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The Andover Highway Department has replaced the Kearsarge Mountain Road bridge, which was in critical condition due to severe rusting of the eight carrying beams beneath the decking. Because there's no easy alternative route to the two homes (and vast woodlands) beyond the bridge when it's out, the work had to be done in a single day. Demolition started early on November 17, with Town employees Keith Blinn and Jim Reed doing the hand work while Tiggy Thompson of the Road Agent's crew ran the excavator.
 Photos: Charlie Darling



The former Andover town hall as it appears today. The building was recently purchased by Andover Community Space in hopes of making it a valuable asset for the community once again.
 Photo: Larry Chase

Full-Time Highway Employees Unlock a Hidden Bonus for Town

Bridge project at very low cost

Charlie Darling, Beacon volunteer

When the 2015 Town Meeting voted to hire the Town's first part-time Highway Department employees, voters were attracted by the promise of getting work done around town without having

to pay contractor's rates to do it. When the voters approved the 2016 budget making those employees full-time, they didn't realize they weren't just voting for more of the same savings.

The recent project to rebuild the Kearsarge Mountain Road bridge has shown that there's another very sub-
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How Can the Old Town Hall Be a Community Resource?

New owners need ideas, help

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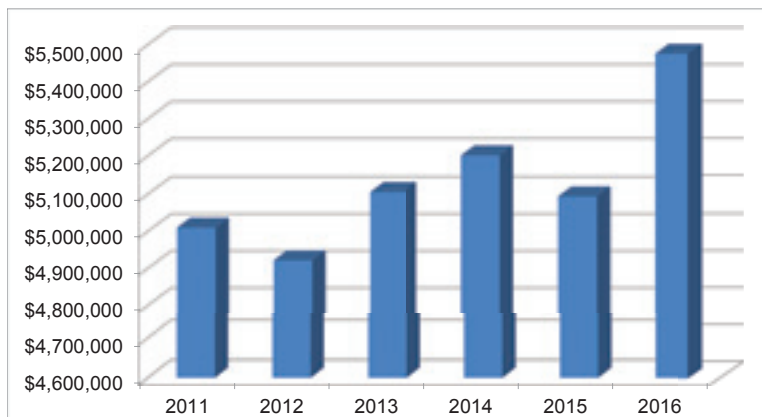
At 3:53 PM on November 17, in a tiny conference room in Concord, the deal was closed. After handing over their certified check for \$141,000 plus taxes, seven Andover residents, guided by two lawyers, signed papers that gave them ownership of Andover's former town hall, located at 157 Main Street and once the town's central gathering space.

Their goal: return the historic 4,000-square-foot structure, built in 1879, to its original role as a community resource – hopefully, while raising sufficient funds to re-purpose the building and to recoup at least a part of their initial outlay.

The question now: how to make it happen, in a way that meets the needs and wishes of as many community members as possible, while retaining the historic character – or at least the physical appearance – of the landmark

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To Be Raised by Taxes - Past Six Years					
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
\$5,009,718	\$4,921,453	\$5,105,830	\$5,200,882	\$5,093,965	\$5,475,266



The scale on this graph is offset (doesn't begin at \$0) in order to highlight the small year-to-year differences. Statistically, the trend for the five years prior to this year was close to flat.

Amount to be Raised by Taxes Up 7.5% for 2016

The amounts to be raised by taxes for Andover for 2016 add up to \$5,475,266. This is an increase over last year of \$381,301 (7.5%). A small increase in the total town valuation for 2016 helped hold the increase in the tax rate to just under 7%. The 2016 tax bill for a property valued at \$200,000 increased by about \$275.

the five years prior to 2016 had remained almost flat, fluctuating up and down around the \$5,000,000 mark. The sudden rise this year is the first big increase since 2011, when the total tax burden jumped from about \$4,400,000 to almost \$5,000,000. The reasons for this year's big increase are cited below.

Andover School Taxes

The total Andover tax burden over

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Our annual Andover Fire Department Christmas tree sale was once again supported by so many wonderful townspeople. We are thankful to each of you for your dedication to us each year! By 9:30 in the morning on Saturday, December 3, we only had 11 left! Pictured here are from the left, Fred Lance, Mark Perry, David Grant, Tim Eltzroth, Scott Kidder and Ravena Kidder.
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Santa (red suit, long white beard) joined a festive crowd for the annual lighting of the town Christmas tree on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The Andover Lions Club hosted the event, with cocoa and treats in the Andover Library before St. Nick's visit and the ceremonial lighting.
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 Front: Suzy Brown, Ad Sales. L to R: Donnette McGill, Publisher/Editor; Connie Powers, Ad Sales; Pam Cooper, Accounting; Steven Foley, Design/Production; Beth Frost, Production; Shelley Geoghegan, Bookkeeping/Accounting; Sue Winters, Editing. Including many other dedicated volunteers who make The Beacon possible. Photo: Larry Chase



With the railings in place, the Kearsarge Mountain Road bridge project is finished. At a cost of approximately \$16,000 for materials and labor, the Town realized a huge savings by using its own Highway Department employees versus contracting the work out. Photo: Charlie Darling

stantial benefit to the Town having one or more full-time Highway Department employees: the ability to undertake straightforward road projects without the expense of an engineer's stamp.

Discovering that "hidden" bonus started early this fall, when state bridge inspectors contacted the Town with dire news: the small bridge near the top of Kearsarge Mountain Road would have to be rebuilt right away.

For a town that has no Highway De-

partment employees, unwelcome news like that would set off a long and expensive chain of events, beginning with perhaps thousands of dollars of engineering studies to get an approved set of drawings. Months (or years) later, when Department of Transportation (DOT) funding becomes available, it would be time to collect bids from contractors to execute the plan, perhaps to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars, of

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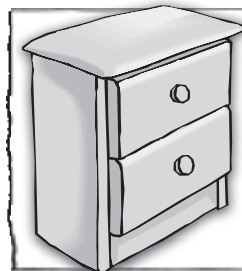
To the 219 Andover residents who sent checks this year to support the *Beacon* in 2016: Thank you! Every check, no matter how large or small, is a big help and an important sign that the community values the *Beacon*.

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property.

To answer that question, the purchasers – using the name “Andover Community Space” – have held a series of informal open houses for the public and asked several local contractors to evaluate the soundness of the structure. Representatives of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, the New Hampshire Bureau of Historic Sites, and the Wilnot Community Association have also supported the effort with on-site visits.

An informal 30-minute tour of the building has been captured on video by Tina Cotton and narrated by Susan Chase and Jay Fitzpatrick. You can watch it anytime on the Town’s Web site at Andover.NH.us – roll over the words “Town Information,” then click the “Video Archive” link that pops up.

Comments from the Experts

“The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance congratulates the preservation-minded individuals who stepped up to save the historic Andover Town Hall from an uncertain future. Saving and reviving such community landmarks is central to the Alliance’s mission to preserve our state’s heritage and to stimulate local economies. The Alliance supports the Andover group’s efforts to return their historic Town Hall to a viable community use and will assist this endeavor as planning progresses.”

– Cristina Ashjian, Project Manager, New Hampshire Preservation Alliance

“It was exciting to meet a local group of townsfolk so concerned about the future aesthetic and sustainability of their town that they were willing to put up their own resources to save a valuable historic structure. Every city, town, and village in New Hampshire should be so lucky to have local residents with the foresight to protect local history and give that history a voice. Fortunately, the old Andover Town Hall retains much of the town’s past in its building fabric – a fabric that when restored will tell the stories of the town for years to come.”

– Ben Wilson, Director, New Hampshire Bureau of Historic Sites, Department of Resources and Economic Development

The feedback so far: There are lots of possible uses for this highly flexible space that appears to be in pretty good shape.

Potential community uses identified informally to date include space for health clinics; a commercial kitchen large enough to prepare group dinners; a community game room with a pool table; a place for teens to hang out; facilities for physical-fitness and dance programs; an adult activity center; a small theater; exhibit space for local artists and crafters; a small tearoom or coffeehouse; a practice room for lo-

cal musical groups; a recording studio; a media room where films, videos, and live TV programs could be shown; a lending library for tools; and more.

Coming up in the future: additional open houses; an outreach effort aimed at local clubs and organizations, youth of all ages, and families; conversations with municipal officials; visits to community centers in other communities; and more. Watch this space (and your e-mail inbox, and bulletin boards around town, and the Town Web site) for details. To communicate your thoughts about possible uses, and to get information directly, send an e-mail to AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com.

To help with additional information-gathering and – at a later date – with the gathering of funds for adapting the building to a new purpose, the Andover Community Space team is also looking for volunteers who can bring their time and talents to the project. To volunteer or to learn more, send an e-mail to the above address.

Area professionals who have donated their time to evaluate the structure and its contents have so far included builders Rich Burns, Rick Estes, Les Fenton, Bob Hurlbutt, Toby Locke, and Billy Sanborn; computer consultant Bob Norander; and Andover Fire Chief Rene Lefebvre. Concerns identified so far have included roof and insulation issues, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and a lack of kitchen facilities.

The team of purchasers included Deb Brower, Susan and Larry Chase, Pat Cutter, Gisela and Steve Darling, and Stacey and Eric Viandier. All except for Eric Viandier were present for the November closing in Concord. Their right to purchase the building was won at a public foreclosure auction held on the property on October 20. The property is currently assessed at \$365,000.

Now vacant, the old town hall has most recently housed a medical billing service and several physical-fitness and dance-instruction facilities. Though the main floor, once a single meeting room that also served as a basketball court, has been converted into offices and conference rooms, the original stage and dressing rooms are still in place. A second floor has been added.

The building and its half acre of property were sold to a private purchaser in 1963 after the construction of a public-school gym (now part of the Andover Elementary/Middle School) made the 1879 building obsolete. Previous occupants of the building have included a furniture-maker, a certified public accountant, and an attorney.

For more information on the building’s history, go to the “Andover’s Town Halls and Meetings” chapter of Ralph Chaffee’s collection of Andover-centric reminiscences entitled *Elder Moody’s Hat*, available from the Andover Historical Society.

To Be Raised by Taxes - 2016				
Department	2015	2016	Change	%
School	\$3,239,522	\$3,495,530	\$256,008	7.9%
Town	\$1,021,829	\$1,167,133	\$145,304	14.2%
Fire Departments	\$123,460	\$125,803	\$2,343	1.9%
County	\$709,154	\$686,800	-\$22,354	-3.2%
TOTAL	\$5,093,965	\$5,475,266	\$381,301	7.5%

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The 2016 annual School District Meeting voted a total appropriation of \$4,900,864, up from the previous year by \$126,399 (2.6%). The increase was driven by increased busing costs, a new teachers’ contract, and increased Special Education staff.

An operating budget of \$4,862,300 was approved. In addition, \$25,000 was added to the Special Education Trust Fund, bringing it to \$100,000 plus interest. This continued a plan of adding \$25,000 to this fund each year to provide for unanticipated expenses for Special Education that are impossible to predict or budget for.

Another \$10,000 was added to the High School Tuition Trust Fund, bringing it to \$60,000 plus interest. This fund provides a source of funding for unexpected high school enrollments.

Finally, \$3,564 was approved for salaries, part of implementing this year’s new teachers’ contract.

Offsetting these appropriations was an unexpended fund balance of \$333,367 at the end of the 2015-2016 school year, down 27.5% from the 2014-2015 school year. The 2014-2015 unexpended fund balance was unusually high, due to a “premium holiday” for health and workers compensation insurance and some savings in salaries and heating oil. The 2015-2016 figure is more typical (but still about double what the SAU would like to see unexpended at the end of a school year).

The State Education Grant this year is \$858,469, up about 3.4%. After accounting for other revenues, the amount to be raised by taxes for 2016 is \$3,495,530, up 7.9% over the previous year.

The School tax rate for 2016 becomes \$13.94 (\$2.33 for the State component and \$11.61 for the Town component). This is an increase of 7.3% over

the previous year.

Andover Town Taxes

The 2016 Andover Town Meeting voted to appropriate an operating budget of \$1,612,904, up from the previous year by \$134,256 or 9.1%. The meeting also approved \$30,000 to outfit a donated dump truck for Highway Department use. Replacement of the Town Hall roof (\$25,000) and acquiring a special-purpose forest fire truck (\$48,847) were also approved by the voters. Other warrant articles (including \$150,000 for road projects, which was intentionally omitted from the previous year’s budget) brought the total appropriation to \$1,999,727, up from the previous year by \$349,558 (21.2%).

The Select Board voted to use \$150,000 of accumulated fund surplus to offset 2016 taxes. After taking account of other revenues, the amount to be raised by taxes becomes \$1,167,133, up from last year by \$145,304 (14.2%).

The Town tax rate for 2016 is \$4.61, up 13.3% over the previous year.

Fire Department Taxes

The total amount to be raised by taxes for the two Andover districts for 2016 is \$125,803, up less than 2% over the amount raised for 2015. The tax rates for 2016 are \$0.68 for Andover properties and \$0.37 for East Andover properties.

County Taxes

The bill to Andover from Merrimack County for our share of the county’s 2016 budget is \$686,800. This is down from 2015 by \$22,354 (-3.2%). The county tax rate for this year is \$2.71 (-3.9%).

As usual, this article wouldn’t have been possible without Ed Hiller’s invaluable insights and rigorous organizational skills that he provides so generously as a member of the Andover Budget Committee. Thanks, Ed!





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Shakes to Shingles continues work on the energy upgrades to the Andover Town Library. In November they filled in gaps and added R30 cellulose over the old section of the attic. Photo: Charlie Darling

Supervisors of the Checklist Meet on January 24

Last chance to register to run in the election

Press release

The Andover Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, January 24 at Town Hall from 7:00 to 7:30 PM to make additions and corrections to the checklist. This meeting is timed so that anyone planning to run in the March 2017 Town Election can get onto the checklist before filing begins.

The checklist will be posted at Town Hall beginning on January 13. You can look at it to make sure you are accurately listed or you can check online by

going to the Secretary of State's Web site SOS.New Hampshire.Gov and clicking on the light blue Voter Information Lookup box on the right side.

You must be a registered voter in Andover to run for an Andover town office. The filing period for the March town elections opens on Wednesday, January 25 and closes on Friday, February 3 at 5 PM. In order to be listed on the ballot, you must file with the Town Clerk during that period. If you don't file, you can still run, but you must do so as a write-in candidate. There is no charge to file.

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which the town would have to pay 20%.

But the rules for a town that has one or more Highway Department employees are different. If the Select Board and the Road Agent (whether elected or employed) are comfortable with the scope and complexity of the project, they can forgo the engineering study, the approved drawings, the state funding, and the bidding process – and the long delays and high price tags associated with each of those steps.

Instead, as Andover did recently with the Kearsarge Mountain Road bridge, they can simply “get ‘er done” using the Town's and the Road Agent's own resources. The delays are minimal, and the costs are dramatically less.

The only downside is that the Town “owns” the project – if something should go wrong with the bridge in the future, there's no engineer onto whom to try to shift the liability.

Done in a Day

The Kearsarge Mountain Road project took about six weeks from the time the state raised the alarm until the project was complete. The process was straightforward: the Road Agent took all the relevant data about the bridge to Cohen Steel Supply in Concord, where their in-house engineer did the calculations to come up with the products and a plan that would not only fix the bridge, but increase its load-bearing capacity by 6,600 pounds.

DOT was very happy to review the plan, and it found no flaws, so the project was good to go, with no engineering studies, no engineering stamp, and no huge engineering bill – just a plan and a truckload of the appropriate materials.

The construction itself was completed in a single long day. According to Road Agent John “Tiny” Thompson, Highway Department employees Jim

Reed and Keith Blinn and the Road Agent's crew “worked like a well-oiled machine” to prepare for the big day and then execute the plan, wrapping up after nightfall on the day they started.

Tiny also credits the Select Board and Town Administrator Marj Roy for thinking outside the box and trying this new (for Andover) approach to bridge projects. “It was a real team effort,” he says, with lots of good ideas and helpful information sharing.

The Question of Liability


The new approach used on Kearsarge Mountain Road is made possible by the fact that Andover now has full-time Highway Department employees and therefore falls under a different set of rules than it did before, allowing it to skip the formal engineering studies and to treat the Road Agent as part of the Town, rather than as a contractor.

But there's one more difference between the two approaches to consider: liability.

If something were to go wrong with the Kearsarge Mountain Road bridge years from now and the Town were sued, the Town would have no recourse – there's no engineer's stamp and therefore no engineer onto whom to try to shift some or all of the liability; and there's no contractor to blame, because in this new approach, the Road Agent is considered part of the Town.

So while the new approach offers some compelling benefits, it does have its dark side, which leaves the townspeople and the Select Board to contemplate how much risk it's appropriate for the Town to assume, and how much time and money we need to save to make it worth assuming that risk.

As it turns out, there's no free lunch; but even years from now the Kearsarge Mountain Road bridge project will probably prove to have been a pretty tasty morsel nonetheless.



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Andover Real Estate Transactions, October and November 2016

October 16 through November 15, 2016

On October 22, the Ambrose Logging Company sold 12.64 acres on Raccoon Hill Road to Patricia Swingle and Benjamin Negrete for \$36,000. Stacey Viandier of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles assisted the seller and Debra Walker of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles assisted the buyer.

On October 25, Jennifer and Thomas McNeil sold 142 Putney Road to Holly and Kristina Tabor-Hall for \$98,000. Heather McAfee of The Bean Group assisted the seller and Pamela Adami of Lamacchia Realty assisted the buyer. The 1,126 square-foot house has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and sits on 2.2 acres.

On October 28, Peter and Valarie Fife sold 179 Bridge Road to Alec and Rachael Cahn for \$108,000. David Liberatore of BH&G Masiello assisted the seller and Andrey Berry of Real Property Options assisted the buyer. The 1,269 square-foot house has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, and sits on 0.93 acres.

On November 3, J. Henderson Properties LLC sold 822 Franklin Highway to Lauren Pearsall for \$172,000. Marsha Foden of Central Gold Key Realty assisted the seller and Bob Hodges of Keller Williams Metropolitan assisted the buyer. The 2,280 square-foot house has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and sits on 1.0 acre.

On November 4, Jason and Elizabeth Pittman sold 46 Lockwood to Jacob and Jill Gilman for \$290,700. Joseph Burns of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles assisted the seller and Donna Forest of BH&G Milestone assisted the buyer. The 2,848 square-foot house has 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, and sits on 6.7 acres.

On November 10, Karin Forsberg sold 12.4 acres on North Franklin Highway to Phillip and Janet Decato for \$87,500. Arthur Urie of Lake Farm Realty assisted the seller and Jim Lintner of BH&G Masiello assisted the buyer.

On November 15, Kenneth and Carol Zilisch sold 38 Hall Road to Christopher and Kathryn Jones for \$167,500. Arthur Urie of Lake Farm Realty assisted the seller and Stacey Viandier of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles assisted the buyer. The 1,805 square-foot house has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, and sits on 4.4 acres.

Andover Inventory

There are currently 17 residential properties on the market, plus 9 residential properties under contract for sale.

There are currently seven land parcels on the market, and none under contract for sale.

There are currently two commercial or multi-family properties on the market, and one under contract for sale.

Data from NNEREN.com/sold-properties and MerrimackCountyDeedsNH.com for 10/16/2016 to 11/15/2016.

Bridge Projects, Truck Project Move Forward

Maple Street Bridge

Work on the Maple Street bridge should begin during the week of December 12. We cannot say it will only take a day or so, but rest assured that it will be completed as quickly as possible.

Road Agent John Thompson and team, are ready to go, with materials ordered and a plan in place. The one issue could be the weather;

We remain well within the budget of \$12,000 and see no reason to anticipate any overruns going forward.

Thanks goes to Jeff Newcomb for his public efforts and to John Thompson for the "digging out" of his budget and re-prioritizing projects to make this all come together. These are true signs of what cooperative efforts can lead to, while providing positive progress for Andover residents.

Lawrence Street Bridge Walkway

Upon completion of the Maple Street bridge, the crew will turn its efforts to completing a pedestrian walkway at the Lawrence Street bridge. Our hope is to have it done before the new year, if the weather cooperates.

As you know, the Lawrence Street bridge, as an overall project, is a sizable undertaking for the Town. We still anticipate state funds in 2022, but in the meantime Town officials, bridge engineers, and several commercial haulers met at the bridge to review the project.

It was agreed that the bridge will be inspected a minimum of every 90 days and, based on those inspections, the proper steps will be taken.

The Select Board and the Town Administrator are examining a number of options to keep as normal a traffic flow as possible. Public safety is of primary concern, as well as services necessary for the residents above the bridge. Updates will be made available as they are received.

Retro-Fitting Fire Truck

East Andover Fire Department sold its older truck to the Town for \$1. This truck is being converted into a plow, dump truck, and sander for our streets and projects. A parts truck was found in Maine, for \$4,200 and we have salvaged an estimated \$15,000 worth of parts, including a plow, wings, pistons, frame, and more.

John Thompson and his crew have been working to get our "new" truck ready before year's end.

These are just brief updates, as all departments and boards are working not only on the regular tasks, but are putting together budgets for 2017. The Select Board, in conjunction with Marj Roy, have been meeting in special work sessions weekly, as well as our regular Monday evening meetings, to get a good, solid budget together.

Thank you to all the committees and various boards for their work on behalf of Andover.

