

Sustainability Study Under Way at AE/MS

Kitchen equipment got immediate attention

By the Andover School Board

Marinace Architects representatives have now been over and under and around every area of the Andover Elementary/Middle School to gain a respect for the present building and its site in the town center.

The School District Meeting last March provided funds for a sustainability study, not the replacement of present school buildings or change of location.

Patches of the past to the school's infrastructure need replacement or improvement. Examples are the insulation blown in over the original building and the drop ceilings installed in 1979 for energy savings.

Electrical and mechanical engineering studies have been conducted, and suggestions are expected in those areas.

Marinace Architects representatives have assisted in replacing some kitchen

equipment which was an immediate need this summer.

As they conducted a survey of AE/MS staff, they have met with enthusiastic comments such as, "It's about time" that improvements were given value and order.

Education has received the attention of many legislators since the original building was built. The lowest birth-rate in the United States occurred in 1933. Sages of education such as Alfred North Whitehead recommended language, arts, and music, as learning aids and math, science, and engineering to move the next generation out of the Depression.

History has a way of repeating itself, as we see this approach recurring. The major change has been brought about by legislative attention to produce many mandates that must be met that affect education facilities and surrounding areas. These are all being included in study.

Maintaining Andover's Rural and Scenic Character

August 20 talk on creating conservation easements

Press release

Do you value the scenic rural character of Andover and other small towns in the Kearsarge/Sunapee region? Would you like to consider helping to maintain that character for future generations?

If you've answered yes, please join Andy Deegan, land protection specialist at the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 20, in Andover's Town Hall for a presentation about preserving and permanently protecting local farms, forests, streams and wetlands, and the undeveloped "open spaces" that provide a public benefit such as water quality.

The presentation is open to the public at no charge. Refreshments will be available.

Andy's presentation, entitled "Saving the IrrePLACEable," and a following question-and-answer discussion will focus on how conservation easements, land donations, bargain sales, Current Use tax assessments, and other land protection methods can be used to benefit both the property owner and the community. Andy will also explain how ASLPT can assist in evaluating alternatives and implementing property owners' decisions.

The presentation is being sponsored by the Andover Conservation Commission. According to Mary Anne Broshek, Conservation Commission chair, "The people of Andover have benefited greatly from the generosity of past conserva-

tion easement donors, and we continue to be grateful for their contributions. We look forward to working with others who want to learn more about protecting and preserving their properties."

Andy, the August 20 speaker, has been an ASLPT staff member since



Andy Deegan, Land Protection Specialist with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, will talk about conservation easements on Wednesday, August 20, at 7 PM in the Town Hall. Photo: Larry Chase

2008. He holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Rhode Island and a law degree from Vermont Law School. In addition to his land protection work, he and his wife Carrie, a staff member at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, are well known locally for their interest and expertise in dragonfly behavior and for their public "dragonfly appreciation events" held each summer.

ASLPT's mission is "helping to preserve the rural landscape of the Mount Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee region." Its focus is on Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot.

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