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Greg Hamel, Samuel Kenneth Dougherty, Jennifer Dougherty, and Elyse Downey are all smiles anticipating the reopening of Andover's famous Blackwater Junction Restaurant sometime in March. Photo: Charlie Darling



Sanborn Auto Body as it looked in 1966 when gas station attendant Everett Delano was murdered during a robbery. The oldest cold case in NH has now been solved by the Attorney General's Office.

Photo: NH Attorney General's Office

After More Than Five Decades, Killer in 1966 Cold Case is Named

Ray Duckler, Concord Monitor

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A murder 52 years ago in Andover that turned cold only months after it had been committed has been solved, the Attorney General's Office announced Wednesday.



Navy photo of Everett Delano.

Investigators in the state's Cold Case Unit, who reopened the case in 2013, determined that 49-year-old Everett Delano of Wilmot Flat, a Navy veteran, was shot three times in the head by career criminal Thomas Cass of Vermont on September 1, 1966. Delano was working for a friend, the owner of Sanborn's Garage on Route 4, when he was shot.

Cass killed himself with a single gunshot to his head, on February 24,

2014, after investigators had met with him three times at his home in Orleans, Vermont. Fingerprints left at the garage had tied Cass to the murder 47 years later, thanks to renewed police interest and updated forensic testing.

Cass had told those close to him he would never return to prison.

Evidence at the scene showed that Delano had been shot twice in the head while standing and once more after he had fallen to the floor. He was found by several customers in the garage's office, lying in a pool of blood, still alive. He died a day later, on September 2, 1966, at Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon.

About \$100 was missing from the cash drawer, but \$500 hidden in a box below the counter was left behind.

Investigators could not solve the murder through the final four months of 1966 after interviewing numerous people who had either arrived after the crime or heard gunshots.

The case wasn't solved for decades because the FBI's Automated Fingerprint Identification System had not been fully developed by 1966, nor were guidelines on submitting prints to a national center. The New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory began using the system in 1998.

Prints found on a running faucet near the office were sent to the FBI in '66, Susan Morrell, the head of the Cold Case Unit, confirmed Wednesday, but she had no information as to whether

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Hamel Family Reopens Blackwater Junction Restaurant

Familiar menu, familiar faces coming in March

Press release

After a year and a half of being closed following a fire, the Blackwater Junction Restaurant, 730 Main Street in Andover, is reopening this month.

Elyse Downey and her brother, Greg Hamel, look forward to serving

the Blackwater Junction Restaurant customers once again. Greg owned the popular breakfast and lunch hot spot for 10 years. His daughter, Jenny Dougherty, will be another familiar face managing the eatery's servers, starting after the birth of her third child next month.

You will also recognize the menu. The same popular dishes will once again be served. See Restaurant on page 7

Andover Budget Committee Recommends 2.5% Increase

Ed Hiller for the Budget Committee

The Andover Budget Committee recommends budgets for 2019 (net of expenses that are funded by non-tax sources) are as follows:

Net Budgets	2018	2019	Change	Per-cent
Schools	\$5,476,537	\$5,655,656	\$179,119	3.3%
Town	\$2,124,103	\$2,138,888	\$14,785	0.7%
Fire	\$134,671	\$137,440	\$2,769	2.1%
Total	\$7,735,311	\$7,931,984	\$196,673	2.5%

The total of the net budgets recommended for 2019 is \$7,931,984. This is an increase in budgetary spending to be funded by taxes over the previous year of \$196,673 (up 2.5%),

What effect this increase in budgetary spending will have on the 2019 tax

rate depends on the amounts of other offsetting revenues that become available. If there are none, the total tax rate for 2019 is estimated to increase by \$1.34, up 5.7% over the total 2018 tax rate of \$23.47.

Andover School Budget

The recommended appropriation for the Andover School District for fiscal year 2019-20 is \$5,655,656. This is up \$179,119 (3.3%) over last year. An estimated balance

in the building contingency fund of \$274,000 plus unexpended revenues in the general fund for the previous year will be applied as revenue to reduce the tax burden. The return of these previous tax payments should result in a re-

See Budget on page 7

Proposed Zoning Amendments Put on Hold

The Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Districts will not appear on the Town Warrant for the March Voting Day. The Planning Board will be prepared to revisit the proposed Zoning District changes to the Andover Village and the Cilleyville Village Zoning Districts in the very near future. The Planning Board thanks the town's landowners who shared their good ideas and recommendations for the changes.

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Saturday, March 2, from 11 to 11:30 AM

The Andover Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in public session at Town Hall on Saturday, March 2 from

11 to 11:30 AM to make additions and corrections to the checklist. Please remember to bring proof of domicile.

After this meeting, no changes can be made to the checklist until Election Day, March 12.



Andover Police Stats for January

The Andover Police Department handled 254 Calls for Service during January, including:

- Assist Citizen: 10
- Assist Motorist: 4
- Assist Social Service Agencies: 2
- Death/Suicide: 1
- Reckless Driving: 1
- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 5
- Suspicious person/Vehicle/Incident: 4

- Traffic Accident: 4
- Traffic Offense-Citation: 2
- Traffic Offense-Warning: 23
- Warrant-Criminal/Civil: 2
- Welfare Check: 3

ARRESTS:

- Adam Gaw, 38 years old, Manchester: Habitual Offender
- Adam Gaw, 38 years old, Manchester: Theft



Andover Real Estate Closings

January 16 to February 15

There was only one real estate closing during the period of January 16 to February 15 in Andover.

On February 11, 2019 William Pennell sold to Aimee Herling for \$244,900, 180 Bridge Road. The single family home has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and 1,500 sf, and 41.15 acres of land. Assist-

ing the seller was Casey DeStefano of Century 21 Circa 72 Inc. Assisting the buyer was Chris Powles of Keller Williams Realty.

There are currently 14 active residential properties for sale with 4 under contract. There are also four tracts of land and one commercial or multi-family home for sale.

Data from NNEREN.com/sold-properties and MerrimackCountyDeedsNH.com.



Despite what it said in last month's Beacon, plastic caps, lids, and other small bits of plastic like these go in the trash, not in the recycling. They escape too easily from bales of recyclable plastic.

Photo: Charlie Darling

Correction: Plastic Caps and Lids Go in the Trash!

Jim Reed
Transfer Station Supervisor

Last month's article about recycling got one thing wrong: Plastic caps and lids, and other small scraps of plastic, do not get recycled! Please take them off any bottles, jars, jugs, etc. and throw them in the trash.

It's not that these little bits of plastic aren't recyclable. The problem is that when we compact and then bale the plastic bottles, jugs,

etc., little bits of plastic like caps and lids very quickly shake themselves loose from the bale and end up everywhere.

This creates a real health and safety issue for us at the Transfer Station and for the truckers and recyclers who have to handle the bales once they leave Andover. So please remember: Caps, lids, and other small bits of plastic go in the trash. Thank you!



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Brian MacKenzie and AJ Giglio are hard at work on The Refinery, a new neighborhood restaurant and bar coming to Andover. Photo: Charlie Darling

'The Refinery' Restaurant to Open in Former Belletete's Store

Charlie Darling

Brian MacKenzie and AJ Giglio are hard at work on The Refinery, a new neighborhood restaurant and bar coming to Andover. They're transforming the old RP Johnson (Belletetes) showroom on Mill Road with open seating for up to 100 diners to enjoy refined tavern food like sandwiches, steaks, and seafood, plus a grab-and-go market with prepared foods like salads and barbecue.

Both Brian and AJ are well-known in the area. Brian owned the Inn at Pleasant Lake for many years and recently ran the Wise Center at Proctor, and AJ's Brothers House of Smoke has brought traditional southern cooking to many area events with its mobile kitchen trailer. The Refinery will start serving dinner in the spring, with plans to expand into lunch at some point and maybe add entertainment some day.



Former U.S. Congressman John K. Delaney, candidate for the 2020 Democratic Party nomination for President of the United States, visited the Andover Barn at Highland Lake Inn for a public "meet and greet" opportunity on Feb. 13. Part of a whirlwind tour of the state, the stop in Andover was the first by a presidential candidate since 2011, when Republican contender Mitt Romney came to town. Delaney's appearance, organized by the Andover Democrats, drew an audience of about 35. Delaney represented Maryland's sixth district from 2013 to 2019.

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Naughty Nellie's Ice Cream	Gift Certificate	Kent Hackmann & Cynthia Schwenk
JJ's Market & Deli	Gift Certificate	Nancy Teach
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Cosmetic updates needed at fire stations

Tiffany Perkins
Emergency Services Auxiliary

Andover is such a charming town, with its picturesque views and friendly residents. It is no wonder why, after living here years ago, my husband Andrew and I decided to move back after living away for a bit (Honestly, we had a countdown until we would return!). Part of the draw of moving back is our town's volunteer fire department family. Andrew is a volunteer firefighter/EMT for Andover, while I serve as Vice-President on our Emergency Services Auxiliary... and we love it! While you may be familiar with our fire and EMS departments, as well as our auxiliary, are you familiar with our stations?

The stations are the home of our operations, housing our volunteers' equipment, gear and all of the various types of apparatus used to respond to any sort of emergency that should arise in town. We also use our stations for trainings, meetings, food preparation, and other services for the community. Our meeting room is used weekly by other organizations in town as well. As you can imagine, our station has become worn over the years with all of the 'love' and traffic it gets! Even with constant care and cleaning, time and weather have taken their toll.

We are looking to slowly 'beautify' our station, one project at a time. Recently, some of our members painted the meeting room, and new curtains are being made as I type (Thank you Mrs. Lefebvre!). We do what we can to keep up, either through volunteers' hours or monetary donations, in order to keep our department's maintenance budget as low as possible for our tax payers. However, there is one project on the outside that carries a cost of time and money beyond our volunteers' means.

Have you noticed our shutters? Having been on the building for just under 20 years, they've seen better days. This is where you come in! It doesn't require you to lift a tool or a paintbrush either! Starting in March we will be accepting donations to our department's "Sponsor-A-Shutter" collection. We welcome contributions in any amount, however your tax deductible donation of \$50 or more will buy at least one complete set of shutters and we will recognize you! Donations will be gratefully accepted through Memorial Day 2019 or until our need has been fulfilled. Our goal is to have both stations updated and looking fresh for our 2019 Fourth of July Celebration! Any funds that are left over after replacing the shutters will be put into other beautification projects at both stations.

If you are interested in donating to our "Sponsor-A-Shutter" program, please mail your contribution to: Andover Emergency Services Auxiliary, PO Box 117, Andover, NH 03216. You can also give your donation to any member of the auxiliary team. If you have questions you can contact us at AndoverESA@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



LEADING A WEATHERIZE ANDOVER WORKSHOP in March, Certified Energy Auditor Bob Eldredge explains residential weather-sealing techniques to two dozen Andover homeowners at The Andover Community Hub. Eldredge cited the following websites as sources of further information: www.energystar.gov; www.encyclopedia.com/DIY; www.REPA-NH.org; www.nhcommunityaction.org; and www.vitalcommunities.org/weatherize

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Concord Regional VNA Monthly Senior Health Clinic

March 19, 10 AM to
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Press release

Concord Regional VNA is holding a Senior Health Clinic at the Andover Hub, 157 Main Street in Andover, on Tuesday, March 19 from 10 to 1 PM. 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. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.



Weather sealing in Town Office's Basement, 2017

Learn How to Weatherize Your Home at Town Hall Open House

Saturday, March 9,
10 AM to 2 PM

Press release

Learn about home weatherization at Town Offices Building open house

Want to lower your winter fuel bills, make your home more comfortable, AND get financial help to do so -- up to \$4,000?

To learn how, drop by the Town Offices Building (TOB) at 31 School Street in Andover on Saturday, March 9, at any time between 10 AM and 2 PM, and talk with the folks who have brought the Weatherize Kearsarge project to town. (See ad on page 7 in this issue of The Beacon.)

On hand, then, will be members of

the Andover Energy Group who are participating in an effort to help area homeowners learn more about weatherization and ways to get it done economically. Participating towns, in addition to Andover, are New London, Newbury, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot.

Visitors to the TOB will be able to observe the improvements in heating, insulation and weather-sealing—the main components of weatherization—made there over the past two years. They can also talk with local homeowners who have made similar improvements, and learn how to reduce the cost of weatherizing their own homes.

The Weatherize project teams up community volunteers with certified weatherization contractors to provide professional low-cost home energy audits, proposals, and quotes. An energy audit is a systematic analysis of energy use and energy consumption within a living space in order to identify, quantify and report on the opportunities for improved energy performance and comfort.

Kearsarge-area residents can request a \$100 energy audit from Weatherize partner contractors any time until March 15. And homes that meet certain requirements may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$4,000 offered by NH Saves, a collaboration of New Hampshire's electric and natural gas utilities.

Homeowners who sign weatherization contracts by May 31 will be entered into drawings for cash prizes up to \$500 toward the cost of their energy improvements. Details about the program will be available at the TOB open house.

The Weatherize Upper Valley Project was developed three years ago and continues to be guided by Vital Communities, a White River Junction-based nonprofit.



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 - Drop by the Weatherize table on Andover Town Meeting day, Tuesday, March 12, between 11 AM and 5:30 PM in the AE/MS gym.
 - Stop in at the Andover Public Library on Wed., March 6, between 6 and 8 PM, and talk to a Weatherize volunteer for help with the application process.
 - Contact these members of the Andover Energy Group: Susan Chase, srfchase@gmail.com or (603) 735-5135; or Vicky Mishcon at vmishcon@comcast.net or (603) 735-6402.
- ** Or why wait? Sign up and get started ANY TIME online at VitalCommunities.org/Weatherize.

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duction in the School tax rate for 2019.

Areas of budget increases:	
\$138,913	Special Education increase
\$91,682	Salary and benefits increase
\$16,042	High School tuition increase
\$7,671	Other increases
\$254,308	Total Increases
Areas of budget decreases:	
\$46,314	Transportation
\$16,441	Health insurance
\$7,206	Debt service
\$5,228	Other Decreases
\$75,189	Total decreases

Andover Town Budget

The recommended 2019 budget for the Town, including warrant articles, is \$2,427,199. This is offset by non-tax transfers of \$288,311 from the Unexpended Fund Balance and Capital Reserve Funds, resulting in a net budget to be covered by taxes of \$2,138,888. This is up over the 2018 net appropriation by \$14,785 (less than 1%), and would increase the Town tax rate by \$0.06.

However, in 2018 an amount of \$150,000 from the Unexpended Fund Balance was applied as revenue to reduce the tax burden for that year. If a similar

reduction is not available this year, the 2019 Town tax burden will be up an additional \$150,000 to \$162,285 (up 13.0%) over the 2018 reduced tax burden. The Town tax rate would then increase from the reduced 2018 rate of \$4.84 to \$6.47 for 2019, an increase of Major budget increases: \$0.63, (up 13.0%)

Major Budget Increases	
\$34,450	Emergency Medical Services
\$25,377	Town Salary and benefits
\$17,152	Police Department Salaries
\$15,000	New Transfer Station Trust
\$9,000	Highway Department
Major Budget Decreases:	
\$31,372	Health Insurance decrease
\$25,000	Ambulance-Cap. Reserve

Andover Fire District

The recommended 2019 net budget for the Andover Fire District is \$137,440. This is up \$2,769 (up 2.1%) from the net budget for the previous year.

Annual Meetings

- The meetings at which these budgets will be discussed and voted upon are:
- Andover School District Meeting – Monday, March 4, 2019, 7 PM
 - Andover Fire District Meeting– Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 7 PM
 - Andover Town Meeting–Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 7 PM

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again be served: Papa’s Famous Lobster Roll, homemade corned beef reuben sandwiches, the “Betcha Can’t” omelette, sausage gravy on a biscuit, fried seafood (including haddock, scallops, shrimp, and clams), crab cakes, onion rings, lobster benedict, and much more.

“My passion is cooking for people,” said Elyse Downey, owner. “I look forward to opening the doors and putting smiles on the faces of our guests.” Re-opening the restaurant was a spur-of-the-moment decision for Elyse, who signed the lease in December. She asked Greg if he would help, and he agreed.

One person who will not be present at this reincarnation of the restaurant is the former backbone of operations, Kenneth Hamel, Greg and Elyse’s dad. “Papa Chubba” passed away this past November.

The restaurant’s continued popularity 18 months after closing was proven on social media when a Facebook post about the reopening tripled the Blackwater Junction Restaurant page likes in just two weeks. To date, the single social media announcement has reached over 26,000 people, with

over half of those people interacting with the post. For a rural central New Hampshire community, this social media success is staggering—and a great indication of the excitement for the breakfast and lunch offerings at this local hot spot.

The exact March opening date has yet to be determined. Many permits have been obtained. Final deliveries are being made by vendors prior to the state giving final approval. Once the restaurant has passed its inspections, the opening date will be posted at the restaurant and announced on its popular Facebook page.

What is new? The building housing the restaurant was recently purchased by Molloy Development Company, owner of the neighboring Circle K Irving. The new owner has invested in new equipment and wiring. Elyse has also invested in equipment and supplies and leases the building.

The restaurant will be open year-round, Wednesday to Sunday, 6 AM to 3 PM. To learn more about the Blackwater Junction Restaurant, including its exact opening dates, follow its Facebook page at Facebook.com/blackwaterjunctionrestaurant or call 735-5099.

A Taste of Mindfulness at Andover Community Hub

Thursday, March 14 at 5 PM

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

For those who may have heard of “mindfulness” but not been sure what this increasingly popular practice is, and those who would like to learn techniques to become more curious, open and accepting, “A Taste of Mindfulness” will be offered at The Andover Community Hub on Thursday, March 14, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.

Mindfulness is often described as learning to “pay attention on purpose,”

in the present moment and non-judgmentally, as a counterbalance to the “automatic pilot” default that inhabits our minds most of the time. Lucia Cote of Concord teaches meditation and mindfulness and will lead participants through the practice of a variety of techniques and how they can help one live more fully and joyfully. This fun and relaxed workshop will include plenty of time for questions and discussion.

The fee for this workshop is \$25, and pre-registration and pre-payment are necessary. For information and to register, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com.

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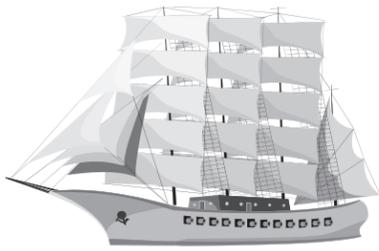
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the FBI did any testing and wondered if results implicating Cass would have even shown up.

The break in the case came when investigators reopened the case in 2013. The prints revealed a man with a lengthy police record, including possession of a sawed-off shotgun, armed robbery while wearing a mask, aggravated assault and manufacturing drugs at a federal prison.

Following the three interviews – at which time Cass was told evidence existed linking him to the crime and a search of his house failed to find the murder weapon – he shot himself in the right side of his head, a handgun found near his body.

Cass was 20 at the time of the murder, 71 at the time of his own death.

Delano died at age 49. He was married to Blanche Sanborn, who died in 2006 at the age of 78. The family asked for privacy on Wednesday. One of Delano's children, Darlene Delano, submitted a statement to the press.

It read, in part, "Our family would like to take the opportunity to not only thank the initial investigators of our father's homicide, but also the New Hampshire Cold Case Unit. Without their diligent efforts, we would not be here today. We are happy this day has come where our family has been given a small measure of justice.

"For almost 53 years, our family has wondered what happened on September 1, 1966. There was a very long time our family didn't know if we would ever receive the answers about what happened that day. Today, our family has the long overdue answers we have been waiting for."

Delano's murder was not originally filed with the Cold Case Unit when it opened in 2009 "likely due to its age," the AG's report said, and was added only after an inquiry as to why it wasn't on record was made by a member of Delano's family in 2013.

From there, it took only months to crack the case. Morrell said Wednesday that her office waited more than five years to announce its findings due to routine verification procedures, made more difficult because her department lacked the full-time resources needed to



Thomas Cass, career criminal and murderer of Everett Delano. Top photo taken in 1971 and bottom taken not long before he took his own life.

go public in a timely fashion.

Morrell added that the information did not fall through the cracks and catch her office by surprise, saying, "I don't believe it was ever lost."

She said the department's efficiency suffered after its lone full-time prosecuting attorney, Will Delker of Concord, was promoted to superior court judge in 2011, leaving only part timers on staff. Morrell recently was moved to full-time duties in the unit, replacing Delker, and hopes the next state budget will include money for two more full-time prosecutors.

"Between 2014 and now, there has not been an attorney here who is dedicated to working on these cold cases," Morrell said, "so those types of reviews take time and effort, and even during that review process more work had to be done."



