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**P**riscilla Poulin, Andover Town Librarian, and volunteer Joanne Jones had fun creating scarecrows for Halloween 2019 in front of the Town Hall.  
Photo: Beacon staff



Tom Barber's untitled 36"x48" oil painting from 1988 is on permanent display at the Vet Center in White River Junction, 802 295-2908.

## Andover Artist Publishes Story of Hope for Veterans

There's help on the path to healing

Charlie Darling, Beacon staff

Andover author and illustrator Tom Barber begins his powerful new book with a telling epigraph:

"Stories help satisfy our hunger for understanding by allowing us to see ourselves in the lives of others. They

*"Finally, a way out of the quicksand of darkness I stepped into when my foot hit the ground of a distant, desert land."*

show us that this hunger is universal. Stories show us that we are not alone."

The story that Tom tells centers around Eric, a Purple-Heart, Bronze-Star veteran returned from an unnamed desert war to the streets of Boston. Even

after years back home, Eric still feels himself "a stranger in my own country ... Scared. Desperate. Hopeless. And losing ground fast."

But in this story, Eric is not alone. Enter Mitchell, a grizzled, empathetic Vietnam vet with a metal hook for a left hand. Mitchell has fought off post-combat demons of his own and now keeps a simple storefront hangout, a "safe place where veterans – any war, any age, men and women – can hang out, talk, and support each other."

Eric's path back to sobriety and serenity, to "true healing," is a tortuous one, with many setbacks and many dashed hopes along the way. And Tom's blunt, almost impressionistic prose is unrelenting in channeling directly into the reader's heart the pain that Eric is suffering:

"Moral injury. A wound to the soul. An assault on the heart waged by grief, guilt, shame, and anger – *normal human reactions* when our basic understanding of right and wrong has been

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## President Expands Eligibility for Joining the American Legion

Local Legion post seeks new members

Press release

The American Legion Crosby/Gilbert Post 101 of Andover, is seeking new members.

On July 30, President Trump signed a new bill labeled *The Legion Act*. This bill now allows veterans who were not previously eligible to join the American Legion.

All veterans who were honorably

discharged are now urged to become an American Legion member. It is required to present a copy of your DD Form 214 (separation paper) at the time of applying for membership.

The American Legion Crosby/Gilbert Post 101 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Andover Fire Station on Main Street.

Contacts for more information about the new *Legion Act* are William Leber at 735-5144 or Donald Clendenen at 735-5032.

## Andover Lions Club Celebrates 65 Years of Service

Join them November 23 at The Refinery

03230.

The evening's menu begins with hors d'oeuvres: a choice of Bruschetta with Sundried Tomato Pesto and Basil, or French Chicken Salad in Profiteroles. The buffet includes:

- Green Salad with Fresh Baby Greens, Cucumbers, Grape Tomatoes, Italian and Ranch Dressing
- Seared Breast of Chicken with Lemon Butter Sauce
- Baked Haddock with a Fresh Citrus Vinaigrette
- Baked Potato with Butter and Sour Cream, Shredded Cheese and Green Onion
- Julienne Carrots and French Green Beans

Dessert will be Cobbler and coffee.

Press release

The Andover Lions Is celebrating 65 years of service! Please come join us in the celebration of our 65th Anniversary at The Refinery at 4 Mill Road in Andover on Saturday, November 23.

Social hour begins at 6 PM with a cash bar; dinner begins at 7 PM. The Master of Ceremonies will be Charlie Vars.

Cost per person \$46.44, which includes tax and gratuity. Seating is limited to 80, so RSVP by November 9 to Virginia Edwards at 768-3443 or ZinnTheWhiteXmas@aol.com. Make your check payable to Andover Lions and mail it to PO Box 311, Danbury NH

## AARP Urgently Needs Tax Prep Volunteers in Andover

Basic tax prep experience and computer skills

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Ron Koron, AARP

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# THANK YOU, VETERANS!



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blown away by war."

Mitchell, along with Tiffany, Jerry, Jim, Bill, Shaggy, and Ravi, provide unwavering and unjudgmental support for Eric throughout his struggle back. General Douglas MacArthur, Gandhi, George Bernard Shaw, the Buddha, General George S. Patton, Christ, Ernie Pyle, Dr. Paul Brunton, and Plato provide challenging, relevant, and often disturbing insights into the human condition.

But in the end it's Eric, alone, despairing, and hopeless, who finds "a choice rooted deep in my soul" to turn irrevocably away from his addiction, his grief, guilt, shame, and anger. "I was filled with a new sense of hope. From a place deep inside, a whole new feeling of freedom. Free at last, I thought. Out of restraints and free at last."

This book's unwavering honesty makes it a tough read. And a very important one. As it says on the book's back cover, the story may be fiction, but the pain is real.

### The Help is Real

The help available to veterans is real as well ... and that's one very important motivation that sustained Tom through the wrenching process of writing this semi-autobiographical book.

"Getting help is more than important," Tom says, "because once you've given your new life a kickstart, you never know when you may turn around and find yourself able to help a fellow vet do the same ... or help anyone do the same."

Sadly, the obvious sources of help – the Veterans Administration and other vet organizations – have received a lot of negative press over the years. So at one point in the story, Eric expresses doubt about whether help is really available for veterans in his own deeply troubled condition. But Mitchell reassures him:

"Sure, the system has problems. What system doesn't? But there are islands of hope in every storm. There are always people that know the ropes, are good at what they do, and can really help.

"Take the Vet Centers, for example. They were founded by Vietnam veterans because they needed help fast. Ended up puttin' the centers out in the neighborhood, closer to the 'front lines.' Easier connections and less hassle. They even get separate money from Congress, so they've got a life of their own."

(There are three Vet Centers within reach of Andover: see the end of this article for their phone numbers.)

### Writing from Experience

The story is fiction, but it's fiction that comes from experience ... Tom's experience. "About the Author" at the end of

the book sums up the relevant bits:

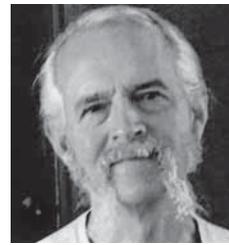
"Tom Barber was a Vietnam-era army medic unable to imagine the trauma of combat. Trying to help those physically and emotionally crippled by the chaos of war brought to life feelings of survival guilt and helplessness that would haunt him for years. Alcohol



The author's powerful and telling illustrations are a major part of his book's visceral impact on the reader.

killed that pain. Then alcohol addiction almost killed him.

"After his discharge in 1971, he became an award-winning illustrator of science fiction and fantasy paperback book jackets ... for a while. Then personal and business turmoil sent him fleeing to the mountains of Arizona. There he landed in the ghost town of Jerome, where he eventually slammed headlong into the world of sobriety. Big change. The result is this story."



Tom Barber of Andover: veteran, author, artist, and illustrator.

Tom's book, *What the F\*\*\* was That All About?*, is available on Amazon (in print or as a Kindle book) at [Amazon.com/dp/1970155019/](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1970155019/) or from the publisher at [A15publishing.com/all-titles](http://A15publishing.com/all-titles).

Area vets looking for help without hassle can contact a Vet Center at 752-2571 (Berlin), 668-7060 (Manchester), or 802-295-2908 (White River Junction, Vermont). For more immediate help, veterans or concerned family or friends can call 800-273-8255 or visit [VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net).

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## Zoning Board of Adjustments Seeks New Alternate Members

To cover the absence of a regular member

**Steven Bowers, Andover ZBA Chair**

The Andover Zoning Board of Adjustments is looking for two new alternate members. While we have a full board of regular members at present, there are no alternates to cover for the absence of a regular member, or to step up if a member must step down.

### Experience Not Required

While experience in various areas of town government, especially zoning laws, would be helpful, it is not necessary. In fact, the ZBA is a great way to be introduced to town governance. It is limited in scope, so picking up on how it works through meeting attendance is possible. The current membership is knowledgeable and willing to prepare alternate members for a future role.

The time commitment is minimal, as the board meets once per month on the third Tuesday of the month, usually for an hour or so, although complex applications can take longer to work through. ZBA membership is appointed, not elected, so there is no need to run a campaign to get on board.

I am the current Chair of the ZBA, and ten short months ago I knew nothing about its function. After offering to help out in town, I was asked to consider the ZBA, even with no experience. Fortunately, the other four members are either long-time board members (past or present) or have served in other functions for the Town of Andover. This board works well together and has a wealth of experience to share.

The best description I have found of the ZBA was written by the State. Here is a portion of what they say:

### Functions of ZBA

There are five basic functions of a Zoning Board of Adjustment in New Hampshire:

1. Interpreting the terms of the zoning ordinance, or the application of those terms to a particular set of facts.
2. Determining whether a proposed use or project, or some aspect thereof, is “grandfathered” from having to comply with the terms of the ordinance.
3. Determining whether to allow a legalized violation of the ordinance (“variance”) is necessary to prevent the ordinance terms from being unconsti-

tutional as applied.

4. Granting a special exception as specifically allowed by the ordinance if the criteria set out in the ordinance are met.

5. Granting an “equitable waiver” which would legalize a dimensional violation when it would be unfair to require correcting it.

### Appeals

This means that every ZBA case is an appeal of an administrative decision, whether that decision was made by a code officer, Select Board, or even a Planning Board. The ZBA has all the powers of the administrative official from whom the appeal is taken and can make such order or decision as ought to be made.

A ZBA can decide an administrative official made a mistake. Don’t be trapped by the label on a case. For example, if somebody applies for a variance, it’s still open to the ZBA to decide that no variance is needed – for example, because (a) the ordinance has been interpreted wrong, or (b) the proposed use is “grandfathered.”

Are you a judge? No. While your function is “quasi-judicial” in the sense that you must be personally unbiased, you aren’t like a judge. Judges decide only controversies between adversaries. Many ZBA applications don’t have adversaries or opponents. If that happens in Court, the party who comes wins by default. But that’s not true with a ZBA.

Whose interest do you represent? Is it the “public interest” as you see it? No. You may think some zoning provision is entirely stupid and even contrary to the public interest. But you cannot act on such feelings. You must assume the validity of the zoning ordinance.

### Representing the Public Interest

Instead the ZBA represents the public interest as actually embodied in the zoning ordinance. The overall integrity of your zoning ordinance is an invisible party in every case, and part of your function is to protect its interests!

This is a long description (and it’s not even the whole of it), but it embodies the “flavor” of what we do. You are not likely to win any popularity contests as part of the ZBA, but you will fulfill a basic and necessary function for our community. Come to a ZBA meeting, talk to one of the members, or stop by the town hall and talk with Pat Moyer. We would like to hear from you! 

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## Andover Police Department Report for September 2019

The Andover Police Department handled 233 calls for service during September, including:

- Ambulance: 4
- Assist Citizen: 8
- Assist Motorist: 2
- Assist Police: 6
- Assist Social Service Agencies: 2
- Dog Loose: 4
- Noise Disturbance: 6
- Sexual Assault: 1
- Suspicious Circumstances: 5

Traffic Offense Citation: 10  
 Traffic Offense Warning: 45  
 Warrant, Criminal/Civil: 2

### Arrests

- Nathan Richardson, age 17, Andover: Operating without a Valid License
- Samantha Charles, age 31, Andover: Manufacturing a Controlled Drug
- Mark Charles, age 37, Andover: Manufacturing a Controlled Drug
- Emily Kresco, age 27, Andover: Possession of Drugs 

## Town Clerk Report for November 2019

### Closed Veterans Day and Thanksgiving weekend

**Bonny Wesley, Andover Town Clerk**  
 Just a few things to keep you updated on what's going at the Town Clerk's office. The Clerk's office will be closed on Monday, November 11, for Veterans Day. The Selectman's office, however, will be open. Both offices will be closed over Thanksgiving weekend, November 28, 29, and 30. The clerk's office

will open instead on Saturday November 23 from 9 to 11 AM.

We have rearranged the 3 bulletin boards in the lobby area. One for Conservation news, one for Town notices, and one for Town Clerk business. We have hung a new bulletin in the entry hallway for public notices.

Please continue to keep us updated on your dog's status. If you no longer have your dog, please let us know. All dogs must be licensed. The 2020 licenses will be available January 1, 2020, and are due by April 30, 2020. Late charges will be applied after that date.

Election Year 2020 is going to be a very busy year, and we will need lots of help. We will need ballot clerks for checking people in, and ballot counters. If this is something you may be interested in, please let the Town Clerk's office know. Training will be provided.

The four elections in 2020 are the Presidential Primary in February; Town Elections and Town Meeting in March; the General Primary in September; and the General Election in November.

HB 391 (261:48) became effective on June 21. This bill requires that a current government-issued photo ID be presented to the Town Clerk to obtain a registration permit. 

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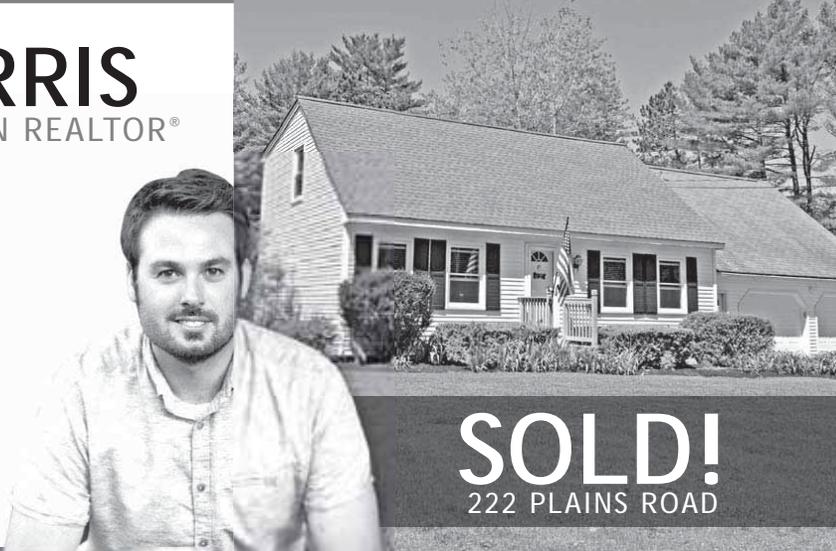
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Each month the *Beacon* holds a random drawing among Andover residents who have donated to the *Beacon* in the past calendar year. **Andover residents:** Support the *Beacon* every year and join the fun! This month's winners are:

Andover Pizza Chef	Large 2-Topping Pizza	Janice & John Brennan
Naughty Nellie's Ice Cream	Gift Certificate	Robert Govostes
JJ's Market & Deli	Gift Certificate	JoAnn Hicks
Keyser's Garage	Gift Certificate	Gerald Hersey
LisAnn's	Gift Certificate	Roy Sell
Mary Kay - Laura Condon	Gift Certificate	Marcia Condon
Blackwater Junction Restaurant	Gift Certificate	Virginia & Bill Luce
The Refinery Restaurant	Gift Certificate	John & Donna McDonald

**WINNERS! Call volunteer Margo Coolidge at 735-5418 to collect your prize.**

*Prizes not redeemable for cash. Prizes not claimed in 90 days go back into the prize pool.*

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## Andover Real Estate Transactions for September and October

Seven Andover homes sold last month

### Ty Morris, Coldwell Banker Lifestyles

Seven homes sold in Andover between September 12 and October 15.

Kevin and Donnette McGill sold 18 Last Street to Joseph Coffee for \$106,500. This 5 bedroom and 1 bathroom cape sits on 8 acres and has 3,512 square feet of living space. Lori Meding of KW Lakes and Mountains Realty represented the sellers, and Stephanie Picanso of KW Realty Metropolitan represented the buyers.

