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Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were the main attraction for children and adults alike at the Town's Holiday Celebration held on December 1 at the Village Green and Proctor's Stone Chapel. The newly created event was coordinated by Andover Town Administrator Marj Roy, with the help of many volunteers who donated their time, food, decorations, and a team spirit. Marj's hope is that this event will become a new tradition for the town.

In spite of the snowy forecast, a large crowd turned out to enjoy a simple buffet of hot food and homemade desserts, holiday music, a fire pit, and the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, who had the honor of lighting the tree on the Village Green. The children were delighted and thoroughly excited to have a chance to meet Santa and his wife in person, receiving treats in the process. The lightly falling snow added to the feeling of holiday cheer.

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Fire destroyed FloorCraft's warehouse and its contents on November 14. Among the departments responding to the four-alarm fire was the Andover Fire Department, with support from the Andover Emergency Services Auxiliary. Story on page 2.

Photo: Floorcraft



The Andover Service Club's beloved Thrift Shop re-opened in December as the *Thrift and Gift Shop*. This important ASC fundraiser now features unique creations of local artisans, along with a wide selection of women's and children's gently-worn apparel. Story on page 15. Photo: Beacon staff

**Last Chance to Register or Change Party Affiliation**

The Andover Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 21, from 7 to 7:30 PM to make additions and corrections to the checklist. This is the last chance to register or change party affiliation before the Presidential Primary and Town Election.

**Andover Food Pantry Open Through December 24**

The Andover Food Pantry will be open through December 24 at the Andover Community Hub each Saturday through Tuesday from 4 to 7 PM. No sign-up is necessary. Details on Facebook at Andover NH Food Pantry.

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## FloorCraft's Wilmot Warehouse Destroyed by Fire

### Dedicated employees back to business as usual

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Thursday, November 14, started like any other day at the family-owned FloorCraft store on Route 11 in Wilmot, just over the Andover line. But by mid-afternoon, the store's warehouse, across the parking lot from the showroom, was gone, consumed by a raging fire that sent flames 30 feet into the unseasonably cold November air.

Wilmot Fire Department, assisted by mutual-aid fire departments including Andover Fire Department, responded to the four-alarm blaze. One lane of Route 11 had to be closed as firefighters battled not just the fire, but the threat of ice accumulating due to temperatures in the 20s.

Andover's Emergency Services Auxiliary was also on the scene with pizza and coffee to keep the responders fed and hydrated.

"Thankfully, no one was hurt," said

Tobyn Olson, who owns Floorcraft with her husband Ken. The fire consumed not only the warehouse, but all the materials stored in it. So Ken and his whole team immediately began scrambling to reorder everything so as to impact their customers' projects as little as possible.

"And now, thanks to our wonderful, dedicated employees and suppliers, we are back to business as usual," Ken and Tobyn are happy to report.

FloorCraft has been part of the local community for 27 years. Ken's parents, Carl and Gail Olson, started the business in New London in 1992. The firm moved to Route 11 in Wilmot in 1995 in order to have a larger showroom and warehouse space. Ken and Tobyn joined the business in 2001, and in 2012 they became the owners.

The state Fire Marshal's office investigated the origin of the fire, but could not find a definitive source. Tobyn indicates that the company plans to build a new warehouse in the spring.



The charred remains of the smoke house/catering trailer where The Refinery cooked their menu's barbecue items. Photo: Shelley Geoghegan

## The Refinery Restaurant Has Close Call With Fire

### Building undamaged, but trailer a loss

Beacon staff

November 8 was cold and windy. As luck would have it, a spark from the smoke house trailer, where The Refinery Restaurant was barbecuing their meats, was turned into a raging inferno by those winds around 11 AM.

Fire departments from surrounding towns responded, but they could not contain the fire; the trailer was a total loss. Fortunately, the main building escaped serious damage.

While the trailer was insured, the loss caused a major inconvenience, as half to a third of the business consists of barbecue sales. However, Brian, an owner, said that as soon as they saw the flames and smoke, he and co-owner A.J. already had Plan B in place. They would simply serve more grilled meats, such as steaks, until a replacement smoker could be obtained. They don't anticipate any down-time and continue to plan for Christmas and New Year's events.

Brian said the support they received from the community was "awesome."



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## The Andover Community Hub Wants You!

Over the past five years, two groups of Andover residents (1) organized a non-profit community association to "offer programming to engage people of all ages in social, educational, cultural, recreational and economic activities," and (2) secured the old Town Hall for community use.

These two groups, now united under the banner of The Andover Community Hub, estimate that 4,700 participants walked through the doors during 2018 to take part in a variety of classes, meetings, community services, and events. We're on track to have a similar number by the end of 2019, and as the variety of programs continues to grow, we expect the numbers to also grow in 2020.

As a result, volunteer support will need to grow as well – particularly in these areas:

- serving on the board of directors, to address building needs, outreach opportunities, and efficient management of a growing budget;
- serving on several committees now being formed, to better figure out community needs the Hub can help meet and to develop new programming as well as income-producing opportunities to support those needs; and
- contributing assistance of all kinds (thoughtful, financial, hands-on) on an occasional, as-needed basis for ongoing activities, for new ones as good ideas come along, and for maintaining and upgrading our Hub building.

Volunteers of all ages and interests are welcome. Can you help? To learn more, please contact us at [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com). We'd love to talk with you. And financial donations are also always welcome, as are donations of time and talent.

### Thank you!



Massive concrete blocks were set into place during the rebuilding of the culvert through which Mountain Brook passes under Elbow Pond Road.

Photo: Larry Chase

## Two Years After a Storm, Elbow Pond Road is Open Again

75% of cost was covered by FEMA

Larry Chase

Closed to vehicular traffic since October 31, 2017, Elbow Pond Road was about to officially reopen as this issue of the Beacon went to press, thanks to completion of the Mountain Brook box culvert.

Overseen by the Andover Select Board and Road Agent John Thompson, the project cost nearly \$250,000, 75 percent of which will be reimbursed by

the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), with the remaining amount coming from the town's Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund. The mountain of paperwork was handled by Jane Hubbard, the town's Emergency Management Director.

Select Board member Dave Blinn added: "R.M. Piper Construction and Hoyle, Tanner, and Associates Engineering are to be commended for their diligent work and planning on the project."



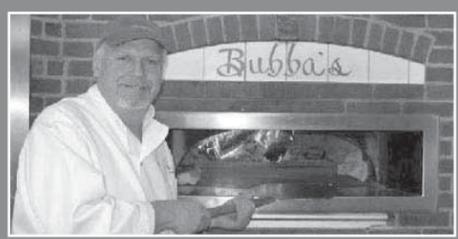
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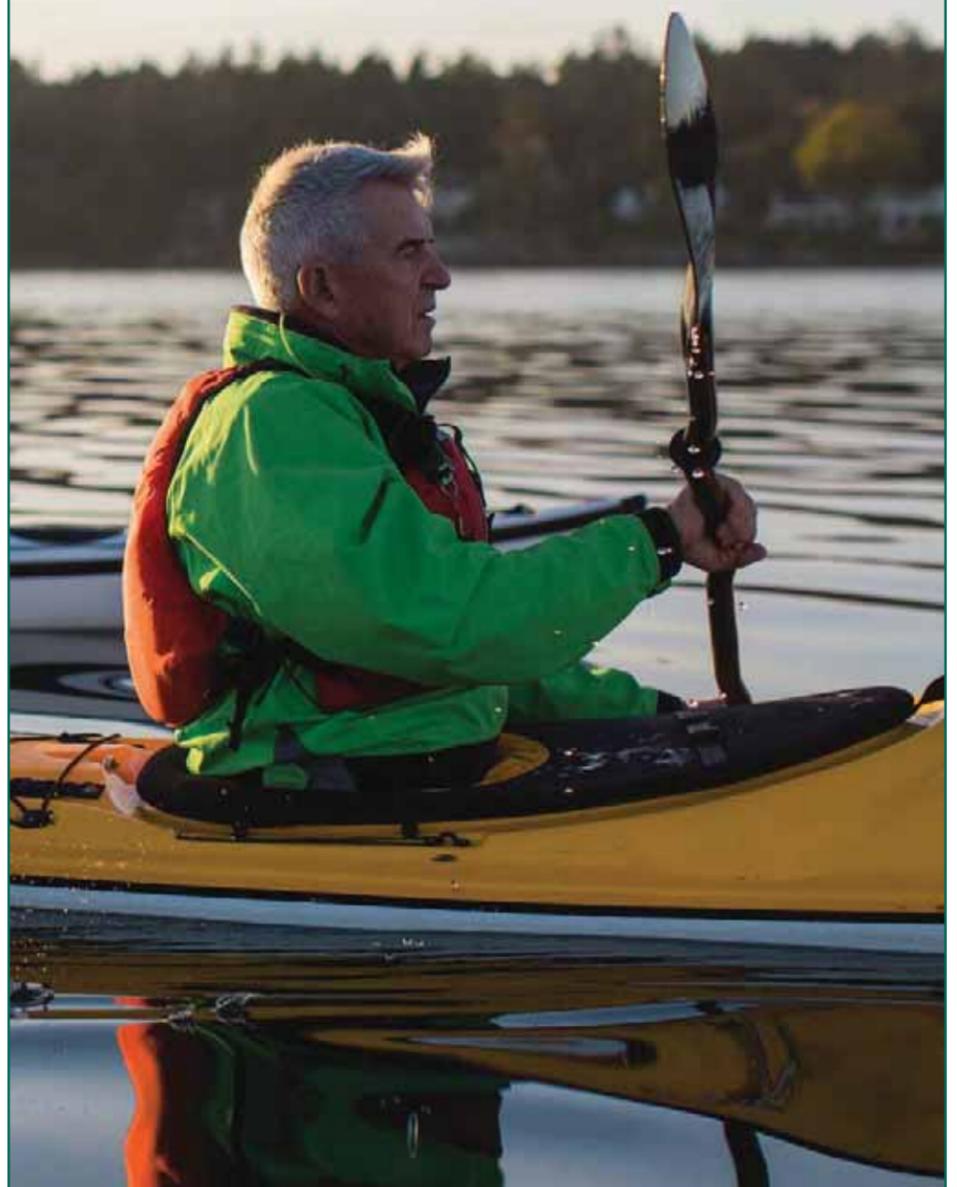
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## Andover Real Estate Transactions, October and November

Ty Morris, Realtor

Three homes sold in Andover from October 15 to November 18.

Michael Rheaume sold 97 Lockwood Road to Edward Mack for \$230,000. This 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom cape with attached two-car garage has 2,788 square feet of living space and sits on 5.8 acres. Mary-Lou Cummings and David Cleveland represented the sellers, and Jamie Poulin of Keller Williams Coastal Realty represented the buyers.

Jay Griffin sold 757 Main Street to Kristopher and Kaitlyn Dumont for \$267,000. This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom cape with a one-car drive-under garage

has 2,256 square feet of living space and sits on 3.67 acres. Kristen Burgess of BHHS Verani Bedford represented the sellers, and Dawn Hinxman of Century 21 Circa 72 represented the buyers.

Steven Lamb sold 456 Bradley Lake Road to Alexandra Plante for \$280,000. This 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom waterfront cottage has 576 square feet of living space and sits on .25 acres. Brooks Bicknell of Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty represented the sellers, and Charity Gagnon of Pelczarski Realty represented the buyers.

For more local real estate information call Ty Morris at 237-2060 or e-mail ty@cblifestylesre.com.

## Eversource Replacing Large Wood Poles with Steel Across Andover

Next: stringing new wire from Franklin to Sunapee

Press release

As part of its everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, Eversource is replacing transmission structures in Andover. This project is one of several that are designed to improve the reliability of the electric system serving New Hampshire.

Starting in September 2019, Eversource's contractors began replacing existing wood transmission structures with steel structures of similar size and height. This work is taking place within the transmission power line corridor (right of way) from Main Street in Wilmot to Chase Hill Road in Andover.

Work is taking place Mondays through Fridays, and Saturdays if necessary. Due to weather or other unexpected circumstances, from time to time the crews may need to work on Sundays.

Overall, you can expect:

– There will be construction vehicles on the right of way, though we will make every effort to minimize any impact to your property.

– In wetland areas, we may install timber mats, which are flat surfaces to protect an area from construction activities and equipment. They will be removed at the end of the project.

– Restoration, if needed, will take place when the project is complete.

– We expect to complete the project and do final restoration of disturbed areas by the spring of 2020.

**Other Upcoming Work**

In 2020, we are planning to return to the area to install an additional wire on the existing poles from Webster Lake Road in Franklin to North Road in Sunapee. The new wire will improve the electric reliability by enabling communication between our substations. We will reach out with additional notification before this project begins next year.

Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. If you have questions about this project, please call the Eversource Siting and Construction Services Information Line at 1-888-926-5334 or e-mail us at NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com. Thank you.

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For a much longer list of area businesses and organizations, visit the Andover Community Assoc.'s **Businesses and Resources Directory** at [Andover-NH.gov/welcome-andover-nh/files/business-resource-directory](http://Andover-NH.gov/welcome-andover-nh/files/business-resource-directory).

## GOT NEWS?

We don't have a fleet of reporters – we rely on *you* to let us know what's going on around Andover. Call or e-mail with news today!

# Letters

## Hard to Leave

After a lot of time in discussion and prayer about this, Amy and I announced my resignation (some may call it retirement) as Pastor at Andover Community Church at the end of January 2020.

As most of you must be aware, our church recently celebrated the 150th anniversary of life together as a continuing Christian congregation in the historic church in East Andover. As some of you may also know, I have just finished 26 years as pastor of ACC.

Our 6 sons have all grown up in the community, attending AE/MS, some of them graduating from Merrimack Valley High School, and some at Laconia Christian Academy. They have been part of the Cub Scouts, and they have all participated in and benefitted from the excellent Andover Recreation sponsored sports teams coached by so many fine parent coaches over the years.

I have been privileged to be part of the lives of many of you in times of grief and family funerals, as well as times of joy (weddings, etc). I have also, for a season, had the privilege of being part of the Andover EMS with its capable, committed leadership (Probably I got more from it than I gave.). But most of all, as pastor of your historic Church in town, I have wanted to serve you by being able to present and explain the message of the Christian faith. After all it's been around 2000 years. Despite the human failings and the detractors, you ought to know there are very good reasons why the Christian message continues to resonate with the hearts of people all over the world; reasons why the Christian community of faith continues to grow in these days, especially in the global South.

I have enjoyed conversations not only with those who come to the church, but also with believers, seekers, and the skeptical in the community. The Alpha course has been, and continues to be, one way we do this at ACC. Most importantly, it's not just about conveying religious information and a hope-filled world-view about ultimate things. Just as important is the embodiment of the life of Christ in the people who profess the faith. And so, I commend to you our church – made up of imperfect people, no doubt about it, but nevertheless, people who will love and support anyone who comes among us seeking the truth of who God made them to be and God's transforming love in Jesus Christ.

For Amy and I it has been hard, very hard, to now begin this process of leaving ACC, because we love the people

there, and many of you in the community that we have come to know, as well. But we believe our assignment from the Lord as pastor here is drawing to a close. (Though we will continue to live in our home in this community for a while). And we are looking forward to see whom God has prepared to lead his Andover church into a new season of fruitfulness. Be looking for announcements about this, coming real soon!

*John and Amy Wagner*

## NH Navigator

Once again there is a limited enrollment period, now through December 15, as well as the elimination of government-provided navigators to assist those in need of help to access free or low-cost health care. To answer the need, New Hampshire Navigator is a free, grant-funded program available to all New Hampshire residents for enrolling in free or low-cost health insurance through Medicaid, CHIP, or the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Please call 877 211-6284 or 603 931-3858 or e-mail [Healthcare.gov](mailto:Healthcare.gov) to get your questions answered or to make an appointment. Those already enrolled in the Marketplace can receive re-enrollment help as well.

A family of four earning up to \$103,000 may qualify for free or reduced-cost health insurance. New plans and prices are available. Be sure to share this resource with anyone you may know who could benefit from this service.

*Judith Ackerson*

## Biomass Issue

Having read Ken Wells' latest Concord report, I felt some clarification was needed in his statements that Governor Sununu had killed biomass energy generation in the state.

It wasn't clear to me how Governor Sununu could do this. Obviously a piece of legislation had been vetoed, but what exactly was this legislation? Ken didn't make that clear. Nor did he mention that the Legislature had overridden Sununu's veto on September 13 so the bill will be in force.

