

To Be Raised by Taxes - 2014				
Department	2013	2014	Change	%
School	\$3,281,778	\$3,382,975	\$101,197	3.1%
Town	\$949,810	\$981,822	\$32,012	3.4%
Fire Departments	\$121,435	\$121,540	\$105	0.1%
County	\$752,807	\$714,545	-\$38,262	-5.1%
TOTAL	\$5,105,830	\$5,200,882	\$95,052	1.9%

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Offsetting this increase was the unexpended fund balance of \$396,506 from the previous year. This, along with other revenues – including a State Education Grant of \$788,122 – resulted in the amount to be raised by taxes for 2014-2015 to be \$3,382,975 (up 3.1% over the previous year).

The School tax rate for 2014 becomes \$13.61 (\$2.65 for the State component and \$10.96 for the Town component). This is an increase of 9.9% over the previous year. But 6.2% of this increase is accounted for by the revaluation.

Andover Town Taxes

The 2014 Andover Town Meeting voted to appropriate a total budget of \$1,855,331 – up from the previous year by \$287,748 (18.1%). The major increase was to add \$200,000 to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund to build up funds for eventual replacement of the Lawrence Street bridge.

After accounting for offsetting revenues, and after the application of

\$300,000 from the unexpended fund balance, the amount to be raised by taxes becomes \$981,822 – up from last year by \$32,012 (3.4%).

The Town tax rate for 2014 becomes \$3.92, up 10.4% over the previous year. Again, remember that 6.2% of this change is a result of the downward revaluation of the town.

Fire Department Taxes

The total amount to be raised by taxes for the two Andover fire districts for 2014 is \$121,540 – nearly identical to the amount raised for 2013. The tax rates for 2014 are \$0.65 for Andover properties and \$0.38 for East Andover properties, each up over last year due to the downward revaluation of the tax base.

County Taxes

The bill to Andover from Merrimack County for our share of its 2014 budget is \$714,545. This is down from 2013 by \$38,262 (5.1%). This decrease helps offset the increases in tax requirements for the Andover School District and the Town.

ReVision Energy Plans to Open a Concord Office

Solarize Kearsarge supplier expanding in our direction

Allie Morris, Concord Monitor staff
From the October 27 Concord Monitor

ReVision Energy – a renewable energy company focused on solar design and installation – is planning to expand into the Concord area within the next few months. The company, which operates in New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts, opened its New Hampshire location in Exeter in 2010. The new Concord location will help serve a growing demand in the area and north, said ReVision Energy co-founder Phil Coupe.

“We see demand rising throughout Northern New England,” Coupe said. “Right now, New Hampshire is our fastest-growing territory.” Coupe attributed

the rising demand in part to the region’s rising electricity costs and a friendly solar policy in the Granite State, which offers incentives to residents or business who choose to install solar.

“We feel like more and more people are becoming aware of the impact of so much over-reliance on fossil fuels,” Coupe said. “People are gradually understanding how that is impacting our environment.”

The company also recently hired Jack Ruderman, director of the Sustainable Energy Division at the state’s Public Utilities Commission, to join ReVision as director of Community Energy Initiatives, where he will work with a range of organizations, including schools and municipalities, to help them deploy solar energy.

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Belletetes Collecting Toys for Tots

Bring new, unwrapped gifts to Andover store

Press release

Belletetes, Inc. of Andover and Sunapee is proud to be part of the Toys for Tots program this holiday season as part of their We Build It Forward community outreach program. Belletetes is proud to participate in the Toys for Tots program because helping others is inspiring, it builds relationships, and it brings communities, people, and businesses together so that we can all serve each other.

Belletetes will have four Toys for

Tots drop off locations; three in Andover at their Home Center, Millwork Showcase, and Drive Thru, and a drop off at their Sunapee store.

Community members are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to be donated to a needy child. The holiday season is the perfect time to share your kindness with those in need and to make a child have a wonderful holiday this year.

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