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The sweet smell of maple syrup hung in the air inside the sugarhouse at Ragged View farm during an Andover Institute "space exploration" on March 17. Here, as fascinated visitors watch, owner Mark Cowdrey checks on the performance of his evaporator, which concentrates the watery maple sap into Grade A maple syrup. Cowdrey's syrup is for sale at his farm, at 111 Bradley Lake Road. Photo: Larry Chase

## Andover Town Meeting Held During "Nor'easter"

### Voters decrease budget by \$25,000

Steve Foley

As the weather forecast began predicting that a "nor'easter would hit the region on the annual Town Meeting Day in New Hampshire, the state Attorney General and Secretary of State were quick to remind towns that it is against the law to postpone town meetings due to weather.

The polls opened at 11 AM and voting was reportedly very brisk during the first few hours with folks trying to get in and vote before road conditions got too bad.

The turnout for voting was good with over 475 people turning out, but the attendance at the Town Meeting, which began at 7 PM was lighter than usual according to Town Manager, Marj Roy. During a hand vote on one article, only 90 hands were counted. Whether the absence of many voters who usually do attend affected the outcome is anybody's guess.

At the polls, voters elected town officials (see results in sidebar on page 2) and voted on 5 articles that by law required a ballot vote. Most of these were changes in the zoning ordinances. Article two had to do with buildings that are not on a permanent foundation. The

amendment would change the requirement to obtain a building permit for such structures, but would require that they be registered with the town Zoning Administrator. The article passed with 25 in favor and 196 opposed.

Article Three amends the zoning ordinance to allow building permits to be issued for so called "tiny houses" except in Village and Forest Agriculture districts. This article passed with 253 in favor and 174 opposed.

Articles four and five also pertained to the zoning ordinance and were "housekeeping" measures to bring the towns zoning ordinance into compliance with current state laws. Article four passed with 274 in favor and 156 opposed. Article five passed with 262 in favor and 174 opposed.

Article six was the final zoning amendment which does away with a requirement for the Planning Board to find a site to be appropriate for a proposed use before a special exception can be approved. It also changes the wording involving the criteria for special exceptions. This article passed with 281 in favor and 215 opposed.

The operating budget for the town was considered in Article seven. There were lots of questions posed to the select board about how funds were being

See Town Mtg. on page 7



Work is now underway on the improvements for the Andover Elementary and Middle School as approved by the voters at last year's School District Meeting. On the East side of the school, workers have begun installing a foundation for an addition. Photo: Steve Foley

## Town Meetings Vote to Increase Net Appropriations by 2.9% over 2017

Ed Hiller, Budget Committee

The 2018 annual meetings of the Town of Andover, the Andover School District and the Andover Fire District voted to raise and appropriate their budgets for the coming year. The total appropriations (net of pass-throughs) are \$7,735,311, up \$220,126 over last year, an increase of 2.9%.

The Town expects to receive reimbursement from the State of 80% of the \$620,000 that was appropriated in 2017 for rebuilding the Morrill Hill Road Bridge. This reimbursement is \$496,000. The amount that can be used to offset taxes will be determined by NH-DRA guidelines regarding maintaining a prudent General Fund balance.

Andover School District Meeting

The Andover School District Meeting approved the Budget Committee's recommended budget of \$5,476,537, up 2.6% over last year. This included approval of a new three-year teachers' contract for increases in salaries and benefits of \$34,860 each of the three years.

Dept.	Net Appropriations			
	2017	2018	Change	Percent
Schools	\$5,335,215	\$5,476,537	\$141,322	2.6%
Town	\$2,046,894	\$2,124,103	\$77,209	3.8%
Fire	\$133,076	\$134,671	\$1,595	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,515,185</b>	<b>\$7,735,311</b>	<b>\$220,126</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

Andover Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting voted to reduce the 2018 Operating Budget. See Budget on page 7



Under the guidance of the New London-based Tiger Mountain Shotokan Karate School, participants in the "Karate at the Andover Hub" classes currently under way in the Hub's dance studio go through their moves. The classes are held on Monday afternoons and early evenings for children of ages six to eight, and separately for ages nine through adult. For more information, contact Gayle Fleming at 477-3174.

The Andover Hub, a new name for Andover's old town hall, is located at 157 Main Street in Andover Village. Photo: Larry Chase

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## Town Clerk Grateful for Election Volunteers

Joanna Sumner, Town Clerk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help with the election. It takes many hands for the election to happen and it was particularly difficult for our volunteers to travel in the snow on Tuesday.

Our ballot clerks were: Stephanie Hurbutt, Susan Currier, Karen Forsberg, Robert Feoli, Joshua Wagner and James Dragan.

Our ballot counters were: The supervisors of the checklist, Doug Phelps and Janet Splan. Betsy Paine took Dan Coolidge's place as moderator during the ballot counting. Then there was Bonnie Wesley, Josi Martin, Stephanie Hurlbutt, Ted Kendrick, Susan Currier,

Donna Duclos, John Wagner, Beth Belows, Michael Daigel, Michael Elveth, Josh Wagner, Stuart Clark, Harold Tuttle and Linda Tuttle. Counting ballots can be very challenging particularly when there are a lot of write in candidates. The final tally was completed around 11:00 p.m.

Also a special thanks to James Dragan and Nancy Teach for staying to sign people in as they came in to attend the town meeting.

This will be my last town meeting as Town Clerk as I will be retiring this summer. I have found the job here to be very rewarding and have enjoyed making friends with so many of you through work. Thank you for supporting me at the polls

## Andover Police Department February 2018

The Andover Police Department handled 162 Calls for Service during February, including:

- Assist Citizen: 8
- Assist Motorist: 3
- Assist Social Service Agencies: 3
- Civil Issue/Stand-by: 2
- Dog Bite: 2
- Dog Loose: 4

- House Check: 10
- Protective Order (Violation): 1
- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 3
- Traffic Offense-Citation: 2
- Traffic Offense-Warning: 13
- Welfare Check: 1

### ARRESTS:

- Anne E. Yates, Andover, age 61: Conduct After an Accident

## Andover Real Estate Transactions

February 16 to March 15, 2018

On February 27, Nancy Lea Teach Trust sold 82 Bradley Lake Road to Davis/Leff Family Trust for \$179,800. The 1,843 square-foot house has 3 bedroom, 1 bath and sits on 1.4 acres.

On February 28, Elaine Eastman sold 233 acres on Tucker Mountain Road to The Granite Forest Trust for \$349,000. The 2,217 square-foot house has 3 bedrooms, 1 baths, and sits on 0.25 acres. The seller and buyer were assisted by John Kinney

of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles.

### Andover Inventory

There are currently six residential properties on the market, plus eight residential properties under contract for sale.

There are currently seven land parcels on the market, and zero 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.

## Reminders From Town Clerk on Dog Licensing and Tax Relief Filing

Late fees and fines after June 1

Joanna Sumner, Town Clerk  
Dog Licensing

The State of New Hampshire RSA 466:1 requires that every owner or keeper of a dog four months old or older shall annually cause it to be licensed in the office of the Town Clerk in the town in which it is kept. The dog must wear the license tag around its neck.

The license is effective from May 1 to April 30 of the following year. Fees are: \$6.50 for altered dogs, \$9.50 for a dog that is not neutered or spayed, and \$2 for senior citizens (only one dog). There is a \$1 late fee per month after June 1. RSA 466:14 requires the Town Clerk to charge a \$25 civil forfeiture to any owner of each unlicensed dog.

We will be mailing letters to remind dog owners that they need to license their dogs. If you no longer have a dog,

please call the office so we can remove the dog's name from our records. We have over 600 dogs licensed in Andover so you can make our job easier by either licensing your dog early or letting us know that you no longer have a dog.

### Property Tax Relief

Forms will be available in the Town Clerk's office to apply for the New Hampshire Property Tax Relief program. To qualify, you need to meet certain criteria. You need to own your own home, reside there, and if you are single, you should have an adjusted gross income of no more than \$30,000. If you are married or head of a household with an adjusted gross income of no more than \$40,000, then you may qualify.

The application must be filed between May 1 and June 30. Forms may be picked up in the office in May or found online at Revenue.nh.gov. For questions, call 230-5920.

## Town Election Results

### SELECTMAN

3 Year Term 2021 • Elect 1

Charles Keyser	168
Jim Delaney Sr	142
Paul Currier	126
Leonard Caron	35

### ROAD AGENT

2 Year Term 2020 • Elect 1

John M. Thompson	301
Elwin Barton	121
Daniel Merzi	47

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

3 Year Term 2021 • Elect 2

Nancy Teach	372
Neil (Arch) Weathers	336

### TOWN TREASURER

2 Year Term 2020 • Elect 1

Shirley Currier	436
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### TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

3 Year Term 2021 • Elect 1

Michael D. Mori	397
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### MODERATOR

2 Year Term 2020 • Elect One

Merrit Jonathon Mishcon	357
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### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

3 Year Term 2021 • Elect 2

Mark Cowdrey	364
Caroline Moulton Ratzki	363

### CEMETERY TRUSTEE

3 Year Term 2021 • Elect 1

Elizabeth Frost	437
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### SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

6 Year Term 2024 • Elect 1

Cynthia Benson	374
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### SCHOOL BOARD

3 Year Term 2021 • Elect 2

Theresa Georges	362
Aimee Menard	371

### SCHOOL MODERATOR

1 Year Term 2019 • Elect 1

Elizabeth (Betsy) Paine	373
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### SCHOOL TREASURER

1 Year Term 2019 • Elect 1

Shirley H. Currier	393
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### SCHOOL CLERK

1 Year Term 2019 • Elect 1

Christie Coll	368
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Newly Certified Members of Fire Dept, Auxiliary, Police Dept and E. Andover Preschool along with Franklin Fire Fighter, Tony Roberts.

## Andover Emergency Services Members Receive CPR Certification

**Press release**

On February 24, 2018, 11 members of Andover Emergency Services received their CPR and First Aid Certification. Members of our Fire Dept, Auxiliary, Police and East Andover Preschool took the 6 hour course.

Congratulations to Jeff Bradish, Mary Phinney, Steve Barton, Sharon Lefebvre, Dan Shaw, Marj Roy, Kristin Grant,

Meghan Barton, Tiffany Perkins, Amy Jenkins, Tina Barton and Bill Demers.

A great big thank you to John Kinney and Greg Stetson of Andover EMS for organizing this training. Thank you as well to Deputy Chief Mike Foss and Firefighter Tony Roberts of Franklin Fire Department, for taking the time to teach part of Andover Emergency Services! Nice work, team!

## Fourth of July Committee Report

**Press release**

Preparations are well underway for this year's 4th of July celebration. Registrations for the Market on the Green are out-pacing last year. The bands have been selected for music on the Green and plans for the Opening Ceremonies are falling into place. The committee has put in an order for good weather!

We are also in the final stages of selecting a parade theme. Thanks to all of you who have given us suggestions. It's wonderful to see the community so heavily involved. Just about all the paid parade participants have sent back their signed contract. Following our 75-year tradition, our Children's Parade will go off as usual. We are hoping for a large turnout this year. Don't forget that the children's parade forms at the Andover Fire Station, where we have bathroom facilities, drinks and shade! This is the most fun part of the parade. Those little ones are the best! If anyone is interested in helping with organizing the Children's Parade or assisting on the day,

please call Beth Frost at 735-5562.

**Mark Your Calendars**

We hope to see everyone on Thursday, June 7 at 6 PM for a free concert (donations appreciated) at the Amphitheater behind the Town Offices. Sferes & White will open for Nicks Other Band. Come enjoy our local talent!

Also, keep in mind the family movie night on Saturday, June 30th at the AE/MS gym. The committee has enlisted the students to help us with movie choices.

The committee needs assistance for a few hours on the 4th to help with parade registration, parade line-up, and running kid games on the Green. Past volunteers have remarked on how much they enjoyed interacting with kids and adults alike on this important community day. If you are interested in helping, please join us at one of our meetings at 7 PM on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Andover Fire Station or call Donna French at 735-6131 or Doug Phelps at 802-310-1045.

**Dog License Renewals**  
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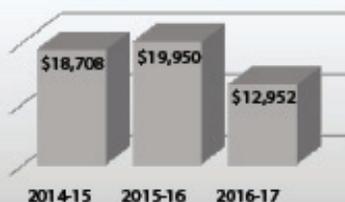
Dear Readers

When we step into a community, like Andover, we must be willing to become citizens of the community, and not simply residents. Citizens come to know, appreciate, and engage in the makeup of community. They know that sustaining community requires understanding the responsibilities of being a part of community, and the need of each individual to give back to community.

The community of Andover is unlike any other we have seen with its disproportionate richness a by-product of so many of you who invest your time, energy, and resource into sustaining it. Whether you are volunteering for the Andover Fire and Rescue squad, helping run the Andover Coffee House, serving on the School Board, Town Budget Committee, helping run a local scout troop, or coaching a youth sports team, your engagement in building this community has never been higher.

The Andover Beacon plays an integral role in tying the various parts of this community together. Whether it is informing voters of issues on the table at Town Meeting, sharing news from our schools, or simply serving as a distribution mechanism for minutes from monthly meetings of organizations in town, the Beacon is our entire town's 'go to' resource for the latest news and information in town. Delivered free to every household in Andover, The Andover Beacon is a true gift to the community of Andover, and an invaluable resource that very few small towns have available to them.

Andover Beacon Giving Trends



Despite feeling as though the Town of Andover is as vibrant as ever, over the past two years, annual donations to the Beacon have decreased from a high in 2015 (\$19,000) to a low over the past year (\$12,952). This trend provides a call to action to each of us who desire to not just be resi-

dents of Andover, but community members. We must each step up and support the Beacon.

As a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, the Andover Beacon runs a unique financial model, reliant on both ad sales and charitable donations. Ad sales, on average, account for roughly 60% of operating expenses. The other 40% of costs must be covered through donations. This model is often misunderstood by members of our community who see ads and assume their revenues fully offset costs. With two part-time Sales Representatives, Suzy Brown and Connie Powers, who work diligently to bring in ad sales from local businesses, and a part-time Editor, Steve Foley, and a part-time Publisher, Shelley Geoghegan, the newspaper is run as an incredibly cost efficient operation, with the value added to the community of Andover far exceeding the financial costs required to keep it running. Put bluntly: The Andover Beacon requires charitable donations from the community to operate, and we need your help!

In an effort to revitalize our community's financial backing of the Andover Beacon, we will be mailing a letter to each household in Andover in May asking for you to consider giving whatever you are able to support the Beacon. In the past, this reminder came in the form of the 'A Round Tuit' envelope each February. The goal behind this letter is the same as it has been in the past, and we hope you join us in providing the necessary financial support to keep the Beacon a thriving institution in this town.

Respectfully,

The Andover Beacon Board of Directors

Scott Allenby • Charlie Darling • Nan Kaplan  
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### Rabies Clinic

Saturday, April 28 • 1-2 P.M.

Sponsored by The Andover fish and game club

At the Club House in East Andover

Rabies shots provided by Pleasant Lake Veterinary Hospital

## Lions Club Food Pantry Closes

Steve Foley

The Andover Food Pantry, which has been operated by the Andover Lions Club since 2006, has been closed, according to Virginia Edwards, the Lions Club president.

The food pantry, which was located in the lower level of the Andover Town Hall, operated for many years with minimal supervision by the club. People from all over the region donated food to the pantry. Hannaford Supermarkets also provided meal boxes and other items. Proctor Academy also regularly provided frozen meals. Others provided fresh eggs, and produce from their own gardens.

Most people took only what they really needed. The Andover Beacon office was located in the room next to the food pantry and the Beacon staff could keep an eye on things. After the Beacon office was moved, there was no longer any supervi-

sion and apparently some people took advantage of that. The shelves were quickly depleted after they were restocked.

In recent months the club decided to lock up the food and have certain hours of operation. Very few people took advantage of what was offered and the club voted at it's last meeting to close the pantry down.

For those who need assistance in obtaining food, there are still options. The Towns of Wilmot, Danbury and Boscawen have pantries. The Twin Rivers interfaith Food Pantry in Franklin serves residents of Andover. Each pantry has different guidelines and policies. Inquiries at your local town office should provide information on what is available for your town.

The Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry is located at 2 Central Street, across from Benson Auto Co. in Franklin. For information call: (603) 934-2662.



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## Andover Area Democrats, Progressives and Independents Meeting

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## Computer Help Available at the Andover Hub

### Susan Chase, The Andover Hub

Residents who want to learn a new computer skill, have a problem or a question about software, or need to retrieve data from an old computer can sign up for a half-hour appointment with freelance computer consultant Pat Michaud of Concord between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. one Thursday each month at The Andover Hub, 157 Main Street, next to Pizza Chef. Pat's many years of programming and IT experience make her an ideal teacher.

The next opportunity will be on Thursday, April 19. Participants can

bring their own laptop or device if they like (only PCs, no Macs) but Pat will also have laptops with Windows versions 7 and 10 available. There is no charge, but donations to The Hub are greatly appreciated.

Those interested can email [AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com) to set up an appointment, or drop in that day and take their chances. For a question ahead of time about a specific problem for which one hopes to find help, Pat can be reached at [pat@particularpat.com](mailto:pat@particularpat.com).



## Paint and Sip Comes to Andover

Friday, April 13 at Andover Hub

### Susan Chase

In recent years, "Paint & Sip" classes have become popular all over the country as a way to unwind and have fun on a Friday night while also exploring one's creativity. Now "Paint & Sip" is coming to Andover.

On Friday, April 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, folks are invited to relax, have a glass of wine and access their creative side at The Andover Hub under the guiding eye of local artist Molly Leith. She'll lead participants through the experience of painting their own version of Van Gogh's "Almond Blossoms."

The event is designed to be a social and light-hearted evening as each person produces some 'fun art' -- and learns a bit in the process. There will also be a piece of Leith's own work as an alternative subject, for participants who may prefer the experience of painting something more abstract.

The evening will be limited to ten participants, and advance registration is necessary, on a first come, first served basis. The fee, which includes wine, soda, snacks and art supplies, is \$20. To register, send an email to [AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com).

Who knows, this could be the start of a creative career--or just a fun night out with friends.



## Frank Haley to Walk in "Walk for Sight" 3K for 15<sup>th</sup> Time

### Lauretta Phillips

In June 2017 Frank Haley accepted the prize for being the top individual fund raiser for 14 consecutive years at the annual 3K walk hosted by the New Hampshire Association for the Blind (NHAB). His total was his highest yet topping out at \$10,522.

June 2, is the date set for the 16th annual Walk for Sight. It is the 15th year for Frank to participate as a walker. Frank wants to top last year's total and he needs your help to maintain his title of top individual fund raiser. He has been the top individual fund raiser for 14 consecutive years thanks to the generosity of friends and acquaintances. Let's all help make it happen again.

Frank and his wife of 53 years, Ann, drive from place to place visiting old friends, making new ones and collecting donations for the Annual "Walk for Sight."

The walk happens no matter the weather and Frank and his family will gather with hundreds of other walkers at Future In Sight (NHAB) in Concord, for the 16th annual Walk for Sight.

Funds raised support the specialized vision rehabilitation services and programs. This special event will help raise funds and increase public awareness of the issues of blindness. You will be helping people like Frank who are blind and visually impaired in your community and throughout NH.

For information about the NHAB or to make a donation contact them at 603-224-4039 or <https://sightcenter.org/what-s-happening/events>. Contact Mary Chase at (603) 565-2424 for details on sponsorship.

