



“Cart is Ahead of Horse” in Efforts to Hire a Road Agent

Key decisions must be made at Town Meeting

Andover Select Board

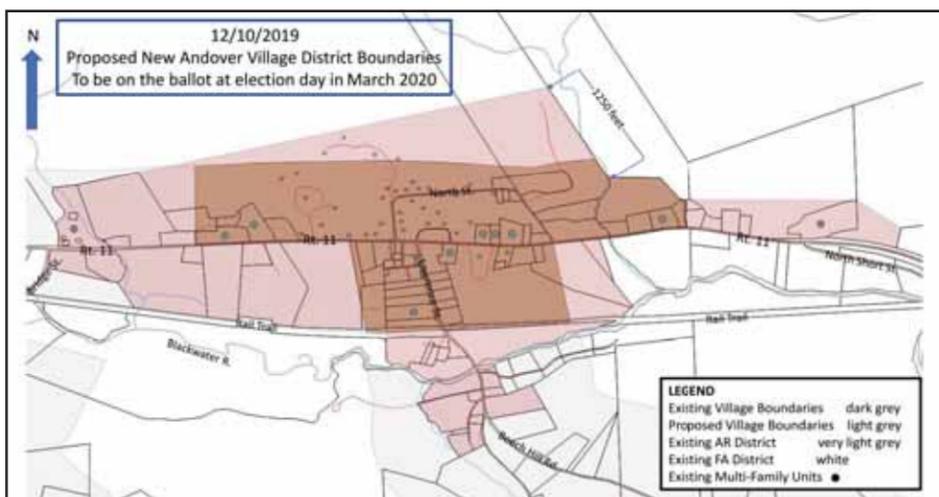
The Select Board was instructed by the 2019 Town Meeting to hire a full-time Road Agent by Town Meeting 2020. It was also requested that the Select Board create a five-year timeline/plan for the growth of the Highway Department by Town Meeting 2020.

A great deal of time and research

has been done to satisfy the above-mentioned directives. The efforts put forth were productive and will prove positive as Andover moves towards a more complete Highway Department.

In May, we met with a number of experienced residents for input on equipment and facilities needed. Each person gave honest thoughts and suggestions to the Board.

We would like to make an important
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Proposed new Andover Village District boundaries will be on the ballot on Town Meeting Day in March. Further details, and a map of the proposed changes to the Cilleyville District boundaries, are available at the Town Office.

Voters Asked to Consider Changes to Village District Boundaries

On the ballot for Town Meeting Day voting

Nancy Teach
Planning Board Chair

The Planning Board proposes to change the two Village District boundaries – Cilleyville and Andover Villages. Voters will be asked to vote to approve these changes on the ballot on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 10. The Planning Board has worked for two years on these changes. The reasons for the changes are simple:

1. Both Villages have grown over the years as properties have changed

through the Special Exception process. Multifamily properties, small retail, and service businesses have been established in adjacent districts. The Planning Board thinks it makes sense for those properties and adjacent properties to be made part of the revised Village Districts that permit such uses.

2. Permitted uses and lot sizes are different in the Village Districts.

3. The Planning Board has been in general conversations about business and housing growth for the town. This is consistent with our desire to maintain the rural atmosphere while recognizing
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The Andover Community Hub now houses the recently-revived Andover Food Pantry.

Food Pantry Returns to Andover

Visit Andover NH Food Pantry Facebook Page

Jack Fedele
Proctor Journalism Class

The Andover Community Hub is in the center of town and provides a place to gather and socialize. However, for Ty Morris, some Andover volunteers, and the Hub committee, there was another thing the town could use this space for. During the holiday season, townspeople and Ty worked to bring back the Andover Food Pantry to help those struggling to put food on their tables.

Ty is a member of the Lake Sunapee Young Professionals Network, and be-

fore the holidays, the group planned a Hannaford Stuff-a-Truck event. The original plan was to take all of the donated items to the food pantry in Franklin. Ty was aware that the Andover Food Pantry had previously closed and wanted to see if there was still a need for the service in town.

The Andover Food Pantry closed a few years ago for a variety of reasons. The new food pantry's goals are to help all that can take advantage of non-perishable foods to help feed families. Ty explained, “My approach to this food pantry was really no guidelines, no pressure, no judgement, and come in
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Lois Magenau Retires From Town Office Position

Was Administrative Assistant for seven years

Shelley Geoghegan
Beacon Staff

Lois Magenau was usually the first person whom people saw when entering the Town Hall and going upstairs to take care of business. For seven years, she was employed by the Town of Andover as an Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator and to the Select Board. She greeted everyone with a smile, and was very helpful, so when she announced her retirement this past December, effective early January, her co-workers were dismayed.

It shouldn't have come as a surprise to anyone. After all, a big deal was made of her 80th birthday in December. She decided it was time to free up her time to explore the world. In fact, as this issue goes to press, she is in China visiting her son. (She promised to send us a picture of herself holding up the *Beacon*.) Lois isn't one to sit still for a moment. She tried retirement for a few years before joining the Town Office.

Lois said that, prior to be-

ing hired by the Town Office, she knew little about the town or the people in it. While she and her late husband, Roger, grew up in New Hampshire, they lived for many years in Minneapolis, Seattle, and then Southern California. The home she now lives in up on Ragged Mountain was the summer home of her late husband. In addition to her son in China, she has a son who lives in Portsmouth.

Her background includes a 29-year
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Lois Magenau was presented with a crown and a magic wand, along with other gifts, at her retirement luncheon, held at the Blackwater Junction Restaurant in December.
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Donations to *The Andover Beacon* Slip by 10% in 2019

Charlie Darling
Beacon Board of Directors

I am more convinced than ever that the *Beacon* has a vital role to play in helping Andover maintain its strong sense of being not just a town, but a community.

The 21st century continues to fling unprecedented challenges at small rural communities everywhere. So all of our town's organizations – the non-profits, our Town departments and committees, our school system – struggle every day to keep our community whole by keeping our friends and neighbors engaged with each other and with all the opportunities Andover offers to learn and grow and participate in a vibrant community.

As Andover's non-profit community newspaper, the *Beacon* plays a vital role in our town's organizations' ability to fulfill their missions. The *Beacon* is an important part of each organization's ability to:

- drive attendance at community events
- explain its plans, goals, and challenges to the community
- catch the interest of friends and neighbors who might someday become committee members or volunteers

(If you have any doubt about this, just look at the articles in this issue and try to gauge what they mean to the organizations that submitted them!)

But perhaps most important of all, each issue of the *Beacon* shows every-

one in town that they live in a special place that has a lot to offer them whenever they're ready to participate. So in terms of helping Andover maintain its strong sense of being not just a town, but a community, I believe the cumulative impact of issue after issue of the *Beacon* is irreplaceable.

Please Donate in 2020

Sadly, our "free" non-profit community newspaper is anything but free. Ads cover some of our expenses ... but less all the time (a problem that newspapers worldwide are facing). Community-minded businesses and organizations who underwrite the printing and mailing cost of one page in each issue are a huge help ... thank you!

The rest of our expenses have to be made up every year with donations from the public. It's not that we'd *like* to make up the rest of those expenses ... no, we *must* make up those expenses, or long-term we simply can't continue.

The worrying news is that total donations from the community for 2019 were down about 10% from 2018. Despite our having done two mailings to the community last year, just over 200 households made a donation to the *Beacon* in 2019.

I hope, for all the reasons I've mentioned, that donations to the *Beacon* in 2020 will be better. Thank you! 

Road Agent *from page 1*

point here – each participant set aside personal preferences and addressed the town needs and, of course, budget restrictions. For that honesty and integrity, we would like to thank each member of the group.

As time went on, the Board received a great deal of input from all factions here in town, and we went out to other towns, dealers, and construction firms for their thoughts. As with any important decision, there was quite a bit of disagreement on what should be a priority and what could be done further down the road.

It should also be noted here that the Board was made aware of a potential reversal during the 2020 Town Meeting of the 2019 vote for hiring a Road Agent. In good conscience, the Board will not hire a person when the position is in question and could be overturned.

It became evident that "the cart is ahead of the horse" when the public hearings were held and during conversations with current Road Agents, ours and others. At this time, Andover has little to offer a potential Road Agent, be it compensation or the tools to actually do the job. The job market is tight, basically more jobs than candidates for one, and the compensation norms are much higher than what was thought to be competitive.

Plan B at Town Meeting 2020

So the Board stepped back and has decided to pursue what has become known as Plan B. Basically, we need to take another approach to what Andover needs, and we need the time to do it.

At Town meeting 2020 we will present the following:

- An appointed Road Agent will be in place for two years, similar to the current elected position, but reporting

to the Select Board. Services will not be affected, and projects will be done. Compensation will come out of the current budget.

- A warrant article for a bond for a Town garage will be presented. We need to have a facility for vehicles, equipment, personnel, and storage. This facility has been consistently pointed out as a necessity, not a wish. The bond will cover the estimated \$350,000 for a basic facility that can be added to if needed down the road.

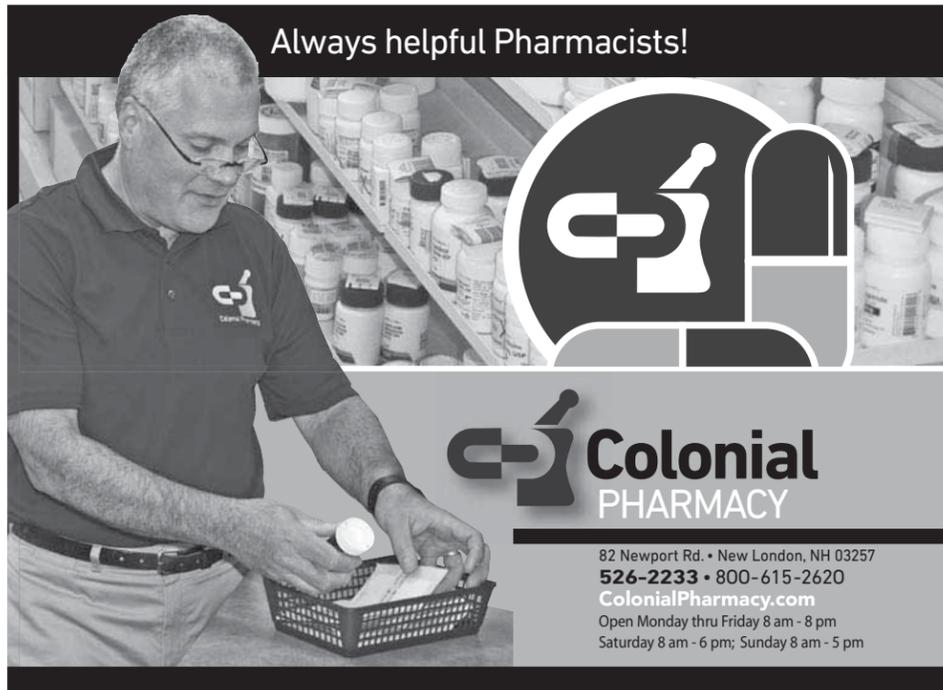
- A request for a three-year lease for a one-ton truck, plow, wing, and sander, for a total of \$60,000. A similar lease was used for the current one-ton. Again, this is a necessity, not a wish and designed for the "Town tool box."

- Finally a request for a backhoe five-year lease at \$180,000. This piece of equipment has been the most controversial and contentious item we faced, but it was the most universal item discussed and identified.

The Board wanted to satisfy the directives given in 2019; however, all the discussions, research, and input was not wasted and clearly pointed out what is needed. We need to get the horse back in front of the cart, and we all should be thankful that costly errors were avoided because we did not jump too quickly.

As far as a specific contractor, equipment make, etc., that will be determined by the appointed Road Agent, the Board, and through consultation with others. It still must be determined where the garage will be situated. There is a split between the Transfer Station and White Oak, each of which offers advantages and disadvantages that must be addressed.

This common sense approach is the most appropriate, and offers Andover the time to properly begin and accomplish the town's ultimate goal. 



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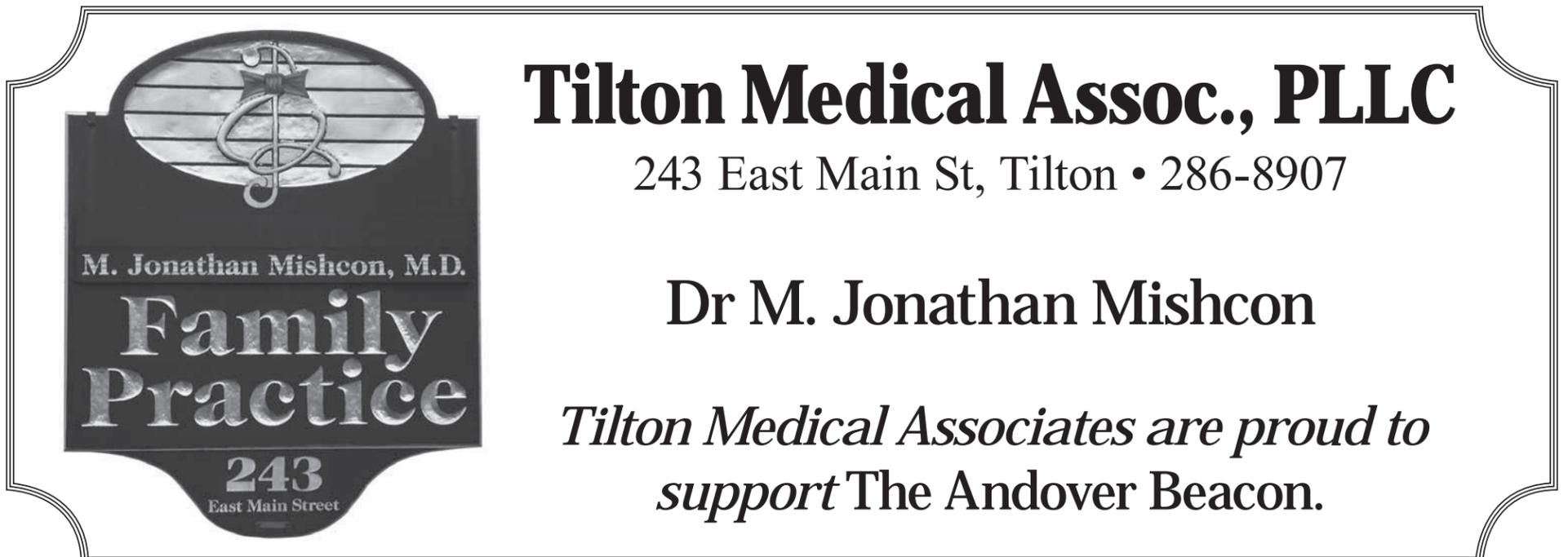
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The Andover Lions Club received their yearly visit from 44 - N Lions District Governor Sue Lindberg. They met at the Franklin Pizza Chef, and in addition to dinner discussed the club's business and finances, and events, past and future, that help to bring in donations for charitable organizations. Attending were: Lion 1st Vice President Dick O'Connell, Andover's Tail Twister Lion Ron Evans. 3rd Vice President Al Edwards, and 2nd Vice District Governor/Andover Secretary/Treasurer Virginia Edwards,



The American Legion Crosby/Gilbert Post 101 of Andover provided annual Christmas Food Boxes for veterans in need within the area. Each box contained a complete dinner. Thank you to Judy Perreault who helped with the preparation of the boxes by food shopping, decorating, and filling the boxes. Also thanks to the staff at AE/MS who delivered the boxes. Left to right are Legion members Bill Leber, Lloyd Perreault, Don Clendenen, Ron Evans, and John Hanscomb. Caption and photo: Jane Slayton

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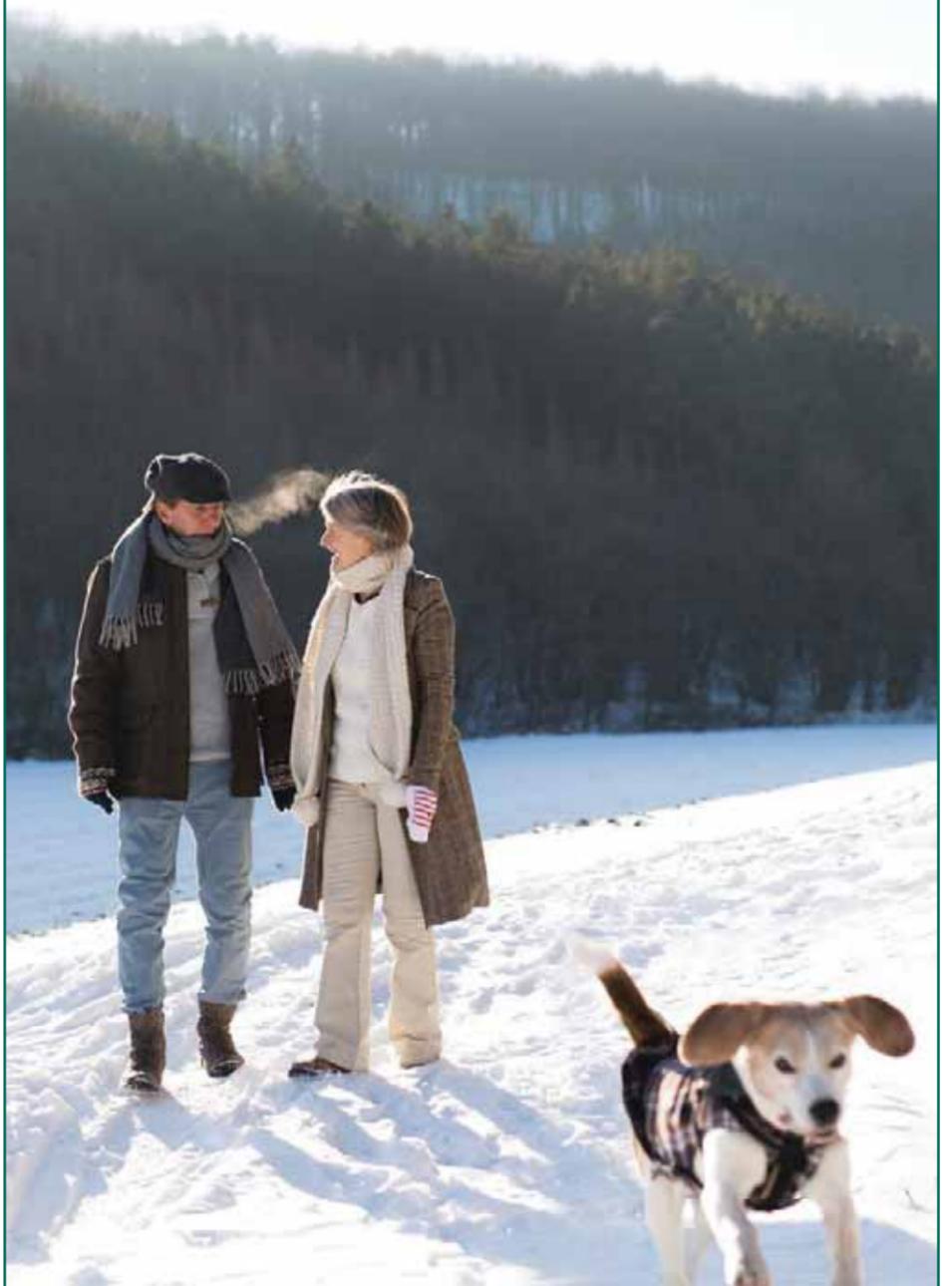
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School Budget Strives to Balance Taxpayers' and Students' Needs

Proposed budget nets out at 3.7% increase

Dean Barker
Chair, Andover School Board

A guiding principle of the Andover School Board during budget season is to strive to strike a balance that is as respectful of property taxpayers as it can be on the one hand, and on the other serves the educational needs of the students of Andover Elementary/Middle School.

It is hard to define a starting date for this budget process, as discussions about the needs of the school and places to find efficiencies are ongoing internally at AE/MS throughout the school year and summer.

That said, the formal process for crafting a proposed budget begins in the fall with a series of budget work sessions that, like our monthly board meetings, are open to public input. Those budget work sessions took place on November 12, December 3, and December 10.

