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## Andover Officials and Volunteers Respond to COVID-19 Threat

Beacon gathers current information on its website

Shelley Geoghegan, *Beacon* staff

At first it didn't seem like the COVID-19 pandemic could touch the little community of Andover, nestled in the idyllic Lakes Region of New Hampshire. That notion was dispelled however as people started testing positive for the virus in both our state and in nearby Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts.

Even before our governor gave the order, local officials convened meetings of the Andover Emergency Management Team to create a preparedness strategy for the town. The meeting was led by Emergency Management Director Jane Hubbard (via teleconference),

and included Marjorie Roy, our Town Administrator, along with representatives from Emergency Medical Services, Police, and Fire Departments, Proctor, and AE/MS.

As a result of this meeting, we learned from Jane Hubbard that both Proctor and AE/MS were closing indefinitely, with AE/MS making arrangements for remote learning and the provision of breakfast and lunch for those on the school lunch program. School staff are working from their homes to implement educational programs and other services. All events through April, and possibly through May, have been cancelled.

The Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department have assessed See COVID-19 on page 2



Andover's new Select Board (left to right): Todd Goings was elected to replace David Blinn, whose term as a Select Board member expired; Michelle Dudek was appointed to fill a Select Board vacancy, as was John Kinney.

Photo: Marj Roy

## Meet the New Andover Select Board

All three Select Board members are new

**Michelle Dudek**

My name is Michelle Dudek, and I have accepted a vacant position as a member of the Andover Select Board.

First and foremost, I am the mother of two middle school-aged boys. I am also a high school English teacher with the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS), and a certified LEGO Education Academy teacher

trainer. I have lived in East Andover for the last 16 years.

I have extensive experience serving our community, from volunteering at AE/MS to coaching recreational soccer to serving on boards. From 2012 to 2018 I served on the Andover School Board, four years of which I served as Chairperson and two as Vice-Chair of the SAU Board. During my time on the School Board I also served on the Andover Budget Committee and the

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Herbie Barton makes a point at Town Meeting as Town officials – Bill Keyser, Dave Blinn, Chuck Keyser, Marj Roy, Matt Serge, Jon Mishcon, and Elita Reed – look on.  
Photo: Larry Chase

## Town Meeting Votes to Create a Highway Department Committee

Change to noise ordinance approved

Charlie Darling, *Beacon* volunteer

The Andover Town Meeting for 2020 was called to order in the AE/MS gym at 7:18 PM on Tuesday, March 10 by Town Moderator Jon Mishcon. He asked the veterans to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance; read the

moderator's guidelines; introduced Ken Wells, our representative in Concord; and then had the Town officials at the front table introduce themselves: Bill Keyser, Dave Blinn, and Chuck Keyser, Select Board; Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Matt Serge, attorney; Elita Reed, bookkeeper; Bonnie Wesley, Town Clerk/Tax Collector; and Todd

See Meeting on page 7

## Andover's Total Appropriations for 2020 Set to Rise 1.8%

Town portion down by 7.2%

Arch Weathers, Budget Committee

The 2020 annual meetings of the Town of Andover and the Andover School District have voted to raise and appropriate their budgets for the coming year. The Andover Fire Department meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, April 7.

If the Fire Department approves its proposed budget, then the total appropriations for the Town, the School

District, and the Fire Department before offsetting revenues will be \$8,417,357, up \$152,582 or 1.8% over last year.

**Andover School District Meeting**

The Andover School District Meeting  
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2020 Appropriations				
	2019	2020	Change	Percent
School	\$5,655,656	\$5,988,886	\$333,230	5.9%
Town	\$2,443,547	\$2,260,796	-\$182,751	-7.2%
Fire*	\$165,572	\$167,675	\$2,103	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,264,775</b>	<b>\$8,417,357</b>	<b>\$152,582</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

\* To be voted on at the meeting on April 7.



Greg Stetson, owner of Winter Hill Maple in Andover, was in his sugarhouse on March 21, carefully preparing for the syrup boiling process. Enjoy more Andover sugaring photos on page 16. Photo: Larry Chase

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## Andover Service Club Reaches Out to Help During Crisis

Help is available if you need errands run

### Press release

The Andover Service Club, like everyone else, is experiencing an interruption in its regular routine due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have had to cancel our monthly meetings until the crisis is past. Likewise, the Thrift and Gift Shop is also closed. During this trying time, when we are mostly confined to our homes, we are reaching out to one another by telephone and writing notes to cheer

each other up.

Many of our members have offered to do errands or shopping for those who must remain at home. If you need help of any kind, you can get in touch with Sandra Graves at 735-5511 or JGraves@tds.net.

It is at times like this when neighbors and friends reach out to help those who are most affected by the crisis, and the wonderful spirit of our town is at its best. We look forward to the end of this interruption in our lives and hope to see many of you at our lovely new Thrift and Gift Shop in the very near future.



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their supplies, and have reported to the State. Police Dispatch and 911 are screening calls to determine if a person has symptoms, which will trigger EMS to respond accordingly with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The Police Department has gloves, masks, and gowns and are practicing social distancing.

The Town (Marjorie Roy) and the Emergency Medical Director (Jane Hubbard) are attending conference calls three times per week with the State Emergency Operations Center. The Town website at [Andover-NH.gov](http://Andover-NH.gov) has been updated with Town Hall closures and COVID-19 information. They continue to develop public updates as the situation unfolds. All Town Offices are closed until further notice. If anyone needs to reach the Town Office, call 735-5332. Residents are instructed to call 211 for COVID-19 related questions.

Meanwhile, *The Andover Beacon*, your non-profit community newspaper, has set up its own COVID-19 update and resource center on our home page at [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com). Charlie Darling, former *Beacon* publisher and a volunteer Director on our Board, not only

created this resource, but has worked to keep this page updated daily as new information arrives. It includes links to resources, Town updates, event and meeting cancellations, and more. We encourage residents to let us know of any cancellations, or other relevant local information of which you are aware. Just send them to [Virus@AndoverBeacon.com](mailto:Virus@AndoverBeacon.com). The *Beacon* takes its role seriously, as a major source of news to, from, and about the Andover Community.

To all our readers in Andover and beyond, please take the COVID-19 threat seriously. Follow the guidelines being presented by our Government and State officials to practice social distancing, hand-washing practices, and sneezing/coughing protocols. No one is immune from catching this deadly virus; it doesn't just strike the elderly or those with health issues. Everyone can help to stop the spread.

Additionally, with these cautions in mind, check on neighbors, friends, and family who are either self-isolated or self-quarantined, or who need help obtaining necessary supplies, food, or prescriptions. This is the perfect time for a small New England community like Andover to show what we are all about – neighbors helping neighbors.



## Lake Sunapee VNA Responds to COVID-19 Challenges

Screening patients, closing non-essential services

### Press release

Like so many other community organizations, Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice (LSRVNA) is working hard to meet the daily challenges of COVID-19 throughout the 32 towns it serves. On any given day under normal circumstances, LSRVNA has an average of 625 people on service receiving home health, hospice, palliative, and private care, and the agency is adapting every day to meet the needs of those patients – as well as the needs of its staff – safely and effectively. Following are some of the ways in which the agency is responding:

Monitoring the rapidly changing daily flow of information and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services regarding personal protective equipment, testing, screening protocols, etc.

Limiting exposure among its 200 staff members by having the majority of office staff work from home and reducing the need for field staff to go to the office by holding virtual team meetings and calling ahead for medical supplies. According to Jim Culhane, President and CEO, "Home health care is by design a very mobile and adaptable business, which gives us at least a small advantage in meeting the challenges of COVID-19."

Closing all non-essential services for the safety of everyone involved and to focus on essential patient care services. Non-essential services that have been closed at least through the end of April include blood pressure clinics, foot care clinics, support groups, education programs, Good Day Respite, and The Renaissance Shoppe. Culhane shares, "While these are very important ser-

VICES, we need to maximize and focus our resources on the programs that are designed to help people with illness and injury. In addition, we will continue to focus on the programs that are the sole service that prevents patients from moving into nursing facilities, such as Medicaid CFI, private duty services, and some of our grants."

Screening all patients by phone for COVID-19 symptoms before going into the home and again during each visit.

Developing contingency plans to shift resources as hospitals get busier and the demand for home care increases. "Many of our staff have foregone planned vacations and travel in order to minimize personal risk, as well as risk to coworkers and patients, and maximize our availability to meet the growing health care needs of the community," says Culhane.

Educating patients who may be concerned about receiving home visits and about CDC guidelines for minimizing risk and various options for care, such as less frequent visits and additional phone calls.

Communicating with community partners, such as the Upper Valley and Greater Sullivan County public health networks, area hospitals, and other health and human service agencies to share information and resources. "Many of us work together regularly on emergency preparedness efforts to train and prepare for all types of unexpected events, and those plans and relationships are currently helping all of us to meet this challenge," says Culhane.

Working on supportive measures for staff around pay, childcare, and other resources, so they have the ability to see patients while maintaining their own physical and emotional health. Culhane shares, "Our staff is our primary and most precious resource. They are also at the forefront of risk, so addressing their safety and needs, which impact those of patients and the wider community, is a top priority. Rest assured that the agency is looking at every possible way it can support this dedicated, needed team throughout this unprecedented event."

Culhane continues, "We are an agency made up of individuals who share a common goal and focus, and that is the health and safety of our communities. We play a significant role in the well-being of many communities. It is this public health obligation that calls us now."

For more information about the essential services currently being provided by Lake Sunapee VNA, call 526-4077 or visit [LakeSunapeeVNA.org](http://LakeSunapeeVNA.org).



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# “WHAT I REALLY WANT TO KNOW IS... WHEN IS EVERYTHING GOING TO RETURN TO NORMAL?”

People have lots of questions about COVID-19. Some answers come easy, but this one is complicated. COVID-19 has upended lives here in our communities and across the world. However, a return to normal can happen sooner if we all follow these precautions:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Practice social distancing – keep a six-foot distance between yourself and others
- If you’re experiencing cough, fever or shortness of breath, remain at home and call your doctor

We’re here to help you through these times. If you have questions, visit our website or call our hotline to get the answers you need.

