

A New Look For Potter Place?

By Mary Hiller

Andover Historical Society

Your town Historical Society is embarking on a long-term project which will affect the look of the village of Potter Place for years to come.

This summer the Potter Place Freight House will be repainted and in a few years it will be time to repaint the Station itself. The colors chosen will give the village its character for decades.

At present, the Freight House is a plain industrial grey and the Station is a two-tone green. Changing colors will make the job more costly, but now is the

time to consider such a change.

The Boston and Maine Railroad Historical Society say they have had grey with green trim and creamy yellow with maroon trim as their historical colors, but they also add that not all stations and freight houses were so painted.

The Ashland Depot in Ashland, New Hampshire is an example of the creamy yellow and maroon color scheme. Their historical society chose the colors by matching old paint chips from the building.

There is a lovely memoir by Lorna



The Potter Place Freight House and Station were once creamy yellow with maroon trim. Should they be painted in those colors again?

Photos courtesy of Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society

Johnson Sheldon (who, with her family, donated the Freight House to the Historical Society) of her early memories of Potter Place. This is how she described a trip there in the 1920s: "Potter Place was painted yellow, sunshine

yellow! The Potter Place Inn, freight house, railroad station, and perhaps more buildings were yellow. This was the SUNSHINE YELLOW PLACE."

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Lions Celebrate 50 Years' Service

By Bill Leber

Andover Lions Club

In November of 1954 a group of community-minded people formed the local Andover Lions Club to provide service to the community and help to people in need, particularly the blind, the visually impaired, and the hearing impaired.

In March of 1955 the official charter was issued and celebrated in Andover. On March 19 the Andover Lions Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a dinner at Proctor Academy's dining facility. Social hour will start at 6 PM, with dinner at 7 PM.

Over the past 50 years the Club has sponsored many projects to benefit the community and improve the lives of many citizens. Some of the many projects that come to mind include:

Assisting in forming the Andover Res-

cue Squad and obtaining the first ambulance and every ambulance replacement.

Accepting the gift of the Concord Coach, restoring it, maintaining it, and showing it through parades and displays.

Funding and building many Andover and Danbury town projects, including the beach bath house, town signs, assisting fire departments in obtaining life-saving equipment, athletic fields and facilities, and many others.

Providing eye care and hearing aids to hundreds, maybe thousands of people in need in our area.

Raising thousands of dollars for worthy foundations that serve people.

In addition, the Lions provide fun and entertainment for the community as we raise funds, such as weekly bingo games from 1977 to 1995, the Fourth of July

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TOWN MEETING SPECIAL EDITION

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

This month, voters in Andover are called upon to make important decisions that will set our taxes and guide our town government for the coming year.

To help us all rise to the challenge, the center four pages of this issue of the *Beacon* are devoted to issues raised

in the 2005 Warrant that we'll vote on at Town Meeting. You'll also find, on pages 2 through 4, reports from many of the organizations that serve our community. These reports help round out the annual "snapshot" of Andover that appears in the 2004 Town Report.

Finally, here are the dates you need to keep in mind in order to participate fully in this important time of year:

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

Monday, March 7 – Andover Village District Annual Meeting, Andover Town Hall, 7 PM.

Tuesday, March 8 – Voting for Town officers, AE/MS, 11:30 AM to 7:30 PM. The names on the ballot are:

- Selectman (1 seat)
Andy Guptill, Bob Ward
- Budget Committee (2 seats)
Bill Bardsley, Ed Hiller
- Library Trustee
Marilyn Gould
- Trustee of Trust Funds
Mary Lou McCrave
- School Board
Vicky Mishcon
- School District Clerk
Christie Coll
- School District Treasurer
Ann Clark

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Tuesday, March 8 – Andover Town Meeting, Andover Elementary/Middle School Gym, 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, March 15 – East Andover Fire Precinct Annual Meeting, East Andover Fire Station, 7:30 PM.

Wednesday, March 16 – Andover Fire District Annual Meeting, Andover Fire Station, 7:30 PM.

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