

Andover School Board

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The Andover School Board would like to thank all the citizens who attended the School District Meeting. It was good to see such a huge turnout.

It was apparent that the biggest draw for the citizens was the proposed school bond. As many are aware, the Board had been working on the proposed bond for several years.

Even with that kind of preparation, we obviously missed something. We are trying to figure out what it was we missed. Was it the total amount of impact on taxes? Was the project perceived as more of a want than a need? Did we fail to provide enough information to the taxpayers? These are just some of the questions on our mind as we review the discussion that took place during the meeting.

The citizens generously voted in three of the four proposed safety and maintenance items that the Board asked for. It is unfortunate that these items do not qualify for the 30% in state aid we were hoping to receive from the bond issue, nor do they address any of the educational and storage space needs.

In the coming months, the Board

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will be working on the budget with next year's School District Meeting in mind. Many people have much to add with their ideas and comments. We want to hear them all.

It is understandable that not everyone is comfortable in front of the "camera" at our monthly Board meetings. We would like to invite these people to meet with the Board or a single member of the Board in a setting that is comfortable for them. Please feel free to call any member of the Board to set up a meeting.

Please remember, this is your community, your school, your students, your taxes, and your future. The Board is the group of people who take your input and put it to work. We need to keep our biggest asset, the citizens of this community, happy and in town. We also need to keep our next biggest asset, the school children of the community, well educated and in as safe as possible a learning environment.

Please help us help you. Call us, come to our monthly meetings, send an e-mail, send a letter via snail mail, send us smoke signals, anything. Any way that you can get our attention, please do so.

Again, thanks to all the staff at AE/MS, the SAU office, the parents, and the citizens of Andover for helping with the proposed school bond.

Board Of Selectmen

February 19

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectmen Roger Godwin and Andrew Gup-till, Town Administrator Mark Stetson

The Board approved a policy memo to be sent to all Town Boards and Committees reminding each one of the requirements [to keep meeting minutes] set forth in RSA 71-A:3 and 71-A:4.

The Board approved correspondence to be sent to the Recreation Committee requesting that that committee establish a regular meeting schedule and also that the committee prepare a draft discipline policy for the Board's review for participants, spectators, coaches, and officials.

Under new business, the Board signed a Cease and Desist Order to be sent to the owner of property on Franklin Highway who was recently observed operating a food service business adjacent to the snowmobile trail.

The Board then met with Engineer Lou Caron of L. C. Engineering Company to discuss his recommendations to mitigate the flooding problems on Sam Hill Road at the culvert crossing. Caron told the Board that he observed that the existing four-foot diameter culvert pipe is about one half full of gravel-type earthen material and that this level of debris is fairly constant for a distance both upstream and down. Caron opined that removing all of that material would help the problem, but that the state

would likely never permit such work, and it would not solve the problem.

He suggested adding four 18-inch diameter pipes, two on either side of the existing one to handle the overflow during flood conditions. He also opined that the road surface should be raised above the flood level to prevent continued erosion problems. In response to Road Agent John Thompson's question, Caron opined it possible that the state would permit replacement of the existing culvert with one similar in diameter, but slightly longer.

While meeting with the Road Agent, Fenton asked Thompson to be more diligent in the use of signs and personal protective equipment when his crews are working on the roads. Godwin relayed a complaint that he had received regarding a couple of slippery roads.

Back under new business, the Board noted no objection to language proposed by the Editor to be run in the next issue of *The Andover Beacon* offering explanations of each article on the Town Meeting warrant.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a request from members of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association to attend an upcoming special meeting of that Board to review a previous decision by that Board to send funds to the New Frontier Industries, Inc, an affiliate corporation that is operating a plastics recycling facility in Milton, New Hampshire. Because the
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