Budget Committee Schedule Revised for the 2017 Budget Season

Public hearings on December 14 and January 18

Press release

The Andover Budget Committee has revised its schedule for the remainder of the 2016-2017 budget process. Each meeting is on a Wednesday at 7 PM in the Town Hall meeting room.

November 30: Highway Department, Transfer Station, other Town departments
December 7: Total Town Budget
December 14: Public Hearing- Town,

Precincts, District, etc.

January 4: Total School Budget
January 11: Public Hearing for the Town, fire, and water budgets

January 18: Public Hearing for the School bond and budget

January 25: Deliberative session for the School budget

February 1: Public Hearing for petitioned warrant articles, if any

February 8: Deliberative session for the Town budget

Run for Town Office in 2017!

Your community needs you to step up!

With Town Meeting coming up in March, it's time to think about who is going to fill all the positions in town government and in the school district to keep the wheels turning smoothly. The following is a run-down of what offices will be on the ballot in March and what the incumbents may be planning.

Town Officers

Selectman for three years: David Blinn is the incumbent and plans to run.

Budget Committee for three years (two positions): Bill Bardsley and Chris Norris are the incumbents. Bill does not plan to run; Chris does plan to run.

Library Trustee for three years: Deb Brower is the incumbent. Deb does not plan to run.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years: Joanne Edgar is the incumbent and plans to run.

Cemetery Trustee for three years: Pat Cutter is the incumbent and plans to run.

The Town paid positions up for elec-

tion this year are:

- Selectman: \$1,500 per year

School District Officers

School Board for three years: Misty Sava is the incumbent and does not plan to run.

Moderator for one year: Betsy Paine is the incumbent and is considering running.

Clerk for one year: Christie Coll is the incumbent and plans to run.

Treasurer for one year: Shirley Currier is the incumbent and plans to run.

The School District paid positions up for election this year are:

- School Board: \$100 per year
- Moderator: \$60 per annual meeting
- Clerk: \$13.83 per hour
- Treasurer: \$1,000 per year

How To File

Filing to run for office is very easy. There is no filing fee for any position.

The filing period for these positions begins on Wednesday, January 25, and ends on Friday, February 3. The filing form can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall during her normal business hours.

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

RSA 91-A:2 states that minutes from each meeting of each Town body must "be promptly recorded and open to public inspection not more than five business days after the meeting."

Minutes are often not in publishable form at that point. Considering the time it takes to make them publishable, and the long lag between issues of the *Beacon*, it may be a month or more before they appear in the *Beacon*.

Planning Board

7:30 PM.

October 11, 2016

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Nancy Teach, Chair; Randall Costa, Doug Phelps, Paul Currier, David Blinn ex-officio

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Pat Moyer, Planning and Zoning Coordinator; Dave Powers, Zoning Administrator; Bill Demers
Planning and Zoning Coordinator

Moyer continues to work on updating the driveway permit application and distributed Driveway Permit Procedures to the Board for review and revisions. Pat will make revisions and present to the Select Board for approval.

Zoning Administrator

Dave viewed the Schwarz driveway at 34 Tucker Mountain Road and compared the existing driveway with the approved driveway and sees no difference. He would like to discuss further with Road Agent John Thompson.

Dave went to property on Currier Road to see the tree cutting and has not been able to speak with the property owner yet. He has received an inquiry regarding building on the Class 6 portion of Currier Road and advised the person that they need to receive permission from the Select Board.

Non-Binding Consultation: Bill Demers for property on Agony Hill Road.

Bill stated to the Board that he owns 12 acres and would like to add a second driveway in order to divide out four acres for a building lot in the future. The Board advised Bill he would need to submit a sketch indicating the complete proposal, including existing and proposed driveway dimensions and current frontage. The non-binding consultation will continue on October 25 at

Capital Improvement Planning: Doug Phelps distributed a write-up of projects and capital items submitted by each board and department.

Lakes Region Planning Commission Maps: Doug also presented a table identifying boundaries for each zone. LRPC indicated they could complete a digital map for \$500. Doug will inquire what is included in the \$500 and what the price would be for additional paper maps.

Accessory Dwelling Units: Warrant article wording from 2015 was distributed along with a draft of wording for 2016 and version 2 of the 2017 draft for Board review and input or revisions.

Major / Minor Subdivision Application: Randall Costa distributed a consolidated application form encompassing both minor and major subdivisions for the Board's review and revisions.

October 25, 2016

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Nancy Teach, Chair; Jon Warzocha, Vice-Chair; Randall Costa; Doug Phelps; Paul Currier; Art Urie

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Pat Moyer, Planning and Zoning Coordinator; Dave Powers, Zoning Administrator; Bill Demers

Announcements

Teach stated that she and Town Administrator Marj Roy attended the Municipal Law Lecture Series presentation on October 16.

The November 8 meeting has been See Minutes on page 9

Office Hours & Meetings

OFFICE HOURS

Town Office: Mon-Thu 9-2
Fridays by appointment only
Town Clerk & Tax Collector:
Mon, Wed, Thu, 9-2
Tue, 1:30-6:30
Last Saturday of month, 9-11
(except on long holiday weekends)
Zoning Code Administrator: Tues, 6-7
Transfer Station:
Wed, 7-5 (7-6 during Daylight Time)
Sat, 7-5
Swap Event (May-Oct):
2nd Sat (rain: 3rd Sat), 8-2
Transfer Station
Andover Library:
Mon, 6:30-8:30
Wed, 9-12 & 6:30-8:30
Thu, 12:30-4:30 • Sat, 10-12
Bachelder Library:
Tues, 9-12:30 & 6:30-8:30
Thu, 3-5; 6:30-8:30 • Fri, 1:30-5

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted
Capital Improvement Planning:
Last Thu, 7
Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7:30
Emergency Medical Service:
2nd Wed, 7, E. Andover Fire Station
Fire Department: Mon, 7
Fourth of July: 1st Wed,
Andover Fire Station, 7
Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7
(except Jul & Aug), Andover
Library or Bachelder Library
Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7
Recreation: 2nd Tues, 7,
AE/MS Science Room
School Board: 1st Tue
(except July), 6:30, AE/MS
Select Board:
1st & 3rd Mon, 6:30
Zoning Board of Adjustment:
3rd Tue, 7

For more information, call the Town Office at 735-5332.

Mark Your Calendar!

Mondays: Fire Department, 7 • **Tuesdays:** Building Permits, 6-7

DECEMBER

15: Library Trustees, 7
19: Select Board, 6:30
20: Zoning Board, 7
23: Town Office **CLOSED**
24: Transfer Station **CLOSING** at 3
26: Town Clerk **CLOSED**
27: Planning Board, 7
31: Transfer Station **CLOSING** at 3
31: Town Clerk **OPEN**
JANUARY
2: Town Clerk **CLOSED**
2: Town Office **CLOSED**
3: School Board, AEMS, 6:30
4: 4th of July, Andover Fire Station, 7
9: Select Board, 6:30
10: Planning Board, 7

10: Recreation, AEMS Science Room, 7
11: Conservation Commission, 7
11: EMS, Andover Fire Station, 7
16: Town Clerk **CLOSED**
17: Zoning Board, 7
19: Library Trustees, 7
23: Select Board, 6:30
24: Planning Board, 7
24: Supervisors of the Checklist 7

FEBRUARY

1: 4th of July, Andover Fire Station, 7
6: Select Board, 6:30
7: School Board, AEMS, 6:30
8: Conservation Commission, 7
8: EMS, Andover Fire Station, 7
14: Recreation, AEMS Science Room, 7
14: Planning Board, 7

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rescheduled to Tuesday, November 1.
Zoning Administrator

Powers indicated he had received a phone call from an abutter on Tilton Brook Road advising there is a shed being built and is concerned it is too close to the property line. Powers will go out to the property to review.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator

Moyer stated she continues to work on the driveway permits applications, procedures, and regulations. She distributed to Board members a packet of draft revisions to the permit application, procedures, and regulations for review and further revisions.

Moyer stated she had been contacted by Ray Gauthier on Monticello Drive regarding changing the zoning for his area to commercial zone in order to have a business in his area.

Non-Binding Consultation: Bill Demers presented a diagram of his property on Agony Hill Road indicating the 430' of road frontage. The proposal is to divide out two or four acres for a building lot in the future.

After review, the Board determined that there is not enough road frontage for a second lot.

2017 Town Meeting

Teach presented a time-frame schedule with deadlines for public hearings and warrant articles in preparation for Town Meeting 2017.

Accessory Dwelling Units

Teach presented a new draft warrant article for the Zoning Ordinance titled "Accessory Dwelling Unit." The board reviewed and made some revisions. Board members will distribute via e-mail additional comments and finalize a warrant article at the November 1, meeting.

Conservation Committee

August 10, 2016

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Jerry Hersey, Jesse Schust

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed and discussed. These included a complete Forestry notification for lot 8/467 from Land Resources Management, Department of Environmental Services (DES), and an approval of a variance (from the Regional Forester) allowing the removal of eight white pines at lot 10-584-446 on Agony Hill Road.

Mary Anne will contact Joanna Sumner to remind her to send Wetland Permit applications to the Andover Conservation Commission (ACC).

Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Trust (ASLPT): Workshop will be on September 22 at the Wilmot Community Association's Red Barn. Amy Papineau will give a presentation on strategies to encourage pollinators in the landscape.

Bog Pond: Based on the ACC site visit and recommendations from Jason Aube (DES) and Earle Chase, we agreed to hire Earle Chase to mark the wetland boundary to make it clearer where the boundary lies and to review the completed restoration work as it pertains to potential conservation easements in this area. A motion was made and we voted unanimously to pay Earle up to \$300 for this work.

We will get further comment and opinion on restoration work. We hope to have Earle review restoration work with John Thompson, if possible, to determine if any more work needs to take place. One outstanding question is whether the snowmobile trail will be restored, and if so, how will it be routed?

Culvert Update: Stacey Luke (Merrimack County Conservation District) plans to review the culverts in Andover with the Road Agent in order to assess problem culverts that may be undersized and impede aquatic organism movement or are flood hazards. They will identify up to a dozen problem culverts as the first stage in obtaining grants to improve culverts in Andover. Jesse will act in a liaison

capacity, and Mary Anne will notify Stacey of Jesse's role.

Beaver Deceivers: Nan Kaplan will find out more regarding the DOT improvement plan for the Route 11 culvert near Applecrest Lane. We are hoping that the state will consider a pilot implementation of a beaver deceiver in this location and consider this as a state-wide solution.

Movie – Chasing Ice: The screening of Chasing Ice was informative and engaging to those who attended. We are interested in setting up another screening, maybe at Andover Elementary/Middle School, in order to reach a wider audience.

We discussed the possibility of having refreshments and a speaker/expert to lead a Q&A. Mary Anne will speak to Larry Chase about this idea.

Miscellaneous Matters

Highland Beach: Earle Davis has been notified about the Town's desire to add beach sand.

Mary Anne will ask Donna Baker-Hartwell about status on newly-worded signs on Highland Lake.

Larry is mounting the Wildlife Action Plan map on foam board.

Nancy Teach will have the up-to-date Natural Resources Inventory put on the Planning Board's section of the Town Web site.

Mary Anne will ask Nan about the possibility of setting up an Emerald Ash Borer/Red Pine Scale/Tree Diseases/Invasive Species session, specifically aimed to assist loggers and land owners managing forests.

Jerry will check with David Pilla about upcoming workshops and the possibility of having a session concerning forest management and disease/invasive problems.

September 14, 2016

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Nan Kaplan, Tina Cotton, Jerry Hersey, Derek Mansell, Larry Chase, Mary Anne Broshek, Jesse Schust

Correspondence: We were notified of a Complete Forestry Notification ac-

knowledging the receipt of a Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification on lot 19/517 and granting permission for work to start.

Water Main: The water main by the East Andover cemetery needs repair and we are in contact with Pat Cutter about this matter.

ASLPT Update: The September 22 pollinator presentation "Supporting Pollinators in the Landscape" by Amy Papineau will take place at the Wilmot Community Association Red Barn. One hundred fifty-one bike riders participated in the Randonnee, which was a good fundraiser for ASLPT.

Bog Pond: Site visit: Earle Chase will come on September 17 and meet Derek in order to conduct the review of restoration work and to map the wetland boundary. We are hoping that Andy Deegan (ASLPT) will be able to attend, as well as Vicky Mishcon (Select Board) and John Thompson (Road Agent).

The group of people present will review the restoration work, and then Earle and Derek will map the boundary. Earle will be charging \$75 per hour, not to exceed \$500.

A motion was proposed by Larry Chase and seconded by Jerry Hersey "to add an additional \$200 to the amount of \$300 which was committed to at the previous meeting." This motion was passed unanimously, increasing the allocated amount to \$500.

Mary Anne will send an electronic version of Earle's final Bog Pond map to Andy Deegan.

There will be a meeting on September 27 with the Select Board and Planning Board at which the conservation easement plans and process will be discussed in detail in order to clarify how this process may proceed. Tina, Mary Anne, and Nan are planning to attend in order to represent the Andover Conservation Commission (ACC). Mary Anne has provided all the requested and background info needed prior to the meeting.

Southeast Corner of Andover: It was noted that the southeast corner of Andover has been recognized as containing significant areas of prime wildlife habitat. This is a change from the See Minutes on page 10

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Andover Town Hall to review and accept comments from the public on the proposed draft of the 2017 Warrant Article regarding Accessory Dwelling Units.

Copies of the draft article are available at the Town Offices and on the Town Website at Andover.NH.us

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previous Wildlife Action Plan maps, and we discussed the importance of this area, which was previously not identified as containing large areas of prime wildlife habitat.

October 12, 2016

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Nan Kaplan, Jerry Hersey, Larry Chase, Mary Anne Broshek, Jesse Schust.

Minutes: Nan proposed approval of August minutes with small modifications, Jerry seconded, and all present voted in favor. Jerry proposed approval of the September minutes with revisions as requested, Nan seconded, and all present voted in favor. Jesse will circulate the minutes.

Correspondence:

Invitation to the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) Annual Meeting and Conference taking place on November 12, 2016.

Notification of annual membership dues to NHACC.

Invitation to the 29th Annual Meeting of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust on Sunday October 23, 2016.

Fall 2016 newsletter from NHDES Drinking Water and Ground Water Bureau.

Letter from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

ASLPT Report:

Amy Papineau's talk on Pollinators in the Landscape, in September at Wilmot, was well attended.

A round table for Conservation Chairs of twelve ASLPT towns will take place on October 20.

The ASLPT Board is currently going through a self-assessment process, as is recommended for all non-profit organizations. The ASLPT organization will be 30 years old in 2017.

Currently Andy Deegan is very busy with assessments. Tim Fleury said that emerald ash borer will progress throughout the state.

ASLPT is currently intending to emphasize community commitment activities and projects, e.g. community walks, social media, etc.

September 27 meeting with Board of Selectmen and Planning Board:

There was a discussion at this meeting about the plan to put land adjacent to Bog Pond into conservation.

Proposed steps are: the wetland boundary is not necessarily the boundary of the proposed conservation easement. The Conservation Commission (CC) would like to meet with ASLPT and review the report from Earle Chase and propose a boundary. This will take into account the town's gravel needs, the buffers recommended in the Natural Resource Inventory, and the Master Plan.

The CC will take steps to permanently mark the wetland boundary and review any outstanding restoration work that is planned.

The CC will prepare a draft conservation easement proposal that provides information on boilerplate restrictions and more detail on where the town has flexibility to describe the restrictions. We will also include the results of any conversations with area landowners on their interest in conservation easements.

The CC would then like a combined meeting set up to review this information and invite Andy Deegan from ASLPT to answer questions and talk about the benefits of a conservation easement and any other topics that the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen may be interested in.

Bradley Lake: The water quality at Bradley Lake is tested once a year as part of the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program, in conjunction with the Village District (with Mike Vercellotti). The results have always been good. Earle Davis runs the same tests at Highland Lake three times a year.

Monitoring Reports:

Newman Easement (October 11): Larry, Tina Cotton, Nan, and Jerry conducted the monitoring assessment. The landowner expressed concern about trash and campfires at the falls. Larry will check about access routes to determine whether any steps could be taken to encourage more responsible use by visitors. Derek Mansell mentioned problems with the markings of the town line. We will notify Selectmen of this issue.

Fenvale Easement: The monitoring assessment may still need to be done. Mary Anne will check whether the monitoring has taken place, and the ACC will do it if necessary.

Budget: We won't need a warrant article to move unexpended appropriation to 2017 because we won't have any unexpended appropriation.

Wildlife Action Plan Maps: Larry will mount the map on foam core.

Movie – Chasing Ice: Jesse will continue to explore the options for a screening date and co-sponsors, and will speak with Larry (ACC/Energy Committee) about the plans.

Forestry Workshops: Jerry is looking at collaborating with Dave Pilla on a Forestry Management Workshop in spring.

Other Business:

We discussed the concerns of a Bradley Lake landowner who had questions about local logging work. We will ask Marj Roy to ask Doug Miner to check on the situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

School Board

October 4, 2016

Condensed from approved minutes

Board present: Michelle Dudek, Misty Sava, Dean Barker, Annie MacKenzie

Administration present: Mark MacLean, Christine Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, Judith Turk

Public present: Tina Cotton, Tibor Farkas, Paul Marinace

Public Comment: None

Old Business

AE/MS Facilities Project: Tibor Farkas and Paul Marinace responded to the questions of the Andover School Board (ASB) regarding the prospective design of the facility improvement plan. Discussion took place involving the next steps to be taken to inform the public of the plan. Tours and information sessions will take place prior to the scheduled board meetings for November and December.

New Business


Policies: First readings took place. Chris explained the policies to be reviewed and discussed/approved at the next board meeting. The policies include: Determination of Eligibility of Specific Learning Disability; Drug and Alcohol Use By Students; Student Health Services; Physical Examinations of Students; Immunizations of Students; and Administering Medication to Students.

Superintendent's Report: Mark M shared some topics discussed at a recent conference relating to empowering teachers and reflective school leadership. He stated that there has been good progress made with support staff negotiations.


The administration continues to be busy with facility discussions, and he has been in communication with the Andover Capital Improvement Plan Committee regarding the continued process.

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Letters

Thank You from Mary Anne Broshek

Thank you to everyone who turned out to vote for me on November 8. While I won in Andover, I did not receive a majority of votes in Danbury and Salisbury and lost by about 160 votes. I met many wonderful people during the campaign and will continue to be involved in state and local issues with an emphasis on making sure voters have facts on which to base their decisions. A very special thank you to Mario Ratzki, Caroline Mouton, Susan Chase, and my supporters in all three towns who planned campaign events, made donations, and held signs at the polls and transfer stations. I am grateful for the time and effort you put into the campaign and the advice and guidance you provided to me.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Broshek

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!

Thank You from Natalie Wells

Thank you Andover and Danbury for placing your vote of confidence in me to be your State Representative for District 25 (Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Warner, and Webster).

I have enjoyed meeting so many of you while door knocking. I thoroughly enjoyed being able to participate in Andover's Fourth of July Parade, meeting great people, and enjoying the music and foods. Another opportunity I had was to participate in a delicious meal at the Danbury Grange hosted by the Danbury firemen.

January 2017 will begin an exciting new year, and I am proud to be a part of this. I look forward to working

with other legislators to address issues that were an important part of my campaign.

If you need or want to reach out to me, my e-mail address is nataliewells4n-hg@gmail.com or call 456-2873.

Sincerely,

Natalie J. Wells

Thank You from Harold French

On Tuesday, November 8th, I had the honor of being elected to the New Hampshire State Senate. It was a very close election with the recount providing a final vote margin of 17 to make the victory.

I would like to thank all of you who supported me in this effort, those who worked door-to-door, held signs, talked with their neighbors and friends, and voted. In an election this close you know that everyone had a hand in the final results.

Had just one of you not done what you had done for me, large or small, the results would have been different. I will remember this during my next two years of service.

I want all the folks of District 7, everyone, no matter who you voted for, to know I will be there to serve you. I'll make every effort to keep all the people of District 7 informed of the impact of impending legislation and state government on them.

I will be offering constituent services for all people who have difficulties within the District, my door will always be open and my phone is on.

I would like to also take a moment to thank my opponent Senator Andrew Hosmer for his 4 years of service to the District. Although we may differ greatly on many issues, he deserves a hand for the countless hours he has devoted to the job.

Again, my sincerest Thank You to everyone!

Senator Elect,

Harold French

Anyone Can Write a Warrant Article for Town or School Meeting

Requires signatures of 25 Andover voters

Charlie Darling, Beacon volunteer

Traditionally, the Select Board writes the warrant articles for Town Meeting and we, the voters of Andover, flock to Town Meeting to discuss and ultimately vote on each article. The articles that we accept, including the total budget figure, pretty much control how the town is run for the coming year.

But it's not just the Select Board that can put an idea (in the form of a warrant article) before Town Meeting to be voted on. In fact, anyone can do it.

Of course, there are a few rules:

1) The warrant article must be delivered to the office of the Select Board by the fifth Tuesday before Town Meeting. This year, that will be Tuesday, February 7.

2) The warrant article must be signed (legibly!) by at least 25 registered Andover voters. Each signature will be checked against the Town's checklist. If fewer than 25 of the signatures can be matched on the checklist, the article won't be added to the warrant.

3) According to RSA 39:3, the Select Board may make "only such minor textual changes as may be required," so the burden is on the writer of the warrant article to be sure it is worded clearly and that it calls for an action that Town Meeting can legally take.