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- March 6**
Winter Song Night at the Fells: 7:30 PM at the Fells Estate, www.TheFells.org.
- March 7**
1st Thursday Hike at the Fells: 11 AM, The Fells Kiosk, www.TheFells.org.
- March 8**
Discussion on Creative Economy: 9 AM at Tracy Mem. Library, New London, RSVP to info@centerfortheartsnh.org
Trivia Night in Wilmot: 7 PM at WCA Red Barn, www.WilmotWCA.org/upcoming-events/.
- March 9**
Weatherization Open House: 10 AM to 2 PM at Andover Town Office Bldg., VitalCommunities.org/Weatherize
Special Olympics Cool School Dip and Law Enforcement Dip: 11:30, The Margate Resort, Laconia, NH, www.sonh.org
Vaudeville, Family Entertainment: 7 PM at Warner Town Hall, www.tututix.com/KCPA
- March 10**
Special Olympics Winni Dip: 11:30, The Margate Resort, Laconia, NH, www.sonh.org
CFA presents New Hampshire Troubadours: 2 PM, Whipple Hall, New London, CenterForTheArtsNH.org
Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon: 4 PM at Center at Eastman, Grantham, NH, www.josajazz.com
- March 12**
Apple Tree Pruning and Release Workshop: 10 AM, The Fells Estate, www.TheFells.org, www.ForestSociety.org/events
- March 15**
Andover Coffeehouse: 7 PM at Highland Lake Grange Hall, E. Andover, AndoverCommunity03216@gmail.com
- March 19**
Senior Health Clinic: 10 AM-1 PM, The Andover Community Hub, (800) 924-8620
- March 19**
Apple Tree Pruning Workshop: 10 AM at Hackleboro Orchard, Canterbury, 603-796-2151
- March 21**
Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon: 11:30 AM at WCA Red Barn in Wilmot, (603) 526 6368
- March 22**
Maple Weekend in Warner: www.KearsargeChamber.org
Jordan Tirell-Wysocki Trio Concert: 7 PM at Warner Town Hall, www.WarnerHistorical.org.
- March 23**
Maple Weekend in Warner: www.KearsargeChamber.org
Saving Animals 15th annual indoor triathlon: 10 AM at Funspot, Weirs Beach, NH, FunspotNH.com
- March 24**
Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon: 4 PM at Center at Eastman, Grantham, NH, www.josajazz.com
- March 26**
Out and About at the Fells: 10 AM, at The Fells Gatehouse, www.TheFells.org
- March 28**
Singing in the Rain: 7:30 PM at Franklin Opera House, FranklinOperaHouse.org, (603) 934-1901
- March 29**
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- March 30**
Singing in the Rain: 2 PM and 7:30 PM at Franklin Opera House, FranklinOperaHouse.org, (603) 934-1901
- March 31**
Singing in the Rain: 2 PM at Franklin Opera House, FranklinOperaHouse.org, (603) 934-1901
Naturalist's 1947 Journey Tracing Spring: 2 PM, WCA Red Barn, Wilmot, www.WilmotWCA.org
- April 1**
Climate Change Program: 5:30 PM in Clements Hall, Ivey Science Ctr., Colby-Sawyer College, 

Letters

Thanks for Walk Down Memory Lane

I lived in East Andover until I left for college and enjoy following the changes in the town in the Andover Beacon; however, I especially enjoy articles about the history of Andover, such as the doings from 50 years ago and Rita Norander's histories. Imagine my delight when I opened my February Beacon to discover Karin Joyce Forsberg's "Memoir of Childhood in East Andover." I felt as if I was the guest on "This Is Your Life" as she recounts tales of our friendship and the school, people, and places of our childhood.

Joyce and I shared a love of horses and spent many hours 'riding' our imaginary horses around the neighborhood. Actually, getting to ride Blue Blaze was a highlight of those days. I tried my best to be nearby when the Thompson girls saddled him up in the hopes that they would offer me a ride. I appreciate the kindness they showed to us horse-crazy children. My thanks to you and to Joyce for the walk down memory lane. It is nice to learn more about her family history, as well. I look forward eagerly to the next installment.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rising Hayes
Barrington, NH

Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon

Because of the fantastic women in the Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee, Connecticut Valley and Upper Valley regions of our beloved New Hampshire, we will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Women Who Make A Difference Luncheon this year! We sure hope you will join us at Colby-Sawyer College's Wheeler Hall on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 as we honor extraordinary local women and high school girls at a fun, inspirational and positive event to benefit the Lake Sunapee VNA Pediatric Services. We are also very appreciative of, and happily welcome, the men and businesses who also support our efforts. So please save the date and get your place reserved early (space is limited) by contacting Cathy Raymond at Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (603-526-4077 x 231; craymond@lake-sunapeevna.org). We all look forward to welcoming you then and to celebrating the arrival of Spring and each other!

Gail Matthews, Wilmot

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Wells and Karrick Report from the State House

Ken Wells and David Karrick State Representatives

New Hampshire's democracy is one of the oldest and purest in the United States, and it is fascinating to see all the ways people of New Hampshire can participate in the process. Most folks recognize that by voting in every election, they have played an important role in our democracy. But your right as a citizen to have a voice in our state government does not necessarily end with casting your ballot. Many people participate in their local town government by attending Town Meeting. But you have more power on the state level than you might realize! As your state representatives, David Karrick and Ken Wells, want you to know about ways to make your voice heard in Concord, and we stand ready to help you.

The easiest way to be heard is to simply talk to your Representatives, Ken Wells and David Karrick. You can call Ken at 735-5756 or David at 456-2772

(If they can't pick up when you call, leave your name, number, and some info about your issue so they can do a little research and call you back.), or send an email to kenwells3@gmail.com, or david at electdavidkarrick@gmail.com.

If you are eager to unlock your full power as a citizen in our democracy, it is helpful to understand how New Hampshire's representative government functions, and where you can get involved. It is not a hasty process, but extremely thoughtful and deliberate. Here is an overview.

Your direct line into state government is the NH House of Representatives, also known as "The General Court". The House legislative process is driven by the calendar, with specific actions happening in a certain order throughout the year. From November to mid-December of 2018, legislators drafted new bills and began seeking other legislators to sign-on in support of those bills. Each bill is then assigned

to one of twenty-four standing committees that specializes in a broad topic, such as "Fish & Game" or "Judiciary". The committee then schedules a public hearing and invites stakeholders to speak, providing "testimony" or information about their points of view. You can view every bill and its legal wording at gencourt.state.nh.us, or you can call Ken who has a hard copy of every bill and would be delighted to sit down with you at East Andover's Bachelor Library to examine a bill.

With nearly one thousand proposals for legislation, and less than ninety days to consider all points of view on each one, how does the legislature get it done? January and February are a busy time for the standing committees, listening to stakeholders who may be citizens, business owners or lobbyists, all making their pitches at public hearings. It is the job of the Representatives on the committee to read the bill and listen to all the testimony. A few days later the committee meets again to discuss the bill, altering it if necessary to achieve the greatest good for all parties. As you can imagine, there are often wildly different points of view about what "greatest good" means! However, the hearings and discussions are remarkably civil, even formally polite, so every person has an equal chance to express their point of view. The committee finally votes on the bill in its final wording, sending a recommendation to the full House to vote to pass or to reject the bill. In some cases, the committee may retain the bill because it needs more work over the summer, and bring the bill back in a year.

Bills that have been released from the standing committees are then voted on by all 400 members of the House. Some need to be sent to a second committee, like "Finance" or "Ways and Means" for another hearing to weigh the cost and feasibility of the bill. Bills must be finished by mid-March, when

they "cross over" to be approved or rejected by the NH Senate. The Senate, in turn, delivers all the Senate bills to the House for scrutiny. Bills that are passed by both House and Senate arrive at the Governor's desk to be signed into law, or to be vetoed. The legislature has an opportunity in September to override the Governor's veto if more than a two-thirds majority votes for the bill.

If you have an important viewpoint about a particular proposed piece of legislation, you can attend a public hearing, listen to the testimony and add your signature to support the bill. If you wish, you can make your own presentation to the committee. Contact Ken Wells or David Karrick to find out how, and for guidance on how to best present your case. The following is an example of how that might work:

All bills presented to the New Hampshire Legislature are drafted in legal language by state lawyers and assigned a bill number. For example, the 281st bill to be received is called HB281. This particular bill is of interest to the Town of Andover, because it relates to the Town's efforts to prevent beavers from plugging culverts and washing out town roads. Andover selectboard member Vicki Mischon realized that current state laws required the Town to get state approval before beaver-excluding devices would be allowed to be built in wetlands, and that the weeks-long permitting delay was more than enough time for the beavers to undo road repairs repeatedly. This is a foolish waste of money and effort, so the law needed to be changed. A previous attempt to fix the law died in 2018 without being passed. Vicki called Representative Ken Wells and explained the problem in detail. Ken found a new bill related to beaver dams, HB281, spoke to the legislator sponsoring the bill and signed on to the bill as one of its co-sponsors. Now as a co-sponsor, Ken contacted the chair of the Fish & Game standing committee. He sketched out several additions and changes to the bill that would address the culvert problem and asked the Committee Chair to invite Vicki and wildlife biologist Skip Lisle to testify at the public hearing. After waiting patiently to testify at the hearing, Vicki and Skip clearly and quickly made their case. A few days later, the Fish & Game committee met in executive session and adopted all four amendments that Vicki and Skip asked for. The bill was passed by the House and should have no trouble getting Senate approval and the Governor's signature into law.

Ken says, "I'm honored to have been selected to serve on the Science, Technology and Energy standing committee. This committee hears all bills related to electricity generation, long distance power transmission, local electric utilities, broadband, telephone sys-

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Town Budget Reflects Improvements to Town Health and Safety

Andover Select Board

This year's budget represents a big step forward in areas that will improve the health and safety of the residents of Andover. 2019 is the first full year of a new contract for emergency medical services (EMS) with the city of Franklin. Franklin will provide day time coverage 7 days a week for \$80,000 per year. While Andover will continue to maintain volunteer emergency medical services, more and more we do not have the response necessary for transportation and/or required level of care. The increase in this year's EMS line will be \$34,450.

We are also introducing a second full-time police officer in this budget. We have been fortunate to have experienced part-time officers in our community for many years, but we have been losing them to a much deserved retirement. We will be better served going forward with a second full-time officer to cover our community's growing need for coverage. The addition of a full-time officer for 9 months of 2019 will be reflected in the police labor, uniforms, retirement and insurance lines.

With more calls for emergency medical and police coverage and for overall safety on our 60 miles of road, keeping the roads in good travel condition is important. We need to spend money on road signage to help police and ambulance services find our homes quickly. Every year, many road signs disappear and they are expensive to replace. We've increased the lines for road signage, plowing and sanding, and winter materials. Total increase to the Highway Department is \$18,960. Road projects planned for 2019 include 1) engineering and permit to fix drainage on Currier Road; 2) engineering and repair to basin system on Shirley Ave; 3) removal of dangerous trees on Elbow Pond Rd, Maple St, Raccoon Hill and Chase Hill Roads.

In other departments, there have been both increases and decreases. For increases, the planning board is asking for an additional \$5,000 for a zoning enforcement deputy, which is required by the Zoning Ordinance. This person would be focused primarily on field checks and building permits. The cemetery committee is asking for an additional \$4,495 for grounds maintenance projects. The town is in the process of updating its hazard mitigation plan, which shows an increase of \$3,500 in the Emergency Operation Center budget. The final noticeable increase is for more in-depth testing at the old landfill on Monticello Drive. This is required every 5 years, and in-

creases the budget by \$4,500.

Decreases start with a reduction in town clerk/tax collector wages of \$7,605, based on actual hours and adjusted hourly rates. Assessing has gone down \$7,338, because some of this year's work is part of the new revaluation required every 5 years.

The biggest reduction of \$25,030 occurred in our health insurance when we changed providers. The rates are lower and we received credits from unemployment and property and liability insurance. Our new provider is Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield through HealthTrust.

The transfer station is down by \$2,157 as a result of switching from single stream to source separated recycling. We have done a lot of estimating because we made the switch late in the year on October 31. We will be looking at ways to increase our revenue in recyclables, but it takes help from the community to create a high quality product to market. Thanks to one and all for taking the extra time to clean and sort your recyclables.

\$3,000 was cut from the welfare budget.

The recreation committee reduced the ski program line by \$3,700 and will take the money from the revolving fund instead.

Lastly, the cable TV committee was able to reduce their line by \$6,000, as no new equipment is required this year.

The net increase to this year's operating budget is \$55,261. There is a decrease of \$30,476 in warrant articles to be funded by new taxation. The total difference is an increase of \$24,785, which is a 1.4% increase. This article is based on the Select Board's recommended budget, which is \$10,000 more than the Budget Committee has recommended. The difference is in the Highway Department Labor line.

2019-20 Andover School Budget Recommended

Andover Budget Committee

At its January 23, 2019 deliberative session, the Andover Budget Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the voters at the Annual School Meeting on March 4, 2019 a proposed budget of \$5,655,656 (five million, six hundred fifty-five thousand, six hundred fifty-six dollars).

This represents an overall increase to the recommended budget over 2018-19 of \$179,119 or 3.27%.

It is our understanding that the School Board will finalize the Warrant for the Annual Meeting at their February Board Meeting and shall certify to the Andover Selectboard the amount to be raised by taxation.

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I am running for re-election as your Selectman.

A little history for those of you who don't know me:

In the 1980's, I served one term on the school board and I was also the Recreation Director;

I spent two terms on the Zoning Board;

I was elected for one term to the Budget Committee;

I have served three years on the Budget Committee as the Ex Officio.

I have strived for six years to keep the budget down and still make sure the town of Andover moved ahead with projects that needed to be done. We installed a new type of Highway Dept. and I'm glad to say that, in my opinion, it has worked out better than expected. They have run



basically on a flat budget and gotten three times the amount of work done. This year there is a small increase due to the White Oak pit problem and there will be an article in the Beacon to explain that.

I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Bill Keyser (Write In)

I have served 2 terms as a selectman I have served on the zoning board for a number of years

I have served on the budget committee for a number of years

I am also a cemetery trustee presently

I am a member of the American Legion Post 101 here in Andover

I am a life member of the VFW in Franklin

I am also a 40 year member of the Masonic Fraternity in Franklin

I live on Maple Street in East Andover with my wife Althea

I will listen to see what is going on for projects and go from there. I know the select board is a 3 person board and no one person makes decisions.

I would appreciate your vote in March. Thank You,

Town Clerk, Tax Collector

3 Year Term - Vote for 1

Bonnie Wesley

My name is Bonnie Wesley and I am running for the office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector. It has been my pleasure to serve as Deputy and as interim for the last 4 ½ years. This job requires so much more knowledge than just vehicle registrations. Some of the other tasks performed are: dog licensing, boat registrations, birth, death, divorce and marriage certificates. There are also marriage licenses, notary services, tax preparation and collection, maintaining Town records and numerous reports for both the DMV and the Department of Revenue. The biggest challenge is preparing for elections. Every day is a learning experience.

I moved to Andover in 2000 for work at Jefferson Pilot (now Lincoln National) as a computer programmer. I have a grown son, Sam, who comes to visit often. I've been retired and widowed since 2012. Because I'm a people person, staying at home was not an option, I accepted the job as deputy and have enjoyed it ever since.

Mary Anne Levesque

It has been my pleasure and privilege to live in East Andover since 1999, where I've enjoyed both our wonderful community and the opportunity to participate in the directly democratic form of government that makes life in a New Hampshire town so unique. From the beginning I have consistently been involved in town affairs. I've unfailingly attended town meetings and likely many of you will know my voice because I have not been silent on the issues that confront us.

For the last twelve years it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve on the budget committee. Among my peers I have done the difficult task of keeping costs down while providing town services. Common sense, experience and dedication are what I bring to this position.

By way of background, I am currently a technician for the gas company. I have an Associate's Degree in electronics and I've worked as an electronics technician. I've also been a line cook and an eighteen-wheeler truck driver. Clearly, I know what hard work means and I know how to make ends meet financially even in tough times. I know the difference between a want and a need when difficult choices must be made. When the town spends excessively taxes go up and folks are having a hard enough time already. I'm a hard worker and I hope you'll give me the chance to continue to work for you.

2 year term, Vote for 1

Todd Goings

No statement submitted.

Library Trustee

3 year term, Vote for 2

Susan Chase

Having served for two terms on the Board of Library Trustees, I'd welcome the opportunity to serve for a third term.



I've served as library treasurer for the last six years and am glad to continue in that role. I'm proud of the growth of our two libraries during that period: we've expanded the number of special speakers and programs offered to the community, increased the energy efficiency of both libraries, begun to address the technical and space needs of both of our libraries and continue to offer a wide selection of books to Andover residents of all ages and reading tastes. I'd enjoy continuing

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Your Financial Advisor Can Do Some "Life Coaching"

Life coaches – not surprisingly – strive to improve the quality of life of their clients. And financial professionals essentially embrace the same mission. So, if you decide to hire a financial advisor, you should expect to receive some "coaching" as you work toward all your important objectives, such as sending your kids to college, enjoying a comfortable retirement and leaving a legacy that can benefit the next generation.

What tips from life coaches might you also get from your financial advisor? Here are a few:

- *Create a plan.* A life coach can help you create a plan for your future, taking into account your career aspirations, relationships, hobbies, charitable activities and so on. And a financial advisor will also take a "holistic" approach by looking at many elements – including your age, income, family responsibilities and desired retirement lifestyle – to create a long-term investment strategy. Of course, you may need to adjust this strategy in response to changes in your life, but it can still serve as an overall map on your journey toward your financial objectives.

- *Identify and prioritize goals.* A life coach will help you identify and prioritize your life goals, whether they are personal or professional. And your financial advisor can help you do the same with your financial goals. For example, your goal of retiring comfortably at age 65 may take precedence over your wish to purchase a vacation home.

As such, you will need to focus your efforts first on the retirement goal,

and then, if it appears likely that you will meet that goal, you can devote the resources necessary for your vacation home by the mountains or the sea. You may even be willing to accept a lesser goal, such as renting, rather than owning, your vacation residence.

- *Move beyond your comfort zone.* A trained and experienced life coach can help you recognize your perceived limitations—and move beyond them. For instance, if your new job requires that you make many presentations, but you are nervous about public speaking, your life coach may offer techniques to help you get past this fear—to move you out of your "comfort zone," so to speak. This same scenario could play out in your interactions with your financial advisor. If you happen to be a cautious and risk-averse person by nature, you might be inclined to bring those same traits into the investment arena. But a competent financial advisor—one who truly has your best interests in mind—will likely warn you that you will have trouble achieving your financial objectives if you try to avoid all risk by sticking exclusively with so-called "safe" investments, which do not offer much growth potential. Instead, your advisor will help you incorporate your risk tolerance, along with your time horizon and your short- and long-term goals, to help shape an investment mix appropriate for you. Such a mix may well include those "safe" investments, but it would also contain a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented ones.

Whether it's self-improvement or your financial future, you can benefit from good coaching—so take full advantage of it.

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to be involved in making our two small libraries the best they can be.

In addition to being a Library Trustee, I'm also on the board of directors of the Andover Community Hub and a member of the Andover Energy Group.

Janet Moore

I'm now a 15 year resident of Andover and a retired English teacher and librarian, and a voracious reader who is always asking for more books, please! I'm running again as a library trustee because I know how important libraries are to our town's good health. We provide a safe haven for research, reading, and socializing. Kids use the libraries and fill them with laughter and excitement. I want to continue my involvement in making decisions that positively affect this community resource. We have buildings to maintain, programs to offer, and collections to oversee. The Bachelder Library in East Andover, now with Lee Wells in charge, has roof issues, and the handicap access ramp at the Andover Library, still under the able guidance of Priscilla Poulin, needs replacing. I'm eager to get started and hope you will choose me as the right person to help bring these projects to fruition. Besides, being a library trustee is my favorite "job" in town. Please cast your vote for Janet Moore and continue to support your two local libraries.



During my time on the Board, I've gained experience in a variety of areas, from negotiating a three-year contract with the teaching staff, to facilitating a Safety Committee initiated by the community, to shepherding the passage and overseeing the construction of a major facilities project that brought long needed improvements in safety, systems and space to AE/MS. In those initiatives and more, I'm humbled by the dedication of so many in Andover to make this school the best it can be for our kids.

Every year the biggest challenge in front of the Board is the balancing act of fully providing for the needs of the school community, while at the same time bringing forward a budget that has the least impact possible on taxpayers. In my years of service, I have been grateful for the spirit of collaboration that I've witnessed between the Budget Committee and the School Board to do the best we can in bringing a responsible budget before the town.

A little about me. I've lived in Andover and been a property taxpayer here for twelve years. I also have a child at AE/MS. Thank you for reading and for considering my candidacy.

Adam Jones

I moved to Andover in 2008 to teach at Proctor Academy. Currently, I am the Technology Department Chair and teach classes in digital arts and global studies. Before living in this community, I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Vanuatu (02-04) and earned a Master's Degree in Sustainable Development at the SIT Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, VT (05-08). Most importantly, though, I am Dad to Leo and Finn -- seven year old twin boys who have Ms. Hildebrand as their amazing 2nd grade teacher! As Leo and Finn have grown up in town, I've enjoyed volunteering with the Andover Recreation Department coaching soccer, basketball, skiing and baseball.



Healthy educational communities are living organisms. They need to be fluid, adaptable, open to refinement and fundamentally not afraid to question how their mission can continue to evolve to support student learning. It is the responsibility of the community's leadership to set and encourage a tone of collaboration, critical thinking and compassion.

My style is to dive in and get my hands dirty. I am driven by the fruits of collaboration and inspired by the collective wisdom of community to continual

re-invest in a shared vision. I am comfortable not knowing all the answers. Sustaining a healthy learning community takes time, attention to process, the ability to continually adapt to feedback and a passionate willingness to step into discomfort and observe what can be learned. If elected, I look forward to serving on the School Board and being a member of a committed and passionate team focused on nurturing the best learning community for our children.

School Moderator

1 year term - Vote for 1

Elizabeth (Betsy) Paine

My name is Elizabeth Paine; many in town will know me as "Betsy". I am running for School District Moderator. I am an attorney currently working with CASA NH, a non-profit that provides advocacy for abused and neglected children. Both my chil-



dren attended AEMS.

This will be the 7th year that I have served as moderator for the Andover School District. I have attended the New Hampshire Municipal Association's moderators workshop for the past five years. I would appreciate your vote on March 12.

Thank you.