Don't forget to tell them Frank Haley sent you or better yet, say hello to Frank, wish him well on his walk and give him your donation.



## Kearsarge Region Energy & Environment Expo

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**Budget from page 1**

ommended by the Budget Committee by \$25,000 to \$1,804,127.

Warrant articles to add \$273,976 to several previously established Capital Reserve Funds and to add \$46,000 to several previously established Expendable Trust Funds were approved.

The Meeting rejected the Warrant Article to purchase for \$100,000 a tract of land for a source of highway sand. It also rejected a Warrant Article to renew the establishment of the Town Contingency Fund with funding of \$10,000.

The total appropriations voted

were \$2,127,057. Offsetting revenue of \$2,954 voted from the General Fund reduces this amount to a net appropriation of \$2,124,103. This is up from the 2017 net appropriation by \$77,209 (3.8%). Receipt from the State reimbursement for the 2017 expenditure for the Morrill Hill Road Bridge can significantly offset this increase.

**Andover Fire District Meeting**

The Andover Fire District voted to appropriate \$137,326 as recommended by the Commissioners and the Budget Committee. Offsetting revenues reduce the net appropriation to \$134,671. 

**Town Mtg. from page 1**

used. The proposed budget had an increase over the previous year of \$10,000. The increases were for repairs at the library and increased costs for sand and for insurance. A motion was made to take \$25,000 off the bottom line of the budget. This amendment passed and the budget was adopted with a \$25,000 decrease from what had been proposed. The total town operating budget as adopted is \$1,804,127.

Article eight was to see if the town would vote to raise the sum of \$100,000 to purchase land in order to assure a continuous supply of sand for the town. Part of the reason for this article is that the town's ownership of the White Oak sand pit is being disputed by the state. After much discussion this article did not pass.

Article nine was for the purpose of establishing a contingency fund to go toward any unanticipated expenses that might come up during the year. This measure was defeated. The amount requested was \$10,000. In last year's meeting the voters did establish a contingency fund which, according to the town manager, was needed. When asked what the consequences of not having a contingency fund would be, Roy said that if additional funds were needed the town would need to go to the State Department of Revenue Administration for approval to reallocate funds. With a contingency fund, there is no need to go through all of that process with the state.

The voters were in favor of continuing to fund the previously established capital reserve fund which puts money away for future repair of roads, replacement of equipment and vehicles, and bridge repair. The amount publicized was printed incorrectly and the amount approved in article 10 was \$273,976.

Article 11 was passed adding the amount of \$46,000 to the Expendable Trust Fund previously established. These are for Forest Fire Labor, Town Buildings and Technology. Article 12 was similar and was passed adding the amount of \$2,954 to the Solar En-

ergy Capital Reserve fund previously established. The monies for this will come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and will not be raised by taxes. This fund is for the purchase of the solar panels installed on the town office building.

Article 13 was one of the last steps in the merging together of the two fire precincts that was approved by the voters at last year's town meeting. The voters were in favor of transferring the deed of the East Andover Fire Station to the Andover Fire District #1.

Article 14 authorized the Select Board to receive the title for the town office building and surrounding land from the Andover School District. The building had originally been a school house and the title had remained with the school district, even though its use and maintenance had been taken over by the town many years ago. The article was approved.

Article 15 would give the Select Board authority to acquire or sell lands or buildings without the approval of voters at town meeting. The measure sets forth procedures requiring proper notice and public hearings before the board can act on any purchase or sale of property. After much discussion, with some voters pointing out examples of where this would have been beneficial, the motion was passed.

Article 16 allows voters to bring to the floor any other business that can legally come before the meeting. There were no measures that came up that required a vote. Several people did speak about a variety of subjects from the opening of the cemetery to veteran's markers for graves, to suggestions for the budgeting process and the town report.

Arch Weathers of the Budget Committee spoke on behalf of Ed Hiller, who has put in many years on the budget committee and will be stepping down this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM with all of the business being completed in less than three hours. 

**Concord Regional VNA Announces Senior Health Clinic in Andover**

At the Andover Hub on third Tuesdays

**Press release**

Concord Regional VNA is holding a new Senior Health Clinic at Andover Hub, 157 Main Street in Andover beginning on Tuesday, April 17 from 10 AM to 10 PM. and on the third Tuesday of each month at the same time.

All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10, however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Nurses also serve as valuable resources for matters related to health, medications, nutritional edu-

cation, and health insurance. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

Since 1986, Senior Health Clinics have been one of the mainstays of Concord Regional VNA's community benefits programming. The clinics are held in public and private locations throughout 42 towns we serve in 16 communities in Merrimack County and Hillsborough County. The clinics are located at easily accessible facilities such as the easily accessible Andover Hub.

These preventive basic health services help seniors maintain or regain their quality of life and remain independent in their homes. By remaining in their own homes, seniors have control of their lives, and stay independent and active in their communities. 



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## Lakes Region Chamber to Host Spring Job Fair

May 1 at Belknap Mall in Belmont

### Press release

For individuals who want to work, many Lakes Region businesses are hiring! The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Spring Job Fair on Tuesday, May 1 from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Belknap Mall, 96 Daniel Webster Highway in Belmont.

“Finding qualified workers to fill positions is a challenge in a variety of industries. In our continuing commitment to support our local business community, the Chamber will be hosting our annual Spring Job Fair. Each year we feature 30 plus employers looking to fill hundreds of jobs,” announced Karmen Gifford, President of the Lakes Region Chamber. Whether you are recruiting for full-time, part-time, seasonal jobs or offering paid/unpaid internship openings, participation is your opportunity to engage.”

If you are an employer, register today to reserve your table. The cost to exhibit is \$100. Promoting your business, showcasing the type of work you

offer, and developing relationships within the community is an important part of recruitment today. Registering early maximizes your opportunity to feature your business and hiring needs in all the pre-event marketing. Promotion will include print, digital marketing and radio ads are currently being produced to run on Mix 94.1 FM, WSCY 106.9 fm, Planet 100.1 fm and Oldies 92.9.

The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce is a private, non-profit organization made up of member businesses making a financial commitment to the Chamber and to the business community supporting 24 towns/cities. The Chamber strives to create and promote a more engaged community and thriving economy for the businesses in the Lakes Region.

For more information about the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and other resources that they provide, contact Joanne Haight, Membership Manager at 603.524.5531. For a directory of local businesses or a list of community events, visit [LakesRegionChamber.org](http://LakesRegionChamber.org).

# Letters

## Purpose of Town Meeting

About the recent town meeting...it's worth a reminder that the purpose of a town meeting is to conduct the town's business for the coming year by addressing warrant articles put forth by the Board of Selectmen and the townspeople. All of the information contained in the town report is made available to the public through detailed budget hearings, general public hearings, all well advertised and open to the public, and through open hours of the Select Board, which also holds twice monthly meetings, and the Town Administrator.

Efforts to derail the smooth running of the meeting with personal and private concerns serve no purpose. We come as neighbors, to discuss and vote and move forward the town's agenda. Perhaps those who wish to simply grandstand in front of their friends and whine about and mock the town's officers should do that someplace else, long before the second Tuesday in March, or else get involved in the decision making themselves.

Janet Moore

## Representative Ann Copp

Representative Anne Copp sent me the following email after she had berated me at the State House for wearing a pink hat from the National Women's March. I was standing with a sign that read "Trust Women."

When I found out who she was, I emailed her to ask her what was going on, because she wouldn't talk to me, but instead yelled that I was a "disgrace!" Her email reply in its entirety (shared with her permission):

"Ms. Brennan,

Let's just say that you have disgraced yourself in the New Hampshire State House. Furthermore you were also not aware you Happened to be standing in the Hall of Flags were men and women died for our freedoms. Mine where I choose to show respect for them and Our House! You madam had none even for yourself.

Seriously, you and your wayward pals wearing your genitals on your head have sent the Women's movement back to the stone-age, which is where perhaps you are most happy to dwell. An

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!

utter and total disgrace!

Our passions allow both sides debate on any issue, you chose to offend and shutdown debate. The nerve you have to even remotely think you represent Women today is laughable. Accomplished, Intelligent, Determined, not Victims!

When you show respect for yourself and your State you should try to be part of the solution and run to represent your district.

See if you can solve the issues of the day with honor, respect and maybe a little decorum for the institution.

I assure you your constituents would not ask someone with your views to represent the majority of NH Women. Ms Brennan we have nothing in common.

Good day"

I am not a constituent of Ms. Copp's, but I would like to address her letter here, where her constituents can see it.

Representative Copp, first of all, I am well aware of the significance of the Hall of Flags in the State House. I have lived in New Hampshire for 50 years and know our history. I am also aware that I have a First Amendment right to free speech, and that many veterans, including my husband, would tell you that protecting this freedom is one reason they served. There is a movement in this country to criminalize free speech. I hope you are not in that camp.

Second, the women who designed the pink hats did so to call out our misogynistic president for his vulgar remarks and actions, as well as to take back the original meaning of pussy, thus the kitty-cat ears. Though if I'd wanted to wear genitals on my head, I submit that is also protected speech. (See my first point.)

Third, I don't understand how standing on one side of an issue, or proudly standing with women who are standing up for their rights and refusing to be victims any longer, constitutes "shutting down debate."

And finally, some choose to run for office at the local, state or federal level. Others choose the power of speech, the power of the pen, the power of the vote, and the power of peaceful protest.

Sincerely,

Nancy Brennan, Weare

The mission of *The Andover Beacon* is to serve and strengthen the Andover community. To that end, we welcome civil, reasoned letters addressing specifically local issues, events, and developments. Submissions must not be critical of another's religion; blasphemous; obscene; hateful; legally objectionable; or commercial in nature. The *Beacon* reserves the right to edit or not publish submissions it deems inappropriate for any reason.

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# OPINIONS

## Senator French Opposes Raising Car Registration Fees

**Press release**

Today, the New Hampshire Senate supported the Ways and Means Committee recommendation of inexpedient to legislate for SB 587-L, lowering the population requirement for a city or town to collect additional fees for motor vehicle registration. After the vote, Senator Harold French (R-Franklin) issued the following statement:

“We saw this same legislation last session and I am pleased that the Senate stood by their previous decision

that raising taxes on car registration is bad public policy,” said Senator Harold French (R-Franklin). “If the city of Concord is looking for more revenue they should look for savings in their budget or find a way to generate their own revenue.”

“It is important for New Hampshire legislators to protect taxpayers from unnecessary taxes and spend their money in a responsible way,” French added.



## David Karrick— More Notes From Concord

David Karrick is a former state representative and has announced his candidacy for the next election. He is a regular contributor to the Beacon.

Your State Representatives, Natalie Wells and Anne Copp, were at it again on February 15 in the NH Legislature. They both voted against HCR13 which condemns hate crimes and other forms of racism in New Hampshire. They were definitely in the minority here, the HCR passed on a bipartisan vote of 234 to 69.

They were in the majority, however, voting to kill HB 1566 which would have banned the open carry of firearms in hospitals, bars & liquor stores, churches, theaters, and public buildings like our State University.

They were also part of the majority that killed HB1213 which would have removed the exception for married minors from the current RSAs defining sexual assault. So if your spouse is underage he or she can still legally be sexually assaulted by you.



## Comments from Representative Natalie Wells

**Natalie Wells**

Representative: Merrimack 25 (Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Warner & Webster)

To Our Veterans: Are you aware that you may possibly be entitled to receive a tax credit on your property taxes?

A bill passed in 2017 that allows cities and towns in NH to vote in a “Veteran’s Tax Credit” against property taxes. It could be phased in over 3 years. The bill also modifies the time period for applications for recovery from the FRM victims’ contribution recovery fund.

If you have any questions about this, please reach out to me or ask your town tax collector if you would qualify for this valuable tax credit as a veteran.

Another important bill that passed I think you should be aware of, HB1418. “Relative to transparency and cost control of pharmaceutical drug pricing”. The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services would have to work with the Insurance Commissioner to develop a list of certain “critical prescription drugs” for purposes of cost control and transparency. The bill now goes over to the Senate for approval. It

passed with a bipartisan 312 to 17 vote.

This term several bills in my opinion should be considered parental decisions, but some voted as if they feel only the State knows what’s best for each child. A good example is a bill that would have limited the type of beverages your children could have with their Happy Meals. While there may have been good intentions, these decisions should not be settled by a State mandate.

Next, I want to clarify comments that have been erroneously made on the Education Tax Credits and a bill before the House, SB193, respectively:

I recently read a LTE in which the Education Tax Credit Scholarship Program was called a Voucher Program. It is not a Voucher Program and you have only to read the US Supreme Court decisions to know that. The Court rules that monies donated to a scholarship organization like that in NH are NOT to be considered public monies which a Voucher Program needs to be. The principal is the same with any other tax credit program or programs that involve charitable tax

See Wells on page 14

## Women Who Make A Difference Luncheon

**Gail Matthews**

As the crisp white snow envelops us in New Hampshire, the Committee for the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association *Women Who Make a Difference* luncheon is already meeting to plan for the 2018 luncheon on Wednesday, May 16 at Colby-Sawyer College. The committee is very excited about this year’s “salute to moms,” so get your pink on as the room will be beautiful shades of pink!

Last year’s speaker, Dr. Marion J. Hardy, U.S. Air Force Veteran, told the women that she has spoken to groups all over the world and had never been to an event such as ours with so much inspiration, hope, fun, laughter and sense of purpose. She had a great time, as did our guests and the women we

honored in 2017. Nominations are being accepted until April 20 for the 2018 award. Please send to Cathy Raymond, Development Director at LSRVNA (107 Newport Road, New London, NH 03257).

Mark your calendars for a special day that honors women and raises funds for the Pediatric Services of the LSRVNA. This is the 19th year! This is a great time to honor Moms so near to Mother’s Day as we all have a mother!. Bring your mom, daughter, grandmother, sister (you get the idea) and celebrate with us! Tables or single tickets available by calling 526-4077.

Very soon the 2018 guest speaker will be announced. Watch the local papers for the announcement!





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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*.

## Select Board

**February 5, 2018**

*Condensed from approved minutes:*

**Members Present:** Marj Roy, Town Administrator, Vicky Mishcon, Select-board Chair; Jim Delaney and Dave Blinn, Select Board

**Others present:** Chuck Keyser; Greg Stetson, Emergency Medical Services; Randall Costa and Paul Currier, Planning Board

**Acceptance of Previous Minutes:** After reviewing the minutes of January 16, 2018 Mishcon made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Delaney seconded the motion. All in favor. The January 16, 2018, minutes were approved as written.

**Work Sessions and other Important Dates:**

- A work session was scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2018 at 1:30 PM
- The budget hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018 may need to be rescheduled due to the approaching weather predicted for that day.
- The Lakes Regional Planning Commission's Round Table discussion in Meredith regarding the Transfer Station is still planned on being attended as noted in the January 16, 2018, Select Board Minutes.
- A virtual Town Hall Website representative will be meeting with the Board on Friday, February 16,

2018, at 1 PM at Town Hall.

**Other Business:**

White Oak Pit: Chuck Keyser brought his concerns about the issues surrounding what he read in the *Beacon* about White Oak Pit. The Board explained to Keyser what has transpired so far between the Town and the State. The Board also indicated that the Town Attorney is involved in getting this resolved.

Keyser was also concerned with the cost of sand, adding \$40,000 into the new budget. Keyser spoke about what he has seen as an abuse with people not taking buckets, but filling their pick-up trucks, and at times, using the equipment parked at the pit instead of shoveling the sand into buckets.

Emergency Medical Services:

Greg Stetson, by way of background, spoke to the Board about the issue of emergency medical call coverage. Stetson and Emergency Medical Services Chief, John Kinney, met with the Board last summer. Currently, Andover contracts with New London to take Andover's calls from approximately 8 AM to 5 PM daily. One of the issues with New London is the response time length for Andover residents due to the wide range of area coverage that New London provides to other communities outside Andover. Kinney spoke to New London about increasing their coverage times for Andover, but at this time, New  
See Minutes on page 11

## Office Hours & Meetings

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### MEETINGS

*At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted*  
**Capital Improvement Planning:** Last Thu, 7  
**Conservation:** 2nd Wed, 7  
**Emergency Medical Service:** 2nd Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7  
**Fire Department:** Mon, 7  
**Fourth of July:** 1st Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7  
**Library Trustees:** 3rd Thu, 7 Andover 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

### APRIL

- 2: Select Board, 6:30
- 3: School Board, AEMS, 6:30
- 4: Fourth of July, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 10: Planning Board, 7
- 10: Recreation, AEMS, Science Room, 7
- 11: Andover EMS, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 11: Conservation Commission, 7
- 16: Select Board, 6:30
- 17: Zoning Board, 7
- 19: Library Trustees, 7
- 24: Planning Board, 7

### MAY

- 1: School Board, AEMS, 6:30
- 2: Fourth of July, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 7: Select Board, 6:30
- 8: Planning Board, 7
- 8: Recreation, AEMS, Science Room, 7
- 9: Conservation Commission, 7
- 9: Andover EMS, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 15: Zoning Board, 7
- 17: Library Trustees, 7
- 21: Select Board, 6:30
- 22: Planning Board, 7
- 28: Town Clerk/Tax Collector CLOSED
- 28: Town Office CLOSED

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London is not willing to increase their availability.

Franklin is the backup if New London is unable to take an Andover emergency medical call. However, the issue for Franklin is that when two out of their three EMS personnel scheduled are taking care of Andover, it leaves Franklin with only one EMS person available for Franklin.

Last summer, the previous Franklin City Manager took another position in another town before working out something with Andover. When approached, the Franklin City Council didn't want to take this on. Presently, Franklin's Fire Chief is willing to speak about options with Andover to help with Andover's coverage.

**Franklin Options:** At this time, the options are; Daytime only coverage, the yearly cost is \$50,000. For full time coverage, the yearly cost is \$95,000. For this year, because Franklin's fiscal year starts in July, the cost would only be for half a year. Last year, with the daytime coverage, Franklin received \$12,500 for Andover's calls.

An option to pay per call is not the industry standard.

Stetson's understanding is that Chief Lefebvre is writing an article for the Beacon. Stetson will check with Lefebvre to make sure this is correct.

After discussion, the Board will discuss the options as to what would work best at this time for Andover. The Board's decision about whether a part-time or full-time coverage contract is appropriate will be made in time for the Public Hearing for Town Budget currently scheduled for February 7, 2018. This hearing might be rescheduled due to the approaching weather forecasted for that day.

**Planning Board Nominations:**

The Board signed three Planning Board Member nomination forms as follows:

- Arthur Urie
- Doug Phelps
- Randall Costa

Roy will swear these three nominees listed above in at 6:45 PM. prior to the Planning Board's February 13, 2018 meeting convening at 7 PM.

**Correspondence and Signatures:**

- Hoyle and Tanner—Assessed the Bridge Road (Keniston) Bridge and determined that there was no structural damage caused by the recent vehicle collision into the bridge. The only issues were cosmetic and they have been repaired already.
- J P Pest Services—The Board reviewed several contracts regarding the rat irradiation at the Transfer Station, including initial correction service, eight follow-up treatments, and monthly scheduled maintenance.

Delaney made the motion to allow Blinn to sign the contracts for the Board. Mishcon seconded the motion. All in favor. Blinn signed all the contracts with JP Pest Services.

- **Health Trust Insurance**—The Board reviewed several documents including Cobra and Retirement insurance. Coverage begins July 1st. Mishcon made the motion to allow Blinn to sign the Resolution for Health Trust Insurance. Delaney seconded the motion. All in favor. Blinn signed the Health Trust Insurance Resolution.