The legislation was a piece of "rent-seeking" by the biomass industry, by the state requiring our electrical utilities to buy a certain amount of power from these plants. Why would such legislation be necessary? It would be because biomass generated power (similar to many other "green" sources of power)

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# Andover Fourth of July Committee

## Andover Community Hub Initiates Community-Wide Campaign

Looking for new ideas, energy, and resources

Larry Chase  
Andover Community Hub

Now that the Andover Community Hub is officially a non-profit organization and into its fourth year of existence as a community center, its board of directors is mounting its first community-wide campaign aimed at bringing new ideas, new energy, and new financial resources into its organizational structure.

As an advertisement elsewhere in the Beacon explains, the current eight-person board is looking to expand: especially to find new members to help shape the Hub's future. The board particularly hopes to find individuals with experience in (and enthusiasm for) addressing building needs, in identifying outreach opportunities for a variety of community segments, and in managing finances.

Board members are also searching for volunteers to serve on committees with responsibilities for identifying, developing, and maintaining new programs; for developing policies that will guide those activities; and for help in finding new sources of revenue to support them.

And it will be looking for "subject matter experts": individuals who will agree to offer advice and counsel, and hands-on help, on a project-by-project basis, such as structural and architectural issues, programming and event opportunities, social-media outreach, and material and financial donations.

Current Hub board members will be

reaching out personally to potential Hub supporters in the next few months. Area residents who would like to learn more about these opportunities may send an e-mail to [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com). A board member will respond promptly, beginning with a big "Thank you!"

Current Hub board members are Deb Brower, Larry Chase, Susan Chase, Paul Currier, Pat Cutter, Gisela Darling, Steve Darling, and Grace Schust.

### History of the Old Town Hall

The building now known as The Andover Hub was built in 1879 to serve as Andover's Town Hall. In that capacity it was used for generations of selectmen's meetings, town meetings, elections, graduations, dances, and basketball games.

When a gym was added to the Andover School in 1963, the town decided the old town hall was no longer needed, and the building was sold to a private owner.

Over the next 50 years, several owners used it as a chair factory, professional offices, and, most recently, a medical billing company, dividing up the first floor into a series of small offices in the process.

In 2016 the building was purchased at a foreclosure auction by a small group of local residents who renamed the building The Andover Hub and formed a board to maintain and manage it. Those owners then joined forces with the Andover Community Association in early 2019 to form the non-profit Andover Community Hub, which now owns the building.

# Opinion

## Our Democratic and Economic Freedoms are Deeply Intertwined

Think about our common goals rationally and fairly

Ken Wells, State Representative

When I was a teenager during the Cold War, I was amused by a comic strip called *Spy vs. Spy*. Two trench-coated raven characters appeared only in silhouette, identical in every way yet polar opposites and mortal enemies. One was drawn black on white, and the other, white on black. They were adversaries engaged in an unending intrigue of cross, double-cross, and revenge. It was a struggle which clearly aspired to no higher purpose, and never referenced any actual events playing out in the real world.

As I see a similar cartoon playing out in our nation's partisan politics, I am not amused. There are grave problems before us today, as there were back during the Cold War. *Spy vs. Spy* was deliberately blind to the actual problems of the Cold War world, just to provide some dark humor as we faced an existential nuclear crisis. Today we face an existential climate emergency, and our Constitutional democracy is all but paralyzed by the greatest test of its checks and balances within living memory. Our democracy could become irreparably broken if we, as voters, allow ourselves to be so distracted and blinded by our current partisan *Spy vs. Spy* intrigue, that we do not pay attention to the erosion of our own power as informed, rational consumers and voters in this capitalist democracy. The only group in the country empowered by the Constitution to truly fix our damaged systems is YOU. Only we, the people can be trusted to use our dollars and our votes to properly restore what is wrong today. It's complicated, but here's what's happening:

Our democratic freedoms and our economic freedoms are deeply intertwined. New Hampshire citizens' participation and voting during Town Meeting might be as pure an example of democracy as you are likely to find in the United States. When we envision our purest economic freedom, we might imagine a rosy picture of mid-20th century free enterprise, featuring small business, laissez-faire capitalism, and corporations responsible to (and paying dividends to) their shareholders. But capitalism has undergone subtle changes in the 21st century, and "good old free enterprise" is suffering from a terrible parasite. And it's probably not what you think, or what they tell you on the news...

Nationally, our economy has moved away from being dominated by small-business free enterprise. Some would

have us believe that immigrants threaten our way of life, or that we are being driven toward "economic socialism", which the dictionary defines as a system in which the public collectively and equally owns the means of production. An astute observer will see that neither of those are true. The United States is certainly not moving toward "state socialism" either, in which the state owns the means of production, as in China where the government unequivocally owns all factories, news agencies, and power plants. In spite of much of the rhetoric you hear, clear evidence suggests we are headed toward a "plutocratic oligarchy", in which the very wealthiest essentially own the state, as well as everything in it. Today, the top 1 percent has more wealth than 90 percent of the American population combined. (If you would like to study well-documented evidence of this, you can examine an extensive Wikipedia entitled "Wealth Inequality in the United States" and follow the links back to the sources of the information presented there.)

In a recent radio interview I heard, Yancey Strickler and Andy Ballester, founders of the crowdfunding charity websites Kickstarter and GoFundMe, talked about the ongoing consolidation of our nation's financial wealth into the hands of a few. Strickler spoke about our "mullet economy" (named for the '80s hairdo) that's "all business out front", for 90 percent of us who are struggling to make it in this economy, "and a party out back" for the 1 percent belonging to the billionaire CEO class. They are buying out stockholders, riding high on the booming economy, skimming profits through outsized CEO compensation and influencing policymakers in government to make even further consolidations of wealth possible. We live in an age where "the super-rich think that the only purpose of money is to make more money," says Ballester, rather than to contribute to a "conscience economy", where money is spent to help people and the communities we live in. This is the parasite that draws dragging us down.

How did we get into this situation, and how do we get out of it?

In the century from the Civil War to the Cold War, monopolistic companies (19th century railroads were a famous example) cleared the table of their competitive opposition and gained sole control of entire markets. Antitrust laws came into being to curtail these "horizontal" monopolies that could win the game because they were the only player left on the entire tabletop. Many of the captains of these industries and their

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heirs nevertheless felt they had an obligation to use their immense wealth and power to improve society in some way. Their old concept was called “noblesse oblige”. The Mellons, Rockefellers, and Carnegies endowed universities, libraries, and the arts. Two wealthy scions of only slightly less prominent families, Hamilton Fish and Gifford Pinchot, took it beyond sharing just their monetary wealth, by also sharing the wealth of their time and energy. They demonstrated their commitment to repaying society for their great good fortune by entering public service as young men. In their lives, they became modestly famous doing such beneficial things as serving their country in the military, serving as United States Secretary of State, cabinet members, and as popular state Governors, negotiating important treaties with foreign powers, embarking on major domestic projects such as paving public roads for the first time, and creating the United States Forestry Service. They believed that workers needed to earn a living wage, because helping workers would help all of society. Where are such public-spirited wealthy people today?

Since the Cold War, we have seen a different kind of monopolistic behavior unfold. Rather than eliminating all competitors “horizontally” to control the tabletop as the old-time railroad barons did, we have seen the recent emergence of “vertical” monopolies like today’s large petroleum and lumber corporations, who own every part of their retail chain, from mining or harvesting a raw resource, to supplying all the retailers within their territories with refined finished products, such as unleaded gas to competing gas stations, and plywood sheathing to all the building supply outlets. Once again, the vertical monopolist gains sole control of an entire market, but has done it in a way unrecognized by current antitrust laws.

Two modern developments make this especially problematic:

First, vertically integrated corporations contain their own internal trading departments that write contracts for future purchases and sales, which is a bit like betting in a card game where you always get to shuffle and stack the deck. This means a big vertically integrated company can predict or even create shortages and surpluses, thus influencing the price of their commodities, even if they are not the only supplier on the tabletop. (Remember OPEC? Saudi Arabia still controls the world’s crude oil prices, even though there are lots of other oil producing nations. This is a key part of the creepy United States-Saudi alliance.)

Second, since the year 2003, many publicly traded stockholder corpora-

tions have been “taken private”. Controlling stock is now owned by an individual and his immediate family through “stock buybacks”. Some of these super-wealthy folks have demonstrated they feel no responsibility to the public good, nor to the remaining minor shareholders (to whom they pay little or no dividends), nor to any disempowered board of directors, nor even to their employees. Some deem their employees “subcontractors”, who then work for them without insurance or benefits. The private owners of these vertical monopolies do have a strong ability to influence government through hiring lawyers and lobbyists. If those efforts don’t succeed to shape government policy or avoid legal reprisals, they move themselves or their wealth to a different jurisdiction and declare bankruptcy (Have you been following the story of the Sackler family, who owns opioid manufacturer Purdue Pharma? Or heard of the book “Kochland” by Christopher Leonard?). This behavior is not an example of what we used to hail as “American free enterprise.”

So, in today’s world, that’s what economic corruption looks like. What does political corruption of our democracy look like? As far as I’ve seen, there are no thick envelopes of cash being passed to legislators in State House hallways before votes. There are however too-cozy relations between lobbying organizations and office holders’ campaigns, which you can investigate yourself on the New Hampshire Secretary of State’s “Campaign Finance System” and “lobbyist’s income reports” websites. Corruption of our democracy can even look like legislators who take a hiatus from office to lobby for a commercial interest (in exchange for a huge salary), only to return to office just six months later - this is the proverbial “revolving door” cycle. For this scam to succeed, voters have to be duped into voting for these “double agents.”

This is where “dis-information” enters the picture. Corruption also takes the form of privately-financed “educational” institutes, out-of-state-financed bulk mail political ads, and broadcast or internet news feeds that decry all other channels as “fake news”. You should be skeptical of information provided to you “for free”, and find out who advertises or sponsors the political and news reporting you see. It costs money to produce all this stuff (This is a perfect place for a plug: Be sure to support the independence of your community newspaper by making your contribution to support your Andover Beacon today!).

Who pays money to make sure you see a story from their angle, and why? For example, did anyone else notice the announcement at the top of the program that big pharma sponsored the Demo-

cratic candidate debates, and that the first question from the moderator every time was always about health care issues, not the environment, not foreign policy, nor any other front-burner issue? The harder it is for you to find out who is actually paying to produce published information, the more suspicious you should be of that information. That’s why I cite verifiable sources in my columns, so you can check up on it yourself if you wish. In upcoming Report from Concord columns, I will describe the bills I’ve proposed that aim to reduce the types of corruption I’ve described here.

Through years of exposure to clever advertising, we consumers know how to be skeptical of repeated saturation ads that make “New! and Improved!” claims advertising the same old products. We should be equally wary of political and prejudicial opinions being pre-packaged and drummed into us through print, broadcast, and internet media. No matter how often they say it, we know a lie will never really become the truth, but they can get some folks to think it, the same way we catch ourselves humming an advertising jingle.

How do we get out of our current political logjam and restore an economy

that works as well for regular folks like us, as well as it does the super-wealthy? Let’s start by listening to information carefully and considering its source. If I feel that I’m getting mad or emotional, I realize that somebody is probably trying to manipulate me. As a teacher, coach, dorm parent, and “professional adult”, I navigated a turbulent world full of teenage people (and their parents) for nearly four decades. I think I’ve experienced nearly every nuance of manipulation from every angle in human imagination! My advice is to just stop, cool down, and think about our common goals rationally and fairly. Will it still look fair if I put myself in the other guy’s shoes? When I apply this way of thinking to our local communities, I always vote to preserve local small-business capitalism, our supportive community, our most personal freedoms, and our democracy. I hope you think local small-business capitalism, our supportive community, our most personal freedoms, and our democracy are worth your best effort, too.

Pay attention to who is feeding you (dis)information in this upcoming election year, and discuss “who said what” with other citizens. Then be sure to vote!



## Letters *from page 5*

is more expensive to create than other sources. Without a governmental mandate, our electrical utilities would try to keep their costs down by buying the least expensive power they could find. If biomass were economically competitive with other sources, no legislation would be needed.

Our legislators like to promise during their campaigns that they will work to lower our utility bills, but when they get in office, they do the exact opposite by rewarding favored industries with government-mandated subsidies that cost every ratepayer more.

New Hampshire has the seventh highest electrical rates in the country, at 19.47 cents per kilowatt hour, just less than California’s at 19.86, and Massachusetts at 21.54. Contrast that to the national average of 13.30 cents per kilowatt hour. Our power is more expensive than either

Maine or Vermont, though they too pay well over the national average.

There are two obvious routes for our utilities to deal with this increased cost: 1) raise their rates, or 2) cut costs in other areas of operation, such as maintaining the infrastructure of power lines and transformers. I suspect that they will do both. How much it will add to our monthly bill will soon become apparent. We may soon have the third or fourth highest rate in the nation (We are unlikely to ever be as high as Hawaii at over 31 cents per kilowatt hour.)

This is a subsidy that the government is now requiring every electrical ratepayer in the state to pay to keep these non-competitive businesses in operation. While the loss of jobs in this industry is unfortunate, requiring all of us to subsidize them when they can’t successfully compete in the market burdens us all.

*Faith Clendenan*

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## School Tax Rate on 2019 Tax Bills Decreased by 5%

Even accounting for DRA's error

Arch Weathers, Budget Committee

Last March, the 2019 annual School District Meeting voted an operating budget of \$5,655,656, up from the previous year by \$213,979 or 3.9%.

The State Education Grant this year is \$1,081,505. After accounting for other revenues, the amount to be raised by taxes for the schools in 2019 is \$4,334,450, up 11% over the previous year.

This increase is in part a result of the

New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration allocating \$200,000 reserved by the Andover School Board for high school tuition as a revenue rather than as an expense.

This error resulted in the Town not raising an additional \$200,000 for taxes in the 2018 tax year. Had the allocation been handled correctly in the previous tax year, the increase in the assessment this year would not be so significant.

Andover's school tax rate for 2019 is \$21.64. This is a decrease of 5% over the previous year's school tax rate of \$22.94.

## Anyone Can Write a Warrant Article for March Meetings

Requires signatures of 25 Andover voters

Charlie Darling, Beacon volunteer

Traditionally, the Select Board writes the warrant articles for Town Meeting and we, the voters of Andover, flock to Town Meeting to discuss and ultimately vote on each article. The articles that we accept, including the total budget figure, pretty much control how the town is run for the coming year.

But it's not just the Select Board that can put an idea (in the form of a warrant article) before Town Meeting to be voted on. In fact, anyone can do it.

Of course, there are a few rules:

1) The warrant article must be delivered to the office of the Select Board by the fifth Tuesday before Town Meeting. This year, that will be Tuesday, February 4.

2) The warrant article must be signed (legibly!) by at least 25 registered Andover voters. Each signature will be checked against the Town's checklist. If fewer than 25 of the signatures can be matched on the checklist, the article won't be added to the warrant.

3) According to RSA 39:3, the Select Board may make "only such minor textual changes as may be required," so the burden is on the writer of the warrant article to be sure it is worded clearly

and that it calls for an action that Town Meeting can legally take.

The rules for getting a petitioned warrant article on the Andover School District warrant are pretty much the same. The rules are in RSA 197:6, and the main difference from the rules described above is the deadline for petitions. A petition must be presented "to the school board or one of them not later than 30 days before the date prescribed for the school district meeting or the second Tuesday in March, whichever is earlier." This year, that deadline would fall on Saturday, February 1, which is 30 days before the Tuesday, March 2, School District meeting.

### Any Other Business

If, for whatever reason, you can't meet all those criteria, you may still be able to put your issue in front of Town Meeting. The last article of the warrant is always "To transact any other business that may legally come before [Town Meeting]." That's your cue to be recognized by the moderator and put your issue before the voters.

But there's a catch: to be legally valid, any motion at Town Meeting must comply with NHRS 39:2, which requires that "The subject matter of all business to be acted upon at the town meeting shall be distinctly stated in the warrant, and nothing done at any meeting shall be valid unless the subject thereof is so stated."

So if your idea needs to be legally valid – if it expends money or changes an ordinance or something like that – then "any other business" is not the time to bring it up. Even if it were passed by the meeting, it wouldn't be legally valid because it would not meet the requirement of NHRS 39:2.

On the other hand, a motion that has no legal effect, such as honoring someone or expressing the meeting's support for an organization, works just fine as "any other business."

Check the Web Site!