School Clerk

1 year term - Vote for 1

No candidates have filed

School Treasurer

1 year term - Vote for 1

Shirley Currier

I am running for my thirteenth term as School Treasurer. I graduated from Hesser Business College and I did the accounting for the Andover Village Store and Currier and Phelps Inc. for 30+ years. I was the treasurer for 40+ years for the Andover 4th of July Committee, and treasurer of the Andover Historical Society for a number of years. I enjoy this work, and would appreciate your vote on March 12 2019.

Check AndoverBeacon.com!

The latest news is posted at AndoverBeacon.com every day!

Wilmot House



Once a boarding house, Wilmot House is a property rich with history! Purchased over a year ago by the current owners, the antique home has been updated and restored to its former glory. Exposed wide pine floors, beams and details. Updated fixtures, appliances and wiring. Original antique features with a fresh look and feel. Large open kitchen with dining area, gorgeous formal living room leads to a first floor den or office, 2nd floor has three bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. Here the sounds of babbling Kimpton brook on the opposite side of Route 4A. So much charm and ready to move in!

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THE REST OF THE TOWN REPORT 2018

To save time and money by reducing the size of the Town's annual Andover Town Report, the Beacon has agreed to publish 2018 reports submitted by organizations that serve Andover. Long reports have been edited to about 250 words.

The Andover Beacon

In many ways, 2018 was another successful year for The Andover Beacon -- our fourteenth year serving our community.

We delivered 11 issues at no charge to every mailing address in Andover, each issue filled with Andover news you can't get anywhere else:

- Town News kept us all informed about budgets, elections, meetings, and everything that makes our town work.
- Non-Profit News kept all the important, interesting work of Andover's many non-profit organizations in the public eye.
- School News ... an endless stream of kids working, playing, achieving, ... and learning to be our future leaders.
- Andover People are always in the news in the Beacon!
- Andover History comes alive in each issue.
- The Arts, from Andover's own

Coffeehouse to shows and events throughout the area.

- Outdoors News is always important, given Andover's great natural beauty.
- Business News helps our local entrepreneurs get some well-deserved attention.

The Andover Beacon is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose sole purpose is to serve and strengthen the community of Andover. With advertising revenues continuing to decline and expenses continuing to rise, we must rely on donations from the community for an ever-larger part of our annual budget. So when asked, please donate as generously as you can. We simply can't do this without you!

Andover Community Hub

The highlight of 2018 for the Andover Hub and the Andover Community Association was the work their leaders did to merge the two groups into a single entity called the Andover Community Hub. The Community Hub brings together the Andover Community Association, which had non-profit status but no physical facility of its own; and the Andover Hub, which had a physical facility -- Andover's old town hall -- but no non-profit status. The new organization has both.

Among the first orders of business in 2019 will be to form a governing board representative of all segments of the community and identifying new sources of revenue for building renovations and maintenance. Area residents interested in supporting the Community Hub through donations of time, funding, and/or expertise may contact the organization at TheAndoverHub@gmail.com.

Public events and activities from the two founding organizations will continue under the Community Hub umbrella. These include Andover Community Coffeehouse concerts, Andover Institute programs, and a wide variety of events held in the Hub.

Founding members of the Community Hub are Deb Brower, Susan and Larry Chase, Paul Currier, Pat Cutter, Gisela and Steve Darling, Jay Fitzpatrick, and Grace Schust. For more information, visit Andover Community Hub on Facebook.

Andover Energy Group

In 2019, the Andover Energy Group (AEG) enters its ninth year as a voluntary organization with two major goals: to identify ways to reduce the Town's energy bills; and to find and publicize ways to help local residents reduce their home energy costs.

In 2018, the AEG addressed both goals. It began the year by helping the Town of Andover put the finishing touches on a major project begun a year earlier to "solarize and weatherize" the Town Hall by adding solar-electric (or photovoltaic) panels on its roof, by installing a heat pump to further save on energy costs, and by improving insulation and air-sealing measures.

As the year ended, AEG began a collaboration with five neighboring towns to encourage homeowners to take specific measures to improve comfort and reduce the cost of heating their homes. This project, known as Weatherize Kearsarge, is being undertaken this winter and spring. It will be followed by a second project, Solarize Kearsarge, to encourage homeowners to further reduce their energy costs by adding photovoltaic systems on their property.

For more information, contact LB-Chase@aol.com.

Andover Fish and Game Club

The Andover Fish and Game Club (AFGC) was started in 1933 and is one of the oldest clubs in New Hampshire. Anyone can join, and memberships are currently \$10 a year. Each year we have various fundraisers, events for kids and members alike, and community-minded projects.

Each year we have a Beef Barbecue and Chinese auction, a Turkey Raffle, and other raffles that help us make money to have events for kids and members. Money is also needed for general expenses, upkeep, and improvements to the Channel Road club house.

These are some of the things we do and provide for the community each year:

We have an ice fishing derby and a spring trout fishing derby for the kids. We also have a member-anyone trout ice fishing derby. We are sending four kids this summer to the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin for a week. We have a rabies clinic, deer pool, and an adopt-a-highway stretch of road that we clean up on Route 11. We have informational speakers and seminars about a wide range of topics. We have assisted



In June 2018, the Andover Service Club's gavel was passed from former president Mary Ofenloch (right front) to incoming president Sandra Graves. In the back row are Executive Board members Eileen Mackey, Robin Boynton, Evelyn Davis, Mary Phinney, and Sandy Miller.

the local game wardens in a variety of ways.

Our meetings are the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the club house in East Andover. If you have questions or would like to join, call 934-4961.

Andover Historical Society

Andover Historical Society (AHS) enjoyed a very busy 2018. Events and activities included New Hampshire Humanities talks in June and October; a Richard Potter talk by John Hodgson; museum exhibits focusing on World War I and Richard Potter; the first annual history contest for AE/MS students; the "Round Robin" for fourth-grade students of Andover, Salisbury, and Webster; the Fourth of July exhibit on the Village Green and in the Andover Community Hub; the annual Old Time Fair in August; new signage for the Richard Potter gravesite; and the Winslow Eaves and Annaleida van't Hoff Art Retrospective at the Andover Community Hub in October.

In November, the reins of AHS were handed from Jesse Schust to Gail Rich- See Town Report on page 15



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ards. Thank you to Jesse for all he did during his two years as president; following in Pat Cutter's shoes was no easy task. We welcome Gail, who has been a part of AHS for many years.



Jerry Hersey stands near the Ausbon Sargent sign on his protected Hersey Family Farm property in East Andover.

Thanks also to the 30+ new members who joined AHS in 2018, and to the donors of more than 150 historical items to the AHS collection.

For more information, visit AndoverHistory.org or contact Pres@AndoverHistory.org.

Andover Service Club

Andover Service Club (ASC) celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2018. ASC is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of 68 women from Andover and neighboring communities. Its mission is to be of service to people of the community and the state and to broaden and strengthen the social and intellectual life of its members.

The ASC Thrift Shop sells almost-new clothing and accessories to fund the ASC Merit Scholarship Program, which has benefited hundreds of Andover high school and continuing education college students since 1959.

ASC also donates to other community organizations such as Andover After-School Program, The Andover Beacon, Andover Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Andover Children's Thanksgiving, Andover Community Association, Andover Elementary/Middle School, Andover Emergency Services Auxiliary, Child and Family Services, Danbury Elementary School, Danbury Food Pantry, East Andover Village Preschool, Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, Highland Lake Grange Hall Restoration, Kearsarge Council on Aging, and Twin Rivers Food Pantry.

Other fundraisers include raffles, the Proctor Birthday Cake project, luncheons on Election and Town Meeting days, in-house auctions, treasure, and bake sales, Thanksgiving pie sales, the Fourth of July Slices for Scholarships sale, and annual Arts and Craft shows.

Thrift Shop hours are 10 AM to 4 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and 10 AM to 2 PM on Sat-

urday. ASC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from September through June at 10 AM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall.

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is to protect the rural landscape of Andover and 11 other area towns. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 147 projects and protected 11,481 acres, including 15 working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage.

Two-thirds of these properties offer public access, contributing significantly to the quality of life and economic well-being of the State and our communities. AusbonSargent.org indicates which protected properties have trails for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

Ausbon Sargent hosted numerous events in 2018 such as the Progressive Dinner in July and the Holiday Party in December. We also held our seventh and final Kearsarge Klassic Bike Event and our popular Dragonfly Walk in Grantham. We also held workshops on conservation options for landowners, on the new tax law, and on becoming an easement monitor.

Ausbon Sargent is grateful to have over 200 volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments, and clerical work, plus many giving members who provide financial support.

If you would like to join in our work to protect these special places, you could become a conservation easement donor, support Ausbon Sargent financially by becoming a member, volunteer your time to the organization, or encourage town officials throughout our 12-town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation.

We are especially thankful for the good relationship we have with the Andover Conservation Commission. We hope to continue the collaboration in the future!

Lakes Region Planning Commission

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary organization of 30 member municipalities striving to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a meaningful way, both locally and regionally, through communication, joint initiatives, and planning.

LRPC's professional staff provide regional planning services in the areas of transportation, land use, economic development, watershed management, and natural resource protection; local technical assistance with master plans, capital improvement plans, hazard mitigation plans, ordinance review, and circuit rider consulting; GIS

mapping services; data collection and analysis; and review of Developments of Regional Impact.

John Cotton and Robert Ward are Andover's representatives to LRPC.

In 2018, LRPC worked with Andover Planning Board members on reorganizing and reformatting the zoning ordinance and incorporating six amendments approved in March.

We discussed with the Town Administrator the role that LRPC can play in facilitating the review and improvement of site design and materials management. We reached out to the Transfer Station with research regarding Transfer Station Site Plans and Management and arranged a meeting for a site visit and discussion.

Andover participated in our annual regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection at a substantial group savings. This enables residents to safely dispose of their household hazardous waste as a means of protecting the region's groundwater that we depend on for drinking water, domestic use, and tourism.

Finally, LRPC facilitated the bulk purchase and distribution of the New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books to the Town at a substantial discount.

New London Hospital

New London Hospital (NLH) celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2018. We continued to expand our medical staff, enhance our clinical services, and acquire advanced technology. High-quality, safe, and compassionate care of our



The Proctor Woodlands Classroom team rebuilt the bridge on the Proctor section of the SRK Greenway's Trail #9 in the fall of 2018.

Photo: Anne Rowley

patients continues to take center stage.

We are in our sixth year of our relationship with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH). This brings health care experts into the community so residents are not required to travel to receive academic-level care.

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WARRANT ARTICLES - TOWN MEETING 2019

The polls will be open from **11 AM to 7 PM** on **Tuesday, March 12, 2019**
Town Meeting begins after the polls close at 7 PM.
Location: Andover Elementary/Middle School

Article 1: Choose Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot vote during polling hours.)

Article 2: Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,849,388 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (The Select Board recommends \$1,859,388.)

This year's budget represents a big step forward in areas that will improve the health and safety of the residents of Andover. 2019 is the first full year of a new contract for emergency medical services with the city of Franklin. Franklin will provide daytime coverage seven days a week for \$80,000 per year. While Andover will continue to maintain volunteer emergency medical services, more and more we do not have the response necessary for transportation and/ or required level of care.

We are also introducing a second full-time police officer in this budget. We have been fortunate to have experienced part-time officers in our community for many years, but we have been losing them to a much deserved retirement. We will be better served going forward with a second full-time officer to cover our community's growing need for coverage.

With more calls for emergency medical and police coverage and for overall safety on our 60 miles of road, keeping the roads in good travel condition is important. We need to spend money on road signage to help police and ambulance services find our homes quickly. Every year, many road signs disappear, and they are expensive to replace. Temporary part-time labor in the summer will help get the work done, as our highway crew are doing more road project work to keep costs down on maintenance and road/bridge improvement projects.

Road projects planned for 2019 include 1) engineering and permit to fix drainage on Currier Road; 2) engineering and repair to basin system on Shirley Ave; 3) removal of dangerous trees on Elbow Pond Rd, Maple St, Raccoon Hill, and Chase Hill Roads.

Article 3: Purchase Real Property

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$51,100 for the investment in and purchase of the lot known as Lot# 12-7-358 located on New Hampshire Route 4 to assure a continuous source of sand for use by the Town of Andover. This lot totals 10.95 +/- acres. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance.

The Town and the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) have finally determined, after in-depth research, that the property known as White Oak Pit is owned by the State. While the research was on-going, the Town opted not to continue to excavate sand from the site, and we added \$40,000 to last year's budget to cover the purchase and delivery of sand.

The State has recently offered to sell the property to the Town for \$51,100. There will be an additional cost for a final survey, driveway permits, and establishment of a right-of-way easement. We believe this is a reasonable offer, and it will put to rest years of uncertainty due to lack of records. The property should yield several more years of sand for the town.

Once the town votes to purchase the property, DOT must offer it to other State agencies before it goes to the Governor's Council for final approval. For that reason, a reduction in the winter materials line will not appear until the 2020 budget.

Article 4: (Establish) Forest Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Forest Fire Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of equipment and further to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put in the fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. Further, to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend.

This fund would allow the town to set money aside for the purchase of equipment such as a new John Deere gator and other tools needed for fighting forest and brush fires.

Article 5: (Transfer) Forest Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to transfer the balance remaining in the Forest Fire Equipment line in the operating budget, a sum of \$800, to the Forest Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 4. This article is contingent upon passing Article 4.

Article 6: Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund for projects related to recycling and municipal solid waste management, and further to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to put in the fund. This sum to come from taxation.

Money needs to be set aside for use at the Transfer Station only, as we continue to make improvements to the office and hopper area and change over to source-separating our recyclables. Money for water and septic for the new office would also come from this fund.

Article 7: Morrill Hill Road Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Morrill Hill Road Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015. This is a housekeeping article because there are no funds to transfer.

Morrill Hill Road Bridge was completed and the Town has received the 80% Bridge Aid Grant from the State. This money replenished our general fund balance, which we use for leveling the tax rate and for emergency funding.

Article 8: Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$243,500 to add to the following Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) previously established:

Revaluation: \$5,000	Ambulance Replacement: \$0
Highway Grader: \$15,000	Highway Projects: \$150,000
Police Cruiser: \$13,500	Transfer Station Equipment: \$10,000
Bridge Rehabilitation: \$50,000	

These are all previously established funds. The amounts to be raised are the same as last year with two exceptions: 1) The Revaluation CRF was reduced for this year only, as we have the reserves necessary for the contract for the next five-year cycle. 2) Emergency Medical Services will be withdrawing money for a replacement ambulance this year and are not asking for the usual \$25,000 contribution to the fund for this year.

The Highway Projects planned are the top wear coats on Monticello Drive and Old College Road.

Article 9: Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$31,000 to add to the following Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) previously established:

Forest Fire Labor: \$5,000	Town Buildings: \$20,000
Technology: \$6,000	

These are all previously established funds. We decreased our request for Town Buildings because we would like to establish a separate fund for the Transfer Station in Warrant Article 6, with \$15,000.

Article 10: Solar Energy Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,954 to be added to the Solar Energy Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Voters authorized the establishment of this fund in 2017. Each year, for six years, we will ask to add this amount to the fund from the unassigned fund balance. In year six, the Town will have the option to purchase the Solar Energy System on the Town Office Building roof for its then-depreciated value of \$17,724 with money from this fund.

Article 11: Elbow Pond Culvert

To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$244,257.40 for the purpose of removing and replacing the damaged concrete box culvert on Elbow Pond Road and repairing and mitigating associated damage. 75% of the cost, \$183,193.05, will come from the unassigned fund balance and will be reimbursed through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The remaining 25%, \$61,064.35, will come from the Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund.

This project qualified for FEMA funding as a result of damage from the late October 2017 storm event. Instead of being a simple replacement project, the new box culvert will be installed on new precast substructures to reduce the likelihood of similar damage from a similar storm event. Material protecting the channel and channel banks and road surface will also be upgraded. This amount is based on outside contracted work and materials and will be reduced using Town labor and materials from our gravel pit.

Article 12: Keno

To see if the town will vote to allow the operation of Keno within the town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51. This will be voted on by ballot.

Keno 603 is a new game being offered to cities and towns by the New Hampshire Lottery as of December 2017. Establishments holding a valid liquor license (a "pouring establishment") can offer the game. All revenue generated by the game goes to funding full-day kindergarten.

Voters must approve the operation of Keno by a vote at Town Meeting. All towns that offer full-day kindergarten, even those that do not vote to allow Keno, will receive these funds. Google "Keno 603" to find out more about the game.

Article 13: Appointed Road Agent

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the elected road agent position and to require the selectmen to appoint an expert highway agent pursuant to RSA 231:64. To go into effect after Town Meeting 2020. (Submitted by petition)

There is no fixed term of office for this position, making the expert agent an employee or contractor hired by the select board. The expert agent will be able to use his or her own equipment and employees without being subject to the competitive bidding requirements of RSA 95:1. Also, the expert agent, not being an elected official, is not required to be a town resident.

Article 14: Other Business

To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.



Annual Report of Andover Select Board

Volunteers are the backbone of any small town, and Andover is no exception. We would like to thank all of the many people who give their time to serve on the boards and committees necessary to run our town; all of the people who take care of the parks and ball field, keep the skating rink cleared, coach our kids and offer summertime activities and help in the libraries; teach us about renewable energies and offer opportunities to make our homes more energy efficient; offer a place for community activities, arts, education and exercise. Andover is a better community because of you all.

BRIDGES

Morrill Hill Road Bridge was completed and the town has received the 80% reimbursement from the State Aid Bridge Program. This money replenished the general fund balance, which we use for emergencies and for leveling the tax rate.

Last Street Bridge was added to our list of projects in the second half of the year. Substructure materials had to be special ordered or custom made, which has delayed the replacement. The work will be done by our highway department.

The replacement of the Elbow Pond Road culvert qualified for FEMA aid due to the damage done in the 2017 October storm event. The town invested in a hydrological study of the ever-changing watershed and an engineering design to determine the best long-term solution for keeping the road open. There is an article on this year's warrant to fund the project, with monies coming from the unassigned fund balance and the Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund. 75% of the cost will be reimbursed through FEMA.

Lawrence Street Bridge, our biggest project, is in line for replacement in 2022 with the State Aid Bridge Program providing 80% of the total cost of design and construction. Hoyle Tanner engineers held a public meeting in October both at the bridge and at town hall to go over the best options for replacement while keeping access open. They received a good amount of feedback and sugges-

tions from residents who attended. After meeting with NHDOT officials, the engineers will again meet with residents with an updated design. At present, the estimate for the town's portion in 2018 dollars is \$638,000. We have approximately \$147,000 in the Lawrence Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.

ROADS

Old College Road was the special project this year. We were able to get a jump on it last year when GMI was in the area with a grinder and we were able to grind the existing surface of the most damaged part of the road for half the cost. This year, our town crew, with the help of local contractors, did all the maintenance work (culvert replacement and drainage) in preparation for final grinding, grading and paving, which was put out to bid.

The State provided a special grant through SB 38 to all municipalities through the Highway Block Grant for unfunded infrastructure projects. Andover received \$86,000. We used the money to chip seal Switch Road and improve drainage on Boston Hill and Shaw Hill Roads.

PUTTING PROJECTS OUT TO BID

The most cost effective way to pay for a highway project is the use the town crew and local contractors to do the prep work, typically regular maintenance such as replacing culverts and drainage improvement. The town has established rates for labor and equipment rental, which is considerably less than outside contracted labor and equipment. The grinding, grading, paving and shoulder work is the major part of a road project done by a paving company, which the town gets bids for.

WHITE OAK PIT

The Town and the State of NH Department of Transportation have finally determined after in depth research, that the property known as White Oak Pit, is owned by the State. While the research was on-going, the town opted not to continue to excavate sand from the site, and we added \$40,000 to last year's budget to cover the purchase and

delivery of sand. The State has recently offered to sell the property to the town for \$51,100. There will be an additional cost for a final survey, driveway permits and establishment of an easement ROW. We believe this is a reasonable offer and it will put to rest years of uncertainty due to lack of records. The property should yield several more years of sand for the town.

Once the town votes to purchase the property, DOT must offer it to other state agencies before it goes to the Governor's Council for final approval. For that reason, a reduction in the winter materials line will not appear until the 2020 budget. There will be an article on the warrant to approve the purchase, monies to come from the unassigned fund balance.

TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station was built in 1989 when town dumps were shut down across the state. Twenty nine years later, it is time to replace the hopper cover and office and bring the rodent population under control. The bog and woods surrounding our transfer station provide a natural habitat for wood rats. Unfortunately, the rats have damaged buildings and created an unhealthy environment with their unchecked expansion into the embankments around the hopper and into the office. The new office build-

ing and embankment with concrete blocks are designed to discourage rodent invasion. The materials and design of the office and hopper cover are intended to meet our needs long term and to meet Department of Labor requirements. The Town Building Expendable Trust Fund covered most of the cost for the new building. Final touches for completion, to include the right side wing wall, septic, bathroom and shower will be done when necessary funds are raised.

You will also notice the grading done directly across from the recycle building to hold 3 storage containers and to provide improved drainage. This was done in advance of and in coordination with the construction of the new Verizon Communications Tower on the hill to the west of the transfer station.

The market for single stream recycling (all recyclables in one container) has collapsed and the cost to dispose of single stream tripled in the last nine months. The select board decided to return to source separated recycling, which will allow us to make money on separated commodities such as cardboard and aluminum cans.

