendment is approved by two-thirds of those voting on the amendment, it takes effect, thus eliminating the office of Register of Probate from each county.

### Question 2

**Text of the question:** “Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?”

A “Yes” vote is to hold a constitutional convention. A “No” vote is to do nothing at this time.

**Background:** In New Hampshire, a state constitutional convention question appears on the ballot every 10 years. A constitutional convention consists of elected delegates that propose changes to the state’s constitution. Any proposed changes, including a rewritten constitution, must then be approved by voters to take effect.

New Hampshire’s last such convention was in 1984. In 2012 New Hampshire voters rejected the question by a margin of 64% to 36%.

In New Hampshire, a majority vote of both houses of the legislature is needed to place the following question on the ballot: “Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?” If no such question has been submitted to the people by the legislature in 10 years, the

Secretary of State is required by Part II, Article 100 to place the question on the ballot. That is what is happening in 2022.

In other words, this question is appearing now because it has not been on the ballot for 10 years.

**What happens next:** If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of those voting on the amendment, it takes effect.


If the majority of voters vote “Yes,” voters will choose delegates to the convention at the next election.

At the convention itself, a three-fifths vote of the delegates is required to send a proposed constitutional amendment to ratification. Nothing becomes law at the convention itself.

Any amendment approved by the convention would be sent to the people at the next biennial November election as a ballot question. A two-thirds vote of those voting on the proposed amendment would be required to ratify the amendment. If the amendment does not receive a two-thirds vote, it does not take effect.

If the majority of voters vote “No,” there will be no constitutional convention for at least the next four years, though the Legislature could vote to put the convention question on the ballot again.

New Hampshire voters do not have the power to make or repeal laws through referendum.

**Note:** If you choose not to vote on a question, that will not affect the outcome. Only the ballots with either “Yes” or “No” marks will be considered when determining the number of “Yes” votes needed to take effect. In other words, not voting on a question is not the same as voting “No” on the question. 

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ronment, access to courts and justice, consumer protection, and the physical infrastructure necessary to maintain a robust economy and expand employment opportunities.

We believe the state budget must reflect the true costs of assuring an effective and efficient government and be supported by sufficient, sustainable revenue.

We oppose unfunded mandates and downshifting costs to the local municipalities and property taxpayers.

**Health Care**

We believe health care is a basic human right.

Quality health care includes physical, mental, and oral health care, including prevention and early intervention in clinically appropriate settings in all urban and rural areas.

All people must have access to affordable, safe, legal, and accessible reproductive health care, including contraception and abortion care, regardless of geography, income, or insurance coverage, and free from government interference.

We oppose bans on abortion and other measures that add barriers to accessing care as arbitrary and unnecessary

infringements on individual liberty.

Our youth must have access to sexual, reproductive, and mental health education that promotes personal health, social stability, and gender equality.

**Support for Our Veterans and Military Families**

We honor and respect our veterans, active duty and reserve military personnel, national guard and military families.

We believe the best way to honor our veterans is to keep our commitment to provide physical and mental health care, education, and disability support throughout their lifetimes.

**Education**

Public education is a bedrock principle of our free and democratic society.

All students have the right to a quality education, from early childhood through post-secondary college or career training.

We appreciate and value our community school personnel.

We support policies to equalize education funding and eliminate the gap for children across income levels and zip codes.

We reject all efforts to divert public funding to privatized education as part of the systemic attack on our community schools.

We believe that our educators support their students appropriately and that they teach history and scientific principles accurately to all students.

We support gun-free schools. We will fight any attempts to arm teachers or militarize schools under the pretense of school safety.

**Supporting the LGBTQ+ Community**

We believe that LGBTQ+ individuals of all ages deserve equal rights and opportunities in all aspects of life and society.

**Public Safety and Justice**

We support our law enforcement, firefighters and EMS personnel who protect us. We achieve this through safe and healthy working conditions, proper staffing, and adequate funding.

We support continued training and support for law enforcement officers. This includes non-violent strategies for assisting those experiencing mental and behavioral health issues.

We believe in responsible gun ownership. We support universal background checks to protect our communities from gun violence. We believe that military-style weapons, bump stocks, and high-capacity magazines do not belong on our streets.

We believe communities should have the right to establish gun-free zones in certain public places.

We understand that prevention, education, treatment, diversion programs and rehabilitation are often more effective than incarceration.

Cannabis should be legalized and regulated.

We oppose the privatization of prisons. We believe prison privatization creates improper incentives toward imprisonment rather than prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

**Diversity Makes Us Stronger**

We believe our diversity makes us stronger and more welcoming to newcomers and business.

We believe in basic protections and security for all people in our state and that everyone should be free from discrimination.

**Climate, Energy, and Agriculture**

We reject all efforts to deny the validity of science. Climate change presents a real and imminent threat, and it is our immediate responsibility to proactively address and counter its effects.

We believe we must eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels by no later than 2040 by investing in energy effi-

ciency and renewable energy resources, infrastructure, and jobs.

It is our duty and responsibility to preserve clean air and water and a healthy environment for ourselves and for future generations.

We actively support our local family farms.

We support the protection of our mountains, forests, parks, coastal waters, lakes, rivers, and streams.

**Republican Party**

Condensed from NH.GOP/platform.

**Statement of Principles**

We believe, above all else, in the founding principle that all people are created equal, endowed by our Creator with the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, unimpeded by intrusive government regulation and control.

We believe that the Founding Fathers gave the 1st Amendment its pre-eminent position with intent that religious freedom deserves to be protected.

We believe that the 2nd Amendment is in a position of prominence with the intent that law-abiding citizens of the United States of America have a right to protect and defend their lives, their families and their property without government infringement.

Local government should not be allowed to infringe on individual rights and that the state should ensure protections from such local government overreach.

We believe that the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, healthcare, education, and wellbeing of their children is a fundamental right. Decisions in regards to the upbringing, healthcare, education, and wellbeing of children should be the free choice of parents.

**Voting**

We believe that we the people are strongest when we stand together, that it is our responsibility to hold government accountable and that it is through the integrity of the ballot box that we do so.

Prosecute violations of election law and ensure that voting is done by NH residents only

**Jobs and the Economy**

Remove barriers to business formation and encourage small businesses.

Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

Prefer incentives to penalties and issue warnings before fines.

Work with municipalities to streamline planning and zoning barriers to business.



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Support the development of a robust telecommunications and technology infrastructure.

Uphold the right to join or avoid labor unions without coercion or intimidation; support “right to work” legislation.

Taxes and Spending- Low Taxes are the Result of Low Spending:

Strongly oppose new taxes and fees, including an income, sales and capital gains tax.

Cut or eliminate taxes which inhibit enterprise, earnings and savings and investment, such as the Interest and Dividends Tax and the Business Enterprise/Business Profits Tax.

Limit the growth of state spending to not more than the rate of inflation plus population growth

Oppose “downshifting” of costs and regulatory enforcement from state to local government

Work to reduce energy costs and remove New Hampshire from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

**Government Structure:**

Privatize programs and functions that can be handled more effectively by the private sector.

Ensure that public employee benefits are similar to and do not exceed those of the private sector

Expand openness and transparency to employment, expenditures and all recipients of taxpayers’ funds

**Health**

Support the repeal of Obamacare and oppose its implementation in New Hampshire.

Allow free market driven health care plans and “a la carte” insurance plans free from government mandates.

Allow the purchase of insurance plans across state lines

Provide for the special needs of seniors, including opportunities for personalized home health care and less expensive alternatives to hospital stays and prescription medication

Respect New Hampshire’s honored veterans by ensuring that they receive the benefits they have rightfully earned

and deserve, particularly by combating homelessness and making all medical facilities available to qualified veterans.

**The Family**

Support the pre-born child’s fundamental right to life and personhood under the Fourteenth Amendment, and implement all Constitutional and legal protections.

Recognize marriage as the legal and sacred union between one man and one woman as ordained by God, encouraged by the State, and traditional to humankind, and the core of the Family

Oppose euthanasia and physician assisted suicide

Support a Life at Conception Act.

**Education**

Promote education freedom and parental rights to control the education of their children.

Encourage education freedom to allow all parents to choose the best public, private, charter or home school program for their children

Expand education tax credits and education savings accounts

Repeal the Blaine Amendment to end discrimination against religious school

Promote local control of education policy and funding in order to create the best-managed school systems.

Amend the Constitution to overturn the poorly decided Claremont rulings and return educational funding and policy to the people at the local level.

Support freedom of speech at all education levels

Eliminate tenure and institute merit pay

Reform the teacher certification process to include participation by individuals outside the standard education paradigm.

Enable and encourage a momentary silent prayer or reflective silence in the classroom at the start of each day

**Law And Order**

Protect the rights of law-abiding individuals to own and carry fire arms to defend themselves, their families and their property; oppose any taxation, licensing restrictions, or registration of firearms; oppose the requirement to obtain a license to carry a concealed firearm; oppose any “assault weapons” ban; support the universal right of self defense wherever one has a legal right to be..

Strengthen prosecution and fair enforcement of death penalty laws.

Support the State’s Constitutional right to determine legal restrictions on possession of controlled substances

**The Judiciary**

Demand the appointment of judges who recognize their proper and limited interpretive role, relying only on the original intent of the federal and state constitutions.

Provide instructions for juries in criminal proceedings that they have the power both to judge the facts and the application of the law to those facts

**The Environment**

Recognize that private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely use and enjoy their property.

Promote conservation of open space, sensitive ecosystems, wildlife, scenic vistas, historic and cultural landscapes, and especially New Hampshire’s state historic sites.

Require that all energy and infrastructure projects constructed within New Hampshire be constructed in a manner which does not negatively affect New Hampshire’s natural beauty and personal property values.

**Federalism**

Demand the enforcement of national border security and immigration laws and oppose any form of amnesty for illegal aliens.

Oppose all laws, programs, and mandates from local, national, and international organizations and governments contrary to our principles: including, but not limited to, educational standards, United Nations programs, international treaties, sustainable development initiatives, wealth redistribution plans, and punitive environmental controls.

**Libertarian Party**

Condensed from LP.org/platform.

**Statement of Principles**

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

**Personal Liberty**

Individuals are inherently free to make choices for themselves and must accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make.

We are committed to ending government’s practice of spying on everyone.

Sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the government’s treatment of individuals, such as in current marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration, or military service laws.

Parents, or other guardians, have the right to raise their children according to their own standards and beliefs, provided that the rights of children to be free from abuse and neglect are also protected.

We favor the repeal of all laws creating “crimes” without victims, such as gambling, the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes, and consensual transactions involving sexual services.

We oppose the administration of the death penalty by the state.

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Larry Chase, who took this picture of a robin sitting in a colorful chokeberry bush and about to eat a red chokeberry, hopes the robin knows what it is getting into.



The headstone of Ellen Flanders Tuttle is shown here covered with moss and lichen at Lake View Cemetery. Caption and photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell

## Reader Offers Helpful Cemetery Headstone Cleaning Solution

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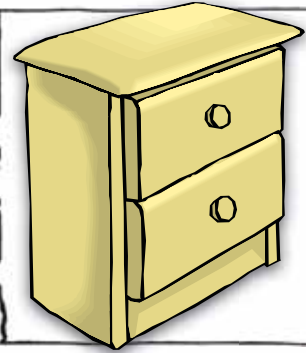
After reading the coverage in the October *Beacon* of volunteers working to clean the headstones in our town cemeteries, I was inspired to clean some of our family stones. Many thanks to those folks for their hard work. It can be a difficult task when stones have decades/centuries of lichen growing on them.

I thought that *Beacon* readers would appreciate a solution I found to make this task easier. I asked John Howe, Building Product Specialist at Belletetes, for help. He was enthusiastic about the use of "Wet and Forget," an environmentally safe solution. I have applied two heavy sprays onto the moss covered stones. John says all that is needed is a "brushing off" come springtime. I can hardly wait to see the results!



John Howe, Building Product Specialist at Belletetes, poses with the magical solution for headstone cleaning, in front of a painting by his father, Townsend Howe.

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It was a palooza of a day! Starting with a get-to-know-your-neighbor walk to Timmy Patten Park and finishing off with a fabulous concert. The Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) fourth annual Wilmotpalooza was nonstop fun. Held on Sunday, September 11, the weather was perfect and there was something for everyone.

Members of the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Department were on hand to the delight of one and all. The young and young at heart could touch-a-fire-truck, visit with the firefighters, and learn the dynamics of a house on fire. The Elkins Fish and Game Club shared a hands-on exhibit and neat facts about local wildlife. The Friends of the Wilmot Public Library brought along a fun craft project as well as books and comfy chairs for anyone needing a break. Cub Scout Pack 71 Kearsarge/Sunapee answered questions about Scouting. Tiger Mountain Shotokan Karate demonstrated karate moves.

At midday, Nick's Other Band played a fantastic, get up and dance concert. The Wilmot Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary fired up the grill for a cookout.

Thank you to the selectmen and Town of Wilmot for their on-going support of this event.