**Verizon Conservation Easement:**

Costa and Currier reviewed with the Board the changes that were made in the easement. The changes were reviewed by Town Counsel who agreed with the changes made. Costa explained that the changes were made because as it was written, it was basically an unenforceable contract.

Costa indicated when it's time to construct the road for the cell tower, that the Select and Planning Boards, along with the State Forrester, Doug Miner, will be invited to a site visit to see what is being cut. The area will be flagged so that it shows just where the road will be and what trees will be cut down or topped.

The Planning Board scheduled Verizon for another Non-Binding Consultation for Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Once the application is deemed complete, Verizon will be scheduled for a Site Plan Review and then a Public Hearing will take place.

**Five Warrant Articles:**

Costa and Currier also discussed the Planning Board's five warrant articles proposed for Town Meeting. The Board spoke to Town Counsel on this past Friday. Town Counsel approved the warrant articles as written. Blinn made the motion that the Board, upon examination of the five warrant articles presented and after consultation with Town Counsel, support the Planning Board's five warrant articles as written for Town Meeting 2018. Mishcon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Non-Public Sessions:** Two Non-Public sessions were held.

**Closed Public Meeting at 8:05 PM**

**February 20, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Vicky Mishcon, Select Board Chair; Dave Blinn, Select Board; and John Thompson, Road Agent. Jim Delaney of the Select Board was not present due to his being the Ex-Officio for the Budget Committee who were meeting at the same time.

**Also Present were:** Herbie Barton and Peter Sanborn

**ROAD AGENT REPORT:**

- Thompson reported that the Highway Department has been battling with the weather conditions. The roads are icing and at this point are muddy. The crew has been out with the grader trying to control the water issues on the roads. They have also worked on several roads that intersect with Route 11 to make the visibility better.

- Clark's delivered another batch of sand to White Oak Pit.

- Mishcon indicated that she received a question from the Chair of the Conservation Commission who wants to know if the Road Agent will honor the buffer while he is excavating at the Transfer Station near Bog Pond. Thompson stated that he will honor whatever the agreement was regarding the buffer. Thompson will meet with Jesse Schust to view and let him know what work is being done in that area.

- Blinn questioned whether there has been any communication from the Department of Transportation regarding the White Oak situation. Roy responded by saying that she spoke to Town Counsel and he advised the ball is in the State's court. Blinn feels that if the State continues to delay this process, he would be willing to author a letter to the State.

**PETER SANBORN – MOREY HILL ROAD – CLASS VI ROAD:**

Sanborn stated that he is requesting to build a residence on his property on Morey Hill Road. Sanborn acquired the property through his mother from his grandparents. The parcel consists of seventeen acres. The entire parcel is surrounded by Class VI roads, including Morey Hill, Twist Hill, and Dawes Roads.

Sanborn spends time on the property when the weather permits him to do so. Eventually, Sanborn would like to live there in a year-round residence. Sanborn cleaned out the cellar hole from a home that burnt down years ago. Sanborn does not know when that home burned down.

The Board explained both the State

Law and the Zoning Ordinance regarding building a residence on a Class VI Road. Mishcon asked for the Road Agent's opinion and what his thoughts were. Thompson stated that Sanborn has maintained the road in that area very nicely and he can't see where there would be any hinderance with a home being built on that parcel.

The Board explained that although State law and Andover's Zoning Ordinance recommend against building a residence on a Class VI Road, there is an avenue to pursue in order for the possibility of building a year-round residence on such a property.

Sanborn already met briefly with the Planning Board, who in turn sent him to the Select Board. Mishcon explained that although the process is a circular method, this is how the process works. Now that Sanborn has received the information from the Select Board, he now must be scheduled again with the Planning Board for them to give him an advisory opinion for the Select Board. After Sanborn meets with the Planning Board, the next step is for Sanborn to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a Special Exception to build a residence in the Farming and Agricultural Zoning District. If the Special Exception is granted, then Sanborn will go before the Select Board again to see if they will give him a permit to build a residence on that parcel.

**HERBIE BARTON**

Barton was very upset because he felt that the information he received that John Thompson saved the Town \$8,000 for the incomplete Old College Road project was incorrect. Barton was referring to a worksheet that the Board sent to the Budget Committee for their work on the Town budget. Barton felt it was unfair of the Board to favor Thompson in the running for the Road Agent position with that type of information that was incorrect. Blinn explained the purpose of the worksheet was only something for the Budget Committee to work from. The worksheet was not handed

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## "Paint & Sip"

**Friday, April 13**

**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

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## “Senior Guidance” Website Provides Resources for the Elderly

### Press release

Many seniors may find it difficult to know what their options are when they become less able to care for themselves at home. A website at SeniorGuidance.org provides seniors with the informa-

tion they need as they face changes in their life and living situations, particularly in the area of assisted living.

The website provides information on resources in each community. Visit [www.SeniorGuidance.org](http://www.SeniorGuidance.org)

## Music Opportunities at The Andover Hub

### Lessons for a variety of instruments offered

#### Susan Chase

Several local music teachers are available to offer individual and group music lessons at The Andover Hub on a variety of instruments, currently including piano, violin, cello and the recorder.

Cathy Todd of New London is a seasoned music coach who uses the Suzuki Method to teach violin, cello and piano to people of any age. While best known as a way to teach the violin, the Suzuki Method is also a successful approach to teaching other instruments, and is equally successful with adult or teen beginners as it is with pre-school and elementary

learners. Cathy is available for weekly private lessons and also hopes to develop twice-monthly group “jams” to convey the fun of playing in a group. She can be reached at 603-748-8488 or at [c.todd.365.mail@gmail.com](mailto:c.todd.365.mail@gmail.com) for more information.

Julie Love of Sunapee has taught private piano lessons for over 35 years, teaches all ages and all levels from beginners to advanced players, and focuses on developing music reading skills at the same time she trains students to learn by ear. She is currently teaching “Music with Friends” at The Hub, a movement and music experience for small children and their caregivers. Julie can be reached at 603-320-8036 or at [love.j@comcast.net](mailto:love.j@comcast.net).

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out to the public as Barton perceived. Additionally, Blinn explained that the worksheet was put together long before Barton decided to run for Road Agent as a write-in candidate.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

After the Board reviewed the February 5, 2018 Minutes, Blinn made the motion to accept and approve the February 5, 2018 minutes as amended. Mishcon seconded the motion. All in favor. The February 5, 2018 Minutes were approved as amended.

### CORRESPONDENCE AND SIGNATURES:

- Current Use - Map 4-291-345 for Durgin signed by Blinn and Mishcon
- Veteran’s Tax Credit - Map 4-197-130 for Maynard signed by Blinn and Mishcon
- Hoyle and Tanner - Lawrence Street Bridge - Blinn made the motion to authorize Mishcon to sign the acceptance of the Engineering Study Phase/Scope of the Work Proposal for the Board. Mishcon seconded the motion. All in favor. Mishcon signed the Engineering Study Proposal for the Lawrence Street Bridge.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

- Roy handed out the following information to the Board for their review:
- Primex Webinar - Roy attended this presentation. Roy handed out a four-page informational sheet dealing with Interns and Volunteers for insurance purposes
- Lenny Caron, Select Board Candidate – Prior to the meeting, Caron gave Roy a newspaper article from April 23, 1996 for the Board’s review
- Town Warrant Information – Roy explained that she expected to have the final version of the Town Meeting Warrant for tonight’s meeting. However, it is not fully completed due to computer issues. For some reason, Roy’s computer exported an older version of the paperwork. Roy has been in touch with Mainstay, who remoted in and is attempting to fix the issues. Roy will contact the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) in the morning. As soon as the issues are resolved, Roy will contact the Select Board for their review and signatures. The deadline is Monday, February 26, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

### NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

The Board entered into Non-Public Session by Roll Call Vote at 7:25 p.m. Re-opened Public Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

- After reviewing the Minutes from

last year’s Town Meeting, Mishcon found a mistake in Article 3 that asks the Town to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,636,918 for general municipal operations. The vote count is noted as 71 for and 62 against. Mishcon clearly remembered that this was not correct because it was the first time she can ever remember that the vote was unanimous. There was not a hand count on Article 3. Mishcon stated that this needs to be corrected and have the information documented correctly as this is an important historical document. Mishcon will contact the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Joanna Sumner, who wrote the Minutes for that Town Meeting. Mishcon will also follow up with Charlie Darling of the Beacon.

- Delaney entered the meeting at 8:15 PM. He reported that the Budget Committee is ready to accept the budget with the exception of the \$35,000 gap. Delaney believes that the Budget Committee will be able to make that reduction in the budget quickly. The Board will discuss with the appropriate parties the suggested reduction in their budget to rectify the \$35,000.

### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

### March 6, 2018

*Condensed from Draft Minutes*

**Members Present:** Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Vicky Mishcon, Select-board Chair Jim Delaney, and Dave Blinn, Select Board; John Thompson, Road Agent, and Officer Dan Shaw

**Also present:** Herbie Barton, Chuck Keyser, and Chris Caron

### Road Agent Report:

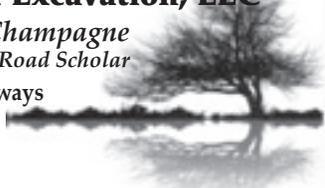
- Road Work: Thompson reported that the highway crew has been working on grading roads and filling in potholes, along with getting the water off the roads. The roads are muddy.
- Posted Roads/Loggers: Thompson has been dealing with posted roads and the loggers. Most of the loggers are willing to work with the Town. Generally, the loggers call Thompson to see if they can use the roadway. If the roads are frozen, the roadway may be used. However, as soon as the roads warm up, the logging operation must stop so as not to destroy the roads.
- Bradley Lake Road Logger Issue: Thompson has been working with one logger on Bradley Lake Road who has gotten six to seven loads out of the property. Some mud was created on the roadway. The logger remedied the mud on the roadway by initially dropping some wood chips. However, that did not fix

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# Events Calendar

- April 1**  
**Sunrise Service/Breakfast:** Service 6 - 6:30 AM, breakfast at 7 AM, Andover Congregational Church
- April 2**  
**Integrated Pest Management for Dairy Barns Workshop:** 6:30 PM, at County Extension Office in Boscawen, Mary. West@UNH.edu or (603) 796-2151
- April 5**  
**Thursdays Child Dinner:** 5:30 PM at the Coach House Restaurant, New London, www.FNRT.org
- April 6**  
**Celebration of Poetry:** 5 PM at Newbury Town Offices, Newbury, (603) 526-4444. www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org
- Fairy Tales and Fantasies Exhibit Opens:** 10 AM to 4 PM, League of NH Craftsman, 49 S. Main St., Concord, www.NHCrafts.org
- April 7**  
**Energy & Environmental Expo:** 10 AM to 3 PM at Mercer Gym, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, nordicskate@gmail.com
- AudioBody at Franklin Opera House:** 7:30 PM, 316 Central St. Franklin, www.FranklinOperaHouse.org, (603) 934-1901
- Winter Farmers Market:** 9 AM to 1 PM, Blazing Star Grange, North Road, Danbury, (603) 768-5579, donnaardena@gmail.com.
- April 8**  
**Hands on Gardening Workshop:** 2 PM at Colby-Sawyer College, New London, (603) 526-7934 or www.wilmotWCA.org
- April 9**  
**Living History Program:** 7 PM at the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy, (603) 735-5333
- April 11**  
**Andover Service Club Meeting:** 10 AM at Highland Lake Grange Hall, E. Andover
- April 12**  
**Andover Democrats, Progressives and Independents Meeting:** 7 p.m. at Highland Lake Inn, 32 Maple St., E. Andover  
**“Having the Conversation” Workshop:** 5:15 PM at WCA Red Barn, Wilmot, www.wilmotWCA.org
- April 13**  
**“Paint and Sip:”** 6:30 PM at The Andover Hub, 157 Main St., Andover, AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com
- April 14**  
**2nd Saturday for Guys:** Breakfast at 8 AM, Andover Congregational Church, E. Andover, (603) 735-5160
- Acting Classes for Children:** 10 AM, 11 AM, Whipple Hall, Colby-Sawyer College, CenterForTheArtsNH.org
- Poetry Night:** Blazing Star Grange Hall, North Rd., Danbury, (603) 768-5579, donnaardena@gmail.com.
- April 15**  
**Wilmot Historical Society Special Meeting:** 1 PM at WCA Red Barn in Wilmot
- April 16**  
**Make Your Own Bird Feeder (for children):** 3 PM, Whipple Hall, Colby-Sawyer College, CenterForTheArtsNH.org
- Advanced Care Planning Workshops:** 9 AM & 5 PM, Franklin VNA & Hospice, 75 Chestnut St., Franklin, (603) 934-3454
- April 17**  
**Senior Health Clinic:** 10 AM to 10 PM, at The Andover Hub, 157 Main St., Andover, AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com
- April 19**  
**Computer Training Workshop:** 10 AM at The Andover Hub, 157 Main St., Andover, AndoverCommunitySpace@gmail.com
- April 20**  
**Andover Coffeehouse:** 7 PM at Highland Lake Grange Hall, E. Andover
- April 21**  
**Tree Fruit Grafting Workshop:** 10 AM at MacFarlane Greenhouse at UNH, Jeremy.Delisle@unh.edu or 603-796-2151
- Chicken Pot Pie Supper:** Blazing Star Grange Hall, North Rd., Danbury, (603) 768-5579, donnaardena@gmail.com.
- April 22**  
**Kearsarge Chorale Concert:** 3 PM at Sawyer Center Theater, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, www.KearsargeChorale.org
- April 26**  
**Tree Fruit Grafting Workshop:** 10 AM at Blazing Star Grange Hall, Danbury, Jeremy.Delisle@unh.edu or 603-796-2151
- The Magic of Andrew Silver:** 10 AM at Franklin Opera House, 316 Central St. Franklin, www.FranklinOperaHouse.org, (603) 934-1901
- April 28**  
**Bread Baking Class for Children:** 9 AM to 1 PM, Blazing Star Grange Hall, North Rd., Danbury, (603) 768-5579, donnaardena@gmail.com
- Leo Kottke at Flying Monkey:** 7:30 PM, www.FlyingMonkeyNH.com, (603) 536-2551
- May 1**  
**Spring Job Fair:** 11 AM to 2 PM at Belknap Mall in Belmont
- May 3**  
**AE/MS Art Show: K-5 Concert 6 PM, K-8 Art Show 6:45 PM**
- May 5**  
**Granite State Ringers Concert:** Blazing Star Grange Hall, North Rd., Danbury, (603) 768-5579, donnaardena@gmail.com.
- May 7**  
**Making Wind Chimes (for children):** 3 PM, Whipple Hall, Colby-Sawyer College, CenterForTheArtsNH.org

## Andover Service Club Seeks Artists & Crafters for October Fair

**Mary Ofenloch, ASC President**  
The fourth annual Jingle Bell Fair arts and crafts show will be held on Saturday, October 27 at the AE/MS auditorium, indoors, rain or shine. Spaces are limited to 37, therefore please re-

serve early. Rental fee for a space, with or without a table and chair, is \$25. In order to receive more information and/or an application, please email MaryO.ASCLub@live.com or call 735-4101 from 12 noon until 8 PM.

## Andover Service Club News

**Mary Ofenloch, ASC President**  
March, 2018 saw snowstorms and nor'easters causing the ASC to cancel its monthly meeting and almost stopped the annual Town Meeting bake sale fundraiser. But the hardy Andover residents braved the storm, making their way to the AE/MS gym to vote in the town election. Then, many of the voters came to the ASC table to purchase tasty treats which were baked by the members. “Thank you” to all of those who bought the baked goods and to those who donated to this fundraiser.

The next regular meeting of the ASC will be on Wednesday, April 11 at 10 AM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall. The special program will be “Our Treasures” in-house auction. Any woman – young, old, or in-between – is invited to join us. Come and see what we do and meet new friends.

The ASC Thrift Shop on School Street in Andover is a great place to shop for Spring outfits for the entire family. As well as beautiful, almost new or gently used clothing, you can find jewelry and accessories to complement your choices.

Coming up: The annual Spring luncheon and Executive Board election at 74 Main Restaurant in New London on June 13; the annual Slices for Scholarships fundraiser on July 4; The fourth annual Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, October 27 at AE/MS; and the annual Thanksgiving pie sale on November 20 & 21 at the Food Stop in Andover.

We hope to see everyone at these events, because without you, the ASC could not fulfill its mission of service to the community. Thank you all!

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## Andover Congregational Church News

**Sandra Miller**

Happy Easter to all! Our Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be held at 6:15 AM on Maple Street at the Graves' homestead overlooking Highland Lake and the village of East Andover. This will be followed by an Easter breakfast held at the Grange Hall at 7:00 AM. There is no charge for the breakfast, and we encourage you to come regardless of whether or not you attend the sunrise service. A special resurrection celebration will be held at the Church at the regular service time—9:30 AM. All are welcome.

We recently enjoyed a "Game Night" at the Grange Hall with several people attending. Light refreshments were served and games from cribbage to chess were played. It is hoped to continue doing this from time to time.

"2nd Saturday for Guys" continues to be held – the next one being April 14, beginning with a delicious breakfast at around 8:00 AM. This is followed by a guest speaker who gives an uplifting message. This program is free and open to all men. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship. Call Bob Grover at 470-7248 for further information.

The Missions Committee collected almost \$400 for "LOVE 146" in February. This organization deals with the abolition of child trafficking & exploitation. For the month of March, we will be collecting for "Give A Goat" which comes under "Samaritan's Purse". Monies collected will be used to purchase cows, goats, chickens, fish, etc. to make people in third world countries more self sufficient by raising their own food.

I would like to acknowledge that we are very fortunate to have our Praise Band and choral group with us every Sunday. Don Towle is our musical director and he and his group of 8 to 12 people do an excellent job of providing worship music for the services held at the Church. Thank you one and all!!

You are always welcome at the Andover Congregational Church. Feel free to call 735-5160 to speak with Pastor John Wagner for more information or if you need help in any way. Our Church service and Sunday School begin at 9:30 AM every Sunday.

Thought for the day: "Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life." (Read Galations 5:22)



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deductions. It was in 2012 that the NH Legislature established an education tax credit scholarship program.

Businesses do receive an 85% tax credit towards their business profits tax or business enterprise tax. This is clearly not a "tax avoidance scheme" as mentioned by an Andover resident anymore than when a business uses the Community Development Finance Authority Tax Credit Program. This may be a savvy financial decision for any business who feels they should donate to fund children scholarships for lower income families. The two keys: The Supreme Court addressed that if a business donates their own money funds, they don't belong to the State until those monies reach the state coffers. It is also important to note that net state revenues are increased as a result of this law. The law stipulates the size of the scholarships and the number given to students leaving the public school. Some people seem to forget this side of the equation.

Why would anyone think it is a sound business practice for the state to pay for an empty seat? State revenues are not going to private schools. The fact is that business donations are going to parents via scholarship organizations who are held accountable by the State. When the monies are made available to the parents, they can then choose to send their child to any school, public or private or a home school. Wherever the parent feels the student will thrive.

Regarding SB193: This bill in essence allows the state adequacy payments to follow the child to whatever school is the best fit for that child. I can't imagine how anyone would want a child who is bullied and tormented by his/her peers to be forced to stay in their public school and not be allowed to use the adequacy monies to attend a safer school. One just needs to hear the stories from the parents.