From there, the Andover School Board made an initial presentation of the proposed budget to the Budget Committee on January 14 (the original January 8 date was postponed due to snow). We then returned on January 15 to present the budget at the Budget Committee's public hearing on it, where we were grateful to receive questions

and observations from those members of the public in attendance as well as from the Budget Committee.

From there, the Budget Committee will deliberate on whether or not to recommend the budget, and an annual report will be published from AE/MS with the proposed 2020-2021 budget included in it. Finally, at the annual school meeting on Monday, March 2, the budget will be presented again and voted upon by the town.

The proposed 2020 budget contains several areas of net increase and decrease in its function totals. To accommodate for increased enrollment projections in grades nine through twelve, the proposed high school tuition line shows an increase of \$140,000.

Within the regular education function (1100) this increase itself is offset by a \$70,000 decrease in teacher salary due to a retirement. Overall, the 1100 function includes a proposed net increase of \$70,435. Contracted special education services we are legally obligated to provide are projected to increase by \$21,500.

An increase in operations and maintenance, due to a proposed change from a two to two-and-a-half person custodial staff, represents a \$59,528 increase. An increase of \$14,000 in grounds expenses is chiefly due to snow removal

that the Town of Andover has asked us to budget for rather than through them.

A new transportation contract results in \$7,633 of additional expenses. Previously approved, collectively bargained obligations provide an increase of \$76,263 in the 2900 function (roughly half of which is due to an increase in salary from the third year of the teacher contract, and the other half due to separation pay from three upcoming retirements). Adding up the smaller net increases to those listed above brings a total of \$259,383 in total increases throughout the proposed budget.

The major net decreases are due to retirements in special education and administration (\$28,627 and \$10,828 respectively) and a decrease in the annual bond interest from the recent facilities project (\$6,940). Adding the smaller net decreases to these brings a total net decrease of \$48,820, and thus a total net change of \$210,564.

Adding the net change to the previous year's budget of \$5,655,656 equals a proposed school budget of \$5,866,221, or a 3.72% increase over last year.

It is important to note, however, that this increase is offset by the estimated revenues for the upcoming year from state and federal funding. We estimate an increase in special education aid of \$9,601; in the adequate education grant

of \$33,279; in the statewide property tax of \$10,195; our projected fund balance to reduce taxes is estimated to increase \$122,470; and the food service fund by \$5,000. The total revenue that is estimated to be on hand to offset the \$210,564 net budget increase comes to \$180,545, drastically reducing the estimated net effect on property taxes.

Finally, there are two other warrant articles of note beyond the operating budget for consideration. The first is to see if the town will raise \$17,665 for the first year of the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the school board and the Andover Support Staff Association (ASSA). The second article asks the town to vote to reserve \$30,000 from our unassigned fund balance (or, if the fund balance is lacking, to raise from general taxation) for our Building and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. This is in order to help build up this trust fund so that when our boiler needs replacing, the total cost will not have a dramatic impact on a future school budget.

For more detail on the proposed budget and other warrant articles, please refer to both the upcoming annual report and also the video of the Budget Committee public hearing on the school budget when it becomes available at AndoverNH.gov/home/pages/videos.

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Mark Your Calendars for Important Town Meetings

Shelley Geoghegan
Beacon Staff

It's time for Town Meetings. Yes, it's a busy time of year, but your participation is needed to help make decisions, and give feedback, about the various budgets and warrant articles and issues for 2020.

Stand up and be heard, listen to others, vote. Exercise your rights as an Andover citizen. The following is a list of important dates to mark on your calendar:

Friday, January 31: Filing period for Andover Town and School District Officers ends at 5 PM.

Tuesday, February 4: Last day to petition the Select Board to include an article in the warrant for Town Meeting.

Wednesday, February 5: A public hearing for the town. The Town budget

will be presented to the Budget Committee at 7 PM.

Saturday, February 29: Supervisors of the Checklist available to correct the checklist, Town Hall, 11 to 11:30 AM.

Monday, March 2: Andover School District Meeting, AE/MS Gym, 7 PM.

Tuesday, March 10: - Voting, AE/MS, 11:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, March 10: Andover Town Meeting, AE/MS Gym, 7:30 PM.

Monday, March 16: Andover Village District Annual Meeting, Andover Town Hall, 7 PM.

Tuesday, March 17: Andover Fire District Annual Meeting, East Andover Fire Station, 7:30 PM.

For more information, contact the Town Office at 735-5332 or visit their website at Andover-NH.gov.

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the need to provide opportunities for the town to grow.

4. It is time to expand and clarify the Village Districts which are different than other areas in town. Village Districts are more conducive to multi-family dwellings and small businesses.

5. The Town's Master Plan states: "What is a Village Area? It is a compact area of small retail shops and service vendors, residences, multi-family units, schools, places of public assembly such as town halls and churches, and similar activities." And a priority states: "the village character of the village areas should be enhanced ..."

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

Food Pantry from page 1

and get whatever you need." Ty noted the food pantry currently is "open on an as-needed basis including deliveries and special trips to unlock the room." There is a Facebook page, Andover NH Food Pantry, to update people on hours and availability.

This food pantry will be different due to its location in the Andover Community Hub building. While the pantry is open, there is always someone near-

7. Commercial activity and housing types other than single family homes in any district except Village require a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment – which increases the time and expense of developing business activity or multi-family 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 Planning Board thinks expanding the Village Districts encourages the kind of development and control the town desires.

8. The Planning Board thinks 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.

All of us have a vested interest in thoughtfully preparing the town for our future. Relevant documents and maps that show the existing and proposed changes to Village District boundaries are available in the Town Office.

by to provide a sense of accountability without having people feel like they're being judged or watched over. Ty believes that if someone needs to take advantage of the food offerings, then they can. While details of the food pantry operation is uncertain, Ty notes, "If you want more information or are looking to find out how you can help, check out the Andover NH Food Pantry on Facebook or email Tycblifestylesre.com."

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• **Myth 1:** Always take Social Security early. You can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but you could get 25% to 30% more if you wait until your "full" retirement age (likely between 66 and 67). You can receive even more if you wait until 70, at which point your benefits will "max out." However, there's no right time to file for everyone – it depends on your situation, including factors such as your life expectancy, employment, financial need and spousal considerations.

• **Myth 2:** When you claim Social Security won't affect your spouse's benefits. This is not true. How much you receive in Social Security can affect your spouse's benefits while you are alive (spousal benefits) and after you've passed away (survivor's benefits). Your spouse could receive up to half of your retirement benefit, offset by his or her own benefit, so the longer you work before collecting Social Security, the greater the potential spousal benefits. For survivor benefits, your spouse would receive 100% of your benefit or his or her own, whichever is larger, so when you file affects how much your spouse would receive if you pass away early. In any case, you'll want to consult with the Social Security Administration about how much your spouse can receive, as his or her own benefits can also affect your decision-making.

• **Myth 3:** You can't work during

retirement and collect Social Security. Yes, you can. But if you start receiving Social Security before your full retirement age (likely between 66 and 67), you can only earn up to \$18,240 in 2020 and still get your full benefits. Once you earn more than this, Social Security deducts \$1 from your benefits for every \$2 you earn. But during the year you reach full retirement age, you can earn up to \$48,600 without your benefits being withheld. If you exceed this amount, \$1 will be deducted for every \$3 you earn during the months before you attain your full retirement age. Social Security will increase your benefits when you do reach full retirement age to adjust for the previous work-related withholdings. So, if you plan on working and receiving Social Security, it may not make sense to file if most of your benefits will be withheld. Once you reach full retirement age, you can earn any amount without losing your monthly benefits, although your benefits could still be taxed.

• **Myth 4:** Social Security will provide for all my needs in retirement. Social Security will provide about a third of pre-retirement income, on average, according to the Social Security Administration. Consequently, you'll probably still need other sources of retirement income because Social Security alone most likely won't be enough to meet your needs. So, throughout your working years, contribute as much as you can to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Combining these income sources with Social Security can help improve your chances of enjoying the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

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Andover Real Estate Transactions

November 18, 2019 to
January 9, 2020

Ty Morris, Realtor

Three homes sold in Andover between November 18, 2019 and January 9, 2020.

Wood Sutton sold 994 Franklin Highway to Alston and Rosemary Couch for \$125,000. This three bedroom and one bathroom cape with northern views of Tucker Mountain sits on 3.6 acres and has 1,470 square feet of living space. Kristin Angeli of Angeli and Associates Real Estate represented the sellers, and Ben Cushing of Cushing Real Estate represented the buyers.

The Estate of Dorothy B. Keniston sold 169 Chase Hill Road to Stephen Chellis and Tawnya Benoit for \$216,000. This 1870s farmhouse has three bedrooms and two bathrooms, 1,868 square feet of living space, and sits on 4.9 acres. Valerie Provost of Christy Goodhue Real Estate represented both the buyer and the seller.

Gertrude Otto sold 101 West Shore Drive to Derek and Stephanie Damour for \$345,000. This two bedroom and three bathroom cape with beautiful deeded waterfront on Highland Lake sits on 5.9 Acres and has 2,780 square feet of living space. Rachel Xavier of

KW Lakes and Mountains Realty, Meredith represented the sellers and Victoria Dickinson of Granite Group Realty Services represented the buyers.

Year End Review

33 Andover homes sold in 2019 with an average sale price of \$257,057. Eighty percent of the homes listed in 2019 sold within their listing contract and on average sold within 97% of the asking price.

What's selling best?

Twenty-three of the 33 homes sold in Andover were two or three bedroom homes with an average selling price of \$230,245; 75 days on the market; and a 97% list price-to-sale price ratio.

How does Andover compare?

Andover is trailing compared to the rest of New Hampshire, which has an average sale price of \$317,721 and 54 days on the market. Similarly, two to three bedroom homes are the highest sellers with an average sale price of \$263,812; 48 days on the market; and 98.6% list price-to-sale price ratio.

2020 is looking to be a busy year for real estate! Please call Ty Morris for more local real estate information at 237-2060.

Statistical information taken from New England Real Estate Network.



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career as a corporate tax preparer for a large company in California. Working for a small town and learning about the workings of a municipality turned out to be very different from the corporate world she was used to. According to Lois, what she loved most about the position was meeting and greeting the townspeople, and "helping them out in anyway I could. That's what I will miss most of all!" She elaborated about the range of personality types and talents found in Andover, and said she admires all of them.

As for the co-workers she is leaving behind on a daily basis, she said she "considers them good friends and very valuable to our town." Also, she is very impressed with the number of volun-

teers who perform so many tasks for the town and wants to thank them for their work. She said she "will look out for all of you around town and will be happy to see your familiar faces," and thanks everyone for their kindness during her time as a Town employee.

Her former co-workers at the Town Hall had these things to say about Lois:

"She has a young-hearted spirit, as well as lots of spunk. We will all miss her cheerful presence." – Marj Roy, and Elita Reed

"She'll be missed terribly." – Bonnie Wesley.

"We will miss her warm smile, her kindness, and patience. Even when faced with challenges, she kept her composure with style and grace." – Stephanie Hurlbutt.

"Lois and I became friends over the past four years. I can attest to her kindness of spirit, generosity, and giving nature." – Shelley Geoghegan.

"What I will miss about Lois is her making my labels and asking me for photos of my grandchildren." – Patricia Moyer.

"I will miss mostly the deep, thought-provoking, stimulating, intellectual discussions we had about the hedgehogs." – Kathy Hildebrand.



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Letters

Supporting Pete Buttigieg

I am supporting Pete Buttigieg for President. I am drawn to him because of his intelligence, his calm demeanor and his military experience, among other traits.

Pete is a well-educated person. He has had to exhibit clear thinking and evaluative skills to be as successful in academia as he has been. Pete exhibits a calm, rational demeanor. Our country needs someone who can heal our divides and create a world view that embraces reaching out to allies who have been insulted or dismissed by our current president.

Today, the one area in which I think he offers the most is in his military experience, especially as it relates to his background as an intelligence officer. We are living in precarious times under a president who surrounds himself with people who are not serving the interests of this country as a whole. A President Buttigieg will bring to us his experience as a military officer as well as one who has the capability to absorb and evaluate information from the intelligence community.

If you are a parent or grandparent, as I am, remember that our young people are still required to register for the draft "in the event of a national emergency". Who will you trust to keep us from the brink of war?

Judith Ackerson

Happy 2020 from Mary Meier!

Happy New Year! I can't believe that another year is in the books. Welcome 2020! I just wanted to take this time to update my friends and customers.

I sold the salon, New Horizons Hairstylist, to Meghan Barton on July 1, 2019. That seemed like yesterday! Roy and I took most of the summer helping our daughter Shelbi and her family move into what was the home where I grew up. My mother is now living in an apartment in that home. The kids final-

ly moved in September into the house.

I then started to look at what I want to be when I grow up! After 38 years in the hair industry, I wanted to find something new and different. I started applying for jobs, but soon found that although I owned my own successful business for almost 20 years, I did not have experience in much else. I continued to apply for jobs and got turned down. I decided I needed more educa-

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tion. December came and I started an online course. I am beginning a course in Medical Coding. I have always been fascinated with the science of medicine. Currently I am taking a medical terminology course, studying, and applying for jobs.

I also have been working on our house! Roy and I hope to put our house on the market in the spring. We are decluttering, painting, and freshening up our 20 year-old house. (I can't believe it has been 20 years.) We are not sure where the next place will be. We want to lighten our load and downsize while we are still young.

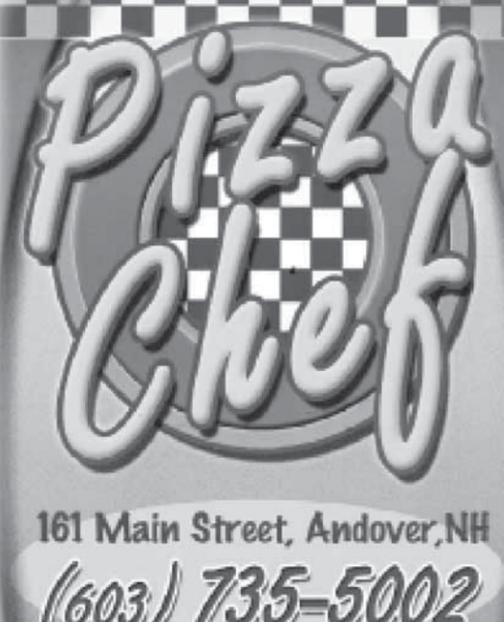
I am not sure where my journey will take me. I am very grateful to my customers and friends for supporting me. I learned so much from you through the years. I am excited to see how my future unfolds. I want to be mindful of my next chapter.

I would love to hear from you. Below is my contact information. Drop me an e-mail or letter. Again, I thank you for all the hugs, the laughs, and all the hair at New Horizons Hairstylists. Many of you have transitioned to the Mane Street Salon. Meghan and her team have done a great job with the building and I am sure she will have continued success. Here's to 2020!

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Opinion

Report from Concord, December 2019

Now or never in dealing with pollution

Ken Wells
NH Representative

We in the United States have reached a “now or never” moment in dealing with the pollution caused by the generation of electricity, our transportation system, and heating our buildings. The answer is not to do without the benefits of modern living, but to do it all differently.

You may recall that at one point, the New England economy depended on whales for oil, ships powered by wind, and damming up every river and stream.



On January 9, Ken Wells spoke in Representatives Hall about the need for strong climate action.

ed droughts and fires. Our own New Hampshire moose have been driven north by the tick infestations caused by milder winters, and the lobsters are retreating northward as New England’s ocean waters warm at three times the global rate.

I felt I needed to speak before my colleagues because many long-serving representatives seem afraid to “rock the boat” and do something they haven’t ever needed to pay attention to in the past. As voters, you have an important job to do, right now. Don’t wait until November. Call, write or e-mail your representatives at the state and United States level, and urge them to have the political will and courage to step up and take action on the climate crisis. Tell them to do what you know needs to be done, and why. Sign a petition calling for action. If you’d like to talk to me, my number is 735-5756. I keep tabs on what the people who elected me think.

One Busy Day in the House

I’ve often heard people ask, “What are they doing down there in Concord?” Here’s what one busy day looks like:

At 10 AM on January 9, the full House of Representatives filed into Representatives Hall and the session began. As befitting the nation’s largest representative state body (nearly 400 members) – one that has occupied the same spectacularly beautiful chamber for over 200 years – there are traditions that are observed and upheld. The formalities began with a prayer from Rev. Kate Atkinson of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. She officiates frequently, since her church is literally across the street from the State House. Then a representative who had been selected for the honor was asked to lead the House in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. After that, the *Seacoast Men of Harmony* sang a stirring barbershop version of *The Star Spangled Banner*. (As a singer, I have an appreciation for a *cappella* music!)

After the Speaker’s remembrance and moment of silence for those former representatives who are recently deceased (including Andover’s own Betty Bardsley), there was a recognition of guests. Usually there are groups of families and fourth grade visitors watching up in the gallery, and all the Reps give them a standing ovation. If you have never been inside Representatives Hall, you should come visit what Speaker Shurtleff calls “the people’s House”. Just walk in the big front door of the State House, bear to the right (past the gift shop) and walk up to the third floor. Follow the corridor all the way around the square floor plan, look at all the portraits of New Hampshire

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We’ve moved beyond that. Throughout history, many of the most important moves have not been incremental, but bold, sudden shifts, especially in our choices for energy and transportation. How long was the transition between horses and automobiles? A decade or two? That’s not long, really. It is time for another such move.

A Call to Action

On both sides of the aisle, there is considerable reluctance among legislators to address the growing climate crisis, not just in New Hampshire, but in every state and among federal legislators as well. I find this puzzling: do the representatives really think we voters place a higher value on our money than on our children’s future? Or are so many legislators unable to understand what scientists have been warning us about for years? Without the strong urging of their constituents, most representatives are unwilling to take what they perceive as a political risk.

Today, the majority of voters in every New Hampshire county favor regulation of carbon dioxide as a pollutant, according to a recent Yale climate survey. (Search “Yale climate survey” to see the reports yourself.) But many Representatives don’t seem to understand what many of their constituents already know. They don’t see that the mood of the country has changed after years of record heat, floods, and violent storms. Now we’re seeing California and Australia scorched by unprecedented-

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Opinion

Special Permits to Noise Ordinance Should be Banned

Vote on warrant article at Town Meeting 2020

Donna Baker-Hartwell
Tucker Mountain Road

This is a follow-up to my letter in the November issue of *The Andover Beacon* regarding the logging on Tucker Mountain and the Town noise ordinance. I concluded in my letter that it is my hope that our Town noise ordinance can be amended by voters to close the “loopholes” that allow for “special permits” to be granted by Town boards and administrators.

The current noise ordinance, voted into law by a majority vote in 2017, protects Andover citizens from loud, prolonged, and disturbing noise before 7 AM and after 10:30 PM. There are eight categories of activities which qualify to be exempted from the noise ordinance. Four of the categories have to do with emergency situations, two have to do with the public works department, one has to do with town celebrations – and then there is a category that states, “Any other noise resulting from activities of a temporary duration permitted by law and for which a license or permit therefor has been granted by the Town.”

In the case that occurred on Tucker Mountain last September and October, three members of the Select Board and the Town Administrator exempted the logging operation from abiding by our Town noise ordinance because they determined that it was “temporary.” The Town granted the loggers a “special permit” without considering the negative impact this would have

– and did have – on Andover citizens.

What is “temporary”? It is a word that should not be used in the ordinance, because it has no set time. When it comes to noise – very loud and disruptive noise – 34 days is not temporary. Thirty-four days of noise beginning before 7 AM, sometimes before 5 AM, endangers our health and comfort. “Special permits” for exemption to the Town noise ordinance for private enterprises should not be allowed. Period. On so many levels, such an exemption is wrong.

First, it sets up a relationship between our Town officials and private enterprises that could lead to favors, partiality, and compromise that undermines the rights of Andover citizens. Secondly, private enterprise, whether it be construction, excavating, paving, farming, or any other industry, that functions outdoors has to deal with weather conditions, road conditions, operational difficulties, and any number of issues. It is the nature of the industry and not the responsibility of the Town to help them fix their problems.