Visit [go.d-h.org/covid-19](https://go.d-h.org/covid-19) or call (603) 650-1818.

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## New London Hospital Limits Visitors, COVID-19 Testing

### Testing inpatients and healthcare providers

Tom Manion

New London Hospital President & CEO

As the number of people testing positive for COVID-19 continues to increase across our state, all of us at New London Hospital (NLH) remain vigilant and focused. As always, our number one priority is to provide the most exceptional level of patient care to you, while also protecting the health and safety of our staff.

We continue to work closely with our system members of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) as we face the challenges of the days and weeks ahead. Many of the action steps we take are in line with our system and with those across the nation.

As almost all hospitals have done, we have implemented a visitor limitation policy. While we acknowledge this policy is highly inconvenient for patients and their loved ones, it is necessary for the safety of our staff and patients. Currently, no visitors are allowed except for those visiting a patient receiving end-of-life care. We are also screening all patients for COVID-19 as they enter the building.

We have reduced the number of non-urgent elective surgical procedures, and are postponing non-urgent primary care and specialty service appointments. This will enable us to better manage our personal protective equipment (PPE), beds and supplies as we plan for the anticipated increase in COVID-19 patients. This also ensures that more clinical team members will be available to care for patients who are most in need when the time comes. As a result, we have significantly moved to telemedicine visits.

#### Donating Masks

Many of you have inquired about how you can donate masks, gloves, and

other PPE. We have placed a bin in the entry of door #10 at NLH for donations. We transport the items to a D-HH processing facility in Lebanon for quality control and distribution.

I know there are many questions about COVID-19 testing criteria. There continues to be a shortage of testing supplies at this time. As a result, last week we announced a change in our testing guidelines which limits COVID-19 testing to our inpatients and to those who have direct contact with patients, which includes physicians, nurses and first responders. We made this decision with our D-HH system leaders and it is in line with the recommendations from state and federal agencies.

Not everyone needs to be tested, and it is of utmost importance that we have an adequate inventory of supplies to meet the needs of patients who will require testing. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) recently announced its ability to process tests in its labs, which has greatly reduced the wait time for results, and as we receive more testing supplies, these labs will continue to be an invaluable resource for us.

On behalf of all our staff at NLH and our Newport Health Center, I want to thank you for the tremendous amount of support you continue to show our staff. Your well wishes and donation of supplies are uplifting to our spirits during this challenging time.

Finally, I can't stress enough the importance of following all the guidelines of proper hand hygiene. I encourage you to continue taking the necessary precautions to protect yourself and your loved ones to reduce the spread of the virus.

We will continue to provide updates on our website at [NewLondonHospital.org](http://NewLondonHospital.org), and we encourage you to adhere to the social-distancing measures that are in place.



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

Andover Pizza Chef	Large 2-Topping Pizza	Betsy Paine & Mike Henriques
Naughty Nellie's Ice Cream	Gift Certificate	Lee & William Donaldson
JJ's Market & Deli	Gift Certificate	Janet Moore
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LisAnn's	Gift Certificate	James & Diane Hersey, Jr.
Mary Kay - Laura Condon	Gift Certificate	Brenda & Fred Lance
Blackwater Junction Restaurant	Gift Certificate	Eileen Mackey
The Refinery Restaurant	Gift Certificate	Sandra & John Graves

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## Fire District Meeting Postponed

Due to concern over COVID-19 the Fire District meeting will take place on Tues., April 7 at 7:30 PM in the East Andover Fire Station.

# COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Thank you to all the area businesses and organizations that help support *The Andover Beacon*, our non-profit community newspaper! The following businesses' and organizations' have ads in this month's issue:

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

## The Most Complete Source of Local COVID-19 Updates is at [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com)

Please help us keep it up to date!

Charlie Darling, *Beacon* volunteer

There's no place you'll find a more complete compilation of all the *local* responses to the COVID-19 crisis than at [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com). (Click the very prominent link at the top of the page.)

But we can't share information we don't have! Please e-mail updates to [Virus@AndoverBeacon.com](mailto:Virus@AndoverBeacon.com) for as long as this situation continues.

Here's a sample of what's on that page (though of course this printed version may no longer be up-to-date when you receive it):

### Important Town Information

Andover Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice, and all events, functions, and meetings are cancelled. You can reach the Town Office at 735-5332 or [TAdmin@andover-nh.gov](mailto:TAdmin@andover-nh.gov); the Town Clerk and Tax Collector at 735-5018 or [TCTC@andover-nh.gov](mailto:TCTC@andover-nh.gov). Motor vehicle registrations and tax payments can be made online here, and there is no charge for ACH transactions. Check the Town website at [Andover-NH.gov](http://Andover-NH.gov) for updates.

Andover Village District Annual Meeting has been postponed until Wednesday, April 15 at 7 PM in the Town Hall.

Andover Fire District Annual Meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, April 7 at 7:30 PM in the East Andover Fire Station.

Andover Select Board: "During this unsettled time, the Board will meet as necessary, and those meetings will be posted at least 24 hours in advance."

Andover Fire Department, Andover Emergency Medical Services, and Andover Police Department are conducting business as usual. Check their website at [Facebook.com/AndoverEmergencyServices](http://Facebook.com/AndoverEmergencyServices) often for updates.

Andover Library and Bachelor Library are closed until further notice, but they can help you receive e-books, audio books, and online magazines. More information on their website at [AndoverNHLibrary.weebly.com](http://AndoverNHLibrary.weebly.com).

Andover Transfer Station will remain open on Wednesdays 7 AM to 6 PM and Saturdays 7 AM to 5 PM.

Andover School District (SAU 46 for AE/MS and MVHS) maintains a page of updates at [MVSDpride.org/covid-19](http://MVSDpride.org/covid-19).

Proctor Academy has sent students home, switching to online classes. Much more detail at [ProctorAcademy.org](http://ProctorAcademy.org).

Our local Forest Fire Wardens can still issue fire permits, but for the sake of social distancing, the NH Forest

Protection Bureau urges people to use the state's online fire permit system instead. A \$3 fee applies.

### Important Area Information

New London Hospital is closed to visitors until further notice, with few exceptions. Details and updates at [NewLondonHospital.org/covid-19](http://NewLondonHospital.org/covid-19).

Dartmouth-Hitchcock maintains an information page at [Dartmouth-Hitchcock.org](http://Dartmouth-Hitchcock.org).

### Important State Information

WMUR is maintaining a very comprehensive summary of the progression of COVID-19 in New Hampshire at [WMUR.com/article/covid-19-coronavirus-new-hampshire-information/31193750](http://WMUR.com/article/covid-19-coronavirus-new-hampshire-information/31193750).

### Businesses Serving Our Community

JJ's Market: Jen Braley says that if you need anything at the market but aren't comfortable going into the store, call ahead at 735-5406 and they'll gladly bring your items out to you, including orders from the deli. They'll even deliver to your home, if you prefer. Keep up-to-date on what they have in stock at their Facebook page.

The Kitchen at 46 Main Street has opened its new drive-through window. More on how Chef Michael and crew are helping the community cope with COVID-19 at [TheKitchenAndover.com/delivery](http://TheKitchenAndover.com/delivery).

The Refinery and Pizza Chef in Andover are each offering take out.

Blackwater Junction Restaurant has closed temporarily. Keep an eye on their Facebook page for a re-opening date.

Bar Harbor Bank & Trust on Lawrence Street will remain open, but only through the drive-up window. Inside business by appointment only.

Colonial Pharmacy offers drive-up prescription services and home delivery. Details on their website.

### Organizations Serving

#### Our Community

Andover Community Hub is closed until further notice. More information at [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com) or 735-5509.

Andover Service Club Thrift & Gift Shop is closed until further notice.

COA's Chapin Senior Center in New London is closed and no transportation services are offered. Details, and a good list of area resources if you need help, are on their website.

### We're All in This Together!

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## School District Meeting Approves \$5.9 Million Budget

### Voters restore one full-time teacher position

Dean Barker, Andover School Board

Thank you to all who came out to the 2020 Andover School District Meeting on March 2. It was heartwarming to see so many of Andover's citizens engaging with and deliberating upon the upcoming budget and other important items involving the functioning of Andover Elementary/Middle School (AE/MS) for the following school year, 2020-2021. It is your participation that helps our school community thrive!

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, *The Star-Spangled Banner* sung by AE/MS music teacher Alex Ager, and a performance of *The Witch Is Dead* from the student cast of the AE/MS play, *Wizard of Oz*.

#### Budget

Arch Weathers, Chair of the Andover Budget Committee, made opening remarks on Article 2 of the warrant, pertaining to the Budget Committee's recommended 2020-2021 school budget of \$5,819,721 that the attendees would be voting on. I then went through the overview of net increases and decreases of the originally proposed Andover School Board budget (not recommended by the Budget Committee), while board member Gilman and Superintendent MacLean explained the \$46,500 difference between the two budgets, most of which pertained to a proposed change from two full-time custodial staff to two and a half, with one shifting to a salaried position of plant manager to better maintain the infrastructure of the building in light of the recent facility project upgrade.

A lively discussion and debate from various attendees then followed about the pros and cons of adding one regular education teacher to the budget (both the Budget Committee budget and the Andover School Board budget contained one less regular education teacher due to a retirement that, based on projected enrollment numbers, was not being re-hired).

In the end, an amendment to Article 2 to add \$75,000 to restore this position

easily passed. Another amendment to add another \$15,000 to increase hours for the reading specialist position was tabled.

Andover resident Percy Hill then offered an amendment to address the original discrepancy between the Budget Committee's budget on the warrant and the School Board proposed budget. After further discussion and debate about special education costs and the proposed plant manager position, this amendment to add \$46,500 passed on a vote of 42 to 27. Finally, Article 2 was adopted by the meeting, as amended to \$5,941,221.

#### Other Articles

Article 3 concerned the upcoming three-year support staff contract between the School Board and the Andover Support Staff Association. It was adopted without discussion, obviating the need for Article 4.

