

**Meeting from page 3**

Bashaw, spoke to the historic significance and beauty of Chase Hill Road and complimented Road Agent John Thompson and his crew on doing a good job and having a good plan for upgrading the road.

Selectman Dennis Fenton said that the Town "can live with it if it passes" but that a Scenic Road designation creates "a few more hoops for us to jump through." There was considerable discussion of the impact of the Scenic Road statute on road agents and public utilities and of the beauty and value of Chase Hill Road. In the end, the article was defeated in a voice vote.

**Warrant Article 13**

**Restricting the taking of real property by eminent domain and the taking of personal property.** State Representative Jim Danforth of Andover said that "this issue is being well covered" in the state legislature with seven or eight bills pending. The article was defeated in a voice vote.

**Warrant Article 14**

**Re-name the Blackwater Park ball field the Howard George Ball Field.** Jim Emerson spoke to all that Howard George has done over the years for children's recreation in Andover. It was clarified that the park would still be Blackwater Park – only the ball field would be re-named. The Moderator deemed the voice vote to adopt the article unanimous.

**Warrant Article 15**

**Reclassify a section of Hoyt Road to Class 5.** The petitioners withdrew their request *in absentia*, so to clear the article from the agenda it was moved, seconded, and unanimously defeated.

**Warrant Article 16**

**Other business.** Bryant Adams received an update on his request from last year that the Selectmen look into improvements in the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office. Selectman Dennis Fenton reported that the selectmen have been looking into more hours and more online registration capabilities, but that nothing can happen until after the 2007 Town Meeting.

Bryant also raised concerns about dog waste on the Town Beach and was invited to bring his concerns to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Charlie Darling presented a resolution commending all who volunteer around town; reminding everyone of the benefits volunteers enjoy; and urging everyone to find a volunteer job that suits them. The resolution was adopted.

The Fourth of July Committee reported that The Fabulous Fifties had scored a significant victory and would be the theme for this year's parade.

As the meeting closed, Glenn Haley, a 29-year veteran of the Andover Fire Department who was injured at the scene of a motor vehicle accident on December 22, was hailed for being up and around again and present at Town Meeting.

**Resolution Reflects Andover's Commitment To Volunteering**

Under "Other Business" at the March 14 Town Meeting, voters approved the following resolution:

**To recognize** the importance of volunteerism to our community by commending the many volunteers without whose unselfish efforts the quality of

- our town government,
- our health and safety services,
- our schools,
- our sports and recreation, and
- life in our community

would be greatly diminished, and further, **To remind** everyone in our community of the significant and lasting benefits that volunteers enjoy, including

- forming new friendships,
- learning new skills,
- helping shape life in our community, and
- feeling part of something worthwhile, and finally,

**To urge** every member of our com-

munity to experience these benefits for themselves by finding a volunteer opportunity they can enjoy.

Volunteerism is one of the core values that our community shares, and as such it is worth being reminded of often, much as our country's flag is displayed prominently and often to remind us of our shared patriotism and love of freedom. To that end, *The Andover Beacon* will present a framed copy of this resolution to any organization that requests one for display in our public places and other places where people gather.

This is one small step to raise awareness of the importance of volunteerism to the quality of life in Andover. The *Beacon* invites everyone in our community to help find other ways in which we can show the community's appreciation for those who already volunteer and to help others find a rewarding way to contribute to community life.

**Inspections from page 1**

round of inspections, the Town's assessment database should be accurate and up to date. If by 2009 the real estate market has risen or dropped by more than 10% from where it was in 2004, state law requires the Town to go through another valuation update. Having an accurate, up-to-date assessment database is the best way to ensure that a valuation update will be fair and accurate and can be conducted economically and efficiently.

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