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well as department budgets.

Marj has been interviewing candidates for the clerk/secretary position this week.

Single-Stream Recycling

The Board is eager to move forward with single-stream recycling, and we are looking into local contractors who would be able to provide transportation and containers for solid waste and recycling. There are many other towns in the area that transport their recycling to a collection site in New Hampshire, where it is then picked up and transported to the EcoMaine Single Stream Recycling Facility in Maine.

Our plan is to set up a one-year pilot program with a local company that would provide containers and transportation. During that first year, we would be able to determine the rate of increase in recycling, the size of containers needed, and how many trips are required per week.

The set-up at the Transfer Station would be very similar to what it is now, with the exception that all recyclables would go into a single container. (No more sorting recyclables at home!) The containers would be in the same location that our current paper and glass containers are in. Residents would drop off all their recyclables in one of those containers (the other would be an overflow back-up) and then place their trash in the hopper as they do now.

There should be no extra cost to the taxpayer for this first pilot year. Any future changes needed to improve efficiency or safety would be phased in gradually. Look for the SSR pilot to start sometime this winter or spring.

Town Web Site

An idea we have recently been exploring is to change the way the Town communicates with its citizens. Presently, Comcast provides the Town with a little over $10,000 per year, which has been used to produce Community Access Cable Channel 8 for the town. Only people with Comcast Cable are able to access Channel 8, and we're guessing that, because of the growth of satellite dish installations, this is probably less than half of our residents. Viewership is spotty at best.

We are wondering if we would be better served by using this money to finally upgrade the Town Web site (Andover.NH.us) – it's barely functional at this point – and have all the programs put on the Web site instead. More people in town have access to the Internet than to cable TV, and the Web reaches our summer residents when they're home for the winter, our year-round residents when they're traveling, and our students when they're away at school.

We could even, at some point, use the Web to provide live streaming of Town Meeting, School District Meeting, and other events.

Switching from a cable channel to a Web channel would be a way of increasing outreach to our citizens, while at the same time making much-needed improvements to our Web site, all by using funds already in the budget. Of course the Board would have to look into licensing restrictions and the Comcast contract to see if our ideas are feasible.

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since the new land was added to the cemeteries was relocated into the 50′ foot right-of-way of the new Route 11, leaving the old roadway to become lots and creating a better visual flow within the cemetery.

The relocation of the interior roadway is only part of the work necessary to prepare for new burials. At the 2013 Town Meeting next March, the cemetery trustees will request an appropriation to scarify (dig to a depth of 3′) the old Route 11 road bed in order to allow new graves to be dug by hand. The requested appropriation will include funds to re-grade, loam, and seed the area to blend in with the existing terrain. We ask for your support.

686 New Lots

Prior to this expansion, there were only two lots available in the East Andover cemeteries. When a survey was done to lay out lots in the new area, it found room for 616 lots at 4′ by 10′. Each lot that size will accommodate one full burial or four cremation burials. The survey also laid out 70 lots at 4′ x 4′, each of which will allow two cremation burials. Individual lots may be combined to create family plots.

Deeds to lots are no longer issued in Andover. Instead, the "right to inter" is given to the buyer, meaning that the land continues to be owned by the Town.

In East Andover, the right to inter in the new lots will cost $400 for a one-grave lot and $200 for a cremation lot. Most of the money is assigned to a maintenance fund account so that the interest can be used to maintain the cemeteries.

Interment rights are sold at the office of the Andover Town Administrator and can be purchased on a time payment schedule if necessary. To see a map of

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