Article 5 concerned raising \$30,000 for the Building and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund in order to begin building up equity for when AE/MS' heating system will need replacing down the road. This money will come from available unassigned fund balance, or, lacking that, general taxation. After a short discussion and debate, which included a motion to restrict a future boiler to an oil-burning one, (it did not receive a second), Article 5 was adopted.

Article 6 included a motion from town resident Andy Guptill "to instruct the board to use the high school expendable trust fund to reduce increases in high school tuition impact on taxation." After a brief discussion on the pros and cons of the motion, it did not pass.

Prior to adjournment, we honored our wonderful moderator Betsy Paine, who will be leaving this role after eight years of outstanding service to the town!

I want to thank Christie Coll for providing a draft of the meeting minutes to help craft this summary. The full minutes will be publicly available once they have been approved at the next Andover School Board meeting in April.



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**Meeting from page 1**

Goings, Jim Hersey, and Mary Anne Levesque, Budget Committee.

Because Articles 1 through 3 were on the ballot, the meeting started with Article 4 (see below).

**Article 1**

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot vote during polling hours). The complete results appear on page 7.

**Article 2**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows? The Andover Village District boundaries would be revised. The boundaries would be expanded along Route 11. It will be bound by a portion of the Rail Trail; by the Bridge Street area to the area across from North Short Street; and to include Lawrence Street and a portion of Bradley Lake Road. The revised and expanded Andover Village District will be shown on the map entitled "Andover Zoning Map of March 2020" which will be attached to and made part of the Zoning Ordinance and referred to as the "Zoning Map." (By ballot vote during polling hours). Article 2 passed by a vote of 163 to 76.

**Article 3**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows? The Cilleyville Village District boundaries would be revised. The boundaries would be expanded to include the entire length of Cilleyville Road and include Depot Street. It will also include the properties along Route 11 from Cilleyville Road to Depot Street. The revised and expanded Cilleyville Village District will be shown on the map entitled "Andover Zoning Map of March 2020" which will be attached to and made part of the Zoning Ordinance and referred to as the "Zoning Map." (By ballot vote during polling hours). Article 3 passed by a vote of 169 to 70.

**Article 4**

To see if the town will vote to secure a \$1.5 million bond for the purpose to create a highway maintenance building and to purchase necessary equipment and tools needed for all town roads. Town maintenance will be managed and supervised by the Town of Andover personnel. The Select Board does not recommend this article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. This article was submitted by petition. 2/3 ballot vote required.

Petitioner Herbie Barton introduced the article, with assistance from Steve Barton. They pointed out that the consensus of last year's Town Meeting was to move in the direction of the Town having its own Highway Department

and an appointed part-time Road Agent, and Article 4 would be a good way to accomplish that. Steve said there should be a committee because that would take it out of the hands of the Select Board, which hasn't accomplished what last year's meeting asked of them.

Jeff Newcomb pointed out that the proposed \$1.5 million was incomplete and that the notification deadline had been missed. He felt another year of planning was needed in order to avoid the waste that comes with haste.

The moderator, attorney Matt Serge, and Select Board member Chuck Keyser explained that there were serious problems with Article 4 as petitioned. As a result, if it were passed, the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) would not allow it to be a mandatory act of Town Meeting; DRA would reduce it to a merely advisory act.

DRA's problems with Article 4 were: the language is flawed in that it doesn't "raise and appropriate" the \$1.5 million; in violation of state law, it exceeds 10% of the total budget approved by the Budget Committee; and it does not make clear exactly what the \$1.5 million would be spent on.

After much further discussion, Toby Locke made a motion to table Article 4 until next year. The motion to table Article 4 passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Article 5**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 (gross budget) for the construction of a Highway Department garage, including tools, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Select Board recommends this article. 2/3 ballot vote required.

Chuck Keyser introduced Article 5 for the Select Board. He explained the importance of the garage, what it would look like, and the bond's impact on taxes. He pointed out that it's been five years since Town Meeting first voted to move toward the town having its own highway department and that this would be an important step in the right direction.

Herbie Barton pointed out that his own plan (see Article 4, above) would provide for everything needed for our Highway Department, not just a garage, and asked if Article 5 would increase taxes, which it was agreed would be true. He made a motion to table Article 5 until next year. The motion to table

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**Town Voting Results for 2020**

Bonnie Wesley, Town Clerk		<b>Supervisor of Checklist for 6 years</b>	
<b>School Board</b>		Doug Phelps	198
Brandon Adams	223	<b>Supervisor of Checklist for 4 years</b>	
Molly Morgan	4	Vicki Mishcon	191
Steve Barton	2	<b>Library Trustee</b>	
Chris Cloutier	2	Alita Phelps	204
One each for Joe Cloutier, Mark Heller, James Thompson, Toby Locke, Scott Kidder, Janet Plummer, Anna Hattan, Jessica Adams, Trembly, Nancy Teach, M. Coolidge, Greg Stetson.		<b>Town Moderator</b>	
<b>School Moderator</b>		Jon Mishcon	7
Adrienne Summers	190	Mark Stetson	5
<b>School Treasurer</b>		Ed Becker	4
Shirley Currier	232	Betsy Paine	3
<b>School Clerk</b>		Andy Guptill	2
Christie Coll	10	Toby Locke	2
Gail Parenteau	2	One each for Percy Hill, Mark Thompson, Kathy Hildebrand, Marj Roy, Dennis Fenton, Nancy Teach, Dan Coolidge, Walter Locke, Jenny Koron, Greg Stetson, Jane Slayton, Doug Phelps, Kent Armstrong, John Thompson, Suz Hodgson	
Shirley Currier	2	<b>Select Board</b>	
One each for Bill Keyser, Andy Guptill, J. Thompson, M. Thompson, Toby Locke, G. Stetson, Molly Morgan, J. Slayton, Kitty Kidder, A. Estin, Beth Chamberlain, Shirley Currier, J. Bradish, B. Gilman, S. Otis.		Todd Goings	170
<b>Budget Committee</b>		Dave Blinn	5
Vote for two positions		Jeff Newcomb	5
Jim Hanson	173	Two each for Doug Phelps, Jim Delaney, Molly Morgan, Steve Barton. One each for Lenny Caron, John Thompson, William Bates, Jim Hanson.	
Greg Stetson	131*	<b>Town Treasurer</b>	
Molly Morgan 97		Shirley Currier	200
*Greg disqualified himself and endorsed Molly Morgan.		<b>Trustee of Trust Funds</b>	
<b>Cemetery Trustee</b>		Joanne Edgar	11
Bill Keyser	10	<b>Warrant Articles</b>	
Alex Estin	3	Articles 2 and 3 appeared on the ballot, by law.	
Two each for Pat Cutter, Steven Bowers, Jeff Sweet; one each for Toby Locke, Beth Chamberlain, Dave Blinn, Jay Rice, Walt Locke, Jason Budek, John Barton, Beth Frost, Diane Miller, Jim Reed, John Thompson, Brenda Lance, Kathy Hildebrand, Megan Barton.		Article 2, to revise the Andover Village District boundaries, passed 163 to 76.	

**Budget from page 1**

ing approved total appropriations of \$5,988,886. This was an increase of \$121,500 over the Budget Committee's recommended total of \$5,867,386. The voters added back \$46,500 to the operating budget, plus another \$75,000 for an additional teacher. Both the Budget and School Board Committee did not recommend this addition. The net assessment based on estimated revenues may result in a 3.7% increase in the school tax rate.

**Andover Town Meeting**

After much debate, Andover voters settled on an operating budget of \$1,986,296 – a decrease of \$103 from the Budget Committee's recommendation. Contributing to the net change were increases of \$10,000 and \$9,000 respectively for Forest Fire Equipment and the Fourth of July. Road Agent Wages were reduced from a recommended amount of \$30,000 to \$18,025.

The warrant article to raise and appropriate \$1,500,000 for a Highway

Department maintenance building and equipment was tabled, as were articles to finance a bond for the purpose of constructing a highway garage and tools. Additionally, Articles 9 and 10 were tabled as well. These had to do with raising funds for the lease/purchase of a 1-ton truck and backhoe respectively.

The total appropriations of \$2,260,796 plus the addition of war service credits and overlay bring the total net to be raised in taxes of \$2,339,050 – a decrease of \$182,751 from 2019. Should anticipated revenues of \$807,456 be realized, it would reduce this amount to a net appropriation of \$1,531,594. This is up from the 2019 net appropriation by \$143,504.

**Andover Fire District Meeting**

The Andover Fire District's proposed budget is \$167,675, as recommended by the Commissioners and the Budget Committee. This will be voted on at the District's annual meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:30 PM at the East Andover station.

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**Meeting from page 7**

Article 5 passed by voice vote.

**Article 6**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,986,399 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Select Board does not recommend this article. Majority vote required.

Jim Hersey introduced Article 5 for the Budget Committee. He explained how the Select Board develops the budget and then the Budget Committee works on it.

Because the budget this year was up substantially over last year, the Budget Committee tried hard to find places it could be reduced without causing problems. They approved a budget about \$37,000 less than the Select Board's proposal, in part by reducing proposed salary increases from 3% to 2% and by reducing the Fourth of July Committee's budget from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Pecco Beaufays argued strongly against decreasing the proposed salary increases, and Jim Delaney agreed, pointing out that there were no salary increases last year.

Town Moderator Mishcon led the meeting through the budget line by line. There was a long discussion of the proposed Information Technology budget, which was almost double last year's budget. Marj Roy explained that the increase is due to badly-needed new accounting software and some new computer equipment.

The Road Agent Wages line of the budget increased sharply over last year's budget due to the new appointed Road Agent and the Select Board's hope that the new Road Agent would be involved in planning and building a new Highway Department garage. (See Article 5, above.) Andy Guptill made a motion to limit the increase in Road Agent Wages to 3%.

Former elected Road Agent John Thompson spoke of all that has been accomplished over the last five years to move the Town toward having its own Highway Department, disputing Select Board Chairman Chuck Keyser's opinion that nothing had been accomplished.

Pecco Beaufays praised John Thompson and Mark Thompson for the job they've done as elected Road Agents over the years, saying it is an insult to them to propose setting the new appointed Road Agent's salary so much higher than when the position was elected.

