We are Proud to Announce Charlie McCrave has Joined Country Houses

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Charlie, a Rhode Islander, lived and worked in central Massachusetts for 25 years. When he retired as Director of Customer Services for New England Telephone, a retirement destination had long been selected, the New London/Sunapee area. Charlie and his wife Mary Lou moved to Andover and found a house and a project; a 200 year old colonial in an area of wonderful antique homes. The restoration project took several years. They then moved on to a larger project, construction of a reproduction 1799 farm house where they now live. Community service is a priority for Charlie. He currently serves on the Zoning Board, the School Board, and the Finance Committee. After working in Real Estate for six years as a member of the Lakes Region Board of Realtors, Charlie recently joined Country Houses Real Estate in New London. His construction experience, dedication to customer service, and knowledge of real estate, make Charlie an excellent choice as the Agent to assist you with any real estate transaction.

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Cons Comm *from page 11*

NRRA Conference: Reggie Roy was awarded a plaque for being a rookie of the year. NRRA nominates first-year transfer station managers for their competence. NRRA has a school recycle club. The composting lecture left a lot of unanswered questions about municipal composting. New Hampshire the Beautiful will provide up to a 20% grant for the purchase of new recycle equipment.

Glass: The company that grinds the glass which we take to New London suggested that we could save money by storing our glass on site, even if it took several years before we had a big enough backlog to grind. Don felt we do not have the space to do this.

Construction Debris: NRRA has confirmed that Bestway, our current vendor, landfills the debris. Errco, a competitor, recycles the debris. NRRA has promised a price comparison.

Transfer Station: Emergency eye wash system has been purchased. Container site work not completed. Large water tank not moved near fire pits. Reggie is obtaining quotes for storage shed over our former glass slab. Need potable water, propane heater regulator.

Conservation Commission

May 11

Condensed from approved minutes

Members attended Kevin Gardner's New England Stone Walls lecture at 7 PM at the Stone Church prior to the meeting. The meeting began at 9 PM.

Present: Tina Cotton, Sandra Graves, Jerry Hersey, Patricia Moyer, Nan Kaplan; alternate Larry Chase.

Correspondence

New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands notification to the Board of Selectmen of the timber harvest in the Kearsarge Wildlife Management Area (124 acres)

Old Business

Larry checked into RSA 36:A which enables the commission to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, or limit the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas within the town. Larry spoke with Selectman Vicky Mishcon, who is interested in forming an energy committee. Larry and Vicky will meet May 16.

New Business

Members agreed to have Tina report the treasurer information quarterly, instead of every month due to the minimal changing. The next report will be in September. Nan made the motion. Pat seconded. Motion carried.

It was brought to Sandra's attention that Natural Grid plans on spraying for certain tall vegetation with herbicides around the power lines near Highland Lake. The concern is that the spraying might drift into the Highland Lake waters. Sandra will contact National Grid to find out what precautions they take.

Nan reported that Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust will celebrate 25 years in 2012 and expects some type of celebration to take place in the twelve towns of ASLPT.

School Board

May 3

Condensed from draft minutes

Members present: Erik Anderson, Kent Armstrong, Don Gould, Charlie McCrave, Katie Keyser.

Administration present: Mike Martin, Chris Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton

Financial Report: Robin Heins provided details of the over-expended lines. Special education and transportation lines are higher due to unanticipated costs. Robin does not expect much of a fund balance.

Board Chairperson's Report: Don Gould reported that he was able to attend the Senior Showcase night at the Merrimack Valley High School and shared the article in the *Beacon* highlighting the Andover seniors. He also mentioned that the high school play, *Footloose,* starring an Andover student, was on Andover Cable TV Comcast Channel 8.

Old Business

Policies: Jane Slayton explained the edits to the Community Use of School Facilities, Buildings and Grounds Request and Agreement Form, Appendix KF-R. Administration will review suggested edits from Kent Armstrong, incorporate them into the document, and bring an updated draft to the next Board meeting.

Suggested edits will also be considered regarding the EEAEC Transportation Policy and EEA-R Student Transportation Services Appendix. An updated version will be e-mailed to Board members for their review, and this policy work will be placed on the agenda for the May 17 work session. Jane Slayton asked the board to make a timely decision on this policy, because it impacts the upcoming discussion with the transportation company on updating bus routes.

Policies KB Title 1 Parent Involvement in Education, IFA Instructional Needs of Students with Different Talents, IHAM Health Education and Exemption from Instruction, and IHAM-R Appendix Opt Out form outlined. These are policies required by law and are not currently in the policy manual. Updated drafts will be submitted for a second read at the next Board meeting.

School Calendar: Mike Martin outlined the facts regarding the school calendar and proposed that the Board consider requesting a waiver for June 20, which is a Monday. The Board voted to direct the Superintendent to write a letter to the Commissioner of Education asking for a waiver.

MVHS Principal Presentation: Mike Jette outlined the programs, processes, and support systems available to students at the Merrimack Valley High School.

AE/MS Teacher Presentation: Michelle Keezer and Brenda Lance gave an overview of the Performance Pathways software Program and described how the AE/MS staff is using the data provided to make decisions on improving the curriculum at AE/MS.

New Business

The August Board meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 2.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Martin suggested a special work session on May 18 to present estimated fund balance numbers and review options regarding that topic. The Transportation Policy update and estimated kindergarten numbers will also be added to that agenda.

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