

Conservation Commission

January 11

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Jerry Hersey, Bob Ward, Tina Cotton, Nan Kaplan, Sandra Graves, Peter Southworth, Mary Anne Broshek, Peter Zak. Jim Danforth and Mark Stetson were guests. Jim Danforth: State Representative on Public Works & Transportation, and Transportation Committees.

Correspondence - We received a forestry authorization from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for 67 acres owned by William Smith on Emery Road in East Andover.

Old Business - Northern Rail Trail - Letter of support for 2006 RTP grant application. Bob read a letter, to be signed by Jerry, in favor of the grant application. The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail - Merrimack County must wait until next spring to finish the section from Andover to Potter Place due to the fall flooding.

Andover Master Plan - There was discussion of how soon we should meet with Paul Currier in regard to the Conservation Commission's input on the Master Plan. Bob will contact Paul to determine the best time to meet again.

Webster Lake Watershed Study - There is an all-day meeting on January 12 in Franklin that Sandra Graves and Peter Zak will attend.

Position on US Route 4 project

New Business - NHDOT surplus lands and Cemetery Road Corner. Jim Danforth and Mark Stetson spoke to the DOT process of the planning, schedule, road details, and funding of the project. Jim will get us the dimensions of the road, the traffic projections for Route 11, and information on the signage the Town can use to modify traffic. In addition, Jim mentioned that the Town would do well to promote our support for fishing in the Blackwater River to keep Fish and Game funding.

Chase Hill Road Project (Scenic Road) - Tina spoke to Annette Bashaw about putting the whole road under designation. There is a plan to improve the road for better visibility and we discussed tree cutting, stone wall protection, and the steps to put the road under designation. The Conservation Commission supports the petition.

Preparations for Town Meeting - Our budget is set. We will ask for the same level of funding. The annual report is almost finished, and we are not trying to change the Current Use penalty.

Board of Selectmen liaison to the Conservation Commission - There was discussion in the past to ask the Board about designating a Conservation Commission representative to keep the Conservation Commission abreast of any projects. Peter Z. suggested that we should be sending the Conservation Commission's approved minutes to the Selectmen. Peter S. will do so.

Andover Fire Department

By Fred Lance
Andover Fire Department

Glenn Haley, a 29-year veteran of the Andover Volunteer Fire Department, was struck by a car that was passing through the scene of a motor vehicle accident on December 22. The accident occurred on Route 4 at the junction of Route 4 and 11 on the east end of town. It involved a tractor-trailer and a passenger car. What follow are interviews with Glenn and with Andover Fire Department Deputy Chief Chuck Ellis, the officer in charge on the scene at the time of the accident.

Interview With Glenn Haley

FL: What injuries did you sustain in the accident?

GH: I sustained non-life-threatening injuries including a fractured leg, a slight concussion, lacerations to the right elbow and knee, and a fractured pelvis.

FL: What treatment for your injuries have you received to date?

GH: I was transported from the scene to Franklin Regional Hospital. They performed x-rays and once they determined I had a fractured pelvis they made the decision to transfer me to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon via ambulance.

At Dartmouth they performed minor surgery on my elbow and I spent over an hour in x-ray. I spent six days at Dartmouth and then was transferred to HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital on the Concord Hospital Campus.

When I arrived at HealthSouth I was able to stand and support my own weight on either leg. They provided treatment to me as if I had a hip replacement and for the next 10 days I received daily therapy. The therapy included occupation therapy, such as how to get around to take care of myself with minimal assistance, and physical therapy which included strength, endurance, and mobility exercises.

I returned home on January 7. I am continuing to receive physical therapy three times a week at Franklin Regional Hospital.

FL: What is your expected recovery time?

GH: Right now they are projecting that it will be at least two more months before I can return to work. I hope to return to the Fire Department at that point also. I may not be able to do everything I could do before, but I am sure that as time progresses I will be able to return to full service.

Interview with Deputy Chief Chuck Ellis

FL: You and Glenn were the first two firefighters to reach the scene of the accident. Would you describe the chain of events leading up to Glenn being hit by the car?

CE: I had just walked into Continental Machine to start work for the day when a motorist stopped in and asked to use the phone to report a motor vehicle accident

back on Route 4. I hollered to Glenn, who was already working, and we responded in my truck to the accident.

I radioed Lakes Region to notify them that we were on the scene, and Glenn ran to the car which was partially under the tractor-trailer to check the occupants for injury. He reported back to me on their status and then returned to the vehicle to start planning patient extraction. At that point Glenn was hit by a motorist passing through the accident scene.

Seeing a fellow firefighter and friend injured on a call is something an officer never wants to go through. Once I radioed that a firefighter was down, the response from fellow firefighters and rescue personnel was tremendous. Within minutes we had more than sufficient firefighters, rescue personnel, and police to handle both incidents.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department responded to 171 calls for service from December 15 through January 15. The following is a partial breakdown:

- Thefts, Pancake Road and Franklin Highway
- Accidents, Main Street and in the Blackwater Junction Restaurant parking lot
- Domestic, Franklin Highway
- Assault, Franklin Highway
- 911 calls, Princess Drive and Flag-hole Road
- Four bad check cases
- Four animal complaints
- 67 motor vehicle warnings, two summons
- Gerald Haney, 48, Andover, arrested for issuing bad checks

East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

We recently were called out to respond to an auto accident. It was early morning and the sun had not yet risen. The first radio report indicated that two fire fighters were on the scene advising that a car crashed into a truck. A better report would soon follow. This is typical radio reporting and most emergency responders are very accustomed to normal radio reporting.

What came next was anything but typical or normal. "Lakes Region Dispatch, we have a fire fighter down. Send a second ambulance." The tone in his voice told the real story. One of us was down and it wasn't good.

It turned out that Glenn Haley, an Andover volunteer fire fighter with nearly 30 years experience, had been struck by a car that had driven through the accident scene. It is no easy task to see one of your friends lying in a heap in the road.

The challenge for all of us was to maintain our composure and provide

help and medical attention to everyone who was injured. The firefighters and EMTs performed their tasks with practiced skill, and before long all patients were on their way to the hospital.

After the equipment is cleaned and made ready for the next call, we usually go home or return to work. But that day, one of us was lying in a hospital bed. What a heavy feeling.

Over the next several days we visited Glenn, and the close network we enjoy was buzzing with his condition and progress. I am very pleased to report that though he will be healing for some time, Glenn will be OK. Those who know Glenn wouldn't be surprised by this, but I think Glenn was more worried about us. His toughness and positive attitude reassured us all.

This close call will not be taken lightly or forgotten. In the weeks ahead we will be working to find ways to make our scenes safer for everyone. In the meantime please use extra caution when traveling near an accident scene.



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