School District Meeting

The rules for getting a petitioned warrant article on the Andover School District warrant are pretty much the same. The rules are in RSA 197:6, and the main difference from the rules de-


scribed above is the deadline for petitions. A petition must be presented "to the school board or one of them not later than 30 days before the date prescribed for the school district meeting or the second Tuesday in March, whichever is earlier." This year, that deadline would fall on Saturday, February 4, which is 30 days before the Monday, March 6, School District meeting.

Any Other Business

If, for whatever reason, you can't meet all those criteria, you may still be able to put your issue in front of Town Meeting. The last article of the warrant is always "To transact any other business that may legally come before [Town Meeting]." That's your cue to be recognized by the moderator and put your issue before the voters.

But there's a catch: to be legally valid, any motion at Town Meeting must comply with RSA 39:2, which requires that "The subject matter of all business to be acted upon at the town meeting shall be distinctly stated in the warrant, and nothing done at any meeting shall be valid unless the subject thereof is so stated."

So if your idea needs to be legally valid – if it expends money or changes an ordinance or something like that – then "any other business" is not the time to bring it up. Even if it were passed by the meeting, it wouldn't be legally valid because it would not meet the requirement of RSA 39:2.

On the other hand, a motion that has no legal effect, such as honoring someone or expressing the meeting's support for an idea or an organization, works just fine as "any other business." 

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Planning Board Proposes Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Public Hearings December 13 and January 10

Press release

Many people in Andover are living in houses larger than they currently need. Some of those people want to be able to use that space for another family to live without the process of creating an apartment building.

At the same time, there are people looking for small living spaces because of new jobs in the area, completion of school, or changes in family. The Planning Board is proposing a way of dealing with both needs at the same time.

The Planning Board was developing a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in existing residences. Simultaneously, the lawmakers in Concord passed a new law requiring towns to offer Accessory Dwelling Units. The Planning Board has developed a plan that meets Andover's situation instead of allowing the state to tell us how to do it.

What is an Accessory Dwelling Unit? An ADU is defined as a residential living unit that is within or attached to a single-family dwelling and provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principle dwelling unit it accompanies.

There are many important benefits

associated with the creation of ADUs:

- Increasing the supply of affordable housing without the need for more infrastructure or further land development
- Benefiting ageing homeowners, single parents, recent college graduates saddled with significant student loan debt, caregivers, and disabled persons
- Integrating affordable housing into the community with minimal negative impact
- Providing elderly citizens with the opportunity to live in a supportive family environment with both independence and dignity

Why is this important to Andover?

A new State of New Hampshire law effective June 1, 2017 will allow an attached ADU as a matter of right, or by conditional use permit, or by special exception, in all zoning districts that permit single family dwellings.

- Andover's Zoning Ordinance does not mention ADUs, so if Andover does not adopt an ordinance for ADUs, they will automatically be deemed permitted by New Hampshire state law.
- A guiding principle of Andover's Master Plan identifies the concept of providing choices in housing types. One priority is to maintain Andover's small town and rural character.

What can you do?

The Andover Planning Board has drafted a proposed

warrant article to the Zoning Ordinance and encourages public input and support.

- Attend one of the public hearings to be held on Tuesday, December 13, and Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30 PM in the Andover Town Hall meeting room. This is an opportunity to review and accept comments from the public on the proposed warrant article.
- Read the proposed warrant article that will appear on the ballot to be voted on during voting on March 14. See below or read it on the Town Web site at Andover.NH.us.
- E-mail your comments or questions to Planning Board Chair Nancy Teach at NanceTeach@gmail.com. These e-mails will be included in the public hearing minutes.
- Vote in favor of the ADU update to the Andover Zoning Ordinance during voting on March 14.

Draft – Accessory Dwelling Unit Andover Planning Board

Proposed Warrant Article for the Zoning Ordinance – March 14, 2017

ARTICLE X--: ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

A. Purpose

Pursuant to RSA 674:71-73, the purpose of this article is to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in appropriate zoning districts in order to:

1. increase the supply of affordable housing without the need for more infrastructure or further land development;
2. provide the opportunity for small rental housing units to meet the housing needs of single persons and couples, recent college graduates, aging homeowners, caregivers and disabled persons;
3. improve the inventory of affordable housing;
4. allow the efficient use of the Town's existing stock of dwellings and accessory buildings;
5. provide elderly citizens with the opportunity to live in a supportive family environment with both independence and dignity; and
6. protect and preserve the rural one-family residential character of the Town.

B. Definition

An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a dwelling unit that is accessory to a single-family dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation, on the same parcel of land as the single-family dwelling it accompanies.

C. Provisions

1. Only one (1) ADU shall be permitted for each single-family dwelling.
2. An ADU shall not be permitted on lots with multiple existing dwelling units.
3. The ADU shall provide independent facilities for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.
4. Unless a Special Exception is granted by the Board of Adjustment, the ADU shall be attached to or within the single-family dwelling. There shall be a common wall and connecting door between the single-family dwelling and the ADU.
5. The ADU shall have an independent means of ingress and egress, or shall have ingress and egress through common space such as a shared hallway to an exterior door.
6. The entrance to the ADU shall be from the side or rear of the building unless it is from the inside of the main entrance. A second front entrance for handicapped access may be granted by the Board of Adjustment by Special Exception if no other option is available.
7. Except in the Forest and Agriculture (FA) District, a detached ADU may be permitted by Special Exception granted by the Board of Adjustment. Any such detached ADU must comply in all other respects with the purposes and requirements of this Article. No new structure may be built for the principal purpose of constructing a detached ADU.
8. Either the ADU or the single-family dwelling shall be the primary residence and legal domicile of the owner of the property.

See Zoning on page 17



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How to Get Help If You Need It

Mary Anne Broshek
Former NH Director of Family Assistance

I am writing as a follow-up to Mario Ratzki's comments on page 14 of the September Beacon about getting help when you need it. There is a lot of misinformation out there on welfare programs.

Most of what you see in the media is someone trying to game the system and, yes, some people do that, but the percentage is very small. That, plus the fact that there is a very active quality control and fraud detection effort, keeps errors – overpayments and underpayments – below the 3% and 4% limits.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families

The program most people refer to as "welfare" is the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program. In New Hampshire, since 1997, this program is divided into two main parts:

The New Hampshire Employment Program (NHEP), where an able-bodied adult receives assistance with the children. There is a 30-hour per week work activity requirement and a five-year time limit.

The Family Assistance program

(FAP), where there is no able-bodied adult receiving assistance. There is no work requirement and no five-year time limit.

FAP is the program Mario referred to when he mentioned the help available for grandparents who are taking care of their grandchildren as a result of the opioid crisis. It allows grandparents or other relatives to afford the additional costs of taking care of the children and keeps the children out of the foster care system. Both a cash grant and Medicaid can be provided.

As of July 31, there were 870 NHEP cases and 1,421 FAP cases. The term "case" means the family unit of adult and children who are receiving assistance.

An easy way to see if you are eligible for the many types of public assistance available for seniors, families, disabled individuals, children, and other low-income individuals is via computer. Visit NHeasy.NH.gov, then click "Do I qualify?" After you enter information, the system will let you know if you are potentially eligible for all of the programs you might qualify for and will tell you what to do next.

Andover's Fourth of July Committee Sends Christmas Wishes

The Andover Fourth of July Committee would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Although it's cold outside now, move a little closer to your woodstove and you will begin to feel the heat that we all enjoy on the Fourth of July. Just look outside at 4 PM this afternoon and it will be dark enough for fireworks.

By now, many of you have been contacted by a Fourth of July Committee member with the intent of encouraging you to enter a float in the upcoming, 75-year anniversary parade. In the next month or two, last year's parade participants will be receiving letters with registration forms in the hope that you will pre-register your float or entry. Pre-registering assists the parade line up team with a more organized line up process. As a reminder, the theme is: Remember When? 1942-2017.

As you go to sleep on Christmas Eve, we hope that visions of sugar plums and parade float ideas will be dancing in your head! We, the Fourth of July Committee, have a great time together putting on the Fourth of July celebration for everyone to enjoy. If you are interested in contributing in any capacity, large or small, or entering a float, please contact one of us: Doug Phelps, 802-310-1045; Donna French, 735-6131; Bob Ward, 735-5061; Beth Frost, 735-5562.

Just like surprises are a part of opening Christmas gifts, the committee has surprises in store for the 75th Andover Fourth of July celebration. Happy New Year to all and to all a good night!

Wanted: Candidates for Town Boards and Committees

Dennis Fenton
Andover Board of Selectmen (retired)

Dennis Fenton, a long-time member of the Board of Selectmen, wrote these words in 2009 when he decided to retire from the Board. With his permission, we're re-running this to encourage people to consider becoming a candidate.

First, the fact that you are busy is not a legitimate excuse! Everyone can use that one, but it's the town's well-being that is at stake, so we all have to find time to do the things that are really important to us.

What background should you have to run for a Town office? There's no one right answer to that question. George Upton, for example, took an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen before the moving van was completely unloaded when he came to Andover. He went on to win re-election. George only had on-the-job training, which is the hard way.

Other Town officers have taken different paths. All these folks had one thing in common – as a part of the community, they wanted to give something back to Andover.

A Good Candidate

What makes a good candidate? The first item on any candidate's agenda should be what is good for the majority. When a new problem arises, the right solution is not the easy way out, but what serves our town the best.

As a member of a Town board or

committee, you are one of the overseers of our town whose job it is to manage the town's resources and problems. When a vote is taken, be supportive of the majority decision, even if you might like something a little different.

Your main charge is to have needed services provided to the town at a reasonable cost. An important tool available to you in pursuit of that goal is the Budget Committee. Their job is to review all budgets in town and present the budget to be voted on at Town Meeting, School District Meeting, and the meetings of the various precincts.


The Budget Committee takes the prejudice out of an individual budget as they look at the big picture. It is important that we all, boards and citizens, listen very closely to the story they tell each year as they attempt to keep our tax rate at a manageable level.

Share Your Talents

To all you good folks out there: You are not too busy to make a commitment to share your many talents. Being a member of a Town board or committee is not a thankless job. People appreciate your willingness to serve, and you will be surprised how many times you are told this.

I don't know who will sign up, but you are out there. This is for your town. It is all worthwhile. Good luck!

The filing dates for candidates to file with the Town Clerk are Wednesday, January 25, through Friday, February 3.



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- **Andover School Budget**
January 4, 7 PM
- **Petitioned Warrant Articles**
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Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord, November 2016

Mario's final report from Concord

Mario Ratzki New Hampshire Representative

The county delegation met on November 4 and voted unanimously to approve of the latest county courthouse contract proposal to the state. The contract, as of this writing, has not yet been approved by the state.

To say that I am disappointed in the recent election results would be an understatement. I am particularly puzzled as to why voters did not re-elect David Karrick and give Mary Anne Broshek a chance to serve our communities. David in particular was a reliable partner in anything: flood control, highways and bridges, broadband expansion, and Medicaid expansion. So it goes.

This said, I want to congratulate Anne Copp and Natalie Wells. I do hope that they will be as "embedded" in our towns as David and I were. We

always responded to all inquiries, regardless of party, and we should expect the new representatives to do the same.

The issues facing our towns will still be the lack of education funding and the lack of a reliable broadband infrastructure in areas of Danbury and Salisbury. Flood control payments will be on the table again, and it has been my experience that both parties would like these payments to disappear.

Watch out for business taxes being reduced again at the expense of sending money back to the towns. Downshifting of costs from the state to the towns will probably continue and needs to be reversed. There is a fight there. Medicaid expansion will also be on the table.

I wish the newcomers the best of luck.

As for me, I want to thank all the people who supported me through the years. It has been a great honor and a fantastic adventure.

Signing off: Mario Ratzki



2016 General Election Results

Office/Candidate	Andover Votes	NH Votes	US Votes
PRESIDENT			
Hillary Clinton <i>Democratic</i>	703	348,526	65,489,409
Donald Trump <i>Republican</i>	673	345,790	62,827,833
Gary Johnson <i>Libertarian</i>	49	30,777	4,368,411
Jill Stein <i>Green</i>	7	6,496	1,360,952
Rocky De La Fuente <i>American Delta</i>	2	678	32,895
Write-Ins	12	12,029	758,465
GOVERNOR			
Colin Van Ostern <i>Democratic</i>	728	337,589	
Chris Sununu <i>Republican</i>	626	354,040	
Max Abramson <i>Libertarian</i>	51	31,243	
Write-Ins	3	1,991	
US SENATE			
Maggie Hassan <i>Democratic</i>	735	354,649	
Kelly Ayotte <i>Republican</i>	642	353,632	
Aaron Day <i>Independent</i>	33	17,742	
Brian Chabot <i>Libertarian</i>	20	12,597	
Write-Ins	1	520	
US HOUSE			
Ann McLane Kuster <i>Democratic</i>	717	174,371	
Jim Lawrence <i>Republican</i>	592	158,825	
John Babiarez <i>Independent</i>	72	17,076	
Write-Ins	0		
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL			
Michael Cryans <i>Democratic</i>	658	65,594	
Joseph Kenney <i>Republican</i>	654	72,892	
Write-Ins	1		
NH SENATE			
Andrew Hosmer <i>Democratic</i>	726	13,863	
Harold French <i>Republican</i>	610	13,880	
Write-Ins	0	18	
NH HOUSE District 1			
Mary Anne Broshek <i>Democratic</i>	715	1,296	
Anne Copp <i>Republican</i>	636	1,453	
Write-Ins	1	2	
NH HOUSE District 25			
David Karrick <i>Democratic</i>	685	2,654	
Natalie Wells <i>Republican</i>	636	2,799	
Write-Ins	1	6	
COUNTY SHERIFF			
Scott Hilliard <i>Republican, Democratic</i>	1,310	74,601	
Write-Ins	3	269	
COUNTY ATTORNEY			
Scott Murray <i>Republican, Democratic</i>	1,277	73,542	
Write-Ins	0	156	
COUNTY TREASURER			
Leslie Hammond <i>Republican</i>	714	42,925	
Ricardo Rodriguez <i>Democratic</i>	564	30,699	
Write-Ins	0	51	
REGISTER OF DEEDS			
Kathi Guay <i>Republican</i>	734	43,912	
Erica Davis <i>Democratic</i>	560	31,064	
Write-Ins	1	38	
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
Jane Bradstreet <i>Republican</i>	704	43,738	
Carl Wilhelm Soderstrom <i>Democratic</i>	530	30,168	
Write-Ins	1	41	
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh <i>Republican</i>	834	18,348	
Write-Ins	10	146	
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Registered Voters	1,999		~200,000,000
Turn-Out	73%		~68%



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Committee of Community Members Rewrites Noise Ordinance

Did you see the recent Pearls Before Swine comic strip, when Rat complains to Neighbor Bob about the noisy parties he throws that continue well after midnight?

Neighbor Bob retorts that he can do whatever he wants in his own backyard. Rat tells him to open his door to the backyard, which he does, finding that Rat has sealed the opening with a brick wall. Oh, dear! Clearly there's no Noise Ordinance in that town.

Needing a new Noise Ordinance of our own town, the Andover Select Board proposed an ordinance last March at Town Meeting. Voters rejected the proposed Noise Ordinance, the consensus being that the proposed ordinance was "too big" for our town.

Andover Police Chief Laramie explained that we do not currently have an enforceable Noise Ordinance, making it difficult to respond to complaints. With no enforcement spelled out in the old ordinance, the only recourse for the police has been to treat an incident as a criminal offense, resulting in a punishment that does not fit the "crime."

Three community members volunteered to work with the Select Board to rewrite the ordinance. The group met in October with Chief Laramie and reviewed several examples from neighboring towns. Key points were agreed upon, and a revised and more concise document (below) was produced that the group felt was relevant to our town.

A public hearing will be held on Monday, January 16, at 6 PM. Please come to give us your feedback or ask questions about the revised ordinance, which will, once again, be voted on at Town Meeting in March. We would like to be able to give the residents of Andover and the Police Department a workable tool to deal with noise complaints in our community.

Text of Proposed Noise Ordinance

In accordance with RSA 31:39, I (n), the Town of Andover hereby adopts the following Ordinance to regulate noise and to provide for the promotion of public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare, prosperity and the peace and quiet of the Town and its citizens.

SECTION 1: PURPOSE AND INTENT

Because the creation and/or maintenance of loud, unnecessary or unusual noises, within the Town of Andover, which are prolonged, unusual and unnatural in their time, place and use, detrimentally affect public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and prosperity of Town citizens, the Town ordains it necessary and appropriate to enact the following provisions and prohibitions.

SECTION 2: PROHIBITED SOUNDS AND EXEMPTIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise disturbance which annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the

comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others, within the Town's limits, between the hours of 10:30 PM and 7 AM, seven days per week.

The following is a list of specific violations:

A. Horns, signaling devices, and the like. The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle on any street or public place of the Town, except as a danger warning.

B. Any noise occasioned by any one or more of the following actions of or by the operator of any motor vehicle:

1. Misuse of power exceeding the tire traction limits in acceleration, sometimes known as "peeling rubber; or

2. Misuse of braking power exceeding tire traction limits in deceleration where there is no emergency; or

3. Rapid acceleration by means of quick upshifting of transmission gears with either clutch or manual downshifting of transmission gears with either clutch or manual transmission, or automatic transmission; or

4. Rapid deceleration by means of quick downshifting of transmission gears with either clutch or manual transmission, or automatic transmission; or

5. Racing engines by manipulation of the accelerator, gas pedal, or carburetor or gear selection

C. Radio, loudspeakers, phonographs, amplifiers, and the like. The use and operation of any radio, receiver, musical instrument, phonograph, loudspeaker, sound amplifier or other device for the production or reproduction of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighboring inhabitants or any time with louder volume than is necessary for the reasonable hearing for the person or persons who are in the room, vehicle or chamber in which such machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto.

D. Animals, birds and the like. The keeping of any animal, bird or pet which by causing frequent and/or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

E. Loading, unloading and the like. The creation of a loud and excessive noise in connection with loading or unloading any vehicle, or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crate, containers or logs.

F. Construction, repair of building, excavation.

1. Construction or repair of buildings. The erection, demolition, excavation, alteration, or repair of any building other than between the hours of 7 AM and 10:30 PM, except in cases of emergency or urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the Zoning Administrator, which permit may be granted for a limited time only while the emergency continues or urgent necessity warrants. If the Zoning Administrator should de-

Capital Improvement Planning Process Complete for 2016

Current plan can be viewed on Town Web site

Doug Phelps,
Capital Improvement Committee Chair

The 2017 Capital Improvement Planning cycle was completed with the public hearing held on November 16. The current plan, as submitted to the Select Board and the Budget Committee in October, was reviewed at the lightly-attended hearing.

The Capital Improvement Plan is intended as an advisory document for budgetary planning related to projects or equipment costing at least \$10,000 with an expected lifetime of five years. The plan covers the 10-year horizon out to 2026. The state of New Hampshire recommends the plan be revised every one to two years in order to keep the plan relevant to the changing needs of communities.

Items covered in this year's CIP in-

clude:

- Fire Department Vehicle Replacement
- Police Department Vehicle Replacement
- Road Maintenance Expenses
- Grader Replacement
- Town Hall Heating/Ventilating Improvements
- Town Office Computer Server
- Andover Ambulance Replacement
- Andover Elementary/Middle School Facility Upgrade – Bond Analysis

The current Capital Improvement Plan can be viewed on Andover's Town Web site, or a printed copy can be picked up at the Town Hall.

The committee would like to thank all those who cooperated during the planning cycle by providing the vital information needed to complete the process.

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August	The Fondtones	Pine Hill Yoga, Kayak Country Paddlesports
September	The Buskers	Ragged Mt. Fish & Game Club Residents
October	The Mink Hills Band	Merrimac Corporate Finance Inc.
November	Sferes and White	Ragged View Farm
December	The Lowe Profiles	Tarte Cafe and Bakery

Open to the public at no cost, Andover Community Coffeehouse concerts take place in the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover, NH, on the third Friday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. The Coffeehouse is an arm of the Andover Community Association.

www.AndoverCoffeeHouse.org

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Andover's Yankee Trader

Oasis Spa hot tub: Five-person, kept inside since purchased in 2001. Good condition. \$500 or best offer. 735-5562.

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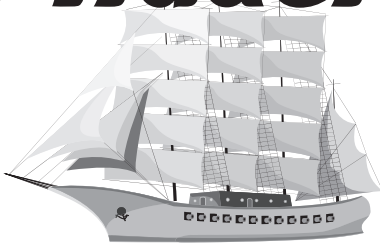
Table with laminate top: 30" x 48" on two stanchion-type legs, solid, in good condition. Free. 735-5168.

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Window Quilts: 3' x 6', used, 10 of them, best offer. Tile saw with stand: \$150. 735-5586.



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To be included in next month's AYT, get your 30 words and optional photo to the Beacon by the 15th. AdsAndoverBeacon.com • PO Box 149, Andover 03216 • 735-6099

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termine that public health and safety will not be impaired and that loss or substantial inconvenience would result to any interested party if the erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any building were not allowed a time other than between the hours of 7 AM and 10:30 PM, Monday through Saturday, he may grant permission for such work to be performed at a time specified by special permit, upon application being made in accord with Section 5 of this Ordinance.

G. Pile drivers, hammers and the like. The operation between the hours of 10:30 PM and 7 AM of any pile driver, steam shovel, pneumatic hammer, derrick, steam or electric hoist, or other appliance, the use of which is attended by loud or unusual noise.