## Andover Police Department Report for October 2019

Press release

The Andover Police Department handled 194 calls for service during October, including:

- Assist Citizen: 6
- Assist Motorist: 6
- Criminal Threatening: 1
- Domestic Dispute: 1
- Fraud: 1
- House Checks: 34
- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 7
- Suspicious Circumstances: 9
- Theft: 5
- Traffic Offense – Citation: 1

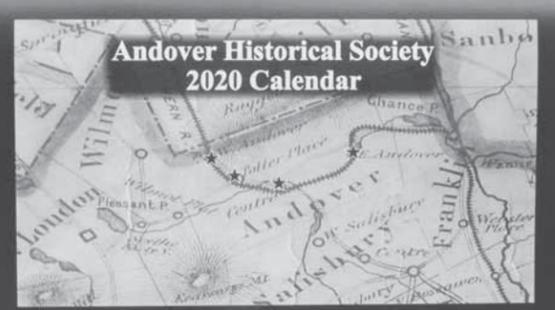
Traffic Offense – Warning: 54

Welfare Check: 3

### Arrests

- Melissa Chilson, 30, Concord: Operating after Suspension; Operating after Suspension II; Operating without a Valid License
- Robert Hurlbutt, 53, Andover: Endangering Welfare of Child or Incompetent
- Justin Hammond, 37, Canaan: Criminal Trespass; Theft of Motor Vehicle





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## Understanding Your 2019 Andover Property Tax Bill

### Revaluation drives 2019 tax rate down by 5.8%

Marj Roy, Town Administrator

This guide is a basic overview of the Town's portion of our property tax rate. It is intended to help explain the components of the tax rate and how it is set each year.

The property tax rate, or how much each of us pays for every \$1,000 of assessed property valuation that we own, is determined by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and considers three main components:

**Total Town appropriation:** This is the total budget that, once approved at Town Meeting, becomes the appropriation. For 2019, this was \$1,845,736.

**Total expected Town revenues:** We receive revenue from many different sources, from the Town portion of your motor vehicle registration to the Town's portion of the State's Rooms and Meals tax. For 2019, total revenues were estimated to be \$866,464.

**Adjustments:** There are two main adjustments added to our appropriation when setting the tax rate. The first are veterans credits, which are based on eligibility. For 2019, the amount of veterans credits equal \$59,000. The second adjustment is called the Overlay, which is an allowance for abatement of taxes. For 2019, this was set at \$22,000.

### Money Raised from Taxation

The first step in calculating the tax rate is to determine how much money the Town will need to raise in taxes. This is done by taking the total appropriations voted at Town Meeting (budget plus warrant articles), subtracting total expected revenues and any use of fund balance (\$247,247), adding veterans credits, and finally adding overlay. This gives the total amount of money to be raised in taxes. For 2019, it works out this way

Total appropriation: \$2,443,547  
 plus veterans credits: \$59,000  
 plus overlay: \$19,254  
 equals the amount of money needed to run the Town: \$2,521,801  
 minus revenue: \$886,464  
 minus use of Town's fund balance: \$247,247  
 equals the amount we need to raise

from taxation: \$1,388,090. This is also called the "tax burden."

Once we know the amount of money to be raised through taxation, the next step is to determine the tax rate per thousand dollars of Town valuation.

### Tax Rate Calculation

Simply put, the tax rate is the following formula: the amount to be raised by taxes, divided by the Town valuation, times 1,000.

For 2019, this becomes:  
 \$1,388,090, divided by \$302,729,290, times 1,000, equals a tax rate of \$4.59 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

### What Can Change the Tax Rate?

The State requires that every municipality be assessed at its "full and true" market value. The New Hampshire Constitution (Part 2 Article 6) requires that each municipality "takes value anew" every five years. A revaluation is the most equitable way to accomplish this. If the total Town property valuation goes up, the tax rate will go down (because the total Town property valuation is the denominator in the tax rate calculation). If the total Town valuation goes down, the tax rate will go up.

For 2019, the tax burden is up 10.3% over 2018's tax burden. But the Town revaluation is up by 17.3% over 2018, which drives down the tax rate. The tax rate for 2019 is down 5.8% from the 2018 tax rate.

These factors are all part of the reason you may see a change in your tax bill.

### The 2019 Tax Rate

For 2019 the total tax rate is \$22.10 per \$1,000 of valuation, a decrease of 5% from 2018. The Town portion of the total tax rate decreased by 25 cents or 5%. The combined local and state school portion decreased 78 cents or 5.1%, the fire district decreased 7 cents or 13%, and the county decreased 27 cents or 9%. The total decrease was \$1.37 from the 2018 tax rate.

To determine your full-year 2019 tax, multiply the tax rate (\$22.10) times the assessed value of your property in thousands: If your property is valued at \$150,000, first divide your value by \$1,000 to get 150, then multiply it by the tax rate of \$22.10 per \$1,000. This gives you: 150 times \$22.10 equals \$3,315 for the total year tax due.

## Public Hearings Consider Boundary Changes of Village Districts

### Final public hearing on Tuesday, January 14

Andover Planning Board

The Planning Board is recommending an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to enlarge the village districts. This probably sounds like old news, because it is old news.

The Planning Board (PB) put together the proposal last year, had public hearings to listen to resident input, and planned to have it on the ballot for Town Meeting in 2019. To our embarrassment, the PB missed the deadline to have it on the ballot. So, the PB is bringing the same proposal this year.

The reasons for the change are simple. Both Andover Village and Cilleyville Village have grown over the years as properties have changed use through the special exception process. Duplexes and multifamily properties have been created in the areas adjacent to the village districts, and small retail and service businesses have been established in the same areas. The PB thinks it makes sense for those properties and adjacent properties to be made a part of the revised village districts, which permit such uses.

In addition, some properties were not included in the village districts for various reasons – the PB does not think most of those reasons still apply. For example, the PB thinks both sides of a street should be in the same district, and that riverfront lots can be accommodated and protected within the village districts.

Expanding the village districts will preserve the attractive qualities of our town and ensure orderly development.

The Master Plan identifies several guiding principles as being important to our town. Those principles include: maintain Andover's small town, rural character with village centers; encourage commercial activity that builds on the regional recreation and tourism economy; and provide choices in housing types.

Commercial activity and housing types other than single family homes in any district except a Village District require a special exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment – which increases the time and expense of developing commercial activity or duplex housing. The current shortage and expense of rental housing underlines the importance of providing places for that kind of housing without the burden of seeking a special exception. The PB thinks expanding the village districts encourages the kind of development and control the town desires.

The Planning Board held its first public hearing to review the proposed amendment on December 10; it will hold the final public hearing on Tuesday, January 14. It is important for everyone to hear our thinking, hear your thoughts, and share maps.

The wording of the proposed amendments will be available, as well as maps which delineate the current boundaries as well as proposed boundaries. You are invited to join us.



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## Wanted: Candidates For Town Boards And Committees

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Dennis Fenton,  
Andover Select Board (Retired)

*Dennis Fenton, a long-time member of the Select Board, wrote these words in 2009 when he decided to retire from the Board. With his permission, we're re-running this to encourage people to consider becoming a candidate.*

First, the fact that you are busy is not a legitimate excuse! Everyone can use that one, but it's the town's well-being that is at stake, so we all have to find time to do the things that are really important to us.

What background should you have to run for a Town office? There's no one right answer to that question. George Upton, for example, took an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen before the moving van was completely unloaded when he came to Andover. He went on to win re-election. George only had on-the-job training, which is the hard way.

Other town officers have taken different paths. All these folks had one thing in common – as a part of the community, they wanted to give something back to Andover.

### A Good Candidate

What makes a good candidate? The first item on any candidate's agenda should be what is good for the majority. When a new problem arises, the solution is not the easy way out, but what serves our town the best.

As a member of a Town board or committee, you are one of the overseers of our town whose job it is to manage the town's resources and problems. When a vote is taken, be supportive even if you might like something a little different.

Your main charge is to have needed services provided to the town at a reasonable cost. An important tool available to you in pursuit of that goal is the Budget Committee. Their job is to review all budgets in town and present the budget to be voted on at Town Meeting, School District Meeting, and the meetings of the various precincts.

The Budget Committee takes the prejudice out of an individual budget as they look at the big picture. It is important that we all, boards and citizens, listen very closely to the story they tell each year as they attempt to keep our tax rate at a manageable level.

### Share Your Talents

To all you good folks out there: You are not too busy to make a commitment to share your many talents. Being a member of a Town board or committee is not a thankless job. People appreciate your willingness to serve, and you will be surprised how many times you are told this.

I don't know who will sign up, but you are out there. This is for your town. It is all worthwhile. Good luck!

*The filing dates for candidates to file with the Town Clerk are Wednesday, January 22, through Friday, January 31.*

## Town Clerk Prepares for Holidays, Candidates, and Three Elections

Holiday hours and election dates

Bonnie Wesley, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Our hours for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve will be 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

### Important Election Dates

January 22, 2020: First day to file to become a candidate for any elected Town office

January 31, 2020: Last day to file to become a candidate for any elected Town office. The Town Clerk's Office will open from 3 to 5 PM only.

February 11, 2020: Presidential Primary Election Day

March 10, 2020: Town Election Day and Town Meeting Day

September 8, 2020: State Primary Election Day

November 3, 2020: General Election Day.

### Election Year 2020

It is going to be a very busy year, and

we will be needing lots of help. We will need ballot clerks (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.

### Dogs

Please continue to keep us updated on your dog's status. If you no longer have your dog, please let us know.

Also, all dogs must be licensed. The 2020 licenses are now available and are due by April 30. Late charges will be applied after that date.

### New Legislation

HB 391 became effective on June 21 this year. This bill amended RSA 261:148 to require that a current government-issued photo ID be presented to the Town Clerk to obtain a permit for vehicle registration.

### Reminder

When mailing a check to us, please write the PID in the memo for taxes, or write your plate number in the memo for vehicle registrations.

## Thirteen Elected Positions in Town and School Need Candidates

You must file by Friday, January 31

Bonnie Wesley, Town Clerk

Town Election Day is Tuesday, March 10. The filing period for Town offices and School offices is Wednesday, January 22, through Friday, January 31.

If you are interested in running for a Town office or a school office, come on into the Town Clerk's Office between January 22 and January 31 during our regular hours of Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 AM to 2 PM, or Saturday, January 25, from 9 to 11 AM, or Friday, January 31, from 3 to 5 PM.

### Town Positions on the Ballot

Select Board for three years  
Town Treasurer for two years  
Trustee of Trust Funds for three years

Cemetery Trustee for three years  
Library Trustee for three years  
Town Moderator for two years  
Supervisor of the Checklist for six years

Two members of the Budget Committee, each for three years

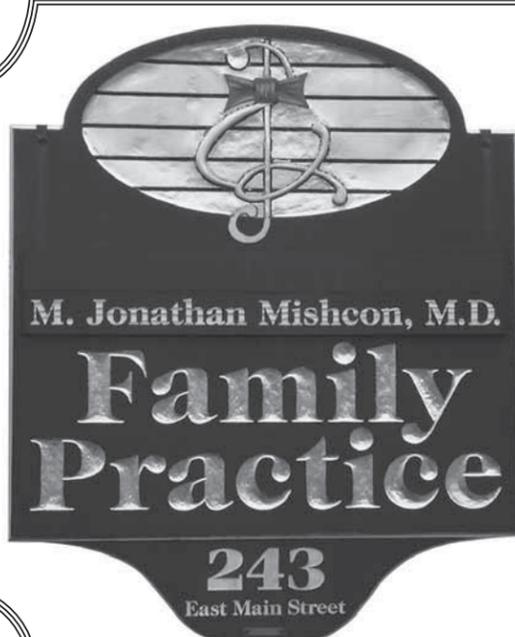
### School Positions on the Ballot

School Board for three years  
School Moderator for one year  
School Clerk for one year  
School Treasurer for one year

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# TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

**RSA** 91-A:2 states that minutes from each meeting of each Town body must "be promptly recorded and open to public inspection not more than five business days after the meeting."

Minutes are often not in publishable form at that point. Considering the time it takes to make them publishable, and the long lag between issues of the *Beacon*, it may be a month or more before they appear in the *Beacon*.

## Select Board

October 21

*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 Officer Dan Mori

Also present: Todd Goings, Peter Maynard, and Jane Hubbard. Ken Tripp made a brief appearance

### Road Agent

Storm clean-up: consisted of only some trees and brush

Last Street Bridge: finalization will be scheduled

Beach House: winterized and closed for the season

East Andover's Cemetery: only needs the spigot work completed

Ball Field: the Highway Department will do the closing work

Keyser Road Tree Removal: Peter Maynard is concerned about the large hemlock tree that is leaning near his home towards his son's bedroom. Roy went to look at the tree. It is a massive tree and is full of large branches. Thompson will look at the tree tomorrow.

Shaw Hill Road: only needs to be scheduled

Sam Hill Road: work is completed

Flaghole Road: ledge removal work at the Town Line will be done by the end of the week.

Shirley Road: materials are in

Street Signs: This has not been worked on due to having a new employee and trying to catch up on work. An E-2 sign is needed for Kenniston Bridge. Roy will order. There are no speed limit signs, weight restriction, or "No Thru Trucking" signs. Maple Street needs some 25 mph signs. Plains Road needs speed signs. Thompson will give the list to Roy.

Elbow Pond Guardrails: subcontracted this work out to CWS Fence. The \$13,500 will fall under the project line

Winter Sand: Roy handed the Board an agreement with the State to be signed allowing the Town to mine the sand prior to the sale of White Oak Pit finalization.

Two Side Notes: Roy spoke to Chief Mahoney about missing speed limit

signs. If there is no posted speed limit sign, the speed reverts to 35 mph.

Chuck Keyser requested that Roy contact Margaret Warren, the Town Administrator in Salisbury, to let them know there is a missing stop sign on North Road in the newly paved area.

Ken Tripp walked in and interrupted the meeting. Tripp wanted to know if he was on tonight's agenda. Tripp filled in paperwork requesting to be on the agenda to speak to the Board about the economics of recycling. Tripp was upset because no one from the Town notified him that he would be scheduled for tonight or not. Roy told Tripp that he was on the agenda scheduled at 7 PM. Tripp indicated that at this point he would reschedule another time with the Board. The Board offered Tripp to come in during a work session. Tripp told the Board that their failure to let people know that they are actually on the agenda was not good protocol. Roy told Tripp that she was quite sure that Lois Magenau, the Administrative Assistant, made a call to him.

### Emergency Management Update

Jane Hubbard, Andover's Emergency Management Director, indicated that she is working on the quarterly report for the Elbow Pond Project. Blinn noted that the project is currently underway and is on schedule. It should be finished by mid- to late November. Hubbard will contact Roy before the end of the year

## Office Hours & Meetings

### OFFICE HOURS

**Town Office:** Mon–Thu 9–2

**Town Clerk & Tax Collector:**

Mon, Wed & Thu 9–2

Tue 1:30–6:30

Last Saturday of month, 9–11

**Zoning Administrator:** Mon 9–12,

Tues, Thur 9-4, Weds 1–4

**Transfer Station:** Weds 7–6 & Sat,

7–5, Swap Shop - 2nd Sat 8-12

**Andover Library:**

Mon, 6–8

Wed, 9–12 & 6–8

Thu, 1–5 • Sat, 9–12

**Bachelder Library:**

Tues, 9–12 & 6–8

Thu, Fri 1–5

### MEETINGS

*At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted*

**Cemetery Trustees:** 2nd Tues, 10

Last Thu, 7

**Conservation:** 2nd Wed, 7

**Emergency Medical Service:**

2nd Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7

**Fire Department:** Mon, 7

**Fourth of July:** 1st Wed

Andover Fire Station, 7

**Library Trustees:** 3rd Thu, 7 Andover or

Bachelder Library (except July & Aug)

**Planning Board:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 7

**Recreation:** 2nd Wed, 7,

AE/MS Science Room (except July)

**School Board:** 1st Tue

(except July), 6:30, AE/MS

**Select Board:** 1st & 3rd Mon, 6:30

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** 3rd Tue, 7

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to gather pertinent information.

### Town Administrator

Everything has been sent to the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) for setting the tax rate. Roy expects to have the rate by the end of the week.

Roy is working on draft budgets.

Final budget presentations by departments to the Select Board will be in November.

White Oak Pit: DOT required certain notations on the survey plan. Those are complete. The closing on this property should be within about six weeks.

The Select Board will hold two public meeting sessions to present their plans for the appointed Road Agent position. The initial meeting will be on

Monday, October 28 and the second session will be on December 9, both at 6:30 PM.

Roy is looking for carpentry quotes.

Office staff are working on completing the Town Report this year. They will need volunteer proofreaders to assist on the project.

Hopkins Pond was found to have Blue Cyanobacteria, which can be toxic to dogs. The Department of Environmental Sciences (DES) began weekly testing on October 22.

### Bookkeeper

Elita Reed, Bookkeeper, passed out information to the Board concerning the Transfer Station revenues. Reed explained that the fees shown on the pa-

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perwork are actually what was collected from town residents for those items listed on the paper.

