

ning Board. Currently the four homes are rented, and each home will have its own septic but share a common well.

The Board unanimously approved the application.

**Public Hearing:** A request from Anthony L. Weatherford for a variance to permit construction of a single family home on land owned by the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club at 217 Ragged Mountain Club Road. Gross recused in accord with abutter restrictions.

Weatherford presented a USGS map indicating the location of the proposed home. A diagram of the proposed 1,250 square foot home was presented. Kilcare Road currently has six homes and the by-laws of the Fish and Game Club require zoning appeal due to lot density. The total land acreage is 1,500 acres for the Club. Concerns of the Board include:

*Has this home been approved by the Fish and Game Club Board?* Yes.

*Will the home have a separate well?* Yes.

The Board approved the application by a majority vote.

**Public Hearing:** A request from Sarah Theodore for a special exception to permit the construction of a two-bedroom home on Bradley Lake Road.

Roger Rodewald of Riverside Ecological Designs, Inc. represented the applicants. An approved septic design was presented to the Board and public which also indicates the location of the home. There are 0.29 acres and this is an existing lot of record. Rodewald indicates that the building meets the setback requirements of the Town and the requirements of the Shoreland Protection Act have been met. Concerns of the Board and public include:

*Is this a State-approved septic?* Yes.

Kurt Meier and Joseph (Mike) Vercellotti, Andover Village District Water Commissioners, indicate that they have not seen the site plan in order to assess setbacks for Shoreland Protection. Also, they are interested in why the Town water intake was not indicated on the plan for approval by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and lastly, they would not want to add another septic uphill of the water intake for the Town water.

Rodewald states that the intake is closer to the Sears home than to the proposed Theodore home.

McCrave indicates that the Zoning Ordinance does not address public water supply. Applicants just have to meet the Shoreland Protection Act and have State approval.

Rodewald states that the filter will stop everything and will back up into the home if the system fails. The Board asked the Water Commissioners whether the water was treated and whether it was monitored at the intake. The response is the finished product is treated and there is no monitoring at the intake.

*Are there any other plans for the home?* Not sure.

*Was the lot clear-cut?* No.

*Are there steps for erosion control during construction?* Yes. (Details

were presented.)

Stearns indicates that there were two letters from abutters expressing concerns about the proposed building.

The Board unanimously approved the application.

## Conservation Commission

December 8

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Present:** Gerry Hersey, Bob Ward, Tina Cotton, Peter Zak, Peter Southworth

### New Business

The Commission is interested in moving the gate to the Newman easement closer to Old College Road and presented its idea to the current owner in hopes of promoting proper use (hiking, snowmobiling, etc.) while prohibiting large vehicles.

Sixty-eight Conservation Surveys have been received to date with a week before the deadline.

There was discussion and a request for minutes to be recorded in the Town Hall. The Commission will start to send minutes to the Town Administrator and will look to make past minutes available.

A recommendation that agenda items and incoming mail be available to Commission members prior to its meetings was made. Bob Ward will check the mail and circulate this. In addition, any individuals requesting a meeting with the Commission must be scheduled in advance.

Moved that the Commission support the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail project that will improve the rough rock surface on Andover's railroad tracks. Voted and passed. Bob Ward recused himself.

### Old Business

Bob Ward reported that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) will not issue a permit for shoreline work for a boat ramp on Bradley Lake as long as there is another boat ramp available on the lake. Bob Ward will contact the applicant.

A townsperson in East Andover contacted Gerry Hersey looking for a wetlands scientist in regard to the application to build a garage/barn on wetlands.

A townsperson has approached the Selectmen to give him the right of way on Sam Hill Road and he is pursuing a warrant article at the next Town Meeting. The Commission is in support of the town maintaining right of way of the road for reasons of recreation, emergency service support, access to conservation land (the Robie Forest), and access to a historic cemetery.

A motion was made that the Commission oppose giving up the right of way on Sam Hill Road to any private individual for the reasons mentioned above. The vote was unanimous. Gerry Hersey recused himself.

Green Crow received notification from DES that their work on Sam Hill Road is acceptable in regard to wetland protection.

Proctor Academy needs to send more information to the DES in regard to proposed bridge work along Hames Shop Brook.

# POLICE BLOTTER

By Glenn Laramie  
Andover Chief Of Police

The Andover Police Department responded to 147 calls for service from November 15 through December 15. Here is a partial breakdown of those calls.

Issued 62 motor vehicle warnings and 10 court summons

Investigated a 911 call on North Road

Covered accidents on Tucker Mountain Road and on Route 4

Responded to Franklin Highway for a criminal mischief complaint

Investigated cruelty to animals on Beech Hill Road and on Main Street

Responded to a domestic on Beech Hill Road

Covered a gas drive-off at the Food-stop store

Investigated a burglary on Main Street

Investigated thefts on Plains Road and on Main Street

### Arrests

Sean Whalen of Andover, age 20, breach of bail

Stephanie Rollins of Franklin, age 34, open container

Wendy Kimball of Franklin, age 40, open container

Richard Stebbins of Andover, age 29, simple assault

## East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre  
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

It seems appropriate to start writing about our East Andover Fire Department by telling you something about who we are. First, we are people who care a great deal about the citizens we serve and the community that we live in. We are salesmen, construction workers, engineers, and teachers. We are citizens with a desire to learn some very specialized skills. We are a team. The team is the Fire Department.

Having said that, we also love to drive big trucks with loud sirens and rush into burning buildings. But the reality is that many pieces must come together before the first fire fighter ever enters an unsafe area. To do something unsafe is the ultimate sin and puts the whole team at risk.

In the end we must ask trained people to go in harm's way and risk their lives in an attempt to save someone else. Most of the work happens long before 911 gets

involved. In articles to come I will try to explain what we do as fire fighters and get you involved in public safety.

### Why Fire Engines Are Red

For starters, here is a little fire-fighting trivia. Do you know why fire trucks are red?

In the old days there was much competition between fire companies. One company would be putting water on one side of the building while another company was feeding the fire with gasoline on the other. The equipment, though crude by today's standards, was nonetheless a source of pride for each company.

In those days, paint was evolving along with the fire fighting equipment. Red became the dominant color for two reasons. One reason was just because the fire fighters liked it. The other reason was that red paint was expensive to make. If you could afford red paint, then your fire company was successful and well-funded by the town.

Whatever the reason, *this* old fire fighter likes red. The loud siren is optional.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Andover School District  
2005-2006 Budget

Wednesday, January 12

7 PM

Andover Town Hall

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Town of Andover  
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Wed., January 19, 7 PM  
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