The voice vote on the motion to limit the increase to 3% was too close to call; the motion passed on a show of voter cards.

Doug Phelps of the Fourth of July Committee spoke to the halving of the Town's contribution, to \$5,000. He said the annual celebration costs about \$17,000, with \$10,000 of that going to the fireworks display. He felt that the reduction would mean "the Fourth of July celebration wouldn't exist." He made a motion to increase the Fourth of July line item to \$10,000; then at Steve Barton's suggestion, he raised it to \$14,000. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Molly Morgan made a motion to restore the 3% salary increase for Town employees that the Select Board had proposed. After some confusion about how to calculate the new numbers, the moderator made the point to the meeting that the bottom-line total budget number is the only number that the Town Meeting can legally bind the Select Board to; all the line items, and all the votes amending certain line items, carry no legal weight ... they are merely the Meeting's advice to the Select Board. The motion to restore the proposed 3% salary increase passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Scott Kidder of the Andover Fire Department made a motion to increase the Forest Fire Equipment line by \$10,000 to allow the department to complete the purchase of a Gator and trailer. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Article 6 passed on a unanimous voice vote, with an amended total budget of \$1,986,296.

**Article 7**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$243,500 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) previously established. The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

Revaluation \$5,000

Highway Grader \$15,000  
 Highway Projects \$150,000  
 Police Cruiser Replacement \$13,500  
 Transfer Station Equipment \$10,000  
 Bridge Rehabilitation \$50,000

Wendy Pinkham pointed out that the Transfer Station Recycling CRF had been left out of this article for \$15,000, though it was in the Town Report. Attorney Matt Serge said that it is not legal to add it at this point. Article 7 passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Article 8**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) previously established. The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

Forest Fire Labor \$5,000  
 Town Buildings \$20,000  
 Technology \$6,000

Article 8 passed with no discussion on a unanimous voice vote.

**Article 9**

To see if the town will vote to autho-

rise the selectmen to enter into a three year lease-purchase agreement in the amount of \$65,000 for the purpose of leasing a 1-ton truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,666 for the first year's payment for that purpose. No lease will be entered into without an escape clause. The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

Select Board member Bill Keyser moved the article and explained that the truck would be a Ford F-550 dump truck with a sander and plow.

John Thompson said that because the other articles were tabled, "we don't have a plan" and therefore we shouldn't proceed with purchasing the truck. "This whole thing needs to be looked at as a whole by a real committee that's serious."

John moved that the meeting table Article 9, thereby ending discussion. The motion passed on a show of voter cards, after a voice vote was too close to call.

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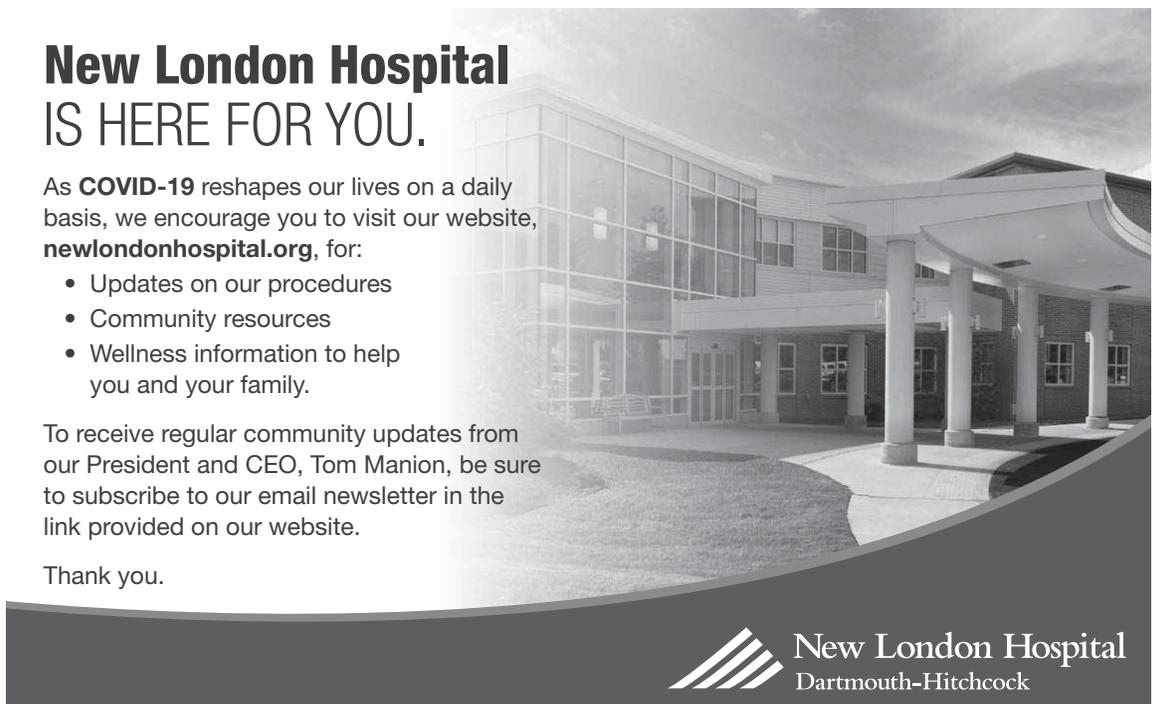
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## Jon Mishcon Steps Down as Town Moderator

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Jon Mishcon  
 Former Town Moderator

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Town Moderator for the past couple of years. I note there were no new candidates for moderator. At the training session I attended, a number of the experienced moderators spoke about the difficulty of recruiting new blood and the increased time commitment.

Please consider the following suggestions that others are using in this difficult time:

a) Split the voting session from the deliberative session. Have the deliberative session on a Saturday. This is not SB2. This is called a bifurcated town meeting. You still vote on the warrant articles during the deliberative session.

It reduces the risk of the 16 hour day. This requires a warrant article and would take effect the year after passing.

b) Elect both a moderator and an assistant moderator. Train both. If something happens to one, the other can cover. It allows one or the other a break during the 12-plus hour days. This does not require a warrant article.

c) Pay both the moderator and assistant moderator more.

I was honored to provide my service at no charge. There will be no time for me to help out in the coming year.



## Jon Champagne Appointed Road Agent for Two Years

Town continues building its Highway Department

Jon Champagne, Road Agent

Hi to the Town of Andover! For those who don't know me, my name is Jon Champagne. I have lived in town my whole life. You may also know my wife, Joane, and my children, Tyler and Julianna. I have owned my own company, J & B Landscaping and Excavation, LLC, for 28 years. I am also a Master Road Scholar.

I recently received a call from the Town Office asking if I wanted to be the new appointed Road Agent. I met with the Select Board and agreed to sign on for a two-year term.

I have been an elected Road Agent in the past for the Town for a total of six years. While I have been out of politics for a bit, it was nice to come back

to a Road Agent office, tool shed, and a sand/salt shed at the White Oak Pit.

The town also owns a grader, an F-550 truck, a Ford six-wheeler, mowers, and more. It is a good start to a full-time Highway Department.

As Road Agent, I'm appointed by the Select Board. I have been meeting with the new board, Todd Goings, John Kinney, and Michele Dudek. Marj Roy, the Town Administrator, helps keep us all organized. Together, we all work as a team, and ultimately they are my boss.

My goal is to keep the town moving forward, keeping our roads safe, having a good maintenance program, and keeping within the budget.

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## Town Office Staff Thanks Old Select Board, Welcomes New

### Jon Champagne appointed Road Agent

Marj Roy, Town Administrator

Town Meeting has come and gone, and now it is time to say goodbye and thank you to Dave Blinn, whose term expired. We also say thank you to Chuck Keyser and Bill Keyser, who have resigned from the Select Board. These three Board members put their hearts and souls into their Select Board responsibilities. They spent countless hours working on projects as well as tending to the everyday operations of the town. We thank them all for their time and dedication.

It is also time to welcome the new Select Board: Todd Goings, Michelle Dudek, and John Kinney. They are eager to learn the intricacies of town government and we look forward to working with them. Welcome aboard.

#### Road Agent

Jon Champagne has been appointed as the town's Road Agent for the next two years. Jon has served as our elected Road Agent before and knows the roads and their histories. Welcome aboard, Jon. We look forward to working with you.

We'd also like to thank John "Tiny" Thompson for his years of service as the town's elected Road Agent. 

### Board from page 1

Andover-Proctor Liaison Committee.

As a town, and as the Select Board, we face some sizable challenges and projects. I will approach all of these with an open mind, fresh eyes and ears, and by respecting the time, ideas, and efforts others have already invested. I look forward to engaging with the town in this new capacity as a member of the Select Board, and capitalizing on the unique strengths, experiences, and skills that Andover's residents bring to the table.

#### Todd Goings

My name is Todd Goings. I was elected to take David Blinn's position, which expired, as a member of the Andover Select Board. I'll be serving this term from 2020 until 2023.

Most of my life has been spent in Andover – 45 years. I currently work at Proctor Academy, where I have been for 25 years as of October. My position is Grounds Manager.

Outside of work, my hobby is taking apart and rebuilding old cars, such as the 1928 Ford Model A that I rebuilt.

As an Andover taxpayer who has served on the Budget Committee, hoping to make a difference, and having attended many Select Board meetings, I felt it was time to volunteer to be a Select Board member. I'd like to add my skills to help craft changes, and updates, to the structure and operating policies of the Town.

I look forward to serving the citizens of Andover, and to working with the other two new Select Board members.

#### John Kinney

I'm John Kinney, and I have volunteered to fill one of the vacant positions on the Select Board. I've been a volunteer EMT in Andover for about 14 years. Since 2010, I have served as the director of the Andover Emergency Medical Services, and I'm also currently on the Board of Directors for *The Andover Beacon*. I hold an active real

estate license, representing both buyers and sellers throughout the greater Sunapee area.

My "day job" is as Operations Manager for Coldwell Banker Lifestyles in New London – helping manage 11 offices and more than 140 agents from the White Mountains to Concord, and New London/Hanover to Quechee and Ludlow, Vermont.

