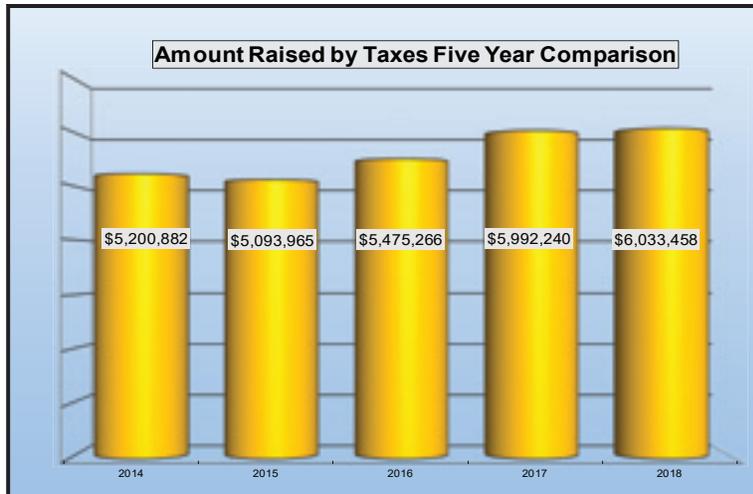


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The amount of money to be raised by taxes in Andover is up slightly this year as shown in this five comparison.

Andover 2018 Tax Bills Up only 0.3%

Ed Hiller, for the Budget Committee

The amounts to be raised by taxes for Andover for 2018 add up to \$6,033,458. This is an increase over last year of \$41,218, 0.7%. [See attached chart #1] The tax rate will go up by 0.3%. The tax bill for a property valued at \$200,000 will increase from \$4,680 in 2017 to \$4,694 in 2018, an increase of \$14.

The total tax burden for Andover had been increasing over recent years, but has remained essentially flat at the \$6,000,000 level for the last two years.

Andover School Taxes

The 2018 annual School District Meeting voted an operating budget of \$5,476,537, down from the previous year by \$58,678 (down 1.1%).

Offsetting this appropriation was an unexpended fund balance of \$38,536 at the end of the 2017-2018 school year that was applied to offset taxes. This was significantly smaller than in previous years as a result of the decision of the School Board to transfer \$200,000 of the fund balance to the HS Tuition Trust Fund. The State Education Grant

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Members of American Legion Post 101 stand next to POW-MIA Memorial presented to AE/MS during the annual Veterans Day Celebration. L to R: Commander Bill Leber, Finance Officer Lloyd Perrault, Adjutant John Hanscom, Historian Ron Evans, Chaplain Don Clendenen, Past Commander Skip Powers.

American Legion Post Presents POW-MIA Memorial at AE/MS

Presented at school Veterans Day Celebration

John Hanscom, Post 101 Adjutant

This memorial has particular meaning to the members of the Crosby-Gilbert Post as the Gilbert in the post name was a prisoner of the Japanese and did not return home.

During the annual Veterans' Day Ceremony hosted by AEMS on Thursday, November 8, the American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 presented a memorial to the Town of Andover. The memorial is in remembrance of all those service men and women who have not been accounted for and returned home after participation in a war or conflict.

The chair for the memorial was donated to the Post by a group of veterans

known as the Rolling Thunder. These very special vets are all motorcyclists who ride in funeral processions and parades honoring veterans. With the presentation of the chair they offered a challenge to the Post to plan and build a memorial and present it to the town.

Over the next few months designs were made, materials gathered and the display was constructed. Lumber was provided by Belettetes, carpeting was donated by Floor Craft, and Post 101 provided the expertise, labor and remaining materials.

The Rolling Thunder was invited to be a part of our dedication and five of their members participated. Post Commander William Leber led the dedication ceremony. The POW/MIA Chair Memorial will be on display at AEMS in the hallway just outside the gymnasium.



If you haven't donated to the Beacon in 2018, you should have received a letter in mid-November asking for your tax-deductible support for our non-profit community newspaper. With only 11% of Andover households donating so far this year, the Beacon's board of directors sincerely hopes everyone who receives a letter will respond generously.

About 1,000 Andover Families Have Not Supported the Beacon This Year!

That's a big problem... please help!

Andover Beacon Board of Directors

If you received an envelope from the Beacon in mid-November, please send your tax-deductible donation to the Beacon today.

Only about 136 families had done their part by mid-November to support Andover's non-profit community newspaper in 2018. But the Beacon needs everyone's help in order to continue in its vital role of knitting the community of

Andover together.

If you received that envelope in mid-November (or even if you didn't), we sincerely hope you can support the Beacon in 2018. You can send a check to PO Box 149, Andover NH 03216, or you can go online to AndoverBeacon.com/Donate and donate securely with your credit card.

To everyone who has or will support the Beacon in 2018: We promise to make your tax-deductible gift go a long way toward keeping Andover a place in which we're all proud to live!



Andover Planning Board Public Hearings to Consider Changes

Tuesday, December 11 and January 8 at Town Hall.

Andover Planning Board

The Planning Board is looking for public input to several possible Zoning changes and adjustments to the Andover and Cilleysville Village Districts.

1. The Planning Board has been in general conversations about business and housing growth for the town. This is consistent with our desire to maintain the rural atmosphere while recognizing the need to provide opportunities for the town to grow.

2. It is time to upgrade and clarify

the Village districts which are different than other areas in town.

3. Permitted uses and lot sizes are different in the Village districts.

4. The Village districts are more conducive to small businesses.

5. The Town's Master Plan states: "What is a Village Area? It is a compact area of small retail shops and service vendors, residences, multi-family units, schools, places of public assembly such as town halls of churches, and similar activities." And, a priority states: "the village character of the three village areas should be enhanced..."

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