



The Andover Community Hub now houses the recently-revived Andover Food Pantry.

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

Key decisions must be made at Town Meeting

Andover Select Board

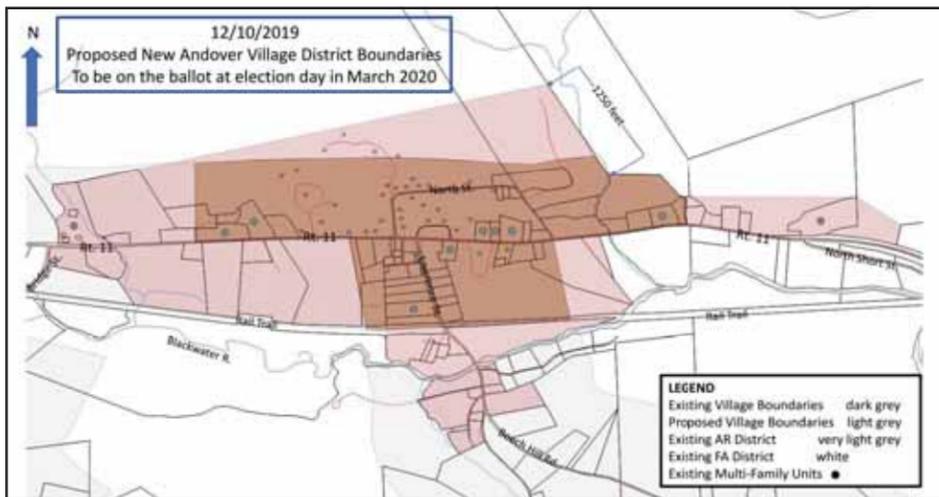
The Select Board was instructed by the 2019 Town Meeting to hire a full-time Road Agent by Town Meeting 2020. It was also requested that the Select Board create a five-year timeline/plan for the growth of the Highway Department by Town Meeting 2020.

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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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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