

Jennifer Coffey, State Representative

By Sandee Waine
Beacon staff

Jennifer Coffey of Andover was elated when receiving the news that she would be one of six New Hampshire State Representatives from District 6. This will be her first elected position, and she is very excited to be selected by voters in District 6 with confidence she could perform the duties of a State Representative.

“Yes,” she said, “this is my first time running. I have spent many years advocating for and against bills by testifying in front of committees of both the House and Senate, making phone calls, and sending e-mails. I felt I could do more good from the House floor for our state. I did have encouragement from my family, friends, and colleagues, but ultimately the decision was one made by my husband, my son, and me.”

I asked her about her campaign, how it was handled, by whom, and what did she see as her future in New Hampshire politics.

“It was important to me to speak to people one to one, via door-to-door and town events such as old home days, chatting at the local stores and transfer stations. I did accept an invitation to speak at a Veterans’ Home. I have a great deal of respect for them and consider it an honor to be invited into their home. The most important thing on people’s minds today is the economy, and this is a concern I share for the people of New Hampshire, including my own family.”

“I have seen friends lose their jobs, have concerns about affording their medications, and families worried about their job futures. It is my intent to do everything I can to help New Hampshire get through this recession.”

Jenn has had incredible support from many people, including Sam Pimm and Don Gorman, who served as her campaign managers; Chris Lopez, her fiscal agent; and many campaign workers



such as John Kinney, Jason and Mary Sorens, Liz and Seth Hipple, Seth Cohn, Chris Lawless, Rich Aldrich, Marilyn Jost, Bert and Jan Yeaton, Diane and Jeff Miller, Jon Bender, Kate Marshall, Mark Walden, Natalie Riker, Rene Goodwin, Scott Roberts, and Carl Soderstrom, as well as many more friends and family.

She credits the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance and the Reagan Network for guidance. Jenn believes that the most important thing facing the General Court (the official name of New Hampshire’s House and Senate) is the budget, and it will take a great deal of time to work it all out.

For all in District 6 who would like to contact her, you may do so at 748-1985 or Jenn.Coffey@leg.state.nh.us. She will make every attempt to respond within 24 hours.

“I see this duty much as I see my duties as an Emergency Medical Technician. My job is to help the people of New Hampshire and to always remember I took an oath to uphold the United States and New Hampshire Constitutions.”

Danbury’s Hearings Continue On Ragged Mountain Resort Expansion

By Bud Rice
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The Danbury Planning Board is currently conducting hearings on Phase One of a multi-phase development plan which involves up to 890 residences together with improvements to ski and golf facilities. Phase One entails 120 residences (62 cabins and 58 lots for development as single family residences) and improvements to recreational facilities and infrastructure.

The December 9 meeting of the Danbury Planning Board considered topics of traffic and improvements to New Canada Road carried over from previous meetings. The Board is con-

sidering giving tentative approval to the Traffic Plan. Lou Caron, acting for the Board, continues to analyze traffic situations. New traffic counts are planned during January.

In response to Ragged Mountain Resort’s request for clarification of road standards, road design standards were submitted by Mike Donovan, attorney for the Board. The Board voted to accept the standards definitions. The standards statement will be put in the Master Plan. Waivers from Town road standards will still need to be individually Board-approved. Aside from waivers for grade, right of way dimension, and intersection configurations (which

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re-visit the property if necessary.

For property owners who still don’t feel their new assessment is accurate, there’s an appeals process they can pursue through the Selectmen and, if necessary, through the New Hampshire Board of Tax and Land Appeals in Concord, or even through the county Superior Court. That will all be outlined in the information that will go out to each property owner with their new assessment.

AB: Once we’ve spent all the money to get our assessments to fair market value, how does the Town keep our assessments legal in years to come?

DH: The trick is to keep our town database of property descriptions totally accurate. So in 2011 we’ll start a new three-year cycle of visiting every property in town to keep our database up to date with changes in each property.

We’ll also watch real estate sales and compare them to the assessment of the properties sold. As long as the assessment and the selling price stay within about 10% of each other, we’re legal. Once we see, let’s say, waterfront property consistently selling at 110% to 125% of assessment, and we think there’s nothing that’s going to reverse that trend, then we know it’s time to think about another update. We’ve got no choice – it’s the law.

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Wednesday	Senior Day Lift tickets are \$25 for those 65+
Thursday	Thirsty Thursdays Apres ski specials offered
Friday	Fry Day Free wings are now from 4pm-5pm

(CARLOAD WEDNESDAYS) Bring a carload of people to 'get ragged' and the whole car skis for \$79. That's right, just \$79 per carload (up to 8 passengers).

*specials not valid February 16-20, 2009

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