"Reverse Mortgage Solutions" sold 418 Main Street to Karner Blue Homes LLC, a real estate investment firm of Franklin, for \$120,000. This 3 bedroom and 1 bathroom split level home sits on 4.8 acres and has 1,964 square feet of living space. Jim Knowlton of Keller Williams Hopkinton represented the sellers, and Brenda Perkins of eXp Realty represented the buyers.

The Estate of Carol Bennet sold 173 Maple Street to Dennis Celata and Carrissa Fitzgerald for \$170,000. This 2 bedroom and 1 bathroom ranch sits on 1.9 acres and has 1,294 square feet of living space. Daniel O'Halloran of KW Lakes and Mountains Realty represented the sellers, and Elizabeth Bezanson-Gowlis of New Way Realty represented the buyers.

The Estate of Eileen Neville sold 752 Franklin Highway to Arthur and Sheila Swenson Irrevocable Trust for \$210,000. This 3 bedroom and 2 bathroom ranch

sits on 1.9 acres and has 1,260 square feet of living space. Tabitha and Dimitri of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the sellers, and Jeanne Phillips of BHHG Verani Concord represented the buyers.

Jay Griffin sold 757 Main Street to Kristopher and Kaitlyn Dumont for \$267,000. This 3 bedroom and 2 bathroom cape sits on 3.67 acres and has 2,256 square feet of living space. Kristen Burgess of BHHS Verani Bedford represented the sellers, and Dawn Hinxman of Century 21 Circa 72 Inc represented the buyers.

Sonny and Cheryl Ashburn sold 222 Plains Road to Paul and Christina Munger for \$270,000. This 3 bedroom and 2 bathroom cape sits on 1.6 acres and has 1,836 square feet of living space. Ty Morris of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the sellers, and Laura Hallahan of Tall Pines Realty represented the buyers.

Joyce Jones sold 346 Maple Street to Jeffrey Hall for \$700,000. This 8 bedroom and 4 bathroom 1780's colonial sits on 88 acres and has 4,932 square feet of living space. Margaret Weathers of Four Seasons Sothebys International Realty represented the sellers, and Pamela Perkins of Four Seasons Sothebys International Realty represented the buyers.

There are 15 homes and 6 parcels of land for sale in Andover. Two of these homes are currently under contract. Call Ty Morris at 237-2060 for more local real estate information. 

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# Letters

## Appreciating Andover

October in Andover stimulated my sense of appreciation. The warm, dry days were perfect for observing nature's display; mainly the deep reds and golds in the trees set in the pine forests or at strategic places along the road. One of my favorite views was at 7:30 in the morning, driving west on Route 11, from Dyers Crossing and past the Hersey farm.

I also have an appreciation for The Andover Beacon. I had forgotten, until I received the annual appeal for donations, that the paper, as I have known it, dates from 2004. I might have imagined that the paper had existed for ages, fulfilling the important role of chronicling the life of the town.

Every page contains articles of value for everyone in the paper's circulation area. One might say that the monthly paper, as much as anything else in Andover, promotes a sense of community. I hope the current appeal for donations is successful.

*Kent Hackmann*

## Enforce Immigration Laws

Two letters in the October Beacon which decry enforcement of our immigration laws. Both letters err in their claim that the detention of families who enter the United States illegally is wrong. Most importantly, those who enter our country in defiance of long standing law are making the decisions that cause their imprisonment. They "hold the keys to their prison door in

their own hands," as they would be free if they refrain from entering our country illegally.

It is not unusual for families to be separated when the parents commit a crime. As a long-term volunteer with the Florida equivalent of the CASA program, I visited many children who were in foster care because their parents had been arrested on drug or other charges. In any event, the Trump administration is seeking to allow families to be detained together. Detention is necessary. If illegal entrants were given a "get out of jail free card" they would have every incentive to continue to flout our borders.

I sympathize with the disgust that Pecco Beaufays expresses for the Nazi regime and death camps of his native, former, land. In view of his knowledge of the Nazi death camps, he should realize how wrong it is to equate American detention, of those who enter our land in violation of our rules, with the murder camps of the Nazis. The illegal immigrants are detained not because of their ethnicity, but because of their actions, and many of the facilities they are detained in were used by the prior Obama administration to detain immigrants.

Mr. Beaufays claims that some of the immigrants were beneficiaries of an American promise of asylum; however, asylum was meant for refugees from political, ethnic, or religious persecution, not for those who seek to immigrate to a country with a higher standard of living or more generous government benefits.

Additionally, his claim that Vice President Pence sees "any women" as "the devil" is ludicrous. His claim that we live in an "authoritarian regime" is disproved by his freedom to write his letter and its publication.

One reason that we have record low unemployment rates is that President Trump has fought to bar competition for American jobs by those who seek to work here illegally. If we are to continue to improve the economic condition of low income American workers, including minorities and the disabled, we need to enforce our immigration laws.

*Charles Baer*

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# Letters

## Logging on Tucker Mountain Road

Donna Baker-Hartwell

Tucker Mountain Road residents have experienced a number of large logging projects over the past ten or more years. As a resident, there are many challenges that come along with these projects: the meeting and passing of fully loaded logging trucks on narrow sections of the road that are often on blind corners; icy, muddy or dusty road conditions that are worsened by the heavy trucks; the added wear and tear on the road, and the addition of loud noises – lots of noise that disrupt the peace and quiet.

I think for the most part, we have been very tolerant. But, we are tired. There seems to be no limit to how long these projects last and/or how early in the morning or late in the day they operate. For these reasons, I am writing this letter to the Beacon.

### 5 AM Wake-Up Call

On September 3, at 5 AM, I awoke to the sounds of a logging project just below our home. It is a sound that you can not sleep through. I would later research web sites and estimate that the noise level of a wood chipper and log saw is somewhere around 85-112 decibel (dB). A decibel is a logarithmic unit of measure often used in measuring magnitudes of sound. In the city of

Manchester, no noise over 55 dB is allowed before 7 AM or after 10 PM. In the town of Andover, we have a Noise Ordinance that states that, “It shall be unlawful for ... unusual noise disturbances which... annoys or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety ...between the hours of 10:30 PM and 7 AM Monday through Saturday and 8 AM on Sunday.” I believe that this activity was at an hour that is unlawful.

I wrote a letter to our Select Board members and got 23 signatures from other residents on the road asking that the logging operation abide by our town noise ordinance. There are 20 homes on Tucker Mountain. Many of these homes are occupied by young families with children. We pay taxes and we elect board members to represent us and oversee the business of our town. We hope that they do so in our best interest.

### Ordinance Loopholes

After delivering our letter and meeting with the Select Board and the logger, it became apparent that the current Noise Ordinance has loopholes. These loopholes allow the Select Board to grant the logging company exemption from the noise ordinance.

#1. Under exemptions – “any other noise resulting from activities of temporary duration....” The word temporary opens up a wide range of interpretation. Logging is a portable industry by nature. Once the logger has cleared an area he/she must move the equipment to

the next job. But does portable equate temporary? This is a noise ordinance not an industry ordinance. Is noise that continues for 6-8 weeks to be considered temporary? The office of the Attorney General of New Hampshire, when asked this question, told me that seven to ten days might be considered temporary when it comes to noise. The recent logging project on Tucker Mountain Road lasted 34 days.

#2. The logger told the board that logging is considered agriculture and is exempted from the noise ordinance. The “harvesting” of lumber might be considered an agricultural industry but nowhere on the town noise ordinance is logging or agriculture listed as a category for exemption. The bottom line is that our current noise ordinance is vague and confusing. Interpreting it is left to the discrepancy of the select board.

### Grateful for 6 AM Concession

The meeting ended with the logger agreeing to start work at 6 AM instead of 5 AM. However, it was clear to me that our three Select Board members are 100 percent behind the logging industry. It was a concession offered by the logger that set the start time an hour later. I am grateful for his decency and his willingness to make a compromise with us.

I have to say that I am really disappointed in the lack of consideration for Andover residents, taxpayers and families by our elected officials. I still believe that we have a right to peace and quiet during the hours that we most need it. The noise ordinance states, and every noise ordinance that I have read across the state of New Hampshire begins with the acknowledgment, that loud noises “detrimentally affect public health, comfort, safety, welfare and prosperity...”

I hope that in the future, we can build a better relationship with the logging industry and the logging industry will build a better relationship with residents. I hope that our town ordinance can be clarified and amended by voters. I hope we will continue to discuss the issue of noise as it relates to the quality of our lives – today and into the future.

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# Letters

## Report from Concord, October 2019

**Ken Wells**  
NH Representative

It looks like the fall foliage in Andover reached its moment of maximum variety; its fullest spectrum, this week. I could see young maples whose lower and interior leaves held stubbornly onto their green, while yellow leaves stood out along their longest side branches, with splashes of brilliant orange and red around the treetops.

Stormy clouds have been rolling in dramatically around Kearsarge's peak, but so far have left quickly without much consequence. There has been a lovely run of clear, bright fall mornings that have been perfect for taking long walks; chatting with friends and neighbors. The evenings have been full of opportunities to share potluck suppers featuring our garden's harvest, or for taking a meal to dine with old friends that don't get out as much as they used to.

This makes me think ahead to Thanksgiving. I am nearly overcome by gratitude for the wealth of beauty here, and the wealth of good, old-fashioned community among us; the people of

these very special New England towns.  
**Budget Compromise**

Since my "Report from Concord" last month, the Governor finally signed the compromise budget proposed by the Legislature, and a shutdown of all state services was avoided. Hallelujah! The new budget includes funding for many worthy programs, but one stands out as wonderfully beneficial for our towns: increased state spending for education and local property tax relief. Over the next two years, Andover, Danbury, and Salisbury can each expect more than \$100,000 in state revenue sharing dollars to spend on our town's school and town budget items.

Passage of this state budget stopped our tax dollars from being increasingly diverted to tax breaks for out-of-state corporations (such as the natural gas industry), taking state money away from things we need. We need safe roads and bridges, we need good public schools, we need state-wide efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. These are all things that we, as individuals, are unable to do by ourselves, but can accomplish if we unify our efforts through community

and state leadership that takes our best interests to heart.

### Energy, Clean and Dirty

In the House Committee on which I serve, we have been examining the huge amount of money New Hampshire citizens spend on energy. We don't produce petroleum or natural gas in New Hampshire, but we have more carbon-free energy available than nearly any other state in the United States, including hydropower, biomass, solar and wind. New Hampshire is about the windiest place on the planet, and 10 to 50 miles offshore there exists more energy potential than 160 Seabrook nuclear power plants. Consider what New Hampshire's independent energy future could possibly look like in 20 or 30 years if we tapped this!

Why do we, year after year, annually send \$2 to \$6 Billion New Hampshire dollars out of our state to purchase filthy fossil fuels from places like Pennsylvania and Texas, when we have cleaner sources of energy in New Hampshire that are underdeveloped? Just think of the economic growth if those New Hampshire dollars stayed in New Hampshire, with New Hampshire families and businesses.

The money leaving the state today is equivalent to between two and six thousand dollars for every New Hampshire citizen. What would the money be able to do if it stayed in New Hampshire? It would turbocharge the growth of New Hampshire energy businesses, some large, well-established ones (like hydropower), and some brand new ones (like solar and wind) who would start building brand new New Hampshire energy infrastructures. Those businesses would hire New Hampshire workers for construction, engineering, plus office and support staff, who would spend their New Hampshire paychecks in their own New Hampshire communities – like, paying a babysitter and going out to dinner. Keeping local money in our community is a benefit multiplier. Every time New Hampshire dollars are earned and re-spent in New Hampshire, commerce increases and the benefit multiplies.

### Wealth

Wealth is not merely the cash in your pocket and the balance in your checkbook, but all of the value you create through your efforts. Sometimes we may be paid directly for the work we do, and we think of that as our "job". But many people's efforts create value and wealth without a regular paycheck. For example, the work that women have traditionally done at home for their families is not a paid "job", but their efforts unquestionably add great value and wealth to their households. You and your neighbors may have been out splitting and stacking firewood to get ready for the heating season. You may have made an effort to repair or repaint your house, or spent your time to help a child learn to read, or to do fractions. Sometimes your work adds to your own property's value and your personal wealth,

and other times your work might contribute to the wealth of the children in your community. You could perhaps convert this wealth into money, by selling the firewood you split, or you might choose to enjoy the benefit of the wealth you created by enjoying the smart appearance of your freshly-painted house, or feeling the satisfaction of having helped a child in their educational journey toward a more prosperous future.

The natural beauty of the forests, mountains, and lakes in our region are also a type of wealth that I think we would be foolish to convert into McMansions or commercial or industrial properties. The wealth of products we can sustainably harvest from our beautiful forests helps prevent them from being "cashed out" to make mini-malls or suburban housing.

### The Death of Biomass Industry

Unfortunately, there are ways that our wealth can be taken from us against our wishes. You may have read news reports that Governor Sununu, bending to the will of the New England Rate-payers Association (NERA), killed biomass in New Hampshire. There were six biomass plants in our state, and all the plants within driving distance of us have stopped buying wood chips and laid off their workers, effectively killing the industry. How did the Governor and his backers do this and why?

We don't often think about how "wealth" is different from "money", or how so-called "dark money" flows in New Hampshire politics. This "dark money" comes from anonymous out-of-state corporate sources. It's anonymous because federal law prevents us from knowing where it comes from (since the 2010 "Citizens United" United States Supreme Court decision), but in New Hampshire, we can see where some of the money goes. It pays lobbyists like NERA, whose lawyer's effort directly caused the collapse of the woodchip-fired biomass generators that help support our area's working economy. It pays lobbyists like Michael Sununu, who is not an elected official, but has worked as a lobbyist for the natural gas industry.

Jason Stock of the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association says that closure of the Springfield woodchip-fired plant (north of New London near I-89) will put their 20 employees out of work. In all, the statewide biomass closures will affect 931 workers who run the plants. These layoffs are very bad news. That beneficial multiplier effect I described above works in reverse as well. Due to these job losses, a far greater number of people than those laid off, will not see that money spent and re-spent in their shops and businesses within our communities. It is disappointing that the Sununus' actions seek to tear us down, rather than build us up.

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## Select Board

September 16

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Chuck Keyser, Select Board Chair; Dave Blinn and Bill Keyser, Select Board Members; John Thompson, Road Agent; Elita Reed, Bookkeeper; Arch Weathers, Budget Committee Chair; Jeff Newcomb, Todd Goings, Mary Anne Levesque, Jim Hersey, Budget Committee Members; and Police Officer Dan Mori.

**Also present:** Scott Beaulac, Equipment East; Jim Hanson; Wood Sutton; Gordon and Ellen Osborne; Marsha Siegel; and David Rochford

### Road Agent Report

#### Shaw Hill Road

The area of concern is all seeded and the hay is packed. Thompson called to order the erosion mats, but was advised that those will not effectively take care of the problem. The vegetation has already started growing in that area.

The one culvert near the neighbor's driveway will be worked on before winter arrives. It is best not to use hot patch.

#### Last Street Bridge

The job is completed except for the one corner header. Thompson will contact Hoyle Tanner to discuss what needs to be done.

The signs are up except the two 20-ton signs.

#### Snow Plow Contractors

The list is mostly filled out. Thompson will complete it shortly. Roy requested the list asap because contracts need to be executed.

#### Old College Road

There is some shoulder work that needs to be done tomorrow.

#### Shirley Street

Audrey will be out on October 1.