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A "get-to-know-your-neighbor" community walk to Timmy Patten Park started off Wilmot's annual Wilmotpalooza in September. Photo: Lindy Heim

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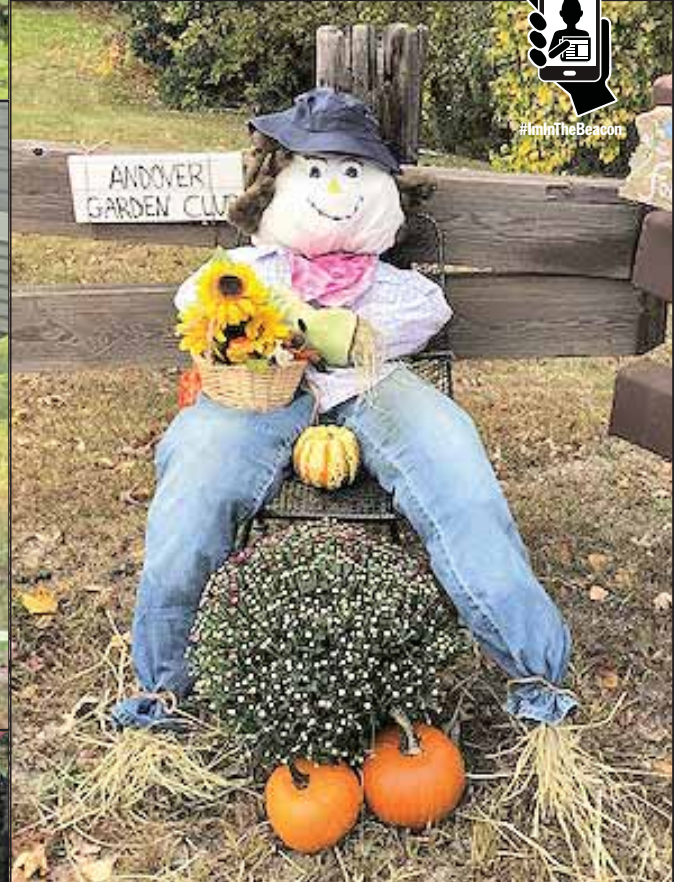
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## Favorite Pre-Pandemic Event Paint and Sip Returns to the Hub

Saturday, November 5,  
6 to 8 PM

Susan Chase  
Andover Community Hub

“Paint and Sip,” a favorite pre-pandemic event at the Andover Community Hub, will return on Saturday, November 5, from 6 to 8 PM. A chance to sip a glass of wine, grab a paintbrush, and give one’s creative side free rein, “Paint and Sip” is a sociable and light-hearted evening under the guidance of Andover artist Molly Leith.

While producing his or her own piece of “fun art,” participants can experiment with form, color value, and shading while creating their own colorful still life, based this time on “Blue and White Plate with Oranges,” inspired by Dutch painter Piet Mondrian.

“Paint and Sip” is limited to 12 participants. Advance registration is required, and pre-payment guarantees a spot. The fee of \$25 includes wine, soda, snacks, and art supplies.

To register, contact [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com). Payment can be mailed to The Andover Hub, PO Box 157, Andover 03216, or dropped off in the mail slot to the right of the Hub’s front door.



Participants are ready to put paintbrush to easel to create their own versions of Georgia O’Keeffe’s “Red Poppy” at an earlier Paint and Sip evening at the Hub.

Caption: Susan Chase

## Hub Giving Tree Ignites Spirit of Holiday Giving

Accepting gift cards  
after Thanksgiving

Larry Chase  
Andover Community Hub

The third annual community-wide campaign to encourage the spirit of holiday giving to those Andover residents most in need will begin with the lighting of the Giving Tree at the Andover Community Hub the weekend following Thanksgiving.

Members of the community are encouraged to drop off donations at the Hub in the form of gift cards for those who may be struggling financially any time between Saturday, November 26, and Saturday, December 17. Donations can be put in the decorated wooden mailbox in front of the Hub.

The COVID pandemic and the ways in which it has impacted all our lives is still making life especially difficult for some members of the Andover community. Last year’s Giving Tree project collected over \$6,000 in gift cards, cash, and checks from well over 100 Andover residents. The gift cards were passed along to the AE/MS and Town staff to distribute to families who they knew could use some extra help during the Christmas season, or as needs developed throughout the rest of the school year.

Donations in the form of gift cards are encouraged because of the flexibility and ease with which recipients can use them, whether for gifts for their own families or to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and household goods.

Donors are also encouraged to keep local businesses in mind when purchasing gift cards, since COVID has also been tough on many small businesses.

Residents are encouraged to drop off their donations as early in the season as possible, but even last-minute donations



Some of the gift cards received by the Hub at last year’s Giving Tree campaign. Caption and photo: Larry Chase

are appreciated to meet last-minute needs or to be held by school and Town staff for distribution when future needs arise.

When considering the amount of a gift card, it’s suggested that smaller denominations are preferable. For example, several \$25 or \$50 cards as opposed to a single \$100 card are more flexible in meeting more and varying needs.

Residents who might prefer to mail gift card donations rather than leaving them at the Hub may do so by sending them to the Andover Community Hub, PO Box 157, Andover NH 03216.

## Green Heron Touches Down at Coffeehouse on November 18

Coffeehouse features  
husband/wife duo; 7 PM

Larry Chase  
Andover Community Hub

The husband-and-wife duo Green Heron will be performing live at the Friday, November 18, Andover Community Coffeehouse. The concert will begin at 7 PM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall at the corner of Route 11 and Chase Hill Road in East Andover.

The music of Green Heron stretches across the entire folk landscape: old-time, folk, bluegrass, country, Irish, and blues are all represented as the band brings the back porch to the stage. Featuring Betsy Heron (formerly Green) on fiddle, banjo, and vocals, and Scott Heron on guitar, banjo, and vocals, the duo has been sharing New England stages together since 2016.

Sponsor of the concert is Jay Fitzpatrick, local photographer and Coffeehouse supporter. Doors open at 6 PM for simple supper food and beverage purchases and for up to five local musicians to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis for “Open Mic” opportunities to play a song or two during the show.

The concert is free of charge, although the Coffeehouse Committee “passes the hat” and welcomes generous contributions to be shared with the featured performers.

The Andover Community Coffeehouse operates under the umbrella of the Andover Community Hub. For more information about the Coffeehouse, visit



Green Heron, will play live at the Andover Community Coffeehouse on Friday, November 18, at 7 PM.

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# Friends of the Northern Rail Trail Annual Meeting and Celebrations

## Annual Meeting, October 5

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**In attendance:** Lindy Heim, Myra Mayman, Alex Bernhard, Don Moyer, Charles Martin, Ricker Miller, Tom Rousseau, Joe Olimpio, Patrice and Steve Rasche, Dave Beaufait, Lee Beachy, Derek Jurus, Carlyse and Bob Evans, Craig Heim

After introductory comments by the co-presidents, Alex Bernhard conducted the election of the Board of Directors for 2022-2023. The new slate of Directors was approved by a unanimous vote of all in attendance.

Those elected include Lindy Heim, Myra Mayman, Alex Bernhard, Amy Chan, Barbara Couturier, Steve Darling, George Heaton, Cody Hussey, Charles Martin, Ricker Miller, Don Moyer, Joe Olimpio, Tom Rousseau, and Peter Southworth.

Then a vote of the new Board was taken to approve the officers of the Board. Again, a unanimous vote resulted in the election of Lindy Heim and Myra Mayman as co-presidents, Don Moyer as vice-president, George Heaton as secretary, and Tom Rousseau as treasurer.

It was noted that four Board mem-



About 30 rail trail fans, volunteers, directors and officers of FNRT enjoyed a festive evening at the group's Annual Self-congratulatory Potluck Supper held at the lovely Andover Barn in East Andover on September 21. A wonderful time was had by all!

**Caption:** Lindy Heim  
**Photo:** Heidi Rousseau

bers (George Heaton, Amy Chan, Cody Hussey, and Peter Southworth) who could not be in attendance had emailed their absentee votes approving the slate of directors and officers.

After the election, vice-president Don Moyer presented a video of the 2022 Year in Review visually highlighting the impressive accomplishments of

the FNRT in fundraising, trail building and maintenance, and new program development. Kudos to Don for preparing the video and to all FNRT Board members and volunteers, and to Trails Bureau staff for making 2022 such a spectacular year for us.

Don also presented the initial version of a "hot off the press" drone video and still photographs that he had just received that day.

## Monthly Meeting, October 19

*Condensed from draft minutes*

Board members in attendance included co-presidents Myra Mayman and Lindy Heim, Alex Bernhard, Amy Chan, Barbara Couturier, Steve Darling, Cody Hussey, Charles Martin, Ricker Miller, Don Moyer, Tom Rousseau, and Peter Southworth. Other volunteers attending were Chris Norris and Craig Heim.

Tom Rousseau made his first report as the Board's newly-elected Treasurer. Highlights included that FNRT will finish this calendar year with approximately \$20,000 in its checking account; \$41,234 in donations were received thus far for 2022; and \$27,000 in grants (independent of RTP grants) were received in 2022.

Tom presented specifics of all donations and it was concluded that names of donors should be excluded from these reports for the sake of privacy.

There was also discussion of how often PayPal transfers should occur into our checking account and the process for that. A preliminary review of the 2023 budget was begun with all committees encouraged to get their budgetary needs ready by November.

The Treasurer's report was then approved, and Tom was congratulated on his initial effort.

There was no significant correspondence, but it was noted that Tom has secured a new post office box in New London and our official address is in the process of being changed to PO Box 2064, New London NH 03257.

## Committee Reports

**Promotion Committee:** Lindy noted she had previously emailed a report to the Board for review. She turned her time over to Amy Chan who updated the Board on the Cycling Without Age (CWA) program. They have conducted five pilot orientations and have 15 fully certified pilots, five more in training to

be certified this year, and 41 on a waiting list to be certified. Forty-five rides have been given thus far, an average of two or three per day.

Amy has one new captain to help with certification. She would like to get a program coordinator to help her with the CWA program. There is now one off-trail route that has been approved connecting the Northern Rail Trail with the Mascoma River Trail. She also noted that our website now has a page devoted to the CWA program.

Amy has met with the director of the Peabody Home in Franklin, and there is interest in having a program in the Franklin area. The Lebanon CWA program is a chapter of CWA, and a question has been raised whether we will



Friends of the Northern Rail Trail Co-President Lindy Heim recognizes Alex Bernhard for his 17 years of service to the organization as Vice President. The recognition happened at the group's annual potluck supper, held at the Andover Barn in East Andover in September.

**Photo:** Heidi Rousseau

expand our existing chapter (such as to Franklin) or start a new chapter.

Board kudos were offered to Amy for her role in creating and operating this very successful program in Lebanon.

## Maintenance Committee

The Boscawen extension was completed on budget and the State has approved efforts to publicize this new trail section. The plans to connect the NRT to the WRT in Franklin is at a standstill with no progress toward the necessary engineering study.

The second RTP project at Punch Brook bridge is underway and expected to be completed in another day or two.

The New Hampshire Bureau of Trails will soon be paving three tunnels in Grafton County.

See FNRT on page 23



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Nancie Jacobson  
Andover Service Club

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- Beautifully illustrated children's book A Christmas Fable signed by illustrator Susan Monty
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- During November, shop sweaters are BOGO (buy one, get one)

The Andover Thrift and Gift Shop is located beside the Andover Elementary/Middle School at 26 School Street, Andover. Shop hours are Tuesday

through Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM and Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. We are accepting only fall and winter clothing donations and consignments at this time. Thank you!



Hand-painted ornaments by local artist Susan Monty.

Photos: Nancie Jacobson



Cashmere sweater mittens hand-made at the Owls Nest Emporium.

### FNRT from page 22

Don's efforts to document volunteer hours has been so successful that there is consideration of how to do this nationally. Trail counts are 5% higher in 2022 than they were in 2021.

A 2024 RTP grant (to be submitted in June 2023) is under consideration to complete the Boscawen extension to the south end of the truss bridge at the Concord city line. Discussion included the progress of the city of Concord in purchasing the rail line from CSX and the effect of the Scenic Rail Riders lease on this project.

#### Administration Committee

Craig reported that the next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2, and will include an extensive discussion of fundraising, since at least \$40,000 will be needed just to fulfill our RTP matching obligation, let alone consider any new programs that would require extra funding. All Board members were invited to participate in that meeting if interested.

Cody has prepared a report on do-

nation streamlining using Donorbox and on website analytics but was unavailable for discussing this. This will be considered at either the November 2 Administration meeting or the November



FNRT Director Ricker Miller headed up the 2022 Recreational Trails Program grant project at the Plains Road intersection of the Northern Rail Trail and busy New Hampshire Route 11 in Andover. The project addresses safety and visibility issues.

ber Board meeting (or both).

#### Upcoming Events

Don and Kim Moyer and Lindy will be attending a "Biketoberfest" program from 6 to 8 PM on October 20 at Red River Cinema in Concord. They will staff a display table and make a short presentation if time allows.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16, at 5 PM.

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# LETTERS

## Vote for Aylward

Over the past few months I have spent time talking with Deborah Aylward, who is one of two Republicans seeking election to the two State Representative District Five positions, which includes Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Hill, and Webster.

Deborah Aylward is a former detective agency owner who specialized in the difficult cases of child abduction and missing children. I have seen many letters from clients, other private detectives, and law enforcement praising her dedication and hard work to reunite children with their parents, as well as her kindness, understanding and tenacity in helping them deal with these life shattering situations. She was a pioneer in modernizing work in this field, and formed Homefires, a non-profit organization dedicated to the search for missing children and family reunification at no charge.