We turned to Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) for help and they sent a team of seasoned transfer station managers and NRRRA

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WALKING THE BOUNDARY--As required by N.H. state law, Paul Currier (foreground), a member of Andover's Planning Board, and Nick Brodich, a Wilmot Selectman, "perambulated" the common boundary between the two towns late last year, with Molly, Currier's dog, taking notes. Also on the nine-hour hike were Andover Selectman Vicky Mishcon, who took this photo, and local forester Tim Wallace, the group's guide. The rock being examined in the photo, on the side of Ragged Mountain, marks the meeting point of the towns of Andover, Wilmot and Danbury. One definition of "perambulate," according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, is "to make an official inspection of (a boundary) on foot."



The ladies of the NH Circle of Home & Family, The Halcyon Seekers, had fun crafting wooden snowmen at their February 2019 meeting.

Next Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon Planned

Thursday, March 21
at 11:30 AM

Press release

The next fun-filled luncheon serving seniors in the Kearsarge Region will take place at the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) Red Barn at 11:30 AM on Thursday, March 21.

Reservations are required for each luncheon. First time attendees wanting to enjoy a hot lunch and the camaraderie of other seniors are requested to call the New London Council on Aging 10 days in advance at 526 6368.

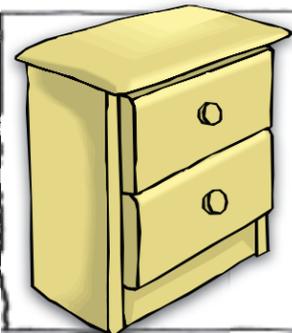
Door prizes, table flower arrangements, and books, will be given away and fun entertainment will follow the meal.

A \$2 donation is suggested for the

meal and a \$3 donation for the WCA for providing the space and kitchen for a total of \$5. For those aged 60 years and under, the charge is \$6 for CAP and a suggested donation of \$3 for the WCA.

If the weather is frightful, please use your best judgement about venturing out. As a guide, however, the luncheons will be "on" if the Kearsarge Schools are open or delayed. If school is cancelled, the luncheon will be cancelled.

The WCA Red Barn is located at 64 Village Road next to the Wilmot Post Office in Wilmot Flat. Parking is available in the WCA's upper parking lot, the Wilmot Baptist Church and across the street.



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Town Ballot

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing:

BUDGET COMMITTEE
3 year term 2022
Vote for 2

James (Jim) Hersey
Mary Anne Levesque

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
3 year term 2022
Vote for 1

Bonnie Wesley

BUDGET COMMITTEE
2 year term 2021
Vote for 1

Todd Goings

LIBRARY TRUSTEE
3 year term 2022
Vote for 2

Susan Chase
Janet Moore

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
3 year term 2022
Vote for 1

SELECTMAN
3 year term 2022
Vote for 1

James W. Delaney, Sr.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE
3 year term 2022
Vote for 1

Jim Reed

School District Ballot

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary School District officers for the year ensuing:

SCHOOL BOARD
3 year term 2022
Vote for 2

Dean Barker
Adam Jones

SCHOOL TREASURER
1 year term 2020
Vote for 1

Shirley Currier

SCHOOL MODERATOR
1 year term 2020
Vote for 1

Elizabeth (Betsy) Paine

SCHOOL CLERK
1 year term 2020
Vote for 1

ANDOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

Annual School District Meeting
March 4, 2019

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Andover qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Andover Elementary/Middle School Gymnasium in said District on Monday, the 4th day of March 2019, at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the District will vote to accept the reports of Officials, Agents, Auditors and/or Committees as printed in the School District report.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million, Six Hundred Fifty Five Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$5,655,656) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of School District officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums that are estimated to be raised from the state's equalization payment, together with other income. The School Board shall certify to the selectmen of Andover the amount to be raised by taxation of said town. (The Budget Committee and School Board recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 3. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

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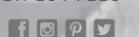
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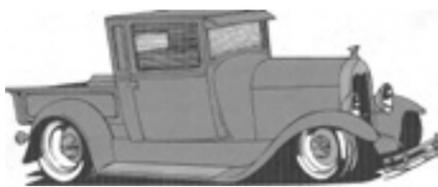
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No, they're not visitors from outer space, but participants in an "Un-Finished-Objects" gathering at The Andover Community Hub, held to encourage attendees to complete arts and crafts projects they've begun but not finished, and to learn from one another. At a February session were (from left) Donna Duclos, Gail Fitzpatrick, Sarah Hardy, Lee Wells, Kathy Ordway, and Kim Chandler. The informal sessions are held weekly at 10 AM. Anyone interested in joining can contact Donna Duclos at dcduclos@gmail.com to add their name and address to an email list and be kept posted on schedule changes and craft-related outings.



The winning fish from the youth and adult divisions are displayed at the Annual Andover Fish and Game Ice Fishing Derby on Highland Lake held on February 2.

Center for The Arts' Presents a Wonderful Evening of Dance

Press release

Join The Center for The Arts for this beautiful First Friday performance on March 1 featuring the Colby-Sawyer Dance Repertory and Performance Dancers, 7 PM at Whipple Hall, 25 Seamans Road in New London.

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original choreography with genres ranging from classical ballet to modern and contemporary. Dancers are admitted to Dance Repertory and Performance by audition only and represent Colby-Sawyer College's finest dancers. A reception will follow the performances.

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Winners of Annual Ice Fishing Derby Announced

Press release

The Annual Andover Fish and Game Ice Fishing Derby was held on Highland Lake in East Andover on February 2. In this derby, only Trout are eligible to be entered into the competition.

Winners in the Junior Division were:
1st Place: Seth Bonnelle 3.05 lbs.

2nd Place: Seth Bonnelle 2.9

3rd Place: Aiden Heller .85

4th Dylan Heller .65

Winners in the Adult Division were:

1st Place: Paul Martin 3.85 lbs.

2nd Place: Paul Martin 3.55

3rd Place: Connor O'Hagan 3.4

4th Place: Mike Alesse 2.9

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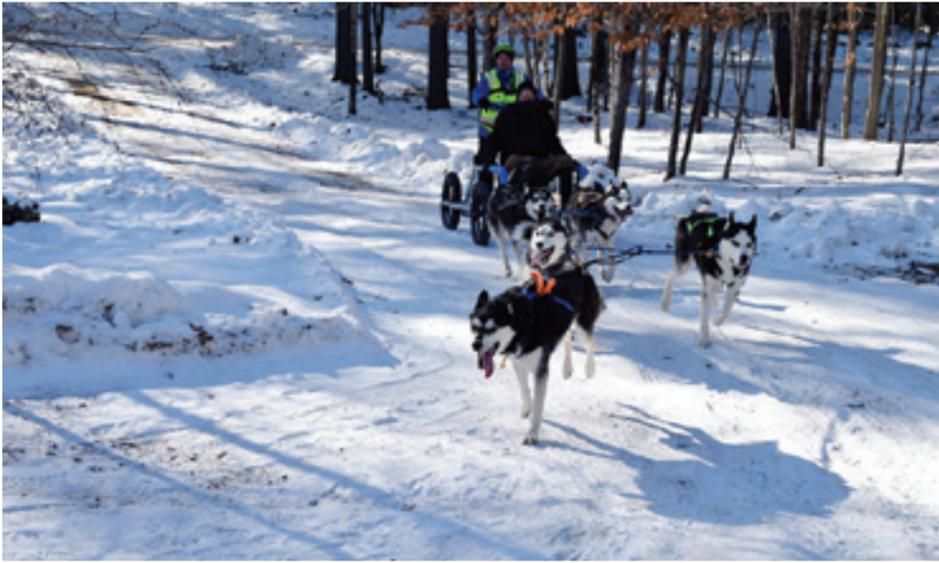
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Andover's Michelle Lambert enjoys the thrills of mushing.

Mushing: Michelle Lambert's Fascinating Hobby

Charlie Darling

We saw the Ragged Mountain Mushing pick-up truck at the Transfer Station the other day, so of course we had to find out more. Andover resident Michelle Lambert was kind enough to fill us in on her fascinating hobby. (A much longer version of this interview appears at AndoverBeacon.com in the Outdoors section.)

Andover Beacon: How did you get involved with mushing?

Michelle Lambert: First, I fell in love with the Siberian Husky breed. We adopted from Patriot Siberian Husky League (PSHR) of Walpole, Massachusetts, including two puppies that were born and fostered in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Whatleigh Torsey, who had raised that litter and is a musher, asked me to come and help her train. Before I knew it, I was a musher's "handler." I loved working with such smart, affectionate, and happy dogs.

AB: What is there about mushing that makes it appealing to you?

ML: Dogs, dogs, dogs! I love that the dogs are happy. They love to run! And I love the challenge. There is a lot of adrenaline. It can be crazy fast, with five to 12 dogs pulling me along. I also love just being in the woods and only hearing the breath of the dogs running.

AB: Tell us about the dogs ...

ML: I am not what you would call a traditional musher. My pack gets to come into the house through dog doors, at their leisure.

Juno is 14 years old. He is deaf now and has some dementia. He is the smallest, but he enjoys herding the rest of the pack.

Yacha is my lead dog. She has to learn commands like gee (right), haw (left), and many others; a lead dog has to be smart.

At seven months old she needed a bilateral femoral hip surgery due to severe dysplasia in her rear hips. Her surgery was a success, and when she was

ready, I put her in harness and it was like she never left.

PaMola comes from a long line of sled dogs, so she is a natural. I was in the room when she was born; she slipped right into my hands. My bond is the strongest with her.

Ridley was rescued last June. He is very tall. Sometimes I think he is part Great Dane. He was diagnosed with cataracts when he was a puppy, but this does not affect his ability to run.

Ridley's brother is Vader, as in Darth Vader. Some days I call him Space Invader because he is always on my lap.

Like Ridley, Vader is new to mushing. At first, he had no idea what to do or expect. Echo taught Vader to just let the human put this contraption on him, and then run!

Echo is Yacha's brother. He is the teacher in the pack. He is also the protector. He's a bit goofy. Sometimes he lets me sweep the floor with him.

AB: Tell us about your sleds.

ML: The sled I use on snow is called a Danler Hornet XT. It weighs 19 pounds. It's very fast. It can hold some cargo. The best thing about this sled is it folds up and fits in the backseat of a car!

During the spring and fall, I use what is called a dry-land rig. It's a four-wheel bicycle without pedals made out of airplane-grade aluminum, with four-wheel disc brakes and 20" fat tires. It has a passenger seat, too!

AB: How do the dogs react to a day on the trail?

ML: When I take them to the gate on the Northern Rail Trail, they act like real sled dogs. I take each one to the line, and they start barking, howling, and jumping up and down.

The hardest part for them physically is if we get caught when the temperature gets too hot while running. We have to slow way down, take many water breaks, and take our time getting back to the truck.

Emotionally, I think it's hard for them

See Mushing on page 27

Join Discussion on Creating Strong Economy in the Lake Sunapee Region

Press release

Center for The Arts (CFA) invites businesses, creative organizations, and community leaders to an open dialog on how to use the arts to create a strong economy in our local community. Join us for coffee and conversation on March 8th at 9 AM at the Tracy Memorial Library.

The creative economy includes all businesses, organizations, and individu-

als who work in or support creative industries. Working together we can make our community an attractive place to live and to visit, boosting the local economy and making our community stronger.

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

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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 4, 2019

Condensed from approved minutes:

Members Present: Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Vicky Mishcon, Select Board Chair; Dave Blinn and Chuck Keyser, Select Board Members and Police Office Dan Mori.

Also present: Mark Stetson and Kerry Connor, Avitar Representatives; Sam Greene and Brenda Pabon, NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) Representatives; Jim Reed, Jon Warzocha, Steve Fecteau, along with several boy scouts from local Boy Scout Troop 489.

Road Agent Report: by Vicky Mishcon

Mishcon indicated that Road Agent John Thompson was not in attendance for this meeting due to being out in the

Town removing snow piles. Thompson met with the Board prior to tonight’s meeting.

- Thompson had some jelling issues with the equipment due to the extreme cold temperatures.

- Thompson is still waiting for the custom-made parts for the Last Street Bridge.

- Thompson contacted Rhymes Oil who provides fuel to those customers on Last Street. Oil deliveries have resumed there because Thompson explained that Rhymes will not be responsible for bridge issues that might arise at this time.

2019 Re-Evaluation Presentation: by Mark Stetson, Avitar and Same Greene, DRA

Stetson explained how the re-evaluation proceeds. At the presentation a DRA representative needs to be present

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

Zoning Administrator: Mon 9–12,

Tues, Thur 9–4, Weds 1–4

Transfer Station: Wed & Sat, 7–5

Andover Library:

Mon, 6–8

Wed, 9–12 & 6–8

Thu, 1–5 • Sat, 9–12

Bachelder Library:

Tues, 9–12 & 6–8

Thu, Fri 1–5

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Capital Improvement Planning:

Last Thu, 7

Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7:30

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 (except July & Aug)

Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7

Recreation: 2nd Wed, 7,

AE/MS Science Room (except July)

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!

MARCH

Mondays: Fire Department, 7

4: Select Board, 6:30

4: SCHOOL MEETING, AEMS, 7

5: School Board, AEMS, 6:30

6: Fourth of July, Andover

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12: VOTING, 11-7

12: TOWN MEETING, AEMS, 7

13: Recreation, AEMS, Science

Room, 7

13: Andover EMS, Andover Fire

Station, 7

18: Select Board, 6:30

19: Zoning Board, 7

20: Conservation Commission, 7

21: Library Trustees, 7

26: Planning Board, 7

APRIL

Mondays: Fire Department, 7

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to witness the information given to start off the process.

The first item is to review the exemptions/credits given as follows:

- The Elderly Exemption is based on income and assets and therefore, must be requalified.

- The Veteran Credit is usually stable and only needs to be reviewed to make sure the person still claims their residency in Andover.

- The survivor spouse is eligible for only someone who was killed in active duty.

Stetson handed Roy several sample letters for the exemptions/credits for review. Loren Martin is available to help review this information.

Solar Panels: There is a change from the 2013 Re-evaluation for solar panels as follows:

- The solar panels will now be assessed.

- The property owner needs to apply for the credit by April 15, 2019.

- The exemption lasts for as long as the property owner owns the property. It is a one time application. Once you apply, you do not have to reapply.

Stetson handed Roy a sample letter, a copy of the application, along with a list of property owners in Town to whom the letters can be sent.

General information of the re-evaluation process is as follows:

- The re-evaluation must be done at least every five years. At some point during the last five years every property has been visited and reviewed in depth.

- The goal is to give the properties a current market value assessment.

- The average value should be higher than the 2014 assessment.

- Avitar will work from the past two years of sales to base the new values. They will re-inspect the sales properties.

- Avitar will do a five minute field drive-in assessment on some properties

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50 Maple Street was originally built in 1866 and has had a rich history. Most recently it was the Highland Lake Apple Farm operated by Mary Lloyd-Evans and Peter Zak.

Highland Lake Apple Farm— a New Chapter Opens

Donna Baker-Hartwell

Long time owners, Peter and Mary have put their home and farm at 50 Maple Street in E. Andover up for sale. The town will miss them and wishes them the best in their retirement.

It was in late November 1986 that Peter Zak and Mary Lloyd-Evans were shown the house and property at 50 Maple Street, East Andover. Jim and Terry Lafiosca of Orchard House Realty were listing it. Mary remembers saying, "There is my dream house - I love the bay windows!" In March 1987, Mary and Peter moved from Plymouth, Massachusetts to East Andover.



A fall day at the Highland Lake Apple Farm.

Mary taught ten years as Professor of Math and General Studies at New Hampshire Tech. She also taught at Proctor Academy, Deerfield School, and Winnisquam High School. Peter received a Master Gardener's Certificate through NH Cooperative Extension in 1989. With this training he proceeded to plant more than seventy trees of more than a dozen varieties. They planted blueberry, blackberry, raspberry and currant bushes. Together they created gorgeous annual and perennial flower beds. Peter joined the Apple Growers Association of New Hampshire and the Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, the New Hampshire Bee Keepers Association, as well as becoming the President of the regional Kearsarge Bee Keepers Association. For many years, he and Mary hosted the KBKA annual holiday gathering.

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Mary Lloyd-Evans and Peter Zak

The house needed a lot of work and for the next thirty plus years, Peter and Mary would not only replace all of the ceilings and windows but they would build an apple farm with a community of friends and patrons.



Andover Recreation Committee member Kurt Weber clears an early February snowstorm from the ice rink at the Andover Skateboard Park. Frequent snowstorms and rain with warm and cold temperatures makes keeping a smooth skating surface a challenge for our ice guru. We noticed kids and adults skating on many days this winter.

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Andover Libraries Page

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

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Adult Fiction:

Bryant and May: Hall of Mirrors, Christopher Fowler
Sleep No More: Six Murderous Tales, P.D. James and Peter Kemp
Roses, Leila Meacham
Somerset, Leila Meacham
Tumbleweeds, Leila Meacham
Alternate Side, Anna Quindlen
Crucible, James Rollins
Judgment, Joseph Finder
Turning Point, Danielle Steel
Tony's Wife, Adriana Trigiani
The Dreamers, Karen Thompson Walker
God of the Hive, Laurie R. King
Coleridge Community Series 1-7, Ann Hazelwood

Adult Nonfiction:

Make Your Bed,

Admiral William H. McRaven
Women Rowing North, Mary Pipher
The Monk of Mokha, Dave Eggers
White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism, Robin Diangelo and Michael Eric Dyson

Children's Books:

Pete the Cat: Valentine's Day Is Cool, Kimberly and James Dean
Tombquest: Book of the Dead, Michael Northrop
The Tournament at Gorlan, John Flanagan
Minecraft: Combat, Bob, Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead
Hidden Figures Young Reader's Edition, Margot Lee Shetterly (YA), Tae Keller
The Prophet Calls (YA), Melanie Sumrow
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl (YA), Stacy McAnulty

Through the Reading Glasses March 2019

Janet Moore, Library Trustee

As you read this, I will have just returned my son's dog, whom I had the pleasure of dog-sitting for the cold and snowy month of February. We have romped up and down the hills of East Andover, chasing "ball" and doing half-pipes on the snow banks, and although my jacket pocket will no longer smell like bacon treats, I have enjoyed every minute. She has put me in mind of the Mo Willems' story of "City Dog, Country Frog," a wonderfully goofy rendition of animal friendship. "I Walk with Vanessa" is another children's story of friendship, especially relevant at a time when we need to celebrate differences by sharing and caring. There are no words in this picture book, just colorful illustrations that depict the recognition of a need to pull together and be friends with one and all.

As the "narrator" picks up Vanessa to walk to school, other children join them until they arrive en masse and in united colors. It's a great little tale for our times.

At the other end of the spectrum is Mary Pipher, author of "Reviving Ophelia" and renowned researcher on girls and women in society. Her new book, "Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing As We Age," became an instant bestseller. Even though the title pretty much says it all, I'll also add that Pipher's take on life after the '60s includes a heavy dose of common sense with matching amounts of hope and humor.

One final book: Louise Penny's latest, "Kingdom of the Blind," has the reader following Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surete du Quebec, as he is forced to choose the good of the community over the welfare of an individual. Granted, the decision was a consequence of his own actions in bringing down a drug cartel, but nearing the end of his career in law enforcement, he, like Pipher, must reckon with the struggles and joys of aging in a world that seems to heavily favor the inexperience of youth.

Former Andover Resident Amanda Jurta's Upcoming Book: 'Pawprints on My Heart'

Former Andover resident Amanda Jurta now lives in Australia. The following interview was done by email.

Q. Has writing a book been a long-time goal of yours, or is it something that took root more recently?

A. I have been writing since I was very young- it was my creative outlet to process my interpretations of the world and my life experiences, especially as I became quite introverted with age. I knew that there was always a possibility I would write a book I wanted to share with others, but it would come to fruition in its own time.

Q. Which came first, the idea for the story or the desire to write a book?

A. I would call my book "divinely inspired." It came about in such a way that I could not question anything other than the fact that this was the story I was meant to share with others! I was awoken in the early hours of countless mornings with streams of thoughts, the product being pages and pages of inspired writing. The words continued to pour in and I began spending many



Amanda Jurta, author and Andover native.

hours a day writing in my notebook, guided by a most powerful force. I had more than enough meaningful content for a book!

Q. What else have you written that you are proud of?

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Children's Books:

City Dog, Country Frog, Mo Willems and Jon J. Muth
Love from The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Eric Carle
Lulu Is a Rhinoceros, Jason Flom
Pete the Cat: Valentine's Day Is Cool, Kimberly and James Dean
The Wonderful Things You Will Be, Emily Winfield Martin

Nonfiction:

Deadly Peaks, Frederic Hartemann and Robert Hauptman
Girl, Wash Your Face, Rachel Hollis
Imperfect Union, Charles Raasch
Deep Creek: Finding Hope in the High Country, Pam Houston
How Democracies Die, Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt
If This Be Treason, Jeremy Duda
The Runner-Up Presidency,

Mark Weston
Supremely Partisan, James Zirin and Kermit Roosevelt III
Fiction and Young Adult Fiction:
Circe, Madeline Miller
Dog On It: A Chet and Bernie Mystery, Spencer Quinn
Thereby Hangs A Tail: A Chet and Bernie Mystery, Spencer Quinn
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The Andover Congregational Church as it was known when this photo was taken around 1949. The "Two Room" school house is to the right.

70 Years and Counting—A Memoir of Childhood in East Andover

Karin Joyce Forsberg
Part 2 of 2

The entire article can be found on www.AndoverBeacon.com.