In this area, there is now an issue for the snow plows. The snow plow driver who usually does that route noticed that neighbors put up rocks and fences along the front of their properties. The Lion's Club also has a trailer in the front yard. Thompson will talk with Ron Evans about moving the Lion's Club trailer down to White Oak Pit for the winter so the Town has a place to push the snow in that area.

#### Flaghole Road

The road runs about two miles. It is a very large project. Several Flaghole Road residents attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the condition of the road. The residents wanted assur-

ances from the Town that this road will not be overlooked. (See "Flaghole Road Residents," below.)

There is an issue at the town line with ledge. Thompson will go out and look at it again to see what needs to be done. This project was planned to do last fall; however, the snow came early and it did not get worked on.

#### Shaw Hill Road

This is another large road project. Basically, the road needs to be started from scratch to properly put it in good order. Thompson asked the Board whether it would be worth it to have Brad Davis from Allstate Paving come out and give his opinion on what needs to be done to this road.

#### Town Road Signs

Roy told Thompson the State informed her the ordered signs are ready to be picked up.

Thompson reminded the Board that he is shorthanded at the moment.

#### Equipment

Scott Beaulac is a municipal specialist from Equipment East. Recently, Beaulac approached Thompson because he knew the Town would soon need their own highway department equipment with the upcoming appointed road agent position.

Beaulac presented the Board with information to review. The company carries all aspects of equipment from large  
*See Minutes on page 10*

## Office Hours & Meetings

### OFFICE HOURS

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### MEETINGS

*At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted*

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**Conservation:** 2nd Wed, 7

**Emergency Medical Service:**

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**Fire Department:** Mon, 7

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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,

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**School Board:** 1st Tue

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highway department equipment down to shovels and rakes. Beaulac offered to make recommendations to the Town even if the Town does not order equipment from this company. Beaulac is willing to help out, including doing equipment demonstrations. The Board will

schedule a time to visit the showroom in Bow within the next couple of weeks.

**Budget Committee**

Arch Weathers asked the Select Board if they would review what the Town voted on exactly for the appointed road agent. The Budget Committee would like to know roughly what the cost will be for the new appointed road agent. Chuck Keyser indicated that the Board is working on it and is not ready with a figure at this time, but that it would be coming very soon.

Weathers noted that the term for John Thompson, the current road agent, ends at Town Meeting 2020. Weathers is concerned that the Board needs an alternate plan if Thompson doesn't stay on and the Town doesn't have someone to replace him.

Weathers asked if there was a plan if someone is not hired in time to take over? Chuck Keyser noted that they expect to hire someone by February 1st. Along with the appointed road agent, they are working on a five-year capital plan with the basics, including a building and where to put the building, equipment, the number of employees, etc.

There will be two public hearings to gather information from the public. At the end of the year, the Board hopes to have a better idea of what is recommended and needed. Blinn explained that the Town warrant article tasked the Board with the task of appointing a road agent. But that there needs to be a plan for equipment, a location, etc... The plan is to work towards a full Highway Department. The Board already asked several other towns and seven to eight contractors for their expertise. The Board would like to attract some long-term candidates.

Weathers questioned whether the Board considered the cost of a full-time employee with benefits versus an independent contractor to manage, and whether this would be worth pursuing.

Chuck Keyser stated that private contractor rates are more expensive than municipal rates, and he would like to stay away from the State Retirement System because if that is offered to one employee, it must be offered to all employees.

Jim Hanson noted that most of the candidates for the road agent position are likely already in the State Retirement System. And the person will need to be as close to half an hour away, which will limit the pool size.

Todd Goings is concerned the Town needs to have someone start prior to Town Meeting 2020. Chuck Keyser said they hope to hire an experienced person who will start right off.

Chuck Keyser stated the Town is looking to purchase one piece of equipment initially. They looked two weeks ago at a backhoe. The Board will continue to look at other places. Goings suggested looking at rentals and to possibly purchase, such as a lease with an option to buy. And, the Board should be looking at a five-year capital improvement plan.

Weathers wants the Planning Board to be a part of the Capital Improvement Planning. Roy noted the Board is not at that point yet in the process. The Board needs to figure out what is actually needed, such as the building, the location of the department, whether a backhoe, pickup truck, or another one-ton truck is needed.

Weathers suggested having a committee assist the Board with this project. Weathers offered his assistance. Chuck Keyser stated that they would discuss it at a work session. The Board will send out an e-mail when the work session is scheduled.

Jeff Newcomb suggested that in the best interest of the Town, the Board should gather the numbers and then they may want to bring it to Town Meeting for the Town to re-think this warrant article.

Chuck Keyser stated they will have the numbers very shortly. Weathers indicated

the Board should consider meeting with the Budget Committee once the numbers are completed, including the equipment and salaries. Mary Anne Levesque would like to see some more experienced snow plow drivers in town or give the inexperienced drivers more training.

The Budget Committee has two vacancies. Chris Norris has resigned as has Morgan Salathe. These vacancies will be filled until Town Meeting 2020. An ad was put in The Andover Beacon. The Committee still does not have a secretary, so the meetings will be video-taped.

**Flaghole Road Residents**

The Board heard complaints from several Flaghole Road residents concerning the road not being paved for a very long time.

Wood Sutton suggested the Town bring in a firm to tell the Town just what needs to be done on this road. Sutton believes some of the road might just need some hot top while other portions might require more work. Sutton would like to see the road done in phases and building money into the budget.

Gordon Osborne complained that this road has not been paved since about 1960, the year after he bought his farm. Osborne did note that the road was top-coated twice, but one time it was done incorrectly and didn't hold up.

The Board agreed that Flaghole Road, like many roads in town, are not in good condition. The Board is trying to address those concerns.

**Town Budget Review**

Bookkeeper Elita Reed handed the Board the current budget balances showing the current funds and noted they are at the appropriate level for this time of year.

**Correspondence**

Intent to Cut: Darrell Lockwood, 434 Chase Hill Road, Map 2-559-140

Nobis Engineering Scope and Fee for the Groundwater Reporting and Post-Closure Inspections and Reporting at the Old Transfer Station on Monticello Drive.

**Select Board**

October 7

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Chuck Keyser, Select Board Chair; Dave Blinn and Bill Keyser, Select Board Members; John Thompson, Road Agent; and Police Chief Joe Mahoney.

Also present were: John Whyte, Ray Kelso, Donna Baker-Hartwell, Brad Hartwell, and Lynn Cox

**Road Agent Report**

**Street Signs:** The new signs have been picked up.

**Last Street Bridge:** Thompson met with Josif from Hoyle Tanner last week about finishing up the corner header.

**Shirley and Poplar Streets:** The perk test was done last Tuesday. The water dropped 12" in 2.5 minutes.

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**Sam Hill Road:** This road has been difficult to snow plow so the hot top has been taken off to repair the road. A resident is concerned about drainage and that water will not impede and flow into the right of way. The resident marked the area of concern. Thompson assured the resident the work will not come close to what is marked off.

**Flaghole Road:** Roy told the Board that Wood Sutton came into Town Hall last week and would like to know what the plan is to take care of this road. Sutton would like a plan so that this road is not forgotten.

The Board and Thompson agreed there are several areas of this road that need attention. The initial repair will be at the Town Line. There is another area of concern near a pond. The Board and Thompson are unsure which pond area it is, so they will go out to look at it.

Thompson will go out tomorrow and speak with the residents in that area. Afterwards, the Board and Thompson will develop a plan to have the road work done in sections.

**Beach House and Cemeteries:** The water will be drained and closed up for the year.

**Snow Plow Contractor List:** Thompson gave a list to Roy earlier today.

**Shaw Hill Road:** Asphalt reclaim will be put on the road before the Broshek property.

**New Employee:** He started today and already has his Commercial Driver License.

**Winter Salt:** Roy handed Thompson some information from different companies and their pricing from what she received so far. The town needs four tons of salt for the winter. Thompson explained that rock salt is better than sea salt. Roy will contact the company with the lower price tomorrow to make sure it is rock salt and not sea salt.

**Town Administrator Report**

Elita Reed, Bookkeeper, and Roy

have been working on the budget. All financial reports have been submitted to the State. The tax rate should be set around mid-October. All department heads will present their budgets either on October 21 or November 4.

As the Health Officer, Roy had occasion to check on a daycare that the Department of Health and Human Services had concerns about because several children had rashes and bites.

Chuck Keyser stated that he spoke with Arch Weathers, Budget Committee Chair, about setting up work sessions with the Board. After discussion, the Board made a tentative work session date of Tuesday, October 15 at 6 PM. Chuck Keyser will check with Weathers to see if that is agreeable.

Chuck Keyser asked Roy if Steve from Irwin's got back to her with a cost for a one-ton truck to lease. The price is needed by October 14.

The Board voted to take \$1,800 from the Recreation Committee Budget to pay for the tree cutting at Highland Lake Beach by the bath houses.

**Correspondence**

Intent to Cut: State, Ragged Mountain Forest, Meadowlark Lane (76 acres) Map 19-424-238.

Intent to Cut: Proctor Academy (268 acres) Map 18-840-096.

Yield Tax: Martin Haley, 289 Currier Road, Map 3-632-550, \$183.93.

Yield Tax: Jason Bisson, 24 Stewart Street, Map 3-819-452, \$414.25.

Avitar Five-Year Assessor's Agreement for January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

**Noise on Tucker Mountain Road**

Baker-Hartwell spoke to the Board on behalf of the 23 residents of Tucker Mountain Road who signed a request for the Board to cease the logging operation until 7 AM.

Baker-Hartwell stated that since September 3 it has been a disturbance to the young families. Trucks start going down first thing in the morning, along with chippers being used that early. Baker-Hartwell questioned why the logging operation does not abide by

the Andover Noise Ordinance.

Baker-Hartwell went on to say that for the past ten years the neighborhood has been quite tolerant during these logging operations. Baker-Hartwell stated that the noise is an infringement on the peace and quiet of the neighborhood of 20 homes. Initially, the noise started at 5 to 5:15 AM. However, since the police chief spoke to the loggers, they now start at 6 to 6:15 AM. Baker-Hartwell stated that 7 AM is a more appropriate time to start logging.

Baker-Hartwell would like the Select Board to look at where the logging operations are taking place before they permit it in a residential area, and consider what time of day the loggers can start logging. Baker-Hartwell questioned why the Board would sign a permit giving the loggers permission to log there without considering what time they start operations.

Ray Kelso indicated that this is a temporary operation and falls under the Agricultural rules that allow the loggers to work 24/7 because they are confined by the weather and the conditions of the road. Keslo explained other confinements such as needing to get two loads to the mill in a day, and without starting early, that would not take place. The closest mill is 112 miles away.

Police Chief Mahoney sought advice from the Merrimack County Attorney Office. Roy read the letter from that office out loud.

The Board took it under advisement. Roy will do research tomorrow and contact the appropriate parties with the information. The Board voted to allow the project to continue as it has been doing, without any further restrictions. After Roy gathers the information and meets with the Board a decision will be made for future logging operations on Tucker Mountain Road.

**Planning Board**

September 10

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Nancy Teach,

Chair; Art Urie, Vice-Chair; Doug Phelps; Randy Monti; John Hodgson; and Dave Blinn, *ex officio*

**Also present:** Pat Moyer, Planning & Zoning Administrator; Chuck Keyser, Selectman; Nan Champagne Davis; Jill & Stephen Colardeau; Cheryl Bentley; John Bentley, agent for the applicant; Roy Carlson; Michelle Bean; Chris Champagne; Chris Walton; Valerie Provost; Jon & Joanne Champagne; John Gonzalez; Christopher Seufert; Attorney for Jon Champagne; Seth Greenblatt; Larry  
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Giglio; Linda Barnes; Maryann & Greg Allen; J. G. Tatkovsky; Stacia Eastman; Douglas Grenier, Salisbury Planning Board; Joseph Schmid; Kelly Nan Raymond; Lenny Caron; Jesse Schust; Sonny Ashburn; Donna C. Duclos; Jeff Newcomb; Dan Mori; Joe Mahoney, Andover Police Chief; Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Peter McGlew, Aries Engineering; and Bob Norander.

**Public Hearing:** Final Site Plan Review for Jon & Joanne Champagne, Jeff & Kelly Raymond; and Chris Champagne for the installation for a gravel and stone excavation and sales business at 235 Salisbury Highway and 424 Bay Road in Andover, Tax Map 4 lots 443.37, 507.61 and 453-37 and located in the Forest and Agricultural Zone

Teach gave a background on the process the applicants have taken to date, including non-binding consultations with the Planning Board and a public hearing and approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment on May 21, 2019. The site plan review application was deemed complete at the July 23, 2019 meeting, and it was also determined that this proposal would have a regional impact.

Teach explained that a decision would not be made at this hearing as it was an opportunity for the board to listen and ask questions. Based on a review of Andover Excavation Regulations and the States Excavation Regulations, the board will have an opportunity to hire a third-party consultant and discussion will need to take place requesting an extension of the 65 days to 90 days per RSA676:4.

Teach opened the floor to the applicant. Attorney Seufert advised that John Bentley was here to discuss noise and water issues along with representatives from Aries Engineering. Seufert made a clarification to a comment made by the Town of Salisbury stating that the applicant was going to be excavating right up to the property line. Seufert explained that they would not be excavating up to the property line, as they have to be 50' with an agreeable and 100' with a non-agreeable abutter per RSA 155:E.

Teach read highlights from the letter received from the Town of Salisbury and their concern with storm-water and

groundwater, traffic on Route 4, noise due to crushing and blasting, interest in a statement of intent of adjoining land owned or of interest to the owner, and RSA:155E, and a third-party review.

Seufert responded to the concerns mentioned in the letter from Salisbury. DOT and their engineers determined that this is a low-impact project for the area, and their report was submitted to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for their May 2019 public hearing and was also included in the packet submitted to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review. Because access will be to Route 4, there would be no degradation to Town roads.

Hodgson stated the approval for the driveway was included but not the report of the DOT. Seufert stated it was included. Teach read from the letter from DOT dated March 22, 2019 indicating the driveway permit application was received by DOT District 2 on June 21, 2017, which stated the driveway location site visibility use and gravel pit and deed history were received by DOT. A traffic study is not required for the review of the driveway application due to the relatively small size of the development and the current traffic count on Route 4.

Teach asked if DOT was aware of this proposal and what the next stages for Mr. Champagne at the time the driveway application was received. Seufert stated DOT indicated they were aware that it was going to be a gravel pit, and Teach responded it was not clear in the letter and it needs to be addressed. Moyer stated to Teach that it does indicate "use gravel pit" in the letter in parenthesis. Teach stated the board will take this under advisement.

Bentley presented the project. There are a number of regulations that cover crushing and blasting. Blast is 1/250th of a second. Most blasts will be quite small and infrequent, as the site is small and there is no place to put material. This project will be looking at 4,000 to 5,000 pounds of explosives at the biggest when in full operation; the first will be around 2,000 pounds.

There is a dust-control system that is embedded in the crusher which is mandated by the EPA and NH DES to minimize the amount of dust produced. 200

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gallons of water is put into the crusher at the beginning of the day, and it will spray a fine mist as the rock is being crushed. The water adheres to the rock and pulls the dust, but it does not run off.

The engines on the crusher are diesel powered, and the emissions from the crusher are governed by the EPA and NH DES, and both departments monitor this frequently.

Calculations were run on the noise levels based on the Andover Zoning Regulations, which state not to exceed 60dB at the property line. They estimated the property line to be approximately 260' from the machine, so they will be well under the 60dB at the property line in all directions.

