

Conservation Commission

April 13

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Jerry Hersey, Bob Ward, Kathy Ordway, Doug Goodin, Tina Cotton, Peter Southworth

Discussion with Don Gould regarding his dock on Highland Lake. Don is renovating/improving two docks on his approximately 170' of lake frontage. He needs approval because one dock location is on the property lot boundary. The Commission unanimously approved the application for the Minimum Impact Expedition Application.

Treasurer's Report: Tina noted there is currently \$300 in our budget and \$180 will remain after she buys the revised Conservation Commission handbooks.

Conservation easement on Jelleme land. Lisa Jelleme-Miller and Ricker Miller brought a proposed Conservation Easement Deed for the Commission to review. It was noted the cabin/shed would need to be excluded from the Current Use tax assessment as new regulations exclude all buildings.

The Commission will look at the deed and let the Jellemes know our approval or concerns by April 22.

Discussion of the Master Plan Update. Review of CCAP Work Program: Discussion on the Work Plan for Natural Resources Inventory was tabled until our April 27 meeting.

Theodore Lot on Bradley Lake: Bob reported that the water commissioners appealed to the ZBA to repeal their decision to grant a building permit on this lot, but the appeal was denied. There was discussion of how to preserve this parcel and Bob will call the Theodores about their ideas on the land. The Commission has concerns that a house, with its septic and water requirements, on a third of an acre, all located so close to the Water District's input pipe, may compromise the Town's public water supply.

Sam Hill Road abandonment was briefly discussed.

Alternate members to serve on the ACC: Bob spoke to Mary Anne Broshek and she is available and interested in attending our May 11 meeting. Lincoln Charles cannot join us at this time.

East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

It's brushfire season! Grass, leaves, and brush are dry from winter-kill, and the new green plants have not yet taken hold. All it takes is a very small flame, a little wind, and we are off and running for the equipment.

In Andover, brushfires are under the command of our Forest Fire Warden, Stephen Barton. The warden, deputy wardens, and firefighters are trained by the State to fight outside fires. Command of all large outside fires is under the control of the Forest Fire Service.

The Forest Fire Service maintains a large cache of equipment around the state to be called in to help a community with a large outside fire. Specially trained wardens are also called to help with everything from communications to high pressure forestry pumps. A small town will quickly exhaust available resources without outside help.

Andover is also under the watchful eye of forestry people in the fire towers during the day. Kearsarge, Belknap, and Cardigan towers are manned from spring through fall. As burning permits are not allowed before five in the evening, any smoke reported by the tower will get the attention of the fire department.

A permit is required for burning outside. The permit will allow you to burn brush, grass, or leaves between the hours

of 5 PM and 9 AM. With a permit, burning is allowed during the day when it is raining. The permit also lists other specific requirements.

The wardens will look at the material you wish to burn and advise you how to keep your fire safe and under control.

Outside fires quickly become very labor intensive and equipment intensive. The cost of an outside fire, unlike a structure fire, is billable to the person responsible. Remember, if you light it, you own it.

For an outside burning permit, call Stephen Barton at 735- 5984, John Thompson at 735-6443, or John Landry at 735-6935.

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School Board News

By Douglas Boisvert
Andover School Board

The Board would like to thank the community members for all their support at the Andover School District Meeting in March. There were many items to vote upon. There seemed to be little to no discussion on most of the items. We (the School Board) take that as a compliment. It makes us feel we are doing the right thing for the students as well as the community. We use the annual School District Meeting as a barometer to our progress. Thanks again for all your support.

The School Board would like to recognize *The Andover Beacon* for its outstanding coverage and accurate details and information leading up to the School District Meeting. "Great job, all."

The April School Board meeting is our organizational meeting. Mr. Martin calls the meeting to order and then calls for nominations for Chairperson. Once a Chairperson is elected, he or

she then presides and calls for nominations for a Vice Chairperson. Once the Vice Chairperson is elected, then the Board appoints a Deputy Treasurer. Your Chairperson for this year is Doug Boisvert, and the Vice Chairperson is David Hewitt. The Deputy Treasurer is Doug Boisvert.

Also at the April meeting we directed the SAU to draft a letter to send to the government requesting they pay the full 40% funding for Special Education. This was asked of us by the community at the School District Meeting.

We also discussed the facility study and plans to move forward. We will be meeting with the people from the New Hampshire School Boards Association to start the process. We will keep you updated as information arrives.

Your Andover School Board meets at AE/MS on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. We encourage people to attend with any questions or concerns they might have.

KAYAK COUNTRY



Kayaking on the Blackwater

Kayak Basics - Instruction, safety, mini-tour. Reg. \$29, for May: 2 for 1 at \$15 each!

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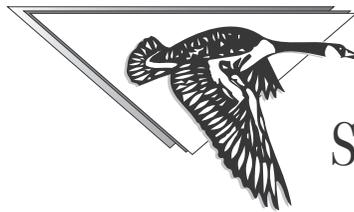
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