Passing an amendment to the noise ordinance that would remove the category “of temporary duration” and Special Permit Exemptions would in essence restore and protect the intention of our Town noise ordinance.

There will be an article for amending the ordinance at Town Meeting 2020 on March 10. Please plan to attend. I encourage Andover citizens to read the Town noise ordinance online. You can find it on the Town of Andover website. 

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heroes and notables, and you will arrive at the gallery, which is open for viewing into Representatives Hall below.

After we observed all the introductory traditions, we began the day’s work. I was given the honor (and the chore) of presenting three speeches as the Science Technology and Energy committee’s spokesperson for three of the five energy bills deliberated and recommended by my committee.

If you can imagine yourself in this position, you will understand there’s a pretty strong incentive to research, write, edit, and practice your speech well in advance of the moment when the Speaker says to 400 people, “... and now the gentleman from Andover will speak in favor of the bill.” You pull a crisply folded paper from your pocket as you step up to the imposing lectern known as “the well.” I’ll admit that I carefully checked and double-checked that I didn’t pull the wrong speech out of my pocket!

All three bills passed by at least 70 votes. (Since somebody will surely ask what the bills were about: One bill was about commercial net metering, another was about how energy efficiency funds should be spent, and the third was about

setting new goals for renewable energy on the New Hampshire grid.)

I was certainly not the only speaker of the day. Twenty-three bills were discussed and voted on. Some passed quickly with just a voice vote, but most were roll call votes, a process that takes about 10 minutes. In addition, every bill up for a roll call (when each member’s vote is recorded) usually has at least four representatives speak about it. Those opposed to the bill speak first, followed by a speech recommending passage of the bill.

Then there are two “parliamentary inquiries” which are always asked in the following stuffy, formal way to ensure that any Representative not paying close attention is reminded what’s going on: “Mr. Speaker, if I know that Senate Bill 166 will correct a mistake in the language of the statute that has caused competitive electricity suppliers to refuse service to customer-generators, then would I not push the green button to vote “Yes” on the passage of this bill?”

The session ran until almost 5 PM, but the House finished all the items on its calendar. After sitting for most of seven hours, I was glad to be going home to Andover, and not driving all the way back to Coös County, as some of my colleagues do! 

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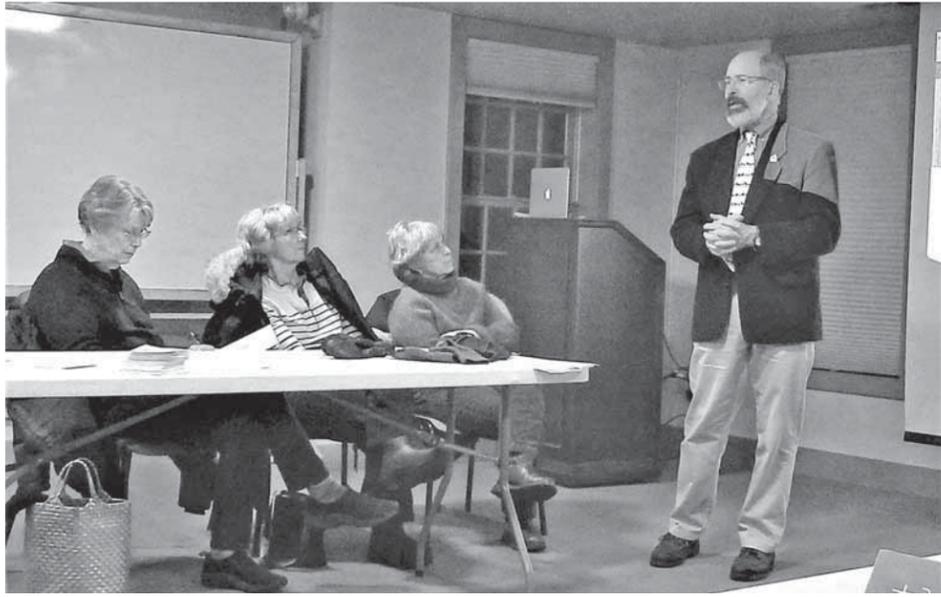


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Opinion

New Hampshire Should Put a Price on Pollution

HB 735 would respond to Andover's 2007 vote

Kat McGhee
NH State Representative
Hillsborough District 40

In 2007, 164 New Hampshire towns, including Andover, passed warrant articles calling for our political leaders to take action on climate change. The warrant articles called upon New Hampshire and US legislators and the President to protect New Hampshire's people from the predicted economic and environmental impacts of "doing nothing." The people spoke, but the question remained: What should we do?

Well, it turns out that people all over the world have already figured out the most effective way to rapidly bring down harmful pollution: Stop making it free.

When pollution is free, we get too much of it. In a January 17, 2019, *Wall Street Journal* article, 3,354 United States' economists argued for a carbon fee and dividend program in the United States. Their idea: charge fossil fuel polluters to correct a market failure that externalizes the costs of their pollution, then rebate equal shares of the money collected to consumers to shield them from any resulting increase in costs. They argued that only a market-based approach could both address the scale of the pollution problem and support consumers during the economic transition.

So while New Hampshire is not often a leader in New England energy policy, we have the chance to pass a carbon cash-back bill (House Bill 735) that finally responds to those 164 town warrant articles with a proven solution. We could be the catalyst for all the pending bills at the state and federal level, just as British Columbia led the way for all of Canada in 2018.

The New Hampshire bill proposes charging a penny a pound for pollution (or \$20 per ton) to fossil fuel producers importing into the state. The carbon price will generate approximately \$300 million in year one based upon New Hampshire's estimated emissions (roughly \$300 cash back per adult). HB 735 proposes the fairest distribution method: equal shares to every Granite Stater over 18. The carbon price increases \$10 per year for 10 years. As emissions go down, individual cash-back payouts go up, giving consumers more energy investment options while the air gets cleaner.

New Hampshire's carbon cash-back (CCB) program would use an opt-in process, like the petroleum dividend

enjoyed by Alaskan residents, administered as a revenue-neutral pass-through, not a tax, from the fossil fuel producer to the energy consumer. The money is paid to citizens, not spent on state expenses.

Carbon pricing has been adopted in 46 countries, but the places delivering cash back have had the best overall results. Independent studies show the lowest three-fifths of New Hampshire households by income break even or receive more cash back than they pay out. In terms of economics, investments in clean energy spur new jobs and accelerate community and business innovation.

Though naysayers have dominated the policymaking for some time, we really do have to find a way for New Hampshire to transition to a new energy economy that will keep it competitive in the 21st century.

Critics often cite higher gas prices as a reason to maintain the status quo (as though we have ever had any real control over OPEC's price per barrel). But, when we paid higher gas prices in the past, we received no annual rebate and gained no benefit to our economy or the environment. It's time to stop subsidizing fossil fuels by allowing them to pollute for free.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the per-gallon increase due to a carbon cash-back program would be approximately 18 cents per gallon in 2021 (Gas prices have risen far more than 18 cents this past year and it hasn't registered in the news.).

Arguments against carbon cash-back center on the idea that fuel costs will remain low if we do nothing, or that they will be inordinately high if we take action. But the 3,354 U.S. economists disagree. Fossil fuel costs will rise as our emissions problems worsen, and fossil fuel dependence will rise if market prices continue to be kept artificially low. So, if we don't break the cycle, our current course leads to more cost, more pollution, and more dependence. In fact, our most costly course of action is to keep ignoring the problem.

We need to build the political will to change our polluting ways. Help us continue the discussion at town meetings across the state as HB 735 moves through the legislative process in 2020. To learn more and help build support for Andover's petition, please check out the Carbon Cash-back Coalition at CarbonCashBack.org.

With minor changes, this article appeared originally as a "My Turn" column in The Concord Monitor on January 3, 2020.

Warrant Article Collects Signatures From Andover Residents

Resolution to take action on climate pollution

Larry Chase

As this issue of The Beacon went to press, the Andover Energy Group had just collected the 25 signatures of Andover residents needed to bring a warrant article entitled "New Hampshire Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution" up for a vote by Andover residents attending their Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 10.

The warrant article, prepared by the Science, Technology, and Energy Committee of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, is explained by committee member Kat McGhee in an article on page 10 of this issue. Significant input was made by committee member and Andover resident Ken Wells.

By voting in favor of the warrant article, Town Meeting attendees agree that "To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all New Hampshire residents on an equal basis." The approach is also known as "Carbon Cash-Back."

The warrant article continues: "We expect our representatives to lead in

this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely."

What's a warrant article? Put simply, it's an item on the Town Meeting Warrant (or agenda) that calls for a vote by attendees on a specific issue. Warrant articles may be prepared by the Board of Selectmen or other town government officials, or submitted by petition from town residents.

Since the beginning of the year, local energy committees and other groups have been working in well over 100 New Hampshire cities and towns to bring this warrant article to Town Meetings, according to the Carbon Cash-Back Coalition, a statewide grassroots organization. The results will be shared with government officials at the state and national levels.

For more information, go to the Carbon Cash-Back Coalition website at sites.google.com/view/carbon-cashback-coalition/. If you're a registered voter in Andover and would like to add your signature to the petition, send an e-mail to the Andover Energy Group at andoverenergy@gmail.com before Town Meeting Day, and a member of the group will bring you the petition.

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Correspondence and Signatures

- Sign Application and Permit – Beachcombings Jewelry Studio (Rolande Andrews) 412 Depot Street.

- Andover Fencing Proposal – \$1,195 for materials and labor for installation of 6'x11' wide swing gate at the Transfer Station in the hopper area.

- Elbow Pond Road Project – Hoyle Tanner and Associates Payment Application for RM Piper Construction. Total Cost \$141,975.50.

- Elbow Pond Road Project – Change Order – decrease \$6,368: Original Cost = \$134,641; Increase Cost = \$13,702.50; Total Cost = \$148,343.50; Decrease = \$6,368; Final Cost = \$141,975.50.

- Elbow Pond Road Project – Certificate of Final Completion of Work from RM Piper. Due to complete project on 01/31/2020. Includes Change Orders \$141,975.50.

- Elbow Pond Road Project – Certificate of Substantial Completion dated 11/08/2019 from RM Piper.

Request for Proposal: Audit

Roy explained to the Board that Andover has used the same auditing company for many years. She feels it is time to see what other companies might offer.

White Oak Pit

Roy explained that the draft deed is with the Town Attorney. This may not

close before the end of the year, so the \$51,000 will need to be encumbered, so a purchase and sale must be done on the last Select Board meeting of 2019. Roy expects the closing to take place in January 2020.

Road Agent Job Description

Roy provided the Board with a draft of the job posting. Chuck Keyser felt there was too much information regarding the number of miles of Town roads. Roy will do a second draft for the Board's review and approval.

Other Business

Bill Keyser reiterated the need to do an inventory of the Town's equipment prior to the new road agent taking over.

Select Board

December 16, 2019

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Chuck Keyser, Select Board Chair; Bill Keyser and Dave Blinn, Members; John Thompson, Road Agent

Also present: Janet Moore, Alita Phelps, Mark Cowdrey, Susan Chase, and Caroline Ratzki, Library Trustees; and Vicky Mishcon

Road Agent Report

Shirley Street re-charge basins work began.

The Town has approximately one thousand tons of sand for use (some
See Minutes on page 12)

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

For more information, call the Town Office at 735-5332.

Andover Town Report

The 2019 Town Report will be available by March 10, 2020

Reports can be picked up at Town Offices, Libraries, Transfer Station, School, and at Town Meeting



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from last year).

Chuck Keyser would like to meet with Thompson about what would be needed in preparation for a Town garage.

Recently, Schnitzer had an issue picking up the metal at the Transfer Station. The area wasn't plowed. Thompson and Shanda MacMasters, the Transfer Station Supervisor, generally communicate with each other and will continue to do so.

The Select Board asked Thompson not to make any unnecessary purchases until the end of the year. The Board made this request to all departments. Thompson indicated that his budget should have enough in it to cover the next two weeks.

Ed Hiller on Valley Road complained about a culvert issue. At the time of the complaint, the Board and Thompson thought the issue was by the bridge, but that appeared to be fine, as did the Beaver Deceiver. However, the issue is actually at Hiller's driveway. Thompson will visit Hiller.

Library Ramp Proposal

After discussion, the Select Board tasked the Library Trustees to come up with a proposal with the individual items broken down instead of a lump sum. The Trustees agreed.

Mishcon suggested the money come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. A warrant article will need to be drafted.

Once the proposal with the individual items and figures are given to the Select Board, the Board will then meet with Thompson.

Town Administrator

Roy gave the Board four items in their packets for tonight's meeting, including:

Proposed Overtime and Call Back Policy (for their review)

Select Board Operation Guidelines

(for their review every six months)

NRRA loose paper letter (reacceptance of loose paper)

How to Present a Budget (for their review)

Transfer Station

The Board spoke to MacMasters about keeping the Transfer Station open on Friday afternoons. After discussion, the Board agreed the Transfer Station will be closed on Friday afternoons, starting January 3. However, if need arises such as after a holiday, the Transfer Station would then be opened. It was estimated this would be approximately four to five times a year.

Recently, there have been inappropriate items put at the Transfer Station when it is closed. Some of the inappropriate items were dumped into the wrong container which caused the container to be returned to the Transfer Station. The company gave the Town a warning. However, a fine can be assessed up to \$25,000 per incident.

The Board agreed they need to take steps. The Board agreed they do not want to go to clear plastic bags, but will do so if the need arises.

The Board reiterated that when the Transfer Station is closed, it needs to be closed to everyone. There cannot be unauthorized entrance. There are substantial liability issues involved along with the health and safety of the attendants. The attendants are there to enforce the Transfer Station rules. Everyone needs to take personal responsibility for what they bring to the Transfer Station.

The Transfer Station is not taking used motor oil and hazardous waste. However, if those items need to be disposed of, both the Town of Bristol and City of Franklin have two days a year where those items are accepted for disposal, typically in July and August. Another option is Goffstown.

Trash coming from other towns has

become a problem. Contractors are working on jobs and disposing of items in Andover's Transfer Station. It is more trash than the normal weekly household trash. Andover residents are paying for those disposals where the trash should be taken to the town where the projects are worked on.

The Board agreed to work on these issues as it is costing Andover residents money. Cameras will be installed to help alleviate these issues.

White Oak Pit

The \$51,100 for the purchase of White Oak Pit from the State, by law, must be done at the last Select Board meeting for 2019, which is tonight's meeting. Roy explained the closing will not likely not happen until January 2020, but there is a signed purchase and sale agreement between Andover and the State to back up the encumbrance. The Board voted to encumber the \$51,100 for the purchase of White Oak Pit from the State.

Select Board

January 6, 2020

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Chuck Keyser, Select Board Chair, Bill Keyser and Dave Blinn Members; and John Thompson, Road Agent

Also present: Todd Goings

Town Administrator

Personnel Policy Manual: It is recommended this be updated yearly. Roy continues to work on updating the manual and should have a new copy for the Board's review and editing in the next few months.

Road Agent

North Street: Proctor notified Roy that part of North Street has not been sanded for the last three storms. Thompson explained that they use more salt on that street due to the high foot traffic.

Thompson will speak with the plow driver to make sure North Street is cared for during storms properly.

Transfer Station: Thompson will check with the snow plow driver to make sure it gets plowed and sanded even if the Transfer Station is closed.

Lawrence Street Bridge: Hoyle Tanner and Associates prepared the Fee and Scope for the Design Phase of the project. The Preliminary Design will take 36 weeks and cost \$110,000. The Final Design will take 26 weeks and cost \$84,000. Roy expects the Design Phase will start in January.

White Oak Pit Sand Agreement: The State will allow the Town to remove up to 4,000 cubic yards through March 31. If the conveyance of the property does not happen, the Town must reimburse the State for the sand used. The Board made Thompson aware accurate records must be kept as the State may request those records without notice.

Blinn noted the Town complied with every requirement the State requested to acquire the White Oak Pit property. The Town is only awaiting the State Executive Council's approval for the conveyance. Roy noted that the Purchase and Sale Agreement is signed and although the closing did not happen in 2019, the \$51,100 funds are encumbered.

Correspondence

Letter from Avitar regarding the PSNH settlement agreement for the years 2014-2016. PSNH paid less than expected. The Board will need to sign an abatement form at the next meeting.

Letter from Riverbend Community Mental Health requesting \$3,500 in funds. Last year Riverbend service increased to 61 Andover clients, both adults and children. The \$3,500 is the cost of care for one client. The Board agree to put the \$3,500 into the General Assistance budget for 2020.

Letter from Plodzick and Sanderson for the 2018 Audit signed by Chuck Keyser.

Fee and Scope Design Phase agreement with Hoyle Tanner and Associates signed by Chuck Keyser.

Letter from Bradley Lake Summer resident regarding the increase and decrease property value letters they received from Avitar. Roy contacted Avitar who then sent Roy a copy of the explanation letter which was sent to the resident by Avitar.

Civic Plus yearly contract for \$1,500 which is the same amount as last year's contract. Chuck Keyser signed.

Tax Collector Warrant for Land Use Change Tax: Henderson, Valley Road, \$8,270.

Stonehill Municipal Solutions' annual bookkeeping support contract on an "As Needed" basis at \$57 per hour.

Buswell Property: Two certified letters plus regular mail sent to interested

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Our Mission

Preserve Andover history through acquisitions and conservation of property, artifacts and stories; and to foster awareness and appreciation of history within our community.

Operating under this guideline, The Society's annual members, life members, board members and trustees, and other volunteers accomplished much in 2019. Their names, and some of their success stories, are shown below and elsewhere on this page. Their work is much appreciated and recognized by the numbers of visitors (over 1,000 in 2019), and by their responses and wonderful comments.

In addition, we currently have several special committees that meet for long-range planning, ongoing Gordon-Lull House rehabilitation, and looking into having Potter Place identified as a State of New Hampshire Historic District.



Another special committee took at potential uses for the 7.7 acres of Society-owned land, developed a plan for the repair and painting of our caboose, began repair of the railway semaphore on the train station exterior, and mounted a new informational sign at the Richard Potter gravesite.

Outreach: It was a year of hard work by our board, trustees, and volunteers. To remind everyone of what was accomplished, I start by saying the Society is officially open 7.5 hours per weekend for 18 weekends, drawing almost 600 visitors. The August Old Time Fair added another 500. The Society expanded its outreach to include more advertising, news releases and articles in *The Andover Beacon*, *Kearsarge Magazine*, *SooNipi Magazine*, and other print media. In addition, we collaborated with The Andover Community Hub on a special pop-up summer exhibit. And we became a member of the multi-town MUSE (MUSEums Sharing Experiences) Group, which will be focusing this year on the local impact of the railroad in 19th- and 20th-century New Hampshire.

Other events and collaborations included:

- The "I Am History, Too" contest for AEMS students
- Talks on "Researching Your Old Home" and "Galileo, the Starry Messenger"
- Station and store exhibit on covered bridges, Town Office Building exhibit on Andover souvenirs
- 2020 fund-raising calendar showing the impact of the railroad on Andover

May we continue this work, knowing it is so worthwhile. A huge heartfelt thank-you to everyone. -- Gail Richards, President

Holdings

- Potter Place Railroad Station and Freight House
- J. C. Emons Store
- Lull House
- A B&M freight car and Central Vermont CV-4030 caboose
- Secret Garden
- Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

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Some of the 91 historical items donated in 2019

- 1954 calendar from Low's Store - Meats & Groceries in East Andover
- 1961 calendar from One Stop Shop - Groceries, Meats, & Produce, same store, new name
- 1940's era baby scales
- 1968 oyster license granted to Frank Cheney
- 1897 Photo Album of Proctor Students



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Financial information

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| <p>Expenses:
(some examples)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total: \$20,373 • Old Time Fair: \$2,229 • Programs: \$421 • Annual calendar: \$782 • Insurance: \$4,026 • Real estate taxes: \$959 • Utilities: \$1,675 | <p>Income stream:
(some examples)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total: \$21,381 • Old Time Fair: \$6,147 • Calendar: \$2,662 • Gift shop: \$3,769 • Membership dues: \$1,915 • Donations: \$2,679 • Memorial & honorary gifts: \$1,333 |
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party were returned unclaimed.

