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March 2020

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Recommended Total Budget is 4.6% Higher than Last Year's

School budget up 3.2%;
Town budget up 7.7%

Arch Weathers, Budget Committee

The Andover Budget Committee recommends budgets for 2020 (net of expenses that are funded by non-tax sources) as shown in the table to the right.

What effect this increase in budgetary spending will have

on the 2020 tax rate depends on the amounts of other offsetting revenues that become available.

Andover School Budget

The recommended net appropriation
See Budget on page 8

Net Budgets	2019	2020	Change
School	\$5,655,656	\$5,837,386	\$181,730 3.2%
Town	\$2,135,236	\$2,299,611	\$164,375 7.7%
Fire	\$137,440	\$162,788	\$25,348 18.4%
TOTAL	\$7,928,332	\$8,299,785	\$371,453 4.6%

Hub Invites You to Potluck Supper Prior to Town Meeting

Good food, good conversation, then Town Meeting

Press release

Andover residents are invited to a pre-Town Meeting community potluck supper on Tuesday, March 10, at The Andover Community Hub.

This will be a chance for good food, good conversation, and socializing with fellow townspeople before heading off to do the serious business of the town.

The supper will be held from 5 to

6:30 PM, and the Town Meeting begins at 7 PM in the gym at AE/MS.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a main dish, salad, or soup to share; beverages will be provided. Dessert and coffee can be purchased during Town Meeting, supplied by Andover Public Library volunteers as a fundraiser for the town's two libraries.

The Hub is located at 157 Main Street, next to Pizza Chef. For more information, contact The Hub at TheAndoverHub@gmail.com or 735-5529.



This maple sugar house sits on Mark Cowdrey's Ragged View Farm in Andover.
Photo: Mark Cowdrey

Local Maple Sugar Producers Welcome You During Maple Madness

Visit a sugar house on Maple Weekend in March

Beacon staff

Hosted by the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association, Maple Sugaring Month runs from March 7 to 29, spanning four weekends of maple madness. The fun reaches its peak on the 25th annual New Hampshire Maple Weekend, which will be on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22.

Across the state, sugar makers open

their doors to the public on Maple Weekend to demonstrate the centuries-old craft of maple sugaring. It's a great chance to meet local maple producers and discover how their operation works, enjoy free samples of fresh syrup, maple candies and confections, coffee, and doughnuts. Some locations around the state offer pancake breakfasts, petting farms, or horse-drawn rides.

Plan a visit to one or all of these nearby members of the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association. See Maple on page 2



Second graders at AE/MS put learning about nutrition, counting money, and team work to use for their annual Heart Healthy Valentine's Restaurant. They learned about how to protect a healthy heart with good food, exercise, and sleep.

At this point, they should be dreaming in quarters: "25, 50, 75, one dollar." On Valentine's Day morning, 23 children found out how tiring, stressful, and difficult working as a server and bus person can be!

Pictured above, third grader Emma Watkins makes her food choices for server Madyson Drouin.

This year, the students voted to send their restaurant earnings of \$255 to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors to help treat the unique animals injured by the horrible wildfires.

Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

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SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

March 2, 7 PM

Andover Elementary/Middle School
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TOWN MEETING

March 10, 7 PM

Voting 11 AM to 7 PM

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