A blast (seismology) report from Green Mountain was submitted with the application. Once material is on-site, there being significant up-gradient features to the topography, and as material is stock-piled that will be an additional buffer around the crusher.

The number of days for crushing will be limited, as the footprint of the property is small. They will probably crush two to three weeks at the most, not necessarily every day, and then the material created needs to be dealt with.

Seufert asked what the anticipated level of noise of the crusher will be at the property line; the response was if they use the model of 105Db at the machine, they are anticipating it to be 59Db at 200', not taking into account the loam pile and any deflection from the topography or materials stock-piled.

Monti asked if they drill into the ledge and the response was yes. Monti asked for an idea of how long the drilling takes and how much noise the drill makes. Bentley responded that once in the bedrock, the noise is attenuated by the bedrock and you will hear the drill running and then a thump, but it won't be a particularly loud noise as the noise level has to be under 105 as that is the limit you can have at the machine.

Champagne anticipated two to three days of drilling, and then cleaning the debris up. There will be long spaces between the drilling, blasting, and crushing. It was presented at the ZBA hearing that there will be two short cycles of blasting, not including the short small infrequent blasts to get the footprint created.

Once you are into the working phase you will be able to blast and crush and it would take you months to move two weeks' worth of crushing, presuming the market is there and you are able to sell it.

Phelps asked if the blast would have any effect on the abutters' foundations or if it would shake the houses. Bentley responded that if they refer to the seismology report, the answer is no. Phelps asked if it would react differently to different types of soils. Bentley responded that this is rock and it would not go far. Seufert stated this is all ledge.

Phelps responded that all the neighboring homes would be built on that same sheet of rock. Seufert stated that Phelps was asking how far it would travel through the ground. Bentley stated it would not be anywhere near those houses, and he can get the hard data for it.

Champagne stated that when his home was put in, there were seventy-seven charges and his mother's home was approximately two hundred feet from his foundation and there were no foundation or water issues. Phelps asked if the blasts were heard and Steve Colardeau stated that yes, he could hear it and feel it. Colardeau is 0.2 miles from Champagne's home and it shook their home.

Champagne stated that when Fenvale was built and developed, there was significant drilling and blasting as well as crushing on-site, and at that time the largest abutting family was the Champagnes, and not once was there a registered complaint.

Walton asked what the decibel rating at the property line is and Bentley responded that the regulations call for 60Db. Duclos asked if the sound is any louder than the fireworks they hear in the neighborhood on the Fourth of July, and the response was no.

Jill Colardeau asked if anyone had any insight into this causing the opposite effect of a sonic boom (shock wave) and possible sinkholes.

Pete of Aries Engineering gave a brief background of his work with gravel mining operations and people trying to protect for groundwater and as a hydrogeologist and surface water. Aries helped the applicant with the plans for stormwater protection and reviewed the plans to determine if there would be any impacts that they could see or pre-

dict to groundwater and how to prevent them. What they have come up with is Best Management Practices.

Regarding the groundwater – there are Best Management Practices that the State of NH has come up with stating the procedures to follow if drilling and blasting to protect the groundwater. The depth that is being blasted is from a knob of bedrock that extends pretty high above the site, and because of that, the face would come down and the groundwater is pretty far below that; therefore, the groundwater will not be impacted because they are so far above it.

Regarding the surface water, because that is an impact that is always possible, and it can also feed to the groundwater, they will be following

Best Management Practices by having the diesel tanks under cover, which will not allow ice or other things to impact the machinery; therefore, it won't go into the aquifer.

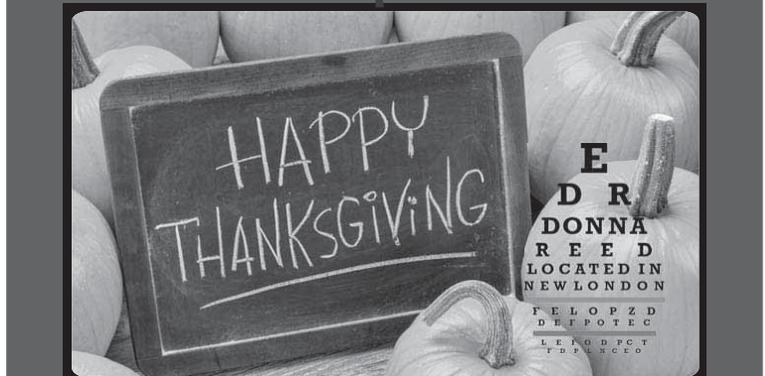
With a Stormwater Prevention Plan – looking at large storm – how much water could bring down, where that water would be funneled to and you would not get sediment funneling off into streams or the street because sediment is extra nutrient and you don't want that in the streams. The Stormwater Plan would follow the state rules and those rules are pretty well prescribed so there is not much chance for problems as well as following Best Management Practices regarding fuel and keeping things

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## Wilmot Public Library Welcomes New Director

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**Press release**

The Wilmot Public Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the hiring of a new library director, Glynis Hart, who assumed her position on October 14. A reception was held from 2 - 6 PM, and many library patrons dropped by to meet and welcome her. The Friends of the Library (FOWPL) provided refreshments.

A journalist for 20 years, Glynis began as a freelance writer for regional publications in the Ithaca area of central New York, and in 2008 became the managing editor of the Finger Lakes Community Newspapers, a group of nine weeklies. In this capacity she managed reporters, did her own writing, and laid out three of the papers every week.

In 2016 she joined the Adirondack Daily Enterprise as a staff reporter for a daily newspaper in her hometown of

Saranac Lake, New York, and in 2018 she moved to Claremont, where she served as a staff reporter at the Eagle Times before becoming the managing editor.

A graduate of Wells College in Aurora, New York, Glynis majored in comparative literature and French, and spent a semester abroad in Dakar, Senegal.

As a journalist she had the opportunity to interview many directors of rural libraries, and was impressed by the scope and creativity of programs that are offered. Consequently, she brings many ideas to the table as she embarks on this new phase of her professional life.



Glynis Hart became the new library director in October.

## Wilmot Historical Society to Hold Annual Meeting and Program

Sunday, November 10 at the WCA Barn

**Press release**

The Wilmot Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at 1:30 PM on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at the WCA with one of its famous Cracker Barrel programs to follow. Come early to schmooze and enjoy light refreshments. The WCA's Red Barn venue is located at 64 Village Road next to the

Wilmot Post Office.

For the program portion of the meeting, local historian and WHS board member, Fred Ögmundson, will lead a Cracker Barrel event using objects and anecdotes to highlight what life was like before our time. Fred encourages everyone to bring their own stories and whatcha-ma-call-its to be ID'd during the program. Memberships may be renewed at this time as well. See you there!



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under cover. Seufert asked him to explain the process to the board.

Look at very detailed topographic map, maybe with 2' contours, and see where the water will flow. They won't let it run off, won't let it move sediment around. Upon viewing this site, there was nothing noted that would be problematic. There would have to be inspections continued by Aries and the owner.

The stormwater plan contains checks and balances such as looking at the area to be sure there is no erosion. You look at the plan to be stamped by the engineer and identify where the runoff will go. They will try to get it to infiltrate into the groundwater so the groundwater continues to store it at a good level, which is typical and follows the regulations.

Seufert stated there was some concern at the ZBA hearing regarding pollution of The Bays, and the water around there, and people's wells. Pete stated the materials they are using – the drilling and then blasting of rock – if you follow the state procedures which are the Best Management Procedures, you should not cause any additional concentrations to get into the groundwater or surface water. Surface

water should be retained on the site and infiltrated at a slow rate into the ground.

The ground acts as a filter to a good extent for the groundwater and will remove some of the extra sediment and some of the things that would be in the water will break down because it is a microbial population, and the geochemistry of the groundwater allows it to break down to natural components; however, they will not be putting anything additional in that's not naturally there.

Schmidl stated that originally Champagne was going to pursue an Alteration of Terrain Permit from the State and asked if this was still going to happen. The response was it is less than the required threshold which is 100,000 and this is 91,000 and because Aries was going to be there doing some mapping they should probably do the data for that and a final decision has not been made, but it is something they will consider; however, if they go over 100,000 they will get the AOT Permit.

Teach clarified that the letter from Aries from 2018 was actually a work scope and budget and not a full report.

Jill Colardeau asked what type of explosives will be used, and Bentley explained that the blasting caps are now non-water soluble so they won't dissolve into the water. Colardeau stated she was very concerned about contamination as their dug well is about 12' deep. She asked again what the name of the explosives is and what they are made of. Bentley responded that the brand name is High-Ex and he does not know what the chemical composition is; however they are the explosives that the state has recommended that everybody use.

Caron stated that there was no information on the size of the drill to be used or how far apart the holes are going to be. Bentley responded that all of this is determined by the blast engineer. The blast engineer will come in and look things over and make a determination. It would probably be two inch, which is standard, and the friability of the rock will determine how close the holes are and how deep you go. This is all calculated by people who do this all the time. The explosives are used to minimize

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the effect on neighboring properties and there is a legal limit for that to travel.

Caron read an example from Keith Babb stating the most common drill is a four inch which will make a five and a half inch hole going down 58.4' so if the applicant does not know the depth, width of the hole, distance between holes, they will not know how much gun powder to use to do the blasting.

This example is based on holes 6' back and 4' apart and blasting three rows at a time. If you make short holes, there is drilling at a shallow depth but the holes have to be close together and the higher the depth, the further back the holes have to be and the bigger the holes will get; however, this information is unknown for this proposal.

Bentley stated this is why the engineers will come in and study the site. They make the determination based on the final outcome that Jon is looking for. Every site is different, and the report submitted is from a much larger pit.

Caron asked what type of crusher will be used: a cone? Champagne explained gunpowder is not used; you space the drilling out depending on how big you want the piece of ledge to fall, so the closer you drill and the closer your charges are, the finer the rock will fall.

There are two different pieces of crushing equipment: a jar crusher and a cone crusher. Normally you use the two in unison. A jar crusher can crush up to a 2½ to 3' diameter piece of rock. These drill depths are going to be approximately 15' to 17' – in talking with the drill master. Small blasts will be the first thing done to develop a face and lifts for that site and that is where they obtained the information they have. You can only drill so deep on the terrain.

Phelps asked which type of crusher will be used, and Champagne responded Keith Babb is contracted to do the drilling and blasting, and he will be using identical equipment to what he uses for the crushing for the Town of Andover.

Caron stated that he is pretty sure Babb has a cone crusher and also stated that there are actually three types of crushers: a jar, a gyro and a cone, and the cone crusher is the loudest.

Champagne stated that Keith Babb has been to the Zoning Board and to the Planning Board and has made his presentations. Bentley stated that all of this data is on file with the application that will answer most of these questions. Bentley stated he does not know the brand name of the crusher, but the decibel reports that they received at the source of the machine are in the report.

Sound is the same no matter what brand of crusher you are using. Blasting is handled by the engineers – they determine which size hole is drilled, how deep they go, how far the holes are spaced apart. All of this is within the guidelines set by the EPA, MSHA, OSHA, and the

State of New Hampshire DES. This is a highly regulated industry.

Jill Colardeau asked if there would be two crushers on-site, and Teach stated that is what she heard. Caron stated he was only asking about one, and if there are two, one would be a primary and the other a secondary. And from the size of the stone it is indicated will be made, there will be a secondary crusher.

He also read that Babb states he will not be using a blasting mat. He is concerned with how they will stop the rock due to the small width holes as the bigger the nuggets, the more control you have over the over-blast.

Schmidl stated that it was stated that they would be trying to infiltrate the stormwater into the ground on-site, and it could provide a migration pathway to the nearby wells.

Allen asked if there has been any thought given to the trickle-down effect of any radon being released from the granite as it's being blasted. The response was radon has a very short life and as the blasting opens up the rock, the radon would dissipate very quickly as it's a gas, so it should not impact the water as it will be above the water table.

Schmidl stated that the applicant plans on infiltrating water at the site to get it in, which will trickle down to the water table and provide that migration mechanism.

Champagne stated that the loudest piece of equipment will be the screener with its initial startup and shut down and asked if Caron could provide him with his own sound chart at his pit and they could use that in comparison to what their equipment will be on the decibel and noise.

Phelps stated that it sounds like what they want to know is the point source dB for the three pieces of equipment. Caron stated that they had information on the drill, crusher and excavator, but there was no decibel sound on the screen beyond the driveway and the screen is louder than the crusher and it is not the start-up and shut-down, it's the rattling.

Schmidl asked if there had been any suggestion as to whether there would be any site-specific testing to see how the sound carries on that site given its unique topography. Teach stated the board would take that under advisement.

Colardeau stated she was concerned with the children waiting for the bus on the end of Bay Road.

Grenier asked if the plans submitted to the Town were the most up-to-date plans, and the response from Teach was yes.

Bentley addressed the vegetation buffers and the fencing at the top that was required by the ZBA, stating that they were added to the most recently submitted plans. Seufert stated that these were points that the LRPC addresses.

Barnes asked how many loads are anticipated on a daily basis, and Bentley

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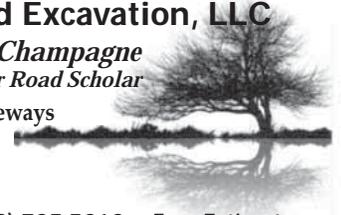
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Members of the Andover Historical Society, with a “tiny house” replicating a railroad caboose, walked in Warner’s Fall Foliage Fest parade on October 13. Judy Perreault dressed as a well-to-do passenger of the era; Pam Cooper posed as Hazel Riel, a Franklin telegraph operator; Gail Richards disguised herself as Al Eaton, a Potter Place postal worker; and Doug Phelps dressed as a conductor.  
Photo: Scott Smith

## Andover Historical Society Joins Kickoff for Railroad Series

Organized by historical societies in 17 towns

### Press release

Want to learn more about the dramatic impact on New Hampshire’s people and places caused by the coming of the railroad in the 19th century? Then plan to attend the kickoff of a coming six-month-long, multi-town exhibition at 7 PM on Thursday, November 7, in the Warner Town Hall. Bring along any railroad-related memorabilia, including railroad items, posters, photos, family stories, and other items.

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called MUSE (for MUseums Sharing Experiences), 17 area organizations are planning for a six-month series of railroad-era exhibits, programs, lectures, readings, and other activities highlighting the economic, social, and environmental changes that occurred during New Hampshire’s Railroad Era. The series will begin in May 2020.

In the picture above, four members of the Andover Historical Society joined others marching in Warner’s Fall Foliage Fest parade on October 13, accompanied by a “tiny house” disguised as a railroad caboose on wheels. For more information, visit [NHmuse.org](http://NHmuse.org).

## Coming Soon: Service Club’s Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Exciting changes planned at Thrift Shop

Eileen Mackey  
Andover Service Club

Members of the Andover Service Club met at the Grange Hall for their October meeting. While enjoying delicious snacks, we greeted old friends and welcomed a new member, Shelley Geoghegan, publisher of *The Andover Beacon*. The club is always happy to have new members join us.

At this month’s meeting we learned about the shelter in Sullivan County for women who need help from abuse. Last month we were entertained by Richard Brewster who is an expert on beekeeping. In the past we have listened to informative talks about: New Hampshire wildlife, Aging with Magic and Humor, and Care of the Brain as We Age.

Each year we also have an “in-house” auction which is a lot of fun. We’d love to have you join the club and enjoy it with us! Members were busy in October preparing for the “Jingle Bell” fair, which took place on October 26. This month, we will hold our annual Thanksgiving Pie sale at the Circle K on November 26 and 27.

