

Come Home to the Country



Freestanding Hilltop Unit

- 4 BRs, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, formal DR
 - LR w/gas fireplace, 1st floor master suite
 - First floor BR, 2nd level guest suite w/1/2 bath
- Hilltop Place \$295,000**



Merrimack Farm Store

- Great location, high traffic count, 1.4± acres
 - Large inventory, owner financing available
 - Wonderful investment opportunity
- Bradford \$684,500**



Next to Covered Bridge

- 3800 ft Warner River frontage, Mt. views
 - Good access to Rt 103, 114, and I-89
 - Newly renovated house, large barn/shed
- Bradford \$249,900**



New 3-Bedroom Ranch

- Open concept kitchen & LR, formal dining
 - HW flrs, master suite, walk-out LL ready to finish
 - First flr laundry, 2-car garage, large level yard
- Newport \$269,900**



Three-Bedroom Cape

- Bright and open, hickory and tile floors
 - Eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage w/storage over
 - Bath w/soaking tub & tiled shower, basement
- Wilmot \$280,000**



Former Sunapee Inn

- Walk to Sunapee Harbor and schools
 - 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, separate apartment
 - Back yard patio, pool, & deck. Built in 1860
- Sunapee \$319,000**



Sunny Vacation Home

- Seasonal view of Mt. Sunapee + lake view
 - Shared sandy beach in Mt. View Shores
 - Skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, swimming
- Sunapee \$389,000**



Three Bedroom Cape

- New kitchen w/custom cabinetry, 1st flr BR
 - Tongue and groove pine in LR & DR
 - Workshop, outbuilding, deck w/hot tub
- Newport \$164,000**

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How To Keep Tabs On The State Legislature

By Mary Anne Broshek
For the Beacon

Have you ever wondered what the State Legislature is up to and how you can express your opinion on state legislation? Using the Internet, you can find out all of the bills that are being proposed, the full text of the bill, when it will be heard for public comment, and how to contact your legislator.

When a bill is proposed, it is first called an LSR. LSRs go to the agency affected by the legislation for comments on the program impact and what the proposal would cost or save.

LSRs are then assigned bill numbers. Bills coming from the House all start with HB and bills from the Senate start with SB. A hearing is then held and the public and all interested parties are invited to attend and provide testimony on why the bill should or shouldn't become law. Hearings are held before the committee that has oversight over the particular bill. For example, if a bill affects

roads it would go to the Transportation Committee.

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Senate bills are first heard in the Senate and then either killed or sent to the House, sometimes with amendments.

If the two chambers differ on what should happen, the bill goes to a conference committee made up of members from the House and from the Senate for a resolution before a final vote by the full legislature.

Committees are very happy to see the average citizen at a hearing. There are two ways to register your opinion at a hearing. You can fill out a pink card and say you want to talk, or you can fill out a pink card and hand in written testimony. The pink cards let the Chairperson know who is planning on testifying and whether they are for or against.

For starters, you can just go and listen and get a feel for how it works. Hearings are held at the Legislative Office Building located behind the State House on North State Street in Concord.

If you don't feel comfortable attending a hearing, you can write, phone, or e-mail your legislator or the Chairperson of the Committee.

Democracy is based on everyone having a voice - make sure yours is heard.

How To Find A Bill

If you don't know the bill number, you'll have to start with a descriptive list of all the bills.

Go to www.NH.gov. On the right side of the screen, click "Legislative Branch." Under the "Legislation" category, click "House Introduction List" or "Senate Bill Intro List" for a list of proposals with short descriptions. Click "Bill Text" to get the full wording of a given bill. This year the Senate has 172 bills and the House 675.

Once you have the Bill number, you can find out everything about the bill. Go to www.NH.gov. On the right side of the screen, click "Legislative Branch." Under the "Legislation" category, click "Power Search" and enter the bill number. Make sure you don't have a space between the letters and numbers - enter HB1755, not HB 1755. This will bring up the status of the bill, when a hearing will be held and all sorts of other interesting information.

How To Find Legislators

Go to www.NH.gov. On the left side of the screen, click "Government." On the next page, click "State Government." Under "Legislative Branch," click "Who's My Legislator." Enter "Andover" in the Search box and click the Submit button. The list of representatives and senators for Andover will appear. Click on an individual's name for more detailed contact information plus their committee assignments, voting record, and Web page.

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ture of the *Beacon* that they will!

If you haven't become a member or renewed your membership yet this year, you know what to do - your "round tuit" and a handy membership form is waiting for you on page two.

If you're already a *Beacon* member again this year, you can still make a big difference in ensuring that the *Beacon* can continue - make a point of reminding your friends and neighbors to become *Beacon* members or renew their *Beacon* membership. Remind them how enjoyable the *Beacon* is, how important it is to our community, and how little it takes for them to show the support that will allow the *Beacon* to continue.

Uncle Sam Is Limbering Up

Uncle Sam, the eternal optimist, is warming up for a brisk march along Main Street at noon on the Fourth of March.

Yes, you read that right. If the *Beacon* achieves its goal of 300 members by 5 PM on February 22, Uncle Sam will parade down Main Street four months early on Saturday, the Fourth of March.

Can we add or renew 61 *Beacon* members by February 22? It's not impossible - in October we added or renewed 68 members. With some extra effort, we can make it happen.

Please don't be the one who spoils this bit of silly mid-winter fun! Turn to page two and become a member of the *Beacon* today. You'll feel better once you finally get "a round tuit." Thanks!