Andover School District

Roy received a letter from Robin Heins, the School Administrative Unit Business Administrator. Heins requested permission from the Select Board for funding support for a generator for the Andover Elementary/Middle School which will be used in the case of an emergency as a warming center/shelter. Heins understood that the Town wanted to help with funding.

Heins will look into applying for grants, but will need the Town's permission for a portion of the funds. After discussion, the Board agreed that in the future it might be feasible, but not at the current time.

Parr Property

By Court Order, the Town has permission to condemn only the building/house itself at this time. However, the building needs an asbestos testing before demolition. The Town Attorney advised Roy that the vehicles around the property are a different issue. The Town Attorney submitted those papers and Mr. Parr was served with the notice papers. The court hearing was to take place on Thursday of this week, but the court continued it.

Overtime Policy

After review and discussion, the board adopted the Overtime Policy.

Planning Board

October 22, 2019

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Nancy Teach, Chair; Art Urie, Vice-Chair; Randy Monti; 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; Eric Pospesil; Bob Irving; Rebecca Brooks.

Public Hearing Continuation: Jon & Joan Champagne, Chris Champagne, and Jeff and Kelly Raymond for a Site Plan Review for the installation of a gravel and stone excavation and sales business at 235 Salisbury Highway and 424 Bay Road

Hodgson made a motion to continue the hearing to November 12, 2019.

Public Hearing: 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 pro-

posed subdivision. 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.

Abutter John Ohler came into Town Hall prior to the hearing with concerns of possible future subdivisions but is in favor of the proposal.

Brooks asked what the minimum lot size and road frontage are, and the response was two acres and 250 feet of road frontage.

The board voted unanimously in favor of approving the minor subdivision.

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

Moyer did not receive any input from abutters. Therefore, the signed document was approved.

Discussion to select an engineer or other expert to review plans submitted by Champagne to be sure they comply with the operational and reclamation standards of Andover's Excavation Regulations. Consideration will be given to issues related to blasting and crushing stone, noise and dust control, and storm management.

The board is waiting to hear back from GZA and Bower. Maine Drilling stated it would be a conflict of interest.

Additional Items

1. Planned Unit Development – Urie distributed a proposed Conservation Subdivision draft for the board's review.

2. The Planning Board budget will be presented to the Selectboard on November 7, 2019 and the final budget on December 18, 2019. Urie stated the abutter mailings do not have to be sent certified, just priority mail or signature required. Teach will research notices and newspaper notices.

3. Zoning Administrator – Moyer stated Tri-Forge Auto has applied for retail vehicle sales and needs to come before the Planning Board. Moyer asked if there was anything in writing regarding a Special Exception for Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club.

4. Select Board Update – Blinn stated a listing of Town properties is being worked on. The Governor's Executive Council will meet on December 15, 2019 regarding the Town ownership of White Oak property. A public meeting will be held on October 28, 2019 regarding an appointed road agent and a five-year plan; a second meeting will be held on December 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Planning Board

November 12, 2019

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; Jon Champagne; John Bentley; Larry Giglio; Mike Moore; Don and Rolande Andrew.

Public Hearing Continuation: Jon and Joan Champagne, Chris Champagne, and Jeff and Kelly Raymond for a Site Plan Review for the installation of a gravel and stone excavation and sales business at 235 Salisbury Highway 424 Bay Road.

Urie made a motion to continue the hearing to November 26, 2019.

Discussion to select an engineer or other expert to review plans submitted by Champagne to make sure they comply with the operational and reclamation standards of Andover's Excavation Regulations. Consideration will be given to issues related to blasting and crushing stone, noise, and dust control, and storm management.

Moyer communicated with C. George Bower regarding fee and scope and received an outline from him. GZA submitted a proposal. Moyer apprised the board that Steve Lamb is a principal for GZA and is a property owner in Andover.

There was discussion about whether any board member knows Mr. Lamb or otherwise has a conflict with the company, and none of the board members did. The proposals were distributed to board members for review, and Hodgson inquired whether this is typical boilerplate for terms and conditions. Teach replied that Town Attorney Matt Serge reviewed the proposal and was satisfied with it.

Bentley was concerned due to GZA having proposed the same as what Aries Engineering has already done for them, and he was under the impression that the engineers were going to review the application. Phelps stated this would be a second opinion. Teach stated that the board was asked to receive expert advice by the Lakes Region Planning Commission and the Town Attorney.

Bentley stated he was concerned with GZA duplicating the work of Aries Engineering. The board has chosen to utilize GZA after reviewing both submitted proposals. Moyer will contact GZA to suggest a site visit.

Non-Binding Consultation: Don and Rolande Andrews for a home occupation – Art Studio. The property is 412 Depot Street.

The Andrews stated that Mrs. Andrews would like to operate a jewelry / art studio out of the garage / barn portion of the home. The board advised that this is a permitted use in the Village District, and the only items needed by the board is a Home Occupation Registration Form, which was completed

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by the Andrews and signed by Moyer. Moyer advised the Andrews that they would need a Sign Permit Application completed also.

Completeness Review: Larry Giglio, Ragged Coffee Co. – for coffee roasting operation within the Pine Outlet Business at 138 Pancake Road.

Giglio presented a Site Plan Review Application which the board reviewed. It was asked if there will be any additional exterior lighting and the response was no.

It was asked if there will be a sign, and the response was there is already a sign there for The Pine Outlet, and Giglio will have a smaller sign added to the existing sign. Moyer advised Giglio that he will need to complete a Sign Permit Application, which she will send him.

Powers asked if the State has done a health inspection yet, and the response was no.

The board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the application complete. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 7:15 PM.

Non-Binding Consultation: Courtney Heath and Jim D’Angelis – Tri-Forge Autoworks for a change of use to add pre-owned vehicle sales.

Heath and D’Angelis stated they have applied to the state for a license to sell pre-owned vehicles. They currently operate a vehicle repair business. It was asked how many vehicles would be on the lot to sell, and the response was that there would not be that many as they are limited by the size of the lot.

The board advised that a Site Plan Review Application would need to be completed and submitted for review and once deemed complete a public hearing could take place.

As Time Allows

1. Conservation Subdivision – Urie distributed a revised copy of the Subdivision wording which the board reviewed and made revisions.

2. Zoning Administrator – Update on enforcement priorities and next steps. Moyer has sent out four letters regarding enforcement. Moyer was also asked if the Town has any plans for elderly housing.

3. Mailings – NH Municipal Law Information was received pertaining to new laws that will affect Town procedures pertaining to Notices of Planning

Board Hearings on Zoning Ordinance Changes effective for the upcoming Town Meeting season.

For the first time, municipalities will be required to notify individual property owners about hearings on zoning amendments, although the new requirements will apply only in limited circumstances.

Under RSA 675:3, the Planning Board is required to hold a hearing on any proposed zoning amendment, whether the amendment is proposed by the Planning Board, by the governing body, or by citizen petition. Notice of the hearing must be published in a paper of general circulation in the municipality and must be posted in at least two public places (see RSA 675:7).

If the proposed amendment would change the boundary of a zoning district, and if the change would affect 100 or fewer properties, then notice of the hearing must be sent by first class mail to the owner of each affected property.

If the proposed amendment would change the minimum lot sizes or the permitted uses in a zoning district that includes 100 or fewer properties, notice must be sent by first class mail to the property owners in the district.

If more than 100 properties are affected, only the newspaper publication and the public posting are required.

4. Timeline for Town Warrant articles – Public hearings regarding the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for the changes to the zone boundaries will be held December 10, 2019 and January 14, 2020. Notices will be mailed to each property owner affected, and published in *The Andover Beacon*, *AndoverBeacon.com*, and the *Intertown Record*.

Planning Board

November 26, 2019

Condensed from approved minutes

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

Also present: Pat Moyer, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Jim D’Angelis; Frank Anzalone, agent for Jim D’Angelis; Larry Giglio; Mike Moore; Keith Davis, UNH student; Jeff Newcomb.

Announcements

1. Dave Powers has been sworn in as a full board member, and Donna Du-

clos has been sworn in as an alternate board member.

Public Hearing Continuation: Jon and Joan Champagne, Chris Champagne, and Jeff and Kelly Raymond for a Site Plan Review for the installation of a gravel and stone excavation and sales business at 235 Salisbury Highway and 424 Bay Road.

The board voted unanimously in favor of continuing the hearing to December 10, 2019.

Public Hearing: Site Plan Review for Larry Giglio, Ragged Coffee Co., for coffee roasting operation within the Pine Outlet Business at 138 Pancake Road.

Urie asked where the wastewater would be going, and the response by Moore was into a cesspool. It was asked what size the lot is, and the response was 1.52 acres, which is enough acreage to have a new septic installed if need be.

There being no further discussion, the board voted unanimously in favor of approving the Site Plan Review.

Non-Binding Consultation: Courtney Heath and Jim D’Angelis, Tri-Forge Autoworks, for a change of use to add pre-owned vehicle sales. The property is 156 Main Street.

D’Angelis presented a Site Plan Re-

view Application, including the abutters list and a parking plan. A Special Exception was previously granted in 2002 for pre-owned auto sales.

Monti asked if the property line is into the State right-of-way, and the response was yes.

Powers asked if the fire department has commented on the fire hydrant, and the response was yes, and vehicles have to be at least three feet from it.

Phelps stated he has a concern with the number of vehicles. D’Angelis stated he would like to angle the vehicles for safety reasons.

Powers asked if there is an overhead light on the pole, and the response was no.

Teach asked what the total number of vehicles would be, and the response was 22, with eight in the pen and 14 for sale.

Teach advised D’Angelis that he would need to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a Special Exception. The Board requested the vehicle limit in the lot be limited to only 22.

The board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the site suitable for the proposed use. The board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the application complete pending fees.

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Andover Coffeehouse Presents February "Third Friday" Concert

Jazz and blues singer
Louise Grasmere

Press release

Coming up, on Friday, February 21, at The Andover Community Coffeehouse: Louise Grasmere, "Boston's best-kept vocal secret" (and Andover summer resident), will grace the center stage at the monthly concert of the Andover Community Coffeehouse.



Part-time Andover resident Louise Grasmere will perform at the Andover Coffeehouse "Third Friday" concert on February 21.

The "Third Friday" concert 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 event is open to the public at no charge; donations are gratefully accepted.

The program 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.

Who's Louise? From a review: "Combining all the grace and elegance of the classic jazz singers with the ringing power and authority of the great blues shouters, Louise Grasmere has a voice that will lift you out of your seat and into the heavens."

But wait; there's more: "Grasmere's sound is wholly her own – a unique fusion of jazz-influenced rhythm and blues seasoned with Motown, gospel and soul." And on a personal note: Grasmere's family started coming to New Hampshire in the 1960s, eventually settling in New London and then in Andover. Louise now calls Andover's Bradley Lake her summer home.

This month's Sponsor is Tilton Medical Associates. Sponsors and audience contributions help the Coffeehouse to cover room-rental fees, headliner compensation, advertising, equipment purchases, and other expenses.

Coming up: On Friday, March 20 (first day of spring!): All the way from Vancouver, Washington, will be "classic mid-life overnight sensation" Dan Weber, whose songs have been described as "Guthrieesque and reminiscent of early John Prine" and "a rare combination of wit, emotion, and Harry Chapin-esque imagery." Learn more at danwebermusic.com/

For more information about the Andover Community Coffeehouse, go to andovercoffeehouse.org/.

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As Time Allows

1. December 10, 2019 public hearing for the Village Zone proposed boundary changes – Phelps will recuse.

2. Zoning Administrator – More enforcement letters will go out after Thanksgiving.

3. Select Board update – the Parr property is still being worked on, as well as the White Oak property.

Planning Board

December 10, 2019

Condensed from approved minutes

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

Also present: Pat Moyer, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Paul Currier; Robin Boynton; Ken Guillemette; Susan Schnare; Jim and Karen Hanson; Robin Wilterdink; Karen Brule; Jeffrey S. Newcomb; Joseph Schmidt (of Salisbury), Andy Prokasch.

White Oak Lot Line Adjustment

Blinn outlined the history behind the White Oak property and explained that the adjustment was to document the property line between Heaton's property (2.201 acres) and the White Oak parcel (10.435 acres). A motion was passed with Blinn abstaining.

Public Hearing Continuation: Jon and Joan Champagne, Chris Champagne, and Jeff and Kelly Raymond for a Site Plan Review for the installation of a gravel and stone excavation and sales business at 235 Salisbury Highway and 424 Bay Road.

Teach informed the Board that GZA estimated the completed report would be delivered on January 3, 2020. At the Public Hearing on September 24,

2019 the Champagnes agreed to grant the Planning Board a 90-day extension on the 65-day decision time clock under RSA 676:4 for a third-party review before making a final decision. The 90-day extension expires on December 23, 2019. Once the Board receives GZA's recommendations on January 3rd, the Board will need time to review it and allow the public to comment on it further.

After discussion, the Board agreed to request a further 50-day extension on the 65-day decision time clock under RSA 676:4 from the Champagnes, bringing it to February 11. Moyer will contact Town Counsel for advice to negotiate with the Champagnes on the further extension.

The Board voted to continue the Champagne Public Hearing until January 14, 2020.

Public Hearing concerning extension of Andover and Cilleyville Village District Boundaries

Phelps announced that the proposed zoning boundary change effects property he owns and therefore has recused himself from playing a role in the hearing.

Paul Currier presented the current and proposed map of the Andover Center Village District Zone to the attendees.

The board was asked why the change was being proposed. Urie replied that the intent of the change was to promote the concentration of growth in the village with requirements for smaller lot sizes and would give a greater opportunity for small businesses to locate in the Village Zone.

Currier then presented the current and proposed boundary of the Cilleyville Village zone.

A short discussion followed with one attendee (Guillemette) stating that he opposed any changes. Another attendee (Schnare) stated that the fields east of Cilleyville Rd near Potter Place are beautiful and should be left out of the zone. An attendee (Boynton) thanked the board for their sensitivity to those who objected in last year's two hearings.

Conservation Commission

November 6, 2019

Condensed from approved minutes
Conservation Commission
Special Meeting

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

The plan is to present the ordinance to the Andover Planning Board next Tuesday, November 12, at 7:30 PM.

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Discussion of Wetland Ordinance Buffers

Comments from Earle Chase and Sandy Crystall: Do we present the draft using the scientifically justified buffers, or do we assume a smaller buffer may be more acceptable to town residents?

Motion made by Mary Anne: leave the buffer size as written, and as justified by scientific research. Seconded by Jenny: all in favor. The public hearings will determine the will of town residents.

All ordinances are ballot votes, so there is no additional discussion at Town Meeting. Once the public hearings occur, revisions are made to the ordinance that reflect the public hearing comments.

The ordinance allows landowners to get conditional use permits for many practices; however, there is no exception for the requirement that primary residences are not allowed in buffers.

Once the draft ordinance is presented to the Planning Board, they will decide if they want to proceed.

Section VIII B 4 & 5. Permitted Uses

The model ordinance says forest and agricultural practices are permitted if "best management practices" are being used. This raised the question: how do you know if best management practices are being used? There will be times when it will not be possible for a Town board to determine if a practice is threatening a wetland. We changed section XIII, B, 2 to say that the Planning Board could request help from the CC in securing a wetland scientist if needed.

Identification of Buffer XIII B

We agreed a wetland scientist is not needed in all circumstances. Earle Chase suggested a number of triggers for when a wetland scientist might be involved, and we have included them in new section XIII, C. The Planning and Select Boards need to be involved in finalizing this list.

The ordinance doesn't apply to vernal pools until they are delineated (mapped). Does the ordinance apply to what is mapped or what is actually "on the ground"? If a wetland scientist determines an area is a wetland and uses the NHDES rules to establish the boundaries, it is then added to the map and falls under the requirements of the ordinance. This process is in the ordinance. The maps are only a guideline.

Definition of Vegetated Buffer

Earle Chase stressed that the buffers must be marked, or there will be encroachment. Aside from this ordinance, we must mark the prime wetland buffers at Bog Pond and White Oak. Jesse will research metal markers which state "wetland buffer."

Boundary line markers should be visible from one marker to the next and remain for the duration of construction. Section XII, A and A, 5 and Section XIII were changed to incorporate this decision. Note that Section XIII says that markers can be obtained from the Town, so we need to have a supply available.

Overlay Boundaries, Impoundments and Ponds

Sections V, C and X, C. 3 of the ordinance have been revised to clarify that pre-existing ponds are exempt and the creation and maintenance of ponds is regulated by NHDES. A goal of this ordinance is to not include something already regulated and that has a permit by NHDES. If landowner gets a permit from DES for ponds or septic systems, we accept that as meeting the ordinance.

Shoreland Water Quality Act

Earle suggested that having additional restrictions for the Shoreland Water Quality Act would be confusing and that enforcement would be difficult. Motion made by Mary Anne to remove section 14C, Additional Restrictions to Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. Seconded by Jesse: all in favor.

At Earle's suggestion, we added not using hay mulch for re-vegetation. This is to avoid spreading unwanted or invasive seeds.

We did not include anything about reclamation work at Bog Pond.

We will send the color coded copy of the ordinance to Nancy Teach so she knows where the various elements came from.

At Planning Board Meeting

Mary Anne will explain the work and research that went into writing the ordinance, and that an important goal is to make it acceptable to the town. The base for this ordinance was the model ordinance in the innovative land techniques book. Added to this was information from the 1997 Guidebook to Municipalities and sections from other towns. All proposals are supported by wetlands ordinances in other towns and by scientific research.

Sandy Crystall has offered to come to a Planning Board meeting to answer questions. She is a wetlands expert at DES, a member of her town's planning board and conservation commission.

State law used to include a 100-foot buffer for prime wetlands, which was removed. Many towns have introduced ordinances that provide a buffer for wetlands.

The top 10 functions of a wetland will be given to the Planning Board.

Other Business

New mapper on DES: one stop wetlands planning mapper shows wetlands and all permits granted.

Year end expenditures: Jenny will look at tools, Jesse will look at markers Motion made by Jesse seconded

by Jenny: to approve all the changes to the ordinance that we discussed at this meeting, seconded by Jenny. Mary Anne will make changes and edits as discussed: all in favor.

Nancy Robart, Jesse Schust, Lee Wells, Jenny Bodwell, Wood Sutton

Guest: Barbara Richter
Concern about Eversource Activities

Wood Sutton expressed his concern about extensive Eversource work in East Andover. Lydia Morton (rep from Eversource) said that they were doing routine maintenance. Wood says that they are putting in an access road and he suspects that they are doing this without regard to wetlands and streams.

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Conservation Commission

November 13, 2019

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Members present: Mary Anne Broshek, Jerry Hersey, Tina Cotton,



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Meet the Artist: Sat. Feb. 8, 10-11 A.M. An opportunity to meet Molly Leith whose art will be hanging in the Hub hallway during February. Or stop in whenever the Hub is open.

First Friday Films: Fri. Feb. 7, 2:30 P.M. "RBG," the fascinating 2018 documentary about the life, career, and legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. All welcome, free. Plus popcorn!

Restorative Yoga Workshop: Sun. Feb. 23, 3-5 P.M. \$25. Pre-register to Julie Parenteau at julie@somavana.com. Great for recovering from an injury or just working out the kinks.

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

Knitting Circle: An informal knitting group meets on Thursdays, 6:30 P.M. Led by Andover resident Karen Lang who is also glad to help solve knitting problems or teach a new skill.

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

"Paris to Pittsburgh:" Fri. Feb. 7, 6:30 P.M. Sponsored by the Andover Energy Group, this film captures the inspiring ways Americans are responding to the climate challenge.

German Conversation Hour: Mon. Feb.24, 5-6 P.M. Info, Gisela Darling, 735-5681.

Karate for Kids, Teens & Adults: Ongoing classes on Mondays, kids ages 6-9, 4:45 P.M., older beginners 6 P.M., intermediate 7 P.M. \$65/month. Contact Gayle Fleming, 477-3174.

VNA Senior Health Clinic: Tues. Feb. 18, 10 A.M.-1 P.M. for foot care, blood pressure screenings, etc. For an appointment, call Concord VNA nurse Kerrin Pratt, 410-9834.

