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Secretary/Clerk, requiring applicants to possess strong computer skills and experience with QuickBooks. The Town hired Lois Magenau to fill the position.

Several years ago, the Town Office identified the need for a bookkeeper due to increasing volume and complexity of transactions and reporting requirements. After aiding with the upgrade of the Town's accounting system in QuickBooks, Tatjana Donovan has been hired for the part-time position.

Technology Changes

A new line item in the Town budget has been created for technology changes. The Town Offices are now using Mainstay Technologies for service and support. Acting as the Town's computer department and using remote access to save on travel time, the company aids in computer maintenance, upgrades, installation, use of new software, and any other support required by the Town Office. Plans are also afoot to create a Town of Andover Web site, with some assistance available in our contract with Mainstay.

The new budget line item also includes funds to purchase a new accounting software package specifically designed for small municipalities. The new software will serve the needs of the Town Office better and more efficiently than a general-purpose accounting package like QuickBooks can.

Budgets *from page 3*

mated increase in the tax rate by $0.46.

Andover Fire Departments

The 2013 budget recommendation for the Andover Fire District is $67,362, and for the East Andover Fire Precinct is $53,312, for a total of $120,674. This is slightly less than the total 2012 appropriation of $123,119 for the two fire departments.

Estimated Tax Rates

Prediction of the impact that these recommended budget increases will have on the property tax rate for 2013 requires estimates of the other revenues that reduce the tax burden. It appears now that these revenues will be significantly less in 2013 than they were in 2012.

In particular, there is no unexpended surplus available from the 2012 school appropriation, whereas last year there was $164,687 to offset taxes.

Based on reasonable estimates of other revenues, the total Andover tax rate for 2013 is predicted to increase by about 9.0%. The tax bill for a property in the East Andover fire district valued at $200,000 will be approximately $4,008, up $332 from the $3,676 of 2012. Similar amounts are estimated for a property in the Andover fire district.

Round Tuit *from page 1*

covered by the approximately 120 advertisers you see in the *Beacon* every month. (Please, never miss a chance to thank an advertiser – there's no way you could have the *Beacon* and AndoverBeacon.com without them!)

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