



The two newest members of the Transfer Station team are Bill Keefe (left) and Reggie Roy. Photos: Charlie Darling

Andover Transfer Station

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Andover Recycling Committee

Residents of Andover will see new faces at the Andover Transfer Station this summer. Bill Farrington, Reggie Roy, and Bill Keefe make up the new team and may be found at any of the stations on the site. All three share the same duties, pitching in wherever needed.

Bill Farrington will be taking over as manager when Dennis Wright leaves. Bill isn't exactly new, as he has been at the Transfer Station for two years now. He has recently completed his Level 3 Attendant Certification at the Department of Environmental Services in Concord. This certification qualifies him to run any facility in the state of New Hampshire that accepts 100 tons of garbage per day. Bill was too busy fulfilling his duties to give an interview for this article.

Reggie Roy has been working at the Transfer Station since this past May and is a very familiar figure in Andover. Reggie and his family have been living in Andover since 1979. He and his wife, Marj, may be most familiar to families as long-time coaches of the Andover One Wheelers. The number of local parades and functions that Reggie and Marj have participated in with the unicycle team from Andover Elementary/Middle School are too numerous to count. Reggie has also served as a Water Commissioner for the Andover Village District for the past eight years. Reggie

is now semi-retired, last working at RP Johnson's Small Engine Shop.

Reggie says he likes working at the Transfer Station because he enjoys seeing his fellow townspeople. He is impressed by the number of people who recycle and feels that most people do a good job getting their recyclables into the right place.

When asked if he sees the need for any improvements, Reggie didn't hesitate. There are no toilet facilities and no running water at the Transfer Station, which is inconvenient to say the least. It also poses problems with sanitation and first aid capabilities.

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Bill Keefe is the newest arrival at the Transfer Station, officially starting on July 25. Bill hasn't yet taken the Attendant Certification Course, as they are only given a few times each year.

Bill lives on Flaghole Road in Andover and is semi-retired. He spent 23 years teaching in public schools as an Industrial Arts teacher and in Special Education in Lawrence, Massachusetts and in Berlin, New Hampshire. Working at the Transfer Station is quite a change from teaching, but Bill says it fits well into his retirement needs.

For those of you who love rustic furniture, Bill makes log furniture on the side – chairs, beds, coffee tables, you name it, he probably makes it. Next time you see Bill, ask him about it!

Three Projects Upgrade AE/MS

By Vicky Mishcon
Andover School Board

Computer users go through the daily, weekly, or monthly ritual of clicking on "Security Upgrade" to keep their computers safe from potential viruses and other unwanted intrusions. Likewise, the Andover School District has clicked on three projects this summer that will improve the security of our building, students, and staff.

Roof Upgrade

The first project is a continuation of the upgrade to the 1934 hip roof system which began last October. In October of 2006 supports were added to the structure underneath the roof to bring it up to current code for winter snow loads. This summer the old shingles were removed, an ice and water shield was applied, and new shingles put on. Melanson Construction Company carried out the work, for a total cost of \$27,875. The Andover School District Meeting approved \$65,000 for the roof work.

Door Lock Upgrades

The second project involves upgrading the locking system for classroom doors. With the new system, classroom doors will be able to be locked from the inside with a push button. Unlocking can be done with a key or by turning the inside handle, allowing for a quick and easy exit. A locking crash-bar will be installed on the double, inside doors by the office, and new cylinders will be

installed on the exterior doors. All locks will be on a master system.

The cost of the locks is not expected to exceed \$7,700. Installation is to be done by qualified Andover volunteers at no additional cost to the District. The School Board greatly appreciates the time and effort put in by all community members who have volunteered their time to the school. The District Meeting approved \$16,000 for a new lock system.

Communications Upgrade

The third and final project for the summer is an upgrade to the school's communication system. The new system will allow communication from the office to all classrooms and to two outside playground areas. Most importantly, the new system will allow communication from classroom to classroom, which our current system does not provide. An additional option will give each classroom 911 capabilities in case of emergencies. Training for the staff is included in the package.

The system is to be provided by Telephone Network Technologies at a cost not to exceed \$30,196.50. District Meeting approved \$32,000 for a new communication system.

The difference between the amount approved at the 2007 District Meeting (\$113,000) and the money actually spent will be returned to the taxpayers as an offset against expenses in the 2008-2009 school budget.



Roofing got under way promptly in July at AE/MS. Photo: Charlie Darling

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