Bone Builders: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9-10 A.M. Men & women welcome, free of charge.

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Kevin Cook Wins 2019 Deer Pool

Beacon Staff

The Andover Fish and Game Club has announced the winners of the 2019 Deer Pool. Prizes went to 10 hunters, out of 30 who entered the pool. Winners are as follows: Kevin Cook 205 lbs.; Al Morgan 198 lbs.; Mike French Sr. 190 lbs.; Rob Stewart 187 lbs.; Cory Stafford 187 lbs.; Mike Demers 183 lbs.; Al Morgan 179 lbs.; Carol Morgan 179 lbs.; Frank Szilagyi 178 lbs.; Chuck Young 172 lbs.

After hunting season ended, a holiday party was held, complete with a pot luck supper, Yankee Swap, thank you speeches, and the presentation of plaques of appreciation to members Joe Cloutier and David "Smokey" Miller.

The club is always accepting new members. Dues are \$10 per year; meetings are the last Tuesday of each month at the Fish and Game Clubhouse. Contact Gordon Ordway for more information at Gordy03230yahoo.com.



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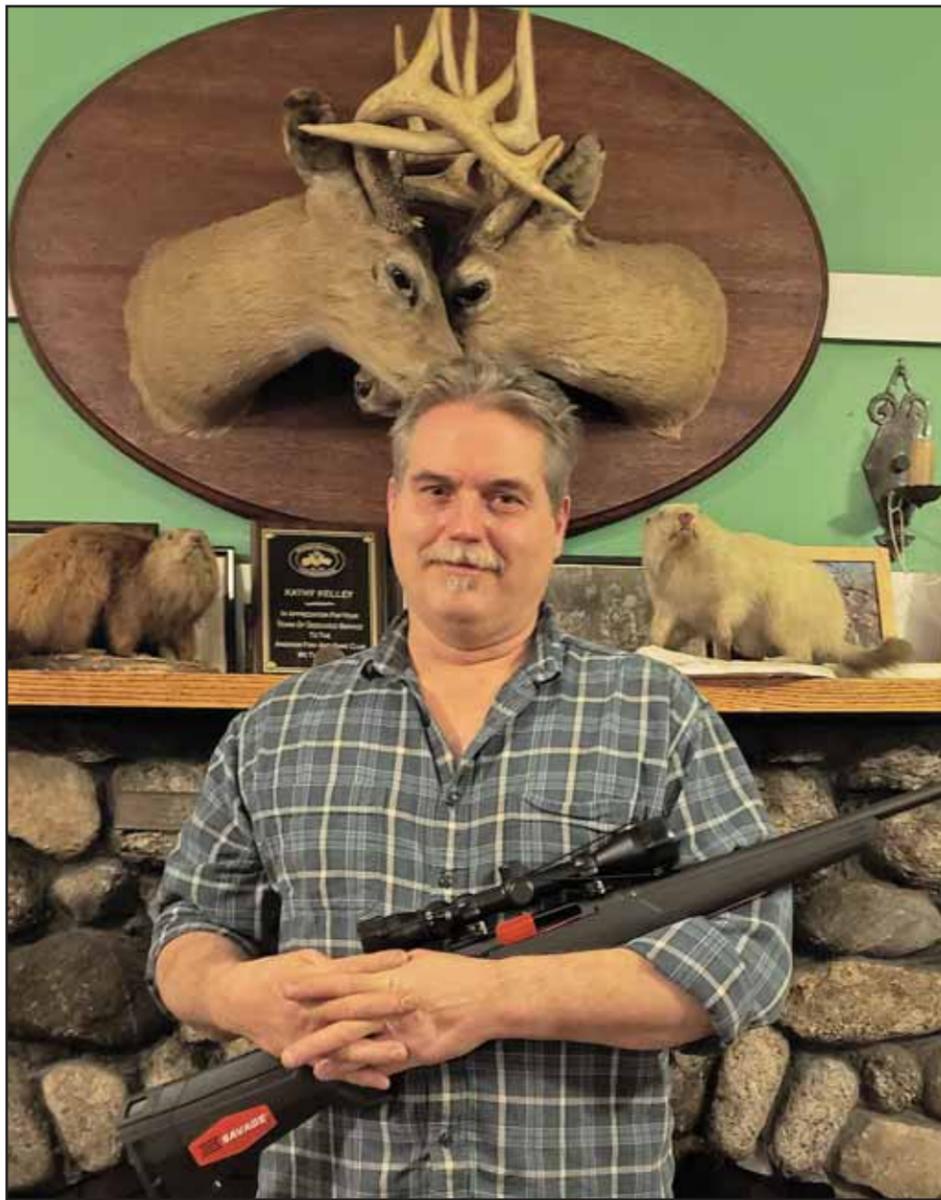
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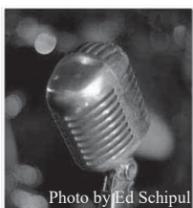
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Kevin Cook (top) won the Andover Fish and Game Club's Deer Pool for 2019. The deer he shot came in at 205 pounds. Club members Joe Cloutier (above, left) and David "Smokey" Miller each received a plaque of appreciation for their work with the club during 2019. Photos: Heather Wood



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Mario Ratzki (left, standing) and local state representative Ken Wells (right, standing) were among the 30 people from Andover and neighboring towns who met on January 18 at the Highland Lake Inn to discuss the upcoming Democratic primary. If anyone would like to join us for upcoming events, please contact Mario Ratzki at 735-5440 or MarioRatzki@gmail.com. Caption: Mario Ratzki



Signs directing attendees to their activities on a recent busy evening at the Hub show the diversity of offerings. Photo: Susan Chase

Pizza and Ideas at the Hub

Brainstorming session, February 9, 5 to 7 PM

Susan Chase

Everyone with thoughts about what they'd like to see The Andover Community Hub become in the future for the town of Andover – and who'd like to help it get there – is invited to a “Pizza & Ideas” brainstorming session on Sunday, February 9, 5 to 7 PM at The Hub. All who would like to take part in

sharing ideas – both regarding community needs and how they can help – are encouraged to attend.

A supper of pizza, salad, and dessert will be provided, as well as supervised quiet activities for children who accompany their parents.

Those who would like to attend are asked to RSVP by February 8, to theandoverhub@gmail.com, or to 735-5509, and to indicate if they will be bringing children with them and of what ages.

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Jesse requested and received the map outlining the scope of work and will contact Lydia Morton to discuss and schedule a site visit. Eversource should be going out and talking with Wood about concerns. In the past Eversource has been very proactive about contacting the ACC and sending letters to abutters. Lydia should do a site visit for the ACC, check in with Wood, and do an article for the *Beacon* to explain what they are doing.

The Conservation Commission has not seen any of the permits. The road is for their equipment. Eversource has detailed maps they work from. When they worked by Kearsarge Mountain Road in the past, they put down special mats to protect wetlands.

Barbara Richter, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, was invited to talk about Conservation Commissions and give us some tips and suggestions for future work. Handout: Effective Conservation Commissions. She wanted to know what we think a successful conservation commission is: (responses from Andover Conservation Commissioners):

A successful Conservation Commission:

- gets information to residents: articles in *Beacon* inform Andover residents and let them know what we do.
- oversight: looks out for possible regulation violations that members of this community might be making without the CC or the Town being aware of until notified by someone.
- is an advisory commission and not

a regulatory board.

- has a good natural resources inventory.
- has a good conservation plan that is part of the Master Plan.
- educates residents about conservation easements and helps with costs associated with conservation easements.
- has a good working relationship with ASLPT and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.
- monitors conservation easements held by the town of Andover. We have a commission member who is a good monitor (Derek Mansell).

Andover Conservation Commission goals:

- develop better relationships with other Town boards. We would like to encourage a member of the Planning Board to attend our meetings, so both boards can be better informed. We would like to be better informed on building permits. Some towns have it written into their ordinances that the Conservation Commission can have input in the building permitting process. The NRI (Natural Resources Inventory) should be consulted and reviewed when a new project is started. We would like to be helpful with this.
- we have a co-occurrence map updated in 2010; we would like to update and put it on QGIS.

Comments/responses/suggestions from Barbara Richter:

- there is a lot we can do on the ground. We are not expected to be wetland experts or engineers, but we can make suggestions on avoidance and minimization. An advisory role can be very important.
- there are towns that have 50 to 60%

of their land under conservation easements. Andover is at approximately 17%.

- Barbara can help with many issues when the ACC does not have sufficient expertise. Call her for help.
- Barbara sends a monthly e-newsletter for conservation commissioners who are in her database.

As we transition to a new Chair of the Conservation Commission:

- If money was donated to purchase land with the purpose of it being conservation land, then it cannot be sold. Mary Anne has a copy of every warrant article about conservation issues in a book/binder.
- We do not have bylaws or written procedures; Barbara can get us by-law samples. Mary Anne is in the process of writing up procedures for minutes, advertising for events, the budget process (including monitoring for Current Use penalty funds), and a yearly calendar.
- Some commissions have a chair as a contact person, but ask a different person to set the agenda and run the meeting every month.
- Having a supportive, sympathetic legislator can be important.
- Current Use can be a hot topic. Commissions need to be comfortable talking about it:

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Development in a compact area rather than sprawl can be a way of balancing growth with protected areas

Don't want to be anti-growth, but want to protect our natural resources

Trails

There are trails we can make the public aware of even if we don't own them: Class 6 roads; SRK trails; the Northern Rail Trail; the Proctor trails, which are open to the public.

If we do get into trails, Fish and Game has good information. They recommend creating an "ambassador trail," a less sensitive area for heavier public use, and keep more sensitive trails less public.

Anytime we switch our focus, Barbara can give us materials, so we should reach out to her. She is a good resource for us.

Commissions are limited as to how many members they can have, but may have numerous alternates and may create sub-committees whose members

are not members of the commission but have a regular member in charge of that committee.

Budget

Mary Anne handed out budget report as of 11/13. We will return the \$300 designated for monitoring the Verizon forest easement buffer to the town, but request it for 2020.

The following motions were made regarding new expenditures:

Tina made a motion that those who attended the annual NH Association of Conservation Commission meeting be reimbursed with the caveat that Nancy will be reimbursed after she attends 2 ACC meetings. Seconded by Jesse, all in favor.

Jerry made a motion that we purchase a new larger bulletin board for up to \$50. Seconded by Jenny, all in favor.

Jenny looked into tools for removing invasive weeds and provided a spreadsheet of various tools totaling in the \$853 to \$1,106 range. We could write a grant for them, or purchase them over time. If we only purchase one tool, Jenny recommends the Pullerbear Pro as it does a good job of uprooting invasive species.

Jenny made a motion to buy Pullerbear for up to \$160. The tool will be available for loan to all people in Andover. Motion was seconded by Lee, all in favor.

Jesse suggested that Belletetes might be able to help with purchasing tools in the future.

Lee will check with the Springfield Library as to how to they keep loaned tools clean to avoid spreading invasives.

For 2020 budget Jerry made a motion to request \$1,300 (\$300 for monitoring forest easement buffer easement), seconded by Jenny, all in favor.

Monitoring

Derek monitored Newman property boundary, Fenvale, and many of the Town easement properties. Jerry, Jenny, and Lee monitored the house lot area on October 20. Jerry checked with Jim McKenna about things identified as needed on the property: blazes, gate. Jim is willing to pay for much of this, but we need to get this in writing. Action item: Jerry will get Jim's agreement in writing.

Hopkins Pond Cyanobacteria

Larry gave Amanda McQuaide (Public Beach Program Coordinator NH Department of Environmental Services) a list of questions. She has answered, and Larry will turn her answers into an article for the *Beacon*.

Geoff Lizotte from the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, who lives in Wilmot, is very interested. He'd like to learn more and be a support. They believe this is caused by more rain (more nutrients) and higher temperatures from climate change. The Lake Sunapee Pro-

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Cindy Benson

Mr. Rogers said, "When you see something scary, look for the helpers." I can attest to the fact that when something bad happens, there are helpers to be found.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 11, a fire started in my 200-plus year old post and beam barn because of a careless error I made disposing of old wood stove ashes I thought were no longer live. (The Andover Fire Chief says it takes *two weeks* before you can be sure ashes are no longer combustible!)

Eighteen hours later, the fire started, at 1:30 PM. I was away at the time, but because of the amazing response of my neighbors, some strangers passing by, and an eight-town fire alarm, the fire was totally out 45 minutes later when I arrived home.

Thank You!

Thank you to "Boomer," the guy in the orange shirt from Franklin who was the first one on the scene, running over from the gas station when he heard someone say they saw smoke and knocking on all my doors to be sure no one was inside. He was also the last one on the scene because it turns out he's an electrician and was able to check everything in the barn and house and get my house back up and running.

Thank you to Brad Hardie, my next door neighbor and retired professional

fire fighter, who happened to be home on a weekday afternoon and arrived around the same time, calling 911. His expertise was invaluable.

And for the quick response of the Andover Fire Department right down the road and the other eight towns who sent their engines and volunteers, I am forever grateful!

Thank you to my daughter Lindsey Allenby, who came right over from work and called me, and for all the neighbors and friends who gathered to support her through the whole scare. Because of so many people, many I don't even know, my house is unscathed and my barn is still standing, although it remains to be seen what can be salvaged.

One neighbor offered their AirBnB space for eight days while my house was being cleaned from smoke damage; another neighbor offered her barn for temporary storage; other neighbors offered expertise and advice with insurance, construction, and decisions that have to be made.

I feel completely surrounded by supportive, competent, loving people, and I couldn't be more grateful. It will be a process to clean out and figure out the losses, but most importantly, I am safe, my house is intact, and I know without a doubt I live in the best neighborhood and town in the world!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! And be safe, everybody!

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tective Association is willing to give a talk. That would be a good outreach for the spring. Action item: Lee will look into this.

Eversource: Jesse will get back to Wood Sutton regarding his concerns and will also schedule a site visit with Eversource representatives.

Wetlands ordinance: Mary Anne did not present the possible ordinance to the Planning Board this month.

Paul Currier has volunteered to review the ordinance.

Question for Barbara Richter from Jenny: has anyone mapped high quality wetlands in Andover as a result of the legislation that was proposed in 2019? Action item: Mary Anne will check with Barbara to see what mapping was done in relation to 2019 proposed legislation of buffers for high quality wetlands.

Alan did work at Fenvale with Proctor students. They put in a bridge and cleared downed trees.

Co-occurrence map work: has been scheduled for this spring.

Alan and Jesse will work with Harvey Pine to update and transfer to QGIS. **NHACC conference**

Lee: two take-aways from two wetland workshops: 1. Commissions need to choose battles wisely, not all wetlands can be saved or protected, and commissions must decide which ones are worth the effort it will take to protect them; and 2. Logging operations can undo much of the best wetland conservation practices. Mary Anne noted that RSA 674:1J. VI limits planning boards from regulating logging operations.

Bog Pond: an abutter is interested in easements. We are trying to get conservation easements all around. Waiting to hear back from Elizabeth Harper from
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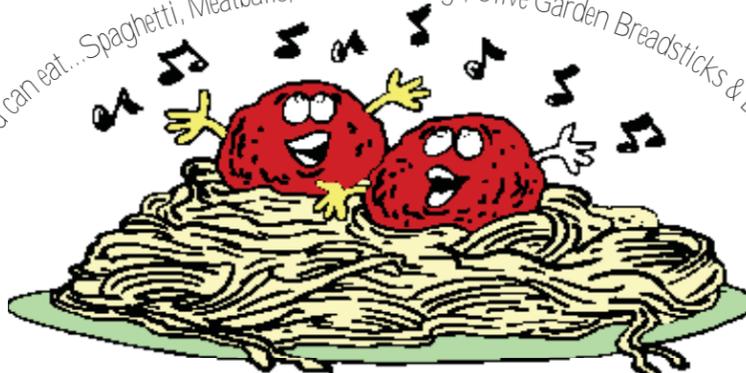


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Wilmot on mapping.

Town Report: Tina will write the Conservation Commission section for the Town Report.

White Oak: We will wait until the sale becomes final to mark the wetlands on the White Oak property. Earle Chase is on board to do marking, and we have earmarked funds for this. Earle said it is most important to mark the buffer. The Select Board has granted a 50-foot buffer for both Bog Pond and White Oak.

Gravel Excavation: Jesse will speak with Nancy Teach to see if the commission's letter is being considered.

Mary Anne's retirement: Mary Anne is organizing information for us and will write up areas of expertise for each member. Responsibilities need to fit into our schedules, and we should all aim for five hours per month.

December Meeting: We will meet in the library. Jesse will demonstrate GRANIT.

The new DES wetland permit mapping software can show every permit.

Vote on New Member: Motion by Mary Anne to have Nancy Robart become a regular member when Mary Anne leaves, effective January 1, 2020; seconded by Jesse; all in favor.

Conservation Commission

December 11, 2019

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Mary Anne Broshek, Jerry Hersey, Tina Cotton, Jesse Schust, Alan McIntyre, Jenny Bodwell, Lee Wells, Nancy Robart.

Bog Pond

Mapping: Lakes Region Planning Commission (Dave Jeffers) is taking over the mapping. Action item: Mary Anne will contact two Bog Pond Property owners in January.

Hopkins Pond

Cyanobacteria levels are now at a safe level. The signs have been removed and are stored in the CC filing cabinet. Larry Chase's article will appear in the Dec/Jan Beacon. We still don't know what caused the levels to spike as high as they did. Action item: Geoff Lizotte spoke with Jesse about his (Geoff's) willingness to test water sources next spring. Jesse will follow up next spring.

White Oak

Tina will be the main contact for the Select Board for meeting on this property. Action Item: Mary Anne will let Dave Blinn know that Tina is the contact. Once the meeting takes place, engage Earle Chase to mark prime wet-

lands and buffer. Funds for marking have been approved previously.

Eversource Update

Mary Anne contacted Lydia Morton (Eversource), and she will write an article for the Beacon and offered to conduct a site visit for CC members and other interested parties. Jenny reported that the site visit was cancelled due to snow, and it has not been rescheduled yet.

Jay Aube visited the site and wrote a letter to Eversource saying everything looked OK. Jay advised Mary Anne that Eversource is using the approved best practices for utilities and that the mats used by them to protect wetlands work well. Wood Sutton reports that Eversource has contacted him. They will work on his property in the spring and be in further contact then.

Outstanding Items

Beaver Deceiver article: Alan will work on an article over his winter break. Proctor is concerned that the Beaver Deceivers are not working. There have been clogs, and the school has made the decision to trap beavers. Action item: Alan will contact Skip and let him know of the problem with the Beaver Deceivers. Alan will let John Ferris know that Skip can help when there are problems. Schedule Vicky Mishcon or Skip Lisle to attend a future CC meeting to discuss how Beaver Deceivers work and ideas for best practices.

The maintenance of the Beaver Deceivers is becoming an issue. A maintenance schedule should be set up to check to make sure that they are working properly and that any issues are addressed. The Conservation Commission could go around and check on the Deceivers to see if they are becoming clogged, and then let the Town road crew know. The Beaver Deceivers do not stop flooding, they do stop the beavers from clogging things. Action item: Alan will check with Marj Roy as to who is supposed to be clearing the Beaver Deceivers.

Meeting with Town Clerk: Jenny checked with Bonnie Wesley, we will be getting Wetlands Permit information.

DES Wetlands planning mapper: Information provided by Barbara Richter: Power Point presentation is at www.nhacc.org/files/7415/7315/4782/NHDES_Wetlands_Permit_Planning__Online_Viewer_Tool_.pdf

The user guide is at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/documents/wppt-user-guide.pdf>.

Action Items: Jenny will be the point person for the wetlands planning mapper. Alan will look into whether or not it is something we want linked to our website.

Bylaws: Tina sent Barbara Richter an e-mail to thank her for coming to our meeting. Barbara sent some sample bylaws from other towns to Tina, who felt that they are unnecessary for us.

Wetlands Ordinance

In November, Mary Anne asked Barbara Richter if anyone has mapped high quality wetlands in the state. Barbara has replied that there is difficulty defining high quality wetlands and nothing has been mapped. Barbara thinks that HB486 (listing the attributes of a high value wetland) will most likely not be passed in the upcoming legislative session.