**Signatures**

DOT agreement that the Town may mine sand from White Oak Pit prior to the sale being finalized.

“Thank you for applying” letters to applicants indicating the Transfer Station position has been filled.

Letter from the Mitchell Group allowing them to settle the utility case on the Town’s behalf.

Numerous Recreation Committee appointments forms.

**Select Board**

November 18

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; and Police Chief Joe Mahoney.

Also present were: Tom Franz and Alan Hanscom, Recreation Committee; Mary Anne Broshek, Conservation Commission Chair; Mark MacLean, School Administration Unit (SAU) #46

Superintendent; and Robin Heins, SAU #46 Business Administrator.

**Road Agent**

• Flaghole and Shirley Road Projects should be done by the end of this week

• Cold Patch: Received some from the State. Roads are getting patched.

• Sam Hill Road: Thompson viewed the culvert issue and had it cleaned out.

• Signs are being replaced around town.

• Bridge Road: Thompson will check on the issue.

• Beech Hill and Keyser Road Trees: Thompson is working on getting the trees taken down.

**School Parking Lot**

Heins and MacLean, along with the Board, discussed the expense of painting the parking lot spaces and the expense of snow removal from the parking lot. When the school owned the Town Hall building, a previous agreement was made where the Town paid for the snow removal. However, the school relinquished ownership of the Town Hall building recently.

All agreed the school and the Town should remain in a partnership arrangement and not as adversaries. Further research regarding cost will take place, and a mutual decision will be made with which party is responsible for snow

plowing and snow removal of the parking lot for the upcoming 2020 budget.

**Conservation Commission Budget**

Broshek presented the budget.

Bill Keyser asked Broshek how the Commission used the Current Use money it received. Broshek indicated that the money is used to enforce the Town-held easements, which the commission monitors on a yearly basis.

Broshek explained why the commission again requested the \$300 to monitor the cell tower. The previous year it was requested, but the money did not get used because Verizon held off on erecting the cell tower. Broshek wanted the money to remain available in case the tower is erected, and then the money is available to monitor it.

**Police Department Budget**

Mahoney presented the Board with the budget.

Mahoney explained that next year the department will need a new cruiser. Previously the rotation was every eight years. However, Mahoney would like to do a six-year rotation instead due to the wear and tear on the vehicles. At the end of the rotation, the cruiser at eight years is of little value for resale.

Mahoney explained that he does not have the new budget number for Dispatch because they have not given him that information yet. Mahoney explained that the Dispatch typically remains at the same level for a while and he doesn’t expect it to be raised; little, if any at all.

**Cemetery Budget**

Bill Keyser presented the budget.

Bill explained the upcoming cemetery project expenses as follows:

\$2,500: Painting and repair railings at Rowe Cemetery; painting at Lake View, Taunton Hill, and Philbrick Cemeteries.

\$500: Tree work at Taunton Hill Cemetery.

\$2,000: Stone repair at Lakeview, Rowe, Hobbs-Swett, Pancake Road (Durgin), and Proctor Cemeteries.

The budget is actually a couple hundred dollars lower than the previous

year. The budget request is \$22,809.

**Transfer Station Closure Policy**

The Board reviewed and signed the policy.

**Recreation Committee Budget**

Frantz and Hanscom presented the budget.

The Board offered some free railing from the Elbow Pond Road Project that will be available for use as a safety barrier at Blackwater Ball Park. When the guard railing is taken to White Oak Pit, Roy will notify Frantz and/or Hanscom to come look at it.

The Board agreed the committee needs to purchase a new liner for the skating rink. Frantz and Hanscom noted that there is a portion of the old liner that could still be used. It could be marketed for a hundred or two and the funds can go into the General Fund.

Frantz and Hanscom wanted it noted that Proctor Academy donated a lot of basketballs to the Recreation Committee.

**Emergency Management**

**Performance Grant Application**

Roy explained this is part of the process for updating the emergency operations plan. The Select Board, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant as presented in the amount of \$2,000 to update the community’s Local Emergency Operations Plan.

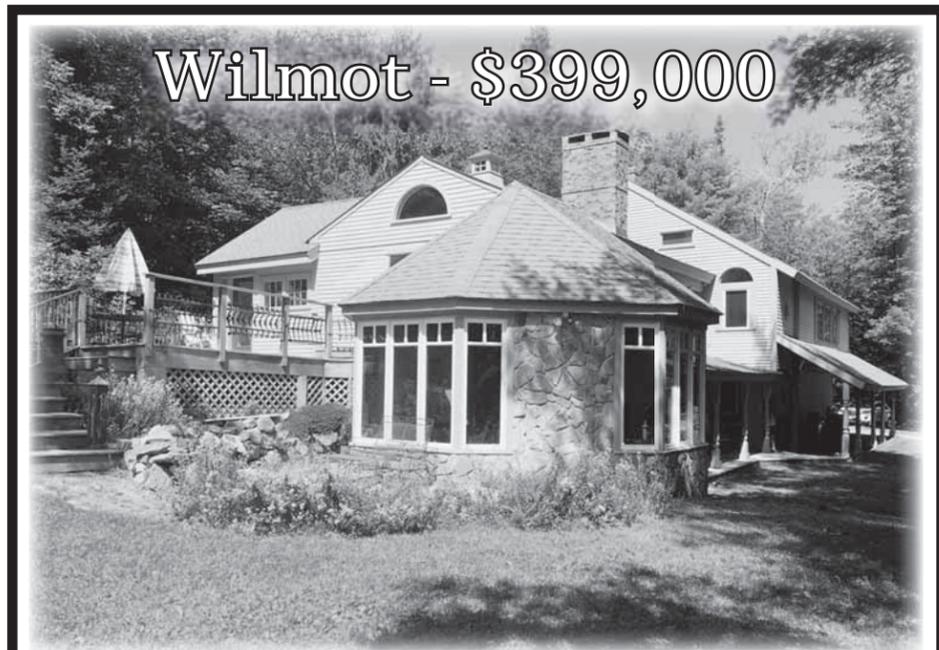
Furthermore, the Board acknowledged that the total cost of this project will be \$4,000, in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$2,000).

**Correspondence And Signatures**

• The Town received a letter from the Mitchell Group regarding the utility settlement figure being incorrect. There was a discrepancy in the amount it will cost the Town.

• Ronald Kleiner, State Engineer, reviewed the Hoyle Tanner and Associates proposal for the Lawrence Street Bridge Project and found it acceptable. Sean James called Roy today. The Design Phase for the Lawrence Street Bridge will start in January 2020.

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- GZA agreement to review the Champagne Excavation Project Proposal.

- Intent to Cut: Smith Road, Phelps/Smith, 70 acres.

### Board Appointments

Mary Anne Broshek will resign from the Conservation Commission at the end of December. Nancy Robart will replace Broshek.

Dave Powers is appointed to the Planning Board as a full member.

Donna C. Duclos is appointed to the Planning Board as an alternate member.

## Planning Board

October 8

*Condensed from approved minutes*

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

Also present: Pat Moyer, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Dave Powers, potential board member; Donna Duclos, potential board member; Deb Brower; Eric Pospesil; Chris Dumont; and Jerry Hersey.

### 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.

Moyer stated that she had contacted George Bower, Maine Drilling and Blasting, GZA GeoEnvironmental, and Russ Thibeault for fees and scope, and Bowers and GZA will have something as soon as possible; however, Maine Drilling has not yet responded. Thibeault responded that he does not do this type of work.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of continuing the hearing to Tuesday, October 22.

### Non-Binding Consultation

Eric Pospesil of Horizon Engineering as agent for Connie McLeod for a

minor subdivision on Monticello Drive in the Agricultural / Residential Zone.

Pospesil presented a minor subdivision application and a plan of the property. The property consists of 20 acres, of which 4.08 acres are to be divided out and retained as the former Town landfill. It was explained that the landfill is covered and monitored.

Hodgson asked about the locations of the monitoring stations and the response was they are indicated on the map and were pointed out to him.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the application complete. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22.

### Non-Binding Consultation

Deb Brower for a lot line adjustment with Karen Cangiano on Bradley Lake Road.

Brower presented a map of the property and indicated the current lot line along with the proposed lot line as the property owners have agreed on the location. An e-mail was received from Karen Cangiano advising that she is in agreement with this. The board will act on this application on Tuesday, October 22.

### Non-Binding Consultation

Chris Dumont for property at 126 Hoyt Road.

Dumont presented the tax map for the property location and advised that it is a land-locked property with no road frontage; however, he has a State permit to use the 50-foot right-of-way on Jesse Mulder's property to access his own property. A deed was presented indicating the right-of-way.

The Board advised him that he would have to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance to the road frontage requirement.

### Additional Items

Urie distributed a draft Planned Unit Development (PUD) that he, Hodgson, and Monti created for the Board's review. Public hearings need to take place, as it is a Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Minimum lot sizes need to be established for each zone, and 25 acres seems to be the preferred size at this time.

An open space, common use, and a conservation area for each PUD needs to be established. Setbacks will be the same as in each zone currently. The size of the home needs to be determined.

Blinn stated that the Select Board is putting together a Department of Public Works, a list of work for the Road Agent, and numbers for the 2020 budget.

## Conservation Commission

October 8

*Condensed from approved minutes*

Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Jenny Bodwell, Jerry Hersey, Lee Wells, and Tina Cotton.

### Co-Occurrence Map

Harvey Pine was not able to attend our meeting. Action item: Jesse and Alan will meet with Harvey to find out what Harvey needs to know to do the map. Mary Anne will join, if needed.

Two issues to be decided: do we want to include wildlife corridors or any other weighting of layers? It needs to be on QGIS so anyone can use it.

### ASLPT Update

Lee attended the October 7 ASLPT Outreach Quarterly Meeting for Jesse.

Dode Gladders, Forestry Field Specialist with the UNH Cooperative Ex-

tension, presented the status of the Emerald Ash Borer in our area. He has found them in New London.

The good news is that the borer only infects ash trees; the bad news is that within seven years, half of the ash trees will be dead.

They can be treated by injecting them every three years at a cost of roughly \$10/inch of diameter.

Conservation Commission members reported what their commissions have been doing recently. Activities include: water testing, replacing shade trees, working with Highway Department to control invasive species (particularly knotweed), purchasing a root wrench, trail maintenance, working on a conservation plan, working on a wetlands ordinance, publishing articles in the local paper, bog clean up, adopt-a-road programs, working on conservation easements, and education programs including: Squam Lake Science Center, a lecture on bats, a presentation by Lake Smart, a woodland walk and workshop, and a program on butterflies.

Program planning for 2020: The Outreach group usually offers a couple of programs a year. Suggestions included doing presentations on: stonewall mapping, ATV use, wolves in our area,  
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Mary Phinney and Ellen Langlais were two of the Andover Service Club volunteers who took turns selling pies at the annual ASC Thanksgiving pie sale on November 26 and 27. Photo: Beacon staff



Wilmot Ladies Aid Society kitchen volunteers and Mary Fanelli, reception volunteer, helped at the November Senior Luncheon. Pictured are Marion Allen, Lois Palmer, Lisa Evans, Marni Thompson, Mary Fanelli, and Joyce Rand.

## Andover Service Club's Pie Sale a Sweet Success

Proceeds go to club's scholarship fund

Beacon staff

Circle K in Potter Place generously allowed the Andover Service Club, once again, to set up shop inside their store for the club's annual pie sale. The pie sale is always scheduled just before Thanksgiving, which is timely for anyone wishing to pick up an extra pie for

their special dinner.

The assortment of donated, homemade pies included pumpkin, apple, cherry, southern pecan, chocolate, lemon, and other delicious treats. Proceeds from the sale go toward the Service Club's scholarship fund. If you missed out, the club is usually holds a pie sale to benefit the scholarship fund at the Andover Fourth of July celebration as well.

## Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon Slated for January 16

Thursday, January 16, at the Wilmot Barn

Press release

The second fun-filled luncheon serving seniors in the Kearsarge area will take place at the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) Red Barn at 11:30 AM on Thursday, January 16. Don't miss this chance to get out of the house, enjoy a hot lunch, and schmooze with friends. In fact, plan to bring a friend along with you!

Reservations are required for each luncheon. First time attendees wanting to enjoy the camaraderie of other seniors and an occasional short program are requested to call the Council on Aging in New London at 526-6368 by January 6.

Door prizes, table flower arrange-

ments, and free books will be given out.

A \$2 donation is suggested for the meal, and a \$3 donation for the WCA for providing the space and kitchen, for a total of \$5. For those aged 60 years and under, there is a \$6 charge for lunch and a suggested donation of \$3 for the WCA.

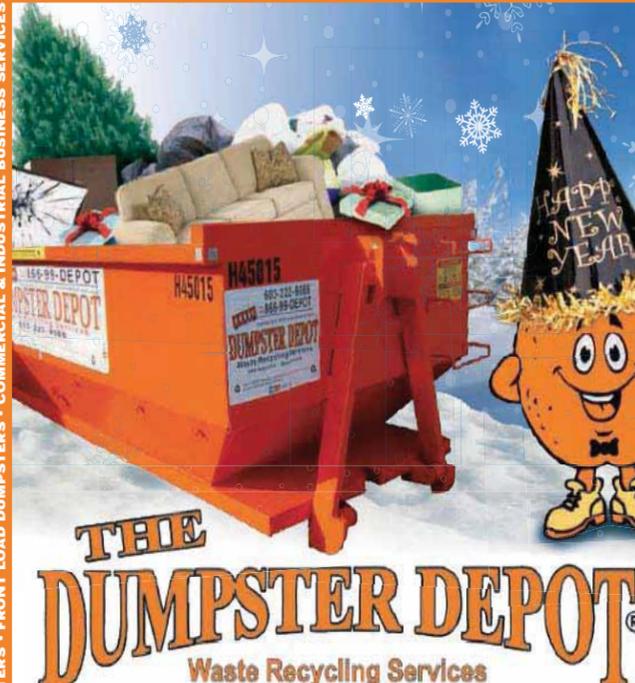
If the weather is frightful, please use your best judgement about venturing out. As a guide, however, the luncheon will be "on" if the Kearsarge Schools are open or delayed. If school is cancelled, the luncheon will also be cancelled.

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



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## Andover Service Club News

### Jingle Bell Fair was a big success

Press release

The Andover Service Club held its November meeting on Wednesday, November 13, at the Grange Hall in East Andover. Among the topics discussed were the results of the Jingle Bell Fair. It was a big success and was well attended. The vendors were very pleased, and some were even asking to sign up for next year.

The club members will soon be very busy baking pies for our annual Thanksgiving pie event. This is one of the big fundraisers for our scholarship fund and is always a success.

Sandy Miller is working on getting the Christmas baskets ready for the raffle, which will take place on December 11. She has many gift certificates from local shops and lots of new items brought in by members of the club. Raffle tickets will be available at the Thanksgiving pie table, the Thrift Shop, and from members of the Andover Service Club.

A wonderful program, given by Alli Coy of Allioops, about putting together a holiday centerpiece followed the news time of our meeting. She led us through the steps in putting one together as she worked on making a gorgeous centerpiece that will brighten any holiday table. When she finished and we admired the results, names were drawn and one member went home with a beautiful holiday decoration for her table.

### Andover Thrift & Gift Shop

The Thrift Shop committee has been

working very hard on the makeover of the shop, and their enthusiasm is contagious. The newly designed Andover Thrift & Gift Shop's Grand Reopening took place on Tuesday, December 3. Stop in and check out all the changes, including a streamlined shopping layout, Kid's Corner, and gift area.

The shop offers a unique collection of gently worn women's and children's clothing and jewelry. And starting in December we will also offer specialty gifts from local artisans! We will be showcasing Christina Brown and Amber Renault's "wearable art," along with DSigns' hand-dyed fabrics and scarves, stocking stuffers from Cheril's Creations for the whole family, and fine crafted wood utensils and other items from RJM Woodworks.

See the Andover Thrift & Gift Shop's separate articles for details of these fabulous artisans and their merchandise.

Shop locally and support community artisans and the nonprofit thrift shop! Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 AM to 4 PM, and Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The shop is located next to the Andover Elementary/Middle School at 26 School Street in Andover.

The shop accepts only women's clothing and jewelry/accessories for consignment, but gratefully accepts donations of both women's and children's clothing. We no longer carry men's clothing or footwear in the shop, but if received we will donate items to the Hydrocephalus Foundation.

## Andover Thrift and Gift Shop Features Local Artisans

### Many local items for your holiday shopping

Press release

The Andover Thrift and Gift Shop is featuring the unique creations of talented artisans, in addition to their wide selection of women's and children's gently worn apparel and jewelry.

