

Master Plan Update Committee Andover Cable TV Channel 8

By Paul Currier
Master Plan Update Committee

How much land area in Andover is "buildable"? How much of that is already built on, or protected, and how much is available for future development? What lands should be left undeveloped? By what ground rules? The Andover Master Plan Update Committee, in cooperation with the Conservation Commission, is working on answers to these questions.

On Election Day, the Committee hosted a Master Plan table at the school gym. One digitally produced map of tax-numbered lots showed areas of wetlands and steep slopes that make the land unbuildable. (That map, a preliminary draft from Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC), can be seen during normal office hours at the town office meeting room.) This map was made using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology and the new digital tax maps. As a next step, LRPC

will identify land already built on, and produce a map showing the remaining land that can be developed in the future, under present zoning rules.

At another display table, the Conservation Commission asked people to identify their special areas in town. GIS technology will be used to map this information as well. All of this information, together with input from Andover residents to be collected in a town-wide survey, will be incorporated into the updated Master Plan, scheduled to be drafted before Town Meeting 2007.

Volunteers are needed for the Committee, particularly those with analytical and writing skills. The Committee meets on the fourth Monday of every month, at 7:30 at the Town Office. The public is always welcome as observers or active participants. Anyone interested in being part of the Master Plan update process can also get in touch with Paul Currier (735-5280) or Doug Boisvert (735-5218).

It's "Fabulous '50s" For The 4th

By Judy Perreault
Fourth of July Committee

Well, the votes are in and the parade theme winner by a large margin is "Fabulous '50s." Time to dig out those poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and '50s clothes. Fortunately or unfortunately, some of us remember those days only too well. For the rest of you, hit the library, the Internet, or rent some of the old TV shows like *Happy Days* or talk to someone who's experienced those good old days. Put your thinking caps on and I'm sure you'll get lots of good ideas for an entry in the parade.

A float is a good way to advertise your business, club, church, or any other organization. It's fun, and you may win a prize. We have eight categories of prizes. First prize through fourth prize go to theme floats. In addition there are prizes for Most Unique, Most Decorated, Best Costumes, and Most Patriotic. (These categories may be theme or not.)

We will be sending notices to those

who have participated in the parade in the past, but if you haven't, you may just show up that day and fill out a form.

For flea market space you need to preregister with Howard Wilson at 735-5427. Space is going fast, so don't delay.

We also need one vendor to set up at parade headquarters behind Farrell Field House from about 9 AM to 1 PM, mainly to sell drinks, snacks, and maybe sandwiches. The parade people get hungry and very thirsty. You can catch them before and after the parade.

We are always looking for new groups or talent for our Fourth of July celebration - marching groups, bands, animals, performers, etc. - so if you see or know anyone, please call either Judy Perreault at 735-5493 or Craig Perreault at 735-5401 and we will follow up.

We will also have a Children's Parade under the able leadership of Sara Tracy-Arone, as well as antique cars, trucks, and our local fire engines. Help us make this a memorable Fourth of July!

By Charlie Darling
Channel 8 Station Manager

Andover's Community Access Cable TV station (Channel 8) continues to bustle with activity.

New Public Equipment

The public edit suite, downstairs in the Town Hall, has a new iMac computer that Andover residents are invited to use for editing their home movies. Or if you're not "computer friendly," the public edit suite also has a newly-upgraded editing machine that's very easy to use. If you're interested or have questions, contact the station (see below).

AE/MS Video Club

Andover's Channel 8 has donated a video editing machine to the AE/MS Video Club. It's just like the one in the public edit suite, but having one at the school makes it much more convenient for the Video Club to edit the school assemblies and other events that they tape. Channel 8 also donated a wireless microphone and a tripod to make the Club's video productions easier and better.

SHARE Day

Channel 8 will be offering two workshops at AE/MS on May 22, SHARE Day. The first will be a hands-on workshop about shooting video. The second will be a hands-on workshop about editing the video we shot in the first workshop.

As we get better at doing these workshops, we hope to offer them to the

public (and especially to the many non-profit organizations in town) so that we can have more shows about interesting events and other aspects of life in Andover on Channel 8.

Bulletin Board

For years, Tay Clark has done a great job keeping Channel 8's Community Bulletin Board up to date. The Cable TV Committee would like to thank her for all her hard work.

Now that Tay is laying low due to health concerns, Channel 8 is looking for a volunteer to update the bulletin board every week. It's done on a computer at the station, using a program that lets you change existing bulletin board items or create new ones. If you'd like to see how the program works before you decide, just contact us for a demonstration.

You can contact Andover's Community Access Cable TV station at Charlie@AndoverCableTV.com or 735-6099.

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"That's just too damn bad," he said.

Hiller said the cost of the article - \$25,000 - would amount to an increase in the tax rate of about 10 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. [This gives us a final school tax rate of \$10.68, up 18.5% from last year.]

The article passed by a ballot vote of 39 to 31.

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