I've given many years of volunteer service to Andover and have had the opportunity to speak with many residents over the years. I've quickly learned that a vast majority of people here are as passionate about Andover as I am.

Regardless of anyone's background or current position in life, everyone has a voice. We all have views and ideas as to what we hope the future will hold for Andover, and more directly how the town can reach its goals.

Our common focus far outweighs our differences. As a member of the Select Board, I hope to contribute whatever I can to ensure our town is one where all voices are heard and that we progress in a positive direction, sharing ideas through civil discourse as we implement strategic plans of management and fiscal responsibility. 

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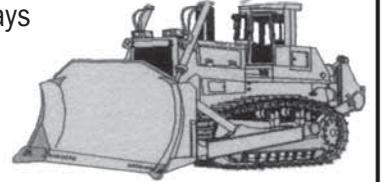
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**Article 10**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a five year lease-purchase agreement in the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of leasing a backhoe, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. No lease will be entered into without an escape clause. The Budget Committee recommends this article. The Select Board recommends this article.

Select Board member Bill Keyser moved the article. When asked to explain the article, he replied, "Well, if I can't sell the truck, I sure as hell can't sell the backhoe!" His quip drew appreciative laughter from the audience.

Toby Locke said that the point of Town Meeting is to be able to discuss things, not to table them before people have had a chance to discuss them. He said he was for the truck and is for the backhoe because "the amount of money we spend on rentals is crazy."

After further discussion about the costs of ownership and the problems hiring and retaining Highway Department employees, Steve Barton moved to table the motion. The motion to table passed on a voice vote.

**Article 11**

To see if the citizens of Andover will vote to amend the Town Noise Ordinance (dated 2017) by removing under Exemptions "Special Permits" issued by the Town. This article was submitted by petition.

Petitioner Donna Baker-Hartwell moved the article and explained that this warrant article is only about ensuring that businesses adhere to our Noise Ordinance by removing Section 3. This is all because the Select Board allowed a private logging company to begin logging about 5 AM for about seven weeks last September.

Pecco Beaufays said those seven weeks "were an absolute disaster" for him at the Highland Lake Inn because of complaints from his guests. Toby Locke spoke against the article. Attorney Serge pointed out that if this article passes, it limits the Select Board in its discretion to waive the Noise Ordinance in any circumstance not specifically addressed in the ordinance.

Other residents spoke against the article; some expressed concerns about whether eliminating special permits was the right way to address the problems Donna cited with the way Section 3 was handled last September.

After a voice vote and a show of voter

cards were each too close to call, Moderator Mishcon "divided the house" in order to make a precise count of voter cards easier. Article 11 passed 77 to 48.

**Article 12**

We the Town of Andover hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. 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 residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (January 17, 2019 Wall St. Journal) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety. 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.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Andover's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Andover's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Andover's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote. This article is submitted by petition.

Petitioner Susan Chase moved and explained the article. Her explanation closely followed the coverage about the proposed Carbon Cash-Back program that has appeared in the press, including in recent issues of *The Andover Beacon*.

Toby Locke spoke against the proposal on the basis that even "green" things like electric cars and windmills still have a large carbon footprint, so "we're not there yet" to be able to tax carbon as proposed.

Ken Wells clarified that this is only about fossil fuels that are combustible, not about petroleum products used for pharmaceuticals or manufacturing goods. Others spoke against it as being a tax that would just get passed on to the consumers and as an inappropriate new government program.

Others spoke in favor as a necessary incentive to change our behaviors. Pecco Beaufays pointed out that this program is working well in Germany.

Article 12 passed on a show of voter cards.

**Article 13**

To transact any other business that may come legally before this meeting.

Town Administrator Marj Roy disputed a statement made earlier in the meeting that the Town Office made mistakes doing the Highway Department payroll. "The New Hampshire Department of Labor was in at the end of February and did a complete payroll audit, and there were no findings of incorrect checks."

Mario Ratzki presented the New Hampshire Resolution for Fair Redistricting to the Town Moderator, who read it to the meeting: "To see if the town will urge the New Hampshire General Court, following the 2020 census, to redraw the state's political maps in a fair manner providing for the effective representation of New Hampshire's voters. And, in order to fulfill this obligation, the New Hampshire General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission to draw the district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data favoring political parties or candidates. Within 30 days after the Town Election, the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the town Select Board to all town state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire informing them of the results."

Mario spoke to the need for fair and rational re-districting. A motion to table was defeated. A motion to end debate passed unanimously on a voice vote. The motion concerning the New Hampshire Resolution for Fair Redistricting passed on a voice vote.

Janet Moore thanked Dave Blinn for his three years as a member of the Select Board, and thanked Jon Mishcon for running three Town Meetings. There was general applause.

Toby Locke, a commissioner of the Andover Village District, pointed out that no one asked the Village District commissioners for input in expanding the Village District. "If you're going to have substandard lots that require water and we can't provide it, you're going to have problems."

Paul Currier recognized John Thompson for his service as our former elected Road Agent, to loud applause.

Steve Barton moved to create a seven-member committee to develop a Highway Department plan with Herbie Barton as chair, with the plan to be presented next year. Discussion followed of how to set up the committee, who should be on the committee, and whether it's even appropriate for Town Meeting to discuss specifics like that.

The original motion failed on a voice vote. Steve then moved to create a seven-member committee to develop a Highway Department plan. This motion (which differed from the first only in not specifying who would chair the committee) passed on a voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

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# LETTERS

## Thank You for Serving

Jon Mishcon served for the last three years as Town Moderator. The moderator's job is not an easy one. He has to run an efficient Town Meeting according to parliamentary rules and New Hampshire statutes. The business of the town must be moved forward in an orderly way, allowing participants time to speak their minds and giving each warrant article a satisfactory resolution

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after questions and discussion.

As those who attend Town Meeting know, there's a delicate balance involved, and Jon has led us through three successful gatherings with expertise, grace, and humor. Many, many thanks to you, Jon.

David Blinn stepped onto the Select Board with the aim of getting the job done, whatever it was. He was skilled at reaching out to all parties, helping to achieve consensus, and moving ahead, all for the good of the town. He made visitors feel welcome and treated everyone fairly. Throughout interactions with the public and other Town entities, he remained courteous, enthusiastic, and well-meaning, while maintaining a necessary objectivity. A heartfelt thanks to you, Dave.

Janet Moore

## A Big Win

I am writing to express my gratitude for the overwhelming support for the town warrant article amending the Noise Ordinance. This is a big win for Andover residents! I wish to give a big thank you to moderator Jon Mishcon, who handled the discussions with such clarity and respect.

Moving forward, I would also like to express a concern about one other section in the noise ordinance that has the potential to undermine what we accomplished with the elimination of "Special Permits." This is the Enforcement and Penalties under Section Four of the ordinance, which states that "person convicted of knowingly violating this Ordinance, shall be subject to the fol-

lowing penalties as permitted by RSA: 31:39, III, with a maximum penalty not to exceed \$1,000." It sounds like this would be applied annually or within a 12-month period.

It is my concern that a big business or private enterprise might opt out to pay the fine. I put this concern out there so as to raise the possibility and to suggest that we all need to remain diligent in protecting our rights as citizens to peace and quiet between 10:30 PM and 7 AM.

I truly love Andover and, together, we voted and succeeded in making Andover an even better place to live by amending our Noise Ordinance.

Donna Baker-Hartwell

## Thanks for Supporting Carbon Cash-Back

To the dozen or so Andover folks who asked their friends and neighbors to sign a petition supporting a Carbon Cash-Back warrant article to be voted on at Andover Town Meeting;

And to the nearly 100 Andover residents who signed the warrant article petition (well in excess of the number – 25 – needed);

And to *The Andover Beacon* for helping to accurately inform its readers of the pros and cons of the warrant article;

And to all at Town Meeting whose vote helped to approve the warrant article;

And to the Kearsarge Climate Action multi-town group of volunteers who spread the words about Carbon Cash-Back via warrant articles in other towns and via other media;

And to our elected state representatives who have supported this measure...

Thanks to all!

Ken Wells

NH State Representative

## COVID-19 Scams

In the midst of any national disaster we can all be sure of one thing: We will see the very best from people. We've seen it time and again.

But unfortunately, there are those who take advantage of people in troubling times. When it comes to the del-

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## Town Clerk's Office on Lockdown, But Still Doing Business

Online, by mail, or by appointment

Bonnie Wesley  
Town Clerk and Tax Collector

The Select Board and the Emergency Management Team have decided that our office will be on lock-down due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We are still here working as usual. We encourage you to use the mail and do online transactions. Credit cards do charge a fee, however, there is no charge for ACH transactions.

If you need vital records, you can send a request by mail with a check for \$15 for the first, \$10 for each additional, and we will mail it to you.

We will be open on Mondays and Tuesdays, by appointment only, for transactions that must be done in person. If you have any questions, please feel free to call. Our phone number is 735-5018.

We are hopeful that this situation is temporary. We'll keep you updated, as things are constantly changing. Another resource is the DMV website and the Town's website.

As of now, the DMV has announced that 20-day plates will be good until April 30, 2020, and that there is a six-month extension on drivers licenses.

### Take Your Oath of Office

Notice to newly-elected persons and persons appointed to a committee:

please come to the Town Clerk's office (call ahead) to take your oath of office. By law, you cannot assume your duties until you do so.

Once again, I again cannot thank the volunteers at the recent election and Town Meeting enough for all your help. Year after year, you step up to help. You are so appreciated. Also, thanks to Marie at Pizza Chef for coming in on her day off to fix supper for us.

### Dog Licenses Due April 30

Dog licenses are now due. They are available beginning January 1 each year, and are due by April 30. I will be at the Andover Fish and Game Rabies clinic on Saturday, April 25, from 1 to 2 PM selling licenses.

We will not be sending out dog license renewal notices this year. I cannot justify spending over \$400 to mail the notices. This expense is non-recoverable. You can, however, still send us a check, and we will send you the license.

The cost for the license is \$6.50 for puppies and for spayed/ neutered dogs, \$9.50 for unaltered dogs, and if you are 65 and older you can pay a \$2 senior rate for one dog.

