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issue on the World Wide Web before it's even printed.

- We've done it all on a shoestring, with money raised from our advertisers, our local members, our out-of-town and seasonal subscribers, and some generous local organizations.

Now it's time to say "Thank you!" to the many, many people who made the *Beacon's* first year not just a possibility but a success.

Our Inspiration

First on the list has to be everyone who worked so hard on Andover's earlier papers: the *Star* and the earlier incarnation of the *Beacon*. If you think the current *Beacon* started from scratch, you're badly mistaken. The people who made Andover's earlier papers possible were a vital source of inspiration, wisdom, and encouragement from the very beginning.

Our Advisors

Thanks, too, to the many informal advisors who have helped – and continue to help – shape the *Beacon*. Every minute you've spent sharing your insights and answering questions has been a valuable contribution.

Our Directors

The Board of Directors, past and present, of the *Beacon* has been outstanding! Starting a non-profit on a shoestring is not an easy job, and it has taken a strong, compassionate, community-minded group to keep the process on track for almost two years now.

Our Angels

The first few checks are the hardest, and the community owes great thanks to the small handful of individuals and organizations who came forward with that vital start-up capital to get the ball rolling.

Our Ad Sales Team

Ad sales are an important source of revenue for the *Beacon*, and our ad sales team has been outstanding. We literally couldn't have gotten this far without their sacrifices and dedication.

Next Month's Beacon...

...should be in mailboxes on Friday, Oct. 28. Please get all ads, articles, etc. to us by **Saturday, Oct. 15** at the latest. And earlier is always better!

Our Advertisers

Which brings us, of course, to our advertisers. The support for the *Beacon* in the business community has been simply wonderful, and for that we couldn't be more thankful. Please be sure to support our advertisers, and let them know that you appreciate seeing their ads in the *Beacon*!

Our Members

Ad sales will never fully support the *Beacon*, so the donations of our local members, local organizations, and our out-of-town and seasonal subscribers are extremely important. Thank you to everyone who "got a Round Tuit" and wrote that check!

Our Volunteers

If you're someone who reads the by-line of a story, then you know the most important fact about the *Beacon* – it's not just *about* Andover...it's *by* Andover. And it's not just the writing. Dozens and dozens of volunteers help with gathering stories, taking photographs, editing articles, preparing the paper for publication, proofreading everything, getting it in the mail, distributing it around town, and many other important jobs. With everyone doing a little bit, and doing something they enjoy, when it's convenient for them, we've built a great community newspaper! Huge, huge thanks to you all!

Our Readers!

And last but certainly not least, thanks goes to you, our readers – for taking the time to read the *Beacon* every month, for telling your friends, "It says in the *Beacon*..." and for the kind comments you've shared and the suggestions you've made. It's for you that all this hard work happens every month, and it's you who make it all worthwhile.

Onward To Year Two!

The entire Andover community deserves a huge round of applause for having rallied 'round to make the *Beacon's* first year such a notable success. Now, the challenge is to carry this momentum into our second year. There's much you can do to help:

- Become a member, or renew your membership. We need as broad a base of support in the community as possible, and writing that check is the

simplest and best way you can help.

- Volunteer. The *Beacon* is always looking for people to help the *Beacon* doing something they enjoy, when it's convenient for them. Call or write and we'll be happy to find a way for you to make a difference.
 - Talk to your friends and neighbors. Let them know that the *Beacon* is an important part of our community and worth supporting. Sometimes that's just the extra incentive they're waiting for to get involved.
- It has been a fun, exciting year, and we've built something of which we can all be proud. Now, onward to Year Two – the best is yet to come!

Letters

September 13, 2005

After 27 years of frost heaves and multi-layered cold patch on Bradley Lake Road, we now drive a new road, and it is great!

Never mind the cell tower atop Mount Kearsarge. Never mind last year's huge increase in assessed values and taxes. Never mind that our beloved Yankees are three games behind the Red Sox. Never mind that they lowered Bradley Lake a foot and a half in mid-July.

All this fades in importance when we head for town. The road is wide and very black and oh, so smooth! We are Happy Campers, and we are grateful.

George & Jane Dixon

Town Matters

The *Beacon* needs volunteers to help with reporting about town news and/or taking pictures around town.

Do as much or as little as suits your schedule, but please help! The *Beacon* is not just *about* our community – it's *by* our community.

Everyone Works For The *Beacon*!
Call Charlie at 735-6099

We know you've been meaning to support the *Beacon*, but you just haven't quite gotten...



Well, now you've got one!

SEND A CHECK TODAY!

BEACON MEMBERS WIN!

Each month the *Beacon* holds a random drawing among its members to give away valuable prizes provided by area businesses. **Become a member** for a year, support the *Beacon*, and join the fun! This month's winners are:

Artisan's Workshop	Christmas CD	Trish & Lance Demers
Blackwater Junct. Rest.	Breakfast for Two	Steve & Gisela Darling
Bowie's Market	Breakfast for Two	Kim Hallquist
Christie's Indoor Garden	\$25 Gift Certificate	Mary Smith
Curves of New London	1 Month Membership	Connie McLeod
Handknits By Judy	Handknit Scarf	Joyce Jones
Jake's Market in Andover	\$10 Cash Card	Paul & Maria Glorioso
Mackenna's Restaurant	\$10 Gift Certificate	Lisa Jelleme-Miller
Mackenna's Restaurant	\$10 Gift Certificate	Toby Locke
New London Opticians	\$15 Gift Certificate	Ethney McMahan

Winners – contact the Beacon at 735-5331 to collect your prize.
Prizes not redeemable for cash.

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Seasonal Gift	Local or Out of Town	Here's my member donation of \$_____ for (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal (\$25 min) <input type="checkbox"/> Out of Town (\$25 min) <input type="checkbox"/> Gift (\$25 min)
		Your Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone or E-mail _____
Seasonal Gift	Local or Out of Town	Other Name _____ Other Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone or E-mail _____
		Seasonal: which months are you at the "other" address? _____

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