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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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