Wetlands Buffer Markers: In his comments on the Wetlands Ordinance, Earle Chase emphasized the importance of marking wetland boundaries and buffers. Action item: Jesse will get a proposal for wetlands markers for our January meeting. We will need them for White Oak and Bog Pond. Might we be able to use one well-worded marker for both buffer and boundary markers? Our current markers say "protected wetlands, do not disturb," so we might want to look for ones that say, "wetlands buffer, do not disturb."

Puller Bear Pro: (invasive plant removing tool) has arrived and is currently stored in the hallway between the library and the Town Offices. We will need an article in the Beacon to let people know that it is available. Action item: Jenny will write an article for the April Beacon.

Champagne gravel operation: Jerry, Mary Anne, the Planning Board, and two engineers from GZA (Geo Environmental Inc) did a site visit 11/21. Mary Anne asked that Nancy Teach give all the comments from our letter and the public hearings to the new engineers. Action item: Jesse will follow through with Nancy on this. The new engineering firm was hired by the Town to provide a third party opinion.

Jon Champagne says that he still intends to create a pollinator meadow on a couple of acres near/on Route 4. The Conservation Commission will need to follow up.

He is now talking five to six weeks of stone crushing a year. Earlier he said three weeks. He is supposed to bring in the actual equipment and do the noise testing at the property line to make sure he is not exceeding the 60 decibels limit. Jon is renting this equipment.

The operation will blast, crush, and remove gravel over many years. As the gravel is sold, the hill will be blasted and crushed to obtain more gravel. ZBA ruling states they can only crush for maximum 90 days a year. If the gravel doesn't sell, it will be less time.

The remainder of the meeting was spent going over materials Mary Anne gave to help us as we move forward without her. We are grateful to Mary Anne for all that she has done for the town and the Conservation Commission. Her leadership, guidance, and dedication will be sorely missed.

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School Board

December 3, 2019

Condensed from approved minutes

Board present: Dean Barker, Theresa Georges, Adam Jones, and Aimee Menard.

Administration present: Mark MacLean, Randy Wormald, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, and Judith Turk.

Public present: Tina Cotton, Molly Morgan, Linden Morgan, Azalea Morgan

Public Comment: Azalea Morgan, a second grade student, gave a statement regarding her personal concern for climate change and the efforts that she, her sister Ember, and her mother made during a recent bicycle trip to New York City with the goal of attending the United Nations Climate Summit. Molly elaborated on Azalea's statement, questioning the Andover School Board as to how concerned citizens could initiate a process to promote clean energy within the school community.

Board Chairperson's Report: Dean thanked Aimee and SAU Members for their participation in support of staff negotiations. He thanked Mark for calling the recent snow day on behalf of staff and students.

Principal's Report: Jane recapped successful November events including the Eighth Grade Community Action Fair, Grandparents Thanksgiving, and the Veterans Day Presentation. The Peace Poster winner for AE/MS is Asa Gilman. Seventh and eighth grade students have formed a partnership with *The Andover Beacon* to provide updated information on school happenings. Basketball season is underway, and December events will include a movie night, K-5 concert, and a dance. She is very grateful to the PTO for all of their support and plans for events and activities to benefit the school community.

Old Business

Upcoming meetings: The SAU Board Meeting will take place on Thurs-

day, December 5. On Wednesday, January 8, the ASB will hold their first meeting with the Budget Committee. On Wednesday, January 15 a Budget Hearing will be held at 7 PM at the Town Hall. The Annual School Meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, at AE/MS.

New Business

NHSBA Proposed Resolutions: A document was presented on behalf of the New Hampshire School Boards Association with proposed resolutions to be reviewed and discussed. Adam made the motion to support the NHSBA Proposed Resolutions and Theresa made the second. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

AESSA CBA: A tentative final meeting has been held with a proposed agreement in place. The agreement needs to be ratified by both parties before finalizing.

Superintendent's Report: Mark noted his recent attendance at the AE/MS Grandparents' Thanksgiving and at the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference. The Merrimack Valley and Andover School Districts were well represented.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Randy enjoyed participating in the Grandparents' Thanksgiving as a server, reconnecting with some community members from his history at the school. Regarding technology, he stated that security licenses will need to be updated and that other options are being researched. There is room in the current budget to cover these costs.

Action From Non-Public Session: Theresa made the motion to approve the ratified Andover Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement and to accept the negotiation proposal. Adam made the second. All were in favor and the ratified contract was approved by the ASB.

Aimee made the motion to accept the nomination of Hayley Clark for the Long Term Fifth Grade Substitute Teacher position for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Theresa made the second. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

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American Legion Post 101 Announces Award

Ronald Evans named Legionnaire of the year

Press release

At its meeting on December 17, 2019, Post Commander Bill Leber named Ronald Evans as the Legionnaire of the Year 2019, for his leadership and extraordinary effort to assist in many Post 101 projects, including the design and building of the POW-MIA Memorial which was donated to the Town of Andover and placed at the Andover Elementary/Middle School.

Ron has volunteered to fill in for other officers at various events as needed, which is greatly appreciated. Additionally, in recent years, Ron has assisted in

the Flag Day disposal of worn and unusable flags and performs as a member of our color guard, filling in as leader when necessary.

Ron has served as Post 101 Historian since the Post was reactivated and is present at all Post meetings "For the above reasons, and because Ron has been a dedicated and enthusiastic veteran who is willing to serve the Post 101 projects," stated Commander Leber, "it is my honor and pleasure to present the Legionnaire of the Year 2019 Award to Ronald Evans."

For more information, contact Bill Leber at 735-5144 or American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post 101, PO Box 463, Andover NH 03216.

Seven Acres Connects Danbury and Andover Easements

Contiguous wildlife corridor on Ragged

Press release

In 2002, Linford and Mary Ellin Stiles granted Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) a conservation easement on their 82-acre property in Danbury; in 2008, they transferred ownership of the property to Christopher and Jennifer Fore. In 2019, the Fore's purchased an adjacent 7-acre parcel and, on December 20, added this new acreage to the existing conservation easement.

The new parcel had been on the market for development, which could have impacted extensive wetlands on the east of the property. The property also has good forestry and agricultural soils. Placing a conservation easement on these acres not only protects these wetlands and soils, but this property is now

part of a block of contiguous conservation land creating a wildlife corridor that extends to ASLPT's Old College Road Preserve in Andover.

Landowner Chris Fore shares that Lin and Mary Ellin Stiles "were able to convince us we were the next stewards of Ragged Farm; this was not your typical real estate transaction, but, for the Stiles, the process of finding the next stewards to care for this incredible place."

The Fores pasture many domestic animals in addition to the abundant wildlife such as bear, moose, and snowshoe hare that regularly make their way into the fenced pastures, all adding to the value of this land.

With the addition of this property, ASLPT now protects 151 properties comprising 11,859 acres of land in the 12-town region that it serves.

Andover Community Church News for February

Pastor John Wagner completes 26 years

Sandy Miller

Andover Community Church

It's 2020! We wish you a very Happy New Year. May it be filled with joy, peace, good friends, and good health.

The Andover Community Church held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, following church services. This concluded Pastor John Wagner's 26 years of service at the church. It was a day we knew was coming, but we certainly weren't looking forward to it.

All of us at the Church wish him and his family a happy and blessed retirement. We will be holding a farewell party for him and his wife, Amy, sometime in March, date as yet not determined.

While searching for a new full-time pastor, Father Bill Blomquist will be our interim minister. He and his wife, Cinnamon, will be moving from Epping to this area, and he will assume Church duties on February 2. We would love to have you come and meet them.

On Sunday, January 5, several of our Church members were confirmed in the Anglican faith. At the direction of the Bishop of the ADNE, Andrew Williams, and after public affirmation of their baptismal promises, those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions were received into the Anglican Church with prayer and laying on of hands by the Bishop.

Some people from our Church attended the "March For Life" rally on January 11, in Concord in support of the pro-life movement.

"Second Saturday for Guys" will be held on February 8, from 8 AM 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 don't hesitate to bring friends. Call Bob Grover at 470-7248 for questions.

The Andover Community Church does have a prayer chain. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call Ginny Newton at 934-3171, and she will begin the calling chain.

Prayer walks for Franklin continue on Fridays, meeting at Franklin City Hall at 5 PM. Also, Healing Prayer Ministry is available after worship service on Sundays, or by appointment. Speak with Linda Wickstrom at 286-8695.

Remember, you are always welcome at the Andover Community Church. Feel free to call the Church office at 735-5160 to speak with the pastor 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.

Thought for the day: "Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there." Proverbs 16:18-19.

South Danbury Church News and Worship Schedule

Winter weather contacts and notices

Press release

Sunday worship at 11 AM will continue throughout the winter. On stormy Sundays, call or text to 491-3196 to be sure there will be a service at the church.

If you would like to receive our weekly e-mail news, or to be notified of church events, please let us know with a short message to SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook at "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church." And whenever you

see any activity at the church, please do stop by for a visit!

Our Friday Evening Speaker (and music) Series will resume in the spring, when weekend weather conditions are more stable.

The South Danbury Church, located at 1411 US Route 4 in South Danbury, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, UCC. Please contact us if you need a ride or other assistance to attend worship or events. We'll be happy to help.

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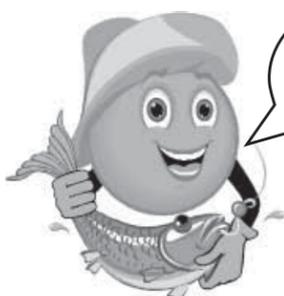
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Winter Restorative Yoga Offered

Monthly, on Sundays starting February 23

Press release

A series of monthly Sunday afternoon restorative yoga workshops will be offered at The Andover Community Hub on February 23, March 29, and April 26, from 3 to 5 PM.

The workshops will be led by Julie Parenteau, yoga instructor, energy healer, and former Andover resident. She says about the classes, “You’ll explore the ranges of motion of your body through stretches supported with yoga props and enhanced with hands-on Reiki. Breath work and meditation will be included throughout the class to create a calm, meditative space. All are welcome. The gentle pace of this class is great for anyone recovering from an injury or simply working out the kinks that life can leave on our bodies.”

Julie’s own early diagnosis with rheumatoid arthritis led her to seek natural routes of healing including yoga,

which she calls a “wonderfully simple and accessible healing modality,” and which continues to be a regular part of her own health-care regimen. She began teaching yoga in 2014 and currently teaches in Newport, Maine. Her day job is as a graphic designer, and she also loves gardening, hiking, camping, and boating.

The fee for each class is \$25, which can be paid by check or cash at the door, although class size is limited. Pre-registration is required by contacting the instructor at juliesomavana.com, at 207-399-4548, or at fb.com/somavanayoga. For information about The Hub, located at 157 Main St., contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com.

Yoga props used in the classes will be available at The Hub, although participants are encouraged to bring their own mats if they prefer. Participants should wear warm, cozy layers (socks are often worn in this class) that allow them to move freely.



Documentary Film Portrays Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Film being shown on February 7 at Hub

Press release

On Friday, February 7, the documentary film *RBG* will be shown at 2:30 PM as part of the monthly First Friday Film series at The Andover Community Hub. A documentary about the exceptional life, career, and enduring legal legacy of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the film follows Ginsburg’s journey from her girlhood in Brooklyn to her appointment to the highest court in the land, becoming an unexpected cultural icon known fondly as “the Notorious RBG” along the way.

One review said, “This riveting, surprisingly touching documentary reveals how the quiet, intense Ginsburg became one of the most iconic Supreme Court justices in American history.”

The film *RBG* was directed, written, edited, shot, and produced by women, and premiered at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival. It was chosen by the National Board of Review as the Best Documentary Film of 2018, and earned Academy Award nominations for Best Documentary Feature and Best Original Song (“I’ll Fight”).

First Friday Films are open to all, free of charge (although small donations are much appreciated), and light refreshments are served.



2018 Film *Paris to Pittsburgh*

February 7, 6:30 PM, Andover Community Hub

Press release

On Friday, February 7, the Andover Energy Group (AEG) will show the 2018 film *Paris to Pittsburgh* at the Andover Community Hub, starting at 6:30 PM, with pizza and beverages provided. *Paris to Pittsburgh* was produced by National Geographic, using the tag line “The Climate for Change is Now” to bring to life the impassioned efforts of individuals who are battling the most severe threats of climate change in their own backyards.

Set against the national debate over the energy future of the United States – and the decision to exit the Paris Climate

Agreement – the film captures what’s at stake for communities around the country and the inspiring ways Americans are responding to the challenge.

The AEG is sponsoring this film and a short discussion afterwards to encourage Andover residents to think about what they can do as individuals to lower their use of fossil fuels. The AEG also hopes to focus attention on efforts to pass a petition warrant article at Andover’s Town Meeting on March 10 in support of the Carbon Cash-Back initiative (NH House Bill 735) currently being developed by the state legislature.

For more information on this important initiative and the supporting warrant article, see the related article on page 10.



VNA Holds January Health Clinic

February 18 at the Andover Hub

Press release

The Concord Regional VNA is holding a Senior Health Clinic at the Andover Community Hub, located at 157 Main Street in Andover, on Tuesday, February 18, from 10 AM to 1 PM.

All Senior Health Clinic services

are provided for a suggested donation of \$10, however; these services are provided regardless of a person’s ability to pay.

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Memorial Kids' Ice Fishing Derby

February 29; registration starts at 9 AM

Press release

The Andover Fish and Game Club is sponsoring its 36th Annual Willis Nowell Memorial Kids' Ice Fishing Derby at Eagle Pond in Wilmot (off of Rte. 4) on Saturday, February 29, with a bad weather date of Sunday, March 1.

The Derby is for kids 15 and under. Registration starts at 9 AM, and the Derby runs from shortly after 9 AM to 12 PM. Tackle and bait will be provided.

There will be plenty of free food and drink, along with lucky prizes, ribbons, and trophies that will be awarded. Please join us for a great time for kids and family. If you have any questions, call 603-496-4494.

What the Andover Fish and Game Club is all about:

The Andover Fish & Game club was started in 1933 and is one of the oldest clubs in New Hampshire. Anyone can join, and membership is currently \$10 a year. Each year we have various fundraisers, events for kids and members alike, and community minded projects.

Each year we have a Beef Barbecue

& Chinese Auction, Turkey Raffle, and other raffles that help us make money to have the events for the kids and the members. Money is also needed for general expenses, upkeep, and improvements to the club house.

We provide activities for the community each year including an ice fishing derby and a spring trout fishing derby for the kids, plus a member-anyone trout ice fishing derby. Four kids are being sent this summer, for a week, to the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin. This Camp has a wide variety of themes, such as shooting sports, fish camp, on the wild side, hunter education, north country adventure, and junior conservation officer. Additionally, we hold a rabies clinic, a deer pool, and an adopt-a-highway stretch of road that we clean up on Route 11. Informational speakers and seminars are hosted on a wide range of topics. We have also assisted the local game wardens in a variety of ways.

Our meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Clubhouse in East Andover by the Highland Lake channel. If you have any questions, or if you would like to join our club, call 934-4961. 

FNRT Minutes for January 15

Condensed from draft minutes

Board attendees: Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, George Heaton, Myra Mayman, Chris Norris, Jack Shields. By external link: Lindy Heim, Charles Martin

Loyal Rail Trail supporters in attendance: Ricker Miller, Patrice Rasche, Steve Rasche

Routine Business Matters

Treasurer's Report. The unanimously approved Treasurer's report by Steve Darling found FNRT-MC to be "in good financial shape." A year-end tally from 2019 showed donations higher than ever – about \$15,000 for the calendar year – as well as an increase in grants.

We note with gratitude the inclusion of FNRT-MC in memorials, including the generous example of a memorial to James Angwin, a devoted Trail user and supporter.

The positive financial situation of FNRT-MC at this moment represents good news for the Trail. Except for extremely slight administrative costs, all donations and grants to FNRT-MC go toward its maintenance and improvement. Because Nature makes continuing demands, and diverse users of the Trail suggest new initiatives, FNRT-MC continues to plan and expend for Trail purposes – as discussed below.

Issues and Projects

Culverts, Ditches, Bridges, Railings, and Surfaces. Planning is beginning now for the maintenance and improvement work that is always necessary in the spring/summer/fall. In particular, \$5,000 will be added to budget projections to repair the bridge over Route 127 in Franklin.

Work to restore the railings of two bridges in Danbury – one, worn down over time; and a second, damaged by unknown vehicles – was completed before the end of the year. As the unforeseen vehicular damage caused cost to exceed the predicted budget, payment for the entire repair project, completed by TE Austin Associates of Danbury, was newly authorized.

State of New Hampshire "Brushing Back." This past fall, the State of New Hampshire undertook "brushing back" along the length of the Trail. We understand that the State will continue to do this work in the future.

2020 Recreational Trails Program Grant Application. Jack Shields and Lindy Heim have been hard at work assembling materials for a grant application to New Hampshire RTP this spring. The purpose of this grant is to construct a new culvert, with associated ditchwork and tree removal, at Eagle Pond, to solve the drainage problems and water damage to the Trail that recur

in this area.

With an assumed June 2020 application date – not yet specified by the State – Jack Shields is soliciting plans and bids from contractors. Lindy Heim has prepared letters of support to submit to Select Boards in all the towns along the Trail, and various Board members agreed to do so for their towns.

Reporting FNRT-MC Financials.

Over the past few months, discussion has taken place among the Board as to the best and most appropriate ways to report the financial position of FNRT-MC to its interested public. The goals we work toward are transparency, clarity, and feasibility.

With this in mind, Alex Bernhard offered a motion that captured our consensus: include the Federal Tax Form 990 (due yearly from all 501(c)(3) charitable entities) on the FNRT-MC website, with the notation: Additional details are freely available upon request at infonrnt.org.

E-bike Charging Stations. With increased use of e-bikes, the need for charging stations grows. Happily, two Trail Hospitality Centers – the Danbury Country Store and the Highland Lake Inn – are now established as charging points.

Recognizing the need for signage to direct Trail users to these and other sites, Jack Shields will procure and install such signs, with the vote of up to \$200 expenditure authority.

External Activities of Importance

The New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition. Charles Martin, founder of the New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition, gave a valuable report on its current activities, which are blossoming in size and scope. In addition, Ricker Miller reported on his participation in the recent Coalition conference, and his pledge of membership by FNRT-MC. We are happy to be part of this worthy endeavor, and urge a look at the (new!) web site: NHRTC.org.

Andover Historical Society/MUSE (MUSEums Sharing Experience). These organizations are sponsoring a yearlong project called "All Aboard" to celebrate the impact of the railroad in our area, and its effect on culture, economy, and other aspects of local life. FNRT-MC applauds this effort.

Rail Trail Extension from Boscawen into Concord. It is noted that the discussion of this long-desired extension of the Northern Rail Trail continues to be ongoing in the City of Concord.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, at 7 PM at The Hub in Andover. All are invited! No meetings are scheduled for February or March. 



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Andover Libraries Page

Through the Reading Glasses - February 2020

Janet Moore, Library Trustee

Wow, 2020, certainly hoping for a clearer outlook on the world now! So let's begin with Bill Bryson, who takes us on an interior world view in *The Body: A Guide for Occupants*. In his usual anecdotal fashion, he sets out to describe the functioning, the healing, and ultimately

the failings of the human body. Given the delightful tours he's offered in his previous books: the Appalachian Trail, England, the flora and fauna of Australia, the cosmos, I've no doubt this tour guide will be a pleasure to digest.

Skip along to a wider view, and you encounter Susan Straight in her memoir,

In the Country of Women. Marriage to her African-American, basketball star, high school sweetheart, led her on a course to discover their ancestors, and especially the women who led the families onward. We learn the word, "biraderi," a Pakistani term for the complexities of families and clans. Her children were raised

by a larger community than the biological family, and this book is her tribute to the intertwined relationships that help us grow into adulthood and beyond.

And by the way: a generous donor dropped off over 60 children's books to the Bachelder Library, just to share with the kids, just so you know... 

