

Andover Congregational Church News – November 2017

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Andover Congregational Church

Our Church, under the leadership of the Missions Committee, is once again participating in “Operation Christmas Child”. Shoeboxes filled with various items such as small toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items, etc. are sent to “Samaritan’s Purse” (a Christian organization under the leadership of Franklin Graham). They are then forwarded to third world countries, along with a message from God’s word, in time for Christmas. Videos showing the joy on the faces of the children who receive these gifts is priceless. About 70 shoeboxes were filled by members and friends of the Church last year. We’re hoping for a repeat season. They should be turned in by November 1.

Men’s Breakfast was held on October 14 at the Grange Hall with a good attendance. Please join us for the next one on November 11 at 8 A.M.. They are held the second Saturday of each month. There is NO CHARGE. All men are welcome. Come and enjoy good fellowship, an encouraging message and a delicious breakfast.

We welcomed missionaries Mark & Kristen Cote recently at the Church. They serve in pastoral

ministry for “Kids Alive Peru” who help with abandoned, abused and orphaned children living in poverty. Our Church will be helping to support this ministry.

Our annual Christmas Fair and Bake Sale will be held on November 18 under the direction of Donna Thompson. The time is from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. in the Grange Hall in East Andover. In addition to Christmas items and decorations, plus other craft items, there will also be at least one table with NEW items suitable for gift giving at really bargain prices. There will be a wide variety to select from, so come early for best choice! There will also be lots of homemade goodies made by the ladies of the Church.

Thanksgiving Eve service at the Church will be Wednesday, November 22 at 7 P.M.. We hope you can join us as we give Him thanks for all His many gifts. Always feel free to call the Church office (735-5160) to speak with Pastor John Wagner for more information on what’s going on at the Church or if you need help in any way. Our Church service and Sunday School begin at 9:30 A.M. every Sunday.

Thought for the day: “The best way to get even is to forget” (Read Luke 6:35)



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FAA that no lighting is required

- Revised forest buffer easement with the Town and with Belletetes in form acceptable to Town Counsel, with a term no less than the term of the lease plus any time required to restore the site to its prior condition, and including survey or plan of covered area – 150’ from enclosure/open space (or to Route 11, if the Select Board approves extending the easement over the full slope)

- Verification that there is no gap in the forest buffer area 150’ around the open space perimeter. If there is any gap, a request for a further variance will be required

- Documentation acceptable to Town Counsel binding Verizon to post security for cost of removal plus 15% (par 9.3), and to update costs over lease period

- The impartial frequency discharge health and safety study promised by Verizon in the August meeting

The meeting with Verizon ended at 8:40 P.M..

In reviewing the revised application provided by Verizon, as well as the additional information furnished during the foregoing discussion, the Planning Board deemed the application sufficiently complete to allow the Planning Board to go forward with an appropriateness determination.

The Planning Board then reviewed applicable standards for its appropriateness review, including consistency with Master Plan priorities, and the express purposes and intent of the Cell Tower Ordinance (particularly Article XII, Paragraph 1.1). The Planning Board then reached the following decision:

Appropriateness Determination
With reference to applicant Verizon’s request for a Special Exception to build a ground mount cell tower, the Planning Board then found the placement of a cell tower on the proposed site, with access from inside the transfer station gate and maintenance of a buffer of trees between the access road and Route 11, appropriate.

In reaching this finding, the Planning Board expresses no view with respect to the applicant’s requests for variances from requirements of Andover Zoning Ordinance Article XII: Personal Wireless Service Facilities.

Currier made a motion to deem the site appropriate for the proposed cell tower use as further described in the resolution prepared by the board. Warzocha seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the site appropriate for the proposed cell tower use as further described in the resolution prepared by the board.

Key points considered by the Planning Board in reaching this finding include:

The proposed goals to increase coverage or extend coverage to residents and areas not currently served are unreasonable, and the applicant has provided documentation, as required by Article X, Section 4.3, that use of existing buildings or other less visible al-

ternatives to achieve these goals is not technologically feasible.

Town meeting vote in 2017 authorized the Selectboard to negotiate terms of a lease with Verizon for a cell tower on the proposed site. This indicates that a majority of those voting at the meeting generally consider the site appropriate for a cell tower.

While unfortunately clearly visible from a main approach to the Town, this location is not on a high ridge line, and is visible only from one approach, as opposed to other hilltops or ridges that are visible from multiple perspectives.

Taking into account the Conservation Commission’s efforts to identify the Town land parcel involved as a wildlife priority, and acknowledging that the access road represents a disruption, it was noted in mitigation that the road will be infrequently used and should not impede wildlife movement, that the proposed installation will have no impact on Bog Pond or other water resources, and that the required and proposed extended forest buffer easements would actually help achieve some of the Commission’s conservation objectives.

A new road cutting from Route 11 to provide direct access to the site, as originally proposed, would have run counter to Master Plan directives to minimize visual impacts on main approaches, but the revised plan to access the site via the existing transfer station entrance road, and to maintain a buffer of trees for the full length of the access road, mitigates this impact. and is prepared, Godwin should come before the board for another non-binding consultation.

Conservation Commission

July 12, 2017

Condensed from approved minutes:

The regular monthly meeting of the ACC was opened by Vice-Chair Jerry Hersey at 7:15 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Jesse Schust, Jerry Hersey, Nan Kaplan (Alan McIntyre and Tina Cotton arrived later).

ASLPT:

Nan reported on the use of drones in monitoring properties over 100 acres the presentations of Amanda Stone (UNHExt) and Emily Preston (Fish & Game) on the WAP update, Climate Change Workshop as a co-sponsor with Colby Sawyer College on Sept. 21

Water-Wildlife Video produced by a Danbury resident.

Action Items:

Co-Occurrence Map for Andover: Harvey Pine (CSC) will be working with Alan and the ACC. He will be updating the co-occurrence map.

Chasing Ice Movie: Jesse reported no action to date.

Tick Control Presentation: Jesse plans to contact Allen Eaton for a possible Fall meeting.

Bradley Lake Logging: Wetlands Bureau hasn’t signed off yet. We have some concern about the crossing and access

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2017
Hospice & Palliative Care
Month

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

A time to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones.
All are welcome. RSVPs appreciated.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 5:30 pm
Sugar River Bank Community Room, Newport

29th ANNUAL HOSPICE DINNER

An elegant evening to honor and benefit Hospice Care.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6:00 pm
Millstone at 74 Main Street, New London
\$50.00 per person. RSVP by November 10th

12th ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Crafters, raffles, food, music, Cookie Walk ...
... all to benefit Hospice Care
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, New London
Contact Cathy Raymond (ext. 231) for details.

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