I was also friends with the Miller girls up the street from me, beyond the stream that was our property boundary. They were our closest neighbors. Edith and Margaret often visited my house and I went to theirs. Their father had a White-tail buck head and shoulders mount that

was huge. The story told was that he had been attacked by the deer, while it was in the rut. It was not hunting season and the deer pinned him against a large tree, trying to gore him, the longest rear tines straddling his body, stuck into the tree so they could not reach him. He wasn't armed but did have a knife and stabbed the deer several times, hitting the lungs. It finally died and he had it mounted. The tines were easily wide enough to span a man's body, so I believed them. They had great sledding in their yard and many winter days were spent there. Their brother, Elsworth (Smiley) about 16 at the time, had a handmade toboggan that we often used, mostly

ending in crashes. What did I know? I was eight and having a great time. I also remember a not so great time. We would ride to school on the school bus and one time, when it stopped to pick up the two girls, I believe it was Margaret who came out and told us that her little brother, David, had died of a burst appendix that morning and they would not be going to school that day. I remember David as a really sweet 3 or 4 year boy and I felt awful.

That first summer also brought me a puppy. Shep was a German Shepherd/Collie cross. One of 12 puppies born on a farm in town. Dad asked Mr. Augher-ton, a friend of his and, I believe a fellow Mason, if he would go and pick out a puppy for us. Shep was picked because she stood out by perching atop a large manure pile. She grew up to be a great dog and protected my mother and sister

one night at the diner from a very drunk man, with a bottle, who insisted that they were going to drink with him. Shep jumped down from the chair where she always slept, stood in front of him, head down, with bared teeth, snarling. He left quickly. This was just before closing as I slept peacefully upstairs.

Summer Sunday School was held, I believe, on Wednesdays, at a farm on Flaghole Road. The school bus would



Karin Joyce Forsberg with her parents John and Karin circa 1949.

pick each of us up at our homes, take us to the farm (sorry, I don't remember which one, other than it was on the left going towards Franklin) and bring us back after two hours. This is something that wouldn't be allowed nowadays, with separation of Church and State. We, in the Sunday school would be divided into two age groups. The older group to which Barbara and I belonged were free to roam over the fields, looking at steer skulls lying on stone walls and an enclosed Indian cemetery, while the younger ones were being taught. After an hour they would be turned loose and we would study. I do remember that we studied at tables under three huge trees; I seem to remember them as Maples. Marilyn taught Sunday school on Sundays. She had looked for a car in order to find work in Franklin and bought

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Jordan Tirell-Wysocki Trio in Concert in Warner

Friday, March 22 at 7 PM at Warner Town Hall

Press release

Warner Historical Society Presents an Evening of Celtic Music as Maple Weekend Kicks Off with "One of the most popular and most appreciated Celtic bands here in New Hampshire." (Kate McNally, NHPR)

You won't be able to stop your toes from tapping when the Jordan TW Trio brings their fresh spin on traditional Celtic music to Warner!

Award-winning fiddler Jordan Tirell-Wysocki will be joined by fellow New Hampshire natives Matt Jensen on guitar and Chris Noyes on upright bass. Their shows blend the music of Ireland and Scotland with their own original material. In 2013 Jordan was awarded the title of "Master Artist" by the NH State Council on the Arts, and later named "Best Fiddler 2016" by NH

Magazine. He recently composed the new theme music for New Hampshire Chronicle and the Trio formed the core band that recorded it.

The concert takes place Friday March 22, 7 to 9 PM at the Warner Town Hall. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the door, at the Historical Society Office at 15 West Main St, Main Street Bookends or online at www.warnerhistorical.org.

Maple Weekend is full of activities for the whole family. Visit www.KearsargeChamber.org for a full listing.

The Warner Historical Society formed 50 years ago to preserve, educate about, and keep alive Warner's heritage. The Society has yearly exhibits and programs in the Upton Chandler House Museum on Main Street, and maintains the Lower Warner Meeting House which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Director Donald R. Cox leads Kearsarge Chorale during a regular Monday rehearsal.

Kearsarge Chorale Kicks Off Spring With Concert

Sunday, April 28 at Sawyer Center Theater

Press release

Kearsarge Chorale, under the direction of Donald R. Cox, began rehearsals on January 28 in preparation for its spring concert, titled "It Might as Well Be Spring." The concert will be held at 3 PM on Sunday, April 28 at the Sawyer Center Theater at Colby-Sawyer

College in New London.

The program will include madrigals from the 16th and 20th centuries, a baroque song with flute accompaniment, love songs, spirituals, and familiar Broadway choruses.

Tickets will be available at Tatewell Gallery and Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London, at Main Street BookEnds in Warner, at kearsargechorale.org, and at the door.



Coming up: On Good Friday, April 19, the headliners will be the singer-songwriter duo Ashley and Eric L'Esperance, known as The Promise is Hope. Learn more at www.thepromiseishope.com.

Canadian Award Winning Folk Artist Featured at March Coffeehouse

Friday, March 15 at Highland Lake Grange Hall

Press release

Rob Lutes, winner of the 2018 Canadian Folk Music Award for Contemporary Singer of the Year for his album, *Walk in the Dark*, will grace the Andover Community Coffeehouse stage as featured performer on Friday evening, March 15.

The performance will begin at 7 PM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall, 7 Chase Hill Road in East Andover. Admission is free, although donations -- which are shared with the performers and the Andover Community Church, owner of the Grange Hall -- are gratefully accepted.

Who is Rob Lutes? His website (www.roblutes.com) explains:

"Since the release of his first album 'Gravity' in 2000, Rob Lutes has steadily built a collection of exquisite songs that inhabit the intersection of blues, folk, Americana, and the contemporary singer-songwriter genre. As skilled at delivering a Piedmont blues classic as he is performing his own acclaimed original songs, Lutes's masterful finger-style guitar work and soulful voice bring an unmistakable intensity to his live performances."

About his award-winning album, one reviewer writes: "Walk in the Dark is an exquisite collection of songs that highlight Lutes's unmistakable voice and literary writing style."

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 March concert is the

Andover Elementary/Middle School, "fully committed to helping all children of Andover prepare for the challenges of our constantly changing society." Sponsor support helps to underwrite coffeehouse expenses.

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

About the Andover Community Coffeehouse:

Now in its fifth year of offering free concerts to the public, the Coffeehouse is managed and staffed entirely by volunteers. New volunteers are always needed to help with duties such as talent bookings, community outreach, audiovisual support, venue arrangements, and the like. Those interested in joining in the fun should contact andovercommunity03216@gmail.com.

A photographic record of past Coffeehouse performers, both headliners and open-mic participants, is shown on the Coffeehouse website at andovercoffeehouse.org, and on the Facebook page "Andover Community Coffeehouse." The website also lists future bookings through the end of 2019.

Video recordings of concerts are shown on a number of community-access channels across the state, and they are available for viewing anytime on the Andover town website at www.andover-nh.gov and then "community videos". 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 Hub.



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The Trail...Get On It!

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Our EMS team launched our new Mobile Integrated Health Service to visit patients in their first 24 to 48 hours after discharge, ensuring that patients' needs are being met at home, thus reducing unnecessary readmissions.

The Meditronic O-arm provides a real-time image of a patient's anatomy during minimally-invasive spine surgery to ensure unparalleled safety and accuracy.

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The high health station in our main lobby allows guests to "own their own health" by checking and tracking their "numbers" in many categories, including weight, BMI, pulse, and blood pressure.

Our D-HH membership has increased revenue by improving the availability and quality of the medical services we offer. We benefit from joint purchasing and from better investment, audit, and refinancing services. The result is a strong balance sheet, improved cash position, stronger revenue growth, and reduced expenses in some areas.

The support of the community throughout the year has humbled us, from Hospital Days to the Annual Benefit to the 100th Anniversary Concert. We are truly appreciative of people's engagement and participation.

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKGC), founded in 1993, is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization to promote hiking and land conservation. The 75-mile

SRK Greenway (SRKG) links Mount Sunapee, Ragged Mountain, and Mount Kearsarge.

Hiking trails are an important benefit to the community, with associated recreational, economic, and health benefits. Much of the SRKG passes over private property and would not exist without the generosity of many landowners.

The SRKG extends through ten towns, with 9.4 miles in Andover. In September 2018, the SRKGC posted a detour of the Greenway while Ever-source is working on the power line which crosses Dawes Road.

SRKGC, Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club, and Proctor Academy reconstructed a trail bridge between Proctor and Balancing Rock in 2018. Thanks to the many volunteers and to the Quabbin to Cardigan Partnership for materials!

In January 2018, the SRKGC sponsored an intensive two-day Wilderness First Aid course at Colby-Sawyer College. Over 100 people participated. The SRKGC hosted a trail maintenance day in the spring to clear and re-mark the SRKG from Proctor, over Ragged, to New Canada Road.

Anne Hewitt and Sooze Hodgson are Andover's members on the SRKGC board. Many individuals help keep Andover's portion of the SRKG repaired and blazed, and we are always looking for more help: e-mail us at SRKGC@srkg.com.

SRKG.com has maps of the entire Greenway, hike schedules and events, landowner information, re-routing of trails, membership details, and links to other hiking trails in New Hampshire.

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to see other dogs that are off leash on the Rail Trail. They want to go play with the other dogs they see down the trail.

AB: How do you react to a day on the trail?

ML: There is a lot of instinct that kicks in on the trail. First, I'm anxious about what could go wrong. But I'm often smiling ear to ear when everything is going smoothly.

I just love how happy the dogs are when they are running. I love how they press up against me during breaks, and all those slobbery husky kisses!

I love when the snowmobilers stop and ask about my pups. Almost always, one rider has had a husky in their life.

What is hardest physically is breaking trail, and being dragged. I have to be quick on my feet to grab the sled before they are gone without me. It would be a long walk back to the truck.

Emotionally, what's hard for me is fear. Fear that something awful will happen to my dogs. My dogs are scared of snowmobiles, so I always stop my team when they approach. Sometimes I will go stand next to the dogs.

I also worry very much about dogs

not on leashes. That stresses me the most. I don't want to have any dog fights or severe entanglements.

AB: Where do you enjoy mushing around Andover?

ML: The Rail Trail is excellent, as it is near my house and it goes on for miles and miles! Musers are losing trails all over New Hampshire for various reasons. It would be a dream to have places just for mushers to run, like they do in Alaska.

AB: Any interest or experience in competition?

ML: Right now, I do not have interest in competition. The main reason is my dogs are still a bit too young to do a 25-mile mid-distance race. I need good weather conditions for the whole winter to train the team.

AB: Can we root for you in the Iditarod in March? Someday?

ML: I would have to leave New England in December just to get to Alaska, train, and then race 1,000 miles, and then get home! If the Iditarod ever does end up on my bucket list, then it's safe to think I've been divorced!

For more information about Michelle and her dogs, visit Ragged Mountain Mushing on Facebook.

**"Singin' In The Rain"
To Feature Actual "Rain"**

March 28-31 at Franklin Opera House

Press release

Franklin Footlight Theatre has taken on some challenges over its 23 year history, but this month's production of "Singin' in the Rain" is unprecedented. The actors performing at the Franklin Opera House will be singing and dancing in real rain on stage. Director Karielle Anzaldi says she had only one strong desire for this show... real rain. So set designer and technical director Chris Schroeder is making it happen.

The "Greatest Movie Musical of All Time" is faithfully and lovingly adapted by Broadway legends, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, from their original award-winning screenplay in "Singin' in the Rain." Each unforgettable scene, song, and dance is accounted for, including the show-stopping title number, complete with an onstage rainstorm! "Singin' in the Rain" has all the

makings of a Tinseltown tabloid headline –the starlet, the leading man, and a love affair that could change lives and make or break careers! In silent movies, Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are a hot item but, behind the scenes, things aren't always as they appear on the big screen! Meanwhile, Lina's squeaky voice might be the end of her career in "talking pictures" without the help of a talented young actress to do the talking and singing for her. Filled with every memorable moment from the film and a downpour of unforgettable songs, "Singin' in the Rain" is a "can't miss" production.

Performances are March 28-30 at 7:30 PM., and two matinees March 30-31 at 2:00 PM at Franklin Opera House, located in historic Franklin City Hall at 316 Central Street. Tickets are \$14 and \$16, available online at www.FranklinOperaHouse.org, or by calling (603) 934-1901 during office hours.

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Center for The Arts' 2019 Winter Performing Arts Series

Performances in March and April

Press release

The Center for the Arts Winter Performing Arts Series has two more events planned in March and April.

Enjoy an A Cappella Concert with The New Hampshire Troubadours on Sunday, March 10 at 2 PM at Whipple Hall, 25 Seamans Road, New London NH. Founded and directed by Susan Cancio-Bello members include: David Almond (bass), New London, Linda Barnes (soprano), Salisbury, Susan Cancio-Bello (soprano) Sunapee, Carol Foss (tenor), New London, Jonathan Fowler (tenor), New London, Elizabeth Howell (alto), South Sutton, Molly Kidane (alto), New London, Laura McCoy (soprano), Newport, Knick Moschella (bass), Enfield, Dave Munn (bass), Sunapee, Nina Rogers (alto),

New London, Judy Thackaberry (soprano), Sunapee, and Kendra West-Senor (alto), Warner.

The final performance in the series happens on April 27 at 7 PM and features the old time music of the Bradford Bog People. Often aired on NHPR, they present mostly traditional acoustic music from the Appalachian Mountains on banjo, fiddle, and guitar. Enjoy these beautiful harmonies along with some clogging as well. Members include; Beth Eldridge: fiddle, guitar, vocals; Tii McLane: banjo, fiddle, guitar, vocals; and Woody Pringle: banjo and mandolin. This performance will take place in Warner, at the Warner Town Hall.

Tickets for all the performances can be purchased at Morgan Hill Bookstore and Tatewell Gallery in New London, or online at www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org.

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a Model A Ford, a tin Lizzie, as they were called. (When my brother came for his summer vacation he took my cousin Kaye and me for a learn-to-drive ride in our baseball field across the street. Kaye remembers it vividly.)

Marilyn worked for Mr. Frank Poblentz, the local photographer. This was before color prints, and Marilyn's job was to colorize photos using a form of oil paint that was almost transparent and didn't cover the photo but lightly stained it to show skin, eyes, lips, hair and clothing in it's actual state. It was painstaking work and Marilyn excelled at it. Marilyn also had a side hobby. Dad would cut down a White Birch tree about 4-5 inches in diameter. He would cut the trunks up diagonally so they would be an elongated oval about 3/4 in. thick and 4x6 in. width and length. These would dry, be sanded smooth, and then she would



Marilyn's "Tin Lizzie" parked at the "Red Shingle."

room and new teacher. Dad had been trying to find work and it was proving difficult. The money from the sale of their home in Illinois had run low and the diner didn't make enough as the cold weather set in. If you didn't have a business of your own or a relative who would hire you, jobs were few and far between. I don't know how but he finally found a job, driving a truck out of Elmira, NY. Mom and Marilyn still ran the diner and dad appeared every few

weeks when his job brought him to the area. I remember one time, he had called and said he would be home that evening. The hours passed and mom really began to worry. Every time she looked at a clock her fear increased. I went around turning the clocks around so she couldn't see them, hoping that if she didn't see the time she wouldn't worry. She noticed but didn't say anything to me, and finally dad came. I don't remember what kept him, we were so happy he was there.



Andover photographer Frank Poblentz (right) and son Robert are photographed while taking a photograph about 1950.

paint hunting dogs, bass, pickerel or any theme to do with the outdoor sports that were so loved by the people of this part of the country. After painting she would seal the wood and paint with, I think, Shellac. It wouldn't surprise me at all if there are some of them still hanging on walls in the area.

Marilyn also remembers a time when she and her friends camped overnight on top of Mt Kearsarge. Mr. Thompson had driven them up to the halfway parking/picnic area along with food and bedding. They would climb to the top to sleep and come down in the morning to the halfway point where Mr. Thompson would come up with breakfast and take them back home. Marilyn remembers waking early and finding the top in bright sunlight and the entire world below them enveloped in fog, like they were on top of a cloud. Because the top of Kearsarge was the tallest peak in the area she felt like she was the only person there. As she watched, the fog slowly evaporated from the top down. Slowly, other mountain tops were revealed, like islands in a sea of white. Finally, the brilliant warmth of the sun dissipated the fog and the world returned to normal. That memory is as clear today as it was the day it was made

The next fall and winter came and I was now in fourth grade with a new

That was a long and cold winter. One morning mom took a call—there was to be no school that day. The actual temperature was -38 degrees; it was not windchill or any other thing they announce today making it seem colder than it actually is. It was 70 degrees below freezing! We did not have insulated anything to wear and the temperature was truly life threatening. I was not allowed to go out all day even though the sun was brilliant. I contented myself to drawing with my fingernail in the 1/4" of rime frost growing inside our windows.

As the winter eased into maple sugaring time we were invited to the Frost home for a hot syrup throwing party. There is a name for it but I don't remember what it is. Mom stayed with the diner and Marilyn took me to the party. Tim and I went to search in the woods for really clean snow, not easy in March. We carried a shallow, steel wash tub and when we found clean snow we scooped it up, moving from pile to pile until the tub was half full. We placed the tub next to a fire where the syrup was hot. A ladle of some sort was used to scoop up the hot syrup and it was thrown onto the bed of snow. It would freeze instantly, forming a lacy, thin filigree of solid maple syrup. Delightful to either lick or crunch, which ever way

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tems and air pollution. We have heard testimony about telephone and internet service, net neutrality, woodchip biomass, plus energy and environmental goals, to name just a few. Some of these bills have immediate consequences for our towns, and most have consequences that reach far into the future. How we get our electricity and communications, how reliable these services are, and how much they will cost are vitally important issues to our families, to our town's children and elders, as well as to the future economic prosperity of our towns. I'm happy I can bring my technical and scientific experience to help find the best outcomes. My priorities are solidly with the people of our towns, not with big players that want to ignore us, bypass us or turn a quick buck at our expense.

There are three additional subcommittees I've been asked to serve on. One is concerned with electric utilities net metering regulations. The second is doing a deeper study on a bill requiring large buildings and hotels to upgrade their phone systems to automatically report location when a 911 call is placed. The third committee is the state's web transparency committee. These subcommittees have not yet held their initial meetings, so I will report on them in the next Report from Concord."

David Karrick was selected to serve

a third term on the powerful Ways & Means Committee, which studies and predicts State revenues. David's expertise as a former vice president of a well-known global financial advising company makes him an especially experienced member of this standing committee. The Ways and Means Committee initially spends a great deal of time listening to testimony about the state of the New Hampshire economy, the national economy and predictions for the next couple of years. It also hears testimony from most of the New Hampshire State Agencies including Public Works, the State Treasurer, the Liquor Commission, Agriculture, Fish and Game, Economic Development, Motor Vehicles, and several others. Ways and Means also reviews and hears testimony on at least a hundred bills often referred from other committees. Members of the Committee then vote that each bill either be passed into law by the Legislature, or to not be approved. There are times where committee members vote along party lines but frequently they all agree to vote the same way on a particular bill. Some of David's priorities this session are bills that would restore and increase State funding for all Public Schools, restore State funding to the State and local Government Employees Retirement System, share State fees and taxes with our towns such as the Rooms and Meals Taxes, and lower the Towns' dependence on Property taxes.

Apple Farm from page 23

In the fall of 1992, the first Highland Lake Apple Farm Apple fest was held. It became an annual event lasting twenty-five years. People from far and near would attend. Peter made his famous cabbage soup. Mary made apple cakes- all with products from the farm. Hot dogs and burgers were grilled. They hosted a big Italian dinner in the evening with as many as 35-45 guests. There were bagpipers, accordion players and various other musicians who entertained throughout the weekend. There was a pumpkin growing contest and pressing apples to make fresh cider. Jams, vinegar, marmalade, chutney and other goodies made at the farm were sold at the farm stand. Visitors were encouraged to pick their own apples. The two-day event truly was a celebration of community, harvest and good living.

Peter and Mary have welcomed many school groups to the farm over the years. As a side line - In 2015, Mary published the book, "Willy Finds a Home" about their beloved cat, Willy. Willy was the "official apple orchard greeter, guardian and cashier". Following the publication, many children and adults stopped to see Willy. Peter has given countless free workshops on the care and pruning of trees. He has generously shared his knowledge of bee keeping, production of honey, apples, cider making and vinegar with others. They have been supporters and participants of the Wilmot Farmers Market as

well as other local grower events. **50 Maple Street has a long history**

In 1974, Ralph Chaffee wrote in "East Andover and its People", p. 41, "In the large house opposite that of Mrs. Stella Thompson, Mrs. Ethel Nelson ran a boarding house for power plant employees and others in 1924. Oramil Ezekiel Eastman built the present buildings in 1866 and made it his long time home. No doubt there were other buildings of some sort before the present ones, but the only brief record says that Capt. Enoch Merrill once lived there. Lawrence C. and Marie N. Rising [Rising and Charles furniture repair shop in the old ice house boarding house] now own and reside there." (Stella Thompson died in 1968. In 1974, the house across the road would have been owned by Mark and Sandy Thompson.)

Louise Wood bought the home in 1981/82 and lived there until her death in 1985. She enjoyed its history and hosted many social gatherings for the community.

Mary and Peter have added another rich and joyful chapter to its history. Now, they say it is time to find new owners who will enjoy and care for it as much as they have.

Mary and Peter and Willy are presently residing at Lyon Brook Community Association in New London, New Hampshire. The Highland Lake Apple Farm is listed with Coldwell Banker real estate in new london.

Maple Weekend Activities Planned in Warner

Breakfast, Tours of Sap Houses & Much More!

Press release

Warner's maple producers join with the town's organizations and businesses to create a town-wide maple celebration. The weekend begins on Friday evening with an art show reception at Main Street Bookends, followed by the Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio in concert at the Warner Town Hall.