Sandy Miller is also starting to collect new items and gift certificates for the annual Christmas Basket Raffle.

Tickets will be available at the pie sale, the Thrift Shop, and from club members.

### News from the Thrift Shop

Keep your eye on the Andover Thrift Shop as rumor has it that exciting changes are in the works, starting with a new name.

Beginning in December, The Andover Thrift & Gift Shop will offer shoppers a unique collection of gently worn women’s and children’s clothing, jewelry, specialty gifts, household decor, and brand name greeting cards – just in time for holiday gift giving. In addition, each month the shop will showcase and offer for purchase the fine work of local artisans and crafters!

The shop will be open regular hours during November, and will be offering 50 percent off all sweaters. The shop will close Sunday, November 24 through Monday, December 2, to prepare for a grand reopening on Tuesday, December 3, with a new look and a wide variety of new merchandise, treats, and specials.

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## VNA Presents Workshop on Aging in Place at the Hub

Adapting your home to your changing needs

### Press release

Most of us want to “age in place” as we get older and to continue to be as independent as possible. Suggestions for steps we can take to adapt our homes to changing needs that may come with age will be offered on Tuesday, November 12, at 10:15 AM at The Andover Community Hub.

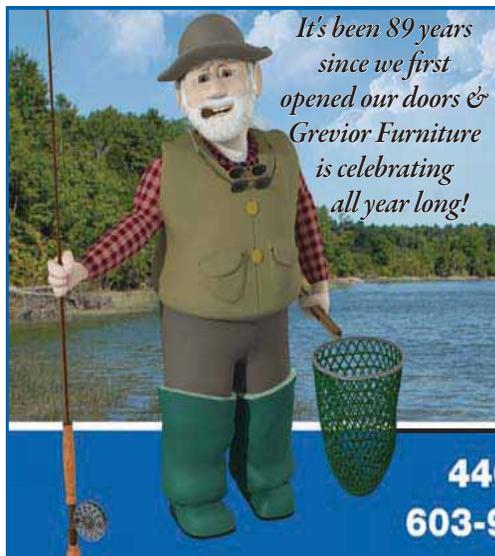
Cheryl Phelps, an occupational therapist with the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association, will lead a discussion on what you can do to maintain your independence and continue to live in your current home. She’ll also suggest how to begin thinking about a “Plan B” in case the need arises.

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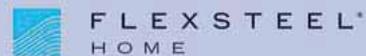
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**F**riends of the Northern Rail Trail held its annual Self-Congratulatory Potluck Supper at the Andover Barn at the Highland Lake Inn on October 16. Between dinner and dessert, several volunteers were recognized for their exceptional service to the Friends group – our hosts Gail and Pecco Beaufays, Steve Rayno, Patrice and Steve Rasche, Jim Shaw, Kent Hackmann, and Charlie Baer.

## Kearsarge Chorale Fall Concert and Silent Auction on November 24

Colby-Sawyer College's Wheeler Hall

**Press release**

The Kearsarge Chorale, under the direction of new Artistic Director, Alex Ager, will present its Fall Concert, featuring *Requiem in D minor* by Gabriel Fauré, as well as pieces by Ola Gjeilo, Morten Lauredsen, Eric Idle, and others. Alex is the music teacher at Andover Elementary/Middle School; this performance marks his conducting debut with the Kearsarge Chorale.

will be held in Wheeler Hall before the concert, starting at 2:15 PM and during the intermission (cash and checks only).

Tickets are \$15 for the public; \$5 for students. Tickets will be available at Tatewell Gallery and Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London; at Main-Street BookEnds in Warner; online at [kearsargechorale.org](http://kearsargechorale.org), and at the door.



Alex Ager, music teacher at AE/MS, makes his conducting debut with Kearsarge Chorale at its fall concert.

The concert will be held at Wheeler Hall on the campus of Colby-Sawyer College in New London on Sunday, November 24, at 3 PM. A silent auction for the benefit of the Chorale

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ley responded that there will probably be a net reduction in the truck traffic for part of the time, as right now material is currently being brought and dumped onto Champagne's property, then he loads it onto his trucks and then hauls it out. So if he is manufacturing it on site, it would cut out 50% of the traffic. As far as additional sales, that is market-driven. Currently there is a high of 24 loads per day going out.

Jill Colardeau asked where the truck loads are currently coming and going from and the response was Route 4. Colardeau stated that the trucks are currently going down Bay Road. Urie responded that everything will be onto Route 4 with this proposal.

Eastman asked what direction his current trucks travel in. Champagne responded: most commonly, towards Wilmot and New London. Phelps asked if he expected the traffic on Bay Road to increase or decrease, and Champagne responded decrease, as his primary inlet and outlet will be onto Route 4.

Greenblatt, representing Lois Levick, an abutter, stated that Lois Levick and Jon Champagne came to a private agreement at the Zoning Board level to have certain screening done prior to any excavation being undertaken and wanted to be sure that it was part of any site plan should the proposal get approved. Seufert stated that the trees have already been sourced and are ready to go once the permits are issued.

Greenblatt also stated that the board is aware that there may be some dispute about the impact levels of all this activity; however, there is no dispute that there will be some level of impact.

There will be sound, dust, and traffic. The board's obligation is to try to minimize those known impacts that everyone knows will come with the common sense of what the operation is; and to ensure that those minimization efforts are effective through ongoing monitoring to make sure water is preserved, the sound remains at proper decibel levels, the dust remains at an appropriate level, and traffic is not increased beyond what is being portrayed by the applicant.

Jill Colardeau asked if the surrounding property owners' water will be tested and monitored, and Teach responded that she does not have an answer for that. Bentley stated that they are undecided on the well monitoring. Champagne stated that a drilled well can be monitored; however, a dug well cannot, as the State does not see a dug well as suitable for drinking water.

Phelps asked what will happen if there is a problem with a dug well. Champagne responded that it would depend on what the test is and what the result is and what the contamination is would determine who is at fault. It is Aries Engineering's responsibility that this business is being conducted legally so there is no problems, safety issues, or groundwater contamination.

Grenier of the Salisbury Planning

Board stated that the letter submitted on September 6, 2019 referenced a lot of the regional impact guidelines. He asked if the Andover Planning Board would entertain comments from the Salisbury Planning Board at the Site Plan Review level, or is their input basically capped to what is in the letter in terms of regional impact?

There are things on the plans that should be addressed, and if not addressed at this hearing, maybe a work session, as the plans he has seen are nowhere near the level of detail that he would expect for a 155 Excavation Permit Application. He is unsure where the Salisbury Planning Board fits into this process as he feels there are a lot of T's that need to be crossed and I's that need to be dotted to make this a better project. Does the Andover Planning Board want abutting towns to participate in this process?

Seufert responded that this is home-rule and basically each town deals with those projects in town, so the Regional Planning Commission Statute RSA:35B was instituted so that if towns neighboring had issues, they would go through the Commission and then the Commission filters those concerns back down to the home town.

Andover is part of the Lakes Region Planning Commission and Salisbury is part of the Central NH Planning Commission, and if Salisbury has any input in this process and it had to be at the Planning Commission level, they would have to go through the Central NH Planning Commission.

Grenier stated he has some questions and concerns with what is on the plans that should be addressed.

Schmidl stated that there are also specific RSA's that deal with developments of regional impact that go beyond this home rule issue and do incorporate abutting towns for comment and inclusion.

Serge stated that in his opinion, Salisbury is an abutter for the proceedings; they have a right to be there and present their concerns.

Teach asked if this would be an opportunity for the Central NH Planning Commission to work with the Lakes Region Planning Commission and Serge responded no because the pursuant statute the Town of Salisbury and the Lakes Region Planning Commission are the ones that had to be notified of the hearing and they both responded in writing and Salisbury is present and the Commission is not.

Grenier stated the comments he has on the plans would require him to go through the plans and is unsure if the hearing would be the venue to do that or if there should be a work session. Grenier stated that on the plans he has, it shows the author as Web Stout and does not mention Aries Engineering and that is why he asked if there are other drawing as part of the application that they are not aware of. He is considering a work session with the Andover Plan-

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## Life Line Brings Affordable Health Screenings to Franklin

Tuesday, November 12,  
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**Press release**

Residents living in and around the Franklin area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis,

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ning Board to review the plans.

Phelps asked if a memo as an addendum to the letter could be drawn up and submitted to the board for review. Grenier stated he could go through the plans and put a letter together with his concerns or take a clean set of plans and do a red line at the Site Plan Review level of input.

Serge stated that Andover has a set of excavation regulations and clarified that the board is considering a Site Plan Review along with an excavation permit that is required pursuant to statute and pursuant to the regulations. There are certain requirements that have to be met pursuant to the regulations – operation standards as well as reclamation standards – and he is unsure about how much of what has been presented has covered the regulations. He feels that a lot of Greniers' concerns pertain to the regulations and not just the site plan.

Grenier stated that as a practicing landscape architect for 46 years, he has some strong opinions as to what should or should not be illustrated on the plans. Serge asked Seufert if Seufert should go forward and explain to the board in a letter what has been addressed pursuant to the regulations and what hasn't.

Seufert responded that the board should come back stating they need more information on specific items.

Serge asked if everything has been submitted according to the regulations and the response from Seufert was yes. Serge stated that if approved, there would be a Site Plan Approval and an Excavation Permit, each being its own concept, and yes, they will overlap.

Greenblatt stated that the Site Plan would ultimately inform whether the regulations are met and so there may be a site plan that gets modified and that modification might bring something into compliance or they may find that you can't bring anything into compliance, but unsure if you can bifurcate the two conversations.

Seufert stated that they believe that everything the board needs has been submitted, and if the board needs anything further, the board can identify those things and the applicant will be happy to provide what else might be needed.

Serge stated that his concern as an attorney is this hearing was noticed as a Site Plan Review and not an Excavation Permit, and in the future someone may say that they only got noticed for a Site Plan and not an Excavation Permit and feels this should be continued to another hearing date and provide new notices that it will also include an Excavation Permit Review as well.

Salisbury and the Lakes Region Commission recommended that the board get a third party review of the package, and Serge also recommends

this. Grenier stated that, as a Salisbury Planning Board member, he will draw up a summary letter of his concerns in a Site Plan Review context as it will be more detailed than the excavation based on the plans he has and will present them to the Andover Planning Board.

Seufert stated that Salisbury is an abutter, they are no more powerful or less powerful than any other abutter, and they do not have a seat at the Andover Planning Board table. All they can do, just like any other abutter, is make comments and suggestions. It carries no weight of law under RSA:35B.

Grenier responded that as an abutter, his goal is to present things that he feels the board needs to understand in order to make a solid decision. Serge stated that the board would take it under advisement as they would any other abutter.

Nan Davis stated that she is an abutter and is in favor of this proposal and asked if the word "final" in the hearing notice is suddenly becoming not final or do they still need "final." Serge explained that the Excavation Permit is a separate statutory issue and he is trying to find a way to get this done fairly efficiently.

Teach and Serge summarized what the next steps will be, including continuing the hearing to Tuesday, September 24, 2019 and to come back on the issue of picking a third party expert to review the package that was presented that addresses the excavation and the Site Plan. That person will proceed with the review. There will be a notice provided pertaining to the specific excavation permit review.

Grenier asked when the board would want the concerns of Salisbury, and Phelps suggested they submit them as soon as possible. Seufert stated that the board would probably want to provide the third party review with the concerns of Salisbury.

Ashburn commented that he feels Champagne has done his due diligence and has professionals present with him; however, there are no professionals present from the other side.

Caron stated that he has reviewed the plans and would like to know where the gravel is located on the property, as it is not indicated on the plans; he does not see any gravel outcrop, therefore, it should only be a ledge permit. He also stated that the third party reviewer should have the information pertaining to his previously mentioned concerns in order to make an informed decision.

Champagne stated that there is no gravel or bank run sand on the lot – it is a ledge lot and the state spec standard is a uniformed fractured ledge with stone dust – no loam, no sand – just a uniform material. This is a completely different type of operation than Caron's. The noise from these machines, which is the same equipment that the Town leases and uses



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to crush gravel and screen sand, it is the same person, the same equipment, and the same readings that were provided.

Champagne asked the Selectmen if there have been any complaints for the Town's crushing and screen operation, and the response was no, but they only do this for two to three weeks.

Greenblatt stated that it is not uncommon for a board to do a site visit with the equipment operating and include any abutters who wish to be present; the board may want to consider doing this.

Teach asked Champagne and Seufert to provide names of people that they would like for a third part reviewer as soon as possible.

## Planning Board

September 24

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Members present:** Nancy Teach, Chair; Art Urie, Vice-Chair; Randy Monti; Doug Phelps; and Dave Blinn, *ex officio*

**Also present:** Pat Moyer, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Jon & Joane Champagne; John Bentley; Dave Powers; Chris Seufert, attorney for Jon Champagne; John & Cheryl Bentley; Larry Giglio; Steve & Jill Colardeau; Jeff Newcomb and Mike Bourque, owner of The Pine Outlet

**Public Hearing:** Jon & Joan Champagne, Chris Champagne, and Jeff & Kelly Raymond for a Site Plan Review for the installation of a gravel and stone excavation and sales business at 235 Salisbury Hwy and 424 Bay Road in Andover, NH Tax Map 4, Lots 443/37, 507;61 and 493:37 in the FA District.

The Planning Board will also be considering the applicant's request for an excavation permit pursuant to the Town of Andover Excavation Regulations.

Teach re-opened the hearing at 7 PM for the explicit purpose of agreeing upon an expert engineer as indicated in Section XIV. Teach asked Champagne and Seufert if they would be agreeable to extending the 65-day deadline to a 90-day deadline, as an expert would need that length of time to review and come to a decision.

Champagne and Seufert agreed to extend deadline to make a final decision on the Site Plan Review Application. Suggestions for experts were received from Champagne, the Town of Andover, and the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Bentley asked if anyone present had worked with any of the persons on the list of experts. Urie stated he has worked with GZA, as did Monti. Monti stated that unless there were any concerns by the board, the persons Champagne submitted should be the chosen party.

Monti asked Champagne if he has any financial ties with George Bower and if he is related to George Bower. The response was no. Cheryl Bentley stated she has previously worked with George Bower and they can respond quickly.

Teach asked the board members if they had any concerns with George

Bower and the response was no. Seufert stated that if there are any concerns from the public regarding the drilling, Maine Drilling should be a second choice. Phelps stated that Maine Drilling is not a strong groundwater expert. Newcomb responded that he was under the assumption that Maine Drilling is very involved with groundwater.

Teach stated she would have Moyer reach out to the three outfits on the list. Seufert stated that he was concerned about a budget. Champagne asked for the budget to be kept under \$10,000.

Champagne asked how Lakes Region Planning Commission had heard about this, and Teach stated that the town contacted them due to the regional impact. Teach stated she had received public comment from the Conservation Committee, the Town of Salisbury, and Lenny Caron, and offered copies of the comments to the public present.

Teach stated she had received a map of Lois Levick's property from Seth Greenblatt and asked what it represented. Seufert stated he would identify what it is. Moyer will reach out to the engineers regarding time needed, a site visit, fees, what they will provide and what they will need from the Planning Board.

An Earth Excavation Application was received and signed by Teach. Teach continued the hearing until October 8, 2019.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Stacey Barnes for a campground at 81 Moody Road in the AR/FA Zone on 88 acres Tax Map 4, Lot 482,511.