Deborah went beyond working on her own cases to selflessly help others with

this work. She authored a guide to public records on criminal offenders, and then donated the guide to be used online by the others. Deborah Aylward, along with Louise Andrus, has shown dedication to both the primacy of the family and to enforcement of the law, which qualifies them to be outstanding state representatives. Please vote for both.

*Charles Baer*  
Andover

## Vote for Aylward

I have had the privilege of getting to know Deborah Aylward personally and can say for a fact that she is not all talk, but a woman of action. Besides standing up for the citizens of Hill who were opposed to a proposed gravel pit, I am aware of her interacting with state agency personnel, use of sound judgment, and diplomacy.

As of the end of September, she is the only candidate who has shown up at  
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## Platforms from page 17

### Economic Liberty

The only proper role of government in the economic realm is to protect property rights, adjudicate disputes, and provide a legal framework in which voluntary trade is protected.

All efforts by government to redistribute wealth, or to control or manage trade, are improper in a free society.

Libertarians would free property owners from government restrictions on their rights to control and enjoy their property, as long as their choices do not harm or infringe on the rights of others.

We oppose all government control of energy pricing, allocation, and production.

### Government Finance and Spending

We call for the repeal of the income tax, the abolishment of the Internal Revenue Service and all federal programs and services not required under the U.S. Constitution.

We support any initiative to reduce or abolish any tax, and oppose any increase on any tax for any reason.

To the extent possible, we advocate that all public services be funded or allowed to be provided in a voluntary manner.

### Licensing

We oppose occupational and other licensing laws that infringe on the right to earn an honest and peaceful living or treat it as a state-granted privilege.

### Education

Recognizing that the education of children is a parental responsibility, we would restore authority to parents to determine the education of their children, without interference from government.

Parents should have control of and responsibility for all funds expended for their children's education.

### Health Care

Medical facilities, medical providers,

and medical products (including drugs) must be freely available in the marketplace without government restrictions or licenses. We oppose governments either mandating, or restricting voluntary access to, medical treatments or procedures including vaccines.

### Retirement and Income Security

Retirement planning is the responsibility of the individual, not the government. Libertarians would phase out the current government-sponsored Social Security system and transition to a private voluntary system. We believe members of society will become even more charitable and civil society will be strengthened as government reduces its activity in this realm.

### Crime and Justice

We favor the repeal of all laws creating "crimes" without victims, such as gambling, the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes, and consensual transactions involving sexual services.

**Death Penalty:** We oppose the administration of the death penalty by the state.

### Environment

Competitive free markets and property rights stimulate the technological innovations and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air, and wildlife. Where damages can be proven and quantified in a court of law, restitution to the injured parties must be required.

### National Defense

We support the maintenance of a sufficient military to defend the United States against aggression. The United States should both avoid entangling alliances and abandon its attempts to act as policeman for the world. We oppose any form of compulsory national service.

### International Affairs

We would end the current U.S. government policies of foreign intervention including military and economic aid; tariffs; economic sanctions; and regime change. We condemn the use of force, and especially the use of terrorism, against the innocent, regardless of whether such acts are committed by governments or by political or revolutionary groups.

### Free Trade and Migration

Political freedom and escape from tyranny demand that individuals not be unreasonably constrained by government in the crossing of political boundaries.

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**Letters from page 24**

the Hill transfer station numerous times to meet and greet citizens. Deborah has demonstrated deep care for people and is the type of person to represent us in Concord. Please carve out a few minutes on election day to go to the polls and vote for Deborah Aylward.

*Debi Langlais*  
Hill

**Vote Against Sununu**

Governor Sununu pretends to be a moderate. He is anything but. Examples that contradict this stance are: his abortion plan attached to the budget, which interferes with a woman's right to seek appropriate medical attention; his school voucher program which takes money away from our public schools (appointing a head of the Department of Education who I feel is totally unqualified); and blaming Democrats for inflation and utility bills (not true). All examples, in my opinion, point to his embrace of outside influences.

Let's talk energy. Governor Sununu is responsible for us being at the mercy of the fossil fuel industry which he continually protects. He diverted Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative funds to consumer rebates, which averaged a piddly \$7.50 per household. Over the objection of 12 out of 13 mayors, Sununu vetoed bills that would implement net metering which would reduce municipal energy costs.

Sununu's Public Utility Commission (one member a climate change denier, another with no energy background) has blocked funding to New Hampshire Saves which would cut monthly energy costs to households, while neighboring states have embraced solar and wind technology at considerable savings to residents.

Sununu appointees have decimated New Hampshire Saves, whose energy efficiency projects have kept hundreds of millions of dollars in the New Hampshire economy. We currently spend \$6 billion annually in fuel costs to entities

outside of our state for heating oil or gas.

Governor Sununu continually fails the people of New Hampshire, in my opinion. It's time for a new governor. Please vote for Tom Sherman.

*Judith Ackerson*  
Franklin

**Vote for Carlisle**

Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster voters: I urge you to vote for Lorna Carlisle for state legislature in November.

Lorna grew up in a large family in Webster, absorbing the rural virtues of hard work, frugality, and a love of nature. She's lived in Salisbury for 18 years, operating a small farm and seasonal farm stand. After her partner Ray died last fall, Lorna continued farming on her own, having retired from a successful sales career.

Lorna is generous, caring, and smart. She's a deep listener and a fast learner. She's been a mom, stepmom, and family caregiver.

She decided to run for office as she watched New Hampshire Republicans unveil plans to eliminate long-supported rights and weaken public health, safety, and social-support programs.

As a legislator, she'll work to ensure:

- Strong public health and safety initiatives based on sound science.
- A sustainable energy infrastructure that can blunt the threats of climate change.
- Reproductive choice for women that also affirms "life," with initiatives that actually support pregnant women, families with young children, and people lacking health insurance.
- Strong public education that benefits all, rather than taxpayer-funded "education choice," detached from public accountability, and without guardrails to check its expansion.
- Public education that doesn't censor classroom discussions of uncomfortable but accurate facts, or remove age-appropriate books and other learn-

ing materials from schools.

Lorna has a wicked sense of humor. She can imitate any bird call and get an immediate response from a nearby tree. She also plays the fiddle.

Vote Lorna Carlisle: She's the whole package!

*Peg Boyles*  
Salisbury

**Vote for Wells, Carlisle, and Nesbitt**

My good friend and neighbor, Ken Wells, is running to be re-elected as our state representative for Merrimack District 5, which includes Hill, Danbury, Andover, Salisbury, and Webster.

Ken has been involved in our town government on the Planning Board, attended School Board and Select Board meetings.

A board member of the Andover Community Hub, Ken designed an ADA compliant bathroom and helped build the Hub wheelchair ramp, as well as renovating the Hub interior. Through the Kearsarge Neighborhood Program, with another volunteer, he built two wheelchair ramps in Danbury.

Ken was also instrumental in creat-

ing New Hampshire Forward (he is the current president), a non-profit organization dedicated to an industry sponsored apprenticeship program for advanced manufacturing for high school students in Franklin; a program supported by Mayor Jo Brown, the Franklin city council, Labor Commissioner Ken Merryfield, and Franklin business leaders. Franklin began offering college credit courses to its students in 2021 and is about to expand in the Lakes Region with culinary and hospitality programs. This offers our local high school students an entry to well-paid jobs while staying in New Hampshire.

It is abundantly clear that Ken cares deeply about our community, and can work with everybody regardless of politics to make good things happen.

Ken is running with Lorna Carlisle and David Nesbitt to represent our towns in the State House. All three uphold a woman's right to choose and are staunch supporters of our public schools and teachers. My wife and I are thrilled to endorse this team of outstanding candidates who will move New Hampshire forward.

Please join us in voting for all three on November 8.

*Mario Ratzki*  
East Andover





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# OPINION

## Candidate Wants to Return to State Senate to Defend Live Free or Die

Dan Innis  
Candidate for State Senate

When I purchased the historic Battles Farm in Bradford a couple of years ago, I thought that running the farm would become my new full-time job. The farm had fallen into disrepair, but I saw opportunity. Generations of my family were farmers, and my background as a small businessman and professor at the University of New Hampshire's business school instilled in me the belief that we could turn it around. So, we rebuilt the buildings and renamed the farm Trail's End after my great-grandfather's farm. All was well and I settled into my new role.

Then my plans changed. President Biden was elected and our nation's economic engine, which had been moving at an unheard-of pace, came to a screeching halt. Inflation took over. The prices of everyday necessities like groceries and clothing soared. Filling our car's gas tanks and our home's heating oil tanks suddenly required taking out a second mortgage. Our savings and retirement accounts lost enormous value seemingly overnight.

Fortunately, Trail's End was off to a good start, but I couldn't simply stand

by and watch as neighbors struggled to put food on their tables and small businesses found it difficult to pay their bills.

Serving my state and my community is very important to me. I previously served as a State Senator in District 24 on the seacoast (my previous home near my job on the UNH campus) and I was being encouraged to run again for the State Senate here in my new hometown of Bradford. My experience, both in the business world and in the legislature, compelled me to want to serve again, so I threw my hat in the ring.

I want to return to the State Senate because I want to defend the Live Free or Die spirit that makes New Hampshire so special. Our economy has withstood the challenges created by poor decisions made in our neighboring states. This is mostly because of our traditions of keeping the government small and taxes low. Former Governor Steve Merrill called it the New Hampshire Advantage, and it has led to low unemployment and higher quality of life.

My priority in the Senate will be to do whatever we can to help you keep more of your own money.

# OPINION

## Louise Andrus' View from Concord, October 2022

Please take the time to vote on November 8

Louise Andrus  
State Representative

Have you ever thought about what it would be like if our "right to vote" was ever taken away from us? Could that realistically ever happen? I am not saying it would ever happen. Rather the question is something to think about. To me, voting is one of the most important rights of an American citizen. On November 8 is the General Election. Please take the time and vote. The Polling hours and locations will be posted in your town.

After reading the letters in the *Beacon* critiquing my writings, I have come to the conclusion that being a Conservative is definitely a positive attribute. In my opinion, those that are critiquing me state that I have an excellent and model platform. Thank you so much to all those with opinion letters as I truly appreciate them.

During this campaign season I have spent a few hours at each of the towns' (Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, Webster) transfer stations. It is mind boggling how much trash we have and as our towns grow, what will we eventually do with it? I believe the time will

come that the disposing of trash will be an issue.

In this campaign season I have noticed the blossoming out of more and more political "PACs" (Political Action Committee) by both parties. It appears money is not an issue. It is my opinion that we need to pass a law to reign in how much money these PACs can receive in monies in any given election.

Friday, November 11, 2022 is Veterans Day. Do you know its origin? At the end of World War I the fighting ended with the signing of an armistice. This was done in the 11th month and on the 11th day in 1918. The first Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time on November 11, 2019. Thank you to all of those who have served and to those who currently serve in our Military. Thank you to the families of our service members as you have sacrificed, or are sacrificing, by giving your service member to protect and keep the United States of America free. There aren't enough words to express the gratitude I hold in my heart for each and every Veteran. God Bless!

Vote on November 8, 2022.

I may be reached at 603 648-2510, L.A.Andrus21@gmail.com, or LouiseAndrus.com.

# OPINION

## Possibility of Constitution Changes Raises Red Flags

Karen Testerman, Franklin

On the upcoming November ballot two Constitutional questions are proposed. The second question asks "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?"

This assumes that there is a problem with the founding documents. The problem is not the language or structure of the founding documents.

Proponents of the Article V Constitutional Convention will tell you that the subjects of the convention will be limited in subject matter. That is, only limited issues can be discussed. But note it says amend or REVISE.

A review of history confirms that the same instructions were issued to the delegates to adjust the Articles of Confederation. Amend the Articles in specific areas. However after much prayer and many conversations, they devised a new Constitution

And who will the delegates be? Who will decide?

"Our Constitution was made for moral and religious people." The Dec-

laration of Independence reinforces that our rights come from Our Creator. The reality of the deep Christian faith of the founders was further reinforced by the call of Benjamin Franklin to seek the counsel of divine Providence at the Constitutional Convention. This recognition of a Creator is the primary element that has distinguished America from other countries and has enabled her to operate as a republic longer than any other country. Today there is NO guarantee that delegates to a COS would possess that strong moral compass.

Finally, the proposed language of "The New Constitution" of Professor and legal counsel targets The Bill of Rights. This is the section that the founders in New Hampshire fought to retain, thus making this state the last to ratify the Constitution for the United States. (See publiushuldah.com)

I do not support this proposal for an Article V Convention. I believe it is dangerous to our existence as a free people. I encourage you to do your homework. Then vote your conscience.



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# OPINION

## Your Vote in November Helps Determine New Hampshire's Course

Informed voting requires researching facts

Ken Wells  
Candidate for State Representative

Over the past several years, we have been witnessing New Hampshire's political system fracture into a three-party system, made confusing because two of the parties (the traditional GOP vs Free State/Liberty Alliance) claim the same "Republican" title. My grandfather was an Eisenhower Republican who founded an important national patriotic organization in Valley Forge. But grandfather's traditional "Grand Old Party" of Eisenhower and Lincoln has little in common with today's New Hampshire "liberty" extremists who also claim his party's name. Some of these extremists attempted to hamstring public education in Croydon and our own Merrimack Valley, dismantle Gunstock ski area as a revenue-maker serving Belknap county taxpayers, and some even agitated for New Hampshire breaking away from the United States of America.