H. Any use of Fireworks between the hours of 10:30 PM and 7 AM, seven days a week, will be prima facie evidence that the user has violated this ordinance. Law Enforcement Officers may confiscate any and all remaining fireworks on-site.

I. Any use of prolonged firearms for recreational purposes between the hours of 10:30 PM and 7 AM, seven days a week, will be prima facie evidence that the user has violated this ordinance. This subsection shall not apply to firearm noise resulting from licensed hunting activities.

EXEMPTIONS

The following categories of uses and activities shall be exempt from noise level regulations:

A. Noise of safety signals, warning devices, and emergency pressure relief valves.

B. Noises resulting from any authorized vehicle when responding to an emergency call or acting in time of emergency.

C. Noises resulting from emergency maintenance work as performed by the town, by the state or by public utility companies, to include snow removal operations.

D. Municipal maintenance work where the abutters to the work site have been given prior notice of the project.

E. Any other noise resulting from activities of a temporary duration permitted by law and for which a license or permit therefore has been granted by the town.

F. Snowblowers and other types of private or commercial snow removal operations.

G. Noise resulting from the use of emergency generators during periods of power loss.

H. Parades and public gatherings for which the Town of Andover has issued a permit.

I. Bells, chimes, or carillons while being used for religious purposes or in conjunction with religious services and those bells, chimes, or carillons that are presently installed and in use for any purpose.

SECTION 3: APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT

Application for a permit for relief from the noise prohibitions set forth in Sections 3 of this Ordinance, for a special circumstance of temporary duration, may be made to the Zoning Administrator or Town Administrator. Any permit granted by an authorized Town official shall set forth all conditions pertaining to the specified noise and circumstance, and shall specify a reasonable time limit for its abatement. Application for a special permit shall under no circumstances be granted for a Sunday, at any time.

SECTION 4: ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Upon receipt of a noise complaint, the Andover Police Department, the Town's Zoning Administrator and/or other enforcement authorities, shall investigate, record their findings(s), and take appropriate action, at the officer's discretion.

The primary objective and action of this ordinance is for the parties involved to reach a solution to the initial complaint. Should the initial solution not be sufficient and the factors of the complaint continue, the officers' discretionary power/recommendation, on site, shall be noted and the First Offense penalty can be instituted. If the situation goes beyond the Third Offense penalty, additional action will have to be determined at that time, to include the complaint being upgraded to a more severe legal action.

Any person convicted of knowingly violating this Ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties as permitted by RSA 31:39, III, with a maximum penalty not to exceed \$1,000.

A. First offense: \$100

B. Second offense \$200

C. Third offense or subsequent offense within a 12-month period: \$500.

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9. The ADU and the single-family dwelling shall permanently remain under common ownership.
10. The interior floor area of an attached ADU shall not exceed the lesser of fifty percent (50%) of the interior floor area of the single-family dwelling or one thousand six hundred (1,600) square feet.
11. The interior floor area of a detached ADU shall not exceed the lesser of:
12. fifty percent (50%) of the interior floor area of the smaller of the single-family dwelling or the detached building in which the ADU is to be located, or
13. one thousand six hundred (1,600) square feet.
14. There shall be no more than two bedrooms in an ADU.
15. An ADU shall be provided with at least one (1) off-street parking space of not less than two hundred (200) square feet on the lot on which it is located.
16. The external appearance of the single-family dwelling and ADU, and of any detached building in which an ADU is permitted, shall be consistent with the rural one-family residential character of the Town.
17. There shall be adequate water supply and sewage disposal for the ADU together with the

single-family dwelling in compliance with RSA 485-A:38 and regulations adopted by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

18. A Building Permit and a Certificate of Completion are required in accordance with Article VII. No ADU may be occupied without a Certificate of Completion.
- D. Minimum Lot Dimension and Similar Requirements.
 1. All provisions of this Zoning Ordinance applicable to a single-family dwelling shall also apply to the combination of a single-family dwelling and an ADU.
 2. A single-family dwelling with an attached ADU shall not be required to meet additional requirements for lot area, frontage, space limitations, or other controls beyond what would be required for a single-family dwelling without an ADU. In the case of a detached ADU, the Board of Adjustment may require a minimum lot size, minimum frontage, space limitations, or other controls in determining whether or not to grant a Special Exception, or as a condition thereof.
 3. Without limitation of the foregoing, an ADU or any construction in connection with an ADU shall comply with all structure setback requirements. 

Be Sure Your Mailbox is Ready for Winter

Board of Selectmen

Before the ground freezes and the snow flies is a good time to be sure your mailbox is placed correctly and is strong enough to withstand the snow pushed aside by the plows as they clear the roads. Although there are no exact specifications indicating where a mailbox should be placed (our old New England roads vary too much in width), a general rule of thumb is to place your mailbox sufficiently out of the way so as to assure public safety and to facilitate snow removal.

For the benefit of all, the town's Mailbox Policy (adopted in August, 2004) is printed below. Please review the policy and be sure your mailbox is ready for winter.

Policy of the Town of Andover: Mailboxes

“An individual may erect and place a receptacle of US Mail and motor or rural delivery of daily or weekly newspapers in accordance with the provisions of any applicable state or federal law but without permission of the Selectmen. All such installations shall be sufficiently off the traveled way so as to assure public safety and facilitate snow removal. Design criteria of the US Postal Service shall be adhered to with respect to size and placement of

mailboxes.


“The Town has no liability with respect to loss or damage to mailboxes or newspaper receptacles placed in the right-of-way unless such loss or damage to a mailbox is the result of intentional or willful conduct, or gross negligence on the part of Town employees

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or agents. For the Town to assume liability, the mailbox must display tangible physical evidence of having actually been struck by a snowplow, mower, or other town vehicle performing official duties. Mailboxes that have been pushed over by snow or other causes but do not exhibit the mark of a strike will be the sole responsibility of the property owner.


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Fifty Years Ago in Andover: December 1966 and January 1967

Here's some old news from the *Andover, East Andover, West Andover, Potter Place, and Cilleyville "gossip" columns of the Franklin Journal Transcript, selected by Virginia Edwards.*

December 1, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hazen of Tilton, formerly of town, have bought a home on Franklin Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan MacDonald and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. MacDonald's sister Mrs. Barbara (Richardson) Firman and family of South Royalton, Massachusetts.

Erving Nelson of New College and Mrs. Bruce Goings and family of New London were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erving Nelson Sr., on Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wyeth spent Thanksgiving with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wyeth Jr. of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

Howard Wilson of Belgium spent Friday with his mother, Mrs. Freda Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perreault of Nashua spent the long weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poblens. Henry Fagon spent Thanksgiving with his daughter and family.

Andover Elementary School News: The boys in both of Mrs. Flint's shop classes have been working on an addition to the rock exhibit display shelf in the lab. Mrs. Haight, the school nurse, has been testing eyes, ears, weights, and heights of the children. The seventh and eighth graders are planning a birthday party for Mark Twain, because of their

studies. The Andover Eagles are planning a basketball game with Warner.

Lucky deer hunters this week are Gary Currier, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Currier; Dale McLeod; Skip Powers; Carlton and Billy George; and John Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hersey and son Roger of Connecticut spent Thanksgiving weekend at their home here, and dinner with Mr. and Mrs. James Hersey and guest Robert Robie. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sheldon had their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sheldon, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaMontagne of Rochester for Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Call spent Thanksgiving in Ohio with daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Young Jr. and children Becky and Peter of Brunswick, Maine spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Young and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kimball. Mrs. Edythe Nagel spent Thanksgiving with her granddaughter Miss Barbara Langohr in Poultney, Vermont.

A son, Mark Richard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Moore on December 2 in New London Hospital. Mark joins his sister Melody.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry French: a girl, Michelle Marie, on December 5 at New London Hospital.

Wedding anniversary congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phelps for their 51st anniversary; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peters; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Blake; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parris; Mr.

and Mrs. Paul Chadwick; and Mr. and Mrs. Norris McLean.

Congratulations to Miss Joan Downs of Andover and Samuel Young of Franklin on their wedding, held on November 26 at the Andover Congregational Church. The Reverend Francis Tucker united the couple in a double ring ceremony.

Henry R. Powers, 76, of Andover passed away on November 30 at New London Hospital after a long illness. Born in Danbury and resided in Andover for many years. Services were held at Chadwick Funeral Home. Burial will be in Proctor Cemetery in Andover.

December 8, 1966

A mural of Huckleberry Finn was drawn by Arthur Grady and John Reed at the school.

A sewing machine has been acquired for the special class so they will be able to sew their own costumes for the Christmas play. *Santa Claus Express* will include students of all ages. The play directed by teachers and assisted by Gail Sanborn. Musical assistance is by Mrs. Gay Ellen Sanborn and Susan Sheldon.

Andover Rescue Squad is not commercial. Carl Meier of Andover has asked us this week to make it perfectly clear that "no fees will be charged in any circumstances" for calls answered by the recently acquired Andover Rescue Squad ambulance. "This is not a commercial set-up in any way," he said. "We will assist in any way we can whenever we are called." It is not the intent of the Squad to compete in any way with other ambulance services in the area.

Mrs. Hazel Taylor's daughter June and grandson David and Mrs. Eleanor Spaulding of Lakeport visited with Mrs. Bessie Keyser. Mr. and Mrs. Rose MacDonald and girls of Malden, Massachusetts, and Miss Joyce Forsberg of New Jersey spent the Thanksgiving holiday weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Forsberg. Miss Marion Steuerwald spent the weekend with friends in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Ellen Taylor, Miss Wenona Schoolcraft, and Mrs. Bessie Keyser were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Schoolcraft and family in Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Frost and daughter Mrs. Eula Kelley spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Emery in Woodstock, Vermont.

Miss Leslie Wright and Miss Martha Burney, accompanied by the Reverend Francis Tucker, attended the Youth Fellowship Rally in Franklin. Everett Phelps is a patient at Mary Hitchcock Hospital.

December 15, 1966

Twenty parents and three teachers attended the regular monthly meeting of the Parent Teachers Group held at the school last Thursday evening. The attendance banner was awarded to Mrs. Thompson's room for having 52% of her students represented.

Miss Cynthia Phelps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Phelps, will be vacationing from her secretarial studies at Pierce College for Women, Concord.

Forty children and adults attended the North Road Community Club Christmas party in Flaghole on Saturday. The Thisell family and Mr. and Mrs. George Miller played their band for entertainment. Exchange of gifts and refreshments of cake, cookies, ice cream, popcorn, candy, and coffee were served buffet-style.

Ten women of the Ladies Aid attended the sewing day at Mrs. Ella Heden's home on December 8. Sewing was done on cancer dressings and aprons. There was an announcement that the shut-in Christmas plates will be filled at the home of Eldora Walker.

December 22, 1966

We would like to thank Mrs. Victor Phelps for the piano she donated to the school, and Clarence Keyser Jr. for moving it. The first graders are doing a survey of industries in Andover and comparing them with those of a town of over twice the population. This is being done in cooperation with the first graders in Pittsfield, New Hampshire.

120 children received Christmas presents from Santa Claus at the American Legion Christmas party on December 17.

A candlelight service will be held on Christmas Eve at 11 PM in the church. Any folks or teens interested in Christmas Caroling will meet in front of the church on Christmas Eve at 7:45 PM. Chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weinert, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Frost, and Monroe Haley.

VFW Auxiliary Chatterbox: The

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December 11 meeting was held with 12 members present. President McAdams reported we had a profit of \$71 from our Thanksgiving baskets. Marjorie Pease was appointed chairman for the children's Christmas Party. Refreshments were served with birthday cake and a gift for Sadie Ruel.

December 29, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Harris of Kennebunkport, Maine, spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family, Mrs. Gracie Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heinlein spent Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trafton of South Acton, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wyeth spent Christmas with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wyeth Jr., in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. William George entertained their children, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ridlon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard George and family of town, Miss Rosalie Fifield of Franklin, and John Pay of Dover. PFC James Delaney of Quantico, Virginia spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Alice Delaney, at the Reginald Matava home. James had to return to base on Christmas Day. There were four generations at the house.

Mrs. Lillian Matava is a patient at New London Hospital.

December 29, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Perley Ordway entertained their family for Christmas: Pvt. Wyman Ordway from Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McLeod and family of Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Dale McLeod, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cloutier and family. Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Reed in Potter Place were their daughter and family, Mrs. James Minard and family, Mrs. Virginia Reed of Potter Place, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shortle and his father George Shortle of Laconia, and Mrs. Ruth Sears of New London.

January 5, 1967

The Andover Congregational Church annual meeting and potluck dinner will be held in the Grange Hall on January 8. The potluck dinner is put on by the Family Life Committee: Mrs. Harold Stickney, Mrs. Marie Rising, and Mrs. Marjorie Sheldon. Each family is asked to bring a casserole and their silverware for serving.

Mrs. Freda Wilson had her eye operated on Friday with much success. She will be staying with her nephew, Mr. Charles Counter, and his wife of Reading, Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Phelps entertained Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones and daughter of MacIndoes, Vermont; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stickney and daughter of Concord; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Smith and family; James Alley; and Mrs. Eliza Buzzell for Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Phelps also called on them.

Andover Fish and Game Club election of officers was held at the annual meeting at the club house. Elected were: President Edmond "Buck" Albec; Vice President John Rayno; Secretary and Treasurer Charles Putney. Delegates to the Fegerators Albec and John; Alternate Fletcher "Red" Pills-

bury; Executive Committee Henry Rayno, Harry Emerson, Tink Reed, Lewis Putney.

Private Wyman Ordway returned to his Fort Hood, Texas, camp on Saturday. His folks drove him to Logan Airport in Boston.

Mrs. Harold Mason is holding open house for her mother, Mrs. Maude Chandler, whose 90th birthday is on January 8, in Mollie Bachelder room of the library. Everyone is welcome.

Reports of the year were given. Getting the largest buck was Bill Taylor of Elkins at 178 pounds. Second, Jim Minard of Potter Place at 177¼; third, Gordon Ordway of South Danbury at 153¾. Smallest buck, Bobby MacDonald at 68¼; Largest doe, Ervin Nelson at 138¼; second, Dale McLeod at 127¾; third, Bob Ford at 118¼; smallest doe, Joseph Huntoon, 93¼. Average weight, Spunky Ford at 120; lucky weight, Francis Heath at 119; jackpot, Kenneth Sanborn.

An oyster stew was served by Gerald Walker.

The East Andover Volunteer Fire Company is proud to announce that the new fire truck, made possible through the whole-hearted support of the people of the community by their financial contributions and fundraising events by the firemen, has now been paid in full.

As the new year begins, the members of the East Andover Volunteer Fire Company wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all those whose support has made the project a success. It is the hope of the company that the need for the new fire truck will be very limited during the coming year, but that if and when emergencies arise it will be able to justify the confidence so freely expressed by the community it serves.

Mr. and Mr. Charles Barton and family spent the New Year weekend with Mrs. Connie Barton in Goffstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Emma Haley) Rayno of Franklin received word on Saturday of the death of their son, Joseph Rayno, in action. Much sympathy goes to Reginald Matava on the death of his mother, Mrs. Charles Matava, at the New London Hospital on Sunday.

Mrs. Harold Grame of Montpelier, Vermont, and Mrs. Chris (Mary Grame) Metakes of Keene spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sheldon. Mrs. Edith Leonard and family of Montpelier, Vermont, spent the New Year weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mr. Herbert Young.

We are sorry to hear of the misfortune for Harold Kidder. He fractured his wrist while skating.

January 12, 1967

There will be an opportunity this week for the townspeople to inspect the new Andover Rescue Squad Ambulance, which will be on display near the center of the village at Andover on January 14 and at the post office in East Andover on January 15. Members of the Rescue Squad will be on hand to answer questions and explain the equipment carried in the vehicle. This is your ambulance; drop by and look it over.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Emerson of Potter Place flew to Richmond, Indiana between the holidays to visit their son,

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An early picture of the Eastman Farm on what is now Currier Road in Hill. This farm belonged to Ellen Hersey's Grandfather, Ebenezer Eastman. His father, Ezekiel Eastman, moved here from Salisbury, MA in 1818, and built a log cabin. The farm was passed down through the family from Ezekiel to son Ebenezer, to his daughter Mary, and to her son Guy Hersey. The farm was sold in the early 1950s to the Prescott family, and is owned today by the Natkiel family.

Sharing Memories of the Good Old Days

Rita Norander, For the Beacon

In the November issue of the Beacon was a picture of my great aunt, Ellen Hersey Schoolcraft Taylor (1885-1975). Seeing the picture of Ellen and her four friends reminded me of a journal Ellen had written, entitled "The Good Old Days." It's not clear, exactly when Ellen wrote this account, but probably later in life, as she was looking back on her childhood days. Over the years, I have

enjoyed reading these little stories written by Ellen, and I hope other people will, too.

Background Information

Ellen Hersey was my grandfather's (Guy Hersey) younger sister. Their parents, Mary Eastman & Benjamin Hersey, grew up in Hill, on the other side of Tucker Mountain from East Andover, where the Eastmans first settled in 1818,

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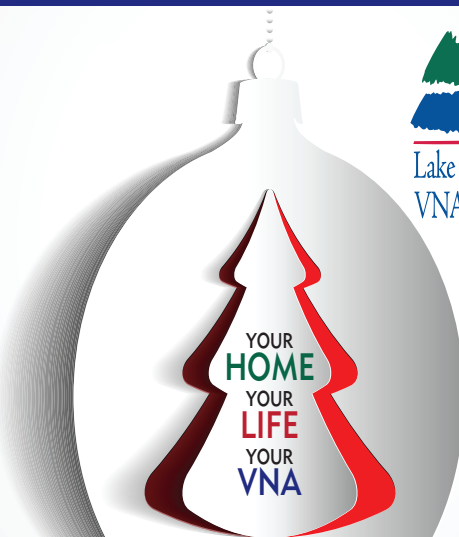


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This year's Creepy Crawl and Kids Run had about fifty participants and thirteen sponsors.

Successful Creepy Crawl 5K for EAVP

Fundraising assists scholarship funding

Lawre Goodnow, EAVP

On November 18, EAVP hosted a family night for currently enrolled children. The purpose of the evening was to give families the opportunity to spend time in the classroom with their child doing activities representative of those done each day. The activities also offer the teachers an opportunity to demonstrate the educational purposes behind the activities.

Blocks are a common toy found at home and school, for example, but many may not know how blocks provide many learning opportunities. Our art activity highlights the playful and experimental nature of our classroom art experiences. By providing materials and posing questions to the children, teachers support image making, language development, and literacy.

For the final activity, the remaining carrots from our garden were dug up and sampled along with a simple, healthy dip, following our garden-to-classroom curriculum called Early Sprouts.

In addition, the students have been interested in bats and, more recently, space

travel. To support these interests, we had Heidi Murphy of New Hampshire Fish and Game, a former EAVP parent, give a presentation on nocturnal animals.

Our evening concluded with a brief foray out into the night to look at the stars, See EAVP on page 26



Ten-year-old Dylan Heller ends his hunting day with his first ever deer, shot during last month's Youth Weekend. Sharing the hunt was Dylan's Dad, Papa, and brother Aiden. A very special family day.

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On behalf of everyone at Proctor, thank you, Charlie!

Charlie Darling Retires as Publisher and Editor of the Beacon

Retiring after twelve years of dedicated service

Charlie Darling, Outgoing Publisher

After 12 years as the publisher and editor of The Andover Beacon, plus over two years before that organizing and planning the project, I have retired my position and now serve as a volunteer. This is an important transition in the Beacon's history, and one I've planned for since that day in 2002 when Paul Fopiano called on me to say, "The Beacon is closing ... what are we

ers, no dividends, etc.; all the money we raise or earn gets plowed back into producing the best paper we can for the community.

- The Beacon's success sits on a three-legged stool: content, finances, and volunteers.

- Content: To maximize our value to the community, everything that appears in the Beacon either has a clear Andover connection or covers an area event, program, etc. that we think our Andover readers might want to participate in.

- Finances: To publish the paper, maintain our office, and pay our part-time staff members, we rely on advertisers for approximately 60% of our annual revenue and on donations from the community for the rest.

- Volunteers: There's absolutely no way anyone could publish a newspaper of the size and quality of the Beacon with just a small part-time staff like ours! Therefore, your friends and neighbors who volunteer in many different capacities at the Beacon are an absolutely critical part of each issue arriving in your mailbox.

So, with the help of a wonderful volunteer Board of Directors and a few generous early donors, we organized a corporation, drafted our first volunteers, and started publishing in October 2004. That first issue was 24 pages long, all black-and-white, and with only 19 paid ads.

What We've Accomplished

Twelve years later, the November 2016 issue was 44 pages long, with 12 pages in full color and 118 paid ads. Over the course of those 12 years, we've passed many important milestones:

- Achieved break-even, consistently covering our annual costs with advertising revenue and donations from the community

- Moved operations out of my spare bedroom into a real office first in the back of the old ski shop on Main Street, and now in the basement of the Town Hall

- Built a computer network so more than one person can work on the Beacon at a time

- Trained and developed many valuable volunteers in many different roles

- Applied for and was granted 501(c)(3) tax exempt status by the IRS, making donations to the Beacon tax deductible

- Launched AndoverBeacon.com, where every article and photo gets published first, before appearing in the newspaper

- Taken on important community publishing projects like the Town Report (since 2009), the Fourth of July program (since 2012), the Andover Historical Society's annual calendar, and the Andover Business and Resource Directory

- Hired part-time staff to help with graphic design, layout, and production

- Moved almost all of our computer work into "the cloud" so most staff and volunteers have the option to work from home rather than come into the office

- Hired part-time staff to help with bookkeeping

- Built a huge set of scorecards, workflows, and other spreadsheets to manage the large volume of work our small team has to accomplish every month efficiently and with a high degree of accuracy

- Hired a part-time publisher/editor, the final piece of the puzzle that has allowed me to retire from my day-to-day duties at the Beacon

Which brings us back to my original point to Paul, back in 2002: there's no point in starting up another community newspaper in Andover if we can't be sure it will last as long as the community supports it. By October of 2004, we thought we'd discovered the secret: a non-profit community organization that focuses on content, finances, and volunteers.