Barnes presented a map of her road and indicated that it is a Town-maintained road to her property line. A campground is a permitted use in the AR Zone by Special Exception but not in the FA Zone. Barnes stated she has previously operated a campground in Texas. The proposal will be for operating seven to eight months of the year, and each site would be 100' x 35' and there would be a clubhouse and pool.

Blinn stated that he has concerns with security, trash, and traffic. He asked how this proposal could affect the Town in terms of the police department and fire department. Blinn also stated that a sizeable septic would be necessary and asked if she had considered a dump station.

Teach stated a Special Exception would need to be granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Phelps stated the board would need an actual plan indicating the sites, dump area, building location, well, and septic design. Phelps also stated a variance may be needed from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the AR Zone.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Larry Giglio for Change of Use; Ragged Coffee, on the former Stoney Brook Pine Outlet property at 138 Pancake Road in the AR District. Tax Map 21, Lot 830,560.

Giglio stated he currently does small-batch coffee roasting out of his home and would like to relocate to have a retail presence along with his current internet presence. A proposed floor plan was presented to the board.

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The operation would be some retail, mostly wholesale. Parking would be on Pancake Road, and there is room for five spots. There would be no change to the current traffic or parking plan. Proposed hours of operation would be Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 6 PM, and Saturday 8 AM to noon.

Teach advised he would need to complete a Site Plan Review Application and then come before the board for another non-binding consultation in preparation for a public hearing.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Site Suitability Determination for Dave Powers, agent for the Popp at Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club, in the RR Zone, for a new home requiring a Special Exception from the ZBA.

Powers stated there are 1,000 acres (250 acres being in Danbury) and 40 homes. Per the by-laws, 50 members

are allowed and there are currently six members without homes. Prior agreement between the club and the Town is the Planning Board has to deem the site suitable for another home to be constructed.

The board voted unanimously to deem the site suitable.

## Conservation Commission

August 14

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Jesse Schust, Lee Wells, Mary Anne Broshek, Jenny Bodwell, Jerry Hersey, Alan McIntyre

**ASLPT:** Alan has the monitoring reports from ASLPT and will update our conserved lands chart with the most recent monitoring date.

**Lake Smart Program**

Several CC members were in atten-

dance at the July 20 presentation. The program was recorded and should be on the Town website. Lake Smart is an educational program developed by NHLAKES to teach property owners how to protect and improve their nearby water bodies. Visit [nhlakes.org/lakesmart](http://nhlakes.org/lakesmart).

### Beacon Articles

Lee will check if her article, which was only available online, will be printed in an upcoming Beacon. She will also check to see if there is a way to make sure our articles get into the print version.

Alan wrote an article on bats, but it was only available online. Jenny will have an article about wetlands for the October Beacon.

### Bog Pond

Mary Anne attended the August 3 Select Board meeting. Followup from David Blinn stated that David Blinn, John Thompson and Marj will do a site visit, and create a plan for future excavation and restoration. All seem to be in agreement, but the details need to be hammered out. Once that is done, the map and GPS points can be updated for the conservation easement boundary.

Jesse has been working on generating maps in QGIS that show wetland boundaries and information surrounding the snowmobile trail. He is still working on how to create buffers on the

existing features that need them. Jesse will research available training offered by UNH Cooperative Extension.

Mapping for Bog Pond will be turned over to a professional mapmaker to get it out sooner as the map is needed to determine the boundary for the conservation easement.

### Beaver Deceivers

Alan and Jesse are taking on a project to identify and photograph all of Andover's Beaver Deceivers and write an article for the Beacon on what they are, how they are designed and how they work. The information can then be used to document and educate others in the future. Alan would also like to write up maintenance plan and further discuss the idea of CC members monitoring the Beaver Deceivers.

Jesse will research beaver deceiver maintenance procedures and determine if there is criteria for when a beaver deceiver should be removed. The design of Beaver Deceivers allows for water flow even when it looks like debris is blocking the culvert.

Jesse reported that Shawn Upton is concerned that the Beaver Deceivers may not be good for the health of fish due to water level. Jesse will research more about how Beaver Deceivers may affect fish and will contact Trout Un-



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limited. He is not sure if the siltation next to it is supposed to be removed or not. Culvert size may need to be increased to allow for greater water flows. Lee will find out more about the beaver deceiver testimony during this last legislative session.

**Co-occurrence Map**

Alan (and Jesse) have the disk from 2010 co-occurrence maps and file extensions. They will be working with Harvey Pine on updating the co-occurrence maps with the latest tax maps and natural resource information.. The two main questions to consider are: Do we want to add any additional layers? Do we want to change the weighting of the layers from equal weight to higher and lower?

**White Oak**

From David Blinn, July 7: "The survey is about to be submitted to DOT for review and then, if report is ok, presentation to Governor's Exec Council. We are awaiting timing and direction from DOT."

**Beach Advisories**

The website for testing results and advisories for fecal matter and cyanobacteria is [www4.des.state.nh.us/Water-Shed\\_BeachMaps/](http://www4.des.state.nh.us/Water-Shed_BeachMaps/)

**Compliance Issues**

We heard from Jay Aube about concerns on Emery Road, and the landowner is cooperative and in touch.

**Wetlands Ordinance**

We discussed how best to combine all this research into an ordinance that will be acceptable to the Planning Board and town residents.

Mary Anne made a motion to hire an expert professional to finalize our draft ordinance using up to \$2,000, subject to the availability of grants and *pro bono* work, which would be used first.

This ordinance would protect the rural character of Andover from floods, droughts, and property damage by preserving ecosystem services while being acceptable to the Planning Board and town residents. All were in favor. A second meeting was scheduled for August 22 at 7 PM to go over and vote on specific aspects of the wetlands ordinance. For protection from floods and property damage, the map should include the most recent FEMA maps.

**Other**

Mary Anne announced that effective at the end of the year, she plans to resign from the Conservation Commission.

**Conservation Commission**

August 22

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Jerry Hersey, Jenny Bodwell, Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Lee Wells, Alan McIntyre, Jesse Schust

This special meeting was called to discuss and work on the draft of the Wetlands Ordinance. Prior to the meeting, members were provided with the draft wetlands ordinance with comments by Sandy Crystall (NHDES) and with a list of recommendations to vote on which included items listed in the April 2019 minutes, information pulled from the Andover Natural Resources Inventory, and recommendations from Tina Cotton previously sent in July.

Mary Anne has discussed the wetlands ordinance with wetland scientist Earle Chase, and he has offered to review the wetlands ordinance.

Timeframe proposed by Mary Anne:

- Mid-September: Earle will hopefully be done with his review
- September 30: have our final draft to submit to Planning Board.
- End of year: completed document ready for public review.

Mary Anne has offered to Nancy Teach that CC members can come to a Planning

Board meeting and CC can make arrangements to have a wetlands scientist come in to speak to Planning Board.

The CC reviewed the main comments from Sandy Crystall concurrently with the list of recommendations noted above. CC members agreed to the following recommendation in the draft:

**Buffers**

- 100' for vernal pools. This was increased from the 50' limit in draft due to the recommendation of Sandy Crystall. Sandy provided Mary Anne with a number of research documents that substantiated the 100' buffer for vernal pools, notably a research document on best practices found at *Best Development Practices- Conserving Pool-Breeding Amphibians in Residential and Commercial Developments in the Northeastern United States*. which is available online at [www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/regulatory/VernalPools/BestDevelopmentPractices20Oct2014.pdf](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/regulatory/VernalPools/BestDevelopmentPractices20Oct2014.pdf).

CC members agreed that we need to do more education about vernal pools and begin a process to map them.

- 150' for prime wetlands
- 100' for surface water

**Setback for Primary Structures**

We agreed that primary structures cannot be built within the buffer.

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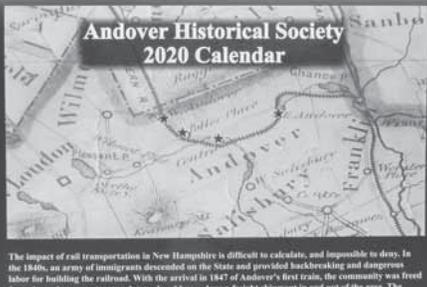
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### Wetland Scientist Involvement

If a lot includes a wetland, surface water, vernal pool or their buffers or borders such, it is required to have a wetland scientist delineate the wetland before a building permit can be granted for a primary structure, driveway or septic system. The wetland scientist will determine if the requirements of the ordinance are met.

The overlay map of wetlands will be used to determine if the wetland scientist must be involved. We need to check on when a building permit is required.

It was noted that if property owners want to do something in a prime wetland that they have to go through public hearing with the DES wetland board. We also noted that many property owners might not be aware of prime wetlands and the overlay map created as part of this ordinance will be a helpful tool.

The Planning Board may require a site visit/review by a wetland scientist at any time.

### Lot Size Calculation

For subdivisions created after the effective date of this ordinance the lot size will not include the wetlands, surface waters and vernal pool and their buffers in the buildable lot calculation. The draft proposed that just the wetland, vernal pool and surface water be removed from the calculation of lot size. Sandy Crystall recommended that, since we are not allowing primary structures in buffer areas, that the buffer area also be excluded from the calculation. CC members agreed with this recommendation from Sandy.

### Impervious Surfaces

The percentage of impervious surfaces within the wetland overlay district may be limited by the Planning Board. CC members agreed that this is an important option to provide to the Planning Board.

### Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act

RSA 483 is enforced by the State. Towns have the ability to strengthen the requirements of this RSA. NH Lakes recommended that our ordinance increase the grid point calculation in the waterfront buffer from 25 to 50 points. Jay Aube at NHDES recommended that the unaltered percentage in the natural woodland buffer be changed from 25% to 50%. CC members agreed with both of the recommendations.

We noted that we wish to keep the State enforcement of water bodies covered by the SWQPA. Primary structures cannot be built within 100' of shoreline. An outstanding question to Jay Aube at NHDES is confirming that the state will enforce the stricter limits set by the town.

### Buffers for Bog Pond and White Oak

The Andover Select Board had granted 50' buffers for gravel excavation for the prime wetlands in these two areas. Members agreed that our intent is to respect and grandfather this 50' buffer until such

time as gravel excavation is completed or the Select Board grants a greater buffer, at which time the buffer will increase to the 150' required in the ordinance or the greater buffer granted by the Select Board.

### Drinking Water Supply Ordinance

CC members agreed that when the wetlands overlay ordinance is submitted to the Planning Board that we will also provide the PB with the DES model ordinance on protecting drinking water and recommend that they adopt such an ordinance to protect Bradley Lake.

Members were also concerned about the protection of aquifers from the pumping of water by corporations like Nestle's and feel that a prohibition like the one done by Nottingham is necessary to protect Andover wells.

Alan provided Nottingham's ordinance that was drafted to protect drinking water supply: [GreenPolicy360.net/w/Nottingham,\\_NH\\_Water\\_Rights\\_and\\_Self\\_Government\\_Ordinance](http://GreenPolicy360.net/w/Nottingham,_NH_Water_Rights_and_Self_Government_Ordinance).

### Other Issues and Questions

New definitions needed for: vegetative buffer, impervious surfaces, and reference line.

What is the process for building a pond and does it get added to the map? Are they considered surface waters? Which ones will be considered exempt?

Tina provided a number of best practices from the Natural Resources Inventory. We decided that these items would not become a part of the ordinance but would become an Andover best-practices fact sheet that would be provided to property owners.

Tina recommended an addition to the ordinance that was approved by all members: Andover has 40.09 square miles of land area and 0.96 square miles of surface water area, including wetlands.

Jenny and Tina provided marked-up comments on the draft ordinance. Mary Anne will review and revise as necessary. Mary Anne will also incorporate the additional comments provided by Sandy. These comments will be highlighted and a new draft sent to CC members.

## Conservation Commission

September 11

Condensed from approved minutes

**Present:** Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Jenny Bodwell, Lee Wells, Jerry Hersey, Jessie Schust, Derek Mandell. Also attending through the discussion on the Proctor snowmaking operation: Jon Warzocha from Horizons Engineering.

### Mapping Training

Mary Anne sent the UNH Cooperative Extension link on GPS training to Jesse: [Extension.UNH.edu/gisgpsbootcamp](http://Extension.UNH.edu/gisgpsbootcamp)). The on-line GRANIT mapping tool is available to anyone. Jesse will provide training on using GRANIT mapping at our next meeting.



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**Proctor Snowmaking Permit**

The Proctor snowmaking intake from the Blackwater river needs work/repair and a NHDES Minimum Impact Permit is required. Jon works with Horizons Engineering, which does design and permitting for ski areas including systems for snowmaking. The Proctor system needs both long and short-term work to make their system sustainable.

The intake was originally installed in the late '70s or early '80s. They have a pump that draws water out of the Blackwater River that sends it to their snowmaking equipment. This year the river has changed its course. The water has cut across the old ox-bow so that the intake is no longer in a good location. Proctor needs a short-term solution for this year while they work on a long-term solution.

The proposal for this year, now that the channel is dead water, is to bring in a machine, dig a hole around the intake, create a little more water storage. Because Proctor discovered this fairly late, whatever is done needs to happen soon in order to be ready for this year's ski season. With our signature/approval DES will review this within thirty days.

A 20'x 10' area will be dredged, it will be surrounded by erosion control, and no trees will be cut. Heavy machinery would be on the bank; no machinery will be in the river.

Horizons Engineering needs to work on a permanent solution for the coming years. The future long-term solution will be complex, as the channel is dynamic and the course will continue to change.

Members felt a site visit was not necessary as Jesse and Jenny are quite familiar with the area. The permit is good for five years, so it could be dredged more than once.

They voted unanimously to sign off on the application for expedited approval of minimum impact dredging project for the Proctor Ski Area.

Jon offered his expertise to the CC for any wetlands permitting questions. It is important to keep in mind that the NHDES Wetlands rules will be revised in December.

**Wetlands Ordinance**

We hope to provide the Planning Board with our draft ordinance by the end of September so it can possibly be ready for a vote by the next Town Meeting. The ordinance is based on an overlay map that shows wetlands, surface waters, and vernal pools and their buffers that are described in the ordinance. Jesse will work on the map and will include the prime wetlands as approved at the 1989 town meeting. GRANIT mapping tools allow inserting buffers, so Jesse will try to add these as well.

There is no mapping of Andover's vernal pools available at this point. There is a manual by Fish and Game that describes how to work with interested town residents to identify and

map vernal pools. CC members agree that identifying vernal pools is an important future project.

The current draft allows the Planning Board to require a site evaluation by a wetland scientist if it appears a wetland is nearby rather than a requirement for all building permits.

The definition of surface waters (from the state law) currently in the draft includes seasonal streams. We need to determine if we really want seasonal streams in the ordinance.

Mary Anne will incorporate Tina's comments, suggestions from the August 22 CC meeting, and additional feedback from Sandy Crystall and send a new draft to members.

**Co-Occurrence Map**

Alan and Jesse will be working with Harvey Pine. Jesse will invite Harvey to join us at our next meeting. As noted at a previous meeting, our two main questions are: Do we want to change the weighting? Do we want to add or delete layers?

**Newman/McKenna Easement**

Amanda Hollenbeck sent us copies of the monitoring forms for 2019. The Town of Andover is the easement holder. We have a chart of all the protected lands in Andover (done by Derek). Alan cannot update the chart because of the format used by Derek. Derek is going to put the chart in a new format so that it can be easily updated.

Jerry will contact current owner, Jim McKenna, to let him know that monitoring will be done this year and ask if he wants to be there. We will do two monitoring walks of this property. Derek will do a detailed one, and a group of CC members will do one by the house.

