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Road.

Jim Thompson is operating the sweeper, and it is expected for the project to be completed by the end of the week. Jon was able to rent a better sweeper for a better price than he was originally quoted. This sweeper allowed the removal of the sand instead of simply sweeping the sand into the ditches.

Andover Conservation Commission

The Board met with Larry Chase of Bradley Lake Road. Mr. Chase would like to be appointed to the Andover Conservation Commission. He has a long association with Andover and has been a summer resident of the community for many years. He recently has been working with the Conservation Commission to form a Bradley Lake Association to protect the lake. He lives in Andover approximately six months out of the year.

Motion: Johnson/Gross to appoint Larry Chase as an alternate to the Conservation Commission.

Vote in the affirmative.

Avitar Associates

The Board met with Mark Stetson and Gary Roberge of Avitar Associates. They are the company that provides assessing services for the Town. The Board had asked them to come in to discuss the lot on Highland Lake on which abatement was requested.

The lot, owned by five owners, was discussed at the Selectmen's meeting of

May 17. Four of the five owners of this property applied to the Town for abatement of 2009 taxes. There was an adjustment to the assessment based on the joint undivided ownership. The remaining assessment is for waterfront access.

Mr. Roberge reviewed how his company assessed the property. The 2009 assessments were based on sales data. The sales data indicated that this parcel's water access assessment is \$200,000, which was divided by the five owners so that each owner was assessed \$40,000. The assessment for 2004-2008 was \$8,700, so the increase was a shock to the owners. Discussion continued regarding this lot and how other lots on Highland Lake compare to this lot.

Mr. Roberge stated that he stood by his recommended assessment. He said that it appeared that an error had been made on the 2004-2008 assessment. Four of the five owners were at the meeting. They expressed their reasons of why the assessment was disproportionate.

There was discussion of what sales had been used to set the benchmark for the assessments. There was concern from one owner that their sale had been included in the sales data, as the sale occurred after April 1, 2009. Mr. Roberge explained that sales six month previous and six month after the assessment date of April 1, 2009 were considered. The owners discussed that there are right of ways for that property that affect the

value.

Mr. Roberge said that he would take the information for review and would advise the Board of the results of his review.

New Business

The Board appointed Selectman Gross as the alternate representative to the Concord Coop.

The Board reviewed an e-mail received from Roy Meier regarding a disheveled property in town. The Board will write a letter to Mr. Meier to respond.

Selectman Gross advised the Board that the Recycling Committee is recommending that the Town buy a storage trailer to be placed at the Transfer Station. He will look into the purchase. The Board approved the purchase up to \$1,000.

The Board accepted with regret the letter of resignation from the Andover Conservation Commission from Mary Anne Broshek. She is no longer an Andover resident.

Other Business

Selectman Mishcon said that there were a few questions regarding the 5% reduction to the budget following a recent article in *The Andover Beacon*. The story in the newspaper stated that there was a \$643 reduction for the salary of the East Andover librarian. The actual reduction is for the general library appropriation, and not for the salary of the East Andover librarian.

joined the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Also present: David Powers; Robert Welch; Howard George; Alan Hanscom; and Lorrie Sliter

Announcements/Correspondence:

A public hearing is to be scheduled for the June 8 meeting for tree removal by the Road Agent on Old College Road, a designated scenic road.

Preliminary Non-Binding Consultation:

Lot Line Adjustment by subdivision/annexation for Nancy Welch Trust/Lillian Welch Trust. Robert Welch presented a copy of the tax map indicating the location of the properties on Channel Road and stated he would like to adjust the property line for access to the lot. Upon review, the Board advised Mr. Welch that a line adjustment would make one of the lots more non-conforming, and he should consider an easement granting access to his lot.

Continued Non-Binding Consultation:

Site Plan Review for Town of Andover / Andover Recreation Committee for Recreation Facility at Blackwater River Park with David Powers as representative for the Recreation Committee.

Powers stated that it was approved at Town Meeting to expend money for a multi-purpose building at the Blackwater Park and presented a floor plan and design of the building as well as a site plan indicating the proposed location of the building.

The proposed building will be 24' x 32' including restroom and kitchen facilities. There is currently electric at the location, and there is town water for sprinkling of the field. Lighting for the building will be in the soffits, for security purposes only.

Wood Sutton requested specs on the proposed lighting.

It was asked if this would generate a change of use. *No*.

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Planning Board

May 25

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Eric Johnson, Chair; Jon Warzocha, Vice-Chair; Nancy Teach; Paul Currier; Michelle Bengivengo; Jacob Johnson, Ex-Officio; and Wood Sutton, alternate, appointed to Don Gould's position. Don Gould



*Notes From
The Arborist*

Japanese Beetle
(*Popillia japonica*)

Affected Species

Roses, Birches, Purple Plums, Cherry, and Dogwoods are favorites. Any plant with a succulent leaf is a potential target.

Symptoms & Damage

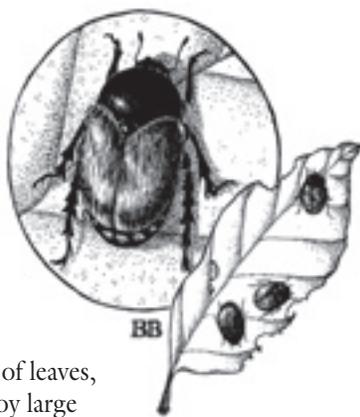
The adult beetle is a voracious feeder causing skeletonization of leaves, while the grub stage can destroy large areas of turf.

Treatment

Control is best achieved in the larval stage by treating turf with lawn care products. Adults can also be suppressed with repeated spray treatments. New natural nematode treatments are proving to be increasingly effective. Pheromone traps are not recommended – they attract more beetles than they kill.

Timing of Treatment

Late June – September



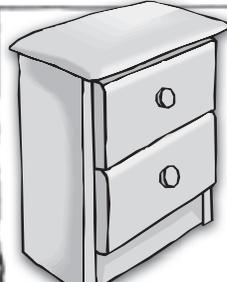
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