Cons Comm *from page 16*

been written endorsing the project.

There was a brief discussion about a follow-up inspection during a heavy downpour of the Maple Street project.

At the August 27 Master Plan meeting, the Conservation Commission agreed to help identify farm and forest land. Mary Anne will send Paul Currier an e-mail to get more details on exactly what is needed.

Cable TV Committee

September 10

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Tina Cotton, Roger Godwin, Charlie Darling

The franchise agreement with Comcast is nearly done. The new agreement will be for 10 years and will provide approximately the same level of service as previously.

George Packard, a videographer in Warner who has lots of experience with digital media production, has agreed to consult with Charlie and Tina about some of the challenging technical details surrounding the cable TV station's move to digital video.

We discussed the "Wish List" of equipment purchases. We decided to buy:

- a new computer for running the Community Bulletin Board, since the old one seems to be on the verge of failure
- more memory for the PowerMac G4 in order to make burning DVDs work better
- an inexpensive Epson printer to replace our ancient Hewlett Packard printer. The new Epson will also allow us to print labels directly onto CDs or DVDs
- a clip art package to make the Community Bulletin Board look nicer
- some royalty-free music to air while the Community Bulletin Board airs.

Dumping and grading the stone dust for the new section of rail trail in East Andover. Photo: Charles Martin

Rail Trail *from page 1*

Potter Place railway station, now a museum run by the Andover Historical Society. It connects the population clusters of Andover as the trains used to.

The completion of this new segment of rail trail in East Andover also initiates a pioneer partnership between FNRT-MC and the Highland Lake Inn, which overlooks the rail trail. The Highland Lake Inn will serve as the rail trail's first Welcome Center, providing parking, restrooms, and trail information and selling refreshments. FNRT-MC is working to spread the Welcome Center model to other B&Bs and inns along or near the rail trail in the future to provide amenities for rail trail users.

FNRT-MC board member Charles Martin reported, "Immediately after the last load was delivered, two guys from Concord showed up on mountain bikes. So they were the first two to experience our trail end-to-end. When I rode my bike back home via the rail trail, I came across two pairs of walkers. Amazing how quickly people discover and use the rail trail!"

Organized in 2004, the FNRT-MC aims to continue the conversion of rail bed into a four-season rail trail from Danbury to the Boscawen-Concord line. In 2006 it received a $206,000 Transportation Enhancement grant to take the rail trail from Potter Place to Danbury, where it will connect with the Northern Rail Trail in Grafton County. Ultimately the Grafton and Merrimack County sections together will total 59 miles of continuous rail trail, the longest rail trail in New Hampshire, and will allow people to ride their bikes or hike from the Connecticut River Valley to the Lakes Region.

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition's 14th annual Fall Walkabout continues in October with hikes every Saturday and Sunday through Sunday, October 21. The final October weekend is for making up rained-out hikes.

Please call the hike leader two nights before to learn starting location and time. Remember to bring water, sun screen lotion, a hat, and a snack. For more information about the SRK Greenway Coalition visit SRKG.com.

October hikes are as follows:

October 6: New Canada Road to Wilmot Center, 4.1 miles, easy. Don Hinman, 768-3398.

October 7: Bog Mountain: Wilmot Center to Route 4A in Wilmot, 4.6 miles, moderate. Andy Hager, 526-2846.

October 13: Route 4A in Wilmot to Great Brook Bridge, 3.3 miles, easy. Ralph Spofford, 526-6568.

October 14: Great Brook Bridge to Springfield/New London Road, 8.7 miles, difficult. Ken Aldrich, 526-2942.

October 20: Springfield/New London Road to Deer Hill Road, 4.2 miles, easy. Mike Chiarella, 763-4661.

October 21: Deer Hill Road to Sunapee Town Hall, 7.2 miles, moderate. Ron Wyman, 763-5822.

October 28: Mount Sunapee: Old Province, Goshen to Newbury Harbor, 5.5 miles, difficult. Gerry Gold, 526-2857.

The SRK Greenway Coalition is a ten-town, all-volunteer non-profit organization with members throughout the SRK region and beyond. Greenway guidebooks are available at local book stores.

Turkey Raffle
At Andover Fish And Game Club

By Rich Gross
Andover Fish & Game

This year's turkey raffle will be held on Friday, October 19, at 7 PM, at the Andover Fish and Game Clubhouse on Channel Road in East Andover. There will be the usual hams, turkeys, special items, etc. There will be refreshments, and a free door prize.

We are also raffling a new Mossberg (Special Hunter) 12 gauge 3 in. mag. pump shotgun, with case, that night. Deer pool tickets will also be available if you haven't gotten yours already.

Bring your friends and family, and have a great night out. Don't miss it. Hope to see you there. Any questions, call 735-5311.

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