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

Criss Cross, James Patterson
Genesis, Robin Cook
A Minute to Midnight, David Baldacci
Beating About the Bush, MC Beaton
In the Midst of Winter, Isabel Allende
Say Nothing, Brad Parks
Fresh Snow on Bedford Falls,
GL Gooding
The Rosie Result, Graeme Simsion
A Summer in Sonoma, Robyn Carr
Escape from Five Shadows,
Elmore Leonard

Adult Nonfiction

Coming of Age: My Journey to the

Eighties, Madeleine May Kunin
My Family and Other Animals,
Gerald Durrell
How to Make and Keep Friends,
Nadine Briggs and Donna Shea
Celibacy: A Love Story, Mimi Bull

Children's Books

Who Was Ulysses S. Grant?,
Megan Stone
Who Was Thomas Alva Edison?,
Margaret Frith
Who Was Charles Dickens?, Pam
Pollack and Meg Belviso
Who Was Wolfgang Amadeus Mo-
zart?, Yona Zeldis McDonough
Dog Man Fetch-22, Dav Pilkey
A Special Day for Grandparents,
Genevieve Aguon Arbitrario
House of Robots, James Patterson

Mystery Books Being Offered by Libraries for February

Do you dare go on a
blind date with a book?

Press release

February is Valentine's month! Do you have fond memories of a blind date? Did you meet a special person that way?

During the month of February stop

by either Andover Library and pick up a mystery book. Both libraries will have books in paper bags with a minimal description of the book.

Take a chance, check out a book, and make a small donation to the library if you wish. Hot Chocolate will be served all month at the Bachelder Library in East Andover. 

Andover Library News and Views

Lee Wells and Priscilla Poulin

Happy 2020! With the start of a new year come New Year's Resolutions. Please allow us to suggest a couple; both have to do with reading, of course.

Resolve to be more environmentally friendly. Don't purchase books, check them out from the library. If we don't have it, we can either order it to add to our collection or request it through the State Library's Inter-Library Loan program.

Spend less time on your smartphone and more time reading! Study after study shows that spending less time on a smartphone is better for us in many ways (lifehack.org/articles/productivity/16-reasons-reduce-your-mobile-dependence.html), and we all know that reading is good for us (capcana.com/news/10-benefits-of-reading-why-you-should-read-every-day/)

Best Books of 2019: The best books of 2019 are on display at the W. A. Bachelder Library. Titles were collected from our own circulation records, and best seller lists from the *New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Washington Post*, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. Stop by to see how many of the best sellers you have read. We're sure you can find many titles that you haven't read yet. Be sure to visit the library and check them out.

Book Club: On Wednesday, February 26, at 7 PM, the Book Club will meet at the Bachelder Library in East Andover to discuss Madeline Miller's

Circe.

In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child - not powerful, like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, she discovers that she does possess power - the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves (Amazon).

Considered by many organizations, ranging from the *New York Times* to the *Christian Science Monitor* to be one of the best books of 2019, *Circe, [is] a bold and subversive retelling of the goddess's story that manages to be both epic and intimate in its scope, recasting the most infamous female figure from the Odyssey as a hero in her own right* (*New York Times*).

Please join us.

Upcoming Events

February: Do you dare go on a blind date with a book? Stay tuned for more information in next month's newsletter.

March: March Madness: earn a raffle ticket for every visit you make to the libraries to check out materials.

WABL Walkers: We are still walking every Monday and Wednesday, weather permitting. Please join us at 9:30 AM at the WA Bachelder Library as we head up Chase Hill Road. This is a hilly walk with fantastic views. 

Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

Agent Running in the Field,
John LeCarre
*The Book Woman of Troublesome
Creek*, Kim Michele Richardson
The Boy, Tami Hoag
Have You Seen Luis Velez?,
Catherine Ryan Hyde
Olive, Again, Elizabeth Strout
Stealth, Stuart Woods
Toward the Light, Bonnar Spring
The Devil's Cave; Fatal Pursuit;
The Patriarch; A Taste for Ven-
geance, Martin Walker

Adult Nonfiction

Finding Chika, Mitch Albom
Cruising New Hampshire History,
Michael Bruno
*New Hampshire's Historical
Covered Bridges*, Conrad Young
Northeast Passage, Clyde H. Smith
The Body: A Guide for Occupants,
Bill Bryson
Democracy in Chains,
Nancy MacLean
Grandma Gatewood's Walk,
Ben Montgomery
*With Passion: An Activist Lawyer's
Life*, Michael Meltsner
A Woman of No Importance,
Sonia Purnell

Young Adult

Dog Man Fetch-22, Dav Pilkey
*Ranger's Apprentice: The Royal
Ranger, Duel at Araluen; The Red
Fox Clan*, John Flanagan
Refugee, Alan Gratz
Making Bombs for Hitler,
Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

Children's Books

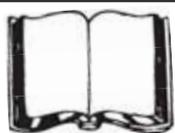
*The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the
Horse*, Charlie Mackesy
The Christmas Wish, Lori Evert and
Per Breiehagen
Eloise in Paris, Kay Thompson and
Hilary Knight
The Going to Bed Book,
Sandra Boynton
How to Babysit a Grandpa,
Jean Reagan
The Jolly Postman, Allan Ahlberg
and Janet Ahlberg
Maybe, Kobi Yamada and Gabriella
Barouch
The Night Before Christmas,
Clement Moore illustrated by
Tasha Tudor
*Peppa and the Big Train; Peppa's
First Colors*, Eone
When Grandma Gatewood Took a Hike,
Michelle Houts and Erica Magnus

DVDs

The Ladykillers
Where'd You Go, Bernadette
The Art of Racing in the Rain

School Matters!

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



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Local Artisans Exhibit Their Crafts at the Thrift and Gift Shop

Valentine's gifts galore; gems, lace, and more

Robin Boynton

Andover Service Club Thrift & Gift Shop features the unique creations of talented Artisans, in addition to their wide selection of women's and children's gently worn apparel and jewelry. Come see the February Artisans and find that perfect gift for your Special Valentine!

Emma Chase Designs will be presenting artisan jewelry designed with beautiful stones such as amethyst, amazonite, and Czech glass. Their collection includes necklaces, earrings, and more. They use sterling for all earring wires, but often use other metals such as Tibetan silver for the piece itself.

Brenda Fox of the Crafty Fox in Andover will have a variety of items crafted from lace, including jewelry and bowls. She also has hand and tote bags, wallets, and other accessories, with a quick turn-around, custom embroidery is available on all items.

Beryl Sanborn of Whimsy Garden Art recreates items from vintage glassware, and also makes sand dollar and starfish ornaments, great for any beach party or wedding favors, wine bottles in many colors that are 'slumped' (flattened) for cheese boards, lavender sachets to help with sleep, and comical "Over the Hill" dolls!

Back by popular demand are Diane Seamans of DSigns with silk eco printed scarves and note cards, along with Ronnie MacLean from RJM Woodworks with fine crafted wood boxes, cooking utensils, jewelry, and more.

Whether you need a new outfit, a gift, or a card, we have it! Shop locally and support your community Artisans and the non-profit Andover Thrift & Gift.

Visit us Tuesday to Thursday, 10 to 4 PM, and Saturday, 10 to 2 PM. Located beside the Andover Elementary/Middle School, 26 School Street, Andover.

Interested in being a featured Artisan with our shop? Contact us at asc@thriftandgift.com.



Andover, Danbury, Salisbury Republicans Meet February 12

Press release

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, at 6:30 PM at the Andover Community Hub on Main Street in Andover, next door to Pizza Chef.

The guest speaker will be the Honorable Lynn Blankenbecker. She is one of the candidates running for CD2, US Congressional Seat.

Refreshments will be served.



Andover Service Club News and Announcements

Eileen Mackey, Secretary

The Andover Service Club met at the 74 Main Restaurant in New London for their annual Christmas luncheon. It was a very enjoyable event. The food was delicious, there was a festive feeling in the room, and all spent a very pleasant time dining, chatting, and laughing with friends.

In between courses, a brief business meeting was held. The Thanksgiving Pie sale was very successful as usual and added a nice profit to our scholarship fund. Kitty Kidder said that so far volunteers have baked 40 cakes for the Proctor Academy birthday fundraiser! Our next fundraiser will be at the Primary Election in February.

A big highlight of the luncheon was the drawing of the names of the winners of the Basket Raffle. Sandy Miller had done an excellent job in preparing not only three baskets, but many small gift bags containing gift certificates donated by local businesses, totaling 10 prizes in all! Congratulations to the lucky winners.

The Christmas luncheon would not be complete without the singing of Christmas carols. Margo Coolidge, playing her guitar, led us on a few of our favorites. We were all in great voice and enjoyed singing with our friends. After the delicious dessert, everyone wished a Merry Christmas to all.

After all the excitement of the holidays, things are fairly quiet with the Service Club. We are now looking forward to our next fundraiser, which will be a bake sale on February 11, Primary Day.

We appreciate the support of the community in making these events successful.

The club is now in its 60th year and has been contributing to the town and surrounding area with contributions to many organizations. We look forward to many more years of service to Andover and would welcome any ladies in the area who would like to join us in this worthy endeavor.

Raffle Information:

Sandy Miller is enclosing an addition to the Basket Raffle held on December 12. She would like to thank all who donated: Hannaford's Supermarket, Grevior Furniture, May Garden Restaurant, Pizza Chef, Naughty Nellie's Kitchen, Belletete's, Bar Harbor Bank, The Refinery Restaurant, JJ's Market and Deli, Danbury General Store, Lis Ann's, and Alley Oops. Congratulations to all the winners: Brenda Jurta, Jane Walker, Danny Nelson, Kim Miller, Robin Boynton, Kathy Kelley, Pat Fleury, Donna Duclos, Heather Fritzky, Kerry Rainville, and Nancie Jacobson.

Thanks to Sandy for all the work and effort in making the raffle a success.

Scholarships:

"ASC will be commencing the application process for the award of scholarships for the coming 2020-2021 academic year. Applicants must be legal residents of Andover and enrolled in any continuing education program. Application forms will be available in early February at Merrimack Valley High School, Proctor Academy, Andover Elementary/Middle School, and the ASC Thrift and Gift Shop, as well as the *Beacon* website."

The Andover Thrift & Gift Shop:

Shop locally and support community Artisans and the nonprofit thrift shop. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 AM to 4 PM, and Saturday 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 womens and childrens clothing. We no longer carry men's clothing or footwear in the shop, but if received we will donate those items to the Hydrocephalus Foundation.



Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon

Next one is February 20 at WCA Red Barn

Press release

The fun-filled luncheons serving seniors in the Kearsarge area continue to take place at the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) Red Barn at 11:30 AM on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next one is scheduled for February 20. Don't miss this chance to get out of the house, enjoy a hot lunch, and schmooze with friends.

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 New London Council on Aging at 526-6368 by February 10.

Door prizes, table flower arrangements, 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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OBITUARIES

RONALD F. WALSH, of Wellesley and New Silver Beach, passed on December 5, 2019. Husband of Carol C. (Curtin) Walsh. Devoted father of Michael C. Walsh and his wife Rebecca of Andover; Susan W. Galvin and her husband John of Needham; Sarah W. Maxwell and her husband John of Wellesley. Loving grandfather of Jack, Reilly, Ronan, Sean, and Patrick. Son of the late Alfred and Catherine (Kiley) Walsh. Brother of the late Marie Ezekiel.

Ron was a graduate of Boston College Class of 1960, where he played varsity hockey. He was a longtime coach for Wellesley Youth Sports.



A Funeral Mass was held at St. John the Evangelist Church in Wellesley on December 13. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Ron's memory to Buddy Dog Humane Society, 151 Boston Post Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776 or to a charity of your choice. For online guest book, visit gfdoherty.com.

JANE THOMPSON CURRIER, 87, passed away on December 18, 2019 at Whitaker Place in Penacook.

Jane was born in East Andover, on January 29, 1932, the daughter of Alan and Florence Thompson. She grew up in East Andover, graduating from Andover High School and then Keene State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.



Her first four years of teaching were in small, remote villages in Alaska as part of the United States Government Civil Service Program. When she returned to New Hampshire, she taught elementary school in Franklin, Andover, Boscawen, and Londonderry, and then first grade in Salem for 22 years, retiring to her home in Salisbury in 1990.

She enjoyed gardening, reading, sewing, baking, walking, and swimming at Highland Lake in East Andover.

She was a member of the Salisbury Congregational Church and served on several of the Church's committees over the years. She was a member of the Salisbury Ladies Aid, Friends of the Library Group serving on its Building Committee, belonged to the Historical Society, was very involved in Salisbury Old Home Day events, and was named Salisbury's Citizen of the Year in 2004.

She moved to Loudon in 2016. Jane was predeceased by her husband of over 50 years, Wally Currier, who died in 2012.

She is survived by her daughter, Fawn Currier Peterson, and husband, Drew, of Loudon; two grandchildren, Tasha Jane Hilson and Steven LeClair; one step grandchild, Kristina Peterson; and three great grandchildren. She loved spending time with her family and actively participating in their lives.

Jane also leaves her sister, Carolyn Currier of Hampstead, and brother, Mark Thompson of East Andover, as well as other family and longtime friends. She was predeceased by her sister, Madelyn Baker, and brother, John Thompson.

A memorial service was held on January 11, 2020 at the Salisbury Congregational Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Salisbury Congregational Church.

Her ashes will be buried at a later date at the East Andover Cemetery where her husband, parents, siblings and other family members have been laid to rest.

CAROL LEE ANDRUS (HURD), 73, of Andover, died peacefully on Saturday, December 28, 2019, after an extended illness.

Born December 25, 1946, in New London, she was a daughter of the late Lynwood Alsus Hurd and Jean Marguerite (DeLong) Hurd and predeceased by her sister Linda Ray Roberts.



She was a graduate of Concord Commercial School, Concord, and worked as a vet tech at Pleasant Lake Veterinary Clinic, where she enjoyed caring for the animals. She later worked at New London Trust as a teller, and went on to Kearsarge Telephone Com-

pany from which she retired. Carol put most of her energy into raising her two boys and being a homemaker.

She enjoyed spending time with family and sharing stories with her grandchildren. Carol loved animals, especially dogs and horses. She was an avid rider and competed as a horse jumper for a short time. Carol owned and had great affection for many horses and ponies throughout her life. She especially enjoyed watching the wildlife that frequented her property, which includes a small pond where she'd observe deer, geese, bear, moose, and turtles that would migrate onto land to lay their eggs.

Carol is survived by her husband Bryant Andrus; her son Matthew Andrus, his wife Karen Andrus and grandchildren Garrett, and Gabriel Andrus of Walpole; and son Corey Andrus, wife
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Feb 16: CARISSA – “Being in the World”
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Feb 23: Rev. DICK DUTTON - “Fruits of the Spirit”
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Susan Andrus and grandchildren Charlotte, and Sydney of Bel Air, Maryland. Carol is also survived by her siblings Lynwood Hurd, Eugene Hurd, Marilyn (Hurd) Barselle, and Frederick Hurd.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held at a date to be determined in the Spring of 2020.

PALMER "PINKY" PORTER, 86, of North Sutton passed away at New London Hospital on Saturday, December 28, 2019.

He was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts on August 20, 1933, the son of Harold and Dorothy Porter.

Palmer was very proud of serving in the United States Air Force



during the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion Post #40. He loved fishing, golf, football, and woodworking.

He was well known as Clerk of the Works for the Derry School District, Sunapee Middle High School, Tracy Memorial Library, Hillsboro-Deering School District, and Kearsarge Regional School.

Members of his family surviving include his wife of 24 years, Rebecca French of North Sutton; son-in-law, Scott Sleath of Andover; daughter-in-law, Kelsey Mealey of Park City, Utah; a son, Brian Porter of Maine; grandkids, Nicholas, Christopher, Brittany; a daughter, Cindy Lumis.

There will be Military Honors conducted by the American Legion Post #40 at a later date.

CHRISTOPHER BRAY TODD, 46, of Far Hills, New Jersey, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

He was born in Morristown, New Jersey on August 6, 1973, a son of the

late John R. and Frances "Fay" Abbey Starr Todd. He grew up in Far Hills and had lived in Peapack before moving back to Far Hills five years ago.

Chris attended Proctor Academy in Andover, and Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts.

A lifelong artist, he specialized in photography and oil painting. Chris loved all things cars including racing, fixing and collecting them.

He was a member of the Essex Hunt Club and the Somerset Lake and Game Club.

He was predeceased by his father, John R. Todd in 1988, and by his mother, Frances "Fay" Abbey Starr Todd in 2014.

Chris is survived by his wife, Jesenia Todd; a son, Christopher West "Westy" Todd; and two stepsons, Jeffrey and Jaeden Alpizar, all of Far Hills; a sister, Mary Starr Todd Ganzenmuller and her husband, Peter, and two nephews, Peter and John Todd Ganzenmuller, all of New York City.

A memorial service was held at the Lamington Presbyterian Church in Bedminster, New Jersey, on January 6.

Memorial contributions may be made to Proctor Academy, PO Box 389, Andover NH 03216.

ROBERT ALAN ELENOWITZ, 84, of Waterford passed away at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital January 14, 2020. He was the son of the late Maye and Harry Elenowitz of New London, Connecticut.

Bob attended local schools in New London, Connecticut and graduated from New London High School in 1953. Bob was employed by Pfizer in Groton for 39 years in which 22 of those years he was a driver taking its VIPs to Pfizer World Headquarters in New York City. Upon his retirement in 1992, he still enjoyed taking people to various meetings, events, doctor's appointments, and hospitals.



On April 20, 1958, he married Shirley Snitkin at Levy's Grand View Hotel in Colchester. They celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary April 20, 2019.

Bob enjoyed going to Ocean Beach Park during the summer months. He had his favorite place under the pavilion, and everyone knew it. It was always reserved for him. He enjoyed talking about the good old days in New London. He also enjoyed going to car shows, especially antique car shows. He was able to purchase several antique vehicles, which was a dream of his life.

Surviving Bob is his loving wife Shirley; two sons, David and his wife Elizabeth of Andover, and Michael and his wife Pam of Essex; three grandsons, Joshua, Harrison, and Jonathon; and a great-grandson, Oliver; a niece Gail and her husband Andy; a brother Leonard of Potomac, Maryland.; and nephews, Jeff, Douglas, Mark, Joe, Lindsey, and Randy.

A funeral service was held at the Byles Memorial Home in New London, Connecticut. Interment was in Beth El Cemetery, Groton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Please visit byles.com to sign the guest book or share a memory.

MARY JANE (GREENWOOD) MWHITCOMB died surrounded by her family on January 15, 2020 following a brief illness. She was born in Concord on May 12, 1934, the daughter of Ernest and Aurore Boisvert.

Mary Jane grew up working on the family farm in Canterbury and was the second youngest of six children. She graduated from Concord High School. Mary Jane met John Whitcomb on a blind date. They married in 1966 and raised their two sons in Andover.

Mary Jane was a faithful communicant of the Immaculate Conception church in Potter Place. She worked at Concord Group Insurance and then managed an at-home day care for over 20 years. During that time, she touched the lives of hundreds of children.

Mary Jane was always up for an adventure and loved spending time with friends and family. After bringing her family to York Beach for vacation for several years, she and John decided to build a cottage there. Family and friends had many great times with her at the cottage.

In York Beach she could be found searching for shells on the beach and having ice cream at Brown's. In later years she lived there year-round, and she enjoyed walks to the lighthouse and time at the beach.

She is predeceased by her husband John, her brothers Raoul and Tony, and sister Jackie. She is survived by her brother George, sister Rose, sons Jon (Ernie) Whitcomb and Patric Whitcomb, and grandchildren Jacob, Justin, Jarred, Kyle, Amelia, and Damon.

A Mass was celebrated on January 21, 2020 at Immaculate Conception Church in Potter Place. Burial will be in Proctor Cemetery in the spring.

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Andover's Tori Smith '20 paints on Proctor's European Art Classroom. Tori is one of four Andover students studying on the abroad program this winter.