New Hampshire is a small state, but a heavyweight in United States politics because you, small-town New Hampshire voters, are independent and engaged in our beautifully messy town-hall, first-in-the nation democratic tradition. Be very, very careful how you vote in November, or we could lose our viable two-party democracy in New Hampshire, and a bad New Hampshire election result could have consequences nationwide!

One of my favorite songs - and perhaps yours too - has deep roots in New England. The lyrics of *Amazing Grace* are attributed to Englishman John Newton (1750-1807). Astonishingly, the songwriter was the captain of a British slave ship, trading African captives for raw materials such as molasses and cotton. Those materials were sold to New Englanders who converted them into rum and textiles, which were sold in Europe and the cash was used to purchase more human beings from the so-called "Gold Coast/Slave Coast/Ivory Coast" of West Africa. (It is undeniably true that some of the 10 to 15 million Africans sold in the Americas were auctioned off in slave markets as close to us as Portsmouth. Andover's own Richard Potter of Potter Place was the son of an Ashland, Massachusetts slave.)

While plying his repugnant trade, Newton was driven to deep introspection by a furious, near-fatal storm in the Atlantic. As a result of his crisis, he repented, became an Anglican minister and an influential anti-slavery spokesperson who played an important role in abolishing the slave trade in England,

long before our own Civil War. He - one person - repented, and it made an important difference.

Newton's version of "Amazing Grace" has the lyric "He shall my shield and portion be...". Regardless of one's religious belief (or non-belief) many of us in dire circumstances take comfort in beseeching a more powerful entity to protect us (shield) and provide us the fair share we need to survive (portion). For ages, people around the world have looked to their monarch or government to provide that "shield and portion". On this practical level, we Americans have a community-oriented, traditional and long-standing agreement among ourselves to support our American democratic form of government, to ensure the secular source of our "shield and portion". An important part of that "shield" is our government providing a court system that is a fair ultimate authority, and to provide each of us equal protection under the law - rich or poor, male or female, Christian or non-Christian, etc. That "shield" is not working for many of us now. The "portion" speaks to an equitable share of our collective prosperity...but your gasoline and New Hampshire electric energy rates doubled, at the same time that energy giant Exxon-Mobil reports its highest profits in 40 years! Imagine which way that river of dollars is flowing. What determines who gets a portion of that prosperity? Our government plays a vital role in ensuring economic fairness and non-monopolistic behavior.

I truly believe in our two-party system, because two parties, no more, seem to be crucial to the function of our democracy. We need to be able to steer our "ship of state" carefully to both the left and to the right, if we want to navigate a course that leads to the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Ours is always a stormy voyage, with meeting the vital demands for all our people on one side, and stoking the economic engine that generates (but also unfortunately concentrates) prosperity on the other. Although the demands of steering are often at odds, our democracy can't have either one without the other. The way to accomplish that "careful steering" is not by one party exterminating the other, with the absolute triumph of one narrow ideology (I invite you to look up the definition of "fascism"), but by re-establishing a respectful legislative tradition of negotiation and compromise between competing interests. If our democratic scheme for steering fails, "we the people" will no longer command our own destiny, but we will become the ship's enslaved

See Republican on page 28



## DANBURY WINTER FARMERS MARKET

Nov 5, Dec 3,  
Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4,  
Apr 1, May 6  
9am-Noon

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# OPINION

## New Hampshire Republican Platform Moves Towards Libertarian

Mary Anne Broshek, Andover

We have a Republican Governor and Republican majorities in the New Hampshire Senate, House, and Executive Council. The current Republicans in control of the state are nothing like the Republicans you voted for 20 or 30 years ago. Their platform has moved towards a Libertarian ideology. Two of Andover's candidates – Louise Andrus and Alvin See – are endorsed by the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance.

**Property taxes:** In the past legislative session, there was an opportunity to move revenue back to towns and cities to make up for the downshifting of costs in previous years. Instead, the Republican majority voted to give tax breaks to corporations and the wealthy. An early draft estimate of lost revenue is 90 million for state fiscal year 2023. Once the Interest and Dividends tax is phased out, that alone is estimated to lose 117 million dollars of revenue a year.

**Public Education:** New Hampshire has the lowest state contribution to education in the country and the highest percent of property taxes going toward education. It's a problem, and the New Hampshire School Fair Funding Project states this results in 2.3 billion a year in funds down-shifted from the state to towns and cities. Instead of addressing the problem, Republicans slipped the

“no accountability” school voucher program into the budget with an estimated cost of \$130,000 the first year and 3.3 million the second year. The actual program costs were 8 million the first year and 14.7 million the second year producing another drain on the Education Trust Fund. All efforts to protect taxpayer funds from misuse and attempts to establish fair education funding were voted down in the past two legislative sessions.

**Reproductive Rights and Public Health Services:** The Republican legislature added abortion restrictions to the budget – a first for New Hampshire. The Republican members of the Executive Council have voted multiple times to deny funding for non-abortion services (contraception, cancer screenings, STD screenings). The Commissioner of Health and Human services stated “It is the equivalent to reducing access to health care services for low-income women”.

In October, the House Judiciary Committee voted against HB1181 being recommended for future legislation by a vote of 12-7. HB1181 is a proposal which would allow a biological father to use the courts to stop an abortion. Louise Andrus was one of the seven who supported HB1181.

As for Governor Sununu, he went along with abortion restrictions, tax cuts for corporation and the wealthy, and nominated the current Commissioner of Education who pushed for the school voucher legislation.

## Fire Department Replaces Trucks Using Capital Reserves

Avoids raising taxes for needed equipment

Rene Lefebvre, Andover Fire Chief

Fire trucks are designed and manufactured to last a long time. We keep them in service an average of twenty to twenty-five years. In that time we use them in the worst of weather and require them to carry very heavy loads, between the water we haul and the equipment we use. The key to the long, useful life of a fire truck is purchasing a truck of good quality and having a very intensive maintenance program. During the time we have a truck in service we spend hundreds of hours checking every piece of the truck and the equipment it carries. As silly as it sounds, taking care of a truck, in time, becomes personal. You know every odd quirk, every sound it makes, and the way it handles going down the road. Firemen gain a trust that the truck will perform its task and keep everyone safe. As the trucks age-out and maintenance becomes very expensive the trust becomes tempered by frequent breakdowns.

Our plan is to replace a twenty-four year old truck (Engine 1) with a truck that is currently in a front line position but is aging-out for that level of service (Engine 3). We will keep Engine 3 in backup service for five more years and then not likely replace it. It is nice to have a backup engine; however, we are concerned that the cost will be a strong consideration.

The Fire Commissioners appointed a replacement truck committee last year. Their task was to assess the needs of our fire department and find a truck that would meet our requirements for at least twenty-five years. The committee has recommended to the commissioners an engine that will fill our needs. If approved, it will be manufactured by Four Guys Fire Apparatus. It will be an attack pumper similar in style to our Engine 2 housed at the East Station. The cost will be \$650,000 and will take one year to manufacture from the time the order is placed.

A fair question at this point is to ask how much this truck will raise current taxes. We will have a capital reserve of approximately \$350,000 at the end of this year. We currently place \$65,000 in capital reserve each year. We will stop the capital reserve for five years and make payments for the truck with the \$65,000 that is currently reserved. The goal is to purchase that truck on the current budget and not raise your taxes to the fire department. This budgeting practice has been used to purchase fire trucks for the past thirty years.

We will include the purchase of this new truck in the 2023 budget. In the coming months we will provide information and drawings from the manufacturer and will be prepared to answer your questions. Our goal is to keep one front line attack pumper at each end of Andover. This request will help us to accomplish our mission of safety.

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Andover Historical Society would like to thank the volunteers & donors who helped with the new semaphore signal at the Potter Place Train Station.

### Republican from page 27

“America” as we know it will cease to exist.

This November's election is an important one for New Hampshire, made especially so because there is no presidential contest to discolor our view of local New Hampshire issues. Therefore, please beware of political arguments, and perhaps your own justifications, that refer to national and presidential politics in this non-presidential election! These arguments may be calibrated to rub salt in old wounds, but they won't address important local issues like New Hampshire property taxes, local schools, and our sovereignty over our own bodies. Don't let the emotion of old fights cloud your judgment. Like John Newton, use your secret ballot to repent and choose a new safer political direction, if you think New Hampshire's dangerously fragmentary course is a poor choice for our de-

mocracy to survive the current storm.

You probably have not had the opportunity to notice that on Andover's September primary ballots, there were 16 Democrats vying for 13 offices, while a “double slate” of 42 Republicans contested 15 offices. Not all those “Republican” candidates share the same platform; some are what I consider to be quite extreme and “stealthy”. I find it is more enlightening (but tedious) to research the incumbents' voting records at the New Hampshire General Court website [gencourt.state.NH.us/NHgcroll-calls/] than to read many of their Facebook feeds, that I feel are sometimes information-poor and misleading. You may come to the same conclusion that I have: voters should reject the politics of national division among the Republican factions, repent, and vote for moderate Democrats, to steer our ship back to the side that favors the people, and the best interests of our communities.

### TOO GOOD NOT TO REPEAT

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

- Marjorie Moore

# 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*.

## Select Board

July 5

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Those present:** Select Board Chair Michelle Dudek, Select Board member James Delaney, Sr., Janet Moore, Highway Supervisor Frank Bryson, Todd Goings, Stephen Barton, Art Urie, John McDonald, Memphis Watson, Town Administrator Marjorie Roy.

### Highway Supervisor Report

The Channel Road Culvert Project will cost approximately \$10,000 which includes \$2,690 for the metal to be used as plating.

of the solid waste trailer because he is waiting to hear from Reed’s Trucking who did the inspection of the trailer.

The proposed well at the Transfer Station was next on the agenda. Cushing and Sons Well Company, the only company that responded to the Board’s request for quotes, told the Town they would not install running water upstairs in the new building, as originally planned, because there is no foundation under the building and pipes will freeze. Stephen Barton, who built the building stated there are several ways to keep the pipes from freezing, and he will get quotes from well companies.

There was general discussion among the Select Board, Town Administrator, and Highway Supervisor about the Fenvale project (previously mentioned in these minutes), paving an apron (funds to come from Special Projects budget line) and contracting the calcium application to the roads. HealthTrust was also mentioned.

## Select Board

July 19

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Michelle Dudek (Chair), Jim Delaney, Andy Guptill, Frank Brisson

**Public:** John, Cheryl Swensen (Cemetery Committee), Beth Frost (Cemetery Committee), Ken Tripp

### Select Board Vacancy

Jim motioned to appoint Andy Guptill as Select Board member to fill the vacant spot. Michelle seconded. All were in favor.

### Highway Department

Frank is working on obtaining a quote to shim Depot Street.

Signatures are needed for the Fenva-

## Office Hours & Meetings

### OFFICE HOURS

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**Town Clerk & Tax Collector:**  
 Mon, Wed, Thu 9-2  
 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,  
 May through October, 8-12  
**Andover Library**  
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 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 Wed  
 (except July), 6:30, AE/MS  
**Select Board:** 1st & 3rd Wed, 6:30  
**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** 3rd Tue, 7

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As estimated at budget preparation time, the Fenvale Culvert Project will cost approximately \$40,000 (from the Special Project budget line.) This project can wait no longer because the road will be lost at a much higher cost than that of the culvert. Selectman Delaney moved that the project move forward. Select Board Chair Dudek seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The public hearings for the sale of Town properties must be repeated because there was only one Select Board member present at both hearings. A meeting is opened prior to the opening of a public hearing, and a quorum of the Board must be present to open any meeting.

The Select Board appointed Nancy Robart to the Planning Board.

Selectman Delaney reported that he did not have a report on the condition

le culvert work and Channel Road culvert work. Marj has work orders which were not in the documents left for the meeting.

Board signed order for culvert purchase (for Channel Road).

Backhoe got a flat tire at Transfer Station. Request for rear and front spare tires was unanimously approved by the

Board.

Frank requested Michelle’s help updating the cameras at the garage.

Frank suggested adding a full-time Transfer Station employee to the 2023 budget. This position could also help out on Highway Department as hours allow.

See Minutes on page 30

## Library Director

Andover Public Library, Andover.

We are seeking a part-time director, available Dec. 1st. Library is open Monday and Wednesday evenings, Wednesday and Saturday mornings, and Thursday afternoon. Hours complement Bachelder Library in East Andover. Bachelor’s degree and/or experience running a small town library. Responsibilities include publicity, budget, materials selection, ordering, processing, circulation. Calm, humorous, energetic interaction with all ages necessary. Technology expertise, love of reading essential. Grow professionally, maintain library as vital part of community. Resume, references required.

Contact trustee Janet Moore at [jmpcilley@tds.net](mailto:jmpcilley@tds.net) as soon as possible.

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# Planning Board Needs Part-Time Recording Secretary


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Donna Duclos, Planning Board Chair

The Town of Andover seeks a part-time Recording Secretary to take meeting minutes for the town's Planning Board (PB). The person would be required to cover two-hour public meetings in person on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month throughout the year.

Duties also will include working with the PB Administrator to update the filing system. Hours to be negotiated upon being offered the position.

This position is primarily responsible for preparing, keeping files of, and distributing draft and approved meeting minutes to the board's members; posting public notices; and informing abutters of such meetings. Current pay rate is \$18 an hour.

