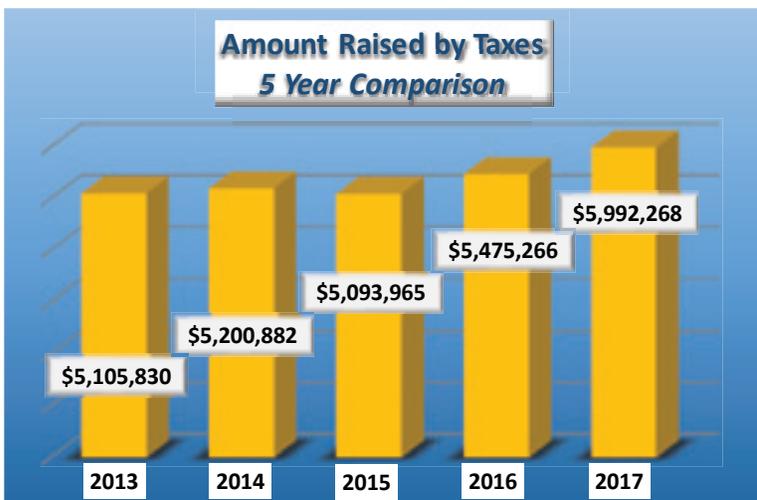


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A comparison of the amount of money raised by taxation for the years 2013 to 2017. The increase for 2017 amounts to \$517,000 or 9.4 percent.

Andover Tax Bills Up 7.3 Percent

Increase in Property Valuation helps some

Ed Hiller

The amounts to be raised by taxes for Andover for 2017 add up to \$5,992,268. This is an increase over last year of \$517,002 (9.4%). As a result of an increase in town valuation, the tax rate will increase by only 7.3%. The tax bill for a property valued at \$200,000 will

increase from \$4,280 in 2016 to \$4,600 in 2017, an increase of \$320.

The total tax burden for Andover over recent years had remained almost flat, fluctuating up and down around the \$5,000,000 mark. But 2016 saw a significant increase of 7.5%. And a further increase of 9.4% was seen this year. The total tax burden this year is approximately \$6,000,000.

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Planning Board Proposes Five Amendments to Zoning Ordinance

Press release

A Public Hearing was held at the Town Office on December 12 to receive comments on five proposed amendments to the Andover Zoning Ordinance.

While addressing individual building and land use requests, it is the responsibility of the Planning Board to see that the Zoning Ordinance is up-to-date and consistent with state law and the priorities set by the Town in the Master Plan. To help accomplish this, the Planning Board is proposing five updates and amend-

ments to the Zoning Ordinance, to be on the ballot for the 2018 town meeting. Public input and opinion on the proposals is an important part of the process, and the Planning Board will consider all input from the hearing in preparing final versions of the proposed amendments. You can pick up copies of the full text of the proposed amendments at the town office or download them from the town website.

Written comments are encouraged, and you don't need to be present at the

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Supervisors of the Checklist Meeting Notice

The Andover Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Tuesday, January 23, from 7 to 7:30 P.M. to make additions and corrections to the checklist. Changes in party registration will also be accepted.

This meeting is timed so that anyone planning to run in the March 13, 2018 Town Election can get onto the checklist before filing begins on January 24. You must be a registered voter in Andover to run for an Andover town office.



Andover's new police chief, Joe Mahoney shares a moment with his family after being sworn in by Town Administrator Marj Roy at the Town Hall.

Joe Mahoney Appointed as Police Chief

With the retirement of Chief Glenn Laramie in November, the Select Board didn't waste any time announcing the appointment of Patrolman Joe Mahoney as the new Andover Police Chief.

Mahoney, who grew up in Franklin, began his career in law enforcement as a part time patrolman in the Town of Hill while he was a college student at Unity College in Unity, Maine. After graduating with a bachelor's degree, he began

looking for full time employment and a position for a full time officer was open in Andover. He was hired and has been here ever since.

Mahoney says that he likes working in a small town where you get to know the people you serve and feel like you are part of the community. One might think that a police department in a small town would not be very busy, but

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Irene Jewett was honored as a Gold Star Mother at a recent Veterans Day Assembly at the Andover Elementary Middle School. Bill Leber and Ron Evans of American Legion Post #101 presented flowers and a card to Mrs. Jewett. Mrs. Jewett's son Sp4 Stephen Jewett was killed in action in Viet Nam in December of 1965.

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