Let's be clear, I think on the whole, schools in New Hampshire are doing a great job. I personally know many elementary schools are spot on. However, there will always be those few who are going to fall thru the cracks if they don't get the help they need. Teachers will admit they would be happier if they could just do their job and not be burdened with so much paperwork that must go with the process. We need to create opportunities to allow teachers to practice what they went to school for. It's like a business, school administrations need a "customer service center". It's not about dismantling the public school system, but to give families choices for an education that works best for their child. Give parents more say in what goes on in the schools. We have choices in so many other aspects of our lives; why can't we do this for our children?

If it takes 10 years to fix this, a strugg-

ling child, a special needs child, a bullied child can't get those years back. This should not be about politics, or ideology. It should be about the children. They are the future.

As for SB193 it is still in committee. It is still in the formation stages and much can still be changed. Therefore, it will probably be another month before it is ready and hearsay is just hearsay!

In response to David Karrick's opinions on my voting record. Let's discuss them:

HB628. This bill would establish a state-run insurance program in which the private sector employees could choose to participate. While the program sounds great, the rest of the story needs to be identified. As I type this, it is in committee to be changed some more, but here is the basic information. It will cost the taxpayers 14 million dollars to get this program up and running. It cannot help part time workers. It will be mandated for all NH employers to offer this. Employees who are interested must sign the paper and have it notarized that they agree to have x-amount of dollars taken out of their paycheck. If an employee does not sign, they are automatically enrolled in this program whether they wanted to participate or not. So if enough people do not sign up for this, the cost to those who do, obviously will be high. And the only way for one to get out of this program is to leave that company. Does that sound like a good program? This is why I voted NO on the bill. There are local NH insurance companies who can offer this without the state being involved. This program is unsustainable.

HB587 prohibits counseling to engage in Conversion Therapy for persons under 18: Licensed people could be their minister, or rabbi besides an actual mental health professional. As parents and grandparents, do we not have the right to allow our children to talk to these people about their feelings? Who are we to make these decisions? I therefore voted against this bill.

While we are on this subject, let's talk about HB1532 "Prohibiting Gender Reassignment Surgery for Minors". Even WMUR only mentions HB1319- prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity. They did not go into the details of 1532. This bill would have prohibited gender reassignment surgery on persons under the age of 18. This bill states a young child could have this surgery. Really? When a child's brain isn't developed until 18-25 years old, you would be willing to gamble on this irreversible decision for your child? I proudly stand by my vote which was to prohibit this.

HB1415: Establishing a Death Benefit for School Employees. This would have been a new state funded death benefit for just one class of public employees. All employees risk death on the job. Article 10 (of the State Constitution) states

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the problem fully, and Thompson requested that stones be put there instead. The logger complied and has been most cooperative with Thompson.

- **Intent to Cut:** Mishcon asked Thompson if he was concerned with the Intent to Cuts that are up for signatures tonight by the Board. Thompson stated that he was not concerned because most are on State Roads.
- **Morrill Hill Road:** Thompson just spoke to Mike Hansen today. The project is on schedule and expects to be completed in April. Roy spoke to Sean James from DOT who told Roy that the project continues to be worked on as planned.

**Town Administrator:**

Roy reported that the DOT has scheduled a meeting to use the Town Hall conference room on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 10 AM for a Pre-Construction meeting regarding the bridges they will be working on in Danbury and one in Andover.

In the packets Roy distributed to the Board, contained two proposals from DOT for the Resurfacing Program on Andover roads over the summer.

**Equalization Rate:**

Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) set the equalization rate at 91.5%. Please see attached for a brief explanation.

**Herbie Barton:**

Barton requested information details for the Old College Road project. Barton requested specifics including what equipment was used, for how long, the number of drivers who used the equipment, the cost of their pay, and the cost of materials used. Additionally, Barton requested that he would like to have a copy of the quotes used for this project.

Barton expressed his frustration that he has asked for this information numerous times in the past several weeks and has not received it.

Barton, again as he did the previous Select Board Meeting, referred to a worksheet that the budget committee used for working on town budget. The worksheet was for a singular purpose of comparing what it costs the town to use its own equipment and employees versus having to rent out the equipment.

Barton felt the numbers had changed and that there was missing information. Barton questioned why there was not information on that sheet on the six-wheeler. Barton worked the numbers and he felt that using a ten-wheeler would have been a better option on Old College Road. The Board reiterated that the paper Barton was referring to was only a worksheet for the Budget Committee to use as a comparative reference for the difference between renting out-

side equipment and using town equipment.

Thompson explained that the numbers on that worksheet only reflected the cost of renting the equipment for the project versus using town equipment and employees to do the comparison. It reflects the money saved. Additionally, Thompson explained that there have been bids for the Old College Road project over the past several years due to the expected cost of over \$10,000. Mishcon explained that Thompson, as the road agent, gathers the bids, then compares them, selects the most appropriate bid, and then reports to the Select Board with the bid he chose.

Barton, unsatisfied, requested all of the paperwork for every piece of equipment, every person who worked on the project, every yard of material used, along with all the bids. Roy agreed to gather the information. Mishcon told Barton that it will take several weeks to gather that amount of information after Town Meeting.

Keyser suggested having projects itemized. Thompson stated that the town is directly billed with all the purchased items, not per project.

**Chris Caron:**

Caron asked Thompson whether the posted roads can be used. The Board explained that where Caron wants to work on Bradley Lake Road is in the worst condition at this point. Thompson explained that (the situation with) the other logger that Thompson has worked with on Bradley Lake Road is not comparable to where Caron wants to work. Where the other logger is working is still frozen.

In order for a logger to travel and use a posted road, they must check in with Thompson daily. If Thompson gives permission to travel the posted road, then it is okay. Otherwise, the answer is no.

Caron questioned the board about using the Lawrence Street Bridge. The Board explained that the bridge had been a concern. However, the bridge is checked by the engineers at Hoyle and Tanner on a six-month basis. They check for any changes. At this time, the bridge can be used, but that could change quickly.

**Other Business:**

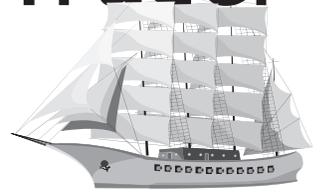
Barton questioned whether White Oak Pit had been surveyed. The Board indicated that yes, according to the Town, it has been surveyed, but according to the State, no it has not. The Board is not doing any further investigation at this point because it has been turned over to Town Counsel.

Letter From Elbow Pond Road Residents:

Mishcon read the letter/petition from the residents of Elbow Pond Road who wish to have the road closed due to the condition. After reading the letter,

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Saturday, April 7 at Colby Sawyer's Mercer Gym

### Press release

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Asked about the Expo's focus, New London Energy Committee chair Jamie Hess explained: "Energy costs are taking a big bite out of our pocketbooks, and most of that money ends up in out-

of-state or foreign hands, providing no economic benefit to New Hampshire. The Expo will feature local folks offering affordable solutions that save energy, save money, clean up our environment and grow our local economy."

The event is organized by the Kearsarge Council on Aging Climate Action Group, New London Energy Committee, Andover Energy Group and Vital Communities. Exhibitors and presenters include Revision Energy, Solaflect Energy, Granite State Solar, Belletetes Building Supply, Sierra Club, League of Conservation Voters, and New Hampshire Audubon. Sponsorships and other support come from Artisans Workshop, Better Homes & Gardens Realty, Bonin Architects, Clarke's Hardware, Colonial Pharmacy, Flying Goose Brewpub, Four Seasons Sotheby's Realty, Pizza Chef, Spring Ledge Farm and Tucker's.

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## Wells from page 14

"Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men;" While I totally understand where this bill was going, it is not for us to decide which "group" qualifies for this.

HB1811: Extending the NH Health Protection (Medicaid Expansion): I voted for Interim Study as the Senate version may have a better bill. This bill repeals the Sunset clause for Obamacare and its implementation in NH. We need to have free market driven health care plans and "ala carte" insurance plans free from government mandates. This was one of my platform issues I was against.

HB1763: Establishing a road usage fee for vehicles who MPG ratings are greater than 20mpg. The fee would be collected at time of annual registration. Yes my voting side lost on this. In my opinion because it specifically impacted vehicles greater than 20mpg, it would get quite costly to these NH residents. It is a

new fee.

HCR13: "Condemning hate crimes and other forms of racism in NH". First may I say I find it unacceptable for this to be, and this bill was well intended. However, I feel it only brings more division among the citizens of NH. There is a Joint Resolution 5, which includes the Senate, which is a more direct and to the point resolution against hate crimes and racism in NH. For these reasons. I voted against this bill.

And so the bills will continue well into June, as over 1,000 bills were submitted this year. We will cross over with the Senate taking our bills and the House taking the Senate's next month.

By the time you have received this printing, Easter will have already happened, and I'm still looking at snow. I am trying my luck at doing a small batch of maple syrup which I haven't done in a couple of years. When the grandkids ask for "Grammie's maple syrup", I have to give it a go!

Representative Natalie Wells  
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Mishcon stated that she would recuse herself from any decision the Board made regarding the closure of this road due to her being a resident of Elbow Pond Road.

Roy spoke to Sean James from Hoyle and Tanner saying that it could take up to six months for DES to get a wetlands permit.

Mishcon questioned what would happen if the road is closed. Would the State finish the project? The other members thought that the State would just leave it as is and walk away from it. It would be a similar situation to the Gale Road Bridge.

The Board agreed that in order to close Elbow Pond Road, it would take a Town Meeting vote.

### Town Administrator Rebuttal:

Roy wanted it noted that she was accused of not providing information to Barton over several weeks. However, Roy indicated that she provided the reports to Barton (that) he requested, information that was readily available. At the time she was finalizing the budget, the town report, along with other duties she tends to on a daily basis. To gather this amount of information for Barton will involve a lot of research. The reports he requested were given to Barton upon his request.

Blinn stated that the procurement policies are being followed and the information will get to Barton.

### Correspondence and Signatures:

- Plodzick and Sanderson CPA - letter of agreement to finalize the 2017 audit. It required one Board member signature. Blinn signed for the

Selectboard.

- Land Use Change Warrant - Nicholas Spadaro at 326 Chase Hill Road -Map 2-537-390. Required three Board member signatures. All three signed.

- Intent to Cuts - Required all three Board members signatures. All three signed the documents for the following:

- 4-443-037 Jon Champagne
- 4-277-037 Chris Caron
- 19-108-067 Julie Rector
- 4-493-037 Chris Champagne,
- 4-473-110 Jon Champagne
- 4-507-061 Kelley Raymond
- 28-184-086 Dan Merzi

- Lake Sunapee Bank Sign Permit- Required one Board member signature. Mishcon signed for the Board
- Posted Roads-Required all three Board members signatures. All three members signed.
- Barn Preservation Sign-for Carmelita Moe

**House Bill:** Regarding loss of Town revenue from utilities. Roy will contact the State Representative and let them know about the Board's concerns.

### Non Public Session:

Two Non-Public Sessions were held. Re-opened Public Meeting at 8:25 PM.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

## Planning Board

February 13, 2018

Condensed from approved minutes

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

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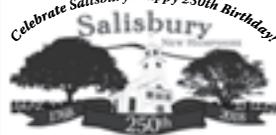
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Dave Blinn, Ex-Officio

**Also present for duration of appropriate items:** Pat Moyer, Zoning & Planning Coordinator; Peter Sanborn; Jim Delaney, Selectboard; Vicki Mishcon, Selectboard; Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Victor Manougian, Attorney for Verizon; Brian Ross, Structure Consulting Group; Matt Tilden, Dewberry Engineering Inc; and Maryann Broshek, Conservation Commission

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Peter Sanborn – build a home on Morey Hill Road, Tax Map 21; Lot 524,028 – Class VI Road

Sanborn explained that he would like to construct a residence on Morey Hill Road which is a Class VI road and would like direction on how to proceed. Teach advised that per state statute, construction of a residence is not allowed on a Class VI road. Costa noted that building a residence on a Class VI road is further prohibited by Town Ordinance and by Selectboard policy implemented in 2013. The group advised Sanborn that should he wish to support an exception, he would have to go before the Selectboard, and if they were to support an exception, he would have to obtain a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems of Allentown, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless – 640 Main Street, Tax Map 28, Lot 090,242

Nancy Teach opened the discussion with Verizon by suggesting a focus first on open issues relating to the Forest Buffer Easement, to be followed by a systematic review of the Site Plan Review checklist for completeness.

The open issues on the Easement were discussed in depth, and the following resolution reached: Subject to on-site review, the Planning Board will grant Verizon a temporary construction easement for the area of the Access Way and Enclosure outside their respective 30' and 50' x 50' lines. The forest buffer definition stays the same – meaning up to the lower line of the 30' Access Way, up to the perimeter of the 25'x50' turnaround, and up to the perimeter of the 50' x 50' Enclosure. In the future, if Verizon needs to expand its equipment within the 100' x 100' lease area outside the 50' x 50' enclosure, it will not need to seek a variance – instead it will need only obtain site plan approval and a building permit from the Planning Board. All the members of Andover's Select Board also participated in the discussion and concurred with this resolution.

It was agreed that the Planning Board, with Matt Serge's assistance, would incorporate additional language in the Town's February 6, 2018 draft of the Easement and forward this to Verizon.

The Board and Verizon then turned to an item-by-item review of the Site Plan Review materials and checklist.

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Verizon Site Plan Checklist		
Page	Fix*	ITEM
2	Y	Circle which portions of section 1 apply [1.1-yes, 1.2-no, 1.3-no, 1.4-yes]
2	Y	Change project name to Andover [OK as is]
2	Y?	Revise lot acreage (total ~43.6 ac, easement/construction area ~1.88 ac) [OK as is – the 1.88 ac calculation was in error]
3	Y?	Indicate what part(s) of the 7/12/2017 submission are to be included in the application, and either verify that the submission is in the PB file so it can be found as referenced, or provide a copy with the application [the date reference was incorrect – change the date reference]
3	Y	Change "Attached Narrative Letter" to "Attached Narrative Letter dated 2/12/2018" [make the change]
3	N	It appears an EPA NOI/SWPP under the general NPDES construction permit is needed – disturbed area > 1 acre [no action needed – the disturbed area is < 1 acre]
3	Y?	The attached FCC license material does not appear to have any Andover, NH-specific information in it [no action needed. Verizon will check to see if FCC has updated license material]
4.A	Y	The locus map is on sheet T-1, not Z-1. Add T-1 to checklist [make the change]
4.A	N	Names and addresses of abutters within 200' across the Northern Rail Trail are not shown on Z-1 [show abutters across the Rail Trail on the plan. These abutters received hearing notice, so the hearing was properly noticed]
4.D	Y?	A site topographic plan does not appear to be included, although it was in the package submitted for the 2/27 meeting [contours were very faint on some of the copies – check copies in final submission to be sure the contours are visible]
4.G	Y	Add "by letter dated 2/08/2018" so that it is clear where the information can be found [make the change]
5.H	Y	Change "z-2" to "z-5" z-2 is the tree height inventory [make the change]
5.I	Y	Zoning districts within 1000' not shown. Ask for a waiver in writing on the checklist. [waiver will be requested]
6.C	Y	Add z-6 [make the change]
6.D	Y	Change z-2 to z-5 & z-7 [make the change]
6.E	N	Move from "waiver requested" to Yes. The explanation needs to reference specific documents on file with the application that support the continued existence of "dense tree growth" [make the change, add the documents or a note with specific reference]
7.B	Y	Change from "Waiver requested" to Yes [make the change]
7.D	??	The complete parking area shown on z-5 appears to be cut off on z-7. It could be built from the drawings, but z-5 is really not at a scale suitable for construction [OK as is]
7.E	Y	Move from N/A to Yes [make the change]
7.G	Y	Add explanation "there are no outdoor displays" [make the change]
8.J	Y	Move from N/A to No [make the change]
8.K	N	Change from "Waiver requested" to No and provide manufacturer's noise level and generic attenuation to property line information [make the change, add generator manufacturer's information on noise levels]
8.L	Y	Move from "waiver requested" to No and add a note "except possibly on rare occasions during construction" [OK as is]



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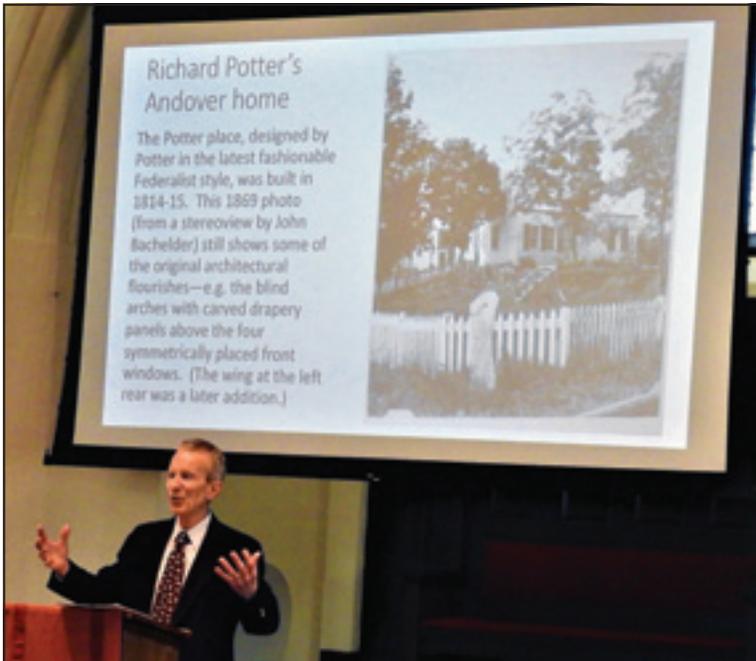
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Before an audience of nearly 100 people, Andover scholar John Hodgson described the life of Richard Potter (1783-1835) in an illustrated March 18 talk in Proctor Academy's Stone Chapel. The talk was drawn from Hodgson's research for his new book, *Richard Potter: America's First Black Celebrity*. A magician and ventriloquist, Potter lived in Andover from 1815 until his death, building a fashionable home near the Potter Place railroad station, though he spent much of that time performing on the road. It was for Richard Potter that Potter Place was named. Those interested in purchasing a copy of the hardcover book should contact Jesse Schust at 454-8947 or at [jesses\\_mail@yahoo.com](mailto:jesses_mail@yahoo.com). The talk was co-sponsored by the Andover Historical Society and the Andover Institute. Photo: Larry Chase



Wild Irises by Andover photographer, Cindy Benson. Benson's work is on display at the Andover Town Office Building until the end of Spring.

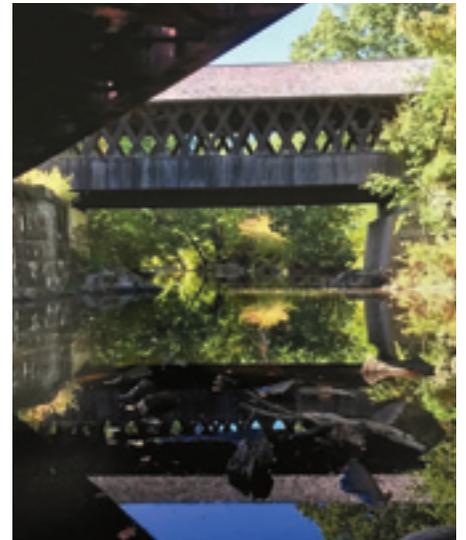
## New Photo Exhibit at Town Office Building

Larry Chase

The nature photography of Andover resident Cindy Benson has been on exhibit since early March in the meeting room of the Andover Town Offices Building on Main Street in Andover Village.

