

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. 

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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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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Advertising Salesperson Needed for the Andover Beacon

We are looking for someone who is experienced in sales and knowledgeable about Andover and the surrounding towns. This person will be a member of our existing Advertising Sales Team, and must be able to work as part of a team for the good of the organization. The position is part-time, commissioned, and non-benefited.

To learn more, or to express your interest, please email the Publisher at accounting@andoverbeacon.com.

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