If Interested, please send your resume to [DCDuclos@gmail.com](mailto:DCDuclos@gmail.com) or to Donna Duclos, Andover Planning Board, PO Box 61, Andover NH 03216-0061. 

## Minutes from page 29

Plows will have new types of cutting edges this year in hopes of saving time and money.

The Board and Highway Super reviewed last year's plow contract and discussed 2022-2023:

- Post September 1
- Add that contractors have 45 minutes to respond to Hwy Super's call
- Add that contractors should expect to include three to four hours of clean up on their route after a weather event
- Need wording and process/record-keeping to address weather events where a contractor does not show – no show = that amount being deducted from contracted payment
- Any backup operators need proof of insurance with Town Hall
- Routes will remain the same
- Payment will remain the same

## Cemetery Committee

Discussion regarding water at the cemetery. \$2,500 to install. Cemetery Committee still needs to meet to discuss the plan. It is important that all parties communicate regularly. It is suggested that the Board and Cemetery Committee meet quarterly. Town Hall does not have a key to the pump house and needs one.

## Transfer Station Trailer

Marj has the cost info on repairs, but rails are missing and cannot be welded. Jim provided cost info on used trail-

ers, but there is concern with their age. Andy will look into trailers from a refuse trailer dealer in Salem. The Board needs to know how much money is available in the capital reserve for replacement.

## Miscellaneous

Invite Harold Tuttle from Planning Board to next meeting

Michelle read an email exchange from Ed Hiller regarding Beaver Deceiver on Valley Road. The Board would like Frank to look into DES permitting to remove the device.

Ken Tripp requested the Town re-energize the Recycling Committee. He would be willing to serve, but not chair. Ken discussed the many grants available and would like to see the committee provide community outreach and education. Ken also suggested bringing to Town Meeting pay-as-you-throw trash disposal with clear bags.

## Select Board

August 17

Condensed from approved minutes

**Members Present:** Michelle Dudek, Chair; James Delaney, and Andy Guptill

Also present for duration of appropriate item: Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Donna Duclos; Frank Bryson; Shawn Upton; John McDonald; Peter Howard, Dubois and King Inc.; Peter Stewart, Architect; Seth Currier; Jacob Gilman; and Lisa Meier, Secretary

## Eastern Analytical

Testing and reports are done yearly on the gas wells at the old landfill on Monticello Drive and have been received. Test results are within normal limits.

## Road Agent Report

The spoils pile needs to be relocated in order to bring in 10 loads of loam and 10 loads of gravel. Five of the loads of gravel will be 3/4" stone. Frank will confer with Jon Champagne for this. Champagne will use the bulldozer and loader to relocate the sand and will confirm how much is there.

Frank has been emailing with DES regarding paperwork for routine road maintenance. Frank has also submitted photos to DES. DES indicates a permit is not needed as they are only sleeving the pipe.

Dudek asked if the price was still \$40,000, and the response was yes; however, Frank would like to add \$10,000 due to inflation.

Dudek asked if this was for pipe, concrete subbing, and cutting back the bushes, and Frank responded it is only for the pipe and concrete.

Bryson asked for a check to be cut as a one-time thing. Guptill stated the policy needs to be addressed for the future. Dudek recommended Bryson speak with Finance regarding paying vendors within 30 days.

Dudek asked if the plow routes for this winter have been addressed, and the Board decided to hold a work session the following week. Bryson asked for plow prices so he can even pay across the board. Dudek stated that an on-call policy needs to be drawn up and requested Bryson for a draft policy for their work session the following week.

Ditching is being worked on. Work orders were signed by the Board. Bryson stated the pipe for Channel Road is \$20,000; however, the bridge culvert with steel plates is \$6,500.

## Dubois and King

Howard asked the Board for any concerns as a conceptual drawing of the location of the building had been received. Delaney asked where we were at as far as bids. Howard responded that there has only been communication but will speak with John Kinney.

Guptill stated that during a prior dis-

cussion, the contractor did not include fire protection and asked if it was needed. Stewart stated there is a six-month grace period, but he will follow up; however, he would like to know exactly what is wanted by the Town.

Bryson replied he would like an 18' curling height with three overhead doors and drains in the slab; but only one bay with the floor drain, along with an oil/water separator or a retention pond.

Delaney stated there should be three bays, an office, a bathroom, a break-room with storage above.

Stewart asked if there would be vehicle maintenance done here, and the response was not at this time, only routine maintenance. Stewart asked what kind of siding would the Board like and offered to provide options. Stewart asked what kind of interior wall finish was wanted, and Bryson replied FRP in the wash bays 8' up all sides.

Stewart stated he will put together some conceptals and send them out for review. It was asked if there was a pre-qualified bidder list, and the response was yes. Roy stated she believes Primex will require something. Stewart stated a cistern, pump and generator are needed. Dudek will check with Steve Barton.

Bryson asked if the generator will be sufficient enough for the building also, and the response was yes. Bryson asked how thick the cement floor would be and the reply was 6". Delaney asked if there would be rebar or fiberglass, and the response was as it could be either, they will check on it.

Stewart asked if the Board would like them to provide a septic design, and the response was yes. Gilman asked what the difference in life span is between a wood building and a metal building, and the response was the metal is about 75 years and the stick-built is about 50 years. Stewart asked if this would go out to bid as soon as possible and the response was yes. Who was putting this out to bid – the Town or Dubois and King?

## Highway Block Grant

Roy stated the Highway Block Grant was received yesterday with an additional \$85,000. Per HB401, this is to be used for roads and bridges. Dudek stated this will be added to a work session. Guptill stated they will need to set



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**Personnel Policy**

Dudek stated the policy needs to be worked on consisting of time sheets, sick time, and a return-to-work policy. Delaney stated this should be added to a work session. Dudek stated they can work on it at a work session; however, it needs to be voted on during a regular meeting.

**Beaver Deceivers**

Shawn Upton stated he was concerned regarding his prior discussions with the Board about the beaver deceivers and asked if there has been any progress with DES. Upton read an email he received from DES as well as an RSA pertaining to maintaining them. Roy read another RSA pertaining to maintaining them. Guptill stated that the board needs to work on getting a permit.

Currier asked if there was any documentation for non-Board members maintaining them, and the response was yes. Dudek stated this discussion needs to be continued at a work session.

Bryson stated something needs to be done with the bridge on Valley Road. Dudek asked if he had any idea on how to fix it, and Bryson responded that the fencing at the bottom of the bridge needs to be removed.

Dudek asked if this could be done without heavy equipment, and the response was no. Dudek asked if DES would say this was a highway emergency, and Bryson responded he would contact DES about it.

**Town Administrator's Report**

Roy stated that there are several boards in town that need members and that everything else that was on her report has been discussed already.

**School Board**

September 7

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Board Present:** Aimee Menard, Dan Newton, Steve Chella, Kayla Chandler

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

**Public Present:** Donna Crisp Duclos, Lee Wells

**Public Comment**

Duclos relayed significant concerns regarding AE/MS being open during public primary elections on September 13. Dobe discussed the plan in place to ensure student safety.

**Chairperson Report**

Menard expressed congratulations for the new school year. The school looks great. The teachers and staff have the Board's support.

**Principal's Report**

Dobe spoke of AE/MS's positive

start to the new school year and all the work teachers and the maintenance crew put in to get ready for '22-'23.

The teacher's professional development days went very well. The rollout of the MTSS initiative has been taking place since that time.

Dobe suggested that a School Board member should join the team reviewing the school safety plans. Adams was nominated for this role.

The eighth grade will be attending Nature's Classroom later in September, a week long field trip to support team building and social emotional development.

Dobe relayed very positive sentiment for all the new staff AE/MS has been fortunate to acquire for this school year.

Page spoke of the progress being done with the newly-revived Family Teacher Organization, with plans in regards to the Open House and other social events to promote community.

Audet reported that the old maintenance shed has been modified and adjusted to hold materials for the Softball League. Over the summer, we had additional support for painting projects throughout the building.

AE/MS received a notice regarding new expectations for lead levels in water; bubblers have been replaced to ensure we have the correct filtration systems.

Audet is also going to work on improving the landscape in the front of the building, where students last year had eroded the grass due to overuse of the area.

On October 8, we are due for our three-year inspection of the oil tanks. The Dennises are working on finalizing the grant for the window project.

Dobe reported that the state should have notified AE/MS in regards to the grant for the door locks by now; MacLean will reach out on that.

**Old Business**

The Board's recommended changes to AE/MS's Stay Open Framework (COVID protocols) were reviewed. The only additions were time frames, and the only deletions were items that are no longer applicable. Chandler motioned to approve the Stay Open Framework as presented with the updates, Newton seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

**Superintendent's Report**

The SAU is starting the process for an assistant superintendent search, with the goal of bringing a candidate to the board by December 7. The role will be posted to the public on October 7.

MacLean reported that the school visits by he and Wormald have been very positive. NHSAA trainings and meetings are back up and running; MacLean will be traveling to Denver to present on, among other things, MV's

mentor program (which includes new teachers to AE/MS as well).

**Assistant Superintendent's Report**

Wormald reported that the new-teacher orientation for this school year took place at the Grappone Center and included an event in the evening. Wormald reviewed the emergency action plan policy for athletics.

**Action From Non-Public Session**

Motion to change Board meetings to Wednesdays at 6:30 PM for the 2022-2023 school year by Aimee Menard, second by Dan Newton. Motion carried.

**Conservation Commission**

September 14

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Members Present:** Jerry Hersey, Tina Cotton, Nancy Robart, Lee Wells, Derek Mansell, Nancy Teach, Sooze Hodgson

**Also present:** Donna Duclos, Buffy Thurston, who may be interested in applying to join.

**Financial Update:** Our budget is \$1,300. Fifty percent of funds from land coming out of Current Use go to ACC. Nancy R. will check with Shirley: re: renewing CDs.

**Hebron Fair:** Nancy R. attended, Hebron has an excellent Conservation booth there. Lots of support for the Hebron Country Club, Sutton Country Club, had people at the Keyser Lake Association.

**Article to Beacon:** Nancy R. will work on "If you see something, say

something" article, e.g. steps to take if seeing a possible problem/violation. People should come to our meetings and express concerns to everyone.

**Bradley Lake concern:** Waiting for sign-off letter from Department of Environmental Services (DES) re: bathroom connection to septic system. DES is requesting a letter from the contractor. Nancy R. has let Pat Moyer know of the situation, and Pat has helped with a follow-up letter.

**ACC membership:** Nancy Teach has filled out an application and has gone to Select Board. Other people may be interested. Nancy R. let Marj know we'd like to have them come to meetings first. Jerry (re)sworn in '21, Sooze and Tina sworn in as alternates in '22. Derek may have been sworn in last year as an alternate? Lee will look through notes to check dates.

**Correspondence**

From the Hillers, re: concern about Valley Road Beaver Deceiver. Many of the concerns have been addressed.

From DOT, re: concerns about the bridge and road project on Route 11. Tina had responded to their earlier letter. Two plans are illustrated on graphics posted in the basement meeting room in Town Hall. One puts in two bridges, the other only one. Jesse forwarded an article about a similar project in Concord. Nancy R. and Donna will go talk to Marj about it.

Invasive plants UNH Extension con-  
See Minutes on page 32

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**Minutes from page 31**

ference on September 23. Sooze and Nancy R. will attend. Sooze will do a write up for the *Beacon*.

**ASLPT:** Email from Andy re: legal cost for Mayman/Bernhard is \$33. Motion made by Sooze to cover the cost, seconded by Jerry, all in favor. Covers the cost of amendment to the easement, has to go through the Select Board and on to the Attorney General's Office.

**Property Abutting Bog Pond:** Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) is still interested in working with us to secure that land. Waiting to hear from the Aquatic Resource Mitigation fund; funding possibilities available again in spring.

Andy has gotten the green light to pursue it. Do we need to help fund an appraisal in order to move the process along? Nancy R. will email him.

**Land Monitoring:** Derek and Jerry have walked the Dyer's Crossing land. They felt there might be an area where a house, well, and septic could be built. Seventy-five feet is usually the requirement for setbacks from road, property lines, and wetlands; what are the current setback requirements?

The property was not as cut-and-dry as Derek and Jerry were expecting. There are some flags in place for the perk test. There are some markings that appear to be marking a wetland edge. The situation may change with the DOT project.

Earle Chase, wetland specialist, wants to do a walk-about on a Saturday. We have allocated no more than \$500. Try for September 24, ask him to mark the riparian borders, etc. Find out what setbacks are and write a report. Get more info from Planning Board.

**Beaver Deceivers:** Vicky took Frank Bryson, Supervisor of the Andover Highway Department, on a tour of the BDs. He showed Vicky a design that he had done in Franklin. He said that anytime a BD interferes with road integrity, the BD will be removed.

Vicky let him know that since BDs were put in place, the roads/culverts have been in better shape. Michelle Lambert feels that she is partial owner of the BDs and does a great job of maintaining the Elbow Pond BD. Frank saw her cleaning out the BD and felt that she was trespassing.

Nancy has talked to Michelle Dudek and Marj; we will try to do a field trip with Andy Guptill and the BD monitors. The Town position on this needs to be clarified by Marj. Try for a trip for Monday afternoon, September 26.