Now, as I step away from "my baby" in 2016, I think we were right: as long as the Beacon team focuses on content, finances, and volunteers, the baton can continue to pass from generation to generation for as long as the Andover community wants The Andover Beacon.

My Hopes for the Beacon's Future

That's not to say that the Beacon will move down through the generations unchanged -- far from it! Andover is changing and will continue to change, and to continue to serve the community, the Beacon must continue to change, too. So I'll leave you with a few thoughts for the future:

- One of my top priorities as a volunteer over the coming months will be to re-launch AndoverBeacon.com in a form that works well not only on your desktop computer but also on your tablet and your smartphone. This is a vital step in making sure that the Beacon is



Charlie often seen supporting school and local events. Photo Lindsey Allenby

available to every Andover resident in the form that's most useful, convenient, and enjoyable for them.

- Once that's done, it's imperative for the Beacon to assemble a team of volunteers to make all the Beacon's great content available on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). Again, the Beacon has to be available in all the important new forms of communication that are becoming so widely used.

- Once we're reaching all Andover residents, whether through the paper, the Web site, on Facebook, etc., it will be time to get much more sophisticated about our fundraising efforts. Historically, only about 200 to 300 households donate to the Beacon in a given year. Our long-term presence in the community depends on our helping more people understand the value of supporting the Beacon every year.



Charlie in his annual role as Uncle Sam in the 4th of July Parade. Photo Lindsey Allenby

going to do?"

Paul was referring to the first edition of The Andover Beacon, which he and Paul Fenton and others published from about 1990 until June of 2002, closing down when the team had grown older and was tired of working so hard.

We talked for a while. The challenges of creating a small-town newspaper from scratch were many and daunting. We did have to start from scratch, though we did get permission to carry the old name forward to create a sense of continuity for the community.

Ultimately, my response to Paul was this: "I'll look into organizing something, but if I can't come up with a plan that I'm confident can last for as long as the community wants to have its own newspaper, then I for one won't be willing to move forward on it."

After months of talking, learning, thinking, planning ... endless spreadsheets of planning! ... I hit on an approach that I had confidence could last as long as the community chose to support it. This was, and still is, the foundation on which the current edition of The Andover Beacon stands:

- Like its predecessor, the current Beacon is a New Hampshire non-profit corporation, existing solely to benefit the community of Andover. As a non-profit, there are no shareholders. AndoverBeacon.com



Charlie getting ready to "take it all off" in support of the St. Badrick's Foundation. Photo: Lindsey Allenby

- An on-going challenge for the Beacon will always be finding, training, and motivating the volunteers we need to do a big job for the community every month with just a small staff. We need to better communicate the benefits of volunteering for the Beacon, whether you're a young person looking to pick up important job skills and experience; a retiree looking to keep active and stimulated; or someone in the middle

See Charlie on page 28



Would like to say "THANK YOU, CHARLIE" for your years of service to our community!

Memories and Tributes to Charlie

From your friends at the Andover Community Association, a sincere thank you for forgiving all our missed deadlines, and for always finding space for our articles, photos, and ads in the Beacon despite our behavior. Here's hoping the new editor will be just as lenient! Best wishes for your future endeavors, whatever they may be. ~Andover Community Association

For someone who was not born and raised in Andover, Charlie has a passion and dedication for supporting the community he lives in that cannot be matched. Charlie has worked tirelessly to create a newspaper that represents the Andover community, leaving a legacy to continue and flourish long after he retires as editor. For all that you have given, and continue to give Andover, I personally thank you Charlie Darling. It has been a pleasure and honor to work with you on the restoration of the Cilleyville Bog Bridge and *The Andover Beacon*. May you enjoy some well-deserved time off, and best wishes for your next endeavor...whatever that may be. ~Connie Powers

Thank You Charlie for all your efforts to make *The Beacon* such a fantastic local newspaper! ~The Johnson family, Tucker Mountain Road

Charlie was so patient teaching me what I needed to know about the calendar. He set up special programs for my treasurer's report and also for the Fourth of July ads. It has been great fun working with Charlie. I expect I will see him once a month when we do the mailing. Have some fun Charlie. ~Shirley

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Charlie, the impact you've had on our community by heading *The Andover Beacon* cannot be overstated. You have been the modern equivalent of the Town Crier. Thank you for your photos, your constant call for more news from the Town Office, your budget analysis, tax rate articles, and postings of all the meetings and hearings our residents need to know about. On a personal note, thank you for teaching me the concept of "the nugget". Maybe some day I'll be able to write a decent headline, too. You have been a joy to work with. Best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement. ~Vicky Mishcon

Thank you, Charlie, for your many years of hard work and dedication. It's been a pleasure to work with you. We send you all good wishes in the days and years to come. With much appreciation, ~The Hafner Family at Chadwick Funeral Service

I became acquainted with Charlie on the Andover Conservation Commission where he demonstrated traits that have persisted with all of his endeavors. When on the commission, he initiated two projects: a cost analysis for developed versus undeveloped land and the need to protect the Bog Pond area through conservation easements. Although developed land generates more revenue through property taxes, this revenue is offset by town services such as schools, roads, transfer station, emergency services of fire, ambulance, police, and so forth that are unnecessary for undeveloped land; this exercise was a good introduction as to how the town is run. When I mentioned at a meeting that the Fentons were no longer going to publish *The Beacon*, Charlie immediately started to research what was essential for reactivating Andover's newspaper.

Charlie was working remotely for a computer-related company when he became available to become the first part time paid station manager of Andover's public access television station. Both the cable station and *The Beacon* were transitioning from the equivalent of analog to digital. Both were challenges for Charlie's computer expertise. I think it took about a year before Charlie was ready to publish his first edition of *The Beacon*. He carefully implemented setting up a non-profit; recruited a board of directors; and obtained office space, software for electronic publishing, and equipment. He established a format and templates for regular features; obtained many volunteers to submit articles, proofread, take photographs, etc., and he reported and photographed town events. Charlie established financial sustainability through donations and advertising; obtained town wide resident's mailing addresses for distribution, nicely bugged people for regular submissions, mentored volunteers, and oh! so many other things. Although he would modestly defer to the directors, he really was a one man band of ideas and action.

Always mindful of economy and simplification, Charlie expanded his expertise to publish the town report, July 4th program, and assist our town employees. Charlie's mind has always been looking towards the future with rapidly advancing technology. The more needs he saw, the more he took on. No wonder he found that getting someone to replace him was difficult. Finally he has found three people to continue *The Beacon's* tradition of knowing what is going on and keeping us informed on issues facing the town.

Thank you, Charlie, for your dedication, persistence, knowledge, prob-

lem-solving ability, alertness to town doings and issues, and the legacy you leave behind. Andover is fortunate to have you and better for your presence!

~Tina Cotton

Charlie, volunteering for the Beacon has provided me with unexpected positive experiences. Thank you for allowing me to enjoy *The Beacon* journey the past two years. Congratulations on your retirement. ~Sue Winters

After 12 years of being "the greatest one-man show" in Andover, it's time to let him know how much we appreciate all he's done for the Town. He should run for office---he knows everyone in town and they know him! We all have a fantastic impression of his thoroughness, attention to detail, humanity and humility, as well as his good humor, and just a great person to be around. We're all going to miss him at his usual post. Love ya, Charlie! ~Nan Kaplan

Many years ago, out of the blue and quite unexpectedly, I was contacted by Charlie who was rather coy about why he wanted to talk. He stopped by my home one afternoon and said he wanted to talk about the Andover Beacon and the possibility of me joining the Board of Directors. The discussion was as much of an interview as it was having Charlie discuss what the Beacon means to Andover and the role it plays in our community. If anyone has ever had the opportunity to talk with Charlie Darling about the town of Andover, community involvement, volunteerism, or the like you know that he can be very passionate and persuasive. I've never met anyone that can raise your spirit and drive you to want to help out in any way you can as Charlie. Over the years it has become quite apparent that Charlie is a one-man force with which to be reckoned. With the help of volunteers, he resurrected and ran the Beacon almost single handedly, putting in over 80-hour work weeks at times. It is with my most sincere gratitude that I say Thank You to Charlie for everything he has done and I offer my best wishes for a successful and happy future. ~John Kinney

Charlie, thanks for the tireless energy and unending dedication you have shown for our town newspaper. You have built a rallying point for this town which holds the entire community together.

Without your efforts Andover would be just a shell of what it is today. Congratulations on your well-earned retirement! ~Doug Phelps

Thanks, Charlie, for all your hard work making a great newspaper for Andover. I hope you have a fun retirement, you deserve it! ~Vic Phelps

Charlie, I would like to wish you well as you approach retirement. Thank you for the years you have worked so very hard on the Andover Beacon. It has been a pleasure working with you and appreciate your willingness to help as I tried to learn about the process of preparing each month for publication. Good luck and have a great time during your retirement years. ~Jan Brennan


Charlie, these last nine years have passed by so quickly, we have jumped from one issue to the next, always focused on getting out that next paper. I will always remember that I worked with you to help create our community's paper each month. Most people either remember working for someone or under someone's management, not the case with you Charlie, I got to work with you! Few people will hold the treasured memories that I have; memories of working with someone who treated all as his equal, always feeling respected, and always knowing my time and efforts were appreciated. Working with you has been a pleasure for me. ~Suzy Brown

Charlie, learning the ropes from you has been quite an experience. Someone should download the contents of your brain! You'll be missed being around the office on a regular basis, but we all know we'll see you regularly. Just remember the definition of the word "retired". Hint: it means to relax, kick back, and do fun things you haven't had time to do while slaving at the office. Thank you for all the years of dedication to the Andover Community and to *The Beacon*. ~Shelley Geoghegan, The Beacon Bookkeeper

I have three words for you, Charlie!...DON'T LEAVE US!! Seriously, I congratulate you on finally carving out some time for yourself--which you so deserve!! Sending you off with love and admiration! ~Lois Magenau

Charlie, I consider it an honor to have worked alongside you over the past three years on the Andover Beacon Board of Directors. Every small town in America needs someone like you to bring the wonderful stories we are all living to life for the community. Your dedication, commitment, and genuine care for every individual in the Town of Andover is a true gift to all of us. Thank you for your years of service and vision for the impact a little town-wide newspaper could have on building, sustaining, and nurturing a sense of community. Thank you! ~Scott Allenby

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Jesse Schust is stepping up as Andover Historical Society president as Pat Cutter steps down. Photo: Helen Wickham

Jesse Schust to Become Historical Society President

Jesse Schust, a Maine native who moved with his family to Andover at age three, will become president of the Andover Historical Society effective January 1. He succeeds Patricia Cutter, whose presidency has spanned more than a dozen years.

Proposed for the position by the society's nominating committee and elected by its members, Jesse is a graduate

of the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor's degree in history, and of Imperial College, London, England, with a master's degree in the history of

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Spectators line up at Trestle View Park to watch the kayakers exit from the cold water after challenging the rapids on the Winnepesaukee River as it flows through Tilton, Northfield, and Franklin.

First Day Franklin Activities Slated for January First

Organizations and groups invited to be a part

Press release

Once again, 2017 will start with thrills and chills in Franklin on Sunday, January 1 as we welcome kayakers splashing and slicing through snow and ice-filled class IV rapids. This year marks the 36th Annual New Year's

Day run on the Winnepesaukee. Many downtown businesses will be open to welcome kayakers and spectators, and Outdoor New England will be celebrating their Grand Opening.

Choose Franklin invites all organizations and groups to be a part of the festivities. Reserve an event table in the heated tent, free of charge, by calling See First Day on page 26

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Donations Needed to Complete Nowell Project

The Wilmot Conservation Commission (WCC) held a public hearing on October 25 regarding their contribution toward the purchase of the 28-acre Clayton Nowell Conservation Easement in Wilmot that will be granted to the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT). At the hearing, the Wilmot Garden Club (WGC) president,

Lindy Heim, presented a check in the amount of \$500 toward the protection of the Nowell property.

We still need your support. Donations to help complete the project will be accepted through Saturday, December 31. Visit AusbonSargent.org or call the Ausbon Sargent office at 526-6555 to make your donation.

Pine Hill Cross Country Ski Area Special Events

Press release

Pine Hill Cross Country Ski Area on Mountain Road in New London announces its special events for 2017. On Saturday, January 21, Robb's Warming Hut will be open for pizza slices and guitar from noon to 2 PM. Admission is by donation.

On Saturday, February 25, Pine Hill will hold its annual Pancake Brunch at

the trail head from noon to 2 PM, also by donation.

On Sunday, March 5, the ski area will celebrate 40 years with an Appreciation Day for the landowners of Pine Hill Ski Club. Meet at the trail head for a wiener and veggie burger fire-pit roast from noon to 1:30 PM.

For more information, visit PineHillsSkiClub.com or call 381-8685.



Recess is for Everyone, K-8! Research supports that students who exercise and spend time outdoors are healthy and happy. Fresh air and movement are as important to seventh and eighth grade students as it is to students in the primary grades. AEMS knows this to be a fact. A typical 6th-8th grade recess is spent playing soccer, playing kickball, playing tetherball, playing in the gaga pit, playing 4 square, shooting hoops, swinging, playing on the structure or playing good old-fashioned tag. The more action the better. Left to right - Colin Coolidge, Dylan Sylvestre, Gavin Elliott, Liam Donovan, James Clough, and Logan Smith are having fun jumping off the wall in unison.

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listen for animal sounds, and stand together with our own handmade lanterns to remind ourselves that we are all together, shining our light in our caring community.

We had a successful Creepy Crawl 5K and Kids Run on October 30, with approximately 50 participants. We would like to thank the Andover Fire Department, and Brian Reynolds and David Rowell of OpenSignUp.com for providing our timing. Thank you to our Board and families for their support of the event.

Our fundraising efforts are a neces-

sary part of EAVP's annual school operating budget and scholarship funding, and we are making steady progress toward our fundraising goal. Thank you to our 13 sponsors of the event, which include: Mead and Braley Metal Roofing, Jake's Market, Bank of Andover, Frost Building Construction, Hames Shop Joinery, Andover Pizza Chef, Lake Sunapee Bank, Capitol Alarm Systems, Northeast Delta Dental, Little Scoop, Chase Hill Design, Poulin Property Maintenance, Byron's Septic Service, Tarte Cafe and Bakery, Big Water Brewery, and Capital Kitchen and Bath.

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380-0246. Inform spectators of your winter activities, and help welcome the Merrimack Valley Paddlers as they paddle down the Winnepesaukee River through Tilton, Northfield, and into Franklin.

Paddlers will take to the water between 11 AM and 1 PM with novice and intermediate boaters paddling the "Upper" Winnepesaukee from Route 140 to the Train Station in Northfield. Advanced boaters will paddle the "Lower" Winnepesaukee from Cross Mill Road in Northfield to downtown Franklin taking out at Trestle View Park. A summary video of a past year's event can be enjoyed at: <http://youtu.be/S2J3eIQweGk>. A ten-minute video of the 2010 event is available via the following link: youtube.com/watch?v=aOE11pDzQao.

Spectators are encouraged to attend with best viewing at Trestle View Park, which is the take out for paddlers on the lower section. The park will feature a heated tent with coffee, cocoa, chili and "Hoppin' John", provided by Choose Franklin, the Franklin Rotary

Club, Franklin Savings Bank, and other organizations, along with information about the wealth of activities occurring this winter. Spectators can walk, snowshoe or ski on the Winnepesaukee River Trail to watch paddlers coming down the class III and IV rapids.

Choose Franklin is the main sponsor of the 12th annual First Day Franklin and is seeking co-sponsors for the event. Franklin Savings Bank provides refreshments for the tent set-up crew. Franklin Rotary Club and the Franklin Democratic Committee offer hot food in the warming tent and the Franklin Fire Department, Franklin Recreation Center, Aubuchon Hardware and Franklin Storage Company provide tables, heat and electricity for the event tent.

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science and medicine. He is also a graduate of Proctor Academy, where he developed a passion for history.

Currently a sales associate with Belletes Home Center in Andover and a member of the Andover Conservation Commission, Schust is also part of a musical family and is an occasional member of Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, which is named for his sister and includes his mother and father.

In a brief interview, the Beacon asked Jesse for his thoughts about his new position.

How did you get interested in the Andover Historical Society?

"I lived in New Hampshire until 2000, when I moved to the UK shortly after marrying my British spouse, Helen Wickham. We lived in the UK until 2014, when we moved back to Andover. After living away from the area for so long, I had a lot of interest in learning more about Andover's history and landscape. Becoming part of the Andover Historical Society felt like a natural fit.

"I find the local history of Andover fascinating -- there are so many details and stories that we as Andover residents can play a role in uncovering and preserving, especially through the work of the Historical Society. I feel very excited to be working with such a motivated and knowledgeable group of volunteers."

What do you think about the current activities of the Andover Historical Soci-

ety and its role in the community?

"I'm very happy with the way the Historical Society fulfills its mission. Our annual Old Time Fair is one of the area's premier public events. The Potter Place railroad station, general store, and our Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse draw visitors from all over the state and beyond. The behind-the-scenes work -- answering questions from historical researchers, managing our archives, and building our collection of artifacts -- is also important and being done well."

So what new activities might the Historical Society get involved in under a Schust presidency?

"In particular, I have some ideas for organizing events that will bring people of all ages together to share aspects of Andover's history that are personal to them: objects that they own, stories from their family, or research they have done. I'd also like to see some arts-related activities with connections to local history, such as musical concerts, photography exhibits, or painting and theatrical performances. Doing these things could highlight aspects of Andover's cultural heritage that people may not know much about."

Any final thoughts?
 "For more than a decade, Pat Cutter has shaped the Historical Society into what it is today: a thriving organization with an outstanding group of volunteers engaged at many levels. Pat is an inspiration to all of us at the Historical Society, and we are thrilled that she'll remain actively involved."



Members and guests of the Wilmot Garden Club took a hike in North Wilmot on October 13. Starting out at Camp Wilmot, an amazing hunk of open and wooded property, Bill and Margaret Doody led hikers through the colorful landscape with views of Ragged Mountain visible beyond a wide open field. Past dying trees festooned with various fungi and, with owner's permission, to the Tewksbury family compound, including an historic cemetery boasting tombstones bearing many familiar old Wilmot family names. A fine time was had by all. Seen in the picture are Janet Howe, Margaret Doody, Mary Fanelli, and Judy Hauck, in front of the Tewksbury family compound well house, appropriately named Agua Casa. Caption: Lindy Heim

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Charlie from page 22

looking for new skills or a deeper connection to the community.

The Beacon has been a wild and wonderful ride for me, and I deeply appreciate all the support (and patience!) I've received from so many wonderful friends and neighbors here in Andover. Thank you all!

This has truly been a life-changing

experience for me in many important ways, so part of me is sad to see it winding down. But more important is knowing that together, over the years, we've built a valued community resource that makes a difference and can keep on making a difference for a long time yet to come. I told Paul that's what we had to do, and I think that the Beacon team, with the help of the entire community, has done it!

Old News from page 19

Roger. Roger wishes to be remembered to all his friends back home. Their son Jimmie of Southington, Connecticut was home and spent some time at Mount Snow in Vermont.

Wallace Scott went to aid parents home to pick up all the dolls that were given to children at their Christmas party and replaced them with safer dolls. The dolls they had were very dangerous and many thanks to all parents who cooperated in seeing these dolls returned.

Andover Lions Club skating will resume at the Proctor skating rink every Thursday from 7 to 8:30 PM. Everyone is welcomed to this skating night.

January 19, 1967

The Andover Extension Club will hold its first meeting of the season on January 25 at the home of Mrs. Sterrett Sleeper. The subject, "Etiquette and Elegance," will be presented by leaders Mrs. Sterrett Sleeper and Mrs. Amos Johnson. An interesting discussion will be followed by the showing of well-planned slides demonstrating good grooming. All women in the community are cordially invited to attend.

Andover Service Club held its meeting in the Mollie Bachelder room of East Andover Library on January 11. President Mrs. Kennedy opened the meeting. Mrs. Cordella Graves gave the devotions. Twenty members and one guest were present. A report of \$475.08 was cleared on the Christmas sale. Thank you notes were read from Proctor Academy, Crotched Mountain, and Reverend Rolland Blais of the Potter Place Immaculate Conception Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gulfoy and three children of Quincy, Massachusetts, recently purchased the Gertrude Colgate home and are now living there. We welcome this new family to town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Thompson called on their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Currier in Hampstead.

Fourteen ladies gathered at the home of Miss Marion Steuerwald for a Ladies Aid work day meeting on January 12. Sixty cancer dressings were made and sewing was done on aprons. The next sewing day will be held with Mrs. Dorothy Kimball on February 9.

