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## 100 YEARS AGO

# MAY 1908

*Here's some old news from the Andover, East Andover, West Andover, Potter Place, and Cilleyville "gossip" columns of the Franklin Journal Transcript, selected by Heather Makechnie.*

**May 7, 1908:** "The item which appeared in the *Salisbury Heights News* a few weeks ago, stating that Dimond Shaw had sold his property at East Andover and would move to Salisbury was in error. There is no truth in the report, and he was as much surprised as his friends!"

**May 14, 1908:** "Dr. Durgin caught 48 brook trout one day last week. John Hilliard, the champion fisherman of Tioga, recently presented a friend here with a fine catch of trout, one of which measured 11 inches.

"Clifton Sleeper killed a black snake last week on Taunton Hill which measured five feet and three inches!

"Joseph Baker has lost his horse. It broke a blood vessel and fell.

"Next Sunday Mr. Ives will preach at the Unitarian Church on 'House Building.'

"Work has begun on the new gym-

nasium."

**May 21, 1908:** "The German Measles are quite prevalent here at the present time."

**May 28, 1908:** "Two more of W. H. Cole's children are sick with Scarlet Fever.

"A balloon containing four men landed Saturday afternoon near Henry Rayno's in Flaghole. They came from North Adams, Mass, that afternoon.

"The people of our quiet little village were shocked and grieved last Friday morning to hear of the sudden death of little John, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chase. Thursday afternoon after school he went to the home of some of his schoolmates to have a game of ball, and in the course of the game one of his playmates threw the ball and accidentally struck him on the temple, causing concussion of the brain from which he died in a few hours. He was a bright, good-natured little fellow, a favorite of his teachers and schoolmates, and loved by all. The parents and little brother and sisters have the deepest sympathy of the whole community."

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capability to draft a preliminary document. If members want her to continue and to flesh out her start, she will give members draft sections to review as they are prepared. Any members interested in attending the March 17 Springfield Conservation Commission meeting, during which a consultant will present his Natural Resources Inventory report, should meet at Town Hall at 6 PM.

Nan investigated a fire pond situation, which was tabled until the snow melts.

Sandra and Mary Anne will send a letter to owners of the former Clay property on Elbow Pond Road (copies to the realty company listing the sale and to Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Trust) with information on conservation easements. The property is about 240 acres and abuts the Newman easement and Graves property.

Status of landowners expressing interest in possible easements remains the same. Status of recruiting new members remains the same.

### Cable TV Committee

April 14

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Present:** Charlie Darling, Roger Godwin, Marilyn Gould, Rich Holzer

Sheree Miller is making good progress on converting the bulletin board

from the old version to the new Powerpoint (digital) version. This is very important, as our new approach to an emergency crawl doesn't work with the current bulletin board, but it will work fine with the new bulletin board.

The Macs continue to cause problems. The most recent problem is the sound – it cut off unexpectedly in the middle of burning Proctor's production of *Our Town* to DVD. There have also been problems with people's lips being out of sync with the sound of their voices, though Tina feels that has been solved.

There's still nothing to report about increasing the amount of video we get from the schools. We'd love to work more with AE/MS, Proctor, and MVHS to get interesting video about school activities to show on Channel 8.

We discussed how Channel 8 programs like the interviews with the candidates for Selectman and for Road Agent help keep townspeople better informed. We discussed the importance of making copies of the DVD for the libraries and publicizing in the *Beacon* their availability.

Postscript: After the meeting, Tina reported that the new hard drive for our digital video camera seems to be working well. It should save a lot of time, as footage downloads from the camera to the computer (for editing) much more quickly when we record to the camera's hard drive rather than to tape.



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