

Board Of Selectmen

By Vicky Mishcon
Andover Board of Selectmen

Items that have come across our desk this month:

- Eileen Neville, the town's secretary/bookkeeper, will be retiring in June after almost 17 years at the Town Office. Eileen has been the face of the Town Office for many people. She has been a constant presence throughout many changes in administrators, road agents, Town board and committee members, librarians, and police officers. Always friendly, always helpful, Eileen will be sorely missed!

- We had a safety inspection by the New Hampshire Department of Labor on May 15. All Town buildings, with the exception of the school, were inspected, and the outcome was pretty good. Once we receive the written report, we will have 30 days to come into compliance.

The most common needs throughout our buildings are lighted exit signs, log books for the periodic testing of eye wash stations, and written policies for specific functions, such as requiring the fire station doors to be opened before starting any engine. The most expensive changes required will be renovating the Town Clerk's office so that a barrier is created between the public and the employees, and constructing outside housing for the Town Office generator. The inspector offered helpful suggestions and resources for many of the items that will need addressing.

- The Board is working with the Fourth of July Committee to be sure certain issues now required by our insurance company are addressed. The Town is required to have a full written safety plan on file. Chief Laramie, who has always had a safety plan for this event, will provide us with the required written plan.

Insurance coverage and liability waivers are required of some of the vendors and must be on file at the Town Office. Last year, there were some complaints that certain vendors were not appropriate for our family-friendly event,

so this year's list of vendors will be reviewed by the Board together with the Fourth of July Committee. Other issues will be addressed as needed.

SSR Plant Cancelled

The Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative (the Co-op) has finally scrapped its plans to build a single-stream recycling (SSR) facility in Penacook. (See article on page 2.) Andover was one of 13 towns committed to participating in the program. Jim Presher, the Co-op's director, will be looking at other projects that could allow participating towns to pursue SSR as a group instead of each town going its own way.

The Board is still interested in a SSR program for Andover. We toured the transfer stations in Bristol and Holderness in mid-May, both of which are members of the Co-op and have started SSR programs of their own.

The plusses we saw included an increase in recycling numbers, thus lowering the cost of transportation and tipping fees for solid waste. We were also impressed by the simplicity of their designs. Residents drive up to the side-by-side containers; deposit all their recyclables in one, their trash in the other; and drive away. For the resident, it can't get much easier.

It's also *much* safer because there is no need to *cross* in front of moving vehicles. There would be no need for the two balers that we have, reducing maintenance costs and labor. The costs of SSR include a new design of the Transfer Station and purchasing a second compactor for recyclables.

There are several local companies that provide containers and transportation of recyclables to a drop off site, such as Laconia, where they are then taken to the EcoMaine SSR facility. We will be reviewing costs versus benefits of SSR versus our current recycling program; not just financing, but safety and efficiency as well. More detailed information will be available in the coming months.

Supervisors of the Checklist

By Arthur Urie
Supervisor of the Checklist

The Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, June 5, from 7 to 7:30 PM at the Town Office. June 5 is the last day registered voters can change party affiliation before the state primary election on Tuesday, September 11.

A copy of the checklist is posted in

the Town Office so you can check on how you are currently registered. If you want to change party registration, fill out a change form and give to the Town Clerk or come to the Supervisors meeting on June 5. Following that meeting, no further changes to party can be made until after the primary on September 11.

Town Administrator's Corner

By Marj Roy
Andover Town Administrator

It has been a busy month at the Town Office. Several things have taken place, but the breaking news is that Eileen Neville, who has been our bookkeeper/receptionist for the last 17 years, will be retiring effective June 4. Eileen has seen many changes here at the Town Office and has been "Miss Congeniality" to friends and strangers who have come to Town Hall. Eileen will be greatly missed, and we wish her well.

The Department of Labor did a safety inspection of all Town facilities, excluding the school. There are things

that need to be changed and updated, but for the most part compliance will not be too difficult. The Board of Selectmen's article on this page will provide you with more information on this subject.

The Fourth of July is just around the calendar corner. We are working closely with Jamie Thompson, Chairperson of the Fourth of July Committee, to ensure that this year's celebration is another successful event. We all appreciate the hard work that goes into this time-honored tradition in our Town.

As always, please call or contact me at TAdmin@TownOfAndover.org if I/we can be of help to you.

Andover Town Clerk

By Joanna Sumner
Andover Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Another primary election is approaching, and your last day to change your party affiliation is on Tuesday, June 5. The Supervisors will meet at the Town Office on that day between 7 and 7:30 PM. On Wednesday, June 6, the filing period begins for the state primary election. Candidates for state representative and delegates file with the Town Clerk. The filing period ends on Friday, June 15. The state primary election is Tuesday, September 11.

Tax Relief

The Low and Moderate Income

Homeowners Property Tax Relief provision is designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain taxpayers. Any New Hampshire resident who owned a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax and resided in the homestead as of April 1, 2011 and had a total household income of \$20,000 or less (single) or \$40,000 or less (married or head of a household) may apply for the property tax relief between May 1 and June 30, 2012.

Applications forms are at the Town Office or online at Revenue.NH.gov/forms/low_mod_program.htm.

NOTICE OF HEARING

ANDOVER X-A000(716), 14679A

The Commission in accordance with RSA 230:14 and the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987, have set a public hearing to discuss proposed alterations to US 4/NH 11 in the Town of Andover.

The meeting will be held at the Andover Elementary/Middle School, 20 School Street, Andover, New Hampshire on June 20, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

THE PLACE WILL BE OPEN ONE HALF (1/2) HOUR PRIOR TO THE TIME OF THE HEARING FOR THE INSPECTION OF PLANS BY ANY INTERESTED PERSONS.

On May 9, 2012, the Governor and Executive Council appointed: Gerald Coogan, Tony Guinta and Elizabeth Rodd as the Commission to conduct the hearing to determine whether there is the occasion for the laying out of this project.

We, the Commission, hereby give written Notice to said Petitioners and the owners of land over which said highway may pass, and to all others interested by posting a like copy in at least two (2) public places in the Town of Andover, and leaving a like copy with the Town Clerk and Tax Collector of the Town of Andover at least fourteen (14) days before the said day of hearing.

Relocation assistance will be furnished to each owner or tenant whose improvements or property will be acquired for this project based on their eligibility.

Interested landowners, local officials and highway users are welcome and will be given the opportunity to express their comments relative to the location. The testimony will be recorded.

This project will impact wetlands and will have no adverse effects on historic resources. This project is tentatively scheduled for advertising for bid in March 2013.

Maps, plans, the environmental studies and other pertinent information developed by the Department, along with written views received as a result of the coordination with other agencies, is available at the Department of Transportation at the John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire for inspection and copying. It is suggested you call Ronald Grandmaison, Project Manager, at (603) 271-6198 in advance for an appointment.

Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the Chairman of the Commission, c/o William J. Cass, Director of Project Development, NH Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 483, Concord, NH 03302 0483 up to ten (10) days after the date of the hearing for inclusion in the official record.

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact Charles R. Schmidt, P.E., Administrator of the Bureau of Right of Way, NHDOT, P.O. Box 483, Concord, NH 03302 0483 TDD access: Relay NH 1 800 735 2964. Notification of the need for assistance must be made no later than 7 days before the hearing. This project will be administered according to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes to ensure nondiscrimination.

Christopher D. Clement, Sr.
Commissioner, NH Department of Transportation
Dated at Concord, NH this 15 Day of May, A.D., 2012



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