Groups of five or more dogs cost \$20. If there are changes, please let us know. Include your dog(s)' name(s) on the check.

Stay safe and healthy!



## Andover Police Department February 2020

The Andover Police Department handled 259 calls for service during February, including:

- Assist Citizen: 5
- Assist Social Service Agencies: 4
- Dog Loose: 4
- Fraud: 2
- Littering/Illegal Dumping: 1
- Manner of Operation: 4
- Noise Disturbance: 1

- Theft: 4
- Traffic Offense, Arrest: 1
- Traffic Offense, Citation: 19
- Traffic Offense, Warning: 88
- Welfare Check: 2

### Arrests

- Timothy Armen, 55, Andover: License Required
- Raymond Smith, 26, Andover: Electronic Bench Warrant



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## Fido Bag Donation is a Lifesaver For Pets in an Emergency

Rosella Sawyer donates one to Emergency Services

Press release

A great big thank you goes to Rosella Sawyer, mother-in-law to Deputy Fire Chief Steve Barton, and mother of Meghan Barton, Andover Emergency Services Auxiliary member. As a supporter of Andover Emergency Services and a lover of animals, Rosella purchased a Fido



Rosella Sawyer holds the Fido Bag she donated to the Andover Emergency Services; Deputy Fire Chief Steve Barton is on the left.

Photo: Meghan Barton

Bag. Her generous donation to our department “supplies EMS with a lifesaving tool to administer medical attention to your family’s pet at the point of rescue.” We appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness, Rosella, as the Fido Bag may save a four-legged life in an emergency!

The following quotes are from Fido Bag’s website at TheFetchFoundation.com:

“An estimated half a million pets are affected by fires each year in the United States. More than 40,000 of our family pets die from smoke inhalation alone.

“Ever wonder what happens to your four-legged family members once firefighters secure the humans from

danger? After much investigation, we found that first responders’ priorities in an emergency are people, pets, and property, in that order. Fire departments that have received our Fido Bags and the associated training now feel confident they have the tools to give our pets the best chance of survival in these emergencies.

“Oxygen is the first thing any living and breathing being needs after being in a fire. Since fire departments are only equipped with human emergency supplies, the oxygen masks available are too flat and small to fit a pet’s face. The star feature of the Fido Bag is a specialized breathing apparatus that is formed to fit any pet’s muzzle. This specialized cone-shaped oxygen mask allows for a secure seal on the pet’s face, giving them the breath of life.

“Many pets also receive injuries and burns during a fire or accident. Therefore, specialized burn sheets, bandages, rinsing saline, and protective restraints are also in the Fido Bag. Once the pet is stabilized, collapsible water dishes are filled and cuddly toys are kept at hand to comfort the pet while in route to the local animal hospital.

“How do we get the Fido Bag into the hands of first responders? You are the key. By sponsoring a fire department, a Fido Bag, or giving a simple donation, we can supply your local fire departments with these life-saving tools that may one day save your best friend’s life.

“How do they know how to use it? Saving a pet’s life requires special training. When a Fido Bag is donated, the recipient fire department is given in-depth training by a qualified, licensed veterinarian. Rescuers are taught how to administer oxygen, how to perform first aid for injuries, how to administer life-saving drugs, and how to use supplies that they already carry on their trucks.”

For more information on the Fido Bag, visit TheFetchFoundation.com.



The Andover Girl Scouts were an important and energetic part of last year’s Fourth of July celebration on the Village Green. Photo: Shelley Geoghegan

## Wild About the Fourth is the Theme for 2020 Parade

AE/MS students chose the theme

Andover Fourth of July Committee

Are you wild about the Fourth? We are! And from all indications, Andover is, too. We thank you all for your overwhelming support at Town Meeting.

That’s right. That’s the theme for this year’s Fourth of July Parade: Wild About the Fourth ... and you can thank the AE/MS students for this brilliant idea. They were thinking along the lines of wild jungle animals, but you don’t have to limit yourselves to that. Interpret it any way you want.

What’s really important is that everyone participates in the parade: family float, business float, animal float. You name it! If for no other reason, we’ve got great float prizes. The Grand Prize is once again \$250. We’ve seen some amazing creations in the past.

While you are thinking about your float entry, the Fourth of July Committee is busy working in the background to line up entertainment, vendors on the Village Green, and, new this year, an inflatable

obstacle course for the kids to enjoy.

Be sure to encourage your youngsters to participate in the Children’s Parade ... decorated bicycles, wagons, costumes! Anything goes!

When we reach back in time, we find that the reason that Andover’s Fourth of July parade was originally begun was for the kids. It was a bright spot in Andover during the dark days when the United States was entering World War II. That wonderful tradition has blossomed into the fantastic tradition it is today.

Just think: The kids marching down Main Street on July 4, 2020, will be marching in the footsteps of Andover’s children 78 years ago! Close your eyes and imagine the happy sounds from the children of days gone by.

We have a lot of preparation work to do for the Fourth. The committee welcomes people who can help with the planning and also just on the day of the event. Simply message us on our Facebook page or give us a call: Doug Phelps at 802 310-1045; Donna Smith at 735-6131; or Beth Frost at 455-2882.



Lining up for the Children’s Parade in the early 1970s. Recognize any of the children? Please let us know at Mail@AndoverBeacon.com. Photo: Vic Phelps

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# OPINION

## Report From Concord March 2020

Ken Wells, NH State Representative

The first two weeks of March provided ample reminders that while our state government is charged with important duties and responsibilities to the public, the “politicking” involved in getting the job done can be petty, cut-throat, and infuriating.

During the current session, the House heard 951 House bills. Each bill gets an introduction and public hearing before one of the 24 House committees, in which any member of the public, agency employee, or paid lobbyist can express their views in public testimony.

For about three weeks in February I filled in as the Science, Technology, and Energy Committee’s clerk, while the regular clerk took a three week trip to Central America on a cruise ship. (Alarming! What we know now about COVID-19 was not known then; it was even being proclaimed a “hoax” by some.) Back in school I learned to take excellent, nearly verbatim handwritten notes, but I’m a terrible typist.

Each hearing day we heard about five bills. The notes for one particularly long bill ran 26 pages long. It took me a long time to type up and submit every bill to our committee assistant for the record, but it’s important to provide an accurate written record of the testimony on each bill. If the bill should be challenged, even years later in the courts, the judges will want to look back at these notes for more details to clarify the “legislative intent” of the bill.

A week or so after the hearing there is a second, deliberative committee “work session” on every bill. This is a slightly less formal exchange between members of the committee expressing their positions on the bill. Sometimes a committee member will suggest an amendment, which then needs to be polished by one of the state’s lawyers into proper “official” legal language.

The discussions are not truly conversations; every comment needs to be directed to the Chairman, not to another member, just like we do at Town Meeting. Nevertheless, the exchanges can be pretty heated and ideological differences flare.

For example, “should we update the radiation monitoring in the seacoast area, to try to get data to identify the causes of three clusters of multiple, rare childhood leukemia cases?” Or, should we “trust the professionalism of the nuclear power plant and not unnecessarily increase the plant’s costs, which they will simply pass onto ratepayers”?

Such arguments can go on for more

than an hour, without compromise. The power plant’s spokesperson was present, but since this is no longer a hearing but a work session, he is not to speak unless he is asked a question by the chairman.

The third meeting for a bill is the committee’s “executive session” on that bill. There may be a final polished amendment presented and explained to the committee.

Eventually a motion will be made by a member on whether to pass, amend, kill the bill, or send it to further study. (The member who makes the winning motion is also volunteering for the chore of writing the committee’s Majority Report. Someone on the other side of the vote has the option of writing a Minority Report.)

At the end, the committee members vote on the bill one-by-one in a roll call by the clerk (my job), who records each vote, tallies the outcome, and adds it to the official record.

There can be several votes on a difficult bill – if the initial motion fails, another member might make a different motion, such as “interim study,” which essentially sends the bill into dignified obscurity. Some of the bills, due to their complexity or expense, are then sent to a second committee (such as Finance) for a second round of this whole process.

It took all of January and February to get all 951 bills through committee, and then the bills will be voted by the full House in the very impressive Representatives Hall. I wrote five bills this session (and co-wrote a sixth), and they met a variety of fates. The Commerce committee unanimously recommended killing my HB1184, which would have given more guidance to entrepreneurs navigating the various state permitting processes, because they judged that adequate guidance already exists. (Ouch.)

Because there was no dissent among the committee, they placed it on the so-called “consent calendar” as ITL. (“Inexpedient to Legislate”) For bills on Consent, the full House makes a single vote to accept the committees’ recommendations without debate.

Another one of my bills, HB1185, proposes a industry-supported youth apprenticeship program, modeled on the system used so successfully in Germany. That bill has strong bipartisan support and also went on Consent, because it was unanimously passed 17-0 by the committee. (Yay!)

My other bills have had more complicated histories that I won’t explain  
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### Letters from page 13

vices you use, such as cell phones and computers, there have been recent reports of scammers using the COVID-19 pandemic as a means to hack, steal, or ransom personal data, such as passwords, and credit card and bank account numbers. Beware of e-mails from unfamiliar sources asking you to click on a link for important virus updates, or messages on your cell suggesting you download an app for coronavirus mapping or information.

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Do change your passwords often, and don’t use the same password on all of your accounts. Do keep your anti-virus software device protection plans up-to-date. Do look for the “https” tag at the start of any website address. The “s” on the end is typically more secure than the “http”. Many secure websites also have a padlock icon next to the website. But, don’t just rely on the “s” or the padlock. Scammers are clever and can disguise themselves as a secure site.

If the website is unfamiliar, you may want to re-type the website name into a search engine like Google and do a little research on them before you decide if you want to proceed. When in doubt, don’t! And check out Consumer.FTC.gov, a safe site, for more tips on keeping your devices and your personal information safe.

Nancie Jacobson

### Vote for Dan Feltes

Dan Feltes is running to be our next Governor. Senator Feltes is now in his third term representing Concord, Hopkinton, Henniker, and Warner. At 40 years old he is New Hampshire’s youngest Senate Majority Leader. Dan has a record of accomplishment working with other Senators and Representatives, both Democrat and Republican.