The action picks up bright and early each morning with a pancake breakfast brought to you by the United Church of Warner and the Warner Historical Society. Breakfast features maple syrup made in Warner.

Nine sap houses will be demonstrating how they turn sap into maple syrup and other maple treats: Baker's Syrup, Bates Maple Syrup, Beaver Meadowbrook Farm, Blackwater Maples, Courser Farm Sugar Kings, Kearsarge Gore Farm, Kimball's Sugar House, Rogers Maple Syrup and Turyn's Tap'n & Sap'n. Each sap house has a unique personality and they'll have different treats, so you'll want to visit as many as you can. Maps are available at the Town Hall, Pillsbury Free Library, Main

Street Bookends, Schoodacs and at the sap houses. Have the sap houses note your visit on your map. Afterwards, show the folks at Schoodacs your map to get a maple surprise!

There are lots more family activities around town: children's crafts at the Pillsbury Free Library, read-aloud maple sugaring stories at Main Street Bookends, learn to identify maple leaves and bark and make a mokuk (a bark bucket to store maple sugar) at the Nature Discovery Center and see a traditional Native American method of turning sap into syrup, sample Native foods and snowshoe on the grounds of Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum. The NH Telephone Museum and Warner Public Market will be open and Country Cobwebs will have maple products for sale.

When you're hungry, dine on delicious food made with maple syrup at The Local, Foothills, Charlie Macs Pizzeria, Schoolhouse Café, or Schoodacs Coffee House. But leave room for a spaghetti supper Saturday night by the Merrimack County 4-H Ox Bows at the Town Hall.

Check www.KearsargeChamber.org for all the details.

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Literary Arts Guild is Calling all Poets

Entries for poetry contest due March 10

Press release

The Literary Arts Guild of the Center for the Arts, Lake Sunapee Region invites all local poets to submit poems for their upcoming “A Celebration of Poetry Month” Poetry Contest. The theme for the contest is “The Courage to Create”. All New Hampshire poets may submit one original unpublished poem inspired by this theme. Members of the Center For the Arts’ Literary Arts Guild are not eligible for this contest. The judge for the contest will be Ala Khaki, a distinguished Iranian/American poet from New Hampshire. There will

be one winner in each of the following categories: High School, Middle School and Elementary School. The Complete rules for submission can be found at www.centerfortheartsnh.org/literary-arts. Submissions should be mailed by March 10, 2019 to Dianalee Velie, PO Box 290, Newbury, NH 03255, (603) 938-2734, dianaleevelie@aol.com.

The winning poets will be honored and invited to read their poems at a public celebration of poetry on Friday, April 5 from 5:30-7:30 PM at The Meeting Room of the Newbury Town Offices, 937 Route 103, Newbury, NH. This event is free and open to the public.

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staff to review our operations and make recommendations for switching to a source separated program. The recommendation was to purchase 2 balers and 3 storage containers for baling and storing mixed paper, mixed plastics and aluminum cans. All other recycling, including glass, e-waste, batteries, florescent bulbs, tires, metal, etc. remains the same. The balers and storage containers were purchased using the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and a grant from New Hampshire the Beautiful.

TOWN OFFICE/LIBRARY BUILDING

The Select Board and the Library Trustees have been looking at an alternative plan to replacing the handicapped accessible ramp and to improve the entrance to the library. The ramp is aging and the granite steps are steep and slippery. We are looking to redesign the entire entrance to include regrading and creating a small outdoor community space. The primary goal is to improve safety and accessibility. We are looking at using multiple sources of funding including grants and community fundraisers. We are not asking for money at town meeting this year, as plans are still being developed and we hope to get a lot of community feedback during the year.

Inside the Town Office Building, we are planning to bump out the wall dividing the reception area and the administration area to provide more space and an improved layout for administrative staff. This will come out of the town building maintenance line of the operating budget.

VERIZON TOWER

Plans for the Verizon Communications Tower on the hill adjacent to the Transfer Station are ongoing. Verizon is waiting for the federal permit process to be completed. As you may recall, the tower will generate a six figure leasing fee from Verizon divided over the next 20 years.

TECHNOLOGY

The town has developed a plan with MainStay Technologies, our IT company, that will work in 5 year cycles. This will include workstation replacement and upgrades, security and backups and software upgrades. The town office will be switching from a “dummy server” to Azure Directory Server, which is a cloud host server leased by the town. The cost is about half that of a physical server. Cloud hosted servers are better at authenticating incoming data and backup is

automatic.

ENERGY USE AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

Town Meeting in March 2017 approved air-based heat pumps and solar panels for the town office/library building to save energy and lower costs for the town. The heat pumps were installed in April 2017 and the solar panels went live at the end of October 2017. We now have a year of experience with the new systems.

Here are key results:

The solar panels are producing the power expected, and even a little more, in a year with higher than normal rain and cloud cover (22,105 kWh produced compared to 21,820 expected)

The PV system meets the needs of the building (the building consumed a total of 21,681 kWhs, a little less than it produced).

The energy upgrades and solar panels together saved the Town approximately \$560 in electricity and oil costs. Once the Town owns the solar panel system, that savings will rise substantially: for this year, the savings would be approximately \$2900. As New Hampshire Electric Co-op rates continue to rise, these expected annual savings will grow.

Now that we better understand the performance of the heat pumps and the solar panels, we can adjust heating and cooling patterns to use more of the power the solar panels generate directly in the building (versus “exporting” it to the Co-op for a credit), with the expectation that this will further reduce Co-op bills as well as oil usage.

Staff and visitors to the Town Offices say that the lighting, temperature control and air quality are all improved. The quiet and steady air conditioning by the heat pumps is especially appreciated.

Finally, since going live in late October 2017, the Town Offices solar PV system has saved over 36,000 pounds of CO2 from entering the atmosphere, the equivalent of over 910 newly planted trees! This shows that it is possible both to save money and to help the environment.

KENO 603

Keno 603 is a new game being offered to cities and towns by the New Hampshire Lottery as of December 2017. Establishments holding a valid liquor license (a “pouring establishment”) can offer the game. All revenue generated by the game goes to funding full-day kindergarten. Voters must approve the operation of Keno by a vote at Town Meeting. All towns that offer full-day kindergarten, even those that do not vote to allow Keno, will receive these funds. Google “Keno 603” to find out more about the game.

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Three Rivers Foundation Awards First Scholarship

Press release

The Three Rivers Foundation has selected Justine Short (Laconia) to receive a \$2,400 scholarship. Ms. Short, a student at Lakes Region Community College in Laconia, is studying towards a dual major in Accounting and Hospitality Management. Ms. Short graduated from Spaulding High School in Rochester in June 2016, and began attending Lakes Region Community College in the fall of 2016.

“We are thrilled to be working with Justine as she works towards her educational and career goals”, said Deb Tessier, Treasurer of the Three Rivers Foundation. “After meeting with her, we were beyond impressed with her tenacity and commitment towards her education. She exemplifies our mission of helping students work towards a goal of obtaining a vocational education and becoming a vital contributor to our local economy.”

Three Rivers Foundation, based in Tilton, NH, formed in 2017 with a mission of developing collaborative relationships with local businesses, existing labor partners, schools, and

students, as well as to encourage prospective students to pursue new opportunities about which they are most passionate. The subsequent aim is to allow the scholarship students to work, and to remain connected to the local community. For more information about the Three Rivers Foundation, please visit www.ThreeRivers-Foundation.com.

Andover resident, Pecco Beaufays is currently serving as president of the organization.



Justine Short, a student at Lakes Region Community College is the first person to receive a scholarship from the Three Rivers Foundation.

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you liked best. Never got to do it again but I remember it vividly.

As spring and summer came mom and dad realized that we had to move to a place where dad could work and still be at home. Long distance trucking was not going to work. They decided to move back to Worcester. In late summer they rented an apartment in the tenement were my aunt, uncle and cousin Lived. We moved but kept the house in NH where mom and dad would retire in 1962, to spend the rest of their lives in the place they had grown to love. Every available weekend was spent back in NH. Dad continued to renovate the house. He put in central heating and moved the stairs, which at the time led to a trap door to the attic. We dug out the earth and put in a foundation under the house. which was shockingly missing when the house was built a long time ago.

All of our summers were spent there. especially during the polio outbreaks that plagued summers in MA. My mother along with her sisters Elsie and Nea and their kids, my cousins, Kaye, Gail and Judy. My brother would come with his family, over time including his three girls for their vacation. We spent long, lazy days playing, climbing Kearsarge, going to “The Taste of the Wild” (where we watched them make local, wild berry jams. They were written about in the “Reader’s Digest.”), swimming and picking our own wild blueberries. Each of us would be given a cup and asked to fill it and my mother would bake a pie for dinner that night.

They didn’t have to ask us twice. My father would spend his two week vacation with us and, when possible, he would bring my uncles with him. so they could also be with their families. None of us missed TV, which we all had by that time in MA. We got up with the sun and followed it to bed. I learned to play chess and poker as well as many games of Monopoly, Clue and got to be a crack shot with a BB rifle, lever action .22 and .38 revolver. Dad being a hunter it was inevitable.

I too, would leave New Jersey & Manhattan and come home to New Hampshire in September of 1972. All in all it was a wonderful time to be young and a great place to be a kid. To live a life fully. in a world of fierce individuality that really doesn’t exist anymore. To have been a part of it has been an amazing experience that I wouldn’t give it up for anything.

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Harlem Wizards Come to MVHS

The Merrimack Valley High School Girls Lacrosse Team Boosters is very excited to be bringing the world-famous Harlem Wizards entertainment basketball team to our school for a community event fundraiser. This is an awe-inspiring, two-hour basketball show featuring six talented players with electric personalities. The show is filled with Tricks, Hoops and Alley-oops with an

interactive comedic halftime show and finale. A wonderful night of fun for the entire family. The Wizards will be playing against a team made up of our own Merrimack Valley & Andover School Districts teachers, staff and principals. The event will take place on Friday April 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Merrimack Valley High School and we are hoping for a sellout crowd.

Trivia Night in Wilmot

March 8 at 7 PM
at WCA Red Barn

Press release

That’s right. The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) will hold its inaugural Trivia Night from 7 to 9 PM on Friday, March 8 at the Red Barn, 64 Village Road in Wilmot. Whether you are a whiz at astronomy, music, or the history of television sitcoms, here’s your chance to show off your expertise.

Come one and all for a fast-paced, fun and funny evening with your friends and neighbors. You can form a team of six in advance or make new friends and build one the night of the event. The cost of this fabulous evening is \$10 per person. Seating is limited and pre-registration is encouraged. You can register online at www.wilmotwca.org/upcoming-events/.

The doors will open at 6:30 PM on the night of the event. There will be

snacks for sale and participants can BYOB. There will be prizes for the winners so bring your thinking caps. Speaking of thinking caps, we even have a prize for the team with the best hats. Funds raised during the evening will support WCA programs.

The WCA was established in 1963. Throughout the year, the not-for-profit organization sponsors and co-sponsors free and low-cost entertainment, recreation and educational activities for families, adults and seniors. The WCA owns and operates the Red Barn, a community center on Village Road, and Timothy Patten Park, a beach and playground on Shindagan Road in Wilmot. In addition to community events, the Red Barn is available for rent for private events and parties.

You can find more information about the WCA and Trivia Night online at www.WilmotWCA.org and the WCA’s Facebook page.

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Extension Service Offers Free Workshops in March

Apple tree pruning and backyard Maple Syrup

Press release

A demonstration on pruning of mature apple trees will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 10 to 1 PM. at Hackleboro Orchard, 61 Orchard Road, Canterbury, NH.

The workshop, provided by the University of NH Cooperative Extension Service includes principles of pruning, techniques, and tools. Suggested donation of \$5.00 can be made at the event. Contact jeremy.delisle@unh.edu or call

603-796-2151 for more information.

As part of Maple Weekend, UNH Cooperative Extension Natural Resources Field Specialist, Tim Fleury, will talk about the steps, from tree to table, in making your own maple syrup. This workshop is meant for first timers and beginner sugar makers having less than 75 taps. All aspects of maple sugaring will be covered, including tree identification and tapping, collecting and boiling sap, finishing, filtering and packing syrup.

For more information Contact Canterbury Shaker Village at 603-783-9511. 

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to see if anything has changed since the last time, they visited the property.

- After the field reviews, all property owners will receive a letter notification containing the preliminary values. See attached.

- The re-evaluation must be completed by October 1, 2019.

- The Town will need to file for an extension for the MS1.

- Although the State recommends the Assessing Company to file a bond with the town, in the past, the Town has not required Avitar to do so. Avitar has assessed Andover properties since 1992.

- Avtar will provide an insurance bond.

- Lauren Martin will supervise the project. Kerry Connor will do the field work.

- Once this process is completed, the Town will receive a Universal Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices (USPAP) manual which explains how the properties were assessed. The information can be put on the Town's website. A town road map is included along with the people and their certifications noted that were involved in this project. The Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) will also receive a copy for oversight.

- The utilities will be assessed unless State law changes.

DRA Role in the re-evaluation

Sam Green explained their role is to oversee the assessors as follows:

- Initially, Avitar will send out a postcard to property owners notifying them ahead of the actual visit. If the property owner does not want Avitar there, they can refuse the visit.

- Avitar will also let the police department know they are in town. Their vehicles are well marked on the outside.

- The USPAP is the key, the Bible, the owner's manual for assessing properly.

- The goal is to make sure the contracted people who are assessing the properties are doing the work properly, consistently across the board, and in a timely manner.

- DRA will oversee Avitar's work by reviewing the sales, the records, and look at some of the properties that Avitar uses to check their work.

- DRA will also check the exemptions, the school credits, along with the current use properties.

- DRA will also check to make sure the PA-33 is on file. This is required for life estates, trusts, and revocable trusts. There must be an equitable ownership interest in the property for the PA-33 to be filed.

- Hearings will be set up for anyone who has questions with Avitar's assessment. DRA will also be in attendance for these hearings to answer questions and to do an exit interview with people who felt their assessment is incorrect.

- At the end of the process, when the Town's re-evaluation is completed, a letter will be sent out that basically

says "Congratulations." This letter is required by State statute.

Greene indicated that Town Meeting Day is a good time to let the town's people know that the solar credit application is due by April 15, 2019.

Mishcon made a motion to go into Non-Public Session by Roll Call Vote:

The Board entered into Non-Public Session at 7:30 PM.

Conservation Commission

January 19, 2019

Condensed from approved minutes

Members Present: Jerry Hersey, Tina Cotton, Alan McIntyre, Mary Anne Broshek, Jesse Schust and Paul Currier

Correspondence: (since November meeting)

- White Oak package from Marj Roy requesting input from CC. (Note: The CC input was sent via email dated 12/27/18)

- FEMA letter advising of meeting on 12/11/18

- GM2/DOT letter (emailed by Marj on December 11) asking for CC input regarding mitigation around future culvert by Fenvale. Tina sent a draft response to CC members for comment in December. Tina sent the CC input to the GM2/DOT consultant 12/28/18.

- ASLPT letter requesting membership dues of \$100. Jerry made a motion that the CC pay the dues, Alan seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

- ASLPT Update – Jesse

Jesse went to his first meeting as an Andover representative on the ASLPT Outreach Committee. He met a number of other representatives and found the meeting very helpful. Bradford CC has done a survey of the class 6 roads which has resulted in a report about the current state and uses of each of these roads. Jesse suggested that Andover might try doing a similar project.

Proposed Changes to Village Districts:– (presentation by Paul Currier)

Paul showed us the plans for proposed village district and discussed the maps in great detail. He used a projector and laptop to project maps on the wall. This proved very helpful in understanding the proposed village district. Paul explained that the reason the Planning Board was proposing an expansion of the current village district zones is to encourage the development of village areas that correspond with the town master plan.

Mary Anne will submit the CC comments on the expansion at the 1/22/19 public hearing. Member are encouraged to attend.

QGIS Mapping:

Paul showed us how he uses shape files and layers in QGIS, a free GIS mapping software, in order to produce maps of many different types. In addition to reviewing the proposed village districts, we reviewed a number of locations of relevance to the CC. These

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Franklin Animal Shelter Upcoming Fundraising Events

Press release

The Franklin Animal Shelter's fundraising events are filling our calendar with many exciting programs.

Our calendar begins with FunSpot 2019 Indoor Triathlon. The Saving Animals 15th annual indoor triathlon is being held on Saturday, March 23, 10 to 4 PM in Weirs Beach, NH, and the Franklin Animal Shelter has been added to the list of recipients. The competitions include bowling, golf & games. Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the end of the competition. All team members get a 2019 Triathlon shirt & a free pizza lunch. Support the animal shelter by signing up with your team. Teams who bring in pledges get tickets for the Super Pledges Prize. More pledges equal more entries! 2019 Super Pledge Prize at the end of the competition is a 5-day cruise to the Bahamas or Caribbean for 2. There will also be 50/50 raffle tickets available. Join the fun... sign up today. Limited number of team spots available. A 4-person team entry fee is \$200. For more information: FunspotNH.com or FUNds4paws.org.

Hannafords has selected the Franklin Animal shelter to participate in the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program for the month of March. For every reusable bag, the shelter will receive \$1. Please consider purchasing a bag to support the shelter.

The Franklin Animal Shelter Dinner Dance is being held at the NEW Franklin Lodge of Elks 1280 on April 13. Cocktail hour from 5 to 6 PM followed by dinner at 6. DJing the evening playing your favorite music will be Lakes Region Entertainment. There will be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are available by contacting Christine Dzujna and are \$25 per person. Please note no tickets will be sold at the door.

How about getting those sneakers ready for the annual Animal Shelter 5K? The race is being held on Sunday, May 26 at Paul Smith School, 41 Daniel Webster Drive in Franklin, NH. Bib pick up and same day registration kicks off at 8 AM. and will close at 8:50. The course is U.S. track and field certified.

The Franklin Animal Shelter provides a place where Good Samaritan rescuers and those no longer able to care for pets can turn for help. The Shelter provides food, warm beds, needed medical attention and loving care.

The Franklin Animal Shelter is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Tax deductible contributions may be made through the website, www.franklinanimalshelter.com, or mailed to PO Box 265, Franklin, NH 03235. Be the set of hands that saves a set of paws.

For more information, please contact Christine Dzujna at 934-7163. 

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included: Andover wetlands, White Oak pit, Bog Pond, Elbow Pond, and Bradley Lake. Paul's work with QGIS uses data sets that are similar to those used by Laura Alexander and Harvey Pine (for their work with the CC). Jesse hopes to learn more about how to use QGIS and Paul has offered to share some of what he's learned about how to use the tool.

Shoreland Protection:

Jenny Bodwell is currently working on a Beacon Article and letter to Andover property owners with shore frontage on lakes and rivers covered by the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. There have been several recent tree cuts that violate the Shoreland Protection act. Jenny pointed out that the DES information is complicated and these rules could be written in a clearer way to ensure that landowners know how to follow the rules. Hopefully this guide will help prevent further violations of the Shoreland Protection act in Andover. Paul offered to provide us with a map of shoreland water quality protection zone in Andover. Tina suggested that we plan another presentation this summer about lakes and water quality like the one we held in the fall as requested by residents who attended the fall program. A summer program would allow more seasonal residents to attend. NH Lakes and DES both seemed open to the idea. We are also planning a summer workshop on rain gardens.

Eversource Update:

Jesse has been in touch with Eversource and the NH Division of Historical Resources with regard to the Eversource tower replacement project. The project took a different route than planned on the section powerline immediately east of Bridge Street. The CC was not notified of the change, and the new route went through an area of potential archeological sensitivity. In addition, a stone wall was removed on the east side of Bridge Road. The CC was not notified of this. Eversource has offered to escort representatives from the CC along the route to allow us to see if any additional changes/impacts exist along the route. Jesse will organize this. The Division of Historical Resources also contacted Eversource and were given assurances that the stone wall would be restored. The Division of Historical Resources told Jesse that the new route is unlikely to have damaged archaeologically significant land due to the specific location. Additionally, there was an Eversource related vehicle crash on the access route very near to Kearsarge Mountain Road. The crash resulted in a diesel fuel spill and some hydraulic fluid leakage. The DES sent an emergency team to inspect the situation and take measures to limit the impact on Mountain Brook. Mary Anne contacted DES and received an initial report from Robert Bishop. This report was forwarded to Marj Roy. Jesse has had reports that neighbors smelled die-

sel fuel in the vicinity of the brook the following day. Jesse will ask Eversource if they are willing to offer well tests to residents with surface wells nearby

DES Wetland Rules:

The rules for Wetlands are currently under review and dramatic changes have been proposed. The shortened timeline from receipt of an application to permit approval will make it harder for the local conservation commissions to have a role in reviewing proposed wetland impacts. Mary Anne has been working on this and has submitted comments. The deadline for comments is January 18th. The NHACC has also submitted comments.

Outstanding Items from 2018:

Update of the Town record of the Andover CC members and their terms was reviewed for the town report.

Mary Anne will be trying to ensure that the newer members of the CC understand where the resources and files of the CC are and how to use them.

Wetland Markers:

Jesse arranged for wetland marker signs and 25 delineator posts from the NH Department of Corrections. They came to a total of \$450. Specifically, this is \$199 for 100 printed reflective 4"x4" wetland marker signs (\$1.99 each), a \$25 one-time digitizing fee, and \$226 for 25 galvanized 7' sign posts (\$9.04 each). The signs will be reusable.

