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Sferes at work in Hummingbird Studio.    Caption and Photo: Larry Chase

## Hummingbird Studio Opens in Andover

### New Studio owned by Jimmy Sferes

#### Larry Chase

There's a new business in Andover. It's called Hummingbird Studio, and owner Jimmy Sferes describes it as follows:

"This is a state-of-the-art digital sound-recording venue providing an intimate, personalized setting that is perfectly geared toward the singer/songwriter. We can accommodate solo artists, duos and small bands – and also support the creation of podcasts and voiceovers.

"In addition," Sferes says, "we can provide instrumental backup music and custom songs for movies, corporate films and advertisements, bringing over 45 years of experience in the music industry to your project as musician, composer, sound engineer and producer."

The sound studio is located beside his home at the end of Beech Hill Road. Since Sferes and wife Jennifer White moved there in the spring of 2014, it has served as a "classroom" for his guitar-teaching activities. The space has had previous lives as a children's playroom and a chicken coop.

Today the studio is equipped with the latest computer-based tools for sound recording, editing, mixing and quality-enhancing. A small "isolation booth" used when recording vocalists keeps any extraneous sounds from intruding.

Local artists who have taken advantage of the new facility include Warner's Carl Beverly, New London's Kathy Lowe, and an cappella singing group of Colby-Sawyer students.

In addition to running the studio,  
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## Fatal Motorcycle Accident on on Route 11

A motorcyclist was killed after crashing into a box truck Wednesday, September 13 on Route 11 near the intersection of Route 4A. The accident occurred around 4:45 PM. Andover Fire and EMS responded to the scene to provide emergency care and fire protection.

Police said the initial investigation revealed that the motorcycle had been traveling eastbound when it crossed the centerline for unknown reasons.

A 2016 Hino box truck owned by

Delivery Partners Express N.H. Inc. that was transporting mail for the U.S. Postal Service was traveling westbound when the motorcycle swerved into the westbound lane. The box truck driver attempted to dodge the motorcycle by pulling to the right, but the motorcycle crashed into the rear driver's side of the box truck resulting in fatal injuries.

Police said Route 11 was closed for approximately three hours while traffic was diverted around the scene.



COFFEE AND.... With a new sign at 157 Main Street in Andover, a twice-weekly "Coffee at the Hub" began operation in September, offering local residents and passers-by an opportunity to socialize, make new friends, and catch up on local news and gossip. Here the creator of the sign, Claire Derr, welcomes visitors. An environmental design major at the University of Colorado, Derr was in town visiting friends when the design opportunity arose. Photo: Larry Chase

## Things are Happening at the Andover Hub!

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September saw The Andover Hub opening its newly painted red front doors for community events, with more scheduled for October and beyond. See separate article in this issue of the Beacon, and contact The Hub at [AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com) for more information and to receive email alerts about future programs and activities. A few of last month's gatherings are shown on page 3.

## The Andover Beacon Marks Thirteen Years and Counting

### Beacon staff to be restructured

#### Beacon Staff

October marks the thirteenth anniversary of the Andover Beacon. The Board of Directors and Staff of the Bea-

con are looking forward to many more anniversaries in the future. As we begin our fourteenth year there are some changes taking place as this edition goes to press in the Beacon Staff as well as the location of our office.

Donnette McGill, the current Editor/



Shelley Geoghegan, will take over as Publisher of the Andover Beacon in October.

Publisher has announced that she will be stepping down, but has agreed to stay on to help during the transition. After meeting with the Board of Directors it was decided to restructure the Beacon Staff. The Board of Directors is hoping that the transition will be an easy one as no new staff will need to be hired. Going forward, Shelley Geoghegan, who currently serves as the Bookkeeper will add to her duties the job of Publisher, overseeing the business side of the Beacon as well as public relations

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