For the month of December, artisans Christina Brown and Amber Renault will wow you with their colorful collection of 100% cotton tie-dye wearable art, Inga jewelry, and 3D printer and Fimo creations for the kids.

Need some fun stocking stuffers? Cheril's Creations is offering dozens of gifts for the family and pets, right in time for Christmas. Check out her "Re-Use" Pouches, good for a multitude of uses. And they're recyclable.

DSigns will showcase an assortment of exquisite one-of-a-kind hand-dyed silk scarves made with natural dyes and eco-printed with fresh botanicals that are rolled onto the fabric.

And for the admirer of fine crafted woodworks, check out the display of bandsaw boxes, desk sets, vases, and wooden utensils made from local

woods, compliments of RJM Woodworks. Both of these fine artisans will have their works displayed in the shop during December and January.

Our featured gift artisan for January will be Colleen vanVeelen of Colleen's Kreations, offering a wide selection of gifts including aromatic handmade soaps in scents from fuzzy peach to cedarwood. Stop in for a coffee ... coffee candle, that is, or a "feel better" kit.

Sue McCandless of Owl's Nest Emporium has a solution for the cold winter ahead: beautiful handmade quilts and cashmere-lined wool mittens. "Think Green," and check out Sue's washable grocery bags and extra large totes.

Whether you need an outfit for the holidays, a gift, or a card, we have it! Shop locally and support your community artisans and the non-profit Andover Thrift and Gift Shop.

Visit us Tuesday to Thursday from 10 to 4 PM and Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The shop is located beside the Andover Elementary/Middle School at 26 School Street.

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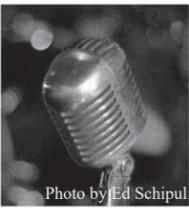




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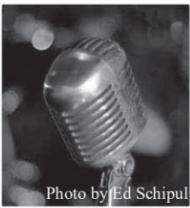




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The Andover Historical Society is raising funds to repurpose the Gordon-Lull House in Potter Place into offices and meeting rooms for the Society, as well as to add space to serve as an archive for documents, records, photos, and treasures. Photo: Shelley Geoghegan

## Andover Historical Society Builds Momentum for Lull House's Future

Many precious stories of life in Andover to preserve

Chris Norris  
Andover Historical Society

Gordon and Dorothy Lull's former house on Depot Street in Potter Place has belonged to the Andover Historical Society for many years, and now plans are in place for its future use. Under its new name, the Gordon-Lull House (GLH) will become offices and meeting rooms for the Historical Society. Most importantly, the GLH will sprout a new addition to serve as an archive for documents, records, photos, and treasures. This ends an impasse that had existed with the Andover Historical Society trying to decide whether to reclaim the building or to tear it down and rebuild.

In 2018, a committee was formed and a report and history were prepared by Susan E. Schnare, DPhil. The Lull's former house was found to have been built in 1876 by William and Augusta Gordon, and Augusta and Dotty were both postmistresses. This establishes the house as an original and valu-

able part of the railroad community. With these findings, the committee determined that the best use for the house was to meet the Historical Society's needs for, most critically, a large climate-controlled space for archival storage, improved space for curatorial work, spaces for display, a bathroom, a small kitchen, and a meeting place. Except for the archive, most of these spaces already exist so most of the changes to the house will be cosmetic and accessibility related.

At that point James Heavey, Master Builder, was hired to complete a thorough structural analysis of the Gordon-Lull House. He determined that the building is well worth saving, both from a structural and a financial perspective. Heavey came to us with acclaim from the folks in Danbury regarding similar work that he completed on the South Danbury Church. The Society then engaged Heavey to prepare architectural plans and an estimate.

Since its beginnings in the 1980s, the Andover Historical Society has com-

See Lull House on page 20



Laurie Hansen, Activities Assistant, pins an Air Force service poppy to a Peabody Home resident veteran in honor of Veterans Day.

## Franklin VNA and Hospice Honored Veterans in November

Certificates and hand-made poppies

Press release

Communities and organizations around the country honored their veterans on Monday, November 11, and thanked them for their service. Two such recognitions occurred in Franklin, as veterans at Peabody Home and Mountain Ridge Center received certificates of appreciation for their service and hand-made purple poppy flowers crafted by the residents of Peabody Home. Poppies are symbolic of the sacrifices made in war, and the purple color resonates with both Peabody Home and Franklin VNA and Hospice.

Franklin VNA and Hospice visited both long-term care centers for intimate ceremonies to present the staff and resident veterans the certificates and flowers, thanking and honoring them for their service.

"We felt that joining together with Peabody Home to create these memorial items was just a natural step in the strong relationship that Franklin VNA and Hospice has with them already,"

said Tabitha Dowd, Executive Director for Franklin VNA and Hospice.

"So often recognition and thanks can seem hollow and canned; we really wanted all of our nation's veterans to feel the gratitude we owe them; to thank them for sacrificing time, family, friends, and health in order to serve. Our honored veterans were called to this profession, much like a pastor, a teacher, or a nurse.

"The significance of putting on the uniform reflects the true character of the American spirit. We are grateful for their sacrifice and commitment that they made for all of us."

It was also important to both groups to honor the veterans who are residents of each center as well as those who work in them.

"Veterans are whole people, they can be young or old, they may be retired or working in another field. We wanted to highlight that with our ceremony, to ensure that their recognition was not overlooked or assumed to only honor some and not all veterans," noted Meg Miller, Director at Peabody Home.

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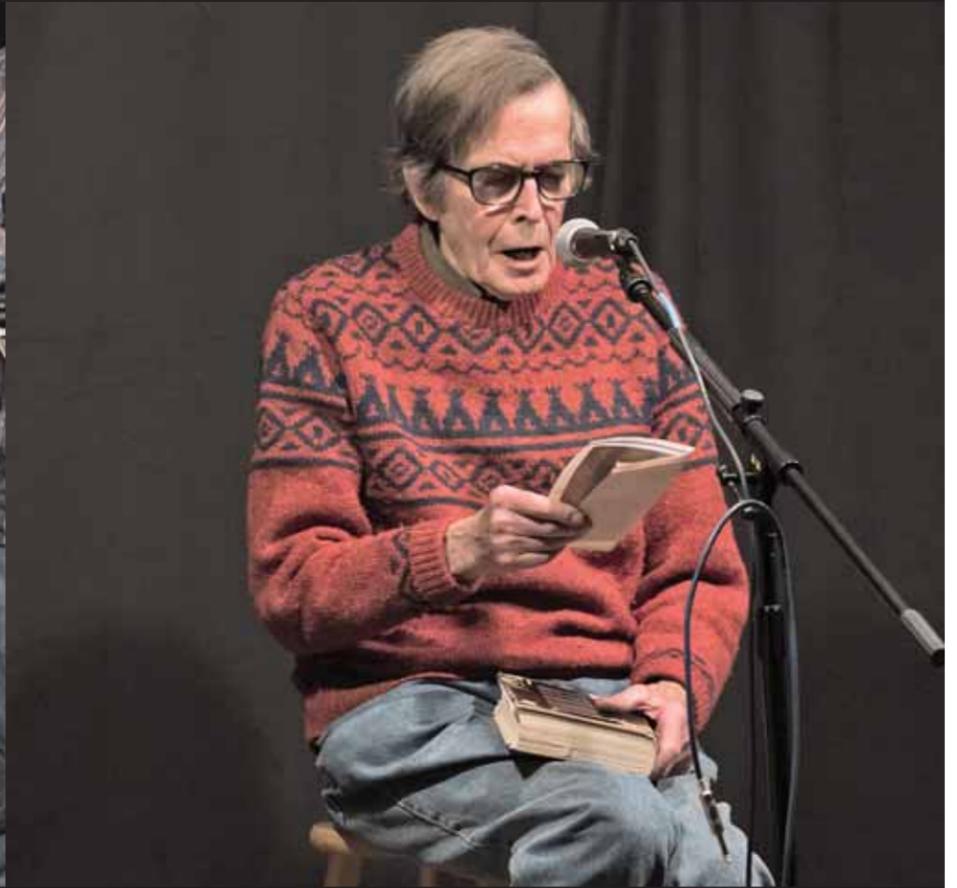
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## A Friday Evening at the Andover Community Coffeehouse



On Friday, November 15, Andover resident Gary Cassidy (left) was the featured performer at the Andover Community Coffeehouse. During the open mic portion of the evening, Bill Bardsley read Everett Hoagland poem's *Imagine* as a tribute to his late wife Betty. Bill also read two Robert Frost poems: *November* and *The Secret Sits*. Photos: Steve Colardeau

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## Coffeehouse Offers “Local Color” for Next Three Concerts

### Hillsborough’s Steve Schuch on December 20

Press release

Local Color” will be the theme of the coming December, January, and February “Third Friday” concerts at the Andover Community Coffeehouse.

The concerts will begin at 7 PM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall on State Route 11 in East Andover, midway between Andover Village and Franklin. The events are open to the public at no charge; donations are gratefully accepted.

The Friday, December 20, concert will feature Hillsborough’s own Steve Schuch, billed as a “classically-trained-violinist-turned-singer/songwriter-guitarist-author-storyteller” on his website. His latest book, *A Symphony of Whales*, has received a Parents’ Choice Award and a New York Times Best Illustrated Book of the Year Award. Learn much more at NightHeron.com.

The sponsor for December’s coffeehouse is Byron’s Septic Service, headquartered in Andover, whose logo is “Flush With Pride.” Sponsors and audience contributions help the Coffeehouse to cover room-rental fees, headliner compensation, advertising, equipment purchases, and other expenses.

On Friday, January 17, the headliners will be Boston-based Kat and Brad (Kat Parks and Brad Bensko). According to their website at KatBradBand.com, “Drawing from ‘50s and ‘60s pop, American Songbook standards, and much more, this happy duo channels and fuses these influences through two voices, a guitar, mandolin, and violin to bring you a mixture of original songs and dusted-off covers from the past.”

Sponsor is local photographer Jay Fitzpatrick, who operates a photography business called F8 Photography. His work is shown at Facebook.com/f8photographynh.

Both concerts will also feature appearances by up to a dozen open-microphone performers. Doors to the Grange Hall open at 6 PM for simple supper food and beverage purchases and for open mic sign-ups on a first-come, first-served basis.

Coming up, on Friday, February 21, also hailing from Boston, is “local jazz and blues legend Louise Grasmere, who has hit her stride with a breakout album that will force fans of ‘Boston’s best-kept vocal secret’ to share their beloved blond powerhouse with a much wider audience.” Learn more at Louise-Grasmere.com.

#### About the Coffeehouse:

Now in its sixth year of offering free concerts to the public, the Coffeehouse is managed and staffed entirely by volunteers. New volunteers are always needed to help with duties such as talent bookings, community outreach, audiovisual support, venue arrangements, and the like. Those interested in joining in the fun should contact AndoverCommunity03216@gmail.com.

A photographic record of past Coffeehouse performers, both headliners and open-mic participants, is shown on the Coffeehouse website at AndoverCoffeehouse.org, and on the Facebook page “Andover Community Coffeehouse.” The website also lists future bookings through the end of 2020.

Video recordings of concerts are shown on a number of community-access channels across the state, and are available for viewing anytime on Andover’s town website at Andover-NH.gov and then “Community Videos”. The videos are produced by volunteers at Andover Community Cable.

The coffeehouse is located at the intersection of Route 11 and Chase Hill Road in East Andover. The Andover Community Coffeehouse operates under the umbrella of the Andover Community Hub. 

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and recreational trail impact on wildlife  
**ASLPT’s Andy Deegan:**

ASLPT wants to continue to offer workshops on conservation easements for landowners

ASLPT is currently working on an impressive number of easements, including properties in: Grantham (263 acres), Warner (146 acres), Danbury (7 acres), Andover (237 acres), Wilmot, Goshen (15 acres), Bradford/Hillsborough, New London (15 acres), Newbury (84 acres), Wilmot (150 acres + 201 acres)

Board has approved a new position of Stewardship Manager

#### Legislative Update

HB 281: Beaver Deceivers went into effect on August 24.

SB 200: state recognizes the importance of wildlife corridors

#### Budget

Budget hearings will take place in November and December. Upcoming expenses for 2019 include: map making of Bog Pond, NHACC conference attendance, and payments to wetland scientist for ordinance review. Other suggestions included: easements signs for conservation easements held by the Town, purchase of another tree to plant at the cemetery; purchase of tools for removing invasive species which could be checked out by landowners. Action item: Jenny will prepare a proposal for tools that can be used by town residents. Our 2019 budget was \$1,300, including \$300 for monitoring the forest buffer easement for the cell tower. Since the cell tower has been delayed, Mary Anne will talk to the Budget Committee about moving the 2019 \$300 into 2020. Any funds not spent in 2019 will need a warrant article to be moved to the Conservation Fund.

#### Monitoring

Derek has completed the monitoring and updated the conserved lands chart. His reports and the updated chart will go in the monitoring book.

We do not receive monitoring re-

ports from ASLPT or SPNH unless Andover is the backup easement holder.

Mary Anne has asked Andy Deegan, ASLPT, to make sure the three properties dropped from GRANIT are added.

Jerry has set up Newman/McKenna monitoring on October 20 at 1 PM at the McKenna house.

Mary Anne will review Derek’s reports on monitoring the easements held by the town of Andover: the Fenvale and Newman easements.

#### Wetlands Ordinance

Revisions from 8/22 and additional input from Sandy Crystall and Jay Aube have been incorporated.

A draft has been sent to Earle Chase, wetlands scientist.

Motion approved unanimously that we send the Planning Board a copy of a draft, knowing that there will be additional changes.

#### Bog Pond

Map: Eric Fontaine declined mapping. Jesse and Mary Anne will work on this.

Site visit: Jesse will set up a site visit, which will also include putting in the additional markers.

#### Champagne Gravel Excavation

Review of RSA 155 E: State law requires a copy of the application to be sent to the Conservation Commission.

Report from Jerry on October 7 public hearing: Jon Champagne was not present. The next meeting will be on October 22.

Jon Champagne has said he will only be crushing three weeks a year.

#### Beacon Articles

Lee (permitting) and Jenny (wetlands) will get copies for Mary Anne to take to the NHACC annual meeting.

#### Outstanding Items

Alan will try to do Beaver Deceiver research and an article for the Beacon after the new year.

Jenny will follow up on complaints and meet with Town Clerk to ensure correct distribution by the end of the year.

Barbara Richter, Director, New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, will attend November meeting.

Wetland marking at Oak Hill: who  
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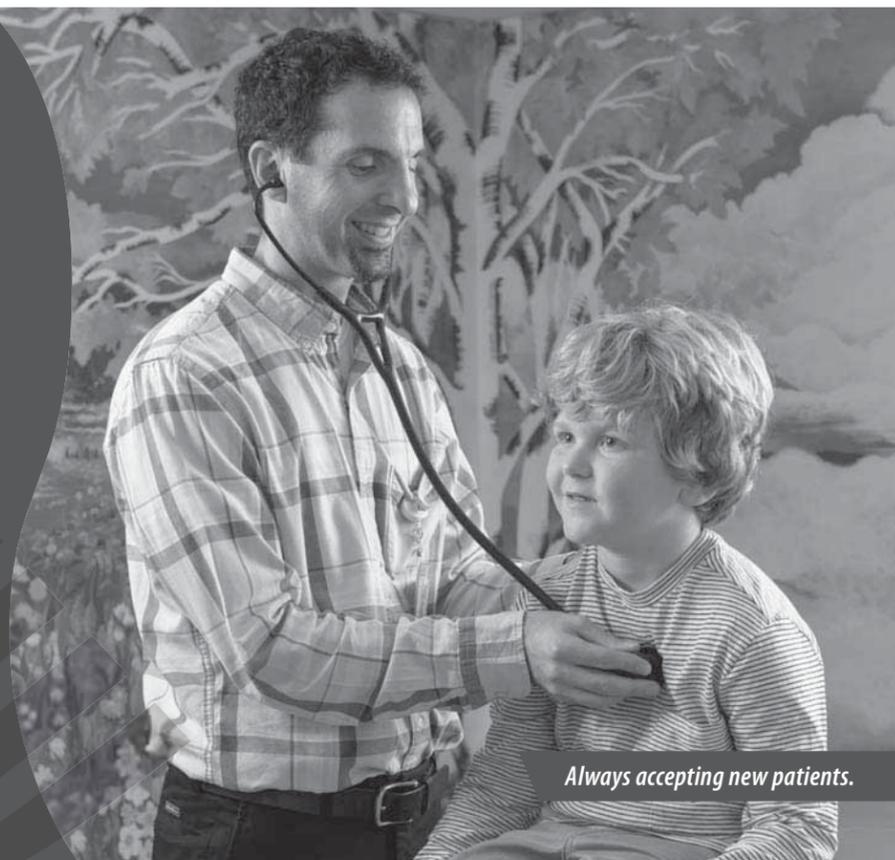
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A kayaker paddles through Hopkins Pond, turned green-gray by extremely high concentrations of cyanobacteria earlier this year. Photo: Larry Chase

## Hopkins Pond Posted for High Cyanobacteria Counts

Public warned not to wade or swim

Larry Chase

At 27 acres, Hopkins (or Adder) Pond is one of Andover's smallest water bodies, but it has been the object of

significant scrutiny in recent months, the result of citizen reports and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Resources (DES) tests that confirmed extremely high levels of toxic, tiny single-celled organisms known as

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On a recent trip to Montreal with two of his high school buddies, Charlie Darling climbed an unusual piece of public sculpture called "Dendrites" in order to wave *The Andover Beacon* at astonished onlookers. (Actually, it was very cold and windy, so no one was around.) A few days later, the trio were in Old Quebec in Quebec City for a substantial Veteran's Day snowfall.