A meeting of the Flaghole Community Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson. Mrs. Marion Ordway, Mrs. Bertha Keniston, and Mrs. Janet Cloutier and daughter spent January 10 with Mrs. Maxine O'Brian in Nashua.

Many couples attended the East Andover Volunteer Firemen's Annual Banquet on January 11 at the Potter Place Inn.

The annual meeting of the Andover Congregational Church was held in Highland Lake Grange Hall on January 8. The Family Life Committee served a pot-luck dinner with a good attendance. The meeting was called to order by moderator Timothy Frost. Rev. Francis Tucker gave the prayer. It was voted to have Samuel Currier do janitor work at the Church School, and thanks went to Bryant Adams for donating his time for the year.

A birthday dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Walker on January 7 for the Walker's daughter, Ethel Brock, daughter-in-law Wanda Walker, grandchildren Wayne, Kenneth, Richard, and Marilyn Brock, and Wanda's mother, Mrs. Emily Sanborn.

Highland Lake Grange will observe its 90th anniversary on January 17. All past Masters of Highland Lake Grange are urged to attend. All Grangers and members are welcome.

January 26, 1967

Mrs. Ira Stickney of Concord called on Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Phelps on her way to Sunapee, where she had a speaking engagement. Miss Idella Farnum has left the New London Hospital and is staying with Mrs. Irene Butler at Otterville.

Sixteen ladies of the Andover Service Club gathered at the home of Mrs. Norris McLean on January 18 for an all-day sewing meeting. Work was done on aprons and Christmas decorations. Mrs. Grace George was the hostess.

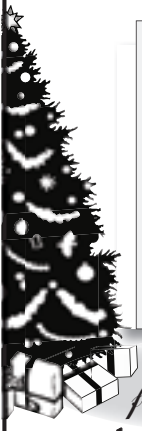
Mrs. Irving Stultz has returned home from Hartford, Connecticut, where she spent 10 days with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Stultz, proud parents of a baby girl born on December 29. They named her Karen Elizabeth. Congratulations go to the family.

Many thanks go to the fourth grade mothers for refreshments. Mrs. Shirley Currier and Mrs. Elaine Cooper were the hostesses.


Sunday callers at Mrs. Frank Haley and Mr. and Mrs. Noah Jewett's were Mrs. Frank Martin of Newport and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest (Marjorie Marston) Buzzell. Mrs. Buzzell was a former teacher at the Boston Hill schoolhouse and boarded with Mrs. Haley.

Mrs. Maude Chandler was taken to the New London Hospital on January 18. She had fallen and fractured her shoulder and remained there until Saturday and was able to return to the Tucker Home. Mrs. Chandler was taken to the hospital in the new ambulance.

Gerald Walker is having a week off from his work at the State Prison. Miss Cynthia Klotz of Lebanon spent the weekend with the Earl Kimball girls.



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Memories from page 19

and the Herseys in 1826. Ellen & Guy's parents were married in 1877, and they lived in Hill until their oldest daughter became of school age. At that time, Mary & Benjamin made the decision to move, so they would be closer to a school for their children to attend.

They bought a farm on Chase Hill Road in East Andover (the current Keniston home), where my grandfather and his four sisters grew up. They attended the old East Andover School which was called the Portsmouth School. All four of the Hersey girls went on to become teachers. In Ellen's journal, she recounts stories about her Grandfather Eastman, his farm in Hill, and her visits to see him as a child.

Excerpts from Ellen's Journal (with slight changes for easier reading)

It was one of those days in mid-February when the sun shines very brightly and the icicles come crashing down. My mother stood by the back window and said as she often does, 'It's a lovely, beautiful, glorious day.' As she looked down the road she said, 'A star-faced horse is coming up the road.' I dashed to the window for I knew it could be no other than Grandpa Eastman coming for someone to go home with him. I was in high glee for I knew I would be going this time.

We didn't stop for anything – just heated some freestones, while Mother put some aprons in the bag she always took with her. My bag had been packed for some time, along with my smallest doll named Olive. Grandpa scowled at the doll, but I held it tight. My sister Edna was in high school, and my brother Guy was always working with Father. They were adept about the housework as well as taking care of the cattle.

There was no more school for me this year as the money had run out, since in those days they didn't appropriate much.

It was a four mile trip over Tucker Mountain to Grandpa's house, and the roads might be poor. We passed the 'Old Mountain Home' (just before the Tucker Mt. Schoolhouse) where Hersey relatives lived, but we can't stop as we must get home to Grandpa's as soon as possible.

Mother was wearing her gray shawl, and she drew it around me so I was nice

and warm. We jog along, and get over the backbone of the mountain, as we called it. When we came to the Follansbee Hills, the horse seemed to be more confident, and hurried along better. Perhaps he was hungry too.

Grandpa got us unloaded and went in to fix the fire, before going to the barn to put up the horse. There was a beautiful view from the house of Ragged Mountain, and then off in the distance we saw Mount Kearsarge looming up. When Grandpa returned, he got out his last frozen apple pie from the front room parlor cupboard, so it would thaw. (Most parlors in those days were not heated, and in the winter they were used to store foods that might otherwise spoil.) There was always good sheep meat (lamb) to eat, and some was in the oven, and only needed to be warmed up. So we thankfully ate a good dinner.

Mother must now churn and make pies. The cream would be in the cupboard all ready for us. There is no sink in the kitchen in the winter, and so we used a little table, and carried out the water. The churn was a big, square, box-like thing, sitting on four legs.

Mother put in the cream and I churned it to a 'come' (which is when the butter separates from the cream, and the butter milk needs to be poured off). I was proud I could do it. We made a nice pat of butter to last until we came again.

Grandpa had a big farm. He kept 200 sheep, and he needed to store hay for them. There were two barns. The front barn was for the sheep, and the farther one for hay and cattle. The horses were kept under the barn, and we fed them down through their cribs. I liked the horses as my father only had oxen, and we had to travel everywhere with them.

Grandpa always had a good, big garden. He had a sap house, and made syrups – sap molasses, he called it. There was always a soap barrel in the cellar, and we had homemade soft soap. We'd make a journey to the cellar with a candle, and get soap, potatoes, and other things that might be stored there.

Occasionally, Grandpa made trips to the Danbury Tannery. That is where he bought the first cups with handles. I have one at my East Andover home now. (To be continued)



Rodney Judkins of Lakeview Construction in Franklin completed significant repairs on the truss bridge south of the Andover ball field. Some of the pressure treated rails were used elsewhere as temporary fixes and were reused here as planned. Notice that the bridge ends were boxed in by railings to cover the void that extended beyond.

FNRT Makes Repairs to the Trail and Bridges

Next monthly meeting of Board on January 18

Lindy Heim, FNRT

The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (FNRT) have been busy fixing problems with railings and poor trail surfaces and ditches in several sections of the Northern Rail Trail. Thanks goes to volunteer project managers Ricker Miller and Chris Norris for overseeing these projects.

Mark Thompson Excavating Inc. of East Andover did the new surface at Dyers Crossing. Ditch work in East Andover was done by Jeff Miller of the

Andover Fire Department. Contractor Rodney Judkins of Lakeview Construction in Franklin built a fabulous set of new railings at a difficult location on the bridge over Depot Street in Franklin. Thank you all for your wonderful work! FNRT is grateful for the excellent work done by its volunteers and local contractors.

The next regular monthly meeting of FNRT's Board of Directors is at 7 PM on Wednesday, January 18, at the Danbury Community Center. Exciting milepost interpretive and place-keeping signage will be on the agenda.

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FNRT Minutes, October 19, 2016

Condensed from draft minutes

Meeting Location: First Congregational Church, Wilmot

Board Attendees: Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, Heather Deardorff, Tom Frantz, George Heaton, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman

Guests: Ed Hiller, Tom Schamberg
The October meeting, in addition to routine business, authorized a number of new and continuing expenditures for the maintenance of the Trail. It was also the occasion of a tribute to Charles Martin, who is moving to Colorado.

A Tribute to Charles Martin

For He's a Jolly Good Fellow! rang out to Charles Martin on the occasion of his move from New Hampshire to Colorado.

Charles has been a stalwart of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT-MC) since he joined the Board in 2005, serving as Treasurer, preparing grant applications, representing the organization in many public venues, and contributing much good counsel and effort.

In addition to his work for the FNRT-MC, Charles has been a major proponent of a statewide rail trail and has published the definitive work on New Hampshire rail trails, just out in its second edition.

Though resident in Colorado, Charles will return to New Hampshire often, and his service to our rail trails will remain.

Much appreciation goes to Charles!
Trail Maintenance and Improvement

Milepost Markers: Ed Hiller reported on progress to date in designing signs to explain the mileposts along the Trail. A possible draft of the signs was presented. The Board then authorized \$2,300 to continue this project – funds that will cover design services of the graphic artist whom Ed has been working with, as well as production of six signs.

The Signage Committee (Heather Deardorff, Tom Frantz, and Peter Southworth) will pursue the issues of sign placement and installation. And it is expected that a mock-up of the signs will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

Franklin Culverts: The design and construction of culverts by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT), on and around portions of the trail in Franklin, is on-going. Various long-term issues, particularly the possibility of future flooding damaging the trail, are raised by this work. Alex Bernhardt has been monitoring the project and will make contact with the DOT to voice FNRT-MC concerns and address future scenarios.

Bridge Maintenance and Repair: The bridge maintenance and repair project is now well underway. In prior meetings, the Board had authorized \$10,000 for repairs to three bridges, and

contracts have now been let to begin the work.

Chris Norris received a bid from Rodney Judkins for the Depot Street Bridge in Franklin, the highest priority. This is now in progress. The Board agreed to solicit a second bid for another bridge, with hopes of completing the work before winter; and then to continue on other bridges in the spring.

Ditching and Trail Resurfacing: The need for ditching and trail resurfacing in East Andover and at Dyers Crossing has been recognized for some time. Consistent with this, the Board authorized \$4,000 (an estimate of cost) for this project. The work will immediately begin.

Lawrence Street Culvert Improvement: The Town of Andover is currently involved in a project, with Thompson Excavating, for improvement of recreation facilities near the Lawrence Street culvert tunnel on the trail.

The Board agreed that this presents an opportunity to pursue improvements to the tunnel; \$2,000 was thus authorized for improvements to the trail surface and other tunnel work. Tom Frantz will take the lead in designing the project with Thompson.

Other Reports

Potential Additions to the Trail: With the intended “abandonment of service” of 6.1 miles of right-of-way by PanAm in Concord and Boscawen on the west side of the Merrimack, discussion of future developments has begun. FNRT continues to feel strongly that extending the existing trails from Boscawen to the center of Concord would bring real amenities and economic benefits to the area.

Heather Deardorff, Jack Shields, and George Heaton have been monitoring and participating in this process. Heather reported on meetings held by the Merrimack River Greenway to consider a “boardwalk” project on the east bank of the river, as well as ideas for the west bank.

Jack Shields had previously reported to the Board about the meeting to be held at the Hannah Duston Memorial site on October 17, and his efforts in organizing it. The meeting – to be attended by a diverse group of state legislators, state officials, town representatives, and the public (including Jack and George from FNRT-MC) – would address plans to upgrade the area into a state park. The desirability of rail trail extension through this site is well recognized.

Rail Trail Calendar: Steve Rayno's initiative to create a Northern Rail Trail calendar is moving forward with excellent support from local merchants and the community.

Thursday's Child Dinner: This annual fundraiser at the New London Inn has been scheduled for April 13, 2017.

Next Meeting: November 16 at the Merrimack County Nursing Home, 325 Daniel Webster Highway, in Boscawen.

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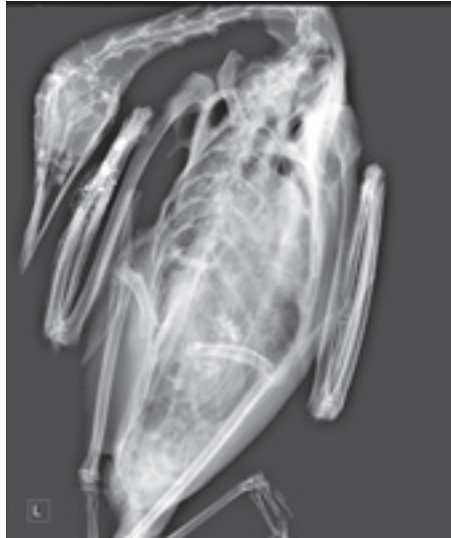
Shot Loon found on Bradley Lake

65% of loon mortalities caused by humans

Press release

A dead adult loon was discovered on Bradley Lake in Andover on August 28 by a construction crew working at a lake-front property. The loon was collected by New Hampshire Fish & Game Region 2 Conservation Officer Jonathan Demler, who then transferred it to the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC). An initial ra-

result of gunshot wounds, 44% of dead adult loons collected during the same time period died of ingested lead fishing tackle. Human-caused mortalities, including lead tackle, gunshot, fishing line entanglement, boat collisions, and other results of human activity, account for a minimum of 65% of collected adult loon mortalities. Because loons do not breed until 6-7 years of age and have low reproductive success, the loss of so many adults from these preventable causes has inhibited the recovery of loons in New Hampshire. The loss of an adult loon may also result in the loss of that loon's nest or chick, further negatively impacting the population.



Radiograph taken at Meadow Pond Animal Hospital in Moultonborough shows a gunshot-inflicted wound on the loon's right wing. A necropsy performed at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University confirmed that a gunshot wound was the cause of death for this loon. Photo courtesy of Meadow Pond Animal Hospital.

diograph at Meadow Pond Animal Hospital in Moultonborough showed a gunshot wound on the right wing. A necropsy performed at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in late October confirmed that the trauma from the gunshot wound was the cause of death.

Loons are a state-threatened species and are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. From 1989-2015, 2% of dead adult loons collected were the

LPC has worked with New Hampshire Fish and Game and the New Hampshire Legislature to reduce loon mortality, including leading efforts to effect legislation restricting the sale and use of lead fishing sinkers and lead-headed jigs weighing 1 oz. or less in New Hampshire. This legislation was enacted June 1, 2016, and LPC is encouraged to see preliminary signs of a reduction in lead tackle mortalities. "This is a critical time to strengthen the state's loon population," said Harry Vogel, Senior Biologist/Executive Director of the Loon Preservation Committee.

For more information on New Hampshire's lead tackle legislation and non-toxic alternatives to lead fishing tackle, please visit FishLead-Free.org.

The Loon Preservation Committee (Loon.org) monitors loons throughout the state as part of its mission to restore and maintain a healthy population of loons in New Hampshire; to monitor the health and productivity of loon populations as sentinels of environmental quality; and to promote a greater understanding of loons and the natural world.

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Todd Workman, City Manager Elizabeth Dragon, Mayor Ken Merrifield, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies and Director of Sustainability Jen White '90, Colby-Sawyer President Susan D. Stuebner and Community Development Coordinator of PermaCityLife Jenisha Shrestha '14 gathered to cut the ribbon to the PermaCityLife storefront. Photo by Chris Kontoes

Franklin Field Office has Connections to Andover

Special for the Beacon

Three Colby-Sawyer College faculty members with Andover connections are participating in an innovative new undergraduate program that focuses on revitalizing the City of Franklin. In November, the program opened a field office in Andover's neighboring city with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that brought college and city leaders together in celebration.

The Andover-based faculty trio are all members of Colby-Sawyer's Environmental Studies Department: Professor Leon C. Malan, Associate Professor Harvey Pine, and Assistant Professor Jennifer White. Pine and White are fulltime Andover residents and Malan is a property-owner.

Their program is called the Sustainable Learning Initiative (SLI). According to White, the program leader, SLI is an experiential learning opportunity for Colby-Sawyer students, dedicated to using the principles of permaculture and sustainability to revitalize Franklin's downtown community. Through Colby-Sawyer's relationship with a nonprofit called PermaCityLife and its community partners, students work with local stakeholders to explore, design and develop sustainable solutions to real and evolving community needs.

As a complement to the SLI, Colby-Sawyer has launched an innovative three-year degree in community-based sustainability which allows students to save approximately 20 percent on the cost of their college education and gain professional hands-on experience while still in school.

A remodeled storefront at 357 Central Street is serving as the hub for partnerships and projects within the downtown area, functioning as the main office for PermaCityLife and home base for Colby-Sawyer classes and interns who travel there to work with project partners.

Colby-Sawyer's new degree program was announced in February. Since then, according to White, students and faculty have been involved in a number of Franklin-based efforts, including the design of quality affordable housing and a new community garden; a comprehensive business plan for the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry; a branding strategy and business plan for the emerging Franklin Falls whitewater park; a communications plan for PermaCityLife and SLI; a riparian invasive species inventory for a local park; and a social sustainability study for a 45-apartment development effort.


In the last two years, White says,



Stephanie and Chance find time to talk with Nick after the presentation. Left to right - Nick Fairall, Stephanie Croteau, and Chance Thibault.

more than ten new businesses have come to town, including Take Root Co-working, Outdoor New England, and Franklin Studio, a volunteer-run coffee shop featuring New Hampshire-made products. "Colby-Sawyer's SLI creates real-life skill-building opportunities by pairing the to-do lists of these pioneering project partners with the learning outcomes in majors across disciplines. This semester, more than 90 Colby-Sawyer students are breathing new life into the downtown."

Todd Workman, executive direc-

tor of PermaCityLife and the primary catalyst for Franklin's sustainable revitalization efforts, said at the ribbon-cutting: "Colby-Sawyer's involvement lends credibility to the project and validates to residents and visitors alike that Franklin Falls is on the rise. Activating an empty storefront is always valuable, but having the college as a long-term collaborator shows that CSC is an innovator, brings youthful energy and creativity to our community, and gives others the confidence to come to town and start their own business." 

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Local artist George Rochon featured

Press release

On Friday, November 4, the Center for the Arts – Lake Sunapee Region (CFA) celebrated the opening of its fourth annual Regional Juried Show at the New London Inn. The show is on view through January 28 and can be seen by stopping by the New London Inn at almost any time.

The work of 20 artists were selected from a total of 32 artists who submitted entries online. Juror Bill Haust, Professor Emeritus at Plymouth State University, selected 24 works from the 96 works entered.

Exhibiting artists include: Peter Anderson, Debbie Campbell, Danielle Cartier, Jean Cronin Connolly, Rosemarie Cravens, Mary Gerakaris, Laura Graveline, Jack Harkins, Loren Howard, Paul Howe, Barbara Hunting, Penny Koburger, Susan Larakis, Gwen Nagel, Yvonne Shukovsky, Richard Stockwell, Roger Wells, Karen Wihbey, and Lucy Mueller Young.

The juror selected the following works on site: Two honorable mentions went to Karen Wihbey of Lebanon for her acrylic on paper entitled Marsh and Penny Koburger of Enfield for her oil painting entitled Looking Back. Rosemarie Cravens of Salisbury won third

place for her oil painting Aspen Glow; Lucy Mueller Young of Sunapee won second place for her mixed media work Upcountry Scenes; and Mary Gerakaris of Canaan won Best of Show for her photograph Cover. Elizabeth D'Amico, CFA Visual Arts, presented the awards and organized the show.

Other CFA Micro Gallery openings the same evening included a solo show at the Lake Sunapee Bank Micro Gallery featuring Andover artist George Rochon and a second solo show at the Whipple Hall Micro Gallery featuring the work of Newport artist Ludmila



Mary Gerakaris of Canaan, NH discussing her Best of Show "Cover" with Loren Howard of North Sutton, NH. Photo: Jean Connolly

Gayvoronsky. Work at all three venues will be on view through January 28.

Work may be purchased from any of the galleries at any time during the exhibition. A portion of all sales benefits CFA Student Scholarships and future CFA programs.

Andover Naturally: December 2016

Why do trees lose their leaves?

Lee Carvalho, for the Beacon

I enjoy walking far enough into the woods so there are no sounds of town, highways, dogs, or anything else. Silence.

If I sit still long enough, I begin to hear other sounds: chipmunks rustling in the leaves, the whoosh of air from the down stroke of a raven flying low overhead, the drumming of ruffed grouse, chickadees chattering. On a recent afternoon it was so still I was surprised to realize I was hearing the sound of a leaf detaching from its twig and floating to the ground. It wasn't much of a sound, but against the backdrop of silence, it was remarkable.

Not long after I'd heard it, another detached and sailed down. I've read about this. As trees prepare to lose their leaves, cells between the twig and the end of the leaf stem release enzymes and form an abscission layer that frees the leaf to fall. So why are some hardwood trees still holding fast to their dead, dried leaves while others sport bare branches?

All trees shed their leaves at some time, but there is variation in the timing. Consider the evergreens, which seem to be fully leafed all the time. While conifers lose some of their needles every year, many species retain needles for several growing seasons.

At the other end of the spectrum are deciduous trees which lose all their leaves at the same time every fall. To understand this variation requires a consideration of both the physiology and evolutionary history of trees.

