

POLICE BLOTTER

By Glenn Laramie
Chief, Andover Police Department

The Andover Police Department responded to 129 calls for service during the period March 15 through April 15. Here is a partial list.

Investigated suspicious persons on Beech Hill Road and Depot Street

Responded to a violation of a protective order on Main Street

Took a report of reckless driving on Switch Road

Responded to a domestic disturbance on Putney Road

An assault was called in on Currier Road

Investigated a harassment complaint on Overlook Drive

Issued 59 motor vehicle warnings and served six summons

Arrests

Laurie Dunlop of Andover, age 37, for cruelty to animals

Tammy Weir of Andover, age 37, for bad checks

Verne Cochrane of Andover, age 45, for disorderly conduct, obstruction, and encroachment

Michael Levesque of Andover, age 47, for breach of bail

Drive Carefully

Reminder to all motorists: Please stop for red flashing lights on school buses. There is an enhanced penalty for failure to do so. Please drive carefully.



Sgt. Joe Mahoney (left) receives his new badge from Chief Glenn Laramie after being promoted from patrolman. Photo by Charlie Darling

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Board Of Selectmen

April 4

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectman Andy Guptill and Roger Godwin, Town Administrator Mark Stetson

Road Agent John Thompson met with the Board and reported that there had been numerous roads that had areas eroded by two recent heavy rains. He noted that most of these are the "typical" areas. He told the Board that he has been trucking gravel from the stockpile at the transfer station to fill washouts and also that he has replaced several culverts that had failed.

The Board met with Bill Johnson from 690 Raccoon Hill Road, who showed the Board pictures he said were of damage to his property as a result of a recent heavy rain during which, he told the Board, rushing water had brought silt and other debris into his yard. He also told the Board that he believes the water was channeled down Raccoon Hill Road and that, because one or more culverts under the road that are upslope of his property were not functioning, the Town should be responsible for the cost to return his property to its prior condition. Godwin suggested the Board should first find out what happened and then determine who might be liable.

The Board then met with Charles and Katie Keyser from 32 Keyser Road, who presented photos of their property depicting what they allege to be erosion damage that occurred during another recent heavy rain. They said that water was sheeting down the hill opposite their house and that it could not enter a catch basin adjacent to the road that was designed to collect and divert that water as the basin's inlet had leaves covering it. Fenton committed to providing a response to the Keyser's within a week as to how or if the Town will provide any assistance with their issue.

The Board then met with Frank and Holly Cochrane who asked that a culvert be removed that carries water from one side of Monticello Drive to the other adjacent to their property. Mr. Cochrane claims that the water flowing through this culvert is flooding his property. He provided a copy of a letter delivered to the Board about four years ago seeking a reduction in the assessment of his property due to such water. He also complained that the police took no action in response to his recent call to them to assist with his water problems. Ms. Cochrane told the Board that she is concerned about the possibility that more rain will result in even higher water levels.

Regarding the pending sale of the property on Chase Hill Road, Godwin observed that there was language in the proposed sales contract with the prospective buyer that was not acceptable. He will contact the buyer's representative to come up with an agreement with better wording.

The Board reviewed correspondence from New Hampshire Department of Transportation in which the State is

turning over to the Town, for all future maintenance responsibilities, the bridge over the railroad right of way on Maple Street. Guptill commented that there were still two issues related to the recent work done there by the State which he opined should be addressed by State forces. There is a drainage problem in the approach on the Route 11 side and also he recalls that a State official had committed to cutting several trees in the railroad right of way on the east side of the bridge to improve sight distance in that direction.

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the Town's attorney opining that the petition presented to the Board requesting a special Town Meeting to reconsider the decision [to abandon the Town's right of way interest in the Class 6 portion of Sam Hill Road] made at this year's Town Meeting cannot be acted upon, as once a Town Meeting is closed, a future meeting cannot reconsider any decision made at that meeting. The Board decided to await any action by the petitioners.

The Board ratified approval of approximately 75 existing applications for veteran's property tax credits. The Board also approved four newly-filed veteran's tax credit applications.

The Board signed a new version of the Town's road name list including the change in classification to Sam Hill Road, pursuant to the Town Meeting vote.

The Board approved a Current Use application for property owned by Ger-

rish Trust and located off of Elbow Pond Road.

The Board reviewed and approved a sign permit application for Jackie Adams for a real estate office in the former Bowie's Market store building [in East Andover].

The Board then met with Police Chief Glenn Laramie who asked the Board to consider revising the Town's paid holiday benefit schedule, which includes six days for the Police Department, to coincide with the Town Office schedule of nine. Prior to making any decisions on the matter, the Board asked Laramie to survey other towns similar in population to Andover and provide the results at the next meeting.

Selectman Fenton then left the meeting.

The Board then met with Paul, Cherry, and Les Fenton to discuss the Fentons' plans to continue the Fenvale subdivision project. Paul Fenton told the Board that he is considering constructing about 700 feet of Fenvale Road to provide frontage for two lots as depicted on the original plan and a third that would comprise the balance of the remainder. He asked the Board to agree to allow the construction and to consider selecting an engineer to monitor for the Town compliance with the Town's regulations and with the existing plans that were approved by the Town back in the late 1980s. The Board agreed to take the request under advisement.

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