Comprising 32 color images ranging in size from 3"x5" to 11"x14", the work captures a range of Andover-area scenes, familiar and unfamiliar, in close-up and panoramic views, and in all seasons. Taken mostly with an iPhone 7 over the last two years, the photos "are meant to capture the beauty of each season." They will be on display throughout the spring.

The exhibit space is being managed by the Andover Institute, which also organizes the Independence Day Photo Contest on the Andover Green, and the occasional Photo Expo. If you would like to have your photography or artwork considered



A photo of the Keniston Covered Bridge is one of many on display at the Andover Town Office Building. The photos are the work of local photographer Cindy Benson

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The meeting room is open to the public during regular town office hours.

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Children attending the Andover After School Program enjoyed learning about Sled Dogs from Michelle Lambert and her dogs Echo and Yacha.

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**Report From New Director of Andover After School Program**

Program provides variety of educational activities

Jamielynn Garland, AASP

Hello, my name is Jamielynn Garland and I am the new Andover After School Program Director. My co-teacher, Kim Valeri, and I are very excited about all the great things that have been happening so far this year. At the start of the new year, this was a positive change for the After School Program. Our enrollment has grown and the children and parents have expressed the great changes they have seen thus far.

Cooking and crafting, among many other activities, while integrating science and discovery, allows the children to express their interests. This positive

interaction and learning experience makes for a much more engaged group of children. The snow has made this winter an amazing outlet for imagination and learning. Sledding, fort and castle making, finding "crystals" and fresh snow cones for snacks.

A highlight of the winter was a very special visit from Ragged Mountain Mushing, Michelle Lambert and her sled dogs Echo and Yacha. The children learned some sled calls and the different parts of the sled, as well as, how Michelle and the dogs work together as a team to make it all happen. Teamwork in the After School Program is what we are all about!

Do you have a career or hobby that you would like to share with the after school children? We'd love to see it! [Andoverkids1@gmail.com](mailto:Andoverkids1@gmail.com)



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## Wilmot Historical Society Considers Purchase of Property

Special Meeting  
April 15 at Red Barn

Mary Fanelli  
Wilmot Historical Society

The Wilmot Historical Society will hold a special meeting on April 15 at 1 PM at the Wilmont Community Association's Red Barn. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the purchase of an historic building in the town to become the home of the society and its collections.

The Wilmot Historical Society (WHS), organized in 1977 after the Bicentennial Committee completed its activities, moved into a room in the newly renovated Wilmot Flat one-room schoolhouse, which also houses the Town Offices.

Over the last 41 years the collections, which were meant to be housed within the this room, have grown beyond the boundaries of those walls, necessitating storage in barns and homes.

Our bylaws state that: The purpose of the Society is to preserve and maintain items related to the history of Wilmot and promote public education.

In furtherance of such purpose, this Society "Shall establish and maintain suitable storage to preserve and display publicly its historical memorabilia and will perform all the acts necessary to achieve the purposes of the Society as stated herein."

With this mandate, the WHS board of directors feels that it is time to reach out to the membership for permission to find another home for the Wilmot Historical Society.

There have been many efforts over the years to improve our storage capacity, but without success.

Recently the property where the Post Office is located at 60 Village Road, a historic structure built in 1867, came up for sale and brought to mind again the need for a larger home for the Historical Society and its collections.

This opportunity is the impetus that caused the Wilmot Historical Society board of directors to call a special meeting of the full membership on April 15, to consider the question: Will the membership support the purchase of a building and property to properly preserve, maintain and display its collections?

Options for funding are: 1) launching a capital campaign; 2) securing a loan; 3) negotiating a rental/buyback arrangement; or 4) any other means appropriate to a small non-profit organization.

The most critical aspect of this project would be the collective support of the membership.

If an opportunity is not appropriate at this time, there will be options in the future. When this occurs, the Society's Board of Directors will need to know what action to take to ensure possible success. Can they act independently, to acquire a building? Should representatives from the membership serve on a building committee?"

The WHS Board is inviting all its members to be present on April 15 to give input on this important matter. Anyone else who might be interested is welcome to come, however, only members will be voting.

## Minutes from page 17

The table below indicates the items reviewed, with the review outcome noted in Bold Italic. (See Table on Page 17)

The board reviewed the Site Plan Review application which was submitted and will determine completeness of the application at the February 27, 2018 meeting. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:30 PM

### Town Meeting Preparation:

The Board discussed ways of presenting the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance ahead of Town Meeting and Town Meeting day, i.e. an explanation board, town report, printed copies available, town website. Board members will be available during voting hours on Town Meeting day for answers to questions the public may have.

### Pat Moyer, Zoning Administrator:

Moyer received an inquiry regarding 72 Main Street pertaining to renovating the home and using the upstairs apartment; however, they were not sure whether it is a valid apartment (approved by the town). The house is located in the Forest/Agriculture Zone. There appears to be no evidence that the apartment received specific approval. It was discussed that a two-family house would be prohibited in this zone; however, if the apartment meets the criteria of an ADU under the new ordinance passed last year, it might be permitted as an ADU. Moyer will review the requirements for the qualification of an ADU with the interested parties.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

## Conservation Commission

February 14, 2018

*Condensed From Approved Minutes*

**Present:** Nan Kaplan, Jerry Hersey, Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Alan McIntyre, Jesse Schust, and guests Harvey Pine and Calum Dixon.

**Minutes:** Nan made a motion to approve the January minutes with small corrections/additions, Jerry seconded, and all were in favor.

**Correspondence:** DES response regarding Bates property at Gale Road. Handout – Got Permits.

**GIS mapping:** Harvey Pine and his student Calum Dixon spoke to the CC about how they might assist us with mapping needs. Calum is going to work on generating maps that show wetlands data and buffers in Andover, with the plan of presenting initial results at the next meeting. Harvey requested buffer information prior to the next meeting. This work is a first step in creating a new co-occurrence map. Mary Anne will send Harvey the narrative of layers used for the 2010 co-occurrence map and Jesse will send the 2010

co-occurrence CD.

**ASLPT update:** Wendell Marsh: ASLPT is working toward expanding the conservation area.

**Water testing workshop:** DES is providing a well water testing event in Salisbury in May and the organizers have asked neighboring communities to spread the word and get involved. Tests will be available to those who attend and there will also be a subsequent pick up of the test kits

**Verizon cell tower:** We reviewed the proposed forest easement buffer and the role of the CC in this. There will be a site visit once all approvals for the tower are completed and the CC and a forester will be invited. The CC suggests Tim Fleury as the forester. The next public hearing with the planning board is 2/27. Mary Anne will attend.

**Elm Trees:** A brochure regarding the sale of disease resistant elm trees was discussed. Minimum purchase is 40 trees.

**Old College Road land owned by Green Acres:** Last month, we discussed the purchase of land adjacent to conservation land, by a forest management company. Since then, the neighbors have been made aware of this and Jerry has contacted Tim Fleury. DRED has advised us that this company is sympathetic to conservation issues and conducts logging operations in a responsible manner.

### Table at March Town Meeting:

We discussed having a table at town meeting. Ian will set up and Alan, Mary Anne, Jesse and Nan will cover a table on Town Meeting Day. Nan, Mary Anne and Alan will provide information on Bog Pond and a website demonstration. We agreed to change the date of our meeting so that it will come a week after Town Meeting. Mary Anne will notify Lois of the change.

### ORV issues at McKenna property:

We have heard from Amanda Hollenbeck at the Office of State Planning. She recommends signage and is happy to assist in generating the text. She thinks that gates would be a good choice if the land owner is willing to pay for them. Mary Anne has replied and asked for more help getting the State to engage with the issue.

**Website:** We looked at Alan's website for the conservation commission and agreed that it is excellent and ready to be made public. We hope to share it with the public at Town Meeting. Mary Anne will give Alan various documents and links. Tina will provide information on maps. Alan will update the site with recommendations given by members of the CC. Where possible, the website has been designed to point people outward toward existing resources that are updated regularly. An Andover Beacon article is planned for early summer.

See Minutes on page 29



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Bruce Hilton, his son Conor and Gregg Pannier are known as Hilton Park. They were the headliners at the March 16 Andover Coffeehouse.

Photo: Steve Colardeau

## Singer Songwriter Annalise Emerick Has Top Billing at Coffeehouse

### Press release

Hailing from “Music City” (Nashville, Tennessee, that is), singer-songwriter Annalise Emerick will receive top billing at the Friday, April 20, Andover Coffeehouse concert beginning at 7 p.m. in the Highland Lake Grange Hall at 7 Chase Hill Road in East Andover.

Billed as a “twenty-something, singer-songwriter who has been on the road virtually non-stop for six years,” Emerick’s visit to East Andover is part of an extended April tour encompassing eight concerts in six northeastern states. The Andover concert is her sole appearance in New Hampshire.

According to her bio, “Choosing to leave behind any semblance of a normal life for the day-to-day of a traveling independent musician was always a no-brainer for the Nashville spitfire. Emerick has toured extensively all over the US, playing 150 plus shows every year.” Her work has been described as “blending folk music with pop sensibilities as she crafts melodies as pretty as her name.” Read (and hear) more at [annaliseemerick.com](http://annaliseemerick.com).

Also appearing onstage 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.

Sponsor for the April event is the Ragged Mountain Fish & Game Club. Sponsor donations defray room-rental costs and, along with pass-the-hat audience donations, enable the Coffeehouse to offer performances at no charge.

Doors to the Grange Hall open at 6 PM for food purchases offered by the Andover Congregational Church, and for open-mic sign-ins on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Coming up: The May 18 “Third Friday” headliner will be Alex Smith, an-

other Music City resident with additional roots in Lafayette, LA, and the Adirondacks of New York state. According to one reviewer, “He builds songs from a blend of traditional folk harmony and strikingly modern lyrics, confronting today’s most pressing issues with grace while paying homage to the masters who came before him.” Details at [alexsmithmusic.net](http://alexsmithmusic.net).



Andover’s own Jennifer White and Jimmy Sferes took to the stage at the Grange Hall in E. Andover. Photo: Steve Colardeau

Sponsor of the May concert is Tilton Medical Associates. Future sponsors have not yet been identified. If your organization or business would like to support a concert, send an email to [andovercoffeehouse@gmail.com](mailto:andovercoffeehouse@gmail.com)

A photographic record of past Coffeehouse performers, both headliners and open-mic participants, is shown on the Coffeehouse website at [andovercoffeehouse.org](http://andovercoffeehouse.org), and 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 for viewing anytime on Andover’s town website at [www.andover.nh.us/](http://www.andover.nh.us/) by clicking on “Town Information” and then “Video Archive.” The videos are produced by volunteers at Andover Community Cable.

The coffeehouse is located 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).



A scene from *Pinocchio* performed by a previous cast of the Franklin Area Children’s Theater. The theater camp is ready for its 12th year.

## Franklin Area Children’s Theater Announces 12th Season

### Big Bad Musical and Disney’s Madagascar Jr.

#### Press release

Children currently in grades 1 through 8 are invited to register for two summer camps with the Franklin Area

Children’s Theater (FACT). FACT offers two camp sessions and this year will perform “The Big Bad Musical” and Disney’s Madagascar, JR.”

FACT is an offspring of the Franklin Opera House, Franklin Footlight Theater. See FACT on page 32



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# Andover Libraries Page



Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti portrays George and Martha Washington's runaway slave Ona Judge, who ended up in Portsmouth, NH. She will perform Monday April 9, at the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy.

## Living History Program: "If I Am Not For Myself, Who Will Be For Me?"

Story of Washington's runaway slave

**Janet Moore, Library Trustee**

On Monday, April 9, at 7 PM at Proctor Academy's Stone Chapel on Andover's Village Green, the Andover Libraries are proud to present Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti as she portrays "Oney Judge Staines," George and Martha Washington's runaway slave, who escaped and made her way to New Hampshire in 1796.

Gwendolyn's artistry is well-suited for this performance. Based on the story told in "Never Caught: The Washington's Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge,"

by Erica Armstrong Dunbar, the presentation depicts Ona Judge's journey from Virginia to Portsmouth, NH, as she struggles to make a new life while never being free to leave the old one behind.

Ms. Quezaire-Presutti, well-known for bringing African-American stories to life, comes to Andover via the New Hampshire Humanities To Go program as a living history event. Admission is free.

To find out more about the artist and to get a preview of her performances, visit her website at [www.quezaire-presutti.com](http://www.quezaire-presutti.com). For more information about the April 9 presentation, contact the Andover Public Library at 735-5333.

**Andover Public Library**  
**New Acquisitions**  
April 2018 Beacon

**Adult Fiction**  
*The Great Alone*, Kristin Hannah  
*Beneath a Scarlet Sky*, Mark Sullivan  
*Dark in Death*, J.D. Robb  
*Manhattan Beach*, Jennifer Egan  
*Count to Ten: A Private Novel*, James Patterson and Ashwin Sanghi  
*Death at Nuremberg*, W.E.B. Griffin  
*Year One*, Nora Roberts  
*The Grave's a Fine and Private Place*, Alan Bradley

**Adult Nonfiction**  
*Richard Potter: America's First Black Celebrity*, John A. Hodgson  
*The Great Halifax Explosion: A World War I Story of Treachery, Tragedy, and Extraordinary Hero-*

*ism*, John U. Bacon  
*Uninhabitable*, Craig Scott Goldsmith  
*Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*, Trevor Noah  
*Crystals and Crystal Healing*, Simon Lilly

**Children's Titles**  
*We Are Growing*, Laurie Keller  
*Skylanders: Champions*, Ron Marz  
*Skylanders: The Kaos*, Ron Marz  
*I Will Take a Nap!*, Mo Willems  
*Should I Share My Ice Cream?*, Mo Willems  
*There Is a Bird on Your Head!*, Mo Willems  
*Almost Everybody Farts*, Marty Kelley  
*Who Was Pablo Picasso?*, True Kelley  
*Pocahontas and the Powhatans*, Reese Donaghey  
*Where Is Robin USA*, Robin N. Barone

## New Librarian, New Hours at Bachelder Library

New hours for both libraries

**Janet Moore, Library Trustee**

Hang onto your hats—change is coming to the Bachelder Library in East Andover. As of April 1st, we will have a new librarian, Tina Nussbaum Wagler, who will replace Laura Pauling.

Laura has just accepted a job as the director of the Libby Cass Library in Springfield.

Tina, newly moved into town last

summer, happened to be waiting in the wings—hurray! More on that in the next issue...

The hours are shifting a bit, as are the Andover Library's. Andover will be open Monday from 6–8, Wednesday from 9–12 and 6–8, Thursday from 1–5, and Saturday from 10–12.

Bachelder will be open Tuesday from 9–12 and 6–8, Thursday from 1–5, and Friday from 1–5. Hang in there while we all adjust to what should be more "regular" hours.

## Through the Reading Glasses

**Janet Moore, Library Trustee**

All books are divided into chapters, but "chapter books" is a term reserved for children's literature, particularly of the 3rd-7th grade years. They're the stories and the tales that kids can read themselves, but they're perfect for read-alouds, either at home or in the classroom. These are the books of which memories are made, plain and simple.

"The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street" is one such book. In an ordinary brownstone on an ordinary street up in Harlem, the Vanderbeeker children, five in all, live with their parents and neighbors

and landlord, Mr. Beiderman. Five days before Christmas, their rarely seen landlord announces they must leave by the new year. The resourceful children and their friends band together to make Mr. Beiderman understand that this is their home, too, and with the help of a petition, a kitten, a performing bunny, and a rare violin, they win him over. First love, true friendship, and inventive relatives save the day, along with a mouth-watering assortment of croissants and baguettes from the Castleman's bakery. Read this only with a supply of yummy cookies at hand!

**Bachelder Library**  
**New Acquisitions**  
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**Adult Fiction**  
*An American Marriage*, Tayari Jones  
*The Grave's a Fine and Private Place*, Alan Bradley  
*Force of Nature*, Jane Harper  
*The Queen of Hearts*, Kimberly Martin  
*How to Stop Time*, Matt Haig  
*As Bright as Heaven*, Susan Meissen  
*We Were the Lucky Ones*, Georgia Hunter  
*The Last Tudor*, Philippa Gregory  
*The Tuscan Child*, Rhys Bowen  
*The Woman Left Behind*, Linda Howard  
*The Wife*, Alafair Burke  
*Need to Know*, Karen Cleveland  
*The Escape Artist*, Brad Meltzer

**Adult Nonfiction**  
*When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing*, Daniel H. Pink  
*Richard Potter: America's First Black Celebrity*, John A. Hodgson

**Audio**  
*The Great Alone*, Kristin Hannah  
*Middle Grade*

*The Bad Guys (1-1)*, Aaron Blabey  
*Race to the South Pole*, Kate Messner  
*D-Day: Battle on the Beach*, Kate Messner  
*The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle*, Leslie Connor  
*Hello, Universe*, Erin Entrada Kelly  
*Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible*, Ursula Vernon  
*Hamster Princess: Giant Trouble*, Ursula Vernon  
*Hamster Princess: Ratpunzel*, Ursula Vernon

**Young Adult**  
*The Wrath and the Dawn*, Renee Ahdieh  
*The Rose and the Dagger*, Renee Ahdieh

**Picture Books**  
*We're All Wonders*, R.J. Palacio  
*Too Many Carrots*, Katy Hudson  
*Bear and Duck*, Katy Hudson

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*The LEGO Batman movie*  
*Lady Bird*  
*Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri*  
*Murder on the Orient Express*  
*The Darkest Hour*



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## Two Special Events in April at Franklin Opera House

Press release

### Audiobody

On Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 PM, the stage of the Franklin Opera House will be alive with a synthesis of music, comedy, and award-winning technology. AudioBody's performance is an electronic journey into an unknown realm of seriously spectacular entertainment for all ages.

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To learn more about the performers visit [www.audiobody.com](http://www.audiobody.com)

Reserved seating is available online at [www.FranklinOperaHouse.org](http://www.FranklinOperaHouse.org), or call (603) 934-1901.

This show is sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank and Independence Financial Advisors.

### The Magic of Andrew Silver

A special 10 AM. show of magic, juggling, and comedy will delight young and old alike at the Franklin Opera House on Thursday, April 26, during the April school break.

Years of practice, coupled with his uncanny nimbleness, have cemented Andrew Silver's reputation as one of Maine's leading magicians and jugglers. In addition, his versatility and keen sense of timing as a comedian are making him a legend as a professional variety artist.

General admission tickets for this show are only \$5 for everyone, available online at [www.FranklinOperaHouse.org](http://www.FranklinOperaHouse.org), or at the door.

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## Tea Party is First Event for Salisbury's 250<sup>TH</sup> Birthday

Press release

Anyone for tea? Our first event marking Salisbury's 250th Birthday will be a Tea Party on Sunday, April 29, 2PM at the Town Hall. Enjoy tea and tasty bites while you visit with friends and neighbors. You will also hear the reading of touching love letters between Esther Diamond and E.F. Delancey of Salisbury from the 1850s, courtesy of the Salisbury Historical Society.

The cost will be \$10 per person. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling Judy Elliott at 648-6469 or Nancy Hayden at 648-2766. This event is in memory of Mary Phillips, longtime curator of the Salisbury Historical Society.

This event is for adults only; children will have their own Tea Party at

the Salisbury Free Library on July 26.