**Andover Garden Club:** Doing a great job, we will try to get Mary Lou to come to a future meeting.

**Kearsarge Climate Action:** E-bikes – Nancy R signed up to try out an e-bike. Lee will be helping at the Demo Day on September 25, and anyone who shows up can give them a try.

Special thanks to Derek for his monitoring and the write-ups.

**Local Author Mary Kronenwetter Speaks at Upcoming Event**

Wednesday, November 9, 7 PM in Wilmot

Press release

Local author Mary Kronenwetter will be the guest speaker at the Wilmot Library on Wednesday, November 9, at 7 PM. She will talk about her book *Pauper Auction*, a riveting tale that describes the practice of New England towns auctioning off their poor to the highest bidder.

A New Englander by birth and disposition, Kronenwetter grew up in a 19th century Massachusetts farmhouse

complete with a well, barn, outbuildings, pasture, and fields lined with stone walls. With a doctorate in education, Kronenwetter has taught at colleges in the United States, China, and Japan. She now lives in the area and has served as a museum educator at Historic Deerfield, The John Hay Estate at The Fells, and the Enfield Shaker Museum.

The talk, part of the library's lecture series, will take place at 11 North Wilmot Road in Wilmot and is free and open to the public. For more information call 603 526-6804 or email WilmotLibrary@comcast.net.

**Kearsarge Area Senior Lunch Takes Place on November 17**

Noon at First Congregational Church of Wilmot


Press release

The November Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon Program, hosted by the Wilmot Ladies Aid Society, will take place at noon on Thursday, November 17. Hot lunches from the Community Action Program (CAP) in Concord will be served at the First Congregational Church of Wilmot in the ground-floor meeting room.

The church is located next to the Wilmot Public Library at 19 North Wilmot Road in Wilmot Center, just three miles north of the intersection of Routes 4A and 11. Door prizes, entertainment, free books, and CAP's frozen dinners-to-go will be available following the meal.

Suggested donation for Seniors (60+): \$2 for hot lunch and \$3 for the Church. Under 60: \$6 for hot lunch and \$3 for the Church.

To sign up, call 603 526-4236 by Thursday, November 10. Be prepared to leave your name, town, and phone number to reserve your place.



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# Andover Libraries Page

## Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

### Adult Fiction

*The Molly Murphy Mysteries #11-14*, Rhys Bowen  
*Tom Clancy: Enemy Contact*, Mike Maden  
*An Ivy Hill Christmas*, Julie Klassen  
*Left to Die Series #1-4*, Lisa Jackson  
*Vince Flynn: Oath of Loyalty*, Kyle Mills  
*Lucy By the Sea*, Elizabeth Strout  
*Desperation in Death*, JD Robb  
*Fox Creek*, William Kent Krueger  
*The Winners*, Fredrik Backman  
*Artemis*, Andy Weir  
*Book Lovers*, Emily Henry  
*The Lioness*, Chris Bohjalian  
*A Salty Piece of Land*, Jimmy Buffet

### Adult Nonfiction

*I'm Glad My Mom Died*, Jeannette McCurdy  
*Arthritis for Dummies*, Nadine Taylor MS, RD

### Children's Books

*Big Nate: Welcome to My World*, Lincoln Peirce  
*The LEGO Adventure Book*, Megan H. Rothrock  
*Little Blue Truck Makes a Friend*, Alice Schertle  
*Way of the Ninja*, Scholastic Books  
*Peppa is Kind*, Samantha Lizzio  
*The Vanderbeekers on the Road*, Karina Yan Glaser  
*The Magic Treehouse Starter Set*, Mary Pope Osborne and Jenny Laird

## Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

### Adult Fiction

*All Good People Here*, Ashley Flowers  
*The Case for Jamie*, Brittany Cavallo  
*Fall Guy*, Archer Mayor  
*Fox Creek*, William Kent Krueger  
*It's a Wonderful Woof*, Spencer Quinn  
*It Starts With Us*, Colleen Hoover  
*Maybe Now*, Colleen Hoover  
*Maybe Someday*, Colleen Hoover  
*Our Missing Hearts*, Celeste Ng  
*The Rising Tide*, Anne Cleeves  
*Tender is the Bite*, Spencer Quinn  
*A Study in Charlotte*, Brittany Cavallaro  
*The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches*, Sangu Mandanna  
*The Winners*, Fredrik Backman

### Adult Nonfiction

*Life on the Mississippi*, Rinker Buck

### Middle Grade/Young Adult

*Dinosaurs Before Dark*, Mary Pope Osborne and Jenny Laird

*The Knight at Dawn*, Mary Pope Osborne and Jenny Laird  
*Mummies in the Morning*, Mary Pope Osborne and Jenny Laird  
*Pirates Past Noon*, Mary Pope Osborne and Jenny Laird  
*The Midnight Children*, Dan Gemeinhart  
*Moonflower*, Kacen Callender  
*The Night Sky Book: An Everyday Guide to Every Night*, Jamie Jobb  
*The Secret Battle of Evam Pao*, Wendy Wan-Long Shang  
*The Tryout*, Christina Soontornvat

### Children's Books

*The Boy Who Loved Maps*, Kari Allen

### Planisphere

The library has been given a Planisphere by the New Hampshire Astronomical Society. A planisphere is a large plastic adjustable chart that is set to our general latitude. It can then be set to a specific date and time to show where stars and constellations can be seen in the night sky. It can be checked out just as you would check out a book.

## Through the Reading Glasses November 2022

Janet Moore, Andover Libraries

Once upon a long time ago, there lived a boy named Harry Potter. Well, not exactly. How about: once upon a time there lived two penguins, Silo and Roy, in the Central Park Zoo. That's better, because at least they're real, the penguins are, and they helped raise a penguin chick named Tango.

But Harry Potter is real in the world of magic and fantasy, isn't he? And wouldn't you like to ride a broomstick across the sky and conjure spells and receive owl mail? Sure you would!

But back to those penguins ... Central Park in New York City boasts a carousel and a boat pond and a wonderful zoo where chinstrap penguins Silo and Roy and Tango lived. When it became clear to the zookeepers that Silo and Roy were happy together and wanted to raise a chick, they were given an extra unhatched egg to incubate.

Lo and behold, after about a month the egg cracked and Tango made her appearance. It may seem unusual, but zookeepers around the world have noted the same phenomenon – two males and two females sometimes wish to

make their own families.

All Harry Potter ever wanted was a real family, but his parents were taken away much too soon, and he was sent to live with the boring and bullying and nasty Dursleys until his eleventh birthday. Really, what's worse – magic or bullies?

Harry escaped by being spirited away to Hogwarts, the school for wizards and witches, and spent his time learning how to fight the forces of evil in order to make the world a better place. That seems like a particularly noble calling.

And yet, both of these stories can be found, year after year, in a library display of challenged books. Wouldn't you rather discover them on your own, having the intellectual freedom to explore the world of literature and learn about other peoples and creatures by using your imagination and newfound information to grow into human beings of wisdom and goodness?

Think about it ... and just so you know, Harry Potter is as delightful as ever!

## Andover Libraries November 2022

### Priscilla Poulin retires; Book Club News

Priscilla Poulin, Lee Wells, Michaela Hoover, Andover Libraries

The month of September ended sadly for the Andover Libraries. Gene Poulin, Priscilla's husband of 55 years, died peacefully on September 23. Those of us fortunate enough to know him will miss his kindness and his signature smile and wave. Thanks are due to Pat Goodwin and especially to Michaela Hoover, Gene and Priscilla's granddaughter, who kept the Andover Library open.

Subsequently, Priscilla retired at the end of October. Oh, how we will miss her! Her kindness, her smile, her helpfulness, and the care she took of visitors. Acting as the interim Director of the Andover Public Library, while we work to find a successor for Priscilla, is Michaela Hoover, whom many of you

already know. She has been a tremendous help as a substitute at both libraries. We're sure you'll find her helpful and welcoming!

The Book Club will be doing something different for our November meeting. Instead of having everyone read the same book, members will each pick out a young adult or juvenile book and briefly summarize and interpret it for the group. We did this a few years ago, and it really was fun. All of us enjoyed reading books that were intended for younger audiences and had younger main characters. Please join us on Wednesday, November 16 at 7 PM at the Bachelder Library. Just pick out a young adult or juvenile book and come join us. We are meeting a week earlier than our usual fourth Wednesday due to Thanksgiving.

We are grateful for books and for you, our patrons. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

## Andover Library Seeks Candidates for Library Director Position

Janet Moore, Trustee

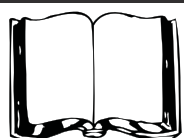
The Andover Public Library is seeking a part-time director, available December first. The Library is open Monday and Wednesday evenings, Wednesday and Saturday mornings, and Thursday afternoon. Hours complement those of the Bachelder Library in East Andover.

Requirements include a Bachelor's degree and/or experience running a small town library. Responsibilities include publicity, budget, materials selection, ordering, processing, and circulation. Calm, humorous, energetic interaction with all ages necessary. Technology expertise and love of reading are essential. Grow professionally, and maintain the library as a vital part of the community.

Resume and references required. Contact trustee Janet Moore at jmpcilley@tds.net as soon as possible.

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## South Danbury Church News November 2022

### Donald Hall short story to be presented

Linda Wilson, South Danbury Church

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation in South Danbury Church events and activities! We hope that everyone who attended our Happy Hour and Homemade Pie Sale in October enjoyed it as much as we did.

We are also especially grateful for your donations to the "South Danbury Church Essential Home Goods Shelf" at the Danbury Community Center. The (non-food) home goods collection began this year with a suggestion from Rev. Gail Kinney, and thanks to Kendra Braley, the DCC is hosting it. Personal care items are especially helpful. Contributions are always welcome, and can be brought to the DCC or to church services and events.

Looking ahead, on the evening of Tuesday, December 13, the South Danbury Church and At Eagle Pond, Inc. (the nonprofit preserving the Wilmot farm where poets Donald Hall and Jane Kenyon shared a writing life) will present Pontine Theatre of Portsmouth (Pontine.org) in their adaptation of Don's short story, "Christmas Snow." Staged for a small audience, this dramatized reading features hand-

drawn props but has no conventional actors.

The story is a fictional remembering of Christmas at Eagle Pond Farm in 1938, the year that Don was 10. Though he spent summers there with his grandparents when he was growing up in Connecticut, he was never actually at the farm at Christmas. This story allowed him to have that near-mythic experience he had so wanted.

The performance, for adults and older children, is at 7 PM at the church in South Danbury. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are recommended because seating is limited. Contact [At.Eagle.Pond@gmail.com](mailto:At.Eagle.Pond@gmail.com) to register.

For church news, programs, events, and announcements of worship services, follow us at "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church" on Facebook, call or text 603 491-3196, or email [SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com](mailto:SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com).

If you would like to be on our mailing list, send us an email. Please contact us if you need a ride to attend worship or events. We'll be happy to help.

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.

## Andover Community Church November 2022

### Harvest Potluck Supper on November 12

Donna Thompson and Bill Blomquist  
Andover Community Church

Hope everyone is staying warm. It seems like the warm weather wasn't here long enough, and here we are just about to get into a new season!

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the rummage sales through the summer and into October. Thanks to your support, we were able to raise \$3,000. Pre-made Meals to Go continue to be great sellers and are perfect for that family on the go.

We will continue serving pre-made meals (special orders only) through the holidays of November and December, with special meals being ordered through [CraftyDonna@metrocast.net](mailto:CraftyDonna@metrocast.net) or 603 393-5470. We will start back up officially in January. Keep an eye on this article for updates!

The Andover community is invited out to a Harvest Pot Luck Supper at the Grange Hall on Saturday, November 12, from 5:30 to 7 PM. This is a free event (donations accepted), with hearty food being prepared by church members.

The menu being planned sounds scrumptious, perfect for this time of the year. All are invited to eat, laugh, and meet new Andover neighbors. Our own Judy Evans is spearheading this event. Call the church office at 603 735-5160 with any questions or further information.

Sunday, November 27, is a big day for the church. Not only is it the First Sunday of Advent, but it also marks the kick-off to a program called Godly Play. Godly Play is a Montessori-based learning experience where elementary students get hands-on experience with

some of the major stories of the Bible.

Students are invited to imagine and answer questions such as, "What do you think it would be like to live in the desert every day?" Or "How do you think the shepherds in the field felt when they saw the angels in the sky announcing the Savior's birth?" The children then create their own crafts around the stories. We're excited about the program and will be offering it through 2023.

Also beginning in November, Fr. Bill will be visiting Peabody Place in Franklin for a weekly Bible study and seasonal activities. That, along with the ongoing GriefShare program at the Hub, women's Scripture study, and weekly Franklin Outreach to the Homeless on Wednesday nights makes for one busy church!

We continue to welcome visitors, enquirers, or those in search of a spiritual home. All our growth over the past three years has come from those especially attracted to, or those curious about, Anglicanism. Those wishing to make an appointment with one of our clergy may do so through the website.

We are so blessed with our clergy who have vocational calls inside and outside the church. Along with Fr. Bill, the Rev. Cinnamon Blomquist serves as a hospice chaplain and the National Guard. Rev. Nancy Phillips is also a hospice chaplain, and the Rev. Kathy Winkfield is a gardener, works at Proctor part time, and is currently involved in Clinical Pastoral Education in a local hospital.

