

Come Home to the Country



1836 Center-chimney Colonial
 • 6 BRs, 6.5 baths, 3 acres, 1400 sqft outbuilding
 • Large fam room, fully-equipped comm kitchen
 • 3 FP's in liv/sit rooms, pond, patio, screen porch
New London \$895,000



Trail's End
 • Mt. Kearsarge views, 1st flr MS w/MC & bath
 • Kitchen w/cook island, breakfast bar & fireplace
 • Greatrm w/FP, HW flrs & HH cell beams on 1st
Wilmot \$599,000



Village Colonial
 • Bright & open, 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths
 • Formal LR and DR, views of Mts & Warner River
 • 2-car garage w/storage over, next to cov. bridge
Bradford \$294,900



Quiet Country Road
 • 3 bdrm/2.5 bath, 1st floor master w/bath
 • 1st flr laundry, eat-in kitchen, deck, 1 acre
 • Finished basement, detach 2-car garage
Danbury \$199,900



Affordable Quality
 • 2003 Cape with cath-ceilings in sun/DR & LR
 • Wood-burn FP, 1st-floor MS, sunroom, deck
 • Chef's kitchen, full fin. basement w/rec room
Wilmot \$349,900



Quality-built Split Level
 • 3 BRs, 2 full baths, open concept, 5.1 acres
 • Large deck, cedar siding, year-round brook
 • 7 miles to Mt. Sunapee, nicely landscaped
Lempster \$209,900



Highland Lake Gem
 • 100' frontage, open concept cath-ceiling
 • 4 BRs / 3 full baths, master suite, stone patio
 • Detached 2-car garage w/finished 2nd floor
Andover \$969,000



Huge Post & Beam Barn
 • 1825 renovated barn, 2nd floor is living area
 • Renovations still in process, choose your colors
 • 7 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, near Ragged Mt.
Alexandria \$229,000

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NEWS FROM THE TOWN OFFICE

By Dana Hadley
 Town Administrator

It has been a busy and happy three weeks at the Andover Town Office since I arrived to serve as Andover's Town Administrator. I am enjoying the town, and I have been especially impressed by how pleasant Andover residents are.

It is very fortunate for me that the office was left in such a great position by former Town Administrator, Mark Stetson. I enjoy the informal and friendly attitude of the town.

In any town, the town could not function without its volunteers. That runs the gamut from Selectmen to committee members to everyone working to make a better town for themselves, their children, and their neighbors. The level of volunteerism in Andover is astounding. You all deserve a big cheer.

As a newcomer, it is obvious to me that there are many assets that make this town unique. One is the terrific television facility (Cable Channel 8). The information and programs on the town's community access TV channel is varied, informative, and timely. There are many much larger communities that would be very happy to have what Andover has.

Another great asset is this fine publication, *The Andover Beacon*. It really gets town news around town in an efficient manner. Again, some towns commit significant resources for a newsletter to do what the *Beacon* does for Andover.

A third huge plus is the great relationship that the Town enjoys with the Andover elementary/middle school and Proctor Academy. Everyone works in great cooperation with each other.

There is an old saying that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." I couldn't agree more, and change for change's sake is not a wise move. But we have to realize that in order to stay in compliance with the ever-growing volume of state laws and rules and to provide the services required of a Town, we have to work as efficiently as possible, with a careful eye to cost.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Marj Roy is working very hard to provide up-to-

date services for our citizens by offering a mail-in automobile registration program and by keeping the office open additional hours for patrons. A large commitment is required by the Town to keep our technology capability up to date in order to utilize the many programs offered by the state.

The newly-elected Road Agent, Jon Champagne, and his staff have been working very hard on town roads, especially after our long and very snowy winter. This work was made much easier for Jon by the great job done by former Road Agent John Thompson and his staff.

Two things I can say for certain:

- Roads and infrastructure needs will always be there, and
- Water runs downhill.

Perhaps the most common issue for our highway department is drainage. Jon will be working on catch basins, culverts, and ditches to address water issues. Recently Jon outlined his plans for sweeping, removing sand and debris from the streets in order to keep sand out of ditches, getting the town's catch basins cleaned, sealing cracks in the pavement of roads, and performing annual maintenance such as replacing culverts, grading, and applying patch. Jon is very open to anyone who has a concern, and I urge you to speak to him if you have a comment or concern.

I arrived in town just in time to be involved in the final stages of the Highland Lake dam replacement. We expect the work to be completed during the month of April. I know that Selectmen were very appreciative of the support for this project from the voters and the neighbors. I hope for the next issue of the *Beacon* to have an accounting of costs for you to review.

In the next several months, I look forward to meeting more of you and working closely with Town committees. As I mentioned earlier, while I don't like change for change's sake, it is my job to continue to look for ways and opportunities to make us more efficient as we face increased pressures from many factors for accountability, more recordkeeping, and reporting.

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

By Judy Perreault
 Fourth of July Committee

With snow still dotting the landscape it seems a little premature to be talking about the Fourth of July, but it really isn't that far away.

May is the month when a representative from the committee comes knocking on your door for some of that "green stuff." Your generosity each year enables Andover to continue the traditional Fourth of July celebration with all the activities and the fireworks finale. The collection is held in May as the programs are printed in June. As in the past, donors who don't ask to be anonymous have their names published

in the program.

Each year we try to add something new to the day.

Remember, the parade theme this year is Railroad Days, and there are eight money-winning categories. Thanks to the generosity of Joyce Egge of Equine Homes there are money prizes for the animal category as well.

Judging this year will be from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. We also need a car judge. If you have any expertise in this area, please call 735-5493. It only takes an hour of your time.

For Flea Market space, call Howard Wilson at 735-5427. For other questions, call Bob Ward at 735-5061.