

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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