

Letters To The Beacon

Mistake in February Issue

I'd like to point out a sizable mistake made by *The Andover Beacon* in the February 2014 issue.

Instead of placing an article about an Andover athlete being nominated to an Olympic team on the front page of the issue, the *Beacon* staff inexplicably decided to relegate the article to page 34. While budget projections and semi-annual tax issues are a concern to all readers, I think we'd agree that a story about a local ski jumper being awarded the opportunity to compete in the Olympics is a much more captivating story line. This mistake hits close to home, since I grew up ski jumping in Andover. Not many communities have folks who can make this claim.

I feel that there are many things that make Andover unique that are simply not covered in *The Andover Beacon*. Over the course of my subscription, I have noticed that many issues of the *Beacon* are a boring re-hash of town meetings. Instead, the *Beacon* could consider offering interesting stories about members of the community or events taking place in and around Andover. There is simply too much going on in Andover to allow administrative headlines to crowd out a lot of the good events, stuff, and people of Andover.

Steve McNeil

United States Marine Corps

Vote No on Zoning Amendments

Vote No on amendments to the building and zoning ordinances if you care about:

- The structural and fire safety of your home
- The value of your home
- What could be built next door

- Avoiding problems with insurance and financing
- The look of your neighborhood
- The way Andover is developed

Wood Sutton

Your opinion matters! Please send a letter to the *Beacon* expressing your thoughts on any local matters. Our readers want and need to hear your voice!

In Support of Sophie Viandier

Do we want to get our youth involved in local issues? Do we hope that the future will be better than the past? If your answer to these questions is "Yes," we hope you will write-in a vote for Sophie Viandier for Selectman on March 11.

Sophie has grown up in Andover and wants to give the town the benefit of her energy, knowledge, interest, and devotion. We have known her since she was five years old, and we are very excited to be able to recommend her and to vote for her for Selectman. (Through a registration glitch, her name is not on the ballot, hence the need for the write-in.)

Her perspective and her interests are surprisingly mature for someone who is 21 – let's give her a chance to show what she can do!

Mary and Ed Hiller

Write In Sophie Viandier

As Andover residents, we enthusiastically endorse Sophie Viandier as a write-in candidate for Selectman. Sophie – born, raised and educated in Andover – will bring youth, energy, and new perspectives to the governance of our town. Please join us in support-

ing Sophie by writing her name in when you vote on Tuesday, March 11.

Thank you.

Jackie Adams, Dean Barker, Henry Bendel, Cindy Benson, Alex Bernhard & Myra Mayman, Rosie & Harvey Best, Jackson Bicknell, Thaddeus Bicknell, Deb Brower, Bert & Lee Carvalho, Larry & Susan Chase, Margo Coolidge, Kat Darling, Steve & Gisela Darling, Jessica & Scott Davis, Ryan Davis, Edibeth Farrington, Truman Fleming, Traci & Lucas Fowler, Paul & Maria Glorioso, John & Sandra Graves, Nora & John Hanscom, Bradley Hardie, June & Tom Harris, Jen Hauser, Ed & Mary Hiller, Nan & Don Kaplan, Brianna Keniston, Marissa Laro, Roger Laro III, Eileen Mackey, Lois Magenau, Melanie Lauren Maness, Sarah & Alan McIntyre, Kurt Meier, Vicky & Jon Mishcon, Carmelita Moe, Janet Moore, Susan Nellen, Kit & Chris Norris, Tim & Suzy Norris, Betsy Paine, Lori Patriacca, Harvey & Jessica Pine, Andy Prokosch, Mario Ratzki & Caroline Moulton Ratzki, Lorraine Roberts, Jimmy Sferes & Jennifer White, Blair Southworth, Peter Southworth, Story Southworth, Elizabeth Stearns, Nancy Teach, Ken & Nancy Tripp, Shauna Turnbull, Eric & Stacey Platte Viandier, Kinley Viandier, Joan Wallen, Lee & Ken Wells, Andrew Young

Mike Cryans Running for District 1

Grafton County Commissioner Mike Cryans is running for the District 1 seat on the New Hampshire Executive Council. Mike was born and raised

in Littleton, right at the northern tip of Grafton County. After graduating from Springfield College in Massachusetts, he returned to teach at his hometown high school. He then turned to banking, beginning as an assistant loan officer and working his way up to the Senior Vice-President position of Dartmouth Banking Company, where he specialized in local business and home ownership financing.

Now residing in Hanover, Mike has been a Grafton County Commissioner for 18 years, most of those side-by-side with Ray Burton, whose untimely death has left an opening on the Governor's Executive Council. Mike believes, just as Ray did, that he can represent the people of not only Grafton County but also District 1 on the Executive Council.

Together, Burton and Cryans delivered real solutions to Grafton County taxpayers, growing the economy with a new addition to the County nursing home, building a house of corrections, a new water tower, a new maintenance facility, and a biomass plant. Those projects involve construction jobs and ongoing maintenance jobs as well as staffing.

Ray and Mike found a great deal in common, despite their different political affiliations, so much so that the entire Burton family has come out to endorse Mike as their father's successor on the Council.

Keep Mike in mind when, as a resident of the southernmost section of District 1, you decide on new representation.

Janet Moore

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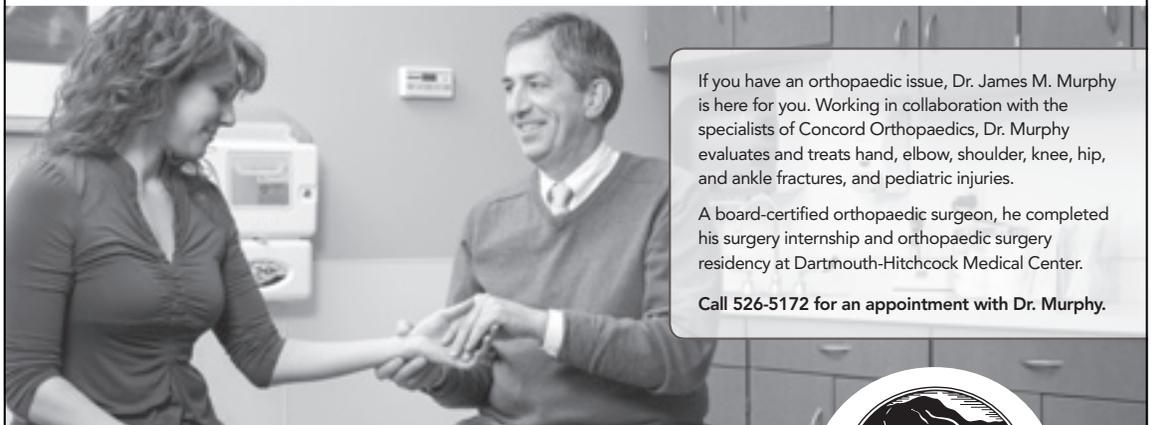
The mission of *The Andover Beacon* is to serve and strengthen the Andover community. To that end, we welcome civil, reasoned letters addressing specifically local issues, events, and developments. Submissions must not be critical of another's religion; blasphemous; obscene; hateful; legally objectionable; or commercial in nature. The *Beacon* reserves the right to edit or not publish submissions it deems inappropriate for any reason.

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