

POLICE BLOTTER

By Glenn Laramie
Andover Chief Of Police

The Andover Police Department responded to 161 calls for service from October 15 through November 15. Here is a partial breakdown of those calls.

Issued 55 motor vehicle warnings and 10 summons

Covered motor vehicle accidents on Route 11, on Flaghole Road, and on Main Street

Investigated thefts on Main Street and on Depot Street

Took criminal mischief complaints on Route 11, School Street, Main Street, and at the Blackwater Ski Area

Covered an untimely death on Meadowlark Lane

Investigated a runaway on Flaghole Road

Covered 911 calls on Switch Road and Applecrest Lane

Arrests

Christopher Wilson, age 20, issuing bad checks

Amy Loeser of Andover, age 19, operating after suspension – second offense

Jerry Williams of Andover, age 26, criminal mischief

Denise Lottes of Andover, age 23, DUI, receiving stolen property

Sean Rudolph of Andover, age 30, unnecessary noise (town ordinance)

Eric Drew of Franklin, age 22, transportation of drugs, operating after revocation, disobeying police officer, acts prohibited

Sean Whalen of Andover, age 20, operating after suspension

State SWAT Team Stages In Andover

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

Andover residents were startled to see 18 state police cars gathered around our new Police Department building about 6 PM on Monday, November 1.

Fortunately, nothing bad was happening in Andover. The state police SWAT team was preparing to make an arrest in Danbury and used our facility to meet and coordinate before the operation.

The following article from the *Concord Monitor's* Web site describes the action after the team left Andover.

SWAT team called in for arrests

Police tracked man wanted for being fugitive

By Chelsea Conaboy
Monitor staff

A state police SWAT team arrested two Danbury men on Monday after tracking one who was wanted for being a fugitive and then finding marijuana and a growing room inside the home where he was staying.

The police received word that the Vermont police were looking for Dean Harrington, 38, for a criminal act committed against his ex-wife, according to state police Lt. George Brown, commander of Troop D in New Hampshire.

Harrington was also wanted in Grafton County for violating his probation. He was on probation after serving one year in prison for the possession and production of marijuana. He had

not checked in with his supervisor at the Department of Corrections since May.

The Vermont police said Harrington was potentially dangerous and likely to resist arrest. His last known residence was at the home of Lawrence Ricker, 51. The police used surveillance to determine that both men were in the home.

"Based on the information that (Harrington) was potentially violent and also that there may be weapons inside the residence where he was staying, we opted to have the SWAT team brought in on this," Brown said.

The team waited until the men came out of the building before taking them into custody. When they entered the home to clear the residence, Harrington's Rottweiler charged two of the SWAT officers. The officers shot and killed the dog to subdue it, Brown said. Also during the sweep, the police found several marijuana plants, about a dozen 2- to 4-ounce bags of the drug and two handguns.

Ricker was arrested for harboring a fugitive from justice and possession of a controlled drug with the intent to sell. As of yesterday afternoon he had not been charged by the Franklin District Court. Harrington was arrested for multiple probation violations and is being held at the Grafton County House of Corrections, according to Jeff Lyons, public information officer for the state Department of Corrections.

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until such time as a full bale is made. Bales of cardboard and plastic would be stored in a trailer provided free of charge by the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, who would market these commodities as well as the loose paper.

The final proposed change would add electronics to the list of items recycled. The Committee suggests increasing the fee currently being charged for monitors and TVs and adding a charge for VCRs, computers, and other electronic equipment to offset the cost of recycling.

The Board requested that the Committee provide a more detailed plan including anticipated labor costs and revenues as well as diagrams of what the traffic flow might look like and also a projected floor plan of the recycle building and the yard.

New Business

The Board acknowledged receipt of a complaint alleging Country Pine Furniture is in violation of a condition of its zoning approval for the operation of the U-Haul business in that there is more signage on the property than was approved and also that rental vehicles are being parked near Route 11, instead of in the rear of the parking lot. The Board asked Stetson to further investigate the complaint.

Godwin relayed another complaint regarding the illumination for the sign at The Constant Quilter in that the illumination is a distraction, especially at night. The Board decided to request that the illumination be shut off after 6 PM.

The Board took no action regarding a proposal from Avitar to maintain the town's assessments for each of the next five years and to perform another valuation update at the end of that period.

The Board recommended that Stephen Barton be re-appointed to the position of Forest Fire Warden and that Rene Lefebvre, John Thompson, Jack Williams, and John Landry be re-appointed as Deputy Forest Fire Wardens.

The Board reviewed the Recreation Committee's recommended budget for 2005 and suggested that the proposed increase of

\$150 be trimmed so that the 2005 request is the same as the 2004 appropriation.

Police Department

The Board then met with Police Chief Glenn Laramie who again reviewed his budget request for the ensuing year. He provided a more detailed breakdown of the increases, most notably the part-time labor line. Approximately one half of the \$8,856 proposed increase is to accommodate pay increases for the existing officers for the existing schedule. The balance would pay for one additional 8-hour shift per week.

The Board then met with Armand Boisvert who informed the Board that he would like to see the Town abandon its right of way interest in the Class VI portion of Sam Hill Road. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to facilitate his quest by inserting an article in the warrant for the upcoming Town Meeting asking the voters to decide that issue. Boisvert told the Board that there is one affected property owner, and that he has not yet spoken with him, but plans to do so in the very near future.

There was more discussion regarding when the article would take effect if approved. The Board suggested coinciding with the completion of a logging operation that is using the road for access so that the Town would retain control of how the road is closed out with proper erosion control measures and the like. Boisvert suggested the article should take effect immediately as he would be happy to take responsibility for maintaining the road.

Boisvert and the Board also talked about maintaining access to the cemetery that is off of that portion of Sam Hill Road.

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ROLLINS CEMETERY RESTORED

By Susan Schnare
Andover Cemetery Trustees

When the Rollins Cemetery was surveyed in 2001 all ten of the grave-stones were found to be either broken, lying flat on the ground buried in leaves and earth, or tipped. This past July, all was put right by John Clegg, Jr., a professional cemeteries restorer from Morrisville, Vermont, and his workman.

In addition to repairing, straightening, and resetting the stones in concrete footings, Mr. Clegg found in the stone wall surrounding the cemetery the missing headstone and footstone of Charles Field, who died at the age of five on May 5, 1836 as recorded in Eastman's History of the Town of Andover. The stone was repaired and will be re-erected as soon as a missing fragment is found.

The Rollins Cemetery, also known as the Flaghole Cemetery, is located

on private property off Flaghole Road. Seven members of the Rollins family were buried within the 56' by 39' space within the surrounding stone wall, including the Revolutionary War veteran Simeon Rollins and his wife Mary, who lived to be over 100. The first burial was in 1817 and in the last, in 1874, was the burial of Simeon Rollins, the son of Simeon and Mary.

The work done in the Rollins Cemetery is part of the on-going effort by the Andover Cemetery Trustees, with the support of the community, to restore all of the town's cemeteries. The purpose of this project is to maintain the memorials entrusted to our care and to preserve this aspect of our heritage for future generations.

For more information, contact Susan Schnare at hld@mtnbrook.com or 735-5389.

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