

Andover Service Club News

Mary Ofenloch, President

Another year of service to our community is coming to an end, and we are now looking forward to accomplishing even more in 2018. The ASC ladies worked very hard to make our bake sales and Election Day hot lunches both memorable and delicious. The Thanksgiving Pie Sale and "Slices for Scholarships" on the Fourth of July were very successful.

For those who do not know about "Slices for Scholarships," let me explain. On the Fourth of July, ASC asked for donations to the ASC Merit Scholarship Fund. With gratitude for a donation of any amount, the donor received a slice of pie. This was not a pie sale, but a "by donation only" fundraiser.

The third annual Art & Craft Fair last October was also a successful ASC event. Look for another fair next year.

A new sign was recently installed at

the Thrift Shop on the outside wall facing Route 4/11 (Main Street). Why not drop by to see the large variety of clothing and accessories for the entire family? Need a Christmas gift? You just might find that special gift there.

On December 13, the ASC ladies are looking forward to the annual Christmas luncheon at 74 Main Restaurant in New London, where the meals are fabulous, the venue is pleasant and comfortable, and the service is top notch. The winning ticket for the "Gifts Galore" Raffle will be drawn at the luncheon. This is a great beginning for the Christmas season.

So, as 2017 comes to a close, the ASC ladies and I wish to thank everyone who supported us and our efforts to be of service during this year. May you all be blessed with a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. 

ASC Post Card Fund Raiser

Post Cards feature local photographers

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The Andover Service Club is now offering beautiful postcards in a package of 12 for \$10. Included in the pack are the award winning photos from the July 4, 2016 photo contest taken by Andover photographers, and four antique photos from a private collection.

Suitable for framing and in beauti-

ful color, they are perfect for gifts, for a personal collection, or for writing a quick note to a special friend or family member. They are available for purchase at the Thrift Shop on School St in Andover. While you are there, you may want to shop for a lovely holiday outfit with accessories to match.

This Postcard Project fundraiser will benefit the ASC Merit Scholarship Fund. ASC is a registered 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. 

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The Club meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 30th and the Club will discuss the situation at the meeting to Club members and afterwards get back to the Town.

Highland Lake Drawdown:

After the Board met with the Highland Lake Protective Association (HLP), Roger Kidder did some on-line research on the Department of Environmental Services (DES) website. Kidder believes someone from the State gave the Town wrong information on the lake draw down. The Kidder's requested the Town go forward with the draw down this year. The HLP is concerned about the amount of erosion taking place.

The Board and HLP agreed during last week's meeting, the drawdown would not occur this year due to the notification deadlines. However, Kidder provided new information from DES with conflicting information from what the Board received from Department of Environmental Services (DES) Dam Bureau. Roy will contact the State in the morning and inform them that some concerned citizens approached the Board with a conflicting opinion on the drawdown and will request a waiver or exemption on the notification deadlines.

Bill Keyser would like notices of meetings posted at the East Andover Post Office. Keyser feels there are people in East Andover who would like to be included in this issue and other meetings that he feels that the meetings are not being posted in the East Andover Post Office.

Keyser also does not believe that a yearly draw down is necessary or that the erosion issue is as big as people suggested.

Library Budget:

Susan Chase and Janet Moore presented their budget. Please see attached.

Cemetery Budget:

The committee is in the process of hiring a new sexton. Cutter interviewed a potential sexton recently. The new sexton will be paid \$13.00 hourly instead of the flat yearly fee. Among the duties of the sexton will be to speak to people who wish to purchase a lot, show the purchaser the lot at the cemetery, prepare the paperwork for Town records, record the deed, and to make sure the corner markers are taken care of as required.

The Committee questioned using the \$1200.00 from this year's budget and carrying it over to next years for repairing stones. The Board explained that if those funds are not used in 2017, they can only be encumbered by a contract or an invoice. Otherwise, the unused funds go into the General Fund. With a contract or an invoice, the Board will sign off to carry those funds over on the last Board meeting for 2017.

After discussion, the Board agreed that since the Town highway crew started the work in 2017 and will be completing the work, a work order or work schedule can be used in place of a

contract or an invoice. That should accomplish allocating those funds from the 2017 budget and carrying the left-over funds over into 2018's budget.

Recreation Committee Budget:

Frantz explained the budget is approximately \$22,000.00 which is an increase of a couple of thousand dollars due to two items. One is the ski program. The fee for Ragged Mountain has increased from \$79.00 to \$99.00 per student during the winter course program. The transportation cost remained the same. The other item that caused the increase is that the ice rink liner may need to be replaced before the season is over.

Although the Committee did not vote, the consensus is that they are thinking of putting up their own equipment storage shed. They are in the process of checking with Proctor and locating the boundaries.

Howard George offered to aerate the baseball field. The Board agreed that the town does not have the proper equipment to aerate the field. The Board agreed that Howard can aerate the field. Additionally, Gary George will take care of shutting off the water.

Police Department Budget:

Sergeant Mahoney presented the budget. The Board reviewed and discussed the budget. Mahoney explained that because the police department is in transition at this point, there are several unknowns in the budget. Crime-star was moved from the Office Supply line to the Dues/Subscription/Use fees line. There was a discussion regarding whether the 4th of July police detail should be in the police budget or the 4th of July committee's budget.

Correspondence and Signatures:

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources letter received indicating that they have re-districted the forest rangers. However, Andover's Doug Miner, will remain our forest ranger.

Service Club letter received indicating their executive board meets at the end of October and that in November they will have a full member meeting. Afterwards, they would like to meet with the Board on November 20, 2017 to discuss the fee they owe to the 4th of July Committee.

Andover Snowmobile Club letter requesting they be allowed to cross through the Transfer Station as in the past. Mishcon made a motion that the Town continue to allow the Andover Snowmobile Club to continue to cross through the Transfer Station. Delaney seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. All three Board members signed the request.

Town Clerk/Tax Clerk bulleted list received for credit card usage in her office. The Board reviewed the terms for Visa and American Express usage. Along with the Board's request previously of the Procedures and Policy, the Board requested that a daily print out of the credit card transactions will be required to verify and confirm proper activity for the file and a copy sent to

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