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Lull House *from page 16*

pletely outgrown what is now a grossly inadequate archival (storage) space, currently jammed into a 400 square foot attic area on the second floor of the museum. In addition to being much too small a space for storage, it is hard to get to, dangerous to carry stuff to, impossible to work in, and devoid of climate control.

Over the past 40 years the Society has acquired over 6,000 items of historic significance, all of which have been recorded and either exhibited or stored. In order to rotate relics in storage, the Society offers yearly exhibits in the museum, and at the Town Office, as well as “pop-up displays” in The Hub. It has for years been recording and collecting oral histories from townspeople. Since 1983, the Historical Society has greatly increased its collections and holdings.

Why is it so important to upgrade the archival space? It has been said that small town museums bring together citizens to tell the story of their community, to connect them to each other and to their past. It emotionally grounds them to something larger than themselves. In short, a well-run museum touches upon

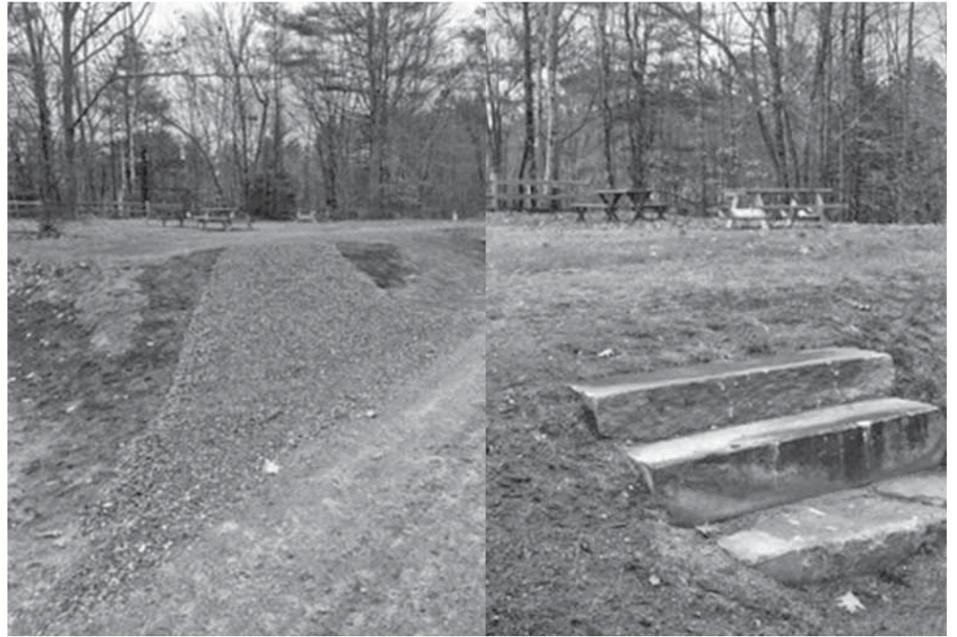
a spiritual dimension and echoes the soul of the community.

Curator Luan Clark, when I interviewed her for this article, shared with me a little story from Bob Peters that touched her. Bob’s grandfather Fred (who lived in a large house next to the tracks just northwest of the Gordon-Lull House) claimed he never had to buy his morning paper. It turns out that the engineer of the morning train from Boston would read the paper on his trip north and, as the train steamed by the Peters’ house, he would toss it out for Grandpa Fred. No one knows how this got started, but it apparently continued for years without any verbal exchanges.

This simple tale of silent connections is just one of many precious stories of life here in Andover that needs to be preserved. It is the archives that provide that capability.

We have momentum. Now we need to capitalize on that momentum.

The next critical stage is to begin raising the necessary funds. Our hope is this article will be the first step in presenting a compelling case for both foundation support and private donations.



On the left, a beautiful new blue-stone path provides easier access up the southeast side of the former Richard Potter homestead’s lawn. Nearby, recovered and repositioned original granite steps leading to the lawn add to the timeless ambiance of Potter Place. Photos: Susie Norris

## Donated Improvements to Potter Place’s Popular Rail Trail Stop-Off

Thompsons ease approach to Potter lawn

Susie Norris  
Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society owes a huge “Thank you!” to Mark and John Thompson of Thompson Excavating.

They have generously donated time and materials to build a beautiful blue-stone access path up the southeast side of the former Richard Potter homestead lawn, making the approach from that direction much easier. They also recovered and repositioned the original granite steps leading to the Potter lawn,

which were missing. What a difference these changes make, both visually and in terms of accessibility!

More people stop on the Potter lawn to rest or picnic than anywhere else on the rail trail. Plus, the Andover Historical Society hosts numerous events there. Getting up that sharp incline is suddenly 100 percent easier!

Come take a look and a walkup next spring when the snow is gone. Besides being much easier on the legs, the new path and granite steps pull together that section of the village – tracks, caboose, and station – in a visually compelling way.



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## Grief Support Available in Three Forms at Franklin VNA and Hospice

Two different groups, or individual sessions

Press release

“Grief is personal, maybe one of the most personal things there is,” says Sharolyn Fortin, Grief Coach at Franklin VNA and Hospice. “That’s why we developed different grief supports.”

Franklin VNA and Hospice is currently holding three different grief support meetings: a walk-in grief group each month; individual bereavement sessions every Wednesday; and now a

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“Engaging the residents to create the poppies was very significant to them,” she reports. “It was a beautiful reminder of the ways we can engage with those around us in a truly meaningful way. We were glad to work with the Franklin VNA and Hospice to honor these veterans in our communities.”

To learn more about Peabody Home, visit PeabodyHome.org or call 934-3718. For more information about Franklin VNA and Hospice, call 934-3454 or visit FranklinVNA.org.

Tuesday group for those who have lost someone due to substance abuse.

Fortin says, “We recognized the need in our surrounding communities for free grief counselling that will meet people where they are. Some people aren’t ready to be in a group; those people might best benefit from our one-on-one or group meetings. For those who are affected by the substance abuse crisis, our Gone Too Soon group includes specific information and help that deals with that very complex issue.”

Certified Master Grief Coach Sharolyn Fortin, has engaged in training for those special situations. With her continuous training and work, Fortin accepts that grief, and the deaths that cause it, are continuing to evolve as we face different societal norms and challenges.

Franklin VNA and Hospice is also holding a series of holiday-focused grief meetings Mondays through January 13 to address and support the needs of grieving individuals during the winter holidays.

For more information, visit FranklinVNA.org or its Facebook page, or call 934-3454.

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cyanobacteria.

While DES testing in November revealed that cell counts had dropped to below critical levels, earlier reports indicated counts far above that level. According to DES, it issues advisories for cyanobacteria when cell counts reach 70,000 per milliliter, and samples from Hopkins Pond were as high as 3.55 million per milliliter in early October. A milliliter is less than 1/25th of an ounce.

As a result, advisory signs were posted at the Hopkins Pond parking lot on Elbow Pond Road and the boat put-in area at the pond, but then removed when the cell count dropped.

As the advisory sign notes, “Exposure to blue-green algal scums may

cause various symptoms, including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, mild fever, and general malaise. Anyone who comes in contact with algal scum should rinse off with freshwater.”

The causes of the bloom have not been determined, according to DES Beach Program Coordinator Amanda McQuaid, so it is difficult to predict what the future holds. Meanwhile, she says, “In any waterbody, always be wary of green turbid water or, in this case, clay-colored. If the water is not very clear, be wary.

“And if you see anything like this developing next year, please take a photo and call me at 848-8094 – the cyanobacteria hotline – and I’ll respond immediately. And keep your dogs out of anything you are suspicious of.”



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## Minutes from page 18

will do it?

Oak Hill: from Dave Blinn on October 4

Everything had been reviewed and submitted some time ago.

We are awaiting date and time from Governor's Executive Council for the final OK and closing, so that the Town has access to pit for winter sand prep.

The CC would like to mark the prime wetland boundary before winter. We can hire Earle Chase for this. Mary Anne will check with the Select Board to see if this is possible.

Motion approved unanimously: We spend no more than \$300 to acquire Earle Chase's services to delineate the prime wetlands and mark the wetlands boundary for the Oak Hill property.

Hopkins Pond: Hopkins Pond water is muddied. Mary Anne called forest ranger Doug Miner, who found no logging. He checked all of the inlets; most were dry and one was clear. He didn't know the source of the turbidity. He will contact Fish and Game. Mary Anne will contact Jay Aube at NHDES.

It was suggested that a beaver dam might have collapsed. Alan might be able to use a Proctor drone to take photos of the area and/or he could take students around the pond on mountain bikes to see if they can determine the source of the muddiness.

Appointment to Town Boards: Recent Select Board minutes propose a plan for how people will be nominated. Mary Anne submitted comments asking that board chairs be involved in setting up any new process and that chairs of boards should have early input.

Fenvale Conservation Easement: Alan is doing community service work on the Fenvale property with the Proctor woods team. They will put in a bridge and clear downed trees.

Electronic files: Alan and Mary Anne will work on transferring Mary Anne's files to Google.

## Recreation Committee

November 11

*Condensed from approved minutes*

Attendance: Tom Frantz, Alan Hanscom, Abby Webster, Sue Norris, Chris Cloutier, Brian Reynolds, Scott Allenby, Heidi Murphy

### Budget and Program

Proposed budget of \$14,000 in total passes unanimously from the Recreation Committee.

Specific program expenses/updates for the 2020 fiscal year include:

Soccer: 28 new soccer jerseys at \$10 each, not to exceed \$350 in total. All in favor. Soccer budget set to \$2,500 to cover jersey costs and regular replacement of balls.

Basketball: proposed purchase of six new youth-sized balls for grades 1 and 2 program. Scott will purchase and be reimbursed. Basketball's budget will remain at \$400 for equipment and miscellaneous expenses. All refereeing expenses paid for through the ICB League, and Proctor Academy just donated 15 new (to us) balls, which offsets a significant expense this year in terms of equipment.

Ski Program: Ragged Mountain requesting payment soon; working with Town to be sure payment made on time.

Ice Skating Rink: proposed purchase of new liner to replace old one. Committee discussed need for this liner (old one has many tears around edges near where kickboards are installed) and estimated cost came in at \$1,700. Committee voted to purchase new liner, but to not exceed \$1,700. Will wait for Select Board approval of this purchase, and then order and gather as a Committee in early December to install the rink for this winter.

### Building Update

Alan winterized on November 11.

### Next Meeting

December 10, at 7:30 PM at AE/MS.

Public Present: Tina Cotton, Mary Anne Levesque, Arch Weathers, Todd Goings, Charles Keyser, and Jim Hersey  
**Board Chairperson's Report**

Dean and Aimee attended the Meet and Greet for the upcoming contract negotiations with the Andover School District Support Staff. Dean thanked the staff for their continued efforts.

### Principal's Report

Jane spoke about the recent successful Open House, the initiation of the new drop-off and pick-up traffic pattern, extracurricular activities, the upcoming Homecoming Dance, the unveiling of new parent accessibility in Alma (student data system), the agenda for the staff's Professional Development Day which will take place on October 11, Judge Broderick's visit (October 7), and the Blue Ribbon Volunteer Recognition Breakfast (November 1). She distributed the AE/MS PTO Newsletter.

### Old Business

EFDA School Meal Payment Policy was approved unanimously.

### New Business

Budget Committee: Members of the Andover Budget Committee attended this evening's meeting to begin preliminary discussions with the ASB regarding anticipated expenses relating to the 2020-2021 school district budget.

Mark MacLean discussed the funds reserved from the '17-'18 budget being counted as revenue by DRA rather than an expense, so the \$200,000 was turned back to the taxpayers at last year's tax rate setting. As a result, there is no fund balance from the '18-'19 budget.

Medicaid Emergency Rule: Judy and Mark spoke of a recent emergency ruling passed by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicaid to School Funding reimbursements.

### Superintendent's Report

Mark spoke of the recent passing of the New Hampshire budget and the district's commitment in continuing to be diligent. He will be attending the Bradley Kidder Law Conference. He recently attended an AE/MS faculty meeting to welcome back the staff and to offer any support needed for this school year.

### Assistant Superintendent's Report

Randy has continued to assist with technology at AE/MS, including upgrading wifi service and Chromebook replacement. In the upcoming months, the ASB will be presented with further policies to be updated, reviewed and approved.

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## School Board

October 2

*Condensed from approved minutes*

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

Administration Present: Mark MacLean, Randy Wormald, Robin Heins, Jane Slayton, and Judith Turk

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# Andover Libraries Page

## Through the Reading Glasses — November 2019

Janet Moore, Library Trustee

So many books and so little time. In the interests of filling your holiday hours with just the perfect books, here are a few titles new to the libraries.

For middle grade readers: Jason Reynolds' *Look Both Ways*; *The Big Dark*, by Rodman Philbrick; a new Rick Riordan; *Guts* by Raina Telgemeier (based on a childhood phobia!); *The Vanderbeekers* trilogy; and Katherine

Ardens' *Small Spaces*.

New children's books include: *A Race Around the World* by Rose and Bye; *The Donkey Egg* and *Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens; and two by Mo Willems, featuring The Pigeon and Harold and Hog.

For grown-ups, we have the following: a new Mitch Rapp thriller, in a series continued by Kyle Mills; *The Shape of Night* by Tess Gerritsen; Stu-

art Woods' *Stealth*; and *Blue Moon* by Lee Childs. Heather Morris has continued the Auschwitz tattooist story in *Cilka's Journey*; Archer Mayor and Elizabeth Strout once again showcase old favorites with Joe Gunther and Olive Kitteridge.

Renowned novelists Anne Perry and Jennifer Chiaverini introduce new characters and storylines in *Death in Focus* and *Resistance Women*, respec-

tively. Alexander McCall Smith has just written another episode in the lives of Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi: *To the Land of Long Lost Friends*.

Finally, if you're looking for a read that's off the beaten path and a little kooky and mysterious, try new author Kate Racculia's book, *Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts*; it's contemporary, gothic, familiar, spooky and tons of fun!



### Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

#### Adult Fiction

*The Giver of Stars*, Jojo Moyes  
*The Shape of Night*, Tess Gerritsen  
*Lethal Agent*, Vince Flynn & Kyle Mills  
*Summer of '69*, Elin Hilderbrand  
*Olive, Again*, Elizabeth Strout  
*The Dearly Beloved*, Cara Wall  
*Thirteen Doorways, Wolves Behind*  
*Them All* (YA), Laura Ruby  
*Virgil Wander*, Leif Enger  
*Blue Moon*, Lee Child  
*Let It Snow*, Nancy Thayer  
*Stealth*, Stuart Woods  
*Twisted Twenty-Six*, Janet Evanovich

#### Adult Nonfiction

*The Storm on Our Shores*,  
Mark Obmascik  
*The Thyroid Fix*, Dr. Shawn Soszka

#### Middle Grade

*The Big Dark*, Rodman Philbrick  
*Warriors: A Vision of Shadows*,  
Books 3-6, Erin Hunter  
*Look Both Ways*, Jason Reynolds  
*The Baby-Sitters' Club*, Books 1-5,  
Ann M. Martin  
*Guts*, Raina Telgemeier  
*Horse Diaries*, Books 13-16,  
Whitney Sanderson  
*Mine Craft: Enchantments &  
Potions*, Mojang  
*Legacy: Keeper of the Lost Cities*,  
Shannon Messenger  
*Tyrant's Tomb: The Trials of Apollo*,  
Rick Riordan

#### Children's Books

*The Pigeon HAS to Go to School*,  
Mo Willems  
*Harold & Hog Pretend for Real!*,  
Dan Santat and Mo Willems  
*Mother's Day & Other Family Days*,  
Crabtree Publishing  
*A Race Around the World*, Caroline  
Starr Rose and Alexandra Bye



Tom Farmen, author of *Bessie's Story: Watching the Lights Go Out*, gave a very well-attended discussion and book signing at the Bachelder Library on October 28. Patrons ranging in age from 9 to 90 enjoyed Tom's readings and his message to "be like Bessie," who, despite her blindness, lives life to the fullest and enjoys every day. Having Bessie at the presentation made Tom's presentation all the better. Pictured are Dominic (left) and Dante (right) Delaney, who attended the presentation after reading *Bessie's Story*. They both brought drawings they had done of Bessie to show to Tom. Photo: Ashley Farmen. Caption: Lee Wells

### Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

#### Adult Fiction

*Akin*, Emma Donoghue  
*Bury the Lead*, Archer Mayor  
*Cilka's Journey*, Heather Morris  
*Death in Focus*, Anne Perry  
*The Guardians*, John Grisham  
*The Library of the Unwritten*,  
A. J. Hackwith  
*Look Alive Twenty-Five; Twisted  
Twenty-Six*, Janet Evanovich  
*Ninth House*, Leigh Bardugo  
*Nothing to See Here*, Kevin Wilson  
*The Old Success*, Martha Grimes  
*Resistance Women*,  
Jennifer Chiaverini  
*The Starless Sea*, Erin Morgenstern  
*To the Land of Long Lost Friends*,  
Alexander McCall Smith  
*Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts*,  
Kate Racculia

#### Adult Nonfiction

*Blowout: Corrupted Democracy*,  
Rachel Maddow  
*Brain on Fire*, Susannah Cahalan  
*The Dangerous Case of Donald  
Trump*, Bandy X. Lee  
*Goliath: The 100-Year War Between  
Monopoly Power and Democracy*,  
Matt Stoller  
*A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies, and  
Leadership*, James Comey

#### Middle Grade

*Guts*, Raina Telgemeier  
*Warriors: A Vision of Shadows; The  
Apprentice's Quest; Thunder and  
Shadow*, Erin Hunter

#### Children's Books

*The Donkey Egg*, Janet Stevens and  
Susan Stevens Crummel  
*Tops & Bottoms*, Janet Stevens

## Bachelder Library Book Club Selects a Book for the Holidays

### *The Christmas List* by Richard Paul Evans

Lee Wells, Librarian

As we enter the joyful but hectic holiday time of year, the book club has decided to tackle a story that is appropriate for the season, and a story that would be a fun and quick read during this busy time of year.

We will be reading Richard Paul Evans' *The Christmas List*. I have not read the story yet, so I am relying on what reviewers have said about this 2009 novel. Richard Paul Evans, the author, announced that it was his intention to write a story of hope, love, and redemp-

tion. Inspired by Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, in which Ebenezer Scrooge transforms from an irascible, unhappy old miser into a penitent, generous, and loving man, Evans created the story of James Kier. Kier is a ruthless, friendless real estate mogul, who, shortly before Christmas, reads his own obituary in the paper. As he learns what people really think of him, he resolves to change and make amends to all the people he has hurt over the years.

It promises to be a good story. Please join the discussion on Wednesday, December 18, at 7 PM at the Bachelder Library at 12 Chase Hill Road in East Andover.



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**FNRT Minutes of November 20 Board Meeting**

*Condensed from draft minutes*

Present: Myra Mayman, Alex Bernhard, Yvonne Hobbs (guest), Steve Darling, Chris Norris, Jack Shields, Ricker Miller

The Treasurer's report was accepted. It shows that our cash on hand has been reduced substantially by the payment of bills for the railing work on the bridge over Chance Pond Road in Franklin; the ditching near Agony Hill Road in Andover; and the ditching just north of Jack Wells road in Wilmot/South Danbury.

Several Board members met earlier in the day with Shawn Violette, New Hampshire Trails Bureau Maintenance Supervisor, at Eagle Pond Culvert to discuss brushing back growth along the Trail and the replacement of the four-pipe culvert just south of Eagle Pond Road. Due to the lack of capacity, this culvert has caused flooding of the Trail on several occasions, which has resulted in damage to the stone dust layer that makes the Trail usable.

Chris Norris reported that Shawn told him that New Hampshire Trails Bureau would take on the task of brushing back growth from the edges of the Trail, work that had been done in the past by local snowmobile clubs, and that therefore there was no need for FNRT to seek to get this work done by other means.

Jack Shields reported that Shawn agreed with our plan for dealing with the Eagle Pond Culvert (consisting of removing the existing culverts and replacing them with one large precast concrete box culvert with much increased capacity). Jack also reported that he had been told by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services that we will not need a wetlands permit for this work.

It was decided that we would fund this work through an application for a Recreational Trails Program Grant of approximately \$30,000, for which we would have to provide \$6,000 as a matching contribution. This estimate is based on an assumed culvert cost of \$12,200, plus another \$18,000 for re-

moving the existing culvert, plus ditching to the next cross-culvert south of the site. All amounts are approximations at this stage of the work and are not based on actual bids.

The application for the necessary funds will be due in April of 2020. If approved, the work would not be accomplished until 2021.

It was voted to set aside a reserve \$6,000 from non-designated assets for the RTP application. It was also voted to approve the project consisting of removing the existing culverts, and replacing them with a new larger box culvert and to apply for the RTP grant to fund the project.

Jack Shields reported on efforts in Concord to extend the Trail by acquiring the rail line recently abandoned by Pan American Railways. Jack reminded everyone that if this occurred, it would raise again the issue of how to deal with the Boscawen piece of the abandoned line.

There was discussion of the amount and location of disclosure of financial information regarding FNRT, and it was agreed to carry that question forward for more discussion at the next regular meeting on January 15.

Ricker reported on the recently held statewide meeting organized by the New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition. This all-day meeting was well-attended and showed that there was considerable interest throughout the state in the development and maintenance of rail trails in New Hampshire.

The Andover Historical Society has asked us (and other organizations) to hold activities highlighting the impact of the railroads on New Hampshire. Lindy will put a note on our Facebook page, and e-mail our membership asking for volunteers to create and coordinate this effort.

As usual, it was decided to not hold a meeting in December. The next meeting will therefore be held on January 15. At that time we will determine whether or not there is sufficient business to justify a February or March meeting.

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## Molly Leith Organizes Art Salon at the Hub for January 25

Hoping for a monthly gathering of local artists

Susan Chase  
Andover Community Hub

The Andover Community Hub is sponsoring an "Art Salon" on Saturday, January 25, from 3 to 5 PM, the second in what will hopefully become a monthly artists' gathering. Organized by Andover artist Molly Leith, the Salon is designed to foster community and creativity among local artists and to connect them, provide an opportunity to share their work and to encourage each other.

Participants are asked to bring their own work and materials – sketches,

collages, paintings, writing, drawings, linocuts, blank paper, watercolors, sketchbooks, and canvases – to this open-space gathering and work studio. The salon will provide an opportunity for both beginning and professional artists to share their work with one another for honest feedback. All are welcome; the gathering is free, with a suggested donation of \$5 to benefit The Hub.

The Hub is located at 157 Main Street. Contact [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com) with any questions, ideas for what you'd like to see happening at The Hub, or to be added to the ongoing Hub e-mail list to be kept posted on what's going on.



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## "First Friday Films" Return to the Hub in January

*The Art of Racing in the Rain* on January 3

Susan Chase  
Andover Community Hub

Friday afternoon movies return to The Andover Community Hub on January 3 at 2:30 PM with the recently-released 2019 American comedy-drama, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. All are welcome, popcorn is served, and showings are free, although small donations are much appreciated.

*The Art of Racing in the Rain* is based on the 2008 novel of the same name by Garth Stein. It stars Milo Ven-

timiglia and Amanda Seyfried, with Kevin Costner as the voice of Enzo, an aging Golden Retriever who narrates the story of his life with race car driver Denny and of Denny's career, marriage, and fatherhood.

Matinees will continue on the first Friday of the month through spring. The Hub is located at 157 Main Street. Contact [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com) with any questions, ideas for what you'd like to see happening at The Hub, or to be added to the ongoing Hub e-mail list to be kept posted on what's going on.



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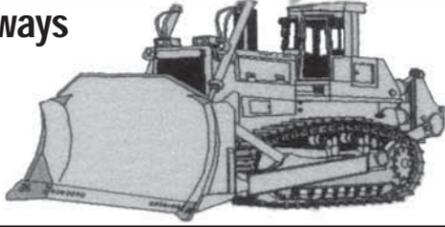
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## Pastor John Wagner to Retire from Andover Community Church

Has served for more than 25 years

Sandy Miller  
Andover Community Church

On Sunday, November 17, Pastor John Wagner announced that he will be retiring as pastor of the Andover Community Church (ACC) in January. He has served the church for more than 25 years. He stated that he and his wife Amy “believe that Jesus will have us continue loving and praying for and serving the Body of Christ.”

They also believe that “God has prepared someone else to lead His people at ACC into a new season of fruitfulness.” We all wish John and Amy well and pray that God will bless their future in every way possible. They will be sorely missed.

“Second Saturday for Guys” will be held on December 14 from 8 to 10 AM at the Grange Hall in East Andover. You will enjoy great food, good fellowship, and inspiring speakers. Come and meet with old friends, make new friends, and bring friends. Call Bob Grover at 470-7248 if you have questions.

Shoeboxes filled with items for children for Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse were collected at

ACC and will be forwarded to their proper destination. Many thanks to all for once again making this happen.

Church members and friends will be Christmas caroling to friends in the neighborhood who are either alone or might be housebound. This will take place on Sunday, December 22. If you would like to join us, please call the ACC office at 735-5160 for further details.

Our Christmas Eve service will take place at 7 PM at the Andover Community Church. It will consist of the Christmas story with lots of Christmas carols being sung. All are invited to attend.

Remember, you are always welcome at the Andover Community Church. Feel free to call the ACC 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.

We wish each and every one a joyous Christmas filled with peace and love and a New Year blessed by God!

Thought for the day: “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” Read Acts 20:35.

## Christmas Celebration at South Danbury Christian Church

Sunday, December 22  
at 7 PM

Press release

The South Danbury Christian Church invites you to join us in a Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 22, at 7 PM. There will be Christmas carols, a Nativity tableau, and holiday favorites by Andover's Barrett family band – Keith, Sam, Max, and friends.

Enjoy flute and trumpet music and

traditional British carols. Delight in holiday memories by Audrey Curren, Donald Hall, and Jane Kenyon. Listen to Mary Lyn Ray reading her story, *Christmas Farm*.

There will be Yuletide treats, and a visit from Santa. Follow “Friends of Danbury” and “Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church” on Facebook for more details. All are welcome!

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## Wilmot Public Library Plans Three Events in December and January

Mrs. Claus will read on Sunday, December 15

Press release

On Sunday, December 15, from 1 to 2 PM, Mrs. Claus will be at the Wilmot Public Library to read favorite holiday stories to the young and old. There will be gifts for all the children and delicious refreshments served up by the Friends of the Library. Don't miss this fun afternoon!

On Saturday, January 11, from 9:30 to

11:30 AM, Dana Dakin, founder of WomensTrust, will present "How to Market Your Non-Profit." Her presentation has been gleaned from her knowledge and expertise garnered from many years in the investment marketing business.

On Thursday, January 23, at 7 PM, Nancy Schlosser, Master Gardener and member of the Wilmot Garden Club, will present "Composting Saves \$\$\$\$," a talk on how to compost at home and save dollars by not putting food scraps in the trash.

## "Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon" Opens Its 2019-2020 Season

Richie Cole plays on December 22 in Eastman

Press release

The Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon (JOSA) Series opened its 2019-2020 season on December 8 at The Center at Eastman's Bistro Nouveau with a jazz legend: trumpeter Toru "Tiger" Okoshi. The JOSA season continues on December 22 with another jazz legend: alto saxophonist Richie Cole.

Now in its 28th season, JOSA brings internationally acclaimed jazz musicians, backed up by pianist Bill Wightman and the JOSA Ensemble, to the Upper Valley every other Sunday, from December to April. These performances give New Hampshire audiences opportunities to experience spontaneous jazz sessions led by some of the nation's most exciting and talented jazz artists.

Richie Cole, inspired by the music of Sonny Rollins and Charlie Parker, began playing the saxophone at age 10 in Trenton, New Jersey. His dedication and talent were soon so remarkable that he was offered a full scholarship by Downbeat Magazine to the Berklee School of Music in Boston.

Cole's career took off in 1969 when he joined the Buddy Rich Big Band, followed by stints with big bands led by Lionel Hampton and Doc Severinsen. He went on to form his own quintet, which toured the world and helped to popularize bebop and his own Alto Madness style in the 1970s and early 1980s.

In the 1990s, Cole formed the popular Alto Madness Orchestra, which sounded like an 18-piece big band but

had only seven instruments, four of which were horns. With the orchestra, Cole was able to create the sound of a big band ensemble while also allowing for plenty of opportunities for musical improvisation.

Throughout his career, Cole has collaborated with a wide range of artists, from Eddie Jefferson and Tom Waits to the Manhattan Transfer, Boots Randolph, and Nancy Wilson. He has played at the Village Vanguard and Carnegie Hall and had the rare honor of performing at Buckingham Palace for Queen Elizabeth.

Cole has recorded more than 50 albums and CDs, including his top-selling recording, *Hollywood Madness*, and a tribute album to Leonard Bernstein, *Richie Cole Plays West Side Story*. He's a prolific composer who enjoys arranging music for big bands, symphony orchestras, and performances at international jazz festivals, as well as sharing his love of music with younger generations.

JOSA shows are held at the Center at Eastman in Grantham, from 4 to 7 PM, with doors opening at 3 PM. A bistro menu and full beverage selection is offered during all performances by the award-winning restaurant, Bistro Nouveau. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors (62 and over) and students (under 17).

To reserve tickets, call the Wightsteeple Box Office at 763-8732 or 381-1662 (cell); e-mail Bill.Wightman@comcast.net; or visit JOSAjazz.com. For reservations after 2 PM on the day of the show, call the Center at Eastman at 863-8000.

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# OBITUARIES

**JAMES "JIM" HENRY ANGWIN** died peacefully after a brief illness on October 23, 2019, in Concord, at the age of 83.

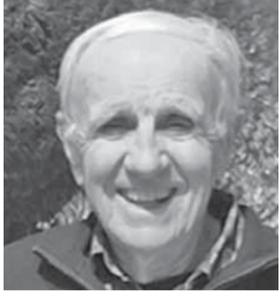
Jim was born and raised in the Concord area and graduated from St. John's Catholic High School in 1954, followed by a four-year career in the Navy. Thanks to his Navy education, he found his calling, and embarked on a career in electrical engineering, ultimately spending 30 years with GTE Sylvania in Hillsborough.

After retiring in 1991, Jim followed his passions aggressively. He was an avid runner, competing in the Burlington, Vermont and Montreal marathons, as well as running in many local races.

Jim was an avid skier and was a member of the 4,000-Footers Club with his great friend, Jack Johns. Throughout the year, Jim and Jack hiked the rail trails for miles throughout New Hampshire. They especially enjoyed bushwhacking, exploring cellar holes, animal dens, and fishing holes.

When he wasn't hiking, you could find Jim on the golf course. He enjoyed playing with a group of friends locally and across the US.

Throughout his life, Jim was dedicated to his family. Whether it was enjoying his 11 grandchildren at "Camp Spoil," watching them participate in athletic, music, and academic events, or



just driving someone somewhere, Jim and his wife Pauline loved to be part of their lives.

Above all else, he loved being "Pop," and was proud of all of them.

Jim is survived by his wife of 57 years, Pauline Dallaire Angwin; his four children and their spouses: Denise Angwin and husband Ralph Mason of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Diane Angwin and husband Paul Danahy of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Michael Angwin and wife Rachelle Angwin of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Maureen Anderson and husband Greg Anderson of Concord.

He is also survived by his grandchildren Abigail and Ellen Angwin, Isabelle, André, and Claire Danahy, Mackenzie and James Angwin, and Lauren, Arthur, Jasper, and Hunter Anderson; a sister, Lorraine Iacopino, and her husband Vincent Iacopino of Newbury; his longtime friend, Jack Johns of Hillsborough; and many nieces and nephews in New England and throughout the United States.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Leona Angwin, of Concord, and two brothers, Thomas and Albert Angwin.

There was a celebration of his life at Beaver Meadow Golf Course on November 10. Donations may be sent to the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail at [FNRT.org](http://FNRT.org) or [FNRT-MC](mailto:FNRT-MC), PO Box 154, Andover NH 03216.