Jack McLeod and his grandmothers, Gail Mead and Wendy McLeod, work together to create a tissue paper lantern as part of EAVP's Grandparents' Day celebration. Caption: Amy Jenkins. Photo: Kimberly Faust

Proctor Students Study Abroad on European Classroom

Four Andover students in Aix-en-Provence

Scott Allenby
Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's European Art Classroom program affords eight students the opportunity to live, study, and create art in Aix-en-Provence for nine weeks each winter and spring. Dozens of Andover students have taken part in this program over the past decade, including four Andover natives this winter: Blaine Hinds '20, Vienna Marcus '20, Tori Braley '20, and Ryelle Jenifer '20. Tori recently shared the following blog post on Proctor's website:

"Everyone gathers around the table. 'Cooks, what's for dinner?' Dave says. After the cooks elaborate on the beautifully displayed meal that they crafted, everyone grabs their plates and lines up to get their food. Cooks, of course, eat last.

"Everyone has their very own napkin that they picked out at the local market that is placed at every seat. Each napkin has different colors, patterns, and designs that are custom to each person in our group, and in one way or another, displays each person's sense of style.

"We all sit down at the seat where our napkins are placed. Everyone reaches for their own assigned cup. Each cup, much like the napkins, have their own designs, patterns, and colors on them. Blue polka dots is one, pink stripes wrapping around the whole cup is another. Some with fish on them, others with pink and blue sprinkles all over.

"We raise our cups to the air. As someone proposes a toast, I reflect on my past two weeks here in France. I reflect on the long car rides filled with Jack Johnson; music and laughter filling the air. I reflect on the excursion days with Dave, where we venture off to a location and paint for a few hours. I reflect on the days spent in town walking to the cafe for class. I reflect on Jazzercise with Dave, and the gorgeous view that I have been blessed to wake up to every morning. I reflect on Satur-

day night in town, going out to dinner and getting gelato after, and just sitting down and talking and laughing.

"Of course, I have to reflect and give recognition to Paul. Paul has been our best friend here in France. He's everywhere we go, he provides us with delicious sandwiches and pastries. Paul treats everyone very well and he's not that expensive!

"There's so much to be grateful for and so much to appreciate. With that being said, 'I'd like to propose a toast: Here's to an amazing group of people and an amazing past two weeks. I can't wait to see what the rest of the term holds. Cheers!' Everyone clinks glasses and says, 'Cheers!'

"I love this part of the day, where everyone comes together to enjoy a nice, home-cooked meal together and share stories and laughter. The time where we can all sit down and enjoy each other's company and reflect on our day. 'Bon Appétit, Eet Smakelijk' (Dutch for Bon Appétit)."

Be sure to follow all European Art Classroom's adventures at blogs.ProctorAcademy.org.

News and Upcoming Enrollment Grandparents' Day and the party were a blast

Amy Jenkins, EAVP

We had a wonderful holiday season at East Andover Village Preschool, with Grandparents' Day, and a classroom holiday party.

Grandparents' Day was a huge success with 25 grandparents in attendance! We met grandparents from near and far. We showed our visitors what our Morning Meeting looks like, including some yoga, songs, and a story. We then worked together to create tissue paper lanterns. It was a busy, fun morning. Thank you to all those grandparents who attended and made the day special!

Our classroom party was a blast! We shared a special snack and played some holiday-themed games. Priscilla Poulin, the Andover librarian, visited with her guitar and led us in some fun songs. It is a long standing tradition for Santa

to visit EAVP in the weeks just before Christmas, and this year he didn't disappoint. Santa gifted each child with a backpack and books, listened to their Christmas wishes, and answered questions about his reindeer and the North Pole. The children gave Santa a gift; a mug and some hot chocolate to warm him up after his trip around the world.

Although we have several months left in our school year, the enrollment period for next year is coming right up. Beginning February 1st, current families will be given the opportunity to choose their days for next year. March 1st, families on our waiting list may enroll. We will be hosting an Open House on Saturday morning, March 7 from 9 to 11 AM. Families interested in seeing our school or learning more about our program are invited to stop by. We'd love to meet you! For more information, please call the school at 735-5105 or email us at eavpnds.net.

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Proctor Academy Head of School Mike Henriques announced his plan to retire at the end of the 2020-2021 school year during an all-school assembly on January 10.



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Proctor Head of School Mike Henriques to Retire in '21

"Unparalleled stewardship" over past 15 years

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Proctor Academy

For the past 15 years, Proctor Academy's Head of School Mike Henriques has led the school to unprecedented financial health, enrollment numbers, and community engagement. On Friday, January 10, Mike announced his retirement at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, sharing a powerful reflection with the school community through his weekly blog post at blogs.proctoracademy.org/mikes-notes-tending-the-orchard.

Below is an excerpt of a message shared by the Chair of Proctor's Board of Trustees, D. Thomas Healey, Jr., with the school community reflecting on the impact of Mike's leadership over the past fifteen years:

"Often we find ourselves focused on the immediate, the challenges that enter our daily lives, the little victories we experience on our teams, whether it be in the workplace or on the athletic field. We struggle to zoom out and fully appreciate our role as stewards of something far bigger than ourselves."

"Today, on behalf of Proctor's Board of Trustees, I write to share the news that Mike Henriques has decided to retire as Head of School effective at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 academic year. For the past 15 years, Mike has provided unparalleled stewardship of Proctor's mission and has consistently helped our school appreciate the immediate without ever losing focus of our collective, long-term stewardship responsibilities of Proctor."

"When Mike stepped into his role as Proctor's Head of School in July of 2005, no one could anticipate the transformation, both in the marketplace and on Proctor's campus, that would take place over the next decade and a half. In the most competitive independent school landscape any of us

have experienced, Proctor's enrollment has grown by more than 15% during Mike's tenure. Also, for the first time in the school's history, we have a balance of gender among our student body this academic year.

"During the summer of 2006 at a Board Retreat, residential life was identified as an area of focus. With Morton House still standing and a need for more intentional residential life curriculum, Mike helped lead Proctor into a new era of financial stability and investment in residential life.

"Three new dorms were built, investment in personnel to support residential life initiatives allowed for evolved programming, new synthetic turf fields transformed weekends on campus, five new employee residences, and significant infrastructure upgrades in a new dining hall, gymnasium, fitness center, ski hill, and counseling offices have helped Proctor move forward toward that stated goal.

"All told, more than \$64,000,000 has been raised in cash and pledges since 2005 in support of our endowment, capital projects, and annual fund gifts. More importantly, the community experience at Proctor has been fundamentally transformed through Mike's leadership and intentional focus on residential life efforts.

"This past August, Proctor was recognized by the accreditation committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges as one of the healthiest schools they evaluated in 2019. This recognition is the direct result of an incredibly committed group of faculty and staff; however, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the role Mike has played in creating a culture of excellence at Proctor. He has worked seamlessly with four different Board Chairs, has provided industry leadership through his role on the NEASC accreditation board, and has helped this community navigate un-

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Proctor Academy's Nordic ski team is having a great season, with contributions from Andover's Maura Kelly '22, Brynne Makechnie '22, Phoenix Verite '23, and Caleb Warzocha '23.

Public Invited to Watch Proctor Hockey, Basketball, Skiing

Winter sports wrap up in February

Scott Allenby
Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's athletic teams enter the final month of their winter season as the calendar turns to February. Home contests are open to the public and free of charge, and the more fans the better! We hope to see a packed gym, rink, and ski area in the weeks to come for the following varsity home games:

Varsity Boys' Hockey

- 2/12 vs Phillips Andover Academy, 3:15 PM
- 2/15 vs Berwick Academy, 2:15 PM
- 2/19 vs Kimball Union Academy, 2:30 PM
- 2/22 vs New Hampton School, 4:30 PM

Varsity Girls' Hockey

- 2/15 vs Dexter Southfield School, 4:45 PM
- 2/19 vs Holderness School, 4:30 PM
- 2/22 vs Rivers School, 2:15 PM
- 2/26 vs St. Paul's School, 3 PM

Varsity Boys' Basketball

- 2/5 vs Kimball Union Academy, 4:30 PM
- 2/12 vs Cushing Academy, 3 PM
- 2/14 vs Holderness School, 5 PM
- 2/19 vs Brewster Academy, 3:30 PM
- 2/22 vs Northfield Mount Hermon School, 5 PM
- 2/28 vs Brimmer and May School, 5:15 PM

Varsity Girls' Basketball

- 2/12 vs Phillips Academy, 4:30 PM
- 2/15 vs St. Andrew's School, 2:30 PM
- 2/21 vs Brewster Academy, 4:30 PM
- 2/26 vs Phillips Exeter Academy, 3 PM

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speaking tragedy, all with a grace that reassures each of us that it is healthy, and incredibly important, to experience the full range of human emotions when you live and work alongside those you love.

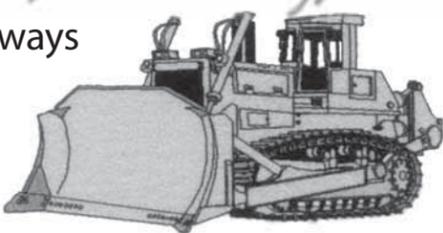
"Mike's honesty, integrity, compassion, and patience have allowed each member of the community to feel cared for within the context of the 'whole' of Proctor. He actively seeks to find the best in each person with whom he interacts. This genuine belief in our individual humanity is reinforced by his reassuring presence visiting a class,

standing on the sideline of a game, sitting in the audience at a performance, leading a Wilderness Orientation group, or simply pausing to listen to what is happening in our lives.

"His approach to leadership has laid a foundation of support that permeates all layers of our community, and it is on this foundation that we will steward the next phase of Proctor's evolution as a school. Proctor is as strong as it has ever been in its finances, enrollment, and in the investment of its faculty, staff, parents, and alumni in its mission. It is from this position of strength we feel fortunate to embark on a search for Proctor's next Head of School."

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New Art Exhibits Coming to Proctor in February

Various exhibits being shown through May

Molly Leith, Proctor Art Curator

Four new exhibits are coming to Proctor Academy:

Spencer Topel, "Time Lines": solar powered, sound Art exhibit in the Fowler Learning Center Atrium.

Kait Armstrong, P '23, "A is For Alport Syndrome": original block prints in the Brown Gallery

Christopher Spitzmiller, P '90, "Christopher Spitzmiller Lamps": Iconic, one-of-a-kind designer lamps by Christopher Spitzmiller.

"Visual Languages": A collection of work by architects, musicians, particle physicists, interior designers, civil engineers, landscape designers, topographers, and air traffic controllers, inspired by Neri Oxman's, Krebs Cycle of Creativity.

Please join us! A reception for these collections will be held on Friday, May 1st, from 5 to 7 PM in the Fowler Learning Center, Lovejoy Library on Proctor Academy's campus. Lite fare and music provided.

Highlighting Artist, Kait Armstrong, P '23.

Kait Armstrong will be exhibiting her original block prints in the Brown Gallery, February through May 31, 2020. This alphabet series, "A is for Alport Syndrome" focuses on various

related elements of the disease.

"Alport Syndrome is a genetic disease which impacts the kidneys, inner ears, and eyes. This rare disease has been present in my family for generations. My son Patch has Alport Syndrome and my two daughters are affected to varying degrees as well. The "A is for Alport Syndrome" series began as an attempt to add levity to the seriousness of a chronic illness. We associate an alphabet story with the innocence of youth, but it is also useful as an organizational and educational tool." - artist, Kait Armstrong

Kait Armstrong grew up in Vermont and has spent the last 20 years living in New Hampshire. Her interest in art and fabric began in early childhood. She attended Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia, where she graduated cum laude with a BFA in textile design with an emphasis in color theory. Kait's current work is a balance between detailed and colorful embroidery done on hand-dyed textiles, and graphic wood or linocut prints that can be easily reproduced as postcards, zines and affordable works of art.

Website: armstrongartisans.com

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Look for next month's highlighted artist: Spencer Topel

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On December 20, the kick off to the holiday break, eighth grader Grace Plante, along with the support of Mrs. Tiede, hosted an unforgettable middle school dance. This dance was especially unforgettable for Luke Demers who was escorted onto the stage and serenaded with "Happy Birthday" by nearly one hundred friends. Pictured in the photo, from left to right, are Violet Kraft-Lund Marley, Delaney Young, Arienna Perry, Jacob Demers, Brice Bendixsen, and front and center, Luke Demers.

Caption and photo: Jennifer Bent



The sixth graders read *The Incredible Journey* written by Shelia Burnford. After reading this adventurous story, students worked in small groups to create projects incorporating their knowledge of the book and creativity. Projects were music soundtracks, movie posters, and trivia games. Each project had specific guidelines and a grading rubric to foster success. Savanna "Billy" Caron (top left corner) instructs her peers on the rules of the game. Clockwise from Billy are Ella Labrie, Myles Keyser, Makayla French, Ryleigh Perry, Trevor Rosser, Dom Delaney, Declan Bisson, Cooper Hedderig, Indira McIntyre, and Hannah Churchill.

Caption and photo: Jennifer Bent



The AE/MS boys team formed a cheering section at the girls basketball game on January 13, against Concord Christian Academy. From left to right: Cole Summers, Carson Perkins, Grayson Noyes, Jed Duquette, Isaac Bowers, Brice Bendixan, Enrico Mori, Jason Kozial, and Dylan Heller.

Caption and photo: Kasey Schoch



AE/MS second graders Adalyn Tremblay, Charlie Welch, and Aleigha Charles relax on the "snofa" they built one snowy recess!

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Arie Perry defends her teammate Delaney Young, as she comes around to make an impressive shot as the Lady Eagles defeat Concord Christian Academy 28-22. Caption and photo: Kasey Schoch



The class of 2020 dressed as elves to help shoppers during the annual Holiday Shoppe held on December 18, 2019. Photo: Megan Philbrook

AE/MS Holds Successful Annual Holiday Shoppe

Money raised funds field trips and other activities

Kasey Schoch

On December 18, 2019, the Andover Elementary Middle School held its annual Holiday Shoppe. Students were given the opportunity to go Christmas shopping in the gym, which was decorated for the holidays and filled with

tables full of gifts to purchase.

This year, under the leadership of Christine Frost, the AE/MS Class of 2020 played the role of school elves. They helped young shoppers make their purchases and wrapped the gifts for them to bring home, while decked out in their elf hats and reindeer tiaras.

The money raised from this event goes to support student field trips and other activities.

Spelling *from page 36*

winner Oliver and other former AE/MS Spelling Bee Champions. He will participate in the New Hampshire state Spelling Bee at Plymouth State University on March 7, 2020. This event is open free to the public. The winner of the state bee goes to Washington, D.C to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which is broadcast on ESPN.

The following students participated in the AE/MS 2020 Spelling Bee:
Front Row: Olivia James-Bentzler,

Asa Gilman, Brennan Dunklee, Grayson Noyes, Lorenzo Bossi, Dylan Menard, Jon Grodin, Caden Heath

Second Row: Harlie Ordway, Jason Koziol, Jed Duquette, Mychal Reynolds, Garrett Barton, Elizabeth Howard, Ashley Neuberger

Back Row: Norah Carlson, Cam Chevarie, Xavier Fredette, Issac Bowers, Enrico Mori, Ella Noyes, Oliver Andrews, Trinity Delaney, Violet Kraft-Lund Marley

Missing from photo: Elyse Bowers, Brice Bendixson, Wyatt King, Cole Summers



Registration Open for Andover Girls' Softball

Deadline is March 20 for spring sign-up

Press release

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For more information you can reach us at 234-1678 or AGSsoftball08@gmail.com.

World Peace *from page 36*

art teacher) informs the students about the project and works with them during and after school.

This year, the Peace Poster was a lot more successful than in past years. There were definitely more students excited about doing Peace Posters. Courtney Minnehan says, "This is the first year I've opened it up to sixth grade and I think that the students did really well this year. We had a very good outcome." If this year's outcome was a lot better than most years, maybe opening the program up to the sixth graders should become a regular thing! Two of the winners this year were from the sixth grade. The second place winner, Ella Rogers, believes that "[The Peace Posters] were really cool and the sixth graders should be able to do it every year." Hopefully, Ms. Minnehan will agree.

The Peace Poster isn't just a contest giving out a cash prize. It also has the

students think about what peace actually means to them. Asa Gilman, this year's first place winner, says, "Peace helps the world be a better place. When I think of peace, I think of racial equality and saving the planet." It's an amazing thing to get children to think about these kinds of things. This year's third place winner, Elizabeth (Eliza) Henderson-McDonald, has been doing the Peace Poster for several years and she believes, "It's a good way to get people involved," and it really is! There hasn't been a single year where no one wanted to do The Peace Poster!

The Peace Poster is a wonderful school tradition. It's something that allows people to express their opinion on peace through art. It also boosts the confidence and gets aspiring artists to work more on their art skills. The winners receive cash prizes, and winners will go on to the state, national, and international competitions. Good luck to everyone involved!

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Caption and photo: Kasey Schoch



Eagle Eyes Come to AE/MS

Students report for *The Andover Beacon*

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

This year, several students from Andover Elementary/Middle School will be the Eagle Eyes of *The Andover Beacon*. Students will be gathering photos and writing captions for events and activities that are going on at AE/MS. They will also be writing articles about student activities and accomplishments.

This idea came to fruition when remembering my time in middle school. We had a school paper full of pictures, stories, superlatives, and advertisements. When I look back on it today, I think of that time as full of community

involvement and friendship with the other student reporters.

I want to bring that experience to the students and AE/MS, and there were a good number of students who expressed an interest in being involved. Since our school isn't large enough for a full-sized school newspaper, I decided to join the interested students with *The Andover Beacon* and create their own section in the town paper.

Students will be able to join the Eagle Eyes at any point in the year so that it will work around their extra-curricular activities. While it is a small group now, hopefully it will grow to a larger club in years to come. Keep an eye out for pictures and stories written by local students each month.



Twenty-eight AE/MS students in grades five through eight participated in the January 11 spelling bee.
Caption and photo: Amanda Lauster

Spelling Bee Competition Heats Up at AE/MS

2020 champion is eighth grader Enrico Mori

Amanda Lauster, AE/MS

On January 11, 2020, 28 AE/MS students in grades 5-8 participated in the school spelling bee. This year's bee was one of the most competitive yet. Our AE/MS 2020 Spelling Bee Champion is 8th grader, Enrico Mori. The runner

up is 8th grader, Oliver Andrews. Last year, Oliver was the winner and Enrico was the runner up. This year, the two of them were in a head to head battle from round 9 until round 43 when Enrico correctly spelled diplopia to win the bee.

Enrico's name will be placed on a plaque in the lobby alongside three time
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Representatives of the Andover Lions Club pose with AE/MS Art Teacher Courtney Minnehan and Peace Project first place winner Asa Gilman
Photo: Jen Bent

World Peace Portrayed Through Art at AE/MS

Peace poster project organized by Lions Club

Ashley Neuberger

Andover Elementary Middle School has been doing the Peace Posters for a few years now. The Peace Poster is

an art project opened up to grades six through eight. Each year, there is a different peace theme. For example, this year was The Journey of Peace. The Lions Club organizes the Peace Poster project. Courtney Minnehan (AE/MS' *See World Peace on page 35*

AE/MS Eighth Grade Takes Action in Local Community

Community Action projects engage students

Trinity Delaney

Mrs. Schoch's eighth grade ELA classes at Andover Elementary Middle School have been working hard on their community action projects that were presented on November 19, at their second annual Community Action Fair. Each student has come up with their own unique project that will help their community. Some of the projects that the students are working on are:

- A "Toys for Tots" toy drive
- A community garden
- Working with the PTO on improving the school playground
- Helping with school dances
- Cleaning up the Rail Trail
- A CPR certification class

• Raising money for animal shelters
• Painting a new mural in the school
These are just a few of the projects that are being worked on. In the next few months, you can expect to see 8th graders working on their projects all around the community. The overall favorite project (as voted on by students, staff, parents, and community members) was helping a local animal shelter (Delaney Young), followed by a vaping awareness program (Jason Koziol), and painting inspirational quotes on the middle school bathroom stalls (Ella Noyes). Every one of these projects is unique and helpful in its own way.

The eighth grade will also be raising funds for the Franklin Animal Shelter by holding a Valentine's Day Dance, initiating Penny Wars in school, and collecting supplies for the shelter.

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