**November Meeting**

Barbara Richter, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, will be joining us to talk about the role of Conservation Commissions.

**Champagne Gravel Public Hearing**

Champagne's proposed excavation project is located at 235 Bay Road. Jesse attended the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday September 10 to learn more of Champagne's proposed excavation project.

Jesse reported that the meeting was a well-attended meeting; it was filmed, so it will be available on cable TV. John Champagne's agent, John Bentley was there as well and did much of the presenting. The firm that has been retained for engineering the site gave their positive views on how the project could work.

Much of the time was spent asking questions. There are abutters in Salisbury who are concerned, and CC members felt it was important for the Salisbury CC to submit comments. This is a project of regional concern and the Salisbury Select Board and Salisbury Planning Board have been involved.

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At the hearing, concerns were expressed about noise, danger from blasting, contamination of ground water, future growth/spread of business, proximity to stream/river.

There is already an Andover ordinance, which limits noise levels to 60 decibels at the property line; this should be tested at the site. The Planning Board would like to have a third party panel of experts examine the concerns. The next meeting, in two weeks, is to decide who that third party will be. Those with concerns that they feel need to be addressed by this third party should contact the Planning Board.

The Conservation Commission decided to submit a letter to the Planning Board regarding our views that the third party should consider the following potential impacts:

- Environmental degradation of

adjacent wetlands through erosion/siltation during routine and exceptional storm events.

- Water quality impacts on the nearby Blackwater River via surface waters including the stream that passes through the northern edge of the property.

- Water quality impacts on the stratified drift aquifer that lies under the northern area of the site. This is a large valuable water resource for Andover residents that underlies the Plains Road residential district. We would like to know if there is potential for hazardous infiltration of contaminants from the proposed blasting/crushing/excavation operation.

- Geological faults in the near bedrock could serve as a potential source of contamination to dug and drilled wells for residents in nearby properties.

- Need for an alteration of terrain permit: the ZBA minutes indicate one is needed, but Jesse was not aware of any

discussion. An expert from NHDES should be contacted.

Jesse will write a letter to express our concerns and express our desire to have the third party expert(s) look into these issues. Mary Anne recused herself as she has already written the Planning Board to express her concerns as a landowner who lives near the site of the proposed business. Jerry, as Vice-Chair, representing the Conservation Commission, will sign the letter.

## School Board

September 3

Condensed from approved minutes

**Board present:** Dean Barker, Brian Gilman, Theresa Georges, Adam Jones, Aimee Menard

**Administration present:** Randy Wormald, Robin Heins, Jane Slayton, Judith Turk

**Public present:** Tina Cotton, Mary Anne Levesque

**Public Comment:** Mary Anne said that everything seems to work out well between the Budget Committee and the School Board. She stated that the Andover School Board does a good job.

### Board Chairperson's Report

Dean wished everyone a Happy First Day. He thanked everyone for their

preparations for the new school year. In Mark's absence, he relayed some updates regarding the governor's budget veto impact on current school budget situations.

### Principal's Report

Jane stated that AE/MS had a great opening day with 25 newly enrolled students. Last week's professional development opportunities for staff were productive.

### AESSA Negotiations

Aimee and Dean will represent the School Board in the upcoming Andover Elementary Support Staff Association negotiations. The current bargaining agreement was distributed to the Board for review. An initial meeting will be held on September 25 at 4:15 PM.

### Assistant Superintendent's Report

Randy stated that both he and Mark are excited for the new school year to get going. He commended Jane for some grant writing that she did to provide training for staff re: Google applications and extensions as well as acquiring some additional Chromebooks for staff use. He has been working closely with Michael Wiley, Technology Integrator. There were no complications with the two separate starting dates for the Merrimack Valley and Andover School Districts.

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## Paint and Sip Resumes at the Andover Hub

Molly Leith returns on Friday, December 13

### Press release

On Friday, December 13, from 6 to 8 PM, participants are invited to have a glass of wine, grab a paintbrush, and uncork their creative sides at The Andover Community Hub for a sociable and fun evening under the guidance of Andover artist Molly Leith. Each participant will produce his or her own piece of “fun art” using a well-known work of art for in-

spiration. “Paint & Sip” is limited to 10 participants, and advance registration is necessary, on a first come, first served basis. The fee of \$25 includes wine, soda, snacks, and art supplies. Space is limited; registration may be made at TheAndoverHub@gmail.com. Checks can be mailed to The Andover Community Hub, PO Box 157, Andover NH 03216, or dropped through the mail slot at The Hub.

Who knows? This could be the start of a creative career – or just a fun night out with friends.



## Chicken Willie Performs at South Danbury Church

Holiday Happy Hour on November 22

### Press release

Many happy (and eager) visitors came to the South Danbury Church’s Fourth Annual Pie and Gently Used Cookbook Sale on Saturday, October 12. “Thank you!” to church members and friends who brought books and baked pies, to the helpers and sellers, and to everyone who bought pies and baked goods and books! All of the proceeds of the pie/book sale go to our Mission Fund, and will make a special difference in the lives of many people.

The South Danbury Church Fall and Winter Speaker Series begins on Friday, November 15, at 7 PM. Our inaugural event features singer-songwriters and multi-talented performers Lynda Nelson and Chicken Willie, presenting original

and traditional country, folk and bluegrass music. There’s no charge to attend, but come early for good seats – friends and fans are always eager to hear them.

After the music, there will be refreshments and time for conversation.

The church’s annual Holiday Happy Hour will be on Friday, November 22, from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. Stop by and warm up with a free cup of mulled cider or cocoa, and an apple donut. Learn about local businesses and their wares. Enjoy flute music by Shideko Terai. Chat with author Mary Lyn Ray, who will be selling and signing her books for children. Browse the handmade crafts, holiday items and decorations, plus pies and baked goods, and stock up on a wide variety of delicious homemade meals to go. Donations of baked goods, crafts, or holiday items will be gratefully accepted!



## Andover Hub Forms New Knitting Circle

Led by Karen Lang on Thursdays at 6:30 PM

### Press release

Love to knit? Need some help with a pattern? Just learning? Gather up your yarn and some needles, and join the new Knitting Circle at The Andover Community Hub on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Led by Andover resident Karen Lang, who learned to knit as an eight-year-old and has never stopped. Knitters of all levels are welcome at this informal group.

Lang also ran a knit shop in Gilford,

and has taught knitting classes under the name “The Knitting Doctor.” She’s glad to help solve problems that participants are struggling with. The group is for fun and a chance to chat with other knitters while working on a project, and an opportunity to share patterns and ideas.

Participants are also welcome to pick up some new yarn, and look for the needles they need in The Closet, a self-serve space intended to find new uses for unwanted craft supplies. The Closet has lots of yarn, and participants can help themselves. For more information, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com.



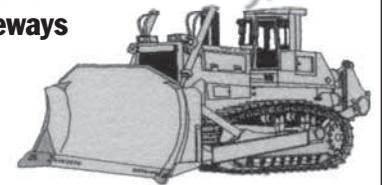
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**Aging in Place—How to Adapt your Home to Changing Needs:** Tuesday, Nov. 12, 10:15 AM Cheryl Phelps, O.T., Lake Sunapee Region VNA, talks about steps you can take.

**That Thing at The Hub:** 1st & 3rd Wed., 2:45–5 PM Andover 5th–8th graders can hang out, create, build, chat and snack after school. Registration forms available at AE/MS office.

**Living With Cancer—Influences from our Environment:** Tues. Nov. 19, 7 PM Learn about the toxins in everyday products and how to avoid them. All welcome.

**Knitting Circle:** An informal knitting group is beginning on Thursdays at 6:30 PM Led by Andover resident Karen Lang who is also glad to help solve problems or teach a new skill.

**Wednesday Matinee:** Wed. Nov. 13, 2:30 PM *Fried Green Tomatoes*, a 1991 “oldie” comedy/drama about southern women’s friendships. All welcome, free—with popcorn!

**Morning Yoga:** A gentle yoga class with emphasis on core fitness & flexibility. Fridays, 8:15–9:15 AM Drop-in, \$10/session. Contact [maris.wofsy@gmail.com](mailto:maris.wofsy@gmail.com) for more information.

**The Hub Closet:** Teachers, parents, anyone, stop in Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30–11 AM to stock up on up-cycled craft and stationery supplies, free or for a small donation. Self-serve.

**German Conversation Hour:** Mon., Nov. 25, 5–6 PM; Info, Gisela Darling, 735-5681.

**Karate for Kids, Teens & Adults:** Ongoing classes on Mondays. Ages 6-9, 4:45 PM, older beginners, 6 PM, intermediate, 7 PM. \$65/month. Contact Gayle Fleming, (603) 477-3174.

**VNA Senior Health Clinic:** Tues., Nov. 19, 10 AM–1 PM for foot care, blood pressure screenings, etc. For an appointment, call Concord VNA nurse Kerrin Pratt, (603) 410-9834.

**Bone Builders:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9–10 AM, men and women are welcome.

Stop in for Coffee @ The Hub—chat, hang out, see what’s up!  
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## Nick and Luke Perform at November Coffeehouse

Friday, November 15  
at The Hub

### Press release

Coming to town “with a love for traditional music and honest songwriting presented with the spontaneity of jazz and the reckless abandon of rock music,” Baltimore-based singer-songwriter-guitarists Nick and Luke will be the featured act at the November 15 “Third Friday” concert at the Andover Community Coffeehouse. For more information, go to [www.nickandlukemusic.com](http://www.nickandlukemusic.com).

Music by the duo begins at 7 PM in

the Highland Lake Grange Hall. Doors open at 6 PM for food and beverage purchases and for open mic sign-ups on a first-come, first-served basis.

Admission is free, although the hat will be passed, and donations – which are shared with the featured performers – are gratefully accepted. The sponsor for October’s concert is Ragged View Farm on Bradley Lake Road, known for their maple syrup, pork and grass-fed beef, and offering horse-drawn sleigh rides in season.

For more information on the coffeehouse, visit [AndoverCoffeehouse.org](http://AndoverCoffeehouse.org). 

## Andover Community Church November Announcements

Snowplowing and sanding bids needed

### Press release

On Sunday, October 6, we welcomed eight new members into our church family. They are Donna and Ted Kendrick from East Andover, Eric and Judy Faller from Northfield, Jeff and Brenda Demarie from Belmont, and Jason Silver and Jeri Bacote from Andover.

Becoming a member at ACC means that they affirm their Christian faith and that God has called them together with us to care for one another, to grow in mutual discipleship to Christ, and to engage in his mission together. We look forward to working together and sharing our faith with them.

On Saturday, November 2, our church will again be having a “Neighbor Helping Neighbor” event in the Grange Hall in East Andover from 9 AM to 2 PM. There will be a free continental breakfast, and lunch will be available, again at no charge.

The Grange Hall will be filled with items, so we encourage you to come and check us out if you or a friend might have a need for any of these items. Fill up as many bags as you need.

“Second Saturday for Guys” will be held on November 9 from 8 to 10 AM at the Grange Hall in East Andover. You will enjoy great food, good fellowship, and inspiring speakers. Come and met with old friends, make new friends, and bring friends. Call Bob Grover at 470-

7248 for questions.

Under the leadership of the Mission Committee, our church is once again participating in Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes filled with items such as small toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items, etc. are sent to Samaritan’s Purse, a Christian organization under the direction of Franklin Graham. They are then forwarded to third-world countries along with a message from God’s word.

Remember, you are always welcome at the Andover Community Church. Feel free to call the church office at 735-5160 to speak with Pastor John Wagner for more information on what’s going on at the church or if you need help in any way.

Our church service and Sunday School begin at 10 AM every Sunday. Don’t forget to turn your clocks back one hour for Sunday, November 3.

A happy and blessed Thanksgiving to all!

*The poorest of all men is not the man without a cent, but the man without a dream. Read Proverbs 29:18.*

**December 7:** Christmas Fair and Bake Sale, 9 AM to 1 PM.

Tables are still available. Please contact Donna Thompson at 393-5470 or [CraftyDonna@metrocast.net](mailto:CraftyDonna@metrocast.net).

**Notice:** We are also looking for bidding on snowplowing and sanding the church parking lot. Please contact Donna Thompson at 744-6858 or 393-5470 or [CraftyDonna@metrocast.net](mailto:CraftyDonna@metrocast.net) for information. 

## Proctor Augments Andover’s Art Scene with Visiting Exhibits

Robust exhibits on campus and at the Hub

### Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

On Friday October 4, Proctor hosted a reception to celebrate the work of Liam O’Gallagher, the newest in a series of visiting art exhibits on campus.

Through the skilled curation of Molly Leith, O’Gallagher’s work joins a robust collection of art on campus this year. Here is an overview of artwork on display at Proctor and more that is coming soon. Contact Molly Leith at [Leith-Mo@ProctorAcademy.org](mailto:Leith-Mo@ProctorAcademy.org) to learn more.

### Liam O’Gallagher

“This was the Future,” showing September through December 2019 at Lovejoy Library.

Liam O’Gallagher was an avant-garde artist and teacher who pushed past the known boundaries of contemporary expression. His work included paintings, poetry, graphic work, short stories, performance pieces and experiments with sound. He was also integral to the creation of foundations and centers for human growth and progressive thought.

### William Peabody

Acrylics and Encaustic Retrospective, ongoing at Farrell Field House, Second Floor

The AVA Gallery describes William N. Peabody as “an artist in communication with places. They speak to him, and a rich dialogue is created in his work. His early connection to places began when, as a child, he followed streams, taught himself to catch trout with his hands, and dreamed in the hills of Vermont.”

### Proctor Faculty and Staff

“Then and Now,” September through December 2019 at Brown Dining Commons and in the Maxwell Savage Rotunda.

Thirteen Proctor faculty and staff members are represented in this collection of oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings, pastel, fishing flies, and photography. Many of the contributors are exhibiting for the first time. It has been a fun collection, well received by the community. The artists include Ginny Clasby, Lauren Cole-Johnson, David Fleming, Jennifer Fleming, Chris Grotnes, Mike Henriques, Lindsay

Jones, Jill Jones Grotnes, Corbett Leith ’92, Molly Leith, Amy Makechnie, Mike Walsh, and Bill Wightman ’73.

### Ivy Linder ’19

“Stan, Buggs, and Peter,” part of the permanent collection at Farrell Field House, Third Floor

Ivy Linder ’19 skillfully created a series of playful, charismatic bunny paintings while in Studio classes here at Proctor in the Spring of 2019. When Proctor saw them on display we asked to purchase two of them, and she agreed to kindly donate the third.

### Proctor Students

Various works in the Wilkins Meeting House and the Maxwell Savage Hall Rotunda

These “2D Art Work and Metal Work from the Forge” works were created during Art Studio classes taught by Kate Austin ’01, Jill Jones Grotnes, and Corbett Leith ’92 and hang around campus in different galleries.

### Christopher Spitzmiller ’90

Designer lamps in the Lovejoy Library, Spring and Fall 2020.

Christopher will be exhibiting his stunning designer lamps in the Lovejoy Library and spend a day in Slocumb Hall demonstrating his expert wheel throwing techniques. His handmade ceramic lamps are often featured in celebrated publications such as *Architectural Digest*, *Veranda*, *House Beautiful*, *Elle Décor*, *Departures*, *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

He has had the honor of making lamps for the Obama Oval Office, the current and past three White House Administrations, as well as Blair House and countless other distinguished American homes..

### Spencer Topel

“Time Lines,” a sound art installation, in the Fowler Learning Center Atrium. Showing dates: TBD.

