

The Swap Shop will be open on May 8 from 8 AM to 2 PM and welcomes (before 1 PM) reusable items in working condition like toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and kitchenware. Please, no upholstered furniture, tires, windows, doors, electronics, or porcelain fixtures.



Conservation Commission Needs Help Identifying Farms And Working Forests

By Mary Anne Broshek
Andover Conservation Commission

The Andover Conservation Commission needs your help. One way of identifying areas in Andover that may be worthy of preserving is by impartially choosing, comparing, and combining important features of the land. The Conservation Commission chose five features that residents have valued in our rural community. The features (and the sources from which we get data about each feature) are:

- Ample water resources to supply our wells with good drinking water (NHDES)
- Farms and agricultural soils identified as prime or of statewide importance (Natural Resources Conservation Service)
- Forests, both 'natural' and managed (National Agriculture Imagery Program aerial surveys, and Current Use information)
- Special places, mostly scenic, such as Artist's Ledge, Highland and Bradley Lakes, Elbow and Hopkins Ponds, the Bulkhead on Ragged

Mountain (informal input at a Town Meeting display)

- Wildlife habitat diversity (NHF&G Wildlife Action Plan)

These features have been mapped and combined on maps kept at Town Hall. The Conservation Commission is updating these maps using more recently available information used in producing the Master Plan maps, particularly in identifying working farms and forests.

Farms may be any size; need not be income producing; and can include raising animals, vegetables, fruits, berries, honey, hay, or similar products.

Working forests may produce timber or logs, Christmas trees, or maple sap for syrup, now or in the future.

We are asking for residents help in making sure all working farms and forests are identified. To include your working farm or forest, e-mail the Conservation Commission at MABandSadie@gmail.com with information on whether you have a farm or forest, the map and lot number, and how to contact you.

Thank you.

Annex Task Force Seeks Community Feedback

By Bonny Morris
AE/MS Annex Task Force

Thank you to everyone who responded to the March *Beacon* article. If you have not yet done so and would like to participate, we hope to hear from you.

The Annex Task Force has been charged "to make recommendations to the Andover School Board regarding a long term solution to the use of the Hamp Building (now AE/MS Annex) for the above programs and additional programs to benefit a larger population." Task force members Erik Anderson and Charlie McCrave (School Board), SAU Business Manager Robin Heins, Emily Furtkamp and Bonny Morris (AASP/AFAP), and Brian Reynolds (chair), Vicky Mishcon, and Kevin Kraft (community) have been meeting since late last summer.

As of today, we have discussed, examined, and explored the following areas:

- current uses
- additional possibilities
- maintenance – past and future
- viable use by programs
- benefits to community
- long term lease scenarios

Again, it is important to the Task Force that you, the people of Andover, have a voice in this discussion. Therefore we have set up an e-mail account at AnnexTaskForce@gmail.com or you can mail a letter to AE/MS Annex Task Force, 20 School Street, Andover 03216. Please feel free to visit either place and leave us your suggestions or feedback.

The task force will be presenting a final report to the School Board on June 1. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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and then get the printed copies into the mail. These tasks range from laying out articles on the computer, to preparing forms and mailing labels for the Post Office, to sorting and labelling papers. If there's something in there that you'd enjoy learning how to do, we'd be happy to train you.

- Office Help – We try to keep administrative chores to a minimum, but it seems there are always office chores we could use some help with. Most of them happen on the computer, but we're

happy to train you on anything you don't feel real confident about – e-mail, spreadsheets, word processing, etc.

Do you see something on this list that intrigues you? I promise to work with you to find a way that volunteering for the *Beacon* can be convenient, enjoyable, and rewarding for you.

Nothing on this list strikes your fancy, but you'd still like to help? I'll work with you to find another project you'll enjoy.

Either way, please reach me at 735-6099 or Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com and let's talk.

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