Any one of our staff can be contacted through [AndoverCommunityNH.org](http://AndoverCommunityNH.org).

Until next month, stay safe and warm, and enjoy the wonderful foliage in our own backyards.



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# OBITUARIES

**BONNIE JO WESLEY**, 73, passed away in her home in Andover on August 13, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. She was born March 23, 1949, in Worcester, Massachusetts, to William Victor Bredthauer of Georgetown, Texas, and Marion Elizabeth Bredthauer of Worcester, Massachusetts. After her parents' divorce, she spent her formative years between Massachusetts and Texas until her father settled in Worcester with his second wife, Barbara Bredthauer.

Bonnie graduated in 1967 from South High School in Worcester, Massachusetts, where she later married her high school sweetheart, Carl Wesley of Concord, New Hampshire. Bonnie and Carl moved to Houston, Texas, where she worked as a mainframe programmer for many years. During her time in Texas, she made many friends, gave birth to her son, Samuel Wesley, divorced her husband, and became her mother's full-time caretaker. She even-



home, she came out of retirement for a second time to work as a caretaker for Woodcrest Village Assisted Living in New London, until her cancer diagnosis the following January.

Bonnie was also an active member at the Andover Community Church (formerly the Andover Congregational Church) for many years, where she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Bonnie loved puzzles, dogs, flowers, and home-cooked meals. She loved to travel, whether cruising on Carl's Harley, road tripping across the United States with her son, or her recent trips to Europe. She loved meeting new people, tasting new cuisines, seeing new sights, and sharing new experiences. Everywhere she went, she left behind new friends. She was kind, caring, generous, and compassionate. She had a warm, adventurous spirit and never lost her sense of wonder. All who met her were blessed to know her, and she is sorely missed.

Bonnie is survived by her four brothers, Don Bredthauer of Burlson, Texas, Dennis Bredthauer of Centreville, Virginia, David Bredthauer of Brooklyn, New York, and Bill Bredthauer of Hopewell Junction, New York; her sister, Jane Gargulinski of Petersham, Massa-

**JOSEPH "GENE" ANTONIO EUGENE POULIN**, of East Andover, beloved husband, father, papa, brother, uncle, and friend passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully in his home on Friday, September 23, 2022.

Gene was born to Antonio and Ida (Dumont) Poulin on October 5, 1936 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was the seventh of ten children and is predeceased by his parents and three of his siblings: Jenette Lombardo, Irene Beaulieu, and Lee Poulin. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years Priscilla Poulin, his son David and wife Debbie, his son Kevin and wife Jennifer, his daughter Michelle and her husband Chris, his daughter Amy and her husband Jason, his daughter Stacie and her husband Jeff, as well as his grandchildren: Joey and wife Sam, Michaela, Maddie, Tiffany and her fiancé Austin, Tristan, and his great grandchildren Colby and girlfriend Mya, Bentley, and Santigie. He also leaves behind his beloved siblings Yvette Herchenroder, Doris Harrison, Kim Poulin, Claire Lavoie, Marcie Martino, and Larry Poulin, as well as countless nieces and nephews, and wonderful friends.



loved helping people. He was known for giving out Lifesavers, \$20 bills, and beers, particularly Heineken.

Fall was his favorite, especially Halloween. He loved growing pumpkins in his famous garden, and giving them out to everyone. Every year he would leave them by the mailboxes of all of his family members. He was an avid golfer, skilled bowler, and a great fisherman. He loved taking his canoe out on Highland Lake. He was excellent at playing cards, which is what he did every Tuesday after going to lunch with his devoted wife and best friends Bill and Loretta Bates. They also enjoyed their annual Poland Springs trip with the Bates for thirty years.

He loved the Peanuts, especially Snoopy. He napped in all of his Snoopy blankets. He took rides around town just to say hello to everyone and go to the dump! You could often find him sitting on his porch waving to everyone who passed by. For many years he was a part of the Andover Rescue Squad. He LOVED the Patriots and the Red Sox and called his sport-loving kids and grandkids anytime they had a great win. You could also find him blasting Sweet Caroline any time of the year. He was so proud that he met Elvis, and was a huge fan. He made the best spaghetti in the world and did the craziest things to make everyone laugh.

He was a lover of all animals, and they all loved him right back, and the constant treats he gave them too. He had the same jokes he would tell over and over that could always make you laugh. He was seen at countless sports games and events for his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids over the years. Gene was always kind and generous, and made everyone around him feel loved. The impact Gene made on his family and community was immense, and he will be sorely missed. He was always so proud of his family, as they were of him.

The family held a graveside service at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery. See Obituaries on page 36

## In Memory

If you'd like to honor the memory of a friend or loved one with a donation to *The Andover Beacon*, we will print a simple list of all such donations each month.

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tually relocated to Andover, where she resided for the rest of her life.

Bonnie and Carl reconnected after her mother's death and were remarried in 2011. Shortly after, he was diagnosed with cancer and passed away in 2012. She came out of retirement in 2014 to work as Town Clerk for the Town of Andover, where she faithfully served her community until her second retirement in 2021. After two months at

chusetts; and her son, Samuel Wesley of Andover. She is predeceased by her parents, William Victor Bredthauer and Marion Elizabeth Bredthauer; her stepmother, Barbara Jane Bredthauer; and her husband, Carl Wesley.

A memorial service and celebration of her life was held on October 16 at the Andover Community Church. Donations to help cover expenses can be made at [gofund.me/e11cdcbb](http://gofund.me/e11cdcbb).

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etery in Boscawen on September 29, 2022. A celebration followed the services at the residence of Amy and Jason Jenkins.

To sign an online guestbook please visit [chadwickfuneralservice.com](http://chadwickfuneralservice.com).

**WILLIAM D. UMLAH** died unexpectedly in Boston on September 24, 2022. Billy, as he was known, was the sixth child of the late James and Naomi Umlah. He was born on March 24, 1963, in Medford, Massachusetts.

He is survived by his four children and seven grandchildren: Justin and his family of Henniker, Naomi and her family of Andover, and Christian and Jonathan of Boston, Massachusetts.

He was predeceased by his wife, Carolyn (Hernandez) Umlah, both of his parents, and his oldest brother, Walter.

Along with his children, Billy leaves his five brothers, Kenneth of Virginia, Stephen of Revere, Massachusetts, Ernest of Everett, Massachusetts, Christopher of Medford, Massachusetts, and Scott of Oregon.

He also leaves his six sisters Carrie Kraft of Salem New Hampshire, Rachel Bradley of Everett, Massachusetts, Jamie Moynihan of East Kingston, Hampshire, Naomi Vautour of Everett, Massachusetts, Nancy Umlah of Derry, New Hampshire, and Holly Umlah of Medford, Massachusetts.

A gathering to share memories of Billy was held on Saturday, October 15, at the Masonic Lodge at 58 East Broadway in Derry, New Hampshire, from 1 to 5 PM.

**ARTHUR JAY "AJ" MACARTHUR SR.**, 93, of Andover, passed away of natural causes on September 26, 2022. AJ was born in Concord on July 8, 1929, to mother Florence "Bishop" MacArthur and father Arthur P. MacArthur of Penacook.

AJ entered the United States Navy and served on their boxing team, and after several years made it to the Olympic team. After the Navy he was a partner with his brother Gene P. MacArthur in their father's painting company, MacArthur and Sons Painting Co., one of New Hampshire's largest painting companies.

AJ's grandfather purchased the Piper Pond farm in North Wilmot over 100 years ago, and it was a much loved spot for the MacArthur family. AJ became a pilot in the 1950s and became a commander in the New Hampshire Civil Air Patrol. He was also a ski instructor, water skier, scuba diver, hunter, fisherman, and enjoyed many other sports.

He is survived by his sons, Arthur Jay MacArthur Jr. and Arthur Ray

MacArthur, and daughter Travis L. Kadlec MacArthur. His burial will be at Tewksbury cemetery, North Wilmot, on July 8, 2023.

**JOHN BRAMAN PENDLETON**

ascended to his final peak on the morning of September 26, 2022, surrounded by his loving children. John was born on July 28, 1936, in Bronxville, New York, to Erma Fay Stoecker and Leonard Thurston Pendleton. He spent his early years in Pelham and later moved to Shaker Heights, Ohio, where he attended high school at the University School. John earned his B.A. from Amherst College in 1958 and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1962. In 1960 John married Georgia Weston Anderson and moved to Concord New Hampshire to practice law and pursue his love of New Hampshire's nature.

The couple welcomed four children into their lives, Cynthia, (Bill Cronin); Julia Braman; John Thurston, (Sarah Pendleton); and Richard Brigham, (Claudia Kaerner). John, Georgia, and their children enjoyed an extremely active and loving life with their shared devotion to the outdoors, sailing, hiking, tennis, and skiing. The couple were loved by Concord friends and families and involved in constant social engagements, tennis and swimming clubs, and organizations.

After Georgia's passing in 1979, John married Elizabeth Vail Carruthers (Betsy) in 1980. John embraced Betsy's six children, Sam; Laura; Peter (Liz), Nancy; Ted; and Elizabeth, (Larry Closson). He adored each of his sixteen grandchildren, taking them on their traditional "Grampa Hikes" and supporting each in their individual endeavors. In addition to his wife, children, and grandchildren, John leaves a loving sister, Cynthia, and (Harry Rubicam) of Scottsdale, Arizona. John was welcomed and loved by so many in his extended families.

John practiced law for 35 years in Concord and had a multitude of impressive accomplishments that could fill *The Globe's* Sunday sports section! Highlights of his legal career include closing deals with the likes of Ted Williams and Bobby Orr, co-authoring the New Hampshire Condominium Act, creat-

ing the first shareholder owned mutual savings banks in the United States, representing Pennichuck Water Works and arguing cases before the New Hampshire Supreme Court. He liked to tell how he wove in a quote from Howard Cosell about Muhammad Ali into a Supreme Court oral argument. John was the youngest president of the New Hampshire Bar Association and served on for-profit and not-for-profit boards throughout his life.

John served as Trustee of the Board at Proctor Academy after two of his children attended the school. His love of Proctor inspired him to leave the practice of law at the age of 61 to pursue his life-long dream of teaching. He joined the faculty at Proctor in its English Department. John and Betsy became dorm parents and mentors to a group of young women. In him, Proctor found a man who was always learning, always growing, and always seeking to make an impact.

At 70, John and Betsy moved to Truro, Massachusetts, in a house bordered by Pamet Harbor and Cape Cod to enjoy sunsets and beach picnics. In 2015, they moved to York, Maine to be closer to their children living in the Seacoast region. Once again, John began to serve his community working with the York Land Trust and joining the First Parish Congregational Church. The Church Community has been a blessing to both John and Betsy.

John was a devoted father, husband, and friend with a love of life, people, and nature. John's warmth drew in all with those blue eyes, smile, and unwavering and intense interest in the lucky ones he encountered. He had a pizzazz unequalled, a devotion unchallenged, and an intelligence that would spin heads. John possessed a wicked sense of humor and silliness that would often emerge with a creative poem, play, newsletter, or prank. John was a lover of the arts, music, an avid historian, reader, and writer, completing his book of memoirs in 2015, *Together*. John was tough whether playing a sport, trying a case, or fighting a disease. The determination he continued to show to get stronger and come home from the hospital after his operations was remarkable and extremely affecting to those who cared for him and his visiting children. John B. Pendleton was loved and will be remembered for all that he gave and all the lives he touched.

A memorial service was held at the First Parish Church in York, Maine, on October 8.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory can be made to the John Pendleton Scholarship Fund at Proctor



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**LINDA McLAUGHLIN TATE**, of Andover, passed away on September 29, 2022. She was born in Laconia, and raised in Lakeport by John and Charlotte McLaughlin. Linda attended Keene Teachers College (1959-1963) where she met Michael F. Tate, her husband of fifty-nine years. Linda and Mike raised their three children in Londonderry.

A well-known regional antiques dealer, Linda's design sense can be seen in the two old New Hampshire cape-style houses she and Mike restored together, at 445



Mammoth Road in Londonderry, and on Calef Hill Road in Sanbornton. Linda's knowledge of antiques, restoration, and New Hampshire history was extensive. She was President of the New Hampshire Antiques Dealers Association for seven years, and her shop was part of the NHADA annual show in Manchester for many years; this community of artists and antiques dealers will miss her dearly.

Linda's family and friends will always remember entering her home through a garden of flourishing plants, blooming flowers, and closely monitored bird feeders. Those who stayed past dark may also remember her banging a few pans together to scare off a bird-feeder-admiring bear. Linda's friends and family no doubt also fondly recall bountiful feasts featuring her expert cooking and baking. Linda inspired a generation of chefs — both amateur and professional — who bring

together family with food.

Linda is survived by: her loving husband Mike; son Michael Tate; daughters Paula Tate-Moreau and Amy Tate; grandchildren Christopher Moreau, Mattison Howard, Taavi Tate Carbone, and Veda Tate Carbone; her sisters Colleen Phelps and Gina Hill; and many extended family members, dear friends, and colleagues.

A service to celebrate Linda's life was held at the Little Harbor Chapel, 335 Little Harbor Road, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on Friday, October 14, 2022, at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Linda's name to New Hampshire Audubon Society, [nhaudubon.org/donate/make-a-donation/](http://nhaudubon.org/donate/make-a-donation/).