Look for opportunities to purchase Sestercentennial memorabilia around town as the weather improves. Commemorative license plates, calendars, medallions and wearables including T-shirts, hats and aprons will be available for purchase. We also have very useful tote bags and kitchen towels, all with our 250th design.

Here's another chance to show your support for your town: A Welcome Wagons Competition! Find some sort of wagon, maybe your old Radio Flyer, or other creative container and decorate it as you see fit over the summer. Prizes will be awarded at the end of summer. More information to come as time goes on.



## Wilmot Historical Society

### Special Meeting of All Members

Subject: Purchase of property to house our collection

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## April Events at Blazing Star Grange **Canoe from page 18**

### A month of Saturday Activities

#### Press release

Blazing Star Grange celebrates National Grange Month with an event at the Grange Hall every Saturday in April. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, the last winter market of this season runs from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Whether at the market to support local businesses, to visit friends, doing lunch or breakfast at the Blazing Star Bistro, customers love a Saturday at the market!

On the 14<sup>th</sup>, the theme changes slightly from food and crafts to poetry and pastries when the Grange partners with the Friends of the Danbury Library for a night of Poetry. The venue is open to all—to read, recite or even make a skit from their favorite poem. The night begins at 7 PM and ends with an assortment of delicious pastries.

Week number three brings on the last of the third Saturday by order pickup markets and workshops. Order by Thursday April 19 at noon from [harvesttomarket.com](http://harvesttomarket.com) to pick up your market order on April 21 from 9 AM to noon. Downstairs, Danbury Grows will have workshops on gardening while upstairs, Marie Polizzi is being brought back for a

second Stamp Camp. The class is \$10 for 3 cards, everything included, although it is helpful if you could bring your own paper adhesives. Preregistration is required Call Marie at (860) 235-2429.

The day isn't done—come back that evening for some comfort food at our chicken pot pie supper. Served from 5 to 6:30 PM. Buy some tickets for the Dutch Auction which is sponsored by the United Church of Danbury. Lucky tickets will be drawn at the end of the supper. You do not need to be present to win.

The final Saturday of April brings on a bread baking lesson for children grades K–5. After learning to bake bread, they will take some home and share half with the Danbury Food Pantry. The event is free and will run from 9 AM to 1 PM. Registration required to make sure we have enough supplies.

We have yet one more Saturday to fill on May 5. We're excited to host a hand bell concert featuring the Granite State Ringers. Admission for the concert is \$5 suggested donation. For questions about all the Grange events or to register for the baking event, call Donna at (603) 768-5579 or email [donnaardena@gmail.com](mailto:donnaardena@gmail.com). All Events take place at the Grange Hall, 15 North Road in Danbury. 🚗

landscape. Consider this, for example: why is it that Andover—in the state distinguished by such names as Passaconaway, Sunapee, Winnisquam, Nashua, Amoskeag, Contoocook—has (with the possible exception of Adder Pond itself, which may well derive from “attuck,” an Indian name for “deer”) no Indian place names? The answer is simply that, by the time the first settlers moved into this area, the native inhabitants had long since been completely driven out. For some time, the Province of New Hampshire had been pushing frontier settlements—rows of new townships, running roughly in east-west tiers, stretching from the Pemigewasset River to the Connecticut River—northward as a line of defense against the Indians and the French. The towns ranging from Boscawen, Warner, and Bradford to the west were established beginning in the late 1730s and 1740s; the next row north, from Salisbury westward to Newbury and beyond, in the 1750s and 1760s; and the row north of that, from Andover west to New London and beyond, in the 1760s and 1770s. Indian settlements and even Indian incursions retreated steadily northward as these ranks of frontier settlements advanced. Rare Indian raids by marauding bands from French Canada continued in this area into the 1750s, but already by then all the indigenous native tribes had migrated north, most of them all the way into Canada; and Great Britain's complete defeat of Canada in 1759-60 effectively eliminated the Indian presence in New Hampshire.

Supplementing our historical knowledge about the lack of any overlap of Indian and Euro-American settlements in this part of New Hampshire, we can add important information derived from the design of the AHS dugout canoe. Indian and Euro-American construction methods for dugouts differed greatly. The Indians felled a tree using fire and stone axes and then hollowed it out by a long, repetitive process of carefully burning out the middle of the log with heaped coals for a while, then scraping out the layer of newly charred wood with stone scrapers. Euro-Americans instead used metal axes and adzes to do the same work; they might also use saws to fell the tree or to rough-shape the boat's stern. These differing construction techniques produced canoes of distinctively different outlines. As one authority summarizes, Indian dugout canoes “tend to have rounded ends and less angular appearance” (the New Hampshire Historical Society's specimen is a good example of this), while those built by Euro-Americans “are more likely to have a pointed bow and a square or truncate stern”—shapes quite difficult to form with stone tools but much more easily managed with metal tools and indeed (for a squared or truncated stern) very easily

produced with a saw.

The Andover dugout canoe, as you can see from the accompanying photographs, has a dramatically truncated stern. (So do the canoes in the Hopkinton Historical Society and the Libby Museum.) This prominent detail immediately does much to date it: If it is of Euro-American construction, and so cannot have been built until this area was first being settled by the town forefathers—that is, not earlier than the 1760s.

But surely we can narrow the date of our canoe's construction even more precisely than this. Here is another historical consideration: Why did dugout canoes, once so widely known, fall out of use? The most significant factor in their obsolescence, more fundamental even than issues of their great weight, delicate balance, or relative lack of maneuverability, is obvious: Even with metal tools, it took an enormous amount of time and labor to make one. Consequently, dugout canoes started disappearing from the scene, like horse-drawn carriages after the advent of the automobile, when technology changed—specifically, when accessible sawmills made it relatively easy to obtain the milled wood necessary for building a small, lighter, more stable boat much more quickly and at very little expense.

A new town in the New Hampshire wilderness could hardly attract settlers without a few very basic improvements—chiefly a passable road, a sawmill, and a grist mill. The original charter for the future town of Andover therefore made provisions for the immediate establishment of a sawmill to “Saw the Logs & timber of the . . . Inhabitants or such as are preparing to build there.” But this was much easier said than done. The charter was written in 1751, but the first settlers did not arrive until ten years later, and for years after that the little settlement still had no sawmill, despite various half-hearted attempts to site and build one, prompting finally a complaint from the stifled little community that the proprietors had not fulfilled their pledges: “they Clear us no rodes build us no bridges indeed they have built us a saw mill but that not being Completed as it ought to be that we get our bords with a great deal of Difikelty. . . . [T]hese and such like difikelty and many more . . . is the grate means why people do not settle in the town.” This was in 1767. By 1768 the new sawmill was operating (some distance below the outlet of Loon Pond, now Highland Lake), but only barely, due at least in part to its “standing in an Improper place,” apparently with a greatly inadequate head of water. The mill was eventually moved further upstream, but continued to be a sore issue: Even in 1772 “great complaint was made that [the mill operator] neglected to saw the logs brought to the mill, as he had agreed to do.” The sawmill remained a problem for

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the town until perhaps as late as 1780. A few years later (ca. 1785), another sawmill was built at Cilleyville. Several other smaller ones were built in later years.

It seems reasonable to conclude, then, that sawn boards were a very rare commodity in Andover in the early decades of settlement, but that by 1785, at the latest, they were sufficiently available so that no reasonable settler would go to the immense trouble of fashioning a dugout canoe when he could so much more easily and inexpensively obtain the boards with which to build a small fishing boat instead. Almost certainly, Andover's "settler's dugout canoe" dates from the narrow period 1763-1785.

**Other Known Andover Canoes**

Andover once boasted of other dugout canoes as well.

As Ralph Chaffee reported in his History of Andover, New Hampshire 1900-1965, townspeople early in the twentieth century knew of not one but "two waterlogged dugouts sunk in Hopkins Pond" —and had known of them, indeed, for many decades. "Arthur Woodward [born in 1882]...remembers them as a boy, and was told by another old resident that they looked just about the same when he too was young." (So John Lessard, a retired carpenter from Hopkinton, NH, who noticed the submerged dugout while fishing there in 1980 and then mobilized its recovery from the pond in 1982, was by no means its first discoverer, although he would not have known this.) Woodward told Chaffee about the second dugout in Adder Pond and said he was sure he could locate it again, but "somehow we never got around to making the trip." That second dugout, Chaffee later learned, "was pulled from the pond by someone and left on the rocks below the little dam" ca. 1970. Already badly deteriorated, it would then have quickly rotted away.

These Adder Pond dugout canoes were not alone. Another Andover dugout was preserved in an early photograph about a hundred and fifty years ago.

In the spring of 1869, Col. John B. Bachelder, a prominent American painter and photographer, today best remembered as the man who for decades painstakingly documented and analyzed the entire Battle of Gettysburg and was largely responsible for preserving and memorializing the Gettysburg Battlefield, set up shop in Andover Center for a brief period as a stereoview photographer. He was part of a wave of photographers and especially stereographers who, after the close of the Civil War, began celebrating and publicizing the beauties and grandeur of the White Mountains, the scenic lakes and waterfalls of the state, and the features of its scattered towns and farms. Soon enough Bachelder became an even more direct proselytizer for the new business, tourism, that was

now beginning to transform northern New England, writing and lavishly illustrating (with one hundred engravings) a book, Popular Resorts and How to Reach Them (1873), that quickly went through many editions and became one of the great, seminal guidebooks for vacationers in New England.

Bachelder was himself a New Hampshire native (born in Gilmanton), and had earlier in his career devoted much of his professional life to painting scenic vistas of New England towns. (Many of his works may be seen at the New Hampshire Historical Society.) While many of his photographer competitors focused their attentions on the more spectacular vistas of the White Mountains, Bachelder instead devoted himself to mid-state scenes, producing several series of New Hampshire views, particularly "Local Views in the Vicinity of Kearsarge Mt." (our Kearsarge, not the northern one). His stereographs provide superb visual documentation of Andover, Wilmot, New London, and Mount Kearsarge as they appeared in 1869.

One of Bachelder's most tranquil Andover stereoviews was titled simply "Cole Pond." Probably taken in the early spring (the trees in the background are still leafless), it shows two young men out in a boat on the pond, with Ragged Mountain's irregular outline providing a stark backdrop that is also reflected from the pond's surface. The men are holding fishing poles, one of which is a branch so crooked that it must have been makeshift; they have a third pole set out, too. Their boat is unmistakably a dugout canoe.

Dugout canoes were not very portable; this one would have belonged exclusively to Cole Pond, even as the AHS's canoe belonged to Adder Pond. The two canoes are of similar design, with truncated sterns, but very clearly these are two different boats: The Cole Pond canoe is made from a larger log, its stern is cut more nearly vertically, and its stern seat (from the tip of the stern to the beginning of the dugout cavity) is noticeably longer.

Nothing more is known of this canoe that once belonged to Cole Pond. Probably this boat, like most of its kind, was stored underwater during the winters and finally decayed there. The pond was later (circa 1902) dammed and enlarged from nine to fifteen acres, so that the old canoe hulk would thereafter have been hidden even deeper underwater. Its appearance in this one 1869 photograph is a reminder that, in the late eighteenth century and even well into the nineteenth, the presence of a dugout canoe on a local lake or pond could (and did) go without saying. There was probably a dugout canoe in use on most of the ponds in Andover, and likely more than one on the bigger ponds and lakes. Our "Settler's Dugout Canoe" is a rare survivor; but it once had lots of company in town.



**Fresh and Fearless - Upcoming Kearsarge Chorale Concert**

April 22 at Sawyer Center at Colby-Sawyer

**Press release**

Kearsarge Chorale will present its spring concert, Fresh and Fearless, Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at the Sawyer Center Theater at Colby-Sawyer College. The musical offerings will range from a 17th/18th century madrigal to compositions by Billy Joel, Carly Simon and Dolly Parton. Susan Berlenbach, Choral Director at Kearsarge Regional Middle School will be featured as soprano soloist and Alex Ager, Andover resident and Music Director

at the Andover Elementary-Middle School will sing in the bass section and also conduct one of the pieces. Andover resident Helen Wickham will play the recorder solo in Light of a Clear Blue Morning, composed by Dolly Parton. Also participating in the concert are Andover residents Jesse Schust and Nancy Tripp and Andover business owner, Linda Barnes. Tickets are \$15 for adults or \$5 for students. Tickets are available at Morgan Hill Bookstore, Tatewell Gallery in New London, at [www.kearsargechorale.org](http://www.kearsargechorale.org), and at the door.



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## Coach House to Host Benefit for Friends of Northern Rail Trail

### Thursday's Child Dinner on April 5

#### Press release

Don't miss the next Friends of the Northern Rail Trail-Merrimack County (FNRT-MC) event coming up in April. Its twelfth annual Thursday's Child fundraising dinner scheduled one night only, Thursday, April 5 at The Coach House Restaurant at the New London Inn in New London, N.H.

The Coach House will offer the restaurant's regular menu, which is varied and outstanding, in both its tavern and dining room. There is no set time or set menu. You decide when you want to have dinner and with whom. Just make early reservations, sit back and enjoy.

"The atmosphere promises to be festive as the dinner crowd tends to be made up of exuberant trail supporters," observes Lindy Heim of Wilmot, FNRT-MC co-president. Coach House has generously continued a tradition of allowing

a portion of the night's profit to benefit local non-profits—in this case, FNRT-MC, which will use this year's proceeds for trail maintenance and amenities.

Reservations can be made by calling the New London Inn at 603-526-2791. Dinner may be enjoyed as early as 5 PM in the Tavern (reservations not necessary) or 5:30 PM in the main dining room.

Besides participating in the April 5th dinner, which is the FNRT-MC's sole annual fundraising dinner event, another way to help the rail trail effort is to become a member, Heim points out. "In return for your membership dues, you'll get email updates on the rail trail, FNRT-MC meetings, and events." Membership categories start at \$15 and can be processed securely online.

For more information about past and future rail trail activities, printable trail maps, membership and giving opportunities go to [www.fnrt.org](http://www.fnrt.org) or visit us on Facebook.



## Friends of Northern Rail Trail March Meeting Notes

### March 21, 2018

#### Draft Minutes of Meeting

Meeting held at the Andover Hub, Andover.

**Board Attendees:** Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, George Heaton, Myra Mayman, Jack Shields

**Welcome Guests:** Patrice and Steve Rasche (Canterbury); Doreen and John Brandolini (Sunapee); Ed Weaver (Wilmot)

#### Business Matters:

1. Minutes of October and November 2017 meetings, accepted unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report, accepted unanimously. Two major aspects were presented, discussed and approved: the current financial situation; and a budget for 2018. In addition, a new contribution pathway—Amazon Smile—was presented. (See below.)

The budgeting process adopted by FNRT-MC is based on yearly projections of projects of various types, all undertaken for the maintenance and improvement of the Trail. For specific line-items—repairs, technology, mowing, insurance, etc.—the budget gives spending authority to the officer in charge of the project. If as work progresses, the project appears to exceed the budgeted amount, the officer in charge then approaches the Board for new authority.

With approximately \$30,000 in current assets, and income projections of approximately \$27,000 for 2018, the Board concluded—consistent with our mission to maintain and improve the Trail—that a substantial portion of these funds should be expended; and reserve amount also maintained. Specific plans for these expenditures are discussed below.

3. Technology report. The website continues to be kept current through the efforts of Volunteer Manager Cathy Liske. Contacts with new potential sponsors are being pursued.

As a "To-Do" item, Cathe will be asked to work with Heather Turner to make the PayPal contribution option easier and more user-friendly.

In addition, minutes of Board will be posted currently to the website.

#### Trail Maintenance Projects:

1. Maintenance. Board member

Chris Norris continues oversight of the always-necessary maintenance work to keep the Trail in good shape. Currently, several bridges require new railings and/or surface work; approximately 50 culverts need to be assessed for cleaning; and ditching and surfacing may be needed at various sites. Chris is now in the process of inventorying such projects and making arrangements with contractors to accomplish them.

In order to move forward as quickly and smoothly as possible, the Board authorized an overall expenditure of up to \$35,000 to be so used. Chris will target these funds to projects with highest priority, and make contractual arrangements. The Board much appreciates these efforts—which are vital to the Trail—and looks forward to a report on progress.

Alex Bernhard will convey the Board's decision and discuss plans further with Chris Norris. ("To-Do")

2. Mowing. With last year's experience in mind, a "To-Do" for Peter Southworth is to solicit mowing bids for 2018, within the dollar limitation specified in the budget.

Jack Shields brought up the need to clear leaf build-up from Trail surfaces, and the use of special equipment for this purpose. Jack will confer further on this with Peter. ("To-Do")

George Heaton brought up the issue of encroaching overgrowth on portions of the Trail. Trailmasters will be alerted to this as part of their perennial clearing/cleaning efforts. ("To Do")

#### Reports on Regional Developments:

1. Rail Trail Connection to Concord. Having attended a large February 12 meeting in Concord on this issue, Jack Shields reported on the continuing efforts to obtain an approximately 6-mile stretch of rail right-of-way now owned by PanAm for an extension of the Northern Rail Trail, that now ends in Boscawen, into the center of Concord. These efforts involve several private and governmental organizations, and while still in the formative stage, they present promising avenues.

The Board agreed that Jack should be our representative in this continuing effort, and that we would offer counsel and assistance based on our experience with funding, construction and maintenance of the Trail.

2. Canaan Flood Mitigation. Patrice and Steve Rasche reported on a meeting at NH DOT in Concord to address perennial spring flooding in Canaan Town center. Since the elevated rail bed of the Trail appears to contribute to flooding propensity (as it has since construction in the mid-19th century), the possible curatives of lowering the Trail, and/or constructing culverts were discussed. Representatives from the NH Bureau of Rail and Transit and the NH Division of Historical Resources raised concerns about any such changes. Funding possibilities from the Federal Emergency

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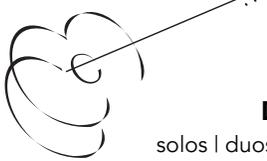
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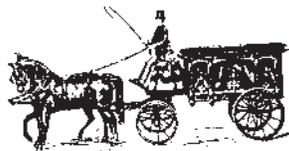


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**Other Business:** Jesse raised several points drawn from the recent issue of the Beacon. White Oak sand pit can no longer be used, until the disputed ownership is resolved. This means that the Road Agent will need an alternative source of sand.

Birds Eye View needs locations for testing their drones and the CC needs help monitoring large conservation easements. Jesse will contact Birds Eye View to see if they are open to the idea of assisting us.

The final item from the Beacon was an issue that arose from a property on Currier Road where an erosion problem

on one property resulted in silt deposition on the neighboring property. Jesse asked why we did not receive notification from NHDES on this issue in December. Mary Anne will make inquiries.

Jesse reported from John Thompson that the highway Crew will arrange a meeting to discuss future plans to remove materials near the Transfer Station. Last year, a 50 foot buffer was agreed upon with the Board of Selectman and the Road Agent. Mary Anne will contact the Board of Selectman to verify the buffer.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn, Nan seconded and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. 

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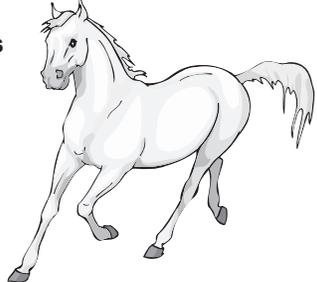
riety of tasks to be done, besides acting on stage. Ella Makechnie said that she was finding it fun to be part of the "tech crew." Bryson Cate is also enjoying his role as a stage manager and running the sound system which provides the music for musical numbers.