Revised Bog Pond Vision Statement:

Mary Anne and Paul Currier have met to discuss where the line should be drawn for a conservation easement on town property by Bog Pond. Mary Anne circulated a revised December 2018 vision statement for Bog Pond. We are using this as our guide to the next steps in exploring a potential conservation easement on land adjacent to Bog Pond.

Review and Revision of the 2018 CC Town Report:

Tina will take into account the suggestions and submit the final version.

Current Use Penalty Distribution:

The research sent in November was reviewed by the Town Office. David Blinn requested and received an opinion from the town auditor. Any current use penalty distribution will now be happening monthly.

Other Business:

- Alan reported that the dredging of Proctor's Pond is proceeding now.
- We were not able to review the goals of 2019 during this meeting – we will try to cover this in the next meeting. Members were asked to come up with ideas for the February meeting.
- It was noted that the meeting went longer than expected and this was likely the result of the cancellation of December's meeting and Paul's very helpful presentation of mapping information.
- Mary Anne met with the Budget committee on 1/2/19 to discuss the CC budget for 2019. The final budget report was distributed to members.
- Jerry made the motion to adjourn, See Minutes on page 34

Vaudeville, Family Entertainment for All in Warner

Saturday, March 9 at 7 PM at Warner Town Hall

Press release

"It's Vaudeville," is a turn of the century variety entertainment, performed under the direction of Wally D. Borgen at Warner Town Hall, 5 East Main Street, Warner, NH on Saturday, March 9 at 7 PM. The Vaudeville Troupe, which has been together since 2007 performing throughout New Hampshire, donates its time and talents to support non-profit organizations. This performance will be supporting the Kearsarge Conservatory of Performing Arts and their scholarship program for young performers interested in dance, theater, song, and instruments. Vaudeville features "family friendly" entertainment. From the late 1800s to the Roaring '20s, Vaudeville was performed in Grange halls, Town Halls, small theaters throughout the country. Vaudeville was a purely American variety performance growing to enormous popularity and traveling the countryside offering programs

of comedy, music, juggling and other novelties, and opened theaters in the growing urban hubs.

The founders of Vaudeville established a "fixed policy of cleanliness and order." The use of vulgarity or coarse material was not acceptable "so that the house and the entertainment would directly appeal to the support of women and children..." Our Vaudeville Show might not quite meet those strict standards, but kids of all ages will enjoy the show.

Sutton, Georges Mills, and Sunapee, NH were well known as "summer retreats" for Vaudevillians. The performers created new acts and tried them out on those lucky folks who were summering at the boarding houses and hotels on the lake. Our Vaudeville Troupe brings back people who got started in Vaudeville like George Burns and Gracie Allen and Groucho Marx.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.tututix.com/KCPA or at the door (\$15 for adults and \$10 for children).



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Naturalist Edwin Teal's 1947 Journey North Tracing the Progress of Spring

Sunday, March 31 at 2 PM at WCA Red Barn

Press release

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) and the Wilmot Conservation Commission (WCC) will sponsor "Returning North with the Spring: Retracing the Journey of Naturalist Edwin Way Teale" at 2 PM, Sunday, March 31 at the WCA's Red Barn, 64 Village Road in Wilmot.

John Harris, projects coordinator for the Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place and Culture at Franklin Pierce University, will present the program. Made possible through a grant from NH Humanities, the talk is free and light refreshments will be served.

In 1947, Teale and his wife made a four-month journey tracing the progress of spring from the Everglades to the summit of Mount Washington. The popular naturalist then wrote his best-selling book *North with the Spring* to recount the 17,000-mile journey.

Sixty-five years later, Harris set out to retrace Edwin Way Teale's route. Using Teale's journal notes and photographs, Harris examined changes in the

flora, fauna, and people along the route. In his talk, he shares the transformations and changes he found on the long journey.

Harris holds a doctorate in British and American literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has taught at Franklin Pierce University. In addition to his book *North with the Spring*, Harris has organized and helped edit two regional anthologies – *Where the Mountain Stands Alone* and *Beyond the Notches: Stories of North Country New Hampshire*.

The WCC supports educational programs to identify health hazards found in nature.

The WCA owns and operates the Red Barn, a community center, and Timmy Patten Park, a beach and playground. The not-for-profit organization provides facilities for entertainment, recreation and educational activities for families, adults and seniors and sponsors and cosponsors a variety of programs throughout the year.

You can find more information about the WCA and the Edwin Way Teale workshop online at www.WilmotWCA.org and the WCA's Facebook page. 

The Fells Spring Events

Press release

For information on all upcoming events at the Fells visit www.thefells.org. More Spring events will occur in May. Visit the website for details.

March Events

Winter Song Night at The Fells

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30-8:30 PM

Come to The Fells to join a sing-along. Bring a song to sing, bring an instrument, or just come to listen. This will be the last sing-along until next December! Free. Meets in the John Hay Classroom at the Gatehouse.

First Thursday Hike at The Fells

Thursday, March 7, 11 AM

Join Brick Moltz, Education Director at The Fells, for a moderate one-hour hike on The Fells property. Get a little exercise, spend time out in the landscape, and perhaps discover something new about the property once owned by the John Hay family. Winter conditions may require snowshoes or cleats for ice. Members: free, non-members: included with regular admission fee. Meets at The Fells Kiosk.

Apple Pruning & Release Workshop at The Fells

Tuesday, March 12, 10 to 2 PM

Releasing and pruning wild apple trees can keep them healthy and result in greater fruit production for use by a wide variety of wildlife. This basic introduction to releasing and pruning wild apple trees, with both indoor classroom session and outdoor field practice, will be led by Nigel Manley from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. The indoor portion

will be held at the The Fells and then we walk one mile along a woods trail to some field pruning practice. Workshop is FREE and pre-registration is requested visit www.Forestsociety.org/Events.

Out and About at The Fells: Sweet Winter and Signs of Spring!

Tuesday, March 26, 10 to 11 AM

During the month of March we will follow spring's amazing awakening and progress. Join the Lake Sunapee Protective Association and its education staff in this program for pre-school age children and their caregivers. Children will love the hands on learning and sensory experiences; guided exploration; creative play; and art and music. Free. Meets at The Fells Gatehouse. Co-sponsored by The Fells and Lake Sunapee Protective Association. www.thefells.org

April Events:

First Thursday Hike at The Fells

Thursday, April 4, 11 AM

(See *March Events above for details*.) Meets at The Fells Kiosk.

Design Your Own Full

Season Cut Flower Garden

Saturday, April 6, 10:30 to Noon

Liz Krieg is a well-known horticulture lecturer throughout New England. Come and let her show you how to plan for and select good cutting flowers and start the design process for your own personal flower garden. Members: \$10, non-members: \$15. Advanced registration requested. To reserve call 603-763-4789 x3.

Out and About at The Fells:

Pools of Mud and Magic

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was seconded by Alan and all were in favor. Meeting ended at 10:20 PM.

School Board

January 15, 2019

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER: The Andover School Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by ASB Chair, Dean Barker.

Board Present: Dean Barker, Brian Gilman, Theresa Georges and Aimee Menard.

Administration Present: Mark MacLean, Randy Wormald, Jane Slayton, Kathleen Boucher and Judith Turk.

Public Present: Tina Cotton

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

For the PUBLIC SESSION of December 4, 2018, Brian motioned to accept the minutes and Aimee made the second. All were in favor and the minutes were approved with no discussion.

For the WORK SESSION of December 18, 2018, Brian motioned to accept the minutes and Aimee made the second. All were in favor and the minutes were approved with no discussion.

3. FINANCE REPORT: Aimee motioned to accept the finance report. Brian made the second. All were in favor and the report was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Dean thanked the Board and Administration regarding budget preparation efforts. He gave a reminder of the Public Budget Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, January 15th. There will be a meeting of the Andover School District Safety Committee on Wednesday, January 30th at 6:00 p.m.

6. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Jane spoke about the Spelling and Geography Bees, an upcoming Blood Drive created as an event by an eighth grade student as a community service project, the eighth grade visit to Merrimack Valley High School, an upcoming safety assembly, a Leaders in Prevention Retreat to be attended by AEMS students, the Mandarin Club and the statewide assessments scheduled for April/May.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Tuesday, April 17, 10 to 11 AM

Peeping frogs, squirming salamanders and emerging turtles will be the stars of our April activities. Join the Lake Sunapee Protective Association and its education staff in this program for pre-school age children and their caregivers. Free. No reservations necessary. Meets at The Fells Gatehouse. Co-sponsored by The Fells and Lake Sunapee Protective Association.

John Hay National Wildlife Refuge Presentation and Field Workshop

Saturday, April 27, 10 to Noon

The John Hay Refuge was established in 1987 when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acquired the former summer estate of John Hay.

A. AEMS Building Project Update: The administration continues to fine tune the funding that will be returned to the taxpayers following the completion of the construction project. They are anticipating the completion of some miscellaneous projects. The ASB signed consent to the Public School Infrastructure Grant Funds.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Draft Warrant: The draft of the Andover School District Warrant for the annual Meeting to be held on March 4th and the Andover School District Election Warrant for March 12th were presented for review.

B. NHSBA- 2019 Delegate Assembly- Proposed Resolutions Summary: A summary document of submitted resolutions by the New Hampshire School Board Association was presented to the ASB. Aimee motioned to approve the proposed resolutions of the NHSBA 2019 Delegate Assembly. Brian made the second. All were in favor and the resolution proposal summary was approved.

9. MANIFEST JOURNAL ENTRIES TO SIGN: Brian made the motion to approve the journal entries. Theresa made the second. All were in favor and the entries were approved.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mark expressed his appreciation to everyone for their collaboration with the Budget Committee in preparation for the presentation. The public hearing will be held on January 16th at the Andover Town Hall and the Annual Meeting will be held on March 4th at Andover Elementary Middle School.

11. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Randy represented the Merrimack Valley School District and New Hampshire at a National Science Standards Conference, National Academy of Science recently held in Washington, D.C. Two AEMS alumni, Matthew and David Reynolds participated on the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Team that won the contest for the state of NH, resulting in \$20,000 funding for school equipment.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Aimee made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., Brian made the second and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned. 

The estate was to be set aside "... for public use as an inviolate sanctuary for migratory birds, as a migratory bird and wildlife reservation..." Join Steve Agius, Wildlife Refuge Manager with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as he presents the history and natural characteristics of the Hay Refuge and its partnership with The Fells. The presentation will be followed by an easy to moderate hike into the Refuge.

Vernal Pool Adventure Walk for Families

Sunday, April 28, 1 to 2:30 PM

Can you hear it? Spring is finally in the air and amphibians all over are calling. See Fells on page 35

Report of FNRT-MC February Board Meeting

George Heaton, FNRT-MC Secretary

Condensed from approved minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting.

Board Attendees (in person): Alex Bernhard, Tom Frantz, George Heaton, Myra Mayman, Chris Norris, Jack Shields, (via media connection): Lindy Heim, Charles Martin,

Loyal Trail Supporters and Welcome Guests: Ricker Miller, Patrice Rasche, Steve Rasche; Gretchen Durack and Walter Durack

Business Matters:

1. Minutes of January 2019 Board Meeting, accepted unanimously without amendment.

2. Treasurer's Report. Continuing the discussion of January, a revised budget was presented, corrected in some particulars, and discussed in general. With projected income for 2019 looking to be around \$20,000, and projected expenses about \$14,000, the budget forecast showed a likely surplus. Looking at this surplus, combined with a healthy cash-on-hand balance in the bank, the Board quickly came to the conclusion that additional funds should be committed to various Trail improvement projects. (See below.)

With this resolve, and various minor corrections, the budget for 2019 was unanimously approved.

Trail Projects:

1. Mowing. Chris Norris reported on an agreement in principle with mowing contractor Jim Shaw to undertake this work. The Board authorized Chris to proceed to a signed contract and scheduling.

2. "Brushing Back." Ricker Miller reported on his outreach efforts to other groups, such as the "Town Line Trail Dusters" in Boscawen/Penacook, to undertake "brushing back" along the Trail – i.e., cutting of overhead and other encroaching large vegetation, using equipment such as a "Brontosaurus."

The Board was very receptive to these plans, and agreed with Ricker's welcome plans to cooperate with other groups and move this work forward in the summer.

3. Bridge Repair. Coincident with the budget discussion, the Board considered anew the subject of bridge repair. Chris Norris reported on the repair needs of four bridges, two each in Franklin and Danbury. He was then authorized to solicit bids for the two bridges in Franklin as a first step.

Other Matters:

1. Rejection of the Town of Boscawen's TAP Proposal. In late

January, the State DOT announced its awards under the TAP Program. Boscawen's proposal was not among them, having scored lower than others in part because of a lack of assured funding in the 20% match and "connectivity" of the Trail into Concord. With the hoped-for fruition of the plans below (see #2), future proposals of this nature may be mounted successfully.

2. Cooperation with the Merrimack River Greenway in Plans for Trail Extension. George Heaton, Myra Mayman and Jack Shields reported on a highly successful meeting with representatives of the Merrimack River Greenway in Concord on February 4.

The "news item" of most importance is an ongoing negotiation process between the City of Concord and PanAm to purchase its right of way, from Boscawen into the center of Concord. A central aspect of these negotiations is the plan for a new railroad facility south of the City, and the consequent complete abandonment of all right-of-way to the north – all to be concluded in a hoped-for package.

The "action items" of most importance are four: 1) an agreement to continue cooperation between FNRT-MC and the Merrimack River Greenway; 2) the election of Jack Shields to the Greenway Board, and therefore, the liaison between the two groups; 3) continued monitoring of the Concord-PanAm negotiations; 4) hoped-for enlistment of the Town of Boscawen in this process.

3. RTP Program Investigation. As the Trail has benefitted from NH Recreational Trails Program grants in the past, Lindy Heim agreed to investigate the schedule and criteria for such grants, and consider whether they offer another funding source for the Northern Rail Trail maintenance projects.

4. Bridge Replacement in Danbury. As reported in prior meetings, the NH DOT has plans to replace the Route 4 bridge that crosses the Trail south of Danbury. Another public hearing was being held on this matter in Danbury on February 13. As no FNRT-MC representatives were able to attend, George Heaton agreed to submit a letter for the record (which was received). The FNRT-MC is well satisfied with DOT's design proposals, which have not changed.

NOTE: There will be no meeting in March

Wednesday, April 17, 2019; 7 PM; The Andover Community Hub, Andover. All are cordially invited!

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ing out as they emerge from our wetlands and vernal pools. Come to The Fells to discover the magic of a New Hampshire vernal pool. We'll be looking for the eggs of our native salamanders and frogs

and maybe catch sight of these remarkable creatures. This program is offered jointly by The Fells and Lake Sunapee Protective Association. Fells and LSPA members free, nonmembers \$5 per family. No registration required. Meets at The Fells Gatehouse.

New Hampshire Stone Wall Mapping Project

You can help
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Mary Anne Broshek

You can't help noticing the innumerable stone walls arrayed across the NH landscape, but then again perhaps they seem so commonplace that they just blend into the background of your day-to-day experience. This project is an invitation to take a "fresh" look at these simple relics from New Hampshire's past and see them in a new light, or more literally, Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR). With the availability of LiDAR across NH, we can see imagery of land elevations through the trees, revealing - among other things - stone walls that are deep within forests today. You can explore New Hampshire's LiDAR landscape, and contribute to the mapping of the state's stone walls, with the New Hampshire Stone Wall Mapper, and learn something new about our state's geologic and cultural history as you page through the companion story map "Wall-to-Wall: Connecting Landscape and Culture". Every stone wall that you identify and map using this easy-to-use application will help to build a statewide, "Wall-to-Wall" database to document these amazing testimonials of our ancestors' strength and perseverance, and help to

preserve them for future generations.

Please use the first link below to access the NH Stone Wall Mapper, and take advantage of the other resources we have assembled to help acquaint you with the project.

- Stone Wall Mapper - Public
- "Getting Started with the NH Stone Wall Mapper" – provides guidance to users mapping stone wall resources in New Hampshire
- "Looking at LiDAR" - description of how to interpret stone walls based on LiDAR datasets
- "Wall to Wall: Connecting Landscape and Culture" - a story map providing rich background information on the history and importance of stone walls in NH
- NH Stone Wall Mapping Group - join the public Facebook group to share your experiences and learn from others interested in this project.

The NH Stone Wall Mapper was developed by the NH Geological Survey and NH GRANIT, with significant input from a committed group of volunteers. We are grateful to the NH Charitable Foundation for supporting the development of this resource.

We welcome any questions or comments, please contact us via email.

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OBITUARIES

TRACY CAMPBELL DICKSON III, died at his home in New London, NH on January 23, 2019.

His genteel geniality, warmth, and kindness will be missed by all who were graced to know him.



Tracy was born on December 8, 1922 in Bridgeport, CT. to Tracy C. Dickson, Jr. and Elizabeth Morris Bassick. He was the first of their four children, and the last surviving child at his death.

Tracy attended Phillips Academy, and following graduation, Yale University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1944. He then joined the U.S. Army and served in the Philippines as a First Lieutenant artillery officer. Upon mustering out of the service in 1947 he returned to the family home in Bridgeport and began his long career as an engineer.

In 1952 he married Patricia Pingree Edwards, daughter of William K. and

Sarah Tillard Edwards. Together they had three children, Thomas Tracy, William Edwards and Sarah Tillard.

Tracy's varied career as an engineer took he and his family to Canada, Massachusetts, California, and Connecticut. He was proud to have worked on the Mercury space program in Huntsville, AL.

Upon his retirement from engineering, Tracy bought a hardware store in Brockton, MA and ran it with his son Tom for many years.

In the early 1990s, Pat and Tracy moved to New London, NH where they pursued interests in antique furniture restoration and trading, gardening, bee keeping, interior decoration and church activities. Tracy was an active man and enjoyed cross country and downhill skiing, tennis, hiking, fishing, canoeing and swimming.

The Dicksons enjoyed travel and socializing with family and friends, and loved to entertain both. His lively wife Pat made Tracy an engaging partner in the singing routines they'd sometimes heartily offer to intimates at reunions, parties, and gatherings where guileless gaiety is prized.

Tracy was a charitable man, giving his time to drive seniors younger than himself to appointments, donating to the Sierra Club, St. Andrews Episcopal Church in New London and many others.

Tracy is survived by sons, Tom Dickson and wife Janet Dickson

of Andover, NH; Bill Dickson and wife Mary Burger of Medford, NY; daughter, Sarah (Dickson) Higgins and husband Shawn Higgins of Kennebunkport, ME., beloved grandchildren Elizabeth Higgins, Austin Tracy Higgins, Lucian Dickson and Michael Eklund, as well as many nieces and nephews, their children, and many dear friends. He loved them all.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 9 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in New London, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Andrews Church, P.O. Box 294, New London, NH 03257. His remains will be interred in the Spring at Mount Grove Cemetery in Bridgeport, CT beside his beloved wife Pat.

RUTH E. KELLEY, 75 of Andover, NH passed away at home after a long battle with cancer with her loving husband by her side.

Born September 6, 1943 Goffstown, NH to Orion and Marjorie Bills Patten. Ruth was a hairdresser before becoming a homemaker in Londonderry raising her 3 children; Arthur Edmiston III, Grafton, April Bradford (Ted), Ari-



zona, and Allen Edmiston (Cindy), Enfield. Ruth and her family moved to Enfield in 1985. Ruth worked for VNA in NH and VT for years as an LNA rehab assistant.

After retiring Ruth moved to Andover in 2003 and married Daniel Kelley. Her Stepchildren are Michael Kelley (Teresa), Ashland, Daniel T Kelley (Vicky), Sanbornton and Wendy Fifield (Peter) Franklin. Ruth enjoyed working in her flower garden, berry picking and canning fruits and vegetables. She thought the world of her yellow lab Daisy who loved her to pieces. Ruth has 14 grandchildren and 7 great grand children. She is survived by her husband Daniel, brother in law Robert Kelley, Franklin, brothers Carl Patten (Marlene), Enfield, Harold Patten, Hardwick VT, and Roland Patten (Marcia), Peterborough and sisters Shirley Patten Rafter, Peterborough and Eve Patten DeSousa (Canute), East Bridgewater MA.

There will be no funeral.

GEORGE THOMAS UPTON, died peacefully at his home at Oakley Place in Topeka,

Kansas at the age of 95 on February 4, 2019. He was born in Concord, NH on December 26, 1923, son of former U.S. Senator Robert Upton and Martha (Burroughs) Upton and graduated from Concord High School in 1942 and Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1945.