Arrangements were made by Kent and Pelczar Funeral Home and Crematory in Newmarket, New Hampshire. Visit [kentandpelczarfhn.com](http://kentandpelczarfhn.com) to sign an online guestbook.

**CHARLOTTE ADELIN (CURRIER) CLARK**, after a long and full life, died peacefully at her home in Andover on Saturday, October 8, at the age of 98.

A lifelong resident of Andover, Charlotte was the second child, and only daughter, of Glenn and Etta (Dodge) Currier. Named for two grandmothers, Charlotte Wells Currier and Charlotte Adeline Bolton, she grew up in a busy household with her parents and three brothers in Andover Center.



Always active in the community, Charlotte was a member of the Andover Fire Department Auxiliary, Andover

Rescue Squad, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was also a longtime member of the Blackwater Grange and the Andover Historical Society and was part of the Fourth of July Committee for many years.

While still in school, Charlotte worked at Kate's Majestic Diner (in what is now the Proctor Block building) and at the Village Store in Andover Center, where, as many know, she continued to work part-time for years and years.

After graduating from Andover High School in 1942, she, like so many young women at that time during World War II, worked on an assembly line making airplane motor parts at the Scott and Williams factory in Laconia, and later at Holmes and Nelson's clothing store in Franklin.

In 1950 she began working with the Andover School Hot Lunch program, where she remained employed for over 35 years. Also during that time, she worked at Camp Marlyn on Bradley Lake in Andover during the summers.

Charlotte and her husband Elmer were married in July of 1946. They moved into their home on Lawrence Street in 1951 where they raised their daughter, worked hard, and enjoyed a good life together that was full of family and friends.

Charlotte will be remembered for her boundless energy and work in the community and her willingness to be of help to anyone in need. She loved traveling, holidays (especially Halloween and Christmas), and, for over 20 years, was a dedicated and enthusiastic walker at the COA Seniors Walking program.

Charlotte had a deep love of nature and was happiest being outdoors — working in her yard, walking along trails and backroads, and knowing and loving all the wildflowers and animals she saw. But what she will always be remembered for the most was her love of family.

Charlotte was predeceased by her husband Elmer Clark in 1984, her father Glenn Currier, mother Etta Currier Haughton, brothers Lyman Currier, Clyde Currier, and Wallace Currier, brother-in-law Sam Clark, and sister-in-law Jane Currier.

She is survived by her daughter Luan Clark of Andover, sisters-in-law Shirley Currier of Andover and Carolyn Currier of Hampstead, and her many cherished nieces and nephews, along with several other dear friends and relatives.

A graveside memorial service will be held at the Proctor Cemetery on Main Street in Andover in the spring on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 2 PM.

Memorial contributions in Charlotte's name may be made to the Andover EMS, PO Box 61, Andover NH 03216.

**MARJORIE CLARK**, 81, of Depot Street in Andover, died Saturday, October 15 at her home.


She was born in Danbury on April 26, 1941, the daughter of William and Ethel (Mason) Clark.

Marjorie graduated from Andover High School in 1959 and worked at Beede Electrical Instrument in Penacook for 36 years.

She was a faithful member of the Wilmot Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles.

Marjorie is predeceased by siblings Helene Ellerd, Florence Croteau, Benjamin Clark, and Robert Clark. She is survived by her sister, Bernice Nowell of Andover; a brother, Myron Clark of California; sister-in-law, Marjorie Clark of Belmont; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Wilmot Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. To sign an online guestbook, please visit [ChadwickFuneralService.com](http://ChadwickFuneralService.com).



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**S**tudents at AE/MS react to the announcement that this year's play will be Alice in Wonderland. The students had been given teasers for weeks leading up to the announcement. **Caption and photo: Kasey Schoch**

## Proctor Hosts Annual Fall Art Show; Jazz/Rock Ensemble

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Proctor's Visual Arts Department will host its annual Fall Art Show on Friday, November 11, at 6 PM in the Wilkins Meeting House. Student work from wood-working, metal engineering, metal sculpture, studio art, ceramics, and photography will be on display prior to a 7 PM Jazz/Rock Ensemble performance. Both events are open to the public.



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**A**E/MS eighth grader Isaac Norris gets into the mix while playing against Franklin Middle School this month. **Caption: Kasey Schoch. Photo: Adalyn Boucher**

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Grade 3/4 Girls: Stephanie McDonald and Kirsten Goodwin

Grade 5/6 Boys: Shane Szilagy

Grade 5/6 Girls: Isaiah Mason and Kirsten Goodwin

As we look ahead to next year, Andover Rec Soccer is in dire need of a new Director (or Directors). Please spread the word and consider stepping into this role so that we can be sure to continue to offer youth sports for the Town of Andover. If you are interested, email Scott Allenby ([allenbysc@proctoracademy.org](mailto:allenbysc@proctoracademy.org)) or Alan Hanscom ([alan.hanscom@yahoo.com](mailto:alan.hanscom@yahoo.com)) to learn more.

### Andover Rec Basketball

The Andover Rec Basketball season will begin in mid-November. Signups are due by November 7 and can be

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As in past years, the Grades K-2 group will take part in weekly clinics on Sunday afternoons, while the 3rd and 4th graders will compete in the ICB League out of Penacook with other Merrimack Valley feeder schools. The 5th and 6th grade teams will take part in the Merrimack League.

Games will take place on Saturdays starting December 3 and running through mid-February for Grades 3-6. All interested families should complete the registration forms as soon as possible, as late registrations will not be accepted due to the need to finalize rosters for each league. Questions should be directed to Andover Rec Basketball Director Scott Allenby at [allenbysc@proctoracademy.org](mailto:allenbysc@proctoracademy.org).



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## GIVE, GIVE, GIVE..

by Ty Morris, Realtor®

As we enter the holiday season, reflect on the busy summer, fall and the last couple of crazy years, we are grateful for all we have and are compassionate to those who have struggled and are struggling. Here are a couple of ways you can give back to members of our community:

**4th Annual Stuff-A-Truck:** Hosted by Ty Morris and Lake Sunapee Region Young Professionals Beneficiaries include Franklin's Interfaith Food Pantry, Warner Connects, KLS, and the Andover and Kearsarge School Districts - November 12th at New London Hannaford from 8:00 – 4:00

**3rd Annual Giving Tree:** Gift card donations are given to the families of AEMS in time for Christmas Andover Community Hub Drop Box - November 26 until Christmas Eve.

If you would like to help in any way, feel free to reach out at 603-237-2060.



**MAD LIBS**

TODAY, WE WENT TO AN OPEN HOUSE IN \_\_\_\_\_ IT WAS \_\_\_\_\_  
(place) (adjective)

THE LISTING AGENT WAS VERY \_\_\_\_\_ AND SHE DROVE A(N) \_\_\_\_\_  
(adjective) (adjective)

\_\_\_\_\_ INCREDIBLY THERE WERE ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ PEOPLE THERE BUT MOST  
(noun) (number)

OF THEM WERE \_\_\_\_\_. THE HOME HAD A LOVELY YARD WITH  
(adjective)

\_\_\_\_\_ GRASS AND \_\_\_\_\_ TREES. INSIDE WAS \_\_\_\_\_! THE  
(adjective) (adjective) (adjective)

\_\_\_\_\_ WAS \_\_\_\_\_! WE FELT LIKE WE COULD \_\_\_\_\_ THERE  
(noun) (adjective) (action)

FOREVER! WE MADE A(N) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFER AND IT WAS ACCEPTED.  
(adjective)

DURING THE HOME INSPECTION WE FOUND A(N) \_\_\_\_\_  
(adjective) (noun)

THOUGH, AND FOUND OUT THAT THE OWNERS WERE \_\_\_\_\_ AND  
(historical figure)

\_\_\_\_\_. THIS MADE US FEEL \_\_\_\_\_. OUR AGENT TOLD US NOT TO  
(actor/actress) (feeling)

WORRY, WE WILL WORK IT OUT! WE ASKED THE OWNERS TO INSTALL A NEW  
 \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE THE OLD ONE WAS \_\_\_\_\_ AND THAT WOULD  
(thing) (adjective)

MAKE US \_\_\_\_\_. WE CLOSED ON OUR NEW HOME YESTERDAY AND WE ARE  
(feeling)

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**11 APPLECREST LANE**  
 3 Beds | 1.5 Baths | 1,813 Sq Ft | 0.74 Acres | Views  
 Samantha, Joseph, David and Deborah Poulin sold to Lisa Perry for \$370,000

**260 ROUTE 4A**  
 3 Beds | 1.5 Baths | 2,856 Sq Ft | 5.00 Acres  
 Joseph Reczkowski sold to Bradley Andrews for \$374,000

**405 BAY ROAD**  
 2 Beds | 1.5 Baths | 1,323 Sq Ft | 0.50 Acres | Riverfront  
 Lois Levick sold to Emily Leff for \$375,000

**41 ELKINS HILL ROAD**  
 4 Beds | 5 Baths | 2,745 Sq Ft  
 Gerard and Janet Bliss sold to Daltons Elkins Hill Lodge LLC for \$633,000

# HAPPY Thanksgiving

**7 WINTER HILL LANE**  
 3 Beds | 3 Baths | 2,244 Sq Ft | 3.30 Acres | Lakefront  
 Gregory and Michele Stetson sold to Christopher and Monica Fuith for \$675,000

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## AE/MS Holds Veterans Day Celebration on November 10

Brenda Lance, AE/MS

The AE/MS school community invites all veterans to a Veterans Day Celebration on Thursday, November 10, at 9:30 AM at Andover Elementary/Middle School. This event is to honor our veterans and show gratitude and respect for their duty and sacrifice. The students and staff would love to have you join us for an assembly in your honor.

We hope to see you on Thursday, November 10, at 9:30 AM in the AE/MS gymnasium. The program will take approximately an hour, and all veterans are welcome to stay after and enjoy some beverages and treats.



**A**E/MS seventh grader Ridge Nelson goes for control of the ball while playing Franklin Middle School this month.

Caption: Kasey Schoch. Photo: Adalyn Boucher

## Andover Recreation Soccer Wrap-Up and Basketball Sign-Ups

### Looking for new director for next season

Scott Allenby, Andover Recreation

Andover's Rec Soccer program completed a successful fall season thanks to the tireless effort of volunteer coaches at all levels. A huge thank you to each of these coaches for stepping up and making sure our youth had a positive experience on the soccer field. Each team was able to experience wins, losses, and the learning that goes along with athletics.

The 5th/6th grade boys and girls teams both took part in playoff tour-

naments to end the season, representing the town even if they did not bring home a championship. The 3rd/4th grade teams did the same at the Bob Andrew's Jamboree held at the New London Outing Club on October 16. If you see the coaches listed below around town, give them a pat on the back and a big thank you for all their work this season!

Grades K-2 Clinics: Molly Leith (lead), Jack Williams, and Ryan DiStefano

Grade 3/4 Boys: J and Lauren Koron and Kayden Will

See Rec Soccer on page 38



Proctor's fall athletic teams are having a tremendous season, including Andover's Braeden MacKenzie '24 helping lead the varsity girls soccer team to a 6-4-1 record so far.

## Solid Start for Proctor Athletics with Strong Performances

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's fall athletic teams are off to a solid start to the fall season. As of October 22, varsity football sits at 3-1, varsity girls soccer is 6-4-1, varsity field hockey 6-3, and varsity boys soccer 3-7-2.

With just a few weeks remaining, teams look to continue their strong performances in the month of November. Check out a list of November varsity athletic contests below and check Proctor's athletics website for frequent updates at [ProctorAcademy.org/on-campus/athletics](http://ProctorAcademy.org/on-campus/athletics).

November 2: Girls Varsity Soccer vs

Tilton School 2 PM

November 5: Varsity Field Hockey vs Tilton School 2 PM

November 9: Varsity Girls Soccer vs Brewster Academy 2:30 PM

November 9: Varsity Boys Soccer vs Tilton School 5 PM

November 12: Varsity Field Hockey vs Holderness School 1 PM

November 12: Varsity Boys Soccer vs Holderness School 2:30 PM

November 12: Varsity Girls Soccer vs Holderness School 4:30 PM

November 12: Mountain Biking at Proctor Ski Area 2 PM

## Nature Presents Opportunities for Preschoolers to Enjoy Nature

### Watch for holiday fundraiser announcement

Stephanie D'Amour, EAVP

We love autumn at EAVP! Nature gives us beautiful opportunities for learning this time of year. We enjoyed making fall wreaths, collecting the leaves, and reading our favorite season books like *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson and *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* by Linda Williams.

As the season changes and cold weather rolls in, so does cold and flu season. We've been talking with the preschoolers about best practices to keep everyone healthy.

A fun and engaging way to teach children about hand washing is with science! We used Glo Germ on our hands and then washed them under a black light to see how the germs can stay on your hands.

Our circle time becomes a great spot to bring all children

together as a community and create conversation for topics like this. We love doing calendar and weather each day, but we also love the organic discussions that can come up.

The holidays are right around the corner, and we have a fantastic fundraiser to help get you ready! Be on the lookout for details, or email [EAVP@tds.net](mailto:EAVP@tds.net).



Preschoolers love the fall! We collected leaves on the playground and offered scissors and magnifying glasses to promote fine motor skills as well as curiosity and discovery. Adaline and Aaliyah are on the left. On the right are Carter and Liam. Caption and photo: Stephanie D'Amour