



Dan Olmstead at the 2011 AHS Appraisal Day. Photo: Larry Chase

## Historical Society To Host Second Antiques Appraisal Day

By Larry Chase  
Andover Historical Society

Following the success of last year's event, the Andover Historical Society (AHS) will host a second Antiques Appraisal Day on Sunday afternoon, September 23, at the East Andover firehouse at 23 Channel Road.

Veteran appraiser and auctioneer Dan Olmstead will return to estimate the value of antiques and collectibles brought by attendees. Last year's event, held in the Andover Village firehouse, drew more than 60 participants, who presented over 100 items for evaluation

by Dan. (Please note change in location for this year's event.)

Here's how the appraisal process will work:

Simply bring up to three antique or collectible objects (or in-camera digital photos if the objects aren't easily transported) to the firehouse in East Andover at any time between 1 and 4 PM, and let Dan have a look at them. No need to sign up in advance – first come, first served. Cost of the appraisals is \$5 per item, or three for \$12, with all proceeds benefiting AHS.

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The Andover Historical Society's B&M freight car sits on the siding in Potter Place, looking almost as good as the day it rolled off the assembly line. See the photos on page 22 for a "time lapse" look at what the Society went through to make #745034 presentable again. Photo: Larry Chase

## Andover Historical Society Restores Old Freight Car

By Arch Weathers  
Andover Historical Society

On June 12, 2009, Boston and Maine Freight Car 745034 arrived at the Andover Historical Society Museum at Potter Place on a flatbed trailer. This concluded a process that took several years working with the State of New Hampshire to get permission to locate it within the state's right-of-way. Prior to that, 745034 served as a "billboard"

sign for Capital Plumbing and Heating.

According to sources at the B&M Railroad History Museum, the car is a 1956 Pullman-Standard 50' boxcar with a gross weight of 110 tons. Given this tonnage, what is remarkable about the present condition of the "trucks" (railroad parlance for the undercarriage assembly) is the ease with which the car can be pushed by hand!

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## New Hampshire Voter ID Law Takes Effect

Press release

During the 2012 legislative session, the New Hampshire legislature passed a new Voter ID law that will phase in a photo identification requirement over a period of time. One set of new rules will be in effect between now and November 1. The rules will change again after November 1 and stay that way for almost a year, through September 1, 2013. After September 1, 2013, there may be further changes to the rules.

**What type of photo ID will I need in order to vote?**

For any election before September 1, 2013, you will be asked to provide one of the following:

- Driver's license issued by any state (even if expired)
- ID card issued by NH DMV
- US Armed Services ID card
- US Passport (even if expired)
- Valid photo ID card issued by either the federal government or a state, county, or municipal government
- Valid student ID card
- Other photo ID deemed legitimate by the Supervisors of the Checklist, the Town Moderator, or the Town Clerk
- Verification of identity by a Supervisor of the Checklist, the Town Moderator, or the Town Clerk

For elections after September 1, 2013, the list above will probably become shorter.

**What if I do not have a photo ID?**

Before November 1, 2012, any voter who does not present an approved photo

ID will be informed of the new law and permitted to vote. The New Hampshire State Primary on Tuesday, September 11, will be handled this way.

Between November 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013, any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a Challenged Voter Affidavit. The presidential election on Tuesday, November 6, will be handled this way.

**What if I vote without a photo ID?**

Before November 1, 2012, nothing happens. But plan to get an approved photo ID before the presidential election!

After November 1, 2012, if you filled out a Challenged Voter Affidavit in order to vote, you will receive a letter from the Secretary of State requesting confirmation that you voted. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

After November 1, 2012, a voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their Town Clerk or the Secretary of State to any New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles office that issues identification. If your name is on the voter checklist, you should be able to get a voucher for a photo ID.

**Where can I get more information?**

Contact the Andover Town Clerk at 735-5332 or the NH Secretary of State at SoS.NH.gov or 271-3242.

## TELL US WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR CHOSEN CANDIDATE!

When you make up your mind who you're voting for in the November county, state, or national elections, send a few sentences about what you like most about the candidate you've picked. We'd like to run those short bits in the *Beacon* so we can all see what's persuading our friends and neighbors one way or the other.

*Please – nothing negative about the other candidates, parties, policies, etc!* There's enough of that going around already. Let's hear what's attracting you to the candidate you've picked.

Send a few sentences to Elections@AndoverBeacon.com or to PO Box 149, Andover 03216. Those received by September 15 will be in the October issue; those received by October 15 will be in the November issue.

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