Dan Feltes previously helped low income families as an attorney with New Hampshire Legal Assistance. Dan and his wife Erin come from working class backgrounds without family political and financial advantages enjoyed by our current Governor. Dan Feltes will be Governor for all our citizens, not just the fortunate few.

Dan’s priorities include clean efficient energy, affordable public education from kindergarten through college, a woman’s right to choose, a living wage, job training, access to substance use disorder treatment, and paid family and medical leave. Some of these priorities were bills sponsored by Dan and passed with bipartisan support. These and other bills were among the 57 bills vetoed by our current governor.

I’m proud to say that I’ve campaigned with Dan and worked with him at our State House. Let’s get our State Government working for everyone again. Please vote Dan Feltes for Governor in the New Hampshire State Primary on September 8, and in the General Election on November 3.

David Karrick

NH State Representative



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On March 21, which was to have been Maple Weekend in New Hampshire, Zach Barton and George Neville, of Trail Side Sugar House in Andover, stand next to their boiler, which is heated up and ready to boil syrup. Photo: Larry Chase



Mark Cowdrey, owner of Ragged View Farm in Andover, and his grandchildren collect sap for boiling.



In mid-February, Darren Gove's 4-A Sugar Shack, located on Route 4-A in Andover, was fully stocked with its wood fuel supply, ready for sugaring to begin. Photo: Larry Chase



Some of the winners of the 2020 Kids' Fishing Derby at Eagle Pond, put on every year by the Andover Fish and Game Club.

## Kids' Ice Fishing Derby on Eagle Pond Nets 42 Fish

Gordon Ordway, Andover Fish and Game Club

The Andover Fish and Game Club's Kids' Ice Fishing Derby, which was held on Eagle Pond in Wilmot on February 29, went well.

Fifty-four kids registered, and 42 fish were caught (18 pickerel, 23 perch, and one bass). The trophy winners were:

- Longest Pickerel, Ella Laroche, 20 1/2"
- 2nd Longest Pickerel, Charlie Welch, 18 1/2"
- 3rd Longest Pickerel, Lucas Johnson, 18"
- Longest Perch, Meadow Bucklin, 11"
- 2nd Longest Perch, Grayson Cloutier, 10 3/4"
- 3rd Longest Perch, Finley Sargent, 10"
- Longest Non-Category, Caleb Rostron, a 14 1/2" Bass

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Ice-out on Highland Lake was called early in the morning on March 27. The view from Chaffee Park showed nothing but shards of ice jammed up at the public beach, all that is left of the winter ice. Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell



Ice-out was declared at Bradley Lake on Sunday, March 22. According to the New Hampshire DES, this is the earliest recorded ice-out at Bradley Lake to date. Last year, ice out fell on April 25. Photo: Larry Chase

## It's Official – Ice-Out Called on Highland Lake on March 27

Early, but not the earliest, since 1992

Donna Baker-Hartwell

March 27: A windy night last night broke up the ice on Highland Lake. It's official: an early morning ice-out was called on Friday, March 27.

Just two weeks ago, I could still see evidence of the winter activity in the etching of snowmobile tracks, skis, and ice fishing gear on the surface of the ice. The ice still appeared thick in the middle, but the shoreline was beginning to open up and water could be seen around the edge. There was one bob house sitting on the edge of the island.

Our family has always considered "ice-out" as there being no ice between the Island and Abbott Point or the public beach. Below are historical ice-out dates, as recorded in our family journals.

- 1992: April 5
- 1993: April 21
- 1994: April 22
- 1995: April 1 (PM)
- 1996: April 15 (half out)
- 1997: April 24
- 1998: April 10
- 1999: April 9
- 2000: April 5
- 2001: April 27
- 2002: March 31
- 2003: April 21
- 2004: April /11
- 2005: Sometime after April 10
- 2006: April 1
- 2007: unknown
- 2008: April 21
- 2009: April 9
- 2010: March 21
- 2011: April 20
- 2012: March 19
- 2013: April 11 (PM)
- 2014: April 19
- 2015: April 17
- 2016: March 16
- 2017: April 16
- 2018: April 24
- 2019: April 19 after noon
- 2020: March 27 (8 AM)



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now, but they are all still alive and will be heard by the Senate next. The sixth bill is “on the table” which is like being on the bench on a sports team; it could theoretically be brought back into the game by majority vote.

Then in February the full House began to take up the bills that were out of committee. It took several weeks to churn through them all. The bills on Consent are passed dozens at a time in a voice vote, which takes only about 30 seconds. The more contentious bills are debated, with the Minority view presented first, followed by a speech by the Majority view.

Since I wrote a number of my committee’s Majority Reports last year, I have had the opportunity to deliver my short speeches “at the well,” as the pulpit-like podium is known. Now that the novelty has worn off, I’ve become a lot more confident and discovered that it’s not too different from speaking to one of my classes when I was a teacher. (Except my students were more attentive and better behaved!)

Then, the political shenanigans start-

ed: About this time last year, the Speaker of the House announced that all State House legislators and staff would be required to attend a training session on sexual harassment in the workplace.

Fine idea. In my former job as a teacher, all school employees were required to do similar training, to protect both themselves, their co-workers and the reputation of the institution. I don’t recall that anyone in school objected very much to that, expecting they would certainly lose their jobs if they did not comply.

Representatives had a whole year to complete the training and those that didn’t go to the first two well-attended one-hour lectures were reminded in increasingly demanding ways to attend. (If you have any experience with bill collectors, you have a good idea of the escalation I’m describing.) In spite of that, nine members refused to attend the sexual harassment training sessions for a whole year.

So, the Speaker issued reprimands to each of these people, to be voted on by the full House after they had a chance to explain themselves. One had a plausible excuse the House accepted. (He had certified completion of such a training at his other job.) Another accepted responsibility without complaint. But the others were loudly and insultingly defiant. The House voted to reprimand them.

The following full House session was just two days before the deadline: any bills not passed by the end of the March 12 session would be dead. Many of those bills contain essential legislation, vital to somebody or everybody in the state. Those reprimanded, aided by their allies, began to employ delaying tactics, much like filibustering in the United States Congress.

We started at 9 AM on both days, but after a day and a half of session, at noon of March 12 only 35 bills had been voted on, including the bills on the

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# OPINION

## The Virus Doesn’t Discriminate; We Are All in This Together

Dan Feltes  
NH State Senate and  
2020 candidate for governor

All of us, from the President of the United States to everyday citizens, have a job to do to combat the virus, COVID-19. We are not going to contain this overnight and it’s going to get worse before it gets better. But we’re all in this together. This virus doesn’t care who you love, where you live, or what you do for work. In the past week, we’ve seen it spread exponentially across the United States and around the world.

We should all thank our state employees, especially those at the Department of Health and Human Services, and our medical professionals, who are on the front lines of this fight to keep Granite Staters healthy. Our federal delegation worked with members of both parties to secure \$5 million in federal funds to help offset costs associated with the COVID-19 response. Commissioner Nicolopoulos announced an order to prohibit state-regulated insurance plans from charging out-of-pocket costs for all COVID-19 testing, which is a critical step to ensure that cost is not a deterrent for individuals seeking the treatment they need. We have asked the Department of Health and Human Services for any specific requests they may have for the Legislature to better enable them to do their jobs.

The most important step we can take is to make smart decisions to stay healthy and prevent the spread of the virus. But, Granite Staters need to know they can keep themselves healthy without fear of losing their job or taking on debt. That’s why, on Thursday, the Senate announced our plans to introduce legislation to allow Granite Staters who are quarantined to receive unemployment insurance so those living paycheck to paycheck can pay their bills even if they can’t go to work. The legislation also included job protections

for Granite Staters who are quarantined to ensure you can’t lose your job if you need to stay home. We cannot penalize people who do the right thing to stay healthy. We also require the Department of Health and Human Services to request a waiver from the federal government to cover the costs of testing and treatment for uninsured Granite Staters.

At the local level, our public health departments, first responders, and local officials are setting their preparedness plans in motion. This virus is going to test our ability to work together, communicate effectively, and look out for one another. As schools close and our workforce struggles with child care, we’ll need to look out for one another more than ever. And, yes, we need to hold each other accountable, just like any successful team.

Our most vulnerable populations, our grandparents and people of all ages with underlying health conditions, will need our help and need those who are potentially infected to make smart decisions and not put others at risk. Our prisoners, our nursing home residents, and Granite Staters in the developmental disability community who rely upon a healthy workforce will need special attention.

It’s no secret that Governor Sununu and I don’t agree on much, but I’m glad there is agreement on many of these concepts and I look forward to working together. We are all on the same team on this one. There will be a time and a place for healthy debate and discussion, but today and in the weeks and months to come those of us in the legislature will continue to do our job helping to take this virus on.

We’re all in this together. We all have a role to play. And in order to move New Hampshire forward and through this, we cannot afford to leave anyone behind.

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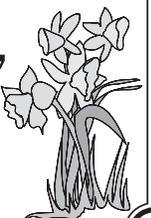
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Pastor John Wagner and his wife Amy cut the cake made for his retirement party by Judy Faller. Photo: Linda Wickstrom

## 100 People Attend Retirement Party for Pastor John Wagner

### Many changes to April events at church

#### Press release

Almost 100 people attended the Retirement Party for Pastor John Wagner on March 11 at the Elks Club in Franklin. John, along with his wife Amy, served the Andover Community Church for 26 years.

The party began with a delicious meal, after which several church members and friends shared memories of interactions with John throughout the years.

It was apparent from these stories that he was a man deeply loved and admired as a man of God by all who knew him. John and Amy were presented with many cards and gifts. A beautiful painting of the Church, painted by local artist Melanie Shaw, was presented to John and Amy at the conclusion of the celebration. A good time was had by all!

#### Changes to April Events

The following events are still planned as of now, but, depending on the status of COVID-19, may be subject to change. Check the Church website [AndoverCommunityNH.org](http://AndoverCommunityNH.org) or call the Church office at 735-5160 to confirm if a given event is still on.