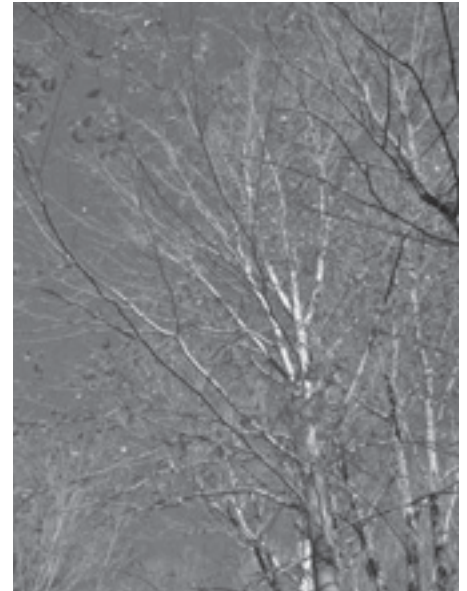
From the fossil record we know that evergreen was once the only kind of tree. As conditions and ranges changed, trees responded by developing new ways of growing and shedding their leaves. Now we still have some evergreens but also the newcomers — birch, maple, cherry, and aspen — with short-lived leaves.

Between those two is a third class whose leaves don't all fall when they die. Marcescence, or leaf retention, is most common in oak species, American beech, with hazel and hophornbeam.

Scientists believe that evergreens benefit by increasing the time available for photosynthesis and reducing the loss of nutrients caused by dropping leaves. Leaf fall of deciduous trees evolved to help trees in environments with changing seasons to lessen water loss and frost damage during the cold while improving the efficiency of photosynthesis during warmer seasons.

So what might be ecological advantage for being somewhere between these two extremes? Are the leaf retainers just progressing more slowly along the evolutionary track? Most plant physiologists agree that marcescence is a trait of juvenile trees, but that doesn't explain leaf retention in mature trees.

Some speculate that the adaption helps trees growing in dry, infertile places, and it's true that one sees beech and oak out-competing other species



American beech retains many of its leaves while neighboring hardwood branches are bare. Notice the beech leaves are mostly on lower half of the tree.

Photo and Caption: Lee Carvalho

in these conditions. They argue that keeping leaves until spring delays their eventual decomposition, so more organic material is available when it's needed most.

Often the retained leaves are only on the lower branches. This suggests a strategy of holding onto leaves to trap snow, resulting in more moisture at the base of the trees when that snow melts in the spring.

Others argue that retained leaves may lessen browsing by deer and other animals. Those dried leaves may hide buds or make it more difficult to bite them from the tree.

Whatever the reason for marcescence, when spring comes the expanding buds will shove those leaves off to make room for new greenery. In the meantime, those brown leaves add a special sound to the winter woods and provide some welcome shelter for overwintering birds.

If you are looking for the perfect holiday present for the naturalist among your family and friends, it exists! Mary Holland has just released her new book Naturally Curious Day by Day. This gorgeous book has photographs and essays on animal and plant species of the Northeast for each day of the year. Nature lovers of all ages will enjoy and appreciate this treasure trove of information and beauty.

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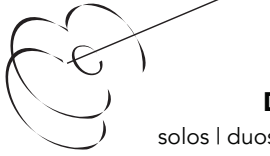
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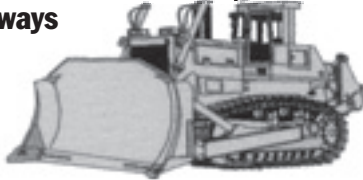
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**Andover Coffeehouse Presents
 Lowe Profiles in December**

**Looking forward to the
 Bombadils in January**

Press release

A reprise "Winter Celebration" will be offered by the Lowe Profiles, a trio of local sisters on Friday, December 16 at the Andover Community Coffeehouse concert. On Friday, January 20, The Bombadils, a Canadian duo with a love for folk songs and fiddle tunes will headline the Coffeehouse show. The concerts will be at the Highland Lake Grange Hall on Route 11. The events are open to the public at no charge; donations are accepted.

The Friday, December 16 Coffeehouse will feature New London's Kathy Lowe, Susie Lowe-Stockwell of South Sutton, and Kim Lowe-Beaton of Bradford. They'll be singing original and traditional songs of winter celebration, but with a vaudeville twist. They will raise the cheer and celebrate the spirit of the season in a performance featuring many of Kathy Lowe's own festive compositions, which will be available for purchase on her "Wishing You Peace" CD. Her Web site is at KathyLoweMusic.Com.

On Friday, January 20, The Bombadils, drawing from the Canadian, American, and Celtic traditions, will bring the spirit of story-telling and kitchen parties to the Grange Hall featuring music of their own writing. Luke Fraser brings guitar, mandolin and homegrown east coast vocals to the stage in harmony with Sarah Frank's singing, lyrical fiddle playing, and claw hammer banjo. They have recorded two albums of their own work, and have performed at a variety of venues across North America, as well as in Australia, New Zealand and Europe. Find more information at TheBombadils.Com.

Also appearing onstage both evenings will be up to a dozen open microphone performers, whose contributions in previous months have ranged from the spoken word to show business, jazz, folk, bluegrass, and country-and-western tunes. Open mic participants in the December 16 show are invited to prepare winter related or holiday themed

songs in the spirit of the season.

Doors to the Grange Hall will open at 6 PM for food purchases offered by the Andover Congregational Church and for open mic sign in's on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sponsor for both concerts is Tarte Cafe and Bakery, 46 Main Street, Andover, "specializing in classic French pastries, cakes, desserts, coffee, and espresso drinks, and now serving sandwiches, soups, and salads."

Now wrapping up its second year of monthly concerts, Andover Coffeehouse events have consistently drawn near-capacity audiences and a full complement of open mic candidates. Featured performers in 2016 included The Dobros, CSC Riffed, Andrea Paquin, Mary Maguire, Joel Cage, Audrey and Clayton, Mo'Combo, The Fondtones, The Buskers, The Mink Hills Band, Sferes and White, and The Lowe Profiles.

Supporting sponsors for the year included Fenton's Construction, Inc., Lake Sunapee Bank, Ragged View Farm, Boynton Law Office, New Horizons Hair Stylists, The Andover Beacon, Pine Hill Yoga/Kayak Country Paddlesports, Ragged Mountain Fish & Game Club residents, Merrimac Corporate Finance Inc., Tarte Cafe and Bakery, and one anonymous contributor "in honor of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail."

Information about future dates and scheduled performers and a photographic record of the performers, are shown on the Coffeehouse Web site at AndoverCoffeeHouse.Org, or on the Facebook page "Andover Community Coffeehouse."

Video recordings of past programs are shown on a number of community access channels across the state and are available on Andover's town Web site at Andover.NH.US by clicking on Town Information and then Video Archive.

The coffeehouse venue, a former grange hall, is now the property of the Andover Congregational Church, which is located next door at the intersection of Route 11 and Chase Hill Road in East Andover. The Andover Community Coffeehouse operates under the umbrella of the Andover Community Association (ACA).

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Mary Ofenloch and Eileen Mackey took a shift at the Andover Service Club's annual pie sale fundraiser, held at Circle K in Cilleyville on the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Photo: Charlie Darling

Andover Service Club Pie Sale a Huge Success

Meetings for the new year announced

Mary Ofenloch, ASC president

The Andover Service Club's (ASC) Thanksgiving Pie Sale which was held on the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving was our best sale to date. The ladies of the ASC wish to express our gratitude to the many people who supported this Merit Scholarship fundraiser.

Coming up on Wednesday, December 14, will be the Club's annual Christmas Luncheon and Meeting at the 74 Main restaurant in New London. The winning tickets will be drawn for the "Gifts Galore" raffle baskets at that time.

Wednesday, January 11, will be the first meeting of the new year at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover at 10 AM. Women of all ages - young, old, or in-between - are invited

to attend. The special program will be Crafting. Members will bring to the meeting the special crafts on which they may be working to share with each other. It will be lots of fun and very informative.

The Wednesday, February 8, meeting will be held at 10 AM at the Highland Lake Grange Hall. The program will be Games (to be chosen at the January meeting).

Meetings for the remainder of the year are on Wednesdays: March 8, April 12, and May 10, all held at 10 AM. in the Highland Lake Grange Hall. Wednesday, June 14, is the Club's Annual Meeting and Luncheon; venue to be announced.

The members of the Andover Service Club send everyone best wishes for a very Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Neighborhood Discussions Offered by Andover Institute

Share ideas and skills

Press release

Something to think about during the long winter months: How can I make my home and life more energy efficient? If this piques your interest, let us know and we'll keep you posted as we organize one or more small neighborhood discussion groups in Andover to consider this question, beginning in January.

The "Transition Streets" seven-week discussion series is an experiment in bringing neighbors together to support one another in taking simple, practical actions to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, build healthy and resilient local food systems, and live better together, with a curriculum developed by Transition U.S., a national sustainability orga-

nization.

The idea is that as people get to know one another and what actions they can take, members can spur each other on to fix drafts and leaks, install compost bins, swap ideas and recipes, share tools and skills, learn to decipher and reduce their electricity bills - and in the process, build stronger neighborhoods.

The Andover Institute, a branch of the Andover Community Association (ACA), in cooperation with the Kearsarge Valley Transition Initiative, will supply discussion handbooks and a facilitator guide at no charge; groups will meet in neighborhood homes at a time that works best for each group's members. Interested in learning more? Contact the ACA at AndoverCommunity03216Gmail.Com or by phone to Susan Chase at 735-5135 and we'll keep you posted.



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Headed home to New Jersey for Thanksgiving break, Proctor Academy junior Paloma Croghan, right, and her mother Emma-Kate, recharge their all-electric Tesla Model S at the Highland Lake Inn in Andover, the town's only Tesla charging station. Caption and photo: Larry Chase

Andover Congregational Church, December 2016

Christmas caroling on December 18

Sandy Miller
Andover Congregational Church

The Advent season is now here. We see signs of people preparing for the celebration of our Lord's birth – Christmas lights in the windows, houses and Christmas trees being decorated, Christmas carols being sung, Christmas cards being addressed, etc. We invite you to join us as we give thanks to God for his incredible gift – the gift of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

We recently filled 62 shoe boxes for "Operation Christmas Child" which will be sent to needy children around the world by Samaritan's Purse. Thank you to all who participated and special thanks to Joyce Bourdon for coordinating this effort.

Thanks to the efforts of Donna Kendrick and others, we were able to send 78 Christmas cards and 8 boxes of items useful to military soldiers in Kuwait. We are so blessed to be able to do for those who do so much for us.

The Rev. Karen Heavey from the Twin Rivers Food Pantry recently spoke at our Church about the need for volunteers to help on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 – 12 Noon. If you can be of assistance, please call at 934-2662.

We will be going Christmas caroling around town on Sunday, December 18th, meeting at the Church about 4:45 PM. This will be followed by a church family Christmas party at 7 PM (place to be determined -call 735-5160 for details). This party is for everyone, whether you have caroled or are just coming to join with their church family for Christmas cheer.

The Christmas Eve service will be held on Saturday, December 24th at 7 PM. The special Christmas choir will lead us in a candlelight service of lessons and carols. It's for the whole family – join us – invite family and friends. Christmas Sunday service: December 25 – 9:30 AM. Special carols will be sung.

We at the Andover Congregational Church wish each and every one of you a joyous and spirit-filled Christmas and a blessed and happy New Year!

November is for Thankfulness

Shawna Otis, Andover After School Program

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Autumn Harvest vendor fair and to everyone who helped to make it a possibility! It was a successful fundraiser for us, and we're hoping it will become a yearly tradition.

November has been a month full of thankfulness. Every Thursday, we added more and more feathers to our Thankful Turkey. We celebrated good things as we enjoyed fall and turkey-themed snacks each week.

We are continuing our weekly trips to the library, which seem to become more and more exciting for the kids each time. We have tried yoga as a group, which the kids found a lot easier than the staff did. It was quite the sight. We are hoping to make it a weekly activity for us.

We still have openings for every day after school! If you would like to enroll your child in all the fun, please contact Shawna Otis at AndoverKids@yahoo.com or 735-6566.



The children and staff at AASP tried out yoga and hope to make it a regular activity.

Monthly Book Group Offered by the Andover Institute and Library

First discussion is on *The Third Wife*

Press release

For residents who love to read and also enjoy a chance to discuss what they've read, a monthly book discussion group will begin on Wednesday, January 18 at 7 PM, jointly sponsored by the Andover Public Library and the Andover Institute, a branch of the Andover Community Association (ACA). The group will meet at the home of Alita Phelps, 5 Smith Road in Andover, and is open to any who would like to attend.

The book to be discussed in January is *The Third Wife* by Lisa Jewell; this recent novel has been described by the London Daily Mail as "an emotion-

ally intelligent, brilliantly plotted, and beautifully written examination of a very modern family that will keep you gripped to the end." Both the Andover and East Andover libraries have copies of the book and additional ones can be requested through inter-library loan. In addition, the Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London gives 15% discounts on book group selections. Participants are asked to bring suggestions for future book selections.

For more information, call Alita at 603-520-6631 or contact the ACA at AndoverCommunity03216Gmail.Com to be kept posted on future books and dates. Those who attend are asked to bring munchies to share; the host will supply beverages.

Monster from page 42

based off of the directions they were given from Campton, and vice versa.

When this process was completed by both schools, drawings and directions were collected, scanned, and uploaded to Google in order for the teachers to share the results with each other.

To finalize the project, both Andover and Campton students planned a Skype meeting and set the date. During the Skype call, students were able to come up and show their original monster and see the monster their peer from the other school drew based on their directions.

During each reveal, students were asked to think of a question or state-

ment to give regarding the directions they had to follow or about the results of the shared experience. Students from both schools expressed that directions were tough to follow, and many had positive remarks to give to their partner, but there were also great successes with the program where a student's directions were so clear, the monster drawings were almost identical.

It was very exciting to see students who often only see each other on the sports field working together and sharing an educational experience. The students very much enjoyed being able to see the results of their month-long project in real time as well as get to meet their partner face to face.

TRIFP's "Warming Tree" Waiting for Decorations

Cold weather clothing needed

Press release

Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry (TRIFP) soon will begin the Christmas holiday with a special invitation just for you. Shortly after Thanksgiving, we will be setting-up our "Warming Tree" located in the Pantry reception room. We plan not to place garlands nor lights upon the limbs of this tree. For now, just a simple plain tree will stand.

Now we ask that you take a moment and remember a time during one of our past bitterly cold winter months when you lost or forgot something to protect, let's say, your hands or ears from the elements. Did you say to yourself how quickly the cold sunk deep down into the marrow of your bones?

So many of your neighbors who visit

us every month know very well how the extreme cold affects their bodies. Young or older, weak or strong, all have no other option but to face winter, going without simply because of living with poverty.

Here is your invitation from all of us here at TRIFP. Help decorate the "Warming Tree" with maybe some toasty warm mittens or gloves, heavy blankets folded neatly under the tree, scarfs, hand warmers, lip salves, and many, many other ways for all our sisters and brothers in need to keep themselves protected.

Drop by anytime we are open -- Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 11 AM and Wednesday 5 to 7 PM -- or call us at 934-2662 for additional ways to decorate our tree. Most of all, thank you for caring and sharing your decorating talents with us!

Arts from page 44

But hope for a better day, a better day."

The three days of arts performances at the end of the Fall Term provided a much needed opportunity to reflect on the richness the arts bring to the Proctor community. We experience this same feeling at the end of every term, and understand the educational value of taking arts courses.

We love to see almost every Proctor student engaged in the arts each term, but this final weekend brought to light more than just the educational value of the performing and visual arts. It allowed us to see how the arts provide our students with a calm in the midst of their far-too-often stormy worlds.

Whether it was:

Cope, Carl, Jacqui Morris '17, Nelson Makechnie '19, or Ryelle Jenifer '20 singing in the vocal ensemble;

Tori Braley '20 taking the Proctor stage alongside Jacqui for the first

time in a student-directed rendition of the Laramie Project and then later as a member of the dance team with Ryelle;

Carl on keyboard in the Jazz/Rock Ensemble with Keith Barrett running the soundboard for the Jazz/Rock concert;

or Finn '18 and Sofia Weber's '19 artwork on display at the art show,

the power of Proctor's arts programs are impacting Andover students in many ways.

We all needed this weekend in the arts before Fall Term exams. Watching students step into the spotlight, share their talents, take pride in their hard work, and risk vulnerability in pursuit of art is a centering experience.

Thank you to all of the artists for putting your talents on display, and to all the faculty in the Art Department for committing your lives to helping pull out the best in each of your students. We hope members of the Andover community join us for the end-of-Winter Term arts performances in February!

MVHS from page 44

MACK VALLEY!! They absolutely had the loudest scream/cheer of any team announced, even the winner.

It's not every year that training works out so perfectly, but this year nothing could have gone better. Run your best at the end, and that's what the girls did!

At the Meet of Champions the girl's team and David Reynolds represented Merrimack Valley. The girls again ran

solidly as a team exceeding expectations to finish 12th. They were led by Kristie Schoffield who qualified for the New England Cross Country Meet individually finishing 13th.

In the boys race David got off the great start and hovered the whole race around 30th place. To qualify for the New England meet he needed to finish 25th or better. In the end he ran a 20 second personal best finishing 33rd in 16:39.

Bill Bates of Belletete Announces Retirement

Charlie Darling, For the Beacon

Saturday, December 17, will be Bill Bates' last day at Belletetes. After 25 years as Vice President and General Manager at R. P. Johnson and Son and

Bill on board at the end of 1988 as the family-owned business was expanding out of the old mill location into today's retail store on Mill Road and, not too long after, across the street into the drive-through lumber yard and Millwork Showcase. Bill shouldered the responsibility for human resources, credit, training, and operations, freeing Steve and Bryan to concentrate on growing the business.



Upon retiring, Bill doesn't plan to be idle. He'll be out in the community as a credit and collections consultant, helping small businesses keep their accounts receivables under control as well as helping throughout the community wherever possible. Caption and Photo: Charlie Darling

One of the accomplishments of which Bill is proudest is working with Steve to bring the We Build It Forward program to RPJ (and ultimately to Belletetes), empowering and motivating employees and the community as

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Steve and Bryan Johnson brought

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CARROLL DURGIN COLBY, 99, born on June 8, 1917 in farmhouse in East Andover, passed away on September 23, 2016 in Lacey, Washington. He was the son of Lydia P. and Clifton D. Colby.

He was raised by his mother in the household of Joseph H. and Maria P. Perry, his grandparents, in Worcester, Massachusetts. He earned a BA with honors in Economics and Sociology from Clark University in 1939. He obtained his first master's degree in Social Work from Western Reserve University in 1941. In 1971 he received a second master's degree in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In June 1941, he married Betty Kelsey, the love of his life, in Northfield, Minnesota.

In World War II he was a naval officer, serving on the USS JRY Blakely, a destroyer escort, in the Atlantic theater and the USS Hope, a hospital ship, in the Pacific theater.

After the war, he held social work positions in Indianapolis and Kansas City, Kansas. From 1948 to 1953, he was the Director of the Group Work and Recreation Division of the Community Chest of Hennepin County,

Minnesota (Minneapolis). From 1953 to 1959 he was Assistant Director, Operations Division, Community Chest of Philadelphia.

From 1959 to 1969 he was the Executive Director of the Welfare Planning Council in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. During that time he was also the first Executive Director of the Commission on Economic Opportunity in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

From 1971 to 1982 he was the Executive Director of the North Shore Health Planning Council in Peabody, Massachusetts. Throughout his working years he was fortunate to address issues of fairness and social justice.

In his leisure time, he loved to garden, hike, camp, canoe, and fish. He was also an avid bird watcher. He enjoyed carving and woodworking. His family remembers his wicked sense of humor, laugh, great smile, and generosity.

He is survived by his son David and wife Susan of Princeton, New Jersey; his grandson Jeremy and wife Jennifer of Edmond, Oklahoma; his granddaughter Natalie Thomas and husband Justin of Philo, Illinois; and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife.

STANLEY S. DEMBOSKI, 81, of Westborough, Massachusetts, died on October 24, 2016. His wife and best friend of 53 years, Priscilla E. (Webber) Demboski, died in 2010.

He leaves two daughters: P. Anne Brickley and her husband Scott of Milford, Massachusetts, and Lynne Pottle and her husband Donald of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts; four step-children: Claudia Boucher of Worcester, Massachusetts, Faith Reilly of Fayetteville, North Caro-

lina, Ernest Burden, Jr. of Altamore Springs, Florida, and Howard "Ricky" Libbey of Andover, New Hampshire; two granddaughters: Alexandria A. VonMerta and her loving partner Christopher Camerano of Barre, Massachusetts, and Vanessa M. Lanzillotti and her loving partner Christopher Beau- lieu of Beverly, Massachusetts; four great-grandchildren: Tabitha R. and Brooke L. Lanzillotti, Robert M. VonMerta, and Ryan F. Sylvia. He was predeceased by step-children Rodman and Dennis Libbey and Patricia Champie.

Mr. Demboski was born in North- bridge, Massachusetts, son of Stephen and Josephine (Berkowitz) Demboski. He worked in San Francisco at West Coast Industries as a carpenter and woodworker. After moving to Shrews- bury in 1970, he worked for many years at Framingham Union Hospital as a maintenance technician.

Stanley was a member of St. Ste- phen's Parish in Worcester, Massachu- setts, and Franklin Lodge AF&AM in Grafton, Massachusetts. He later be- came a member of the Aleppo Shriners, where he assisted low income families with medical operations for their chil- dren and loved ones.

He enjoyed camping and fishing, es- pecially in the Lake Tahoe parks with his family. Stanley was an avid golfer and played in many major tournaments throughout Massachusetts.

The family would like to thank the staff at Whitney Place and Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center for the wonderful care they pro- vided to Stanley.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Stanley's family on Novem- ber 4 at the Britton-Shrewsbury Funer- al Home in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. A prayer service followed in the fune- ral home. Burial followed in Mountain View Cemetery, Shrewsbury.