The show is directed by Sarah Edmunds who has been a teacher at AE/MS for 6 years. One of the reasons she chose to come to Andover was the prospect of building the Andover Players. She is assisted by Alex Ager, the school's music teacher.

The Andover Players is an after school activity, and the students have been rehearsing until about 5:00 PM two to three days per week. It was impressive to see the enthusiasm of the group, and it was obvious that the older students enjoy working with the younger ones. Edmunds and Ager agree that participation in these types of activities helps the students develop skills that they will take with them in whatever career paths they pursue.

Tickets for the show are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children age 5 and younger. and may be purchased at the door. 

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# OBITUARIES

**ROBERT E. HAMILTON, Jr.**  
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 Francis Mauriac

Robert E. Hamilton, Jr. was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 1, of parents Robert E. Hamilton and Dorcas Damon Hamilton. He had two siblings: Joan Blaisdell-Gaumer (deceased) and Dr. Dorcas Cofer-Cohen of Kennebunk, Maine.

After attending Proctor Academy in Andover, NH, Bob graduated from Dartmouth College and served in the U.S. Army. He married Elizabeth Worrell (deceased) of Providence, Rhode Island and they had four wonderful children.

Bob approached life as a quiet, proud, kind and gentle man with strong work ethics and high moral standards and principles. After graduating from Dartmouth, he worked in the insurance industry and developed early computer programs before he entered the merchandising/retail industry. Among other endeavors, Bob managed retail and design operations for Design Research, the American Institute of Architects and the Museum of Fine Arts, and he owned a home design store in Boston.

Bob was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease more than twenty years ago, and passed away peacefully on February 15, 2018. He is survived by a sister; his four children: Damon, Christopher, Heather and Sarah, all of Rhode Island; many grandchildren and nieces and nephews; and his life

partner of 38 years, Kenneth Reid of Andover, NH. As Bob requested, there will be no services, and his life will be celebrated by family members in the spring. Contributions in his honor may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

**DAVID "DAVE" THOMPSON,** died Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at the Wentworth Douglass Hospital following a year residency at the Langdon Home in Dover, New Hampshire. Dave was born May 1, 1933, in East Andover, New Hampshire.

Dave attended Proctor Academy in Andover, New Hampshire. He loved skiing and was captain of the ski team at Proctor Academy. Following graduation he attended Yale University graduating with a degree in civil engineering. He joined Sohio in Canton, Ohio, as a sales rep and went on to become Vice President of Marketing of Sohio in Cleveland. He worked for Proudfoot Management Consulting then ROI Controls as Director of Analysis and later promoted to Vice President.

Dave moved to Eliot, Maine, in 1998 and built a beautiful home on the Piscataqua River. There he was active in real estate in Dover, New Hampshire. Dave loved ballroom dancing. He also loved boating on the Piscataqua River.

Dave was predeceased by his wife Elizabeth Lorean (Winstel), parents Tuttle Thompson and Elizabeth Tate. He is survived by his sister Nancy Hardy, niece Jan McKenney, and nephew Chuck Hardy all of Eliot, Maine.



**SERVICES:** Services will be private for the family. The family asks that in lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.jspelkeyfuneralhome.com](http://www.jspelkeyfuneralhome.com).

**DENNIS CARL STEVENS,** Dennis Carl Stevens, 63, of Chalk Pond Road, Sutton, NH died on March 8, 2018 at the White River Junction Veterans Hospital.

Born on August 29, 1954, Dennis graduated from Merrimack Valley High School. He served in Korea in the US Army from 1974-1976.

Dennis worked for RP Johnson and Son from 1975-1985 and then as the Assistant Road Agent for The Town of Sutton from 1985-2014.

Dennis was an avid sportsman. In his younger days, he was the MVP for basketball and baseball at MVHS and went on to help coach youth baseball for the Sutton Little League. He loved to play golf on the men's golf league at the Country Club of NH. An avid fisherman, he belonged to the Andover Fish and Game Club.

Dennis married Carrie A. Huntoon in 1981 and had two children, Jesse Carl Stevens who predeceased him in 2003 and Jayme Rose Stevens, his favorite fishing partner of North Sutton, NH and her three children, Sierra, Taylor and Jaxson.

Dennis grew up in foster homes with his twin sister, Darlene Dunbar. He was reconnected with a younger sister, Deb-



ra Provencher of Concord, NH in 1983. They grew a strong bond and before her death in 2014, Deb was able to locate four other brothers and sisters. A family reunion took place with all living siblings and their children and grandchildren.

Surviving members of the family include his daughter, Jayme Rose Stevens of North Sutton, NH and her children, Sierra, Taylor and Jaxson; and siblings, Darlene Dunbar of Concord, NH, Robert Ingalls of MA, Ralph Haley of VT, Susan Underwood of ME and Robert Kendall of MO.

Calling hours were held at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London, NH on March 13. A memorial service was held on March 17, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of North Sutton. Burial will be held in North Sutton Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Fish and Game Club, P.O. Box 253, Andover, NH 03216.

**MARCIA JANE STEVENS, 61,** of Andover NH passed away on Saturday March 10 at Franklin Regional Hospital in Franklin NH. She was born in Concord, MA, daughter to the late Helen and Stanley Osborn Jr. She graduated Acton-Boxboro Regional HS 1975, University of Rhode Island 1979, and her Masters at Portland State University. Marcia began her music teaching career in Middleton, RI. She moved to Oregon after marriage, and while teaching and raising her son, competed in numerous horse carriage driving competitions. She was an instrumental music director for the Corvallis School District in Oregon for many years prior to moving to New Hampshire and fulfilling her dream of owning a farm that she purchased in Andover.

Marcia is survived by a son, Arnold Poole Jr of Oregon; sisters Carolyn Croteau and her husband Richard of Hadley MA, Susan Werst and her hus-

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## Thank You

Thank you for your outpouring of sympathy with the death of Robert E. Hamilton. Your cards, prayers, visits and phone calls, food and flowers, were all appreciated - each and every one. Andover is indeed a great community.

Ken Reid

**Deaths from page 30**

band Thomas of Merrimack NH, Beth Caffrey and her husband Johnathan of Duxbury MA, and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband Mark Stevens.

Calling hours and funeral service were held March 17 at the Rivet Funeral Home in Merrimack. Burial will take place at a later date at the Brownsville Cemetery in Brownsville, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Friends of CHS Band, 2397 NW Kings Blvd. #128, Corvallis, OR 97330 or to the Horses of Hope, Oregon <https://horsesofhopeoregon.org>

**RICHARD LIONEL SOUCY**, 70, of Fitchburg, MA, passed away peacefully surrounded by his children and grandchildren at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA on Saturday March 10, 2018.

He was born on May 25, 1947 in Pinnardville, NH to the late Philemon and Malvena (Audet) Soucy, and graduated from Goffstown High School in 1965.



Richard enlisted and honorably served in the U.S. Navy, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Shangri-La from 1965 to 1970. He worked hard his whole life, specifically in manufacturing, lastly at Sterilite in Townsend, MA before he became ill.

He had a love of the outdoors, including camping, and especially enjoyed hunting and fishing with his brothers and friends. Weekends wouldn't be complete without early morning fishing, especially with his son Mark. He also made sure to take both his sons-in-law fishing as a rite of passage. He enjoyed attending dances, and though he had questionable taste in music, would love dancing. His family dinners with his siblings were a must for him, as he loved to spend time with his brothers and his sister, whom he cared about very much. As his health declined, he

loved continuing the tradition by attending meals at his daughter Tracy's house with his children and grandchildren. His favorite trip was to Alaska with his brother Real to catch salmon. Richard was an excellent softball player, and shared that love with his daughter Marcia.

Richard was predeceased by his older brothers Ronald and Robert.

He leaves behind his beloved children, son Mark Soucy of Manchester, NH, and daughters Marcia Coleman and her husband Joseph of Avon Lake, OH, and Tracy Soucy-Fuller and husband Robert of Haverhill, MA; brother Real Soucy of Andover, NH; sister Rita Roy of Goffstown, NH; and grandchildren Cheyenne of OH, Lauren of NH, Morgan of NH, Madison of OH, Jackson of OH, Alexander of MA, and Joel of MA; as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

**SERVICES:** A visitation was held at Phaneuf Funeral Home and Crematorium, Manchester, NH on Thursday March 15. A funeral service was held the following morning at the funeral home. Burial followed at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, NH.

The family requests that any memorial donations be made to the Northeast Veterans Outreach at 10 Reed St., Haverhill, MA 01832 or by visiting <https://www.vneoc.org/>.

To view Richard's online tribute, send condolence messages to the family, or for more information please visit [www.phaneuf.net](http://www.phaneuf.net)

**PETER F. OTTO**, 66, of Andover, NH passed away on Monday, March 12, 2018.

Peter was born on February 27, 1952 in Concord, NH to Floyd F. Otto Jr. and Therese (LeBrun) Otto. An attendee of Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Peter was the third generation owner of Concord Photo Engraving, Inc.



He was preceded in death by his parents Floyd F. Otto Jr. and Therese

(LeBrun) Otto. Peter is survived by Trudi, his loving wife of 41 years; son Floyd and wife Victoria of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; son Max and wife Shelley of Concord, NH; and daughter Stephanie Krueger and husband Chris of Boise, Idaho. He was also "Grumpy" to grandsons Grady Otto, Cooper and Alex Otto, and Wolfe Krueger. Peter is also survived by his brother, Tom; sisters, Terry, Lynn, and Lisa and numerous nieces and nephews.

Calling hours and memorial service were held at Bennett Funeral Home, in Concord, NH on March 19, 2018.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Peter's honor to the American Heart Association or Green Mountain Pug Rescue of Vermont (GMPR). Arrangements are entrusted to the Bennett Funeral Home of Concord. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at <https://www.BennettFuneral.com> for the Otto family.

**BETTY A. (MILLER) DICKERMAN**, 91, died March 16, 2018 at Merrimack County Healthcare following a period of declining health. She was born in East Andover, NH on January 24, 1927, the daughter of Arthur and Beatrice (McKeage) Andrews. Betty attended the Dyer's Crossing School in East Andover and graduated from Andover High School and Concord Commercial College. She had previously worked for Colby Junior College, Barton Insurance Agency, Dr. Wesley

G. Nichols, Concord Coach Lines and the State of New Hampshire.

Betty was a Member and Past Noble Grand of Crystal Rebekah Lodge #68, a Lifetime Member of VFW Post #1698 of Franklin, NH, a Life Member of The Andover Historical Society, member of The Loyal Order of the Moose in Concord, NH, The Elkins Chapel Society and The Chapin Senior Center in New London, NH. The biggest joy in her life was volunteering for many organizations and helping people in any way that she could.

She was predeceased by her husband of 30 years, Clayton "Skip" Miller in 1977 and husband of 25 years, Irving M. Dickerman in 2010.

Betty is survived by her two sons and their wives, Thomas and Mary Miller and Arthur and Donna Miller; grandson, Shaun A. Miller; stepson, Lester Dickerman; stepdaughter, Claudia Dickerman; and stepgrandchildren, Stephanie Goodwyn, Dan Dickerman and Chris Dickerman.

Private committal services will be held in the Lakeside Cemetery in East Andover at the convenience of the family.

Contributions in Betty's memory may be made to the Pope SPCA, 94 Silk Farm Rd., Concord, NH 03301, Kearsarge Council on Aging, 37 Pleasant St., New London, NH 03257 or the Andover Historical Society, PO Box 167, Andover, NH 03216.

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atre and the Franklin High School Play-  
ers and has come about through the vi-  
sion of Artistic Director, Jule C. Finley.

Over 25 years ago in New York, Jule  
ran a grant funded summer theater pro-  
gram for children in grades four through  
12. With the support of Franklin Opera  
House, and the Franklin Recreation De-  
partment, and generous corporate spon-  
sors, Jule has been able to bring that  
dream back to life in Franklin. Now in  
its 12th season, FACT provides a positive  
experience for dozens of children. It also  
is an incredible educational experience  
for the teenage interns who are hired  
to work for the program. Most of them  
have grown up within the program. These  
teenagers work under the guidance of the  
Artistic Director to learn how to teach  
children to perform. They take what they  
learn, plus their own theater experience  
and mentor groups of children. The result  
is amazing!

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public performance where the campers  
demonstrate what they have learned.  
This year Camp 1 will meet Mondays  
and Wednesdays, July 2 to 26, from  
4:00 to 5:30 at the Bessie Rowell Com-  
munity Center. Camp 1 participants  
will perform The Big Bad Musical  
on July 26 at 1:00pm and 7:00pm at

the Opera House. Camp 2 will meet  
at the Franklin Opera House Monday  
through Friday for two weeks, August  
6 to 17, and will perform Madagascar  
Jr. - a Musical Adventure on August 17  
and 18 at 7:00 pm.

The cost is \$75 for Camp 1, and \$150  
for Camp 2. Limited financial assis-  
tance is available; ask for details.

Artistic Director Jule Finley holds an  
MA and CAGS in Education/Integration  
of the Arts. She has received the New  
Hampshire Community Theater Asso-  
ciation's Best Director and Best Show  
awards and has had winning groups at  
the NHETG Regional Festival multiple  
times. Jule has been nominated as a Top  
Ten Choreographer three times for the  
NHTA. Jule has also been recognized by  
Who's Who Among American Women  
and Teachers. In 2012, she shared the  
honor of Citizen of the Year for Franklin  
with her beloved husband Jack.

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**Trail from page 28**

Management Agency (FEMA) or other  
sources face many hurdles.

Patrice and Steve will continue to  
monitor this and other such issues that  
may impact on Trail use. Their efforts  
are much appreciated.

3. State Highway Bridge Recon-  
struction Projects

Alex Bernhard reported on a March  
5 meeting with NH DOT engineers  
about plans for highway bridge re-  
construction in Danbury and at the  
Andover/Franklin Town Line, where  
bridges now overpass the Trail. These  
funded projects are now in the design  
phase, and should be accomplished  
within 2-3 years.

Both of these bridges are of "historic  
significance," (the Andover bridge having  
been built by the Boston and Maine Rail-  
road). This designation implies a "Sec-  
tion 106 Review," which requires the use  
of "feasible and prudent" design alterna-  
tives instead of altering or removing the  
historic features. Important concerns for  
the Trail—now included in the design—are  
that the highway crossing not be at-grade,  
and that water will be ditched away.

FNRT-MC has been designated a  
"consulting party" in the design pro-  
cess. Alex Bernhard will serve as rep-  
resentative. The Board expresses ap-  
preciation to Alex, and satisfaction with  
the sensitivity of the design process to  
the experience of Trail users.

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on "[smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)" and designating  
the charity of choice. It then occurs au-  
tomatically with future purchases.

The consensus was to add a line  
about this opportunity to our website,  
Facebook page, and , if possible, An-  
nual Appeal letter, as well as other an-  
nouncements.

Happily, Friends of the Northern Rail  
Trail—Merrimack County is already  
known to amazon.com. We urge you to  
make it your charity of choice! ("To Do")

**Future Dates of Note:**

Thursday, April 5: "Thursday's  
Child" dinner at the Coach House Res-  
taurant at the New London Inn. One  
half of the net proceeds is donated to  
FNRT-MC. See you there!

Wednesday, April 18:—Board Meet-  
ing, 7 PM, The Hub, Andover. All are  
welcome!

Wednesday, April 25: FNRT-MC  
"Annual Appeal Mailing Party," 3 PM,  
Highland Lake Inn, East Andover. Vol-  
unteers solicited!

Saturday, June 2: National Trails  
Day. Fun walk and Trail clean-up. Stay  
tuned!

Respectfully submitted, George He-  
aton 

## Put Down the Phone: Encouraging Children to Use Imagination in Art!

### Creative Art Workshops for kids in New London

**Press release**

Exposing children to art of all kinds is important for their growth and in today's technology driven world it is even more important. That is why Arts on Main Street, a partner with the Center for The Arts, is dedicated to bringing quality creative classes and events for kids of all ages. Their goal is to inspire kids and teens to think creatively and to express themselves through theater, dance and art. These new interactive workshops and events are all about imagination and exploration. All events will take place at Whipple Hall, 429 Main Street, in New London.

Saturday, April 14, Shelly Hudson is conducting an acting workshop for kids of all ages. Shelly's Acting 101, will use Pantomime, improv and theater games, to help students develop a clear understanding of movement and character commitment to enhance their acting skills. The first class for ages 8 to 12 runs from 10 to 11 AM, the second class is 11 AM to noon and is geared toward ages 13-18. The class fee is \$25. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and leave their cell

phones at the door!

On Monday, April 16 kids can "Make Your Own Bird Feeder" with Alison Vernon, from 3 to 4 PM. For students in K through 5th grade will make their own, one-of-a-kind bird feeder. Fee is \$15 and transportation is provided, after school, from KRES to Whipple Hall.

Artist Alison Vernon is offering a class on May 7, from 3 to 4 PM called "Making Wind Chimes for Mother's Day". Geared toward grades K-5 this hands on class will have the kids make creative and unique wind chimes, a perfect for Mother's Day. Class fee is \$20 and transportation is provided, after school, from KRES to Whipple Hall.

On Saturday, May 12, a special youth event will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. A Treasure Trove of Tales, told by Award-winning British storyteller and author Simon Brooks. Simon will enliven your ears and imagination with traditional tales of treasure. These European stories will be brought before you by the masterful storyteller Simon Brooks with his voice tricks, animated characters and his bodhrán drum. You will be amazed by how many characters Simon can bring to life in your mind's eye. Admission is \$5.00 at the door.

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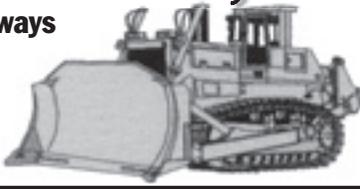
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## Healthcare Decisions Day Event with Franklin VNA & Hospice

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### Press release

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about the care you would want to receive if you become unable to speak for yourself, based on your personal values, preferences, and discussions with your loved ones.

A Medical Social Worker, Hospice Administrator and Chaplain will discuss what Advance Care Planning is and how to prepare for the unexpected for yourself and your loved ones.

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**Abroad from page 40**

If you have run into Samantha, Jack, Nelson, Betsy, Luke, Julian, or Amanda around town over the past month, you have probably heard about their life-changing experiences in France, Spain, and the American Southwest. Each student shared reflections on their term abroad in recent blog posts on Proctor's website, and we wanted to share them with the local community as well. Be sure to follow the adventures of Andover's Ryan Methven '19 and Sam Royal '18 this spring on Mountain Classroom!

**Betsy Abrahamson '18 - European Art Classroom**

While reflecting back on our term in Aix, it is bewildering to see how far I've come since first arriving. I've grown in many ways, subtle or otherwise, that has helped me grow as not only an individual but a global citizen. My comfort zone has been stretched, my mind opened, and my strengths and weaknesses illuminated. I have heard, seen, tasted, and smelled some of the most extraordinary things the earth has to offer and for that I am eternally grateful. Seeing as this is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity, I have tried to embrace the uncertainty and live completely in the moment. Euro is a unique beast that has evolved through years of tinkering due to Dave and Jen's constant efforts.

