

Topics for Board of Selectmen Meetings in April

Public urged to attend meetings

By the Andover Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen will be meeting at 6 PM on the 7th and 21st of April at Town Hall. We hope that you will attend. On Monday, April 7, the Board plans on discussing:

- Spring road and bridge maintenance
- Covered bridge maintenance and plans for funding the Cilleyville-Bog Bridge
- Maintenance plans with the Cemetery Trustees and the Recreation

Committee
On Monday, April 21, the Board plans on discussing:

- Report for Planning and Zoning boards about changes due to actions at Town Meeting
- Update on improvements at the Transfer Station from the manager
- Appointment of Jane Hubbard as Director of Emergency Management and an update

The Board of Selectmen is seeking volunteers for several committees. Please contact the Town Office for a list of open positions.



Planning Board to Encourage Appropriate New Business

Seeks new members, public input

By Paul Currier, Planning Board Chair

The Planning Board would like to say a huge "Thank you!" to everyone who turned out on Town Meeting Day to vote on the zoning amendments. No matter how you voted, your participation helped to shape Andover's future.

Now that we have a good, up-to-date building permit process on the books, the Board plans to get to work on some of the ideas and recommendations in the recently adopted Master Plan. (You can read it online at AndoverBeacon.com/Master-Plan.) Revising the Special Exception process and exploring ways to encourage appropriate commercial and light industrial uses while maintaining Andover's rural character are high priorities for the coming year.

The Planning Board needs help! We need volunteers to join the Plan-

ning Board. The Board is supposed to have seven regular members and five alternates. Right now we have only six members and one alternate.

The Board meets twice a month, at 7 PM on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Sometimes there is a little homework, and Board members and alternates need to be somewhat familiar with Town ordinances and state land use planning statutes, but you can learn that on the job. Alternate members can fully participate in Board activities, but they only vote if they are filling in for a member who is absent at a particular meeting.

Would you be interested in serving? If you'd be willing to be appointed to the Planning Board, please contact me at 735-5280 or PCurrier@tds.net.

We also need input from all interested Andover residents as we move forward – we expect to keep you informed with Beacon articles and public discussion meetings. Stay tuned!



Time to Register Boats and Dogs in Andover

Area rabies clinics as well

By Joanna Sumner, Town Clerk Boat Registration

Don't forget that you can register your boats at the Andover Town Clerk's office now. We started registering boats last year and are hoping that many of you will take advantage of being able to register your boats locally. The Town keeps some of the revenue from the registrations, and that helps keep our tax rate down.

Dog Licenses

This is also the season to renew your dog's license. It is very helpful to the Town Clerk's office if you can plan on licensing your dog early. We mail over 700 reminder letters every year, and then we have to mail back 700 tags. This is a very labor-intensive process, as well as expensive.

It is \$9 to license a dog that is not neutered, and \$6.50 for dogs that are. Senior citizens can license their dogs for \$2. You can renew your dog's license by mail, in person, or online at Andover.NH.us.

You can get your pet's annual rabies shot at one of these upcoming rabies clinics:

- Grantham Fire Station, April 5, 1 to 2 PM
- Compassionate Veterinary, Bradford, April 12, 10 AM to noon
- Danbury Grange Hall, April 12, 1 to 2 PM
- Andover Fish and Game Club,

April 19, 1 to 2 PM

- Sunapee Cove Retirement Center, April 26, 1 to 2 PM

Property Tax Relief

Forms will be available in the Town Clerk's office to apply for the New Hampshire Property Tax Relief program. To qualify, you will need to meet certain criteria. You need to own your own home, reside there, and if you are single, you should have an adjusted gross income of no more than \$20,000. If you are married or head of a household with an adjusted gross income of no more than \$40,000, then you may qualify.

The application must be filed between May 1 and June 30. Forms may be picked up in the office in May or found online at Revenue.NH.gov.

Semi-Annual Tax Billing

The Selectmen had decided that Andover would start billing our taxes twice a year. This was designed to help the Town have a more even flow of revenue. Many of our property owners have requested us to make this change, as they find getting a large bill at the end of the year a financial burden.

However, at Town Meeting, there were still property owners who feel uncomfortable having to prepare for two tax bills. They requested that we postpone going to semi-annual billing for another year, and the Selectmen have honored this request.

At this time, we are planning to go ahead in 2015 with semi-annual billing, but not in 2014.



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"I just went there to listen," Viandier said. "It's going to be that way for a few months."

Meanwhile, she'll move into her new home next month.

The other day, workers pumped insulation into the attic, and the walls were covered with hardened spray foam. There are no rugs or carpets yet, no toilets or walls or warmth.

Viandier loves to explain the draw-

ings she's made on tracing paper, spread out on a table near the front door.

She shows you her vision, a landscape full of gardens with perennial organic plants that will grow wild cherries and Chinese chestnuts.

She's already dug spaces for ponds, homes for frogs and turtles. She's got a corridor picked out for a wetlands where deer and fox can graze, and an area in her backyard where she'll plant tall trees to block the northern winds from hitting her house and wasting energy.

She'll attach soda cans and tubing, cover them with glass and let the sun pump naturally heated air into her home.

Viandier plans to open the town's first community education center for regenerative agriculture and design/build techniques.

She calls it a food-forest and farm that could one day provide 80 percent of a family's nutrition, act as a town nursery and be harvested for economic gain.

By then, she will be well into her first term as a selectwoman.

"Having me as an example might show young people they can get involved," she said.

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TOWN of ANDOVER Transfer Station Summer Hours

Effective immediately, the Transfer Station will be open

**Wednesdays
7 AM to 6 PM**

**Saturdays
7 AM to 5 PM**

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