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2016 Budgets Recommend 6.6% Rise

School up 2.6%;
Town up 18.2%

Ed Hiller, Budget Committee

The Andover Budget Committee recommendations for 2016 call for a net appropriation for the School District budget, the Town budget, and the fire department budgets of \$6,982,809. This is up \$429,763 (6.6%) over the 2015 net appropriation. The School District budget is up by \$126,399. The Town budget is up \$300,711. The fire department budgets are up \$2,653.

School Budget

The 2016 School District budget recommended by the Budget Committee

was discussed in the February article in the Beacon. A total appropriation of \$4,900,864 is proposed, up \$126,399 (2.6%) over last year's appropriation.

Town Budget

A total Town budget of \$2,130,768 is recommended by the Budget Committee. Subtracting pass-through items results in a net budget to taxes of \$1,950,880. This is up \$300,711 (18.2%) over last year's net appropriation.

Significant components of the recommended 2016 Town budget are the following.

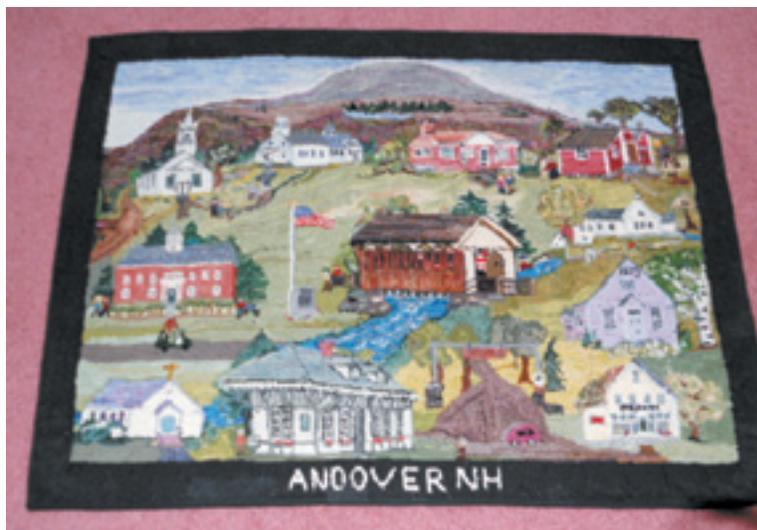
The Highway Department will resume the program of rebuilding town
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The Nickel Plate Road 759 steam locomotive came through East Andover late in 1973, probably the last steam locomotive to pass through. Bill Bardsley took this photo of the train when it stopped in East Andover to take on water, courtesy of the East Andover Fire Department (since all the railroad's water towers were gone). Bill had the photo enlarged and mounted and has donated it to the Town Hall.

Don't Forget Your 2016 Beacon Donation!

Is that Round Tuit envelope we included in your Beacon last month still kicking around? If it is, please stick a check in it and drop it in the mail. The Beacon relies on donations from Andover residents for a large part of our annual budget. Please don't make us canvass you in the fall!



Julie Mayo, Marge Leber, Sandra Graves, Grace Stetson, and Pat Cutter collaborated on this beautiful hooked rug of scenes from around Andover. Funds are being raised to donate it for display in the Town Hall.

A Beautiful Hooked Rug of Andover Scenes is Complete

Donate to keep it in Andover!

Press release

Several years ago, a group of five Andover ladies who enjoyed their hobby of rug hooking – Julie Mayo, Marge Leber, Sandra Graves, Grace Stetson, and Pat Cutter – conceived, designed, and created a pictorial rug that features 12 well-known buildings and places in Andover. The original intent was to

raise money for the Andover Historical Society.

The rug was completed in 2015, and a raffle was planned, but the finished project attracted the attention of several citizens who felt that the rug should stay in Andover. To that end, they started to raise money to keep it here so it can hang in the Town Hall.

The fundraising is ongoing. If you'd like to contribute, contact Shirley Currier at Clyde.Shirley@tds.net or 735-5394.

Master Fiddler and Dance Caller to Lead Old-Time Country Dance

Dudley Laufman in Andover on April 2

Press release

Canterbury's Dudley Laufman, a nationally acclaimed folk fiddler and folk-dance caller, will lead a community-wide "old-time family country dance" on Saturday, April 2, between 6:30 and 9 PM in the gymnasium of the Andover Elementary/Middle School (AE/MS).

The event is free and open to the public, although "free-will donations" will be accepted. Co-sponsors are the Andover Community Association (ACA) and AE/MS.

Laufman will be joined by Jacqueline, his wife and musical partner for many years, and accompanied by other live musicians. Snacks and light-supper items will be offered for sale by volunteers.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

March 1, 7 PM

Andover Elementary/Middle School

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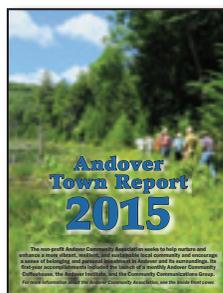
TOWN MEETING

March 8, 7 PM

Voting 11 AM to 7 PM

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The Andover Town Report 2015 will be available by March 1. **Town Reports will not be mailed** (except by special request to 735-5332), so visit Andover.NH.us to read it online, or pick one up at any of these locations:

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