On Thursday, April 9, a meal of soup and salad will be held at the Highland Lake Grange Hall at 6 PM, reflecting on the Last Supper.

This will be followed by a Tenebre service at the Church at 7:15 PM. The Church will be open for prayer and meditation on Good Friday, April 10,

from noon to 3 PM.

A sunrise service will take place at the field of John and Sandra Graves on Maple Street at 6 AM. This will be followed by breakfast in the Grange Hall, at approximately 6:45 AM. Please join us for breakfast even if you aren't able to come to the sunrise service. The Easter Sunday service will be held at the regular time of 10 AM.

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

Healing Prayer Ministry is available after worship service on Sundays or by appointment. Call Linda Wickstrom at 455-1467.

Franklin Outreach Ministry meets on Wednesdays at 4 PM at Chubbles on Central Street in Franklin. This includes a meal provided free of cost.

At 6 PM a study group meets at the Franklin Mint Pawn Shop, again on Central Street. Also, prayer walks for Franklin continue on Fridays, meeting at City Hall at 5 PM.

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 about 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: "Put others before yourself and you will become a leader among men." Read Matthew 20:26-27.*



The red caboose, owned by the Andover Historical Society, sits on the tracks in Potter Place. Grant funding will allow repairs to begin this spring.

Photo: Bob Norander

## Grant to Historical Society Will Support Caboose Repair

### Additional funding needed from community

#### Larry Chase

#### Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society has received a grant of \$5,000 from the non-profit Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts, Inc. (Mass Bay RRE), to help repair the badly leaking roof of the Society's old red caboose, which sits on the tracks beside the Potter Place Railroad Station, now serving as a museum for the Andover Historical Society.

The repair work, estimated to cost about \$10,000, will be carried out this spring by Bentwoods Contracting of Andover, under the coordination of Society members Bob Norander and Tim Norris.

Normally open for visitors along with other Society holdings (station and Emons general store, open May to October, Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM, Sundays from 12:30 PM to 3 PM), the caboose will be closed while repairs are made.

The additional funding required for completion of the project will be sought from friends and members of the Society, according to president Gail Richards. Volunteers will also be recruited to assist in the repair effort, she said. Those interested in helping should send an e-mail to [Treasurer@AndoverHistory.org](mailto:Treasurer@AndoverHistory.org), or a note (or check) to the Andover Historical Society, PO Box 167, Andover

NH 03216.

#### About the Caboose

Identified as CV-4030 from the Central Vermont Railroad, the caboose dates from 1923. It retains all of its historically interesting features. There is the cupola for monitoring the train cars, racks for the safety flares, pot-bellied stove for warmth, ice box for the engineer's provisions, and bunk beds for overnight duty.

"Caboose" is an old sailing term meaning a kitchen set up on the deck of a ship; it came to mean any portable or temporary shelter. The railroad caboose undoubtedly began as a tent or shelter set up on an old flatcar.

About the funder: Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational corporation, organized for the promotion of public interest and understanding of railroads. It established the Mass Bay RRE Railroad Preservation Fund in 2016 to further support worthy projects to preserve historically significant railroad equipment, structures, information, or artifacts in New England. Grants, generally not exceeding \$5,000, are awarded annually, funded by the club's available funds and donations to the fund from members. For more information, visit [MassBayRRE.org](http://MassBayRRE.org).

Learn more about the Andover Historical Society at [AndoverHistory.org](http://AndoverHistory.org).



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Consent Calendar, and 151 remained.

Bills come up alphabetically according to the name of the committee recommending them, so “Science, Technology, and Energy” bills are third from the end, just in front of “Transportation” and “Ways and Means.” (Ways and Means is your Representative David Karrick’s committee, which has the important job of finding revenue for all state functions.)

Word filtered through back channels that if the House voted to lift the reprimands, the delaying tactics would stop.

Many representatives were furious at this attempt at what felt like blackmail. Most resolved they would stand fast and get the People’s work, the work of the House, finished no matter what.

Some feared that if too many reps got tired and left, or if the reprimanded faction walked out, the quorum would be

lost, and all legislative action would have to simply stop. (The quorum is the minimum number in attendance to legally conduct business, or 268 members.)

As we took our seats, some were surprised when the Speaker announced that in order to maintain a quorum, he was locking us in! What? I suddenly recalled that more than a year ago, after I was sworn in, I received an official summons in the mail, requiring my presence in the House under pain of ... I forget what, because it seemed so unlikely. Then we heard that the State Police were in the building. Wow, this was no fooling around!

We pushed on, and the delays continued. Six o’clock went by, only a few bills were finished, and the delays continued. Nine-thirty, and I broke out my supply of chocolate-covered espresso beans and passed them around to my sleepy neighbors. It was looking grim.

At midnight we all took a short

break to snack on apples, power bars, and water provided to everyone by the staffers. We observed that COVID-19 cases were increasing every day, so suspending the House deadline and reconvening to finish the work at a later date would be increasingly dangerous.

Meanwhile, 400 people or so, many over 80 years old, were staying up all night to listen to arguments in a crowded room. Was there any way this could get worse? The mood began to shift from rigid opposition to the camaraderie of facing hardship together. A bit weird, but cool.

Back in our seats, someone made the proposal that we suspend the rules and reconvene at a later date to finish our work. That motion was soundly defeated – just push on!

Around 2 AM, somebody on the other side proposed we limit debate to three minutes on each side, and it passed by a loud voice vote.

Weeks before, at the executive sessions, others on my committee had volunteered to write lengthy floor speeches for all our bill’s debates before the full House. (I had been Clerk for three weeks, so I was kind of tired of writing stuff and didn’t ask for one of those!) Instead, I volunteered to offer several of the short and stuffily formal “parliamentary inquiries” or “P.I.’s”, which contain a short outline of a bill’s main points, presented as a question: “Mr Speaker, if I know that this bill ... [does this, and that and the other good thing] ... then would I not push the green button to accept the committee’s recommendation to pass this bill?”

With the clock running out and 12 bills in our committee, my committee chairman asked me if I could give the P.I.s in place of the floor speeches. I scribbled and edited my notes on about six bills, to be as succinct as possible.

For each of several bills, I made the pitch and the bills passed, one after another. The last one was an especially con-

tested bill (about the radiation detectors I mentioned above) and whaddayaknow, the power plant’s spokesperson is sitting up in the gallery, at three in the morning!

I got fired up, gave the pitch in a coach’s “down by six at half-time” pep-talk style. (I had a good deal of practice at that – it’s a situation my football team found itself in many times when I was a coach, but we always finished the season with more wins than losses.)

When I was done speaking, the House applauded (an unusual breach of decorum). Perhaps because they liked what I said, or was it because we were that much closer to being done? The vote was counted, and the bill passed 160 to 128.

The last Ways and Means bill passed a bit later, and the House adjourned around four in the morning.

A Republican colleague with whom I have worked closely on the bipartisan apprenticeship bill found me on the way out and wanted to chat. He was really excited about having been in an absolutely epic session of the New Hampshire House, the likes of which nobody could remember! It was a nice feeling of camaraderie and resolution. The People’s work was finished, at least for the time being.

The next day, my colleague Kermit Williams shared his thoughts:

“I was reminded last night of Shakespeare’s play *Henry V*, where Henry tells his troops on the eve of the battle of Agincourt, in part;

*And gentlemen in England now a-bed  
Shall think themselves accurs’d they  
were not here,  
And hold their manhoods cheap  
whiles any speaks  
That fought with us upon Saint  
Crispin’s day.*

That night was our Saint Crispin’s day, and it will be remembered by all of us forever. And future reps who were a-bed in New Hampshire will wish they had been there, because last night will be “legendary!”



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## Planning Board

**January 28**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

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

**Also present** for duration of appropriate item: Pat Moyer, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Jon Champagne; John Bentley (agent for Jon Champagne); Chris Seufert (attorney for applicant); Web Stout (FWS Land Surveying); and Jeff Raymond

### Champagne Application

Review and Act on application for Jon and Joanne 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 Hwy and 424 Bay Road.

Powers recused and Duclos was appointed to his position. The board reviewed and made a few updates to the potential conditions should the application be approved. Stout presented a revised plan indicating changes and revised notes.

A Wetlands Permit from New Hampshire DES for fill is needed. Duclos asked what would happen should the permit be declined, and the response was New Hampshire DES will be contacted ahead of time. The Zoning Board of Adjustment conditions from their approval were added to Stout’s plan.

There being no further discussion, Urie made a motion to approve the application for installation of a gravel and stone excavation and sales business at 235 Salisbury Highway and 424 Bay Road in Andover, and Site Plan Review with conditions prior to commencing operations as presented with the following conditions:

1. The applicant have a blasting plan prepared by the blasting contractor and reviewed by Aries Engineering;

2. The applicant complete an application for an Alteration of Terrain Permit (AOT) to the State of New Hampshire and submit the application and the State’s response to the Planning Board;

3. The applicant will cooperate with any Town of Andover authorized parties sent to monitor the operation on the

site;

4. The applicant will plan work so that all commercial traffic to and from the site will only be via the Route 4 access previously approved by the State of New Hampshire;

5. The applicant will file for a wetlands permit with Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau;

6. In accordance with Section X11A of the Town of Andover Excavation Regulations, the applicant will provide a performance bond, which shall be submitted to the Andover Select Board with sufficient surety as determined by the Select Board to guarantee the reclamation of the area in compliance with the permit and any other required inspections. The Planning Board recommends a performance bond in the amount of \$25,000;

7. The plans and revised plans will be received by the Andover Planning Board prior to commencing work on the site.

### Condominium at 164 Main Street

Completeness and Review for Subdivision / Condominium for Andover Main Street, LLC with Art Urie as agent, for 164 Main Street

Urie recused and Duclos was appointed to his position. Urie presented a plan for the proposed subdivision. The board was concerned as to whether there was enough road frontage to sub-

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### 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

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**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.**

## Conservation Commission

**February 12**

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Present:** Jerry Hersey, Alan McIntyre, Nancy Robart, Jesse Schust, Lee Wells, Tina Cotton, Harvey Pine, Jacob McCormick, Becca Budrock, Ken