To leave a note of condolence for Stanley's family or to view his Book of Memories, visit BrittonFuneralHomes.com.

JAMES WATERMAN III, of Bed- ford, born June 8, 1941 in Miami to James and Marion Waterman of Green- field, Massachusetts, died peacefully on October 30, 2016 after a long, coura- geous battle with cancer.

During World War II, the family moved back to Greenfield, where "Jim" grew up and graduated from Green- field High School, class of 1959. He has lived in Bedford since 1978.



Jim is survived by his wife of 38 years, Judith, of Bedford; five children: James Waterman IV of Manchester, Karen Niemyer of Andover and her twin sons, Jesse and Garrett; Andrea Leary and her sons Joshua and Joseph Leary of Methuen, Massachusetts and Bed- ford; William and Brenda Kinney of Manchester and their children, Christo- pher Kinney of Salem, Massachusetts, and Katelyn Beaudry and husband Ben of Manchester; Scot and Rania Kinney of Bedford and daughters Makaela and Alia. His parents, who predeceased him, owned the FH Brown Company in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

Jim was very involved in sports growing up, including being a member of the 1959 Valley League Champions in Baseball. He attended Northeastern and Boston Universities and graduated from BU in 1965.

He spent many years in his chosen field of broadcasting and communi- cations working at various locations in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. While in Boston, he worked for WEEI, a CBS property.

Following his years in active broad- casting control, he entered the field of computerized broadcasting, from ana- log to digital technology. He was for- tunate to be able to travel throughout North America. He had many favorite projects in this field, but one of his most favorite was being actively involved in the development and building of Sirius Satellite Radio in New York City.

His work involved many large proj- ects in Canada and Mexico as well as the US. Another favorite project was the development of one of the first "mega- broadcast" groups called Capstar, which eventually joined forces with Clear Channel Communications to be one of the largest communications companies in the world.

He had the privilege of attending the top broadcasting trade shows through- out North America, including over 50 in Las Vegas.

Jim led a full life. He loved his time

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spent in Greenfield, his time growing up on Lake Wyola, fishing in the Florida Keys, going to Red Sox spring training in Florida, and his many games as a season ticket holder at Fenway Park. He loved his ham radio (K1LHT) and was a member of the American Radio League for over 50 years.

As a couple, Jim and Judy loved traveling to the Southwest. They developed a passion for Native American art and became avid collectors. In later years, they enjoyed several cruises to the Caribbean with family members.

He dearly loved his wife Judy and the "blended family" they both created with great success in 1978. Their children and grandchildren have been the highlight of their lives.

Calling hours were held on November 7 at the Lambert Funeral Home and Crematory in Manchester. A funeral service was celebrated on November 8 in the funeral home chapel.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Manchester VNA Hospice Program, 1070 Holt Ave, No. 4, Manchester NH 03109; or to the American Cancer Society, 2 Commerce Drive, No. 110, Bedford NH 03110. To send an online message of condolence, visit LambertFuneralHome.com.

JOHN E. MACLEOD, Jr., 37, of Winter Haven, Florida, formerly of Andover, passed away on November 10, 2016 at his residence.

John was born on September 8, 1979. He attended Franklin High School. John moved to Florida in 2006, joining Commercial Warehousing Inc. where he was an Area Operations Manager.



John is survived by his parents, John E. MacLeod, Sr. of Henniker, Brenda and Richard Good of Winter Haven; his four children: Khloe MacLeod, John E. MacLeod III, Brooke MacLeod, and Zackary MacLeod, and their mother, Kimberly MacLeod, of Lake Wales, Florida; two sisters: Angie Moen of Lake Wales and Melissa Bean and her husband Casey of Gilford, New Hampshire; and a brother, Matthew MacLeod, of Milton, New Hampshire.

Services were held on November 19 at Steele's Family Funeral Services, Winter Haven, with burial immediately following at Lake Wales Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

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narrow trails that made passing difficult. She flew into the single track section and then finished with a strong kick on the track to record a lifetime best 19:01.

Caleb Warzocha and Colin Coolidge were up next in the Boys Non-Scoring race. Caleb and Colin also got a strong start. They settled into the middle of the pack and got to work on the rolling trails. Colin moved ahead of Caleb near the mile and they worked together for the rest of the race. They were a few seconds apart entering the single track. Colin emerged from the woods and finished strong in a time of 17:41 with Caleb finishing shortly after in 18:03.

Next up were the Championship races. Elliott, Jason, Camryn, and Lagan lined up in the largest race of the day with 246 boys. The boys did a good job getting across the field and downhill into the woods. They worked well together throughout the race moving through the crowd. Elliott led the team at the mile mark and continued to move through the crowd to finish in 13:59. He was followed by Jason in a time of 15:10. Cam and Lagan rounded out the team finishing in 15:37 and 15:44.

The Girls Championship race was the most anticipated of the day. The defend-

ing champion was looking for a third consecutive title and course record and there was a pack of about 8 girls that wanted to challenge her. Add to that Hopkinton trying to repeat as team champions facing a strong challenge as well.

Andover was represented by Sophia Reynolds, Arie Perry, and Trinity Delaney. At the gun all three flew to the front of the race. As they descended the hill into the woods, Sophia was in the lead with the defending champion with Arie and Trinity close behind. All three had a perfect start.

As the race wound over the first mile, Sophia was within 5 seconds of the defending champion in the lead. Arie and Trinity were close to each other in the main group of the race. As the girls went into the single track with three quarters of a mile to go, Sophia was in second place 8 seconds behind the leader.

As they left the single track the leader took advantage of the long climb to the finish to put the field away and set a course record. Sophia emerged from the woods and onto the track with 4 other girls. She out-sprinted them to finish second for the second year in a row in a personal best 12:21. Arie and Trinity continued to work together and finish strong 15:06 and 15:34.



Suzy Brown and some of her neighbors in Cilleysville and Potter Place have challenged each other to support the Andover Food Pantry more regularly. Each time one of them goes shopping, they pick up several boxes or cans of simple, basic foods to donate to the food pantry. "Instead of worrying about things going on in the world that we can't do anything about, we decided we should focus on doing what we can to make our corner of the world work better," Suzy says. They invite everyone else in Andover to take up that challenge. Photo: Charlie Darling

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The Proctor Ski Area is one of the only ski facilities in New England privately owned and operated by a school. Be sure to come enjoy an evening of skiing, food, and fellowship on Saturday, February 11. Photo: Lindsey Allenby



With the exterior nearly finished, work has turned to the interior of the new Belletetes retail store at Ten Penny Lane, across the street from the current retail location and attached to their Millwork Showcase. The big move should happen in early February, with a grand re-opening celebration to be planned for some time in the spring.

New Location and Store for Belletetes

Estimated opening set for February

Press release

Belletetes, Inc. anticipates the opening of their new retail store at 24 Ten Penny Lane, Andover, New Hampshire, to be early February 2017.

With approximately 17,000 square feet of new space there will be more than ample room for expanded assortments of the usual hardware departments such as electrical, plumbing, hand and power tools, lawn and garden, Benjamin Moore paint, and painting supplies. There will also be new products that they simply didn't have room for before.

In addition, the store will continue to offer a range of services like key cutting – including automobile chip key cutting, screen and window repair, cutting glass or plexiglass, blade sharpening, propane fill station, small engine repair, delivery, and gift cards.

The new retail store will be connected to the existing Millwork Showcase building allowing customers to shop for their windows and doors or kitchens and baths, and any accessories all in one building. The Millwork Showcase is being updated with new displays,

including a full working kitchen that will be used for upcoming events. The Small Engine Repair & Rental Center will also be housed in the new store.

The new store is located at 24 Ten Penny Lane in Andover, New Hampshire and can be reached at 735-5544. Hours are Monday to Saturday from 7 AM to 5 PM. A grand re-opening event will be scheduled in the spring.

Belletetes has been in business since 1898 and is a full-service building materials company with hardware stores and lumberyards at nine locations – Jaffrey, Peterborough, Nashua, Andover, Sunapee, Ashland, Pembroke and Moultonborough, New Hampshire as well as Winchendon, Massachusetts.

Over a century ago, our company was founded by Elie Belletete, who believed that high-quality products and outstanding customer service were the foundation for a lasting and successful business. A lot has changed since then, but our commitment to these beliefs has remained the same.

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Nick Fairall talks with students in grades 2-8 focusing on safety in winter sports.

Nick Fairall Gives Presentation on Winter Safety

Jane Slayton, Principal AE/MS

In early November, Nick Fairall returned to AE/MS to share a winter safety presentation as part of his involvement with the High Fives Foundation. The presentation was titled "BASICS". This is an acronym for Being Aware and Safe in Critical Situations.

BASICS was developed in 2010 by the High Fives Foundation as a way to teach young athletes to make smart decisions to prevent injuries of any kind, especially life-altering injuries.

Students in grades two through eight learned a lot from Nick's presentation.

They also enjoyed watching the video which included extreme sports participation. The presentation was educational but more than anything the students just appreciated his presence.

The students were able to talk with him about ski jumping, his accident, the rehabilitative process, and all of the sports Nick continues to participate in. Nick is a strong role model for all members of the AE/MS school community. Nick's grit, perseverance, and positivity are to be admired and emulated.

If interested in learning more, please visit Basics.Highfivesfoundation.Org

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Johnson, Annika
Johnson, Britta
Makechnie, Nelson
Methven, Chloe
Methven, Ryan
Newton, John
Rankins, Donald
Royal, Julia
Slick, Matthew
Weber, Finn

Honor Roll

Bent, Matthew
Braley, Victoria
French, Hannah

Effort Honor Roll

Chamberlin, Curtis

Aiden Cox and Curtis Chamberlain Return from Term Abroad

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Andover's Aiden Cox '18 (Ocean Classroom) and Curtis Chamberlain '17 (Proctor in Spain) have returned to campus after their Fall Term of off-campus programs. Each student had a remarkable experience and shared their thoughts on studying on Proctor's unique off-campus experiences in blog posts.

You can read Aiden's thoughts on Ocean Classroom at Blogs.ProctorAcademy.org/Topic/Ocean-Classroom and Curtis' thoughts on living with a host family in Segovia, Spain for nine weeks

at Blogs.ProctorAcademy.org/Topic/Proctor-en-Segovia.

Winter Term Off-Campus Programs Every term, roughly 30 Proctor Academy students have the opportunity to study abroad in one of five off-campus programs. This winter, Andover students Jacqui Morris '17 (European Art Classroom) and Matt Braley '17 (Mountain Classroom) will be studying off-campus during the Winter Term.

Be sure to follow their adventures through weekly blog posts to Blogs.ProctorAcademy.org/

Proctor Athletics Update and Winter Schedule

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor's fall athletic season was a big success, as the boys varsity soccer team finished with its strongest record in over twenty seasons at 9-4-2, narrowly missing a berth in the New England Tournament.

Andover athletes were recognized by teams for their outstanding contributions to their respective programs. Among those recognized were Vienna Marcus '20 (Girls Varsity Soccer – Most Improved Player Award); Hannah French '19 (Girls JV Soccer – Coaches Award); and Chloe Methven '18 (JV Field Hockey – Coaches Award).

Proctor's winter athletic season gets underway in December, and the full schedule of races and games can be found online at ProctorAcademy.org/Page/On-Campus/Athletics.

Varsity home games and races for December and January are listed below.

Friday, December 2

Boys Varsity Hockey (BVH) v. Tilton School, 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 3

BVH v. Brewster Academy, 6 PM
Boys Varsity Basketball (BVBB) v. Champlain – St. Lambert, 4 PM

Wednesday, December 7

BVH v. Kimball Union Academy, 3 PM

BVBB v. Gould Academy, 5 PM

Saturday, December 10

BVH v. Thayer Academy, 1:30 PM
Girls Varsity Basketball (GVBB) v. Brewster Academy, 4:30 PM
Girls Varsity Hockey (GVH) v. New Hampton School, 5:30 PM

Monday, December 12

BVH v. Vermont Academy, 5 PM

Wednesday, January 4

GVH v. Tilton School, 2 PM

Friday, January 6

BVBB v. Phillips Exeter Academy, 6 PM

Saturday, January 7

GVH v. Northfield Mt Hermon School, 4 PM

Monday, January 9

BVBB v. Tilton School, 4:30 PM

Wednesday, January 11

Alpine Ski Race at Proctor Ski Area, 2:15 PM

GVBB v. Kimball Union Academy, 2:30 PM

BVH v. New Hampton School, 4 PM

Friday, January 13

BVBB v. New Hampton School, 6 PM

Saturday, January 14

BVH v. Noble & Greenough, 2 PM

Monday, January 16

GVH v. Worcester Academy, 5 PM

Wednesday, January 18

Nordic Ski Race at Proctor Ski Area, 2:45 PM

GVH v. Groton School, 4 PM

Friday, January 20

BVH v. Hebron Academy, 5 PM

Saturday, January 21

GVBB v. BB&N, 3 PM

BVH v. Lawrence Academy, 4 PM

Wednesday, January 25

GVH v. Kents Hill School, 4 PM

GVBB v. Vermont Academy, 3 PM



COMING SOON! Work is underway at Andover Elementary Middle School for the spring production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. A full student cast gathered for the first reading in mid-November. The community is invited to enjoy the evening performances on April 6 and 7. Sarah Edmunds and the Andover Players have a well-earned reputation for superb acting, incredible singing, creative choreography, top notch costuming, and amazing set design. You won't be disappointed.
Caption: Jane Slayton

Andover Business Owner Helps Horses in Distress

Keeping horses out of rescues a priority

Press release

Local horsewoman and Tack Room owner Linda Barnes has been elected to serve as President of Becky's Gift Equine Relief. Becky's Gift is a non-

feeding and care of equines. During periods of difficult times, no matter what the cause, it is often the animals that suffer when their owner is faced with issues that interfere with their care. Becky's Gift works with the owner to temporarily provide feed, veterinary care, and farrier services as needed.



Linda Barnes with her partner of 12-years a Morgan mare named Annie.

profit 501(c)3 that was formed in the memory of Becky Lang, a young woman with a love for horses and a concern for their welfare.

The mission of Becky's Gift is to provide short term assistance for the

Now going into their 8th year, Becky's Gift has assisted hundreds of horses across New Hampshire. As a donation based organization staffed only by a team of dedicated volunteers, the task at times is daunting. According to Linda Barnes, "In many cases, the work of Becky's Gift helps owners to be able to keep their beloved horses. And in so doing, some of these horses are spared being surrendered to already overcrowded rescues. It's a win-win for all."

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Through multiple art and technology classes, the 7th grade class of Andover Elementary Middle School has been working on a collaboration project with the 6th grade class from Campton Elementary School. Despite the distance separating the two schools, AEMS and CES students were able to work together on a Monster Exchange Project and to Skype each other at the end of the project to showcase their results.

AE/MS Seventh Grade Participates in a Monster Exchange

The Monster Exchange Project is a lesson that teaches students the importance of paying attention to detail, following and writing clear directions, all the while integrating art and technology skills. Ms. Courtney Minnehan, art teacher, and Mr. Andrew Tyler, technology teacher, worked with the 7th grade on different parts of the project.

The first step was for students to draw a monster of their own creation. Then students were asked to write directions about how to draw their mon-

ster so that someone could replicate it by following their directions. Students drew their monster in Art Class and wrote their directions in Technology Class. Campton students followed this same process with their librarian, Mrs. Kiley Kapp.

Next, the two schools shared directions for their monsters, and students were paired up with a peer from the other school. In their next art class, Andover students drew a new monster

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The eighth grade girls work together to get the ball to touch all the hands of their classmates in the shortest amount of time. It's not as easy as you might think! Students: (Left to right) Jazlyn Perkins, Lilly Furtkamp, Emily Abrahamson, and Sadie Barton.
Caption: Jane Slayton

AE/MS Eighth Grade Students Learn Team Building

Teachers and students both benefit

Jane Slayton, Principal AE/MS

The eighth grade students, Ms. Slayton, Mrs. Lane, and many teachers look forward to Mondays! Andover's Percy Hill has been leading team building activities to strengthen middle school relationships, build communication skills, and help students recognize each other's strengths. Strong bonds are built as students work together to solve problems while building relationships and creating trust. Lessons learned during team building activities are always connected back to real-life situations.

Percy has a long history with Andover Elementary Middle School and all agree it is nice to have him return on a regular basis. Percy has recently worked in several schools as a consultant and the results are always positive. Andover students have reported looking forward to Mondays with Mr. Hill which is pretty high praise coming from eighth graders.

Mrs. Lane and Ms. Slayton participate regularly and depending on the schedule, different teachers also have the opportunity to participate. The time of day for team building varies so as to not always impact the same class and to allow different staff members to participate.

The middle school years represent a time of many transitions; physically, cognitively, and emotionally. The word "awkward" is often used for this stage between being a child and being an adult. Team building helps students grow at their own pace within a supportive community of peers.

Students have practiced kindness and Mrs. Lane encourages them to initiate as many acts of kindness as they can. Much of what happens on Mondays complements Mrs. Lane's work with the students later in the week. She facilitates discussions and activities based on Sean Covey's *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens*.

Our students have learned about the importance of communication and how not to get caught up in rumors and misinformation and how to look at a situation from another persons' perspective. They have seen how negativity can impact and influence the way they experience their day. Our students have learned that they must collaborate and communicate effectively to be successful.

Reflection is an important component to team building. Students share how much they have learned and how far they have grown. Percy expertly guides students through the reflection process relating concepts to everyday adolescent struggles. Team building activities often take students beyond their comfort zone while developing confidence and collaboration.

The team building activities may seem simple at times but the lessons the students take from them are immense. Students (and staff members) will benefit from their Mondays with Percy for a long time to come.



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Pictured right to left: Sophia Reynolds of Andover outsprints Anna O'Rielly of Hopkinton and Liza Corso of Portsmouth Christian for second place in the Division III Middle School State Cross Country Meet.

Andover Middle School Competes in Division III State Championship

Press release

The Andover Middle School Cross Country team wrapped up their season at the Division III State Championship Meet at Coe Brown Northwood Academy on Saturday, October 22nd.

The cross country team lucked out on weather, it seemed to be pouring everywhere else. We enjoyed a light mist all day until the awards ceremony.

The course was a true rolling cross country course with a mostly downhill

start, some single track, and an uphill finish. There were four races: Girls Non-Scoring, Boys Non-Scoring, Girls Championship, and Boys Championship. Andover had runners in each race.

Alexis Plante got things started with a fabulous run in the Girls Non-Scoring race. She started strong and was among the first down the hill and into the woods. She reaped the rewards of her strong start for the rest of the race on the

See Cross Country on page 39



Andover residents highlighted Proctor Academy's end-of-term art performances this fall, including Tori Braley '20 and Ryelle Jenifer's '20 debut for the dance team.
Photo: Lindsey Allenby

Andover Residents Shine in Proctor Arts Celebration

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

When Cope Makechnie '17 of Andover; Jay Pier '17 of South Freeport, Maine; Carl Hubbard '17 of Andover; and Cros Thoms '17 of Wakefield, Rhode Island began singing A Prayer for the Children during this fall's end-of-term vocal music ensemble recital, it felt as though someone pressed the Pause button on life. Their impassioned

voices carried the words off the page and into the hearts of the 75 parents and community members in attendance.

"Can you feel the hearts of the children?"

Aching for home, for something of their very own

Reaching hands, with nothing to hold on to,

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MVHS Competes in the Division II State Championships

Press release

Saturday, October 29, the Merrimack Valley High School Cross Country teams competed in the Division II State Championship Meet at Derryfield Park in Manchester. A little short-handed

finish as the fourth man and come close to the 19 minute barrier. He is destined for great things next year!

Raging River Lynch, Ryan Latorella, and Connor Butt all came agonizingly close to going sub-20, but unfortunately the course was just a tad too long. Connor did run yet another huge personal best despite heading up the start hill in practically last place. That's good, patient running!

In the end, the boys finished a very respectable 15th place to achieve their pre-season goal. With four of the top boys returning next year, plus Taylor returning from injury, top 10 looks like a good place to start with goals for next year.

The MV Girls were the story of the day. They ran a solid race all around, nothing too spectacular. Tristan Beyer was the only one with a PR (of 1 second), while Lauren Rouse tied hers and Kristie Schoffield ran her best time at Derryfield, but a

due to injury, the boys took to the line very solid run. Then it was time to wait.

On the New Hampshire XC Web site MV was picked to finish 8th or 9th, but only the top 6 qualify for the Meet



David Reynolds (201) finishes 33rd in 16:39 at the New Hampshire Cross Country Meet of Champions.

in good spirits.

Matthew Reynolds (535) runs a seasons best at the Division II State Cross Country Championships.

A tenth place finish was the modified goal (at pre-season camp it was 15th), but again, everything would have to work out perfectly. When the gun started, the boys were off to a great start, particularly Matt Reynolds, running right up alongside and even ahead of his brother David around 35th place.

As the race progressed, Matt slid up in the standings, then back a little, while David picked off runners all along the course. Despite having a slightly off day, David still managed to place 21st and continue his season for one more week by qualifying for the Meet of Champions.

Matt had a super sub-18 run, not enough to qualify for MOC's, but his best race of the year. Dylan Guinard turned in a 1-second personal best as MV's third runner, while Matt Lyle ran out of his head to



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of Champions. After Kristie picked up her 5th-place medal, the girls huddled for power and...6TH PLACE, MERRIMACK VALLEY
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