In 1943, he enlisted in the Navy to complete his education under the Navy V-12 Program. He attended officer training school at Notre Dame following graduation from MIT. After commissioning as an ensign, he married Barbara Lois Sargent of Concord

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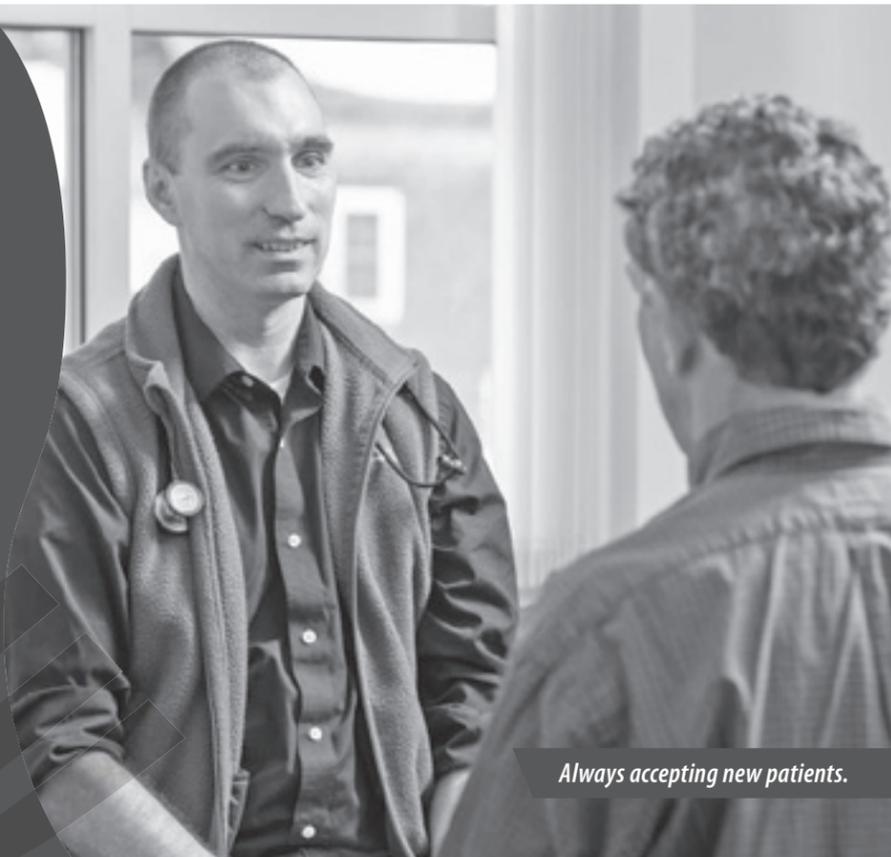
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in November 1945. He was assigned to the Naval Air Station at Quonset Point, Rhode Island and discharged to inactive duty in 1946. In 1946 he was hired as an aerodynamics engineer by Chance Vought Aircraft and remained with the company until his retirement in 1979. He relocated to Dallas, Texas with the company and eventually rose to Engineering Vice President and Program Director.

During his career, he made significant engineering contributions to five major military aircraft programs, including the venerable Navy F-8 and A-7 fighter plane series, and in 1976 was named as a Fellow in the Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

After retirement he moved with his wife to Andover, New Hampshire to fulfill a lifelong desire to return to New England. He served as a local selectman for seven years, helped found the Andover Historical Society, served as a member and later chairman of the board for the Spaulding Youth Center, and was a member of the Andover Lions Club.

For leisure, he enjoyed sailing on NH lakes as well as downhill and cross-country skiing. He and Barbara skied throughout New England and the French and Swiss Alps. They celebrated 60 years of marriage in 2005 with a family reunion in Bretton Woods, NH.

They moved to Topeka in 2009. George lived a long, full life characterized by integrity, thoughtfulness, kindness and service to others. He loved good engineering, new technology and all things Apple. After his move to Topeka, he was noted for his loving care of his wife, Barbara, and his patience and perseverance through the difficulties of aging. Those who met him appreciated his ability to listen and his sometimes humorous, but always thoughtful responses.

George was predeceased by his wife Barbara in 2014 and brothers Richard, John Gilbert, Frederick, and Allan, and sister Elise. He is survived by his son, Thomas (Nancy) Upton of Santa Barbara, California, and two daughters, Susan (Tom) Hudiburgh of Carrollton, Texas, and Nancy (Hank)

Nelson of Topeka, Kansas and six grandchildren Ryan (Airi) Upton, Lindsay Upton, Stephanie Hudiburgh, Heidi Nelson, Emily (Bjorn) Larson, and Ben Nelson. His three great-granddaughters, Annalise, Evelina, and Lucia Larson delighted him in his last years.

A private graveside was held on February 13th at Memorial Park Cemetery and a memorial service was planned for 11 AM on February 23, 2019 at Topeka Bible Church, 1101 Mulvane St, Topeka, Kansas. Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Historical Society, PO Box 167, Andover, NH 03216. To view pictures and leave condolences for the family, see www.davidsonfuneral.com.

GERALD LAURENCE "JERRY" GALLEY, of Fort Worth Texas died peacefully on February 10, 2019 at the age of 78.

He was born in Boston, MA. on June 3, 1940. Raised in New England, his fondest memories are his high school years at Andover High School, Andover N.H. where he graduated in 1958. An avid sports fan all his life he enjoyed following his favorite teams, the New York Yankees and his beloved Texas Longhorns. His loyalty to the New York Yankees started as a little league player in Connecticut and never wavered.



After high school, Jerry enlisted in the United States Air Force where he proudly served his country while stationed in Texas and Japan.

He is survived by two sons, Robert and David Alley; David's wife Traci; and granddaughter Haley Alley who all reside in Texas; two brothers James Alley and wife Cynthia of Londonderry N.H., and John Alley of Fort Worth, Texas; two nephews and three nieces.

Jerry was predeceased by his mother Virginia Alley and his sister Judith Ann (Alley) Enos.

Burial will be in the Proctor Cemetery in Andover N.H. at a date to be determined in the spring.

CAROL ANN BENNETT, 72, a resident of East Andover, NH for over 45 years died peacefully, surrounded by family, on Sunday, February 10, 2019.

Carol was born in Franklin, NH on February 28, 1946, the daughter of Albert and Peggy (Fancy) Rayno. Carol attended Franklin High School and for more than 30 years was employed with Riverside Millwork (Rivco) in Penacook, NH. Carol's greatest joy was spending time with family and friends. She loved to cook, and shared her culinary creations with many. She enjoyed feeding any and all that would stop by the Bennett residence. Carol enjoyed vacations at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, traveling to the Caribbean and Florida as well as spending time at her sister and brother-in-law's home on Highland Lake.



In addition to her parents, Carol was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Robert "Butch" N. Bennett Sr. a daughter Kimberly and her sister Sandra Thompson.

Surviving members of her family include her two sons, Robert N. Bennett Jr. and his wife Koreen of South Sutton, NH and Gary P. Bennett and his wife Lynn of Hopkinton, NH. She also leaves four grandchildren, Courtney, Parker, Riley and Olivia, nieces and nephews and a sister, Rhonda Rayno of Lee, NH.

The family would like to thank both the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurses Association and the Concord VNA/Hospice organizations, as well as Barbara Burke and Christina Thompson, for the outstanding care and comfort they gave Carol in the final days of her life.

Calling hours will not be held. A private graveside service will take place in the spring at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. A short committal prayer service will be held at that time.

The William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home of Tilton, NH is assisting the family with arrangements

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Lake Sunapee VNA & Hospice Care, or the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Services.

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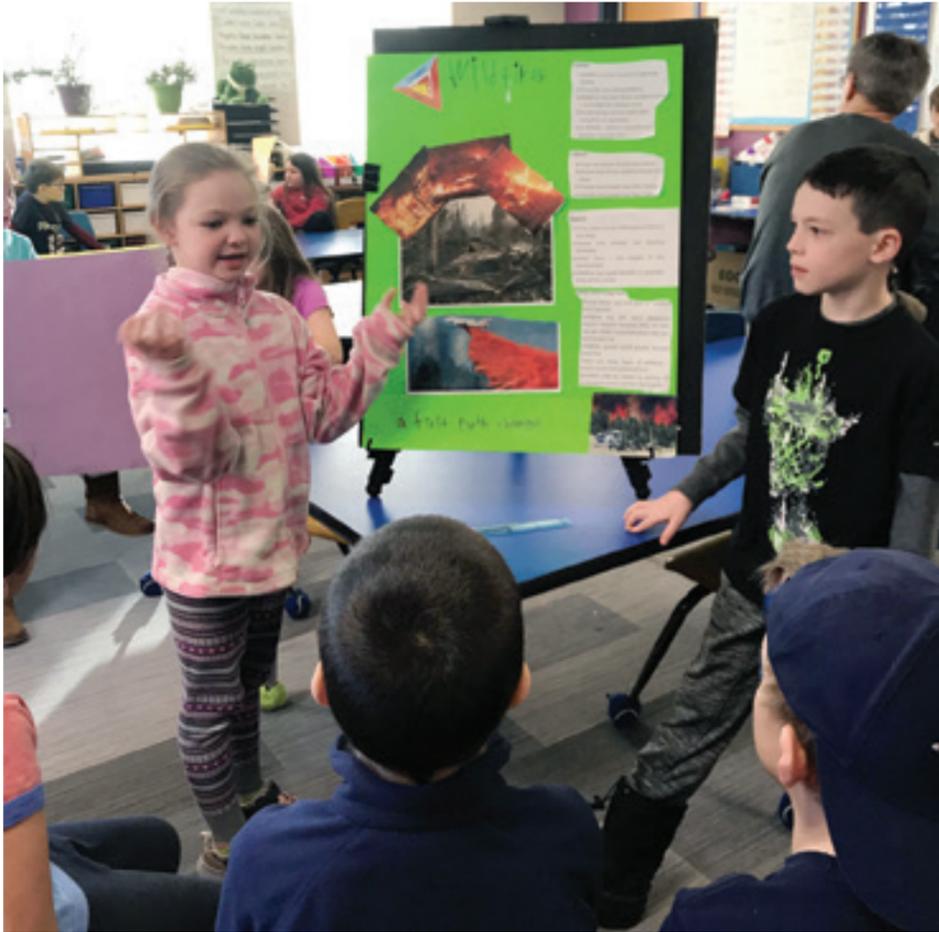


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Second grade students explain to other students their project on Earth Changes. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

AE/MS Second Graders Learn About 'Earth Changes'

Gretchen Hildebrand

Second graders spent 5 weeks studying about Earth Changes and the causes, effects and impacts those changes have on our planet and our lives. They worked in partnerships (which is a very challenging thing to do for 5 weeks) and produced wonderful posters to share their information with the first, third and eight graders. I was amazed at their learning, their grit and their poise. As teachers, many of them would be SUPERB! In case you are wondering what Earth Changes are, here is the list the students brainstormed at the beginning of our study:

- Plate Tectonics
- Glaciers
- Earthquakes
- Volcanoes
- Tsunamis
- Floods
- Sinkholes
- Erosion
- Hurricanes
- Tornadoes
- Wildfires
- Landslides, Mudslides, Avalanches

And... if you are curious, check out the Taylor Glacier and the strange thing it offers...or find out what Scarlet Flash is.



Former AEMS and Proctor alumnus Nick Fairall visited Andover Elementary Middle School as a representative from the non-profit organization HIGHFIVES. Nick gave an engaging and informative presentation on the importance of wearing a helmet. Students in grades 2-8 watched a video chronicling the lives of athletes who survived accidents because they wore helmets. The message Nick sent to our students was "Helmets are cool." Nick Fairall was a 2014 Olympic ski jumper and in 2015 he endured a severe spinal injury during a jump. Nick shared that his helmet saved his life. Whether you are ski jumping, mountain biking, skateboarding or participating in any sport that helmets are recommended please put one on and remember that HELMETS ARE COOL. Photo: AE/MS



Second graders held their annual (over 12 years now) Heart Healthy Valentine Restaurant at AEMS. They enthusiastically served the third graders to reward them for performing the duty the year before, and invited the staff of the school to eat at the restaurant or 'do take-out'. The record breaking \$347.00 that was raised will be donated to the New Start Program in Concord to benefit the homeless. This was the decision of the 20 second graders, who voted 15/20 to donate their money to the homeless this year. Not only do the students study nutrition and what makes a healthy heart (good nutrition, sleep and exercise), but they also learn the meaning of the words GENEROUS and SELFLESS. This applies to the second graders' parents, too. They provided the delicious healthy food and recipes for our restaurant with the help of their children. Thank you to everyone for making this fun event a success! Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

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their choice. The school day ends with a special program and a display of the creations of the day.

We are very thankful for all the community members and faculty members of Proctor Academy who made this day possible for so many years. Thank you!

All writers, fine artists, musicians, craftspeople, and anyone else interested in leading a workshop or helping, please call: Gisela Darling 735-5681 (e-mail: darlinggi@tds.net) or Jane Slayton, School Principal, at 735-5494.

We would also love to have any

workshop leaders from 1989 join us in leading a workshop and/or joining in the big celebration at day's end.

We also need volunteers to assist the workshop leaders and help the lower grades with their special activities.

Sign-up forms will be available at the school meeting, Monday, March 4 and/or town meeting, Tuesday, March 12 and at the school.

Please contact us as soon as possible. The workshops need to be in place at the beginning of April to allow time for the information to be sent home and students to make their choices before April vacation. 

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A. A lot of blank verse poetry that chronicles my personal evolution. It is very interesting to look back on this as it helps me understand more about myself. I have also written many songs that express my deepest heartaches, my hopes, my dreams... Putting music to these words creates a more profound message that I can feel.

Q. Publisher or self-published?

A. My book is self-published purely because of the freedom this offers. In writing such a personal, dynamic story, I felt it was inauthentic not to share it in the way I wanted to. Self-publishing offered me complete control over what material would be printed, exactly how it came to me.

Q. Main character details?

A. I am the main character. This is my story about leaving the magnificent world I grew up in to try and make my own way somewhere new. The home I always knew was no longer my "base." What makes it the story I had to share was the incredible inspiration I drew from my family's dog, Cocoa. She came into the picture when I was at a crossroads in my life and became everything to me. She was my best friend—the drive, the passion, the "everything" that guided me to create Pawprints on My Heart.

Q. Any more books in the works or other writing? Future plans?

A. While writing this book, I was given three other book concepts through the same source! But in recognizing and honoring the power of Pawprints on My Heart, I needed to give 100% of my focus to it. So I simply recorded the other ideas and made peace with the fact that they, too, would come into fruition when/if/however they were meant to.

I would like to continue writing songs because it brings me so much joy. My family is very musical, and my beautiful niece Ailyn is a budding star. I think it would be so much fun to share my material with her!

Q. History about yourself, how that may have influenced your writing...

A. As a child, I was a fearless explorer. I was determined to see what was beyond my dirt road, so one day I packed up my doll carriage with my favorite teddy bear and got about a mile or so away before I was discovered.

I think it was my alternative upbringing that really shaped me and my writing. What an invaluable gift my parents gave me. We didn't have electricity, so no television, no running water and indoor plumbing, or even a telephone for many years. Nature and imagination were everything, and we were completely connected. Mimicking bird calls, judging the time by the sun, finding entertainment in the simplest of ways... The woods were filled with wondrous things and inspired so much creativity! My mother always encouraged freedom of expression.

I loved having ready-made friends with two sisters and two brothers, but I treasured spending time on my own—exploring the surroundings, then delving into piles of books in which I could discover infinite worlds. The Choose-Your-Own-Adventures books were my favorite—hmmm, wonder why? ;)

Q. Is there anything else you want your readers to know about your book?

A. I want them to know that there is something in it for everyone— a grand adventure that will bring a range of emotions to the surface. I hope to provoke deep contemplation about what exists past the accepted "norm," and for this book to be an unforgettable experience that will send a ripple effect of positivity into the world!

For almost a decade, Amanda (who grew up in Andover, NH) has lived in Brisbane (Nundah), Australia with her husband, Matt, and their now 14.5 year-old border collie, Holly. Amanda is in the process of becoming an Australian citizen but maintains a close connection with her roots.

Pawprints on My Heart is expected to release in February, 2019. It will be available both in print and ebook on Amazon. Please find more information at www.AmandaJurta.com. 

Center for the Arts Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

For students pursuing any area of the arts

Press release

Center for the Arts is looking for qualified applicants for our 2019 Scholarship Program. Funded by the generosity of our members and the community, these scholarships are awarded to students who are pursuing any area of the arts (literature, drama, dance, music or the visual arts). Scholarships are offered in three different categories: Students in grades 7-12, Adult Artists and Lang Memorial Scholarship for seniors attending college who are pursuing the arts. Interested students can find more information and applications online at www.centerfortheartsnh.org. The deadline for applying for Grades 7-12 is May 1 and April 15th for Seniors entering Col-

lege in 2019.

To be considered, students must reside in one of the 12 towns in the Lake Sunapee Region (Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Newport, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, or Wilmot). Students need to be enrolled in public or private school, or home schooled in grades 7-12, and agree to share with the community a demonstration of his or her work that is related to their scholarship.

The Center for The Arts is a volunteer organization that strives to showcase local and regional talent for the benefit of the artists, performers, residents, and visitors to this beautiful region.

For more information on how to apply for the scholarship program, please contact us at 603-526-4444 or visit www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org. 

Colby-Sawyer College to Host Climate Change Expert

Monday, April 1 at 5:30 in Ivey Science Center

Press release

Dr. Edward Cameron, a global climate change specialist, will look beyond the term "climate change" and explore everyone's role in building a more sustainable world by outlining what an environmentally conscious and inclusive economy can look like on the regional, national and global levels in his talk "Vision 2020: Building a Low-Carbon, Climate Resilient and Inclusive World" on Monday, April 1, at 5:30 PM in Clements Hall in the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center.

Cameron will present key points from the International Panel on Climate Change special report, which details the impacts of global warming on natural and human systems and sustainable development. There will be ample time

for questions and comments.

This event is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by Colby-Sawyer College, the New Hampshire League of Conservation Voters, Kearsarge Climate Action, Andover Energy Group, New London Energy Committee and the New Hampshire Sierra Club.

Over the past 22 years, Cameron has worked with governments around the world, designed climate leadership plans and developed engagement strategies for nonprofit organizations. The European Union, the Maldives, the World Bank and the World Resources Institute strengthened their environmental policies thanks to his assistance. Most recently, he served as policy engagement director for We Mean Business, a worldwide coalition shaping private sector advocacy in the design of the landmark Paris Agreement. 



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Andover's Sophia Reynolds outkicks Milford's Lauren Robinson for the Division II 3000 meter Championship. Photo: NewHampshireTrackAndField.com

Sophia and David Reynolds Win in Division Championship

Andover's Reynolds family continues to shine when it comes to being fast runners. At the recent high school Division II Championship Games, Sophia and David Reynolds both won in the 3000 Meter Event. David set a school record with a time of 9:00 minutes.

Sophia, a freshman at Merrimack Valley High School, not only won in

the 3,000 meter event but lowered her school record from 10:08 to 10:07. She also ran the 1,500 Meter and finished second to Kearsarge's Mya Dube.

She will be competing in New York City at the New Balance Indoor Nationals March 8-10 in the 5,000 Meter and the 2 Mile Championship Races.

When she is not training, Sophia can be found enjoying the company of friends, reading, watching movies, hiking and cooking.

David is a senior at Merrimack Valley. At the indoor Division II Championships he won the 3,000 Meter after being out sprinted last year. His time of 9:00 broke the old school record of 9:08. He also ran the 1500 at States finishing 7th. Dave is also unable to compete in New England's due to vacation but is ready for outdoor season to start in April.

When not running, David is usually swimming or biking to be ready for triathlon season in the summer. When he's not working out he's usually with friends at Marvel movies, reading, or playing video games.



David Reynolds wins the Division II 3000 meter Championship in school record time of 9:00 minutes.

Photo: NewHampshireTrackAndField.com

Andover Schools S.H.A.R.E. Day Celebrates 30 Years!

30th SHARE Day is Friday, May 10

Gisela Darling

Wow! Have 30 years gone by fast! It seems like yesterday when a small group of Andover PTO mothers brainstormed S.H.A.R.E Day (See How the Arts Reaches Everyone) into existence. They wanted to find a way to bring the children together with the wonderful artists and craftspeople of all kinds living in Andover and nearby. Before the school year was done, they had arranged with the elementary school administra-

tion for a special day of workshops involving musicians, dancers, fine artists, and craftspeople. It was a big success and has become a yearly event.

Workshops for 3-8 Graders last 2 hours. Some past workshops were: archery, bookmaking, basket making, weaving, wood crafts, karate intro, golf, mountain biking, tie dying, dance, intro to the guitar, maple sugaring. There are workshops designed for the children in Kindergarten - Grade 2, which are shorter in length. Students in higher grades participate in two workshops of

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Smokestack on Walt Wright Biomass Plant at Proctor Academy. The emissions from the stack are clean water vapor.

Proctor's Unsung Hero of Heat

Eric Nemirovsky
Proctor Academy Student

As we enter the heart of winter, the previously dormant smokestack of the Walt Wright Biomass Plant has begun spewing vapor again, and Proctor Academy will rely on Dana Newton to ensure we all receive heat.

If you are ever looking for Dana, the first place you should check is the biomass plant. On top of being responsible for all of Proctor's plumbing needs, he spends forty hours a week in the plant.

Being an unusual system for heating on a large scale, there is no user's manual. When Proctor built the biomass facility in 2009, running it became Dana's responsibility. Dana recalled the plant's early years of operation saying, "It was certainly a learning experience. There are a lot of moving parts and things that can go wrong. The steam is under extreme pressure and needs to be handled properly. Within the facility's first year of operation, I almost blew the whole thing up."

Proctor's biomass plant was built in 2009. It replaced the oil furnaces that produced heat for the campus for fifteen years. In a period of four and a half months (the amount of time the plant runs each year), Proctor burns 135,000 gallons of oil, which costs approximately \$337,000 for the four months. The chip plant burns three loads of wood chips a week, and a load costs \$1200

dollars, so the investment in the plant means fuel costs are reduced to approximately \$70,000 dollars for the same time period.

The Biomass plant saves Proctor significant money while distributing steam through a network of pipes to



Dana Newton (right) teaches Proctor students about the plant.

roughly 70 percent of Proctor's campus. It produces this steam by burning wood chips harvested entirely from the Proctor woodlands as well as adjacent lands. Though you can see thick white plumes billowing from the stack on cold days, the plant's only emissions are clean water vapor.

Dana stays on call 24/7. If the plant malfunctions and shuts down, he needs to be there night or day, before Proctor's pipes freeze. Most students don't know him, but we all rely on Dana to keep us warm and comfortable in the winter.



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