I couldn't imagine leaving Proctor with better memories than those that I've made here. On that note, I would like to thank the individuals who adventured with me this term. As the grandfather of Impressionism, Pissarro, once said, "Blessed are they who see beautiful things in humble places where other people see nothing." We've laughed until we can't breathe, meandered through cobblestoned streets in Florence, and shared the weight of groceries being hauled uphill. I cannot help but consider myself a truly fortunate individual, despite pondering where all this time has disappeared

to. Something about the Provençal sun warps time so it seems like I arrived in the airport yesterday but also five years ago. Yet, now we are headed back to reality and to our family and friends (and my dog!). How incredibly beautiful.

**Amanda Hinds '19 - Mountain Classroom**

Full circle is, in essence, our exam week. We spend 4 days in one place (a rarity in itself) traversing from the library to our campsite to town and around and around and around. Our exams aren't tests, exactly - just a single notebook, about a foot tall and 9 inches wide, filled with illustrations, writing, and sometimes coffee stains, that attempt to sum up our experience on Mountain Classroom. There are a series of prompts for each of our subjects: Community Living, English, Social Studies, Science, and Expedition Skills. There are no computers, and no spell-check. We just write pages and pages, hunched over that black Mountain Book for hours each day. At the same time, we must plan our Final Expedition (if that's applicable - we can only do this if we make it to Final Phase.)

We spent our Full Circle in Idyllwild, California. It's way up on a mountain, and it's quaint - eclectic houses all around a small town with no Walmart or Starbucks - just local small businesses selling everything from coffee to toys to shoes to jerky. We arrived there after leaving sunny, beautiful San Diego. Our first night, it snowed. The next morning we went on a hike to Alex's favorite view point in the world. The base of Suicide Rock, looking out at Tahquitz. We sat there for a long time, talking, thinking, and listening. Eventually, Alex and Kate told us we had made Final Phase. So the work began.

There were so many options. We could go basically anywhere in a 5 hour drive radius, and California has beautiful trails over nearly every inch. We eventuring

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## Craig Jacobson Joins Franklin Savings Bank Board of Directors

### Press release

Ronald Magoon, President & CEO of Franklin Savings Bank, announced today that the Board of Directors recently elected Craig Jacobson to serve as a Director.

Jacobson holds a master's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology based in Cambridge, Mass., along with a B.S. from Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Worcester, Mass. He spent most

of his career working in the technology sector where he held positions with a few well-known technology firms, including General Electric, Digital Equipment Corporation (acquired by Compaq), and Hewlett-Packard. Jacobson retired from the corporate IT world and is now a licensed real estate agent.

He and his wife reside in Andover, N.H.

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ally narrowed it down to a few options, and then even fewer. The sand dunes in Death Valley, for sand boarding. Cactus to Clouds - a 20 mile hike straight up, starting close to sea level and gaining thousands of feet of elevation. And Joshua Tree - climber's hub and national park filled with backpacking trails. This is what we finally decided on, after hours around a campfire, in a conference room, on couches.

There isn't really a name for the trail we decided on eventually, because parts of it aren't truly a trail. We were going to have to use maps and compasses to connect one common trail to another less traveled. It would be around 15 miles total if we traveled the correct paths, with close to 7 for the first two days, a rest day on the third, and then a mile hike out to the extraction point. There was also no available running water out there, so we had to make a few water drops in advance close to our paths - 12 gallons in one place and 24 in another.

### Julian King '19 - Mountain Classroom

During the fall term of my sophomore year, I remember being in the kayak bus (the old Mountain Classroom bus) speaking with a now Proctor alum Lucien Wiener '17. As he described the life changing adventures and the incredible experiences that he had been apart of during the Mountain Classroom of the year prior, I became increasingly interested in the program as a whole. After he shared many stories of his time off campus I remember being especially drawn towards one of the prominent parts of Mountain Classroom: the solos. The solos consist of three days alone in Cascabel Arizona, with only a tarp to sleep under, a tarp to sleep on, and any personal gear required (sleeping bag, sleeping pad, food, etc.). This three day experience away from all civilization, entirely alone sounded like a time that would stick with me and the members of our group forever.

Little factors started racing through our minds as we started thinking of all the potential positives of the experience: the warm desert all to yourself, the sunny days, waking up to the sound of birds chirping and ground animals scurrying about. These blissful thoughts lasted right up until the actual preparation for the solos, then all possibilities became a possible reality: what happens if I run out of food, what happens if I run out of water, what happens if it rains, what am I going to do with three days to myself?

The most challenging part of mentally preparing for the solos is coming to the realization that boredom is inevitable, but that it is OK. There are going to be times where all you want to do is call out for a friend and know that one will come from right around the corner, but having these moments is OK. This time

alone is designed to take students who put a significant amount of their time and effort into their schoolwork out of the constant repetitive routine and structure. The time is designed to have us sit still and just, well, honestly, just not do anything. We have to be willing to take ourselves outside of our comfort zones and into a world of nothing but our surroundings. It is in these moments where we will learn the most, getting into the thick of it. Truly experiencing everything around us happens more efficiently completely alone. It is in these moments where we will learn more about ourselves than anywhere else. The knowing and accepting of the inevitable on our solos is almost impossible, but knowing and accepting ourselves out there isn't. That is what solos are all about: getting to know ourselves better.

### Nelson Makechnie '19 - Proctor en Segovia

He didn't see how Americans were viewed from the outside until the final week. Watching TV with his host abuela had become a common occurrence, but that day he saw, or rather heard, something different. It was a Spanish program, with an American character. There was nothing wrong with her language or grammar from what he could see, but he almost immediately noticed her accent. For the first time, he heard an American accent. You grow up hearing everyone move their mouth the same way, and forget that you are not the normal ones, that everyone else thinks you different. You hear every accent but your own, and with that character he heard for the first time what an American sounded like. It was almost painful. After living in Spain for nearly two months, even though he spent most of his time with his friends from Los Estados, he automatically had a stereotypical judgement of her. She seemed ignorant, annoying, and he didn't like her.

As he struggled with the lock an hour later and went to his apartment complex's elevator, he began to think. He pondered as he left the building, onto the cobblestones sidewalk, his feet padding along the same route as the other Segovians, some getting to where they needed to be, others simply enjoying the air, happy to be walking, and that is when he saw the difference. In the US, this would not happen. The route he took to school twice a day, a little over a mile, would be taken in a car. His people were so different, and he gained an outward perspective.

The many days, cumulative hours, footsteps, the enjoyable lack of efficiency were where he was finally left to his thoughts. The commute everyday gave him the time he needed, and didn't have before, and after a time, that was how he really began to see who he actually was.

### Jack Newton '19 - Proctor in Segovia

We arrived at the main train station in See Abroad on page 37



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Sevilla around two o'clock. From there it was about a half hour walk through the city to our hostel. The hostel was in a great location within walking distance of the river, the Alcázar, and the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. We were at the hostel for about an hour before heading out to walk around with Ryan to learn a bit of the city's history. Dinner was at an amazing little restaurant in the city. We had mostly traditional tapas, some ceviche, patatas, and other delicious food. After that a couple of us went to one of Sevilla's many gelato stands and got some tasty gelato.

Our trip to the Alcázar could not be complete without Ryan giving us a quick lesson on the layers of history at the enormous fountain in the middle of the gardens. This was by far one of the most amazing places I have ever seen in my life and I hope I get to come back some time.

**Samantha Parkman '19 - Proctor in Segovia**

The adventure began as the group embarked on the final excursion to Málaga. We all met up at Segovia's bus station and from there we made our way to Madrid. When we arrived in Málaga we were greeted by the warm air and ocean breeze. The city was full of light as we were guided through the stone streets to our hotel. On one side there were hundreds of tall beige buildings filled with city life and on the other side was the crystal clear Mediterranean.

As time flew by, Monday morning came upon us. It was a beautiful day with blue skies and not a cloud in sight. A handful of the group went horseback riding. At first we were skeptical about the horses because all they wanted to do was eat. It was an extraordinary trail with yellow flowers lining the path to the ocean. As we were riding, the rest of the group went to the town beach where they enjoyed the hot sun. Later that day, we all got together and went to Playa Monsul where a scene from Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade was filmed.

On our last full day in Cabo de Gata, we had one thing on our minds... and that was the beach! We ate a quick breakfast and drove to a small town nearby where we began our 30 minute hike to a secluded beach. We spent most the time swimming in the freezing cold water, jumping off rocks and exploring. By the end of the day everyone was burnt to a crisp. We hiked back and went back to the house that overlooks the dry valley. At the end of the day we made our own croquetas and fried calamari.

**Luke Weber '18 - Mountain Classroom**

Final expedition, our last expedition. Our last time in the wilderness. We had been thinking about final expedition for almost the whole trip, and it felt crazy that it was finally here. Joshua Tree National Park was our destination. As Amanda explained earlier, it took us a long time to decide on a place and a route, but we finally did. Our whole group greatly appreciates Sam W. for taking the lead on planning the expedition. The days leading up to the expedition were hectic because we had to drop water off in certain places on our route, pack our bags and food, and on the last day before the expedition there was a rain and wind storm.

As another expedition had come to an end and we backpacked out to our destination on the last day, it was so cool to look back at our first backpacking expedition in the Gila and compare. We are so much closer as a group and so much better at living in the wilderness. Personally, I feel confident enough to go on a wilderness expedition by myself, which I would never have dreamed of before Mountain. We have all grown so much, and it is scary that we are about to go home. Before, I was scared to leave home and start Mountain. Now I am nervous to leave. Alex told us on the second to last night that no matter where we were, whenever we are sitting around in the evening meeting circle and the bell rings, he feels at home. I completely agree, and I think that we all feel that home is less of a place and more of who we are with.



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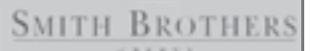


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Some of the cast and crew at rehearsal for Willy Wonka being performed by the Andover Players on March 29-30. L to R: Brianna Fredette, Morgaine Harvey, Madison Colby, Ella Makechnie, Liberty Sapulding, Wesley Koziol, Tyler Champagne, Mike Miller, and Dana Buswell.

Photo: Brendaen Makechnie

## Andover Players Present Musical "Willy Wonka"

Steve Foley

"I like to be in shows because I can act "goofy" or in ways that I can't in real life" said eighth grader River Turnbull," Turnbull was with fellow eighth graders at a rehearsal for the Andover Players' production of the musical "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," which

their first experiences on stage. He enjoys the bonds which are created with other students during a production.

Fenn Davis said he likes to see the end result that comes after all the rehearsals and work involved in putting on a production. He said he finds the whole process very interesting.

"I just enjoy acting," said Lilly Carlson. Asked if she wanted to pursue a career in acting, she said she probably would not, but judging by her enthusiasm, she probably will be involved in high school and community theater.

When asked what they like about Willy Wonka, River said that he "loves the quirkiness of his character and the show in general. Garrett Niemyer said he, too, loves the quirkiness of the show and said that it is a lot of fun. These older students

also felt that this was a great show for their underclassmen to learn about acting, singing and being on stage.

"Grampa Joe" is played by Colby Jones. When asked what it was like to be playing an older person, he replied that he thought he had the acting part down, but was still working on trying to sound like an older person.

One of the great things about a theatrical production is that there is such a va-

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Members of the Andover Players rehearse for Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. L to R: Oliver Andrews, Trinity Delaney, Arie Perry, and Bryce Bendixson  
Photo: Brendaen Makechnie

will be presented at the AE/MS Gym on March 29 and 30 at 7 PM.

I had the opportunity to speak with several players who were all from the eighth grade. All said that they have been in previous productions and enjoy doing theater.

Turnbell, who is playing Wonka, said that another thing he likes about doing shows with the Andover Players is that it gives him a chance to get to know younger students who are having



Four AEMS students took the Pi Challenge and memorized digits of Pi. The AEMS 2018 Pi Champion is Oliver Andrews who memorized 180 digits. Wow! The students received pizza Pi's for their accomplishment. Left to right - Jeremy Johnson, Jon Grodin, Oliver Andrews, and Jed Duquette.

## Proctor Announces Spring Musical: "In the Heights"

May 18 - 19 at the Wilkins Meeting House

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor's theater department has announced its spring musical: In The Heights! The show centers on a variety of characters living in the neighborhood of Washington Heights, on the

northern tip of Manhattan. The show will be jam-packed with energy, music, dancing, fun and will take the stage on Friday May 18 and Saturday May 19 at 7:00 PM in the Wilkins Meeting House. The show is open to the public free of charge. Be sure to save the date and check the May Beacon for information on how to reserve your seats.

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Kaitlyn Stetson: I drink a lot of milk, which is good for your bones. I eat a lot of fruits and vegetables. I need to eat more protein. My mom makes really good salads. I get 11ish hours of sleep. I drink a lot of water and I wash my hands 20-30 times a day.

PS I am allergic to hot sauce. With all of that initial understanding, we knew our restaurant would be a success!

Mrs. Frost spoke to the class about heart healthy choices for eating and daily living. We had fun checking our resting and running pulses! We learned a lot about red blood cells and how important they are to us, where they travel in our circulatory system, and how our heart works.

Parent Abby Webster also spoke to the second graders about their own MICROBIOMES and how important it is to have good bacteria in your belly to keep you healthy. Thanks to Abby, we ALL learned a lot!



Billyjack Braley gives Mrs. Jurta advice on what to order. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Then came the restaurant, serving the staff of AEMS and third graders who had worked the restaurant last year. It was fun. It was hard work. It was rewarding. In the end, students voted to donate their \$325 earnings to the Franklin Animal Shelter to help the volunteers care for the animals.

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## Lions Club Scholarship Applications Available

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### Press release

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Academy, Newfound High School and Merrimack Valley High School.

Applications can also be obtained by contacting Dick O'Connell by phone at (603) 934-0245 or email: [xlpdroc@metrocast.net](mailto:xlpdroc@metrocast.net). Or you may call Virginia Edwards at (603) 768-3443.

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## Dunkin' Donuts Awards Scholarships to NH Students

Deadline for Applications is April 13, 2018

### Press release

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Applications are open now and the deadline to apply is April 13, 2018 at 5 PM EST. In 2018, 12 scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,500, will be awarded to qualified students throughout New Hampshire. Current employees of franchised Dunkin' Donuts restaurants are encouraged to apply. The scholarship program is open to any qualified high school senior who is a current resident of New Hampshire and enrolling full-time at a post-secondary institution, including four-year, two-year or community technical college with a focus on business or food service-related fields, such as hospitality, culinary arts or nutrition. The New

Hampshire Charitable Foundation will review scholarship applications and determine the award recipients. Applicants will also be considered for other scholarships administered by the Foundation.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of April. Dunkin' Donuts will host a special event to honor recipients and their families in June. For more information and to apply visit <http://www.nhcf.org/scholarships>. For questions regarding the application, please call the Student Aid Office at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation at (800) 464-6641.



## Proctor Academy Spring Athletic Schedule

### Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

The spring athletic season at Proctor Academy is upon us! We encourage all Andover community members to come check out the lacrosse, baseball,



Katelyn Barton '18 will lead Proctor's varsity softball team onto the field this spring as the team looks to make a run at a Lakes Region championship behind the pitching of Andover's Hannah French '19.

campus this spring. Below is a list of scheduled home varsity contests for the month of April. There are no admission charges for any athletic events at Proctor. Game times and locations are subject to change, but Proctor's athletics website will always have up to date game information: <https://www.proctoracademy.org/page/on-campus/athletics>

### Boys' Varsity Lacrosse:

- April 13 - 5:00 PM vs Vermont Academy
- April 14 - 3:00 PM vs Pingree School
- April 25 - 3:30 PM vs Cushing Academy
- April 27 - 6:15 PM vs New Hampton School

### Girls' Varsity Lacrosse:

- April 7 - 2:00 PM vs Vermont Academy
- April 11 - 5:00 PM vs Berwick Academy
- April 18 - 4:30 PM vs Hebron Academy
- April 27 - 4:30 PM vs Kimball Union Academy

### Varsity Baseball:

- April 14 - 2:00 PM vs Hebron Academy
- April 17 - 4:30 PM vs Kimball Union Academy
- April 18 - 3:00 PM vs Winchendon School
- April 28 - 1:30 PM vs Brewster Academy



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Wearing aprons is so much fun! The Second Graders at AE/MS are ready for their annual Heart Healthy Valentine Day Restaurant.

Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

## AE/MS Valentine's Day "Heart Healthy Restaurant"

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**Gretchen Hildebrand**  
AE/MS Second Grade Teacher

Second graders once again prepared for their annual Heart Healthy Valentine Day Restaurant. First, our students wrote about how they think they do with healthy habits. They certainly are well informed and aware of how to stay heart-healthy! Here are just a few examples:

Ariana Johnson: I drink water every day. I eat a lot of fruits and I eat meats. I drink lowfat milk. I should stop eating sweets every night like chocolate ice cream, cake and cupcakes. I sleep 12 hours each night. I get a lot of exercise and I drink water every minute of the day.

Seth Spaulding: I eat a lot of vegetables every day. I drink water a lot, too. I like bananas. I could eat more blueberries and more kiwi. Every, like, month I eat a few pieces of candy.

Audrey Leith: I drink lots of water. I can't eat lots of gluten. I eat lots of vegetables and I eat a lot of different things. I exercise! I hydrate! I go to bed at 7:30.

Hans Wagler: I do well eating only two desserts every week. I could drink more water. I eat different foods. I sleep 11 hours every night and I play outside a lot.

Ember Morgan: I eat interesting food that is good for me and I drink a lot of water. I get 10-12 hours of sleep. I drink three water bottles a day. I wash my hands 3-12 times a day.

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The Proctor Academy Baseball Team shares a copy of the Andover Beacon with children San Pedro, Dominican Republic while on a service and training trip. The children were intrigued with the articles on ice fishing and snowmobiles.

## Proctor Baseball Team Travels to Dominican Republic

**Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy**

Proctor Academy's baseball team traveled to the Dominican Republic for a service and training trip from March 17 to March 24. The team has a long-standing tradition of taking a Spring Training trip to Florida during March break but second year head coach Mark Tremblay and jv coach Junior De La Hoz instead took students to the Dominican Republic. Working in conjunction with Proctor's four-day immersion

program, Project Period, seventeen students and three coaches traveled to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic for seven days of baseball training, community service, and life-changing work at the Nuestro Pequeños Hermanos orphanage. Read more about the trip on Proctor's blog homepage. (<http://blogs.proctoracademy.org>) and come out and support Proctor's baseball team this spring as they look to defend their 2017 Lakes Region Championship. 



Sam Gilman proudly shows his invention at the recent third grade Invention Convention.

Photo: Brendae Makechnie

## AE/MS Third Grade Showcases Ingenuity at Invention Convention

**Jay Hubbard, AE/MS**

The Andover third graders held their annual Invention Convention on March 15. The Invention Convention was the culminating activity of a multidisciplinary unit. The students applied skills from math, reading, and writing to develop background knowledge, create inventions, and present them.

The third graders did an amazing job! There were two winners that went on to represent Andover at a regional convention. They were Colin Murphy and Camden Allenby.

Thank you to the judges and the families of third graders for their support on this collaborative project. 



Andover students reflect on studying abroad at Proctor.

Caption: Nelson Makechnie '19, Jack Newton '19, and Samantha Parkman '19 (above in Segovia, Spain) were three of the seven Andover residents who studied abroad at Proctor this winter.

## Andover Students Reflect on Term Abroad

In the February edition of the Andover Beacon, we highlighted reflections from a few of our Andover residents studying abroad on one of Proctor's five term-long, off-campus programs. In that ar-

ticle, we failed to highlight Jack Newton '19 as a member of the winter Proctor en Segovia group. Our sincerest apologies to Jack and his family!

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