

Planning Board

July 12

Condensed from draft minutes.

Present: Chairman Don Gould, Vice-Chair Eric Johnson, members Paul Currier, Joe Stearns, and *ex-officio* member Roger Godwin.

Frank Baker, Thompson Point subdivision reconsideration: The original subdivision was approved by the Planning Board on July 24, 1990 following a ZBA grant of a special exception for the subdivision of land not fronting on any public street into substandard lots. Approval of the subdivision was conditioned on use by the three shorefront lots of a fourth commonly owned lot for septic disposal, where the Town of Andover was designated as a beneficiary of the corresponding protective easement.

Applicant Baker submitted a June 28, 2005 letter addressed to him from the ZBA directing him to the Planning Board and Board of Selectman for consideration of the action being requested, which is that the Town surrender to the grantor the right to enforce those easements. The applicant also submitted a septic disposal permit from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for the siting of a septic disposal facility on one of the shoreside lots and a letter from septic designer Deb Hines stating that the subject lot is large enough to accommodate a two-bedroom home's waste generation under the subdivision regulation's soil-based lot-sizing provisions. The applicant represented that he had had the septic field designed for a house of three bedrooms as a matter of overdesign safety, even though his plans are for construction of a two-bedroom home.

After determining that the Planning Board has no formal responsibility for action in these circumstances, Johnson moved that the Board authorize Chairman Gould to write to the Board of Selectmen recommending that that Board release the Town's rights under the easement, premised on intervening changes in septic treatment technology and changes in applicable rules basing such approvals on State standards. After a second by Currier, the Board voted unanimously to approve that motion, Godwin abstaining.



Life Is Good In Andover - Susan Parenteau, our East Andover postmaster, raises the flag each morning with a smile.
Photo by Connie Ressler

Andover Rescue Squad

By Amy Fecteau
Andover Rescue Squad

For anyone who has called 911 for a medical emergency in the town of Andover, you know that dedicated volunteers respond night or day. These volunteers are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians and take great pride in the service they provide.

Do you know that next year Andover Rescue Squad will be turning 40? The Andover Rescue Squad was started in 1966 by eight men who met at the Bachelor Library for first aid training. The town's medical service until that time had been provided by Civil Defense.

Andover Rescue was founded under the premise that service would be free to Andover and anyone passing through who needed assistance. Three of the founding members were Dr. Emile Boselli, Carl Meier, and Ralph Chaffee. Dr. Boselli served as the first President of Andover Rescue while Mr. Meier served as Captain and Mr. Chaffee served as Secretary/Treasurer.

Through connections of Dr. Boselli, Andover Rescue acquired its first ambulance in its first year of operation. It was a

East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

Andover was again blessed with great weather on the Fourth of July. A large gathering of people supported the booths on the Village Green and everyone seemed to enjoy the parade. We again thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts while celebrating the birth of our nation.

Summer is fully upon us and enjoying warm days and activities at the lake are foremost in our thoughts. The last thing we want to think about are weather-related problems. But my job is Fire Chief and planning for such things is what I do. Given the active storm pattern we are in, some early thinking may be good.

A hurricane is an uncommon weather event in New England, but they do happen here, and planning for one covers a lot of other weather situations. The greatest danger will come from the wind. Materials tossed by hurricane-force winds are very dangerous. Live power lines and falling objects are hazards that must be

avoided even after the storm has passed. Here are some things to do and plan. Hunker down. Do not travel, even around town, when a storm is imminent. Your home is likely to be a safe place. Plan how you will eat and get by without power. Electricity will likely be out. You will need lots of fresh water for drinking and basic washing. Water to deal with toilets will be especially handy. Your refrigerator will keep food safe for several hours if the door isn't opened once you lose power.

Assemble a storm box. Large plastic storage bins work great. Store collapsible water tanks, food that keeps well (recycle for freshness), flashlights and extra batteries, a battery-powered radio, and a camp propane stove. Put in some cash, as the local ATM may not be available. Think about what you would need to eat, have water and light for at least three days.

I am convinced that the more of us that are ready for a storm, the less likely it becomes that bad weather will happen.

used 1956 Cadillac from Rivervale, New Jersey. During the first year of operation this new ambulance service answered 22 calls for help and operated on a budget of \$200 set aside in the Town budget with the rest coming from townspeople in the form of donations.

While the '56 Cadillac has long since

retired and members have come and gone, Andover Rescue is still a presence in town. Just last year Andover Rescue purchased a new ambulance. Our volunteer members are certified as Emergency Medical Technicians at one of three levels – Basic, Intermediate, or Paramedic, and we still provide our service free of charge.

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