**EDWARD COLEMAN HALL**, age 97, passed away peacefully on November 7 at Knollwood Nursing Cen-

ter in Worcester. He was born on May 31, 1922 in Lynn to Preston and Rachel Hall, but lived in Worcester for most of his youth.

At the age of 14, he received the Key to the City for rescuing two girls from drowning at Coes Pond. He told the story to encourage others to be willing to put others above self.

Ed was educated in the Worcester schools and graduated from Hebron Academy in Maine. Following graduation, he began college at the University of Maine. World War II interrupted Ed's education when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was trained as a B-24 pilot and flew 39 missions in the Pacific Theater during the war.

Ed returned from the service, married the love of his life, Dorothy Moran, and completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Ed soon established his own company, first in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and then in Worcester. Ed and his wife Dottie raised their six children in Holden. While running his company and raising a young family, Ed volunteered his time, both as a selectman for the Town of Holden for 12 years and for many charitable organizations. He served on the boards of the Mohegan Council Boy Scouts, the Montachusett Council Girl Scouts, and Heifer Project among others.

Ed's true passion was being a proud member of Rotary International from

1963 until his death. He served as President in the Worcester Rotary Club. Following retirement he proudly served as District Governor in 1987 to 1988 and participated in Rotary International projects in many foreign countries.

Ed worked in 51 Haitian communities during his 20 trips, helping the people to build and maintain solar powered irrigation systems so that the small groups could become more self sufficient. He was proud of the heritage of service to others that his family has continued to take part in, whether through Rotary or other groups that serve.

Ed was predeceased by his beloved wife, Dorothy Moran Hall, in 2015; by his parents, Preston and Rachel Hall; and by his sisters, Evelyn Hall Russell and Katharine Hall Baker.

He is survived and dearly remembered by his brother, Preston (Skip) Hall of West Boylston; by his children, Katharine Hall Perkins of South Portland, Maine, Susan Hall Sullivan and her husband Joseph of Holden, Edward Hall, Jr. and his wife Molly Montgomery of Yarmouth, Maine, Richard Hall and his wife Andrea of Portland, Maine, Donald Hall and his wife Pamela of Moravian Falls, North Carolina, and Kristina Tabor-Hall and her wife Holly of Andover, New Hampshire.

He was the proud grandfather of 11 grandchildren: Dustin and Jason Perkins, Khun Porl, Glenn and Mark Sullivan, Corinne Sullivan Balyk, Jackson and Carter Hall, Daniel and Katharine Hall, and Sandra McNally; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family thanks the staff at the Knollwood Nursing Center for Ed's care over the last two years.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Ed's family on November 10 at the Miles Funeral Home in Holden. A funeral service was held November 11 at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

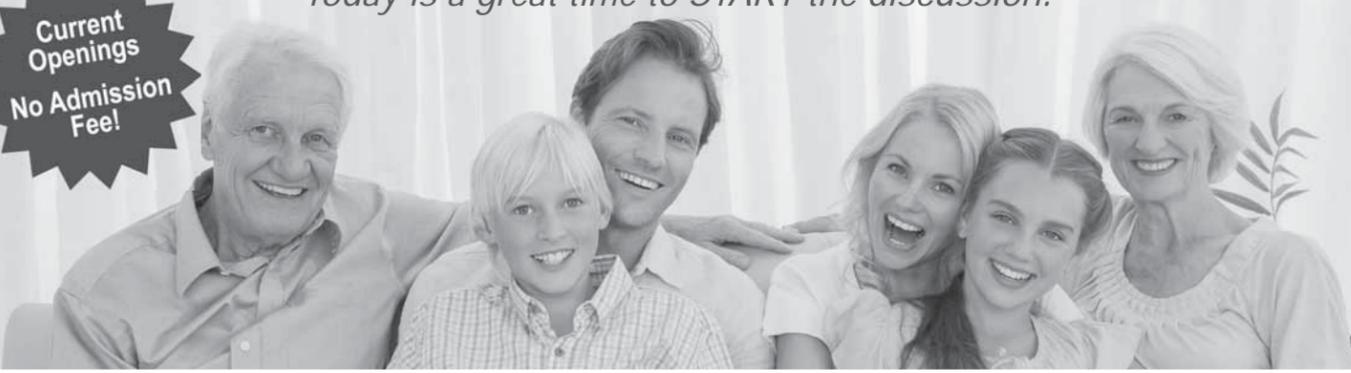
Memorial donations may be made to the Edward C. Hall '48 and Dorothy Moran Hall '43 Scholarship Fund, University of Maine Foundation, 2 Alumni Place, Orono ME 04469; the Rotary Foundation at [Rotary.org/en/donate](http://Rotary.org/en/donate); or to a charity of your choice. To share a memory or leave a condolence message, visit [MilesFuneralHome.com](http://MilesFuneralHome.com).

**JEAN I. (LEVIGNE) BEZON**, 77, of Kearsarge Mountain Road, died on Friday, November 8, 2019.

She was born in Keene on July 2, 1942, the daughter of Howard and Marie (Silk) Levigne.

Jean had been a registered nurse  
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working at the Kirkland Hospital, Children's Hospital in Dallas, Texas, and was Director of Nursing at Dallas Osteopathic Hospital. She went to the Philippines and helped nurses come to the United States, and then acted as a mentor to them.

She came to Andover in 1993. Jean loved to read.

She is predeceased by a son, David, and siblings James, Bernard, and John. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Dan Bezon of Andover; a daughter, Tracey McIntosh; a son, Mark Winchester; a sister, JoAnne Fedion; and nieces and nephews.

There will be no services.

To sign an online guestbook, please visit [ChadwickFuneralService.com](http://ChadwickFuneralService.com).

**VICKI S. WORKMAN**, 61, of Middleton and formerly of Portsmouth, passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at the Wentworth – Douglass Hospital in Dover. She was born and raised in Portsmouth to the late John and Mary (Caswell) Workman. Vicki was a graduate of Portsmouth Senior High School.

She was formerly employed for over 27 years with Timberland, and more recently at the National Passport Center in Portsmouth.



Vicki was definitely an outgoing person. She enjoyed skiing, spending time at her summer home in Roxbury, Maine, which was her "Happy Place," floating on the lake, and especially enjoying a good glass of wine. Known for her Jello shots, Vicki loved hosting summer parties and holiday gatherings, and wherever she went, she was the life of the party.

Survivors include her beloved partner, Charles "Chip" Bousquin of Middleton, New Hampshire; sisters Donna Murray (Tom) of Epsom, Charlene Westeen (Dave) of Las Vegas, Jill Smith of Lancaster, South Carolina, Lisa Workman of Troy, New Hampshire, and Sharon Workman (Albie) of Andover; plus many nieces and nephews.

Vicki is also survived by her fur babies, Holy Terra and Mad Max. She was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Allen Smith, and her fur babies Casper, Shadow, and Roxbury.

A time of visitation was held on December 5 in Portsmouth, with a funeral service on December 6.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Cocheco Valley Humane Society, 262 County Farm Cross Road, Dover NH 03820. For online condolences, visit [JVWoodFuneralHome.com](http://JVWoodFuneralHome.com).

**LEE VICTOR FORD**, 76, of Roy Ford Road in South Danbury, died on December 3, 2019 at the New London Hospital. He was very proud of being a native and lifelong resident of South Danbury. He was born on May 24, 1943, the son of Roy B. and Dorothy E. (Stevens) Ford.

Lee graduated from Andover High School in 1961 and was Salutatorian. All of his jobs were not further than four miles from home. He was in the dirt moving business, working for Clarence Ford and Don Ford. Later he was employed by the Town of Wilmot Highway Department and worked his way up to Road Agent, retiring in 2009.



He was a 50-year member of the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department. In late winter and early spring, Lee enjoyed making maple syrup at his sugar shack with his cronies. In the spring,

Lee enjoyed fishing the Danbury brooks, and in the summer he could be found working in his garden. In the fall, he enjoyed hunting; snowmobiling was his favorite winter activity.

Lee was predeceased by his parents and by a brother, John. He is survived by his partner of 23 years, Tammie "TJ" Phelps of South Danbury; a brother and his wife, Robert and Audrey Ford of Danbury; two sisters and husbands, Virginia and Lloyd Bennett of Lebanon and Margaret and Michael Barnett of Danbury; and nieces, nephews, and

cousins.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 1 PM in Riverdale Cemetery, Danbury, with honors by the Danbury Fire Department and other neighboring fire departments. Please meet at Lee's home, 70 Roy Ford Road, South Danbury at 12:15 PM to join in the procession to give Lee one last ride in South Danbury on a Danbury Fire Truck.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pope Memorial SPCA, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord NH 03301.



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Kasey Schoch's Grade 7 English class at AE/MS participated in a literary scavenger hunt at the Andover Public Library recently. The purpose was to familiarize the students with the library, have them get their own library cards, and widen their book selections. The kids (including Liam Murphy, Cody Dexter, and Eric Bates, all pictured here) had a blast!

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AE/MS school nurse Christine Frost dressed as a turkey to greet students as they came to school the day before their Thanksgiving break. Photo: Kasey Schoch



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#### Varsity Girls' Basketball

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1/8 vs St. Mark's School, 4:30 PM

1/18 vs Marianapolis Prep, 3 PM

1/23 vs St. Paul's School, 5:15 PM

#### Varsity Boys' Hockey

12/16 vs Vermont Academy, 6 PM

1/18 vs Holderness School, 2:30 PM

1/22 vs St. Paul's School, 4 PM

1/25 vs Tilton School, 6 PM

#### Varsity Girls' Hockey

12/13 vs Kimball Union Academy, 6:30 PM

12/18 vs North Yarmouth Academy, 4:30 PM

1/10 vs Greenwich Academy, 8 PM

1/15 vs Winchendon School, 4 PM

1/25 vs Brooks School, 1:30 PM

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Andover's Vienna Marcus '20 (left) was one of four Andover students recognized with a team athletic award this fall as she helped lead the Girls' Varsity Soccer team to an 8-6-2 record, narrowly missing a New England playoff berth. The three other Andover students recognized were: Girls' JV2 Soccer Coaches Award: Emma Pine '23; JV Field Hockey Most Improved Player: Blaine Hinds '20; and Cross Country Coaches Award: Sean Slick '20.

### Ocean from page 32

awake for sure now. We are in Baltimore, and that anchor watch was a chilly one. Chores came next (C-Watch had deckwash), and we munched down some breakfast fast.

"At this point, I was anxious to set out for our first day in Baltimore. We were divided into our Humans of Port groups and began walking the streets. Olivia, Pete, and I ventured down to the farmer's market, and I bought a yummy bagel after all of the interviews.

"We went back to the boat for lunch, and there was a wedding happening on the pier where we were docked! Anyway, after lunch we walked for about 30 minutes to our Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology tour.

"The day ended with a beautiful sunset (as always). We will see what awaits for tomorrow! I love you mom, dad, Joe, Hank, Ally, grandparents, friends, and more!"

Below is an excerpt from a voyage log shared by Chloe:

"We had a lovely sunset dinner on deck and went into town for some ice cream with Brooks and some explorations. Birgit, Tagh, Emily, and I stumbled upon a jazz band singing on a little market street. We danced and danced until the band finished and headed back to the ferry to get back to *Roseway*.

"Brooks came bearing gifts: letters from school! It was kinda like Christmas, and Brooks was Santa.

"Anyways, tomorrow we will set sail for Charleston around 09:30. I'm getting so excited for the long passage, being on the open ocean, storms, fish, seasickness and all!

"Having our phones last night was definitely weird, and as much as I liked talking to my family and friends, it was overwhelming, and I almost wish I hadn't used it so that I wasn't pulled out of 'boat life' at all. All is well though, and I am snapped back into the *Roseway* world again. When strangers on the sidewalks in our port stops ask us about

what we're doing and we give them the whole run down, are some of the times I feel so grateful for this adventure, and kind of realize how crazy it is.

"Right now it is 00:21 and I have anchor watch at 05:00 so I gotta get some sleep. Goodnight!"

Cedar shared the following from life at sea:

"It is absolutely crazy to think that there are only two weeks until this is all over; it feels impossible. Waking up I expected just a normal day, or at least as average as a day on *Roseway* can be. Boy, was I wrong though.

"The day began with the morning watch with the one and only Billy Benson as JWO. We had literature class in which we presented our objects that we were placing in the dog – the message in a bottle is a green, tall, dog-shaped bottle. I spent my time doing the weather almanac, working on my ditty bag, and listening to Dr. Claire read Harry Potter to some of the deckhands and me.

"Then it was time to send off the message in a dog bottle. I stood ready with the Polaroid as the dog was deployed. Matthew gave it a toss, the camera clicked with a flash, and the bottle was underwater. And ... everybody cheered as the dog resurfaced and floated along in the wide open sea as we continued on.

"Almanacs ended, and I went down below to prepare myself for watch. All of a sudden there was, you could call it, a ruckus on deck. After the cheering continued for a minute I decided to check it out. Land!

"Cole had finally spotted land after seeing nothing but water for eight days. After rejuvenating about land, we mustered for watch and had a bland two hours. Afterward, Matthew, Brandyn, and I stayed up talking before I decided it was time to hit the sack."

Learn more about Proctor's Ocean Classroom program at [ProctorAcademy.org/off-campus/ocean-classroom](http://ProctorAcademy.org/off-campus/ocean-classroom).

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# East Andover Village Preschool News

## Looking forward to Grandparents Day

Amy Rheaume, EAVP

At the end of October, we held our Creepy Crawl 5K Fundraiser. Thank you to the many area businesses who



Camden Jackman works on his Lego house at East Andover Village Preschool.

Photo: Amy Rheaume

were event sponsors, and to all of you who came out to run or walk the course. Even with the rainy weather, our event was a success. We have high hopes that

one of these years we will get a sunny day for the Creepy Crawl!

November brought us our first bit of snow! Although it melted away in only a day, we were very excited to watch it fall and couldn't wait to get out there and make snow angels and snowballs.

We are anxiously awaiting the next storm; we have our sleds ready and plans for snowmen and snow forts.

In the classroom we have been learning about animals and winter; which ones hibernate, which ones migrate, and which ones adapt and stick it out for our hard New Hampshire winters.

Our dramatic play area went from an ice cream shop to a pizza shop, and now it is a bakery. We have been observing some amazing building going on with magnatiles and Legos, as well as some creative artists at work.

In December we are looking forward to our Grandparents Day celebration as well as our classroom holiday party. Who knows? Maybe Santa will even stop by!

Happy holidays from all of us at EAVP!



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At the AE/MS Scholastic Book Fair last month, everyone was treated to a surprise visit from Clifford, the Big Red Dog of the beloved children's book series. In the photo on the right, Indira MacEntire and Riley Perry concentrate on their book selections. Photos: Kasey Schoch



Three Andover students took part in Proctor's Ocean Classroom program this fall including Jaimes Southworth '21 (second from left). Andover's Chloe Makechnie '20 and Cedar Kiedaisch '21 also took part in the semester at sea program that sailed from Castine, Maine to St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands during the months of September, October, and November.

## Three Andover Students Return from Proctor's Ocean Classroom

Their personal log entries reveal life at sea.

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Andover's Jaimes Southworth '21, Cedar Kiedaisch '21, and Chloe Makechnie '20 completed nine weeks at sea aboard the 135-foot schooner *Roseway* as a part of Proctor Academy's Ocean Classroom program this fall. The crew of 21 students sailed from Boston Harbor to San Juan, Puerto Rico, making

port stops and studying marine science, navigation, and maritime literature along the way.

Midway through the journey, Jaimes shared the following reflection from a day at sea:

"My day started bright and early when Cole woke me up for anchor watch. I was half asleep and confused, but Cole soon said, 'Wake up Jaimes ... there are Oreos for midrats!' I was

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## Winter Athletics Season at Proctor Academy is in Full Swing

The public is invited to enjoy home events!

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's winter athletic season is in full swing! Be sure to stop by the Farrell Field House, the Teddy Maloney '88 Rink, or the Proctor Ski Area to see top-notch prep school athletics in action.

Check out home varsity games

and races during the months of December and January, below. All games and races are free of charge and open to the public. All game times are subject to change; Proctor's athletics website at ProctorAcademy.org/athletics will have the most up-to-date information.

**Varsity Boys' Basketball**

12/18 vs Bradford Christian Acad-

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Proctor's Jazz/Rock Ensemble performed for the community on November 16 with Andover's Tori Braley '20 on lead vocals. Tori will study off-campus with the European Art Classroom in Aix-en-Provence, France this winter. Photo: Lindsey Allenby

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