

# Andover Rescue Squad Presents Plan To Address New Challenges

By John Kinney  
Secretary, Andover Rescue Squad

Andover Rescue Squad, Inc. (ARS) has provided emergency medical transport services to Andover since the squad's inception in 1966. The model of volunteerism and donations has worked well for decades. Yet the guidelines and requirements for agencies providing emergency medical service (EMS) have changed significantly over the years.

ARS now finds itself at a turning point in its history. The options for change that lie before ARS and the residents of Andover are not simple, nor are they easy choices to make.

On the evening of August 17, the officers and members of Andover Rescue

Squad presented a comprehensive overview of the current predicaments now confronting ARS to the Board of Selectmen. Some of the problems have been around for some time, while others are due to recent changes in the way EMS agencies must now comply with federal, state, and regional requirements.

The challenges fall into two categories:

- Financing, and
- Adequate and timely response on weekdays.

## Finances

The operating expenses of ARS have steadily increased over past years, while the funds collected through donations have remained relatively consistent. As

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# Public Meeting On New Master Plan: September 28

By Paul Currier  
Master Plan Update Committee

Where should the commercial and light industrial zones recommended in the Master Plan vision chapter be located? What parts of Andover should remain mostly large forest blocks?

Please come to a public meeting on the draft Land Use Chapter of Andover's updated Master Plan on Monday evening, September 28, at 7 PM at the Town Hall!

For several months now, the Master Plan Update Committee, with the help of Lakes Region Planning Commission, has been examining existing land use and working on scenarios for future land use that implement the ideas set down in the Vision chapter. Existing land use maps have been prepared and will be on display at the meeting.

For future land use, the committee

has identified three village areas, one potential commercial area, and three potential light industrial areas. The village areas would be consistent with the ones on the current zoning map, but the commercial and light industrial areas would be new.

Andover's zoning map, which has not been updated since 1974, has no commercial or light industrial zones. Low-density mixed-use is recommended in much of the rest of town. This mixed-use area would allow home-based businesses and farms of all sizes to be mixed in with homes.

What are your ideas? Please come to the public meeting on Monday, September 28. The committee wants to make this a plan that really reflects the ideas of town residents for Andover's future, and *we need your help!* Please come and give us your ideas and opinions.



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Over 65 people crowded Bluewater Lodge for an evening of listening and talking about Bradley Lake's water quality and the role of conservation easements in protecting it.  
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# Bradley Lake Meeting Spawns Many Action Items

By Mary Anne Broshek  
Andover Conservation Commission

On the evening of August 24, the Andover Conservation Commission sponsored a meeting on water quality and conservation easements that was held at the beautiful Bluewater Lodge on Bradley Lake. Bradley Lake is the drinking water supply for Andover village and Proctor Academy.

The meeting was videotaped by Tina Cotton and will be shown on

Andover Cable Channel 8. A DVD can be obtained at the Town Office or either of the Town Libraries when it is available.

Over 65 people attended the meeting to hear the speakers and have the opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions. Paul Susca, Drinking and Groundwater Bureau, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES), began the meeting with a talk that covered the

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# Property Owners Get Revaluation Letter

By Charlie Darling  
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In the wake of the Claremont case over school funding, it became state law that property assessments in a given town have to be within 10% of the actual market value of the property at least once every fifth year.

To stay on the right side of the law, Andover has been following a five-year cycle of keeping property values up to date. Here's how the current cycle is playing out:

2006: An assessor visits one third of the properties in town to ensure that the

physical data on file for each property is accurate.

2007: An assessor visits and checks another third of Andover properties.

2008: An assessor visits and checks the remaining Andover properties.

2009: The assessed value of every property in Andover must be updated to its fair market value.

2010: On the fifth year we get a break – nothing has to be done. (In the future, the Selectmen may decide to spread the three years of visits over four years – one quarter of Andover properties in

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The realignment of the intersection of Routes 4 and 11 in Potter Place is mostly complete. As this issue went to press, asphalt was being laid on a small section of Route 11 west of the bridge; on Potters Road; on Cilleyville Road from Potters Road to Depot Street; and on Depot Street from Cilleyville Road to the new intersection of Routes 4 and 11. The newly-paved town roads will serve as the detour for Route 11 traffic when the bridge is removed and the old underpass filled in. (The rail trail will pass under the new road in a large box culvert.) Removing the bridge has been re-scheduled for next year.  
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