Spencer Topel is an artist working with sound, installation, and performance. His work has been presented in major galleries and concert halls around the world, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the DeCordova Museum, The Barnes Foundation, The Arts Club of Chicago, and others. In addition to his art practice, Topel is an active researcher and designer working with acoustics and sound. 



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# OBITUARIES

**STAN SMITH** of Andover died on Thursday, September 5, 2019 from a prolonged battle with COPD. He never lost his sense of humor, no matter how sick he got, often entertaining doctors, nurses, and healthcare aides with his “twisted and corny” sense of humor.

He was an avid fan of all the New England sports teams, but especially the Red Sox. He was a gifted woodworker and artist (oil paintings), and was always willing to give of himself to help others.

In Andover, he leaves behind his wife of 37 years, Andi; his son Justin and his wife Heather and their daughter Bailey; his son Patrick and his girlfriend Kellie. He also leaves behind his siblings: Karen Branda of Mississippi, Fred and wife Caroline of Washington State; Sue and her husband Gary Colella of New Jersey; Margaret and her husband Robert Bovee of Idaho; Linda Blattner of Ohio; Kate Maynard of Virginia; and Joe and his wife Sharon of Wisconsin; plus many nieces and nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. He is also greatly missed by his two rescue dogs, Rufus and Spunky, and his cat Abby.

A memorial service was held on September 14 at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London. Memorial contributions may be made to Pope Memorial SPCA, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord NH 03301.

**LESLIE MARTIN FORD, Jr.,**

“Skip,” 73, died on October 8, 2019 at the Veterans Administration in White River Junction, Vermont, after a long bat-



tle with pulmonary fibrosis. He was born on January 7, 1946 in Quincy, Massachusetts, the eldest son and second born to Leslie Martin Ford, Sr. and Dorothy Oakley Schrader Ford.

He attended Andover High School and at the age of 17 enlisted in the Navy, where he obtained his GED. He served in the Navy for the next eight years, with a tour of duty in Cuba on Guantanamo Bay. He was honorably discharged with the rank of ABH second class.

In 1969, while stationed at the Brunswick Navy Air Base, he met and married his wife, Linda Elliott. They settled in Phippsburg, Maine, Linda’s home town, and were married for 36 years, raising their daughter Liz.

Les worked on a small, family-owned fishing boat out of Phippsburg. He owned his own 18-wheeler, driving coast-to-coast and locally for years. After Linda passed, he moved to the Carabasset Valley and worked at Sugarloaf Ski Resort as a mechanic and fabricator. After retiring in 2006, he moved to Potter Place to live on the family land with his sister, Buffy Thurston.

Les loved being a mentor and a teacher. He spent his life teaching mechanics and welding and was certainly a “jack of all trades.” He restored many vehicles in his shop at his home in Phippsburg, with many a young man learning the trades at his side.

When he moved to Potter Place, he enjoyed fixing tractors, cutting down trees, mowing fields, plowing snow, and most of all driving his red jeep “Squid” to visit his friends.

Leslie is survived by his daughter, Lisabeth, and her husband Bert; their children: Leslie, Albert Jr., and Kayla, Eric, Nikki, and Nathan, and his great-grandchildren Salvador, Georgia, Alex, and Caleb; his sisters Linda and Elizabeth “Buffy”; his brothers Lawrence

“Larry,” Lance, and Loring “Spunk”, and the extended and numerous Ford family.

There was a private family service held at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen on October 25. The Cremation Society of New Hampshire assisted the family with arrangements. To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolence, or for more information, please visit CSNH.com.

**RICHARD GERARD WILLIAMS**

passed peacefully on Sunday morning, October 13, 2019 at the age of 77. He was born on December 1, 1941 in Manchester to Gerard and Rita Williams. He graduated from Central High School in 1959, then entered the Army, bravely serving during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He married Sandra Marie (Powers) Williams on February 15, 1975 in Derry. After moving to Andover, he worked for the State of New Hampshire for 20 years. They welcomed three children, to join with Richard’s daughter from a previous marriage. He’s remembered as a dedicated father and devoted husband who was always looking out for friends and family.



Richard was an accomplished marksman and firearms instructor, and often shared his passion for firearms training and safety with those eager to learn. He had a keen knowledge and lifelong love of military history. He could often be seen riding his favorite motorcycle through town.

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In addition to his other interests, he possessed an incredible gift for model building. He was often serious and quietly thoughtful, but his sense of humor was immense. His most endearing quality was his dedication to his wife of 44 years, with whom he always shared his love and heart fully and completely.

He was an active and dedicated member of the Elkins Fish and Game Club, where he volunteered as a shooting instructor and was recently given a certificate of achievement. He loved camping in the White Mountains, visiting with friends, and being surrounded by loving family.

Richard was predeceased by his parents Rita and Girard Williams of Derry. Surviving family include his loving wife, Sandra (Powers) Williams of Andover; children Kimberly Williams Rossignol of Morrisville, Vermont; Karen Gosselin of Sunapee; Jerry Williams of Salisbury; and Sandra Williams-Crossley of Hartland, Vermont. He also leaves his beautiful legacy to his grandchildren: David Rossignol, Nathalie Rossignol, Michael Rossignol, Robert Rossignol, Summer Gosselin, Hector Crossley, and Natalie Chute.

Richard will be welcoming his youngest grandchild in spirit this November. He also leaves his beloved goddaughter Denise Bennett. Extended family include his children’s spouses and partners, Thomas Gosselin, John Crossley, and Marcie Chute.

A full church service was held at Our Lady of Fatima Church in New London on October 19. Donations may be made to New London Hospital, Med/Surg Department, at 273 County Road, New London NH 03257. For more information, visit [NewLondonHospital.org/ways-to-support/](http://NewLondonHospital.org/ways-to-support/).

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**Dan, Charlie, Marion and Raschel have met with church groups, Rotary, COA, Retired Nurses, and other folks who gather together for a common interest. If you would like us to come to a meeting or gathering please give us a call.**

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In a simulation for the students, Andover Fire Department volunteers Michael Miller and John Kinney prepare to help an injured victim (Brenden Miller). Before the simulation, many students had the opportunity to put on firefighting gear. Photo: Jane Slayton

## Andover Hub Presents “Living With Cancer” Series

First in series: Influences from our Environment

### Press release

As the first in a “Living with Cancer” information and support series being planned at The Andover Community Hub, there will be a presentation on “Influences from our Environment” on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 PM.

Mike Wiley will provide information to help those living with cancer, as well as interested others, make wiser decisions to reduce daily exposure to common toxins found in homes and workplaces and to create a healthier environment for themselves and their families. Deb DeMoupiéd, a faculty member of the AntiCancer Lifestyle Program, will also join the conversation to help participants learn about non-toxic living and some lifestyle changes one can make.

Participants will learn how to read and understand product labels, as well

as learn some practical solutions and suggestions for non-toxic alternatives. Participants are asked to bring with them a home cleaning product they generally use.

Those interested in being kept informed about the “Living with Cancer” series, or who know of resources helpful to those living with a cancer diagnosis, are invited to contact [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com) to be added to the ongoing e-mail list, and to share any thoughts and suggestions.

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November 6 - Varsity Girls' Soccer vs Brewster Academy 2 PM

As the winter months quickly approach, the Bill Paine '51 Nordic Center at the Proctor Ski Area will soon have snow making underway. A reminder that, while open to the community, this trail network requires a sign-in and sign-out in Yarrow's Lodge prior to each use.

Proctor's winter athletic schedule will soon be posted to [proctoracademy.org/on-campus/athletics](http://proctoracademy.org/on-campus/athletics). All games are free of charge and open to the public.

## School Matters!

The *Beacon* needs volunteers to help gather school news, especially news of our Andover students at MVHS! If you can help, please call 735-6099.

## Help Wanted

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*Thief of Hearts*, Tess Gerritsen  
*Hearts in Harmony; Listening to Love*, Beth Wiseman  
*The House on Olive Street; The View from Alameda Island*, Robyn Carr  
*This Tender Land*, William Kent Krueger  
*Killer Instinct*, James Patterson and Howard Roughan  
*The Testaments*, Margaret Atwood  
*Red at the Bone*, Jacqueline Woodson  
*A Single Thread*, Tracy Chevalier

### Adult Nonfiction

*Bessie's Story – Watching the Lights Go Out*, Thomas W. Farnen

### Children's Books

*The Puppy Place – Rusty and Bentley*, Ellen Miles  
*Phoebe and Her Unicorn*, Dana Simpson  
*Escape from the Isle of the Lost*, Melissa de la Cruz  
*Magic Misfits: The Minor Third*, Neil Patrick Harris  
*The Boys in the Boat: Adapted for Young Readers*, Daniel James Brown  
*Pete the Kitty Goes to the Doctor*, Kimberly Dean and James Dean  
*Tomie DePaola's Christmas Tree Book*  
*Judy Moody: 3 Books*, Megan McDonald  
*Dream Within a Dream*, Patricia MacLachlan  
*The Vanderbeekers of 141st St.; The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden; The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue*, Karina Yan Glaser

## Bachelor Library New Acquisitions

### Adult Fiction

*Blue Moon*, Lee Child  
*Bomber's Moon*, Archer Mayor  
*Contraband*, Stuart Woods  
*The Life She Wants*, Robyn Carr  
*Red at the Bone*, Jacqueline Woodson  
*The Water Dancer*, Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*The World That We Knew*, Alice Hoffman  
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*Betrayal in Berlin: The True Story of the Cold War's Most Audacious Espionage Operation*, Steve Vogel  
*Coming of Age: My Journey to the Eighties*, Governor Madeleine May Kunin  
*101 Ways to Go Zero Waste*,

Kathryn Kellogg  
*Something Deeply Hidden: Quantum Worlds and the Emergence of Spacetime*, Sean Carroll

### Middle Grade

*Good Night Darth Vader*, Jeffrey Brown  
*Warrior Series #1-6: Into the Wild; Fire and Ice; Forest of Secrets; Rising Storm; A Dangerous Path; The Darkest Hour*, Erin Hunter

### Children's Books

*Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You*, Sonia Sotomayor and Rafael Lopez  
*Dr. Seuss's Horse Museum*, Dr. Seuss and Andrew Joyner  
*How to Babysit a Grandma*, Jean Reagan  
*Sparky!*, Jenny Offill and Chris Appelhans

## Through the Reading Glasses November 2019

### Janet Moore, Library Trustee

For fun and games and animal wisdom, especially if you're a fan of Carol Soule in the *Sunday Concord Monitor*, look up *The Secret Life of Cows* by Rosamund Young. At Kite's Nest Farm in Worcestershire, England, the animals roam free to make their own choices, instructing the humans on the care that befits them – the cows, that is.

while another enjoys the smell of the old Land Rover exhaust pipe. Teenage calves play bedtime hide and seek with a local fox, while a younger calf finds pheasants alluring but untouchable. And that's just the bovines!

Given my own limited experience with goats and their pig-headedness, I know that Rosamund Young's farm yields many more pleasures and the wisdom of the four-legged ages for anyone who ventures into the book. It's a goodie!



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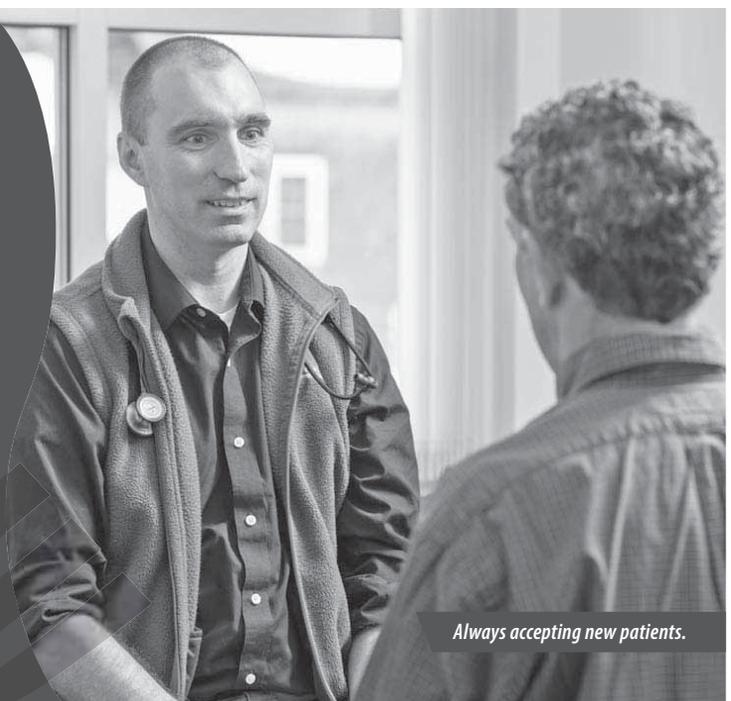
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Dear Andover Veteran,

You are cordially invited to the Andover Elementary/Middle School on Wednesday morning, November 13, at 9:30 AM, for our Veterans Day Program. Our K-8 school community works together to honor our Nation's military veterans, past and present, and it will mean a lot to us if you can attend. This is one of the most important days in our school year.

It is very important for our school community to educate our students on the contributions veterans have made throughout

the years. We celebrate America's veterans for keeping this Nation "the land of the free and the home of the brave." This has become a significant event at AE/MS and one we look forward to every November. You make it even more special by sharing the day with us.

This year will be extra special as we are going to be fully entertained by the Singing Trooper! You



can get a sneak preview at [thesingingtrooper.com](http://thesingingtrooper.com). It promises to be a real treat!

Please plan to remain after the assembly for tasty refreshments and a chance to visit with other veterans and their families. The eighth grade students will once again serve coffee, cider, and delicious snacks in our Eagle Cafe.

I hope that you will join us on Wednesday morning, November 13, at 9:30. We look forward to seeing you!

Principal Jane Slayton  
AE/MS Staff and Students

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## AE/MS Protects 100 Students in 10th Annual Flu Clinic

Please don't send your sick child to school

**Christine Frost, RN**  
AE/MS School Nurse

AE/MS held its 10th Annual School based Flu Clinic in cooperation with the New Hampshire Immunization Program and the Capital Area Public Health Network on October 4.

One hundred children from kindergarten to eighth grade participated in this free and convenient clinic.

The best way to protect against the flu and its severe complications is to get the flu vaccine each year. Anyone can get the flu, but rates of infection are highest among children. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone six months of age and older get the flu shot.

Talk to your children about washing their hands often, coughing into their sleeve or tissue, not sharing their personal items and keeping their hands out of their mouths, nose, and eyes.

Please remember: If your child is sick



Grace Makechnie, grade 5, received her annual flu shot at the 10th annual flu clinic held at AE/MS.

and comes down with a fever, do not send her or him to school. Keep your sick child home for at least 24 hours after the fever goes away. Your child can come back to school after her or his temperature returns to normal for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.



Andover's Brynne Makechnie '22, Sasha Mackenzie '22, and Lily Manard '22 have helped lead Proctor's girls' soccer team to a tremendous fall season.

## Proctor Fall Athletics Wrap Up; Winter Schedule Coming Soon

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor's Fall Athletics season is rapidly coming to a close, but the first week of November affords ample opportunities to catch the Hornets in action.

Check out two remaining home games for varsity teams below:

November 1 - Varsity Boys' Soccer vs St. Paul's School 3 PM

See Proctor on page 30



Andover Elementary/Middle School art teacher Courtney Minnehan presented a Disability Awareness Activity to the teachers at AE/MS on the Teacher Workday on October 11. Pictured are Megan Philbrook, Michael Silverstein, Molly Kidane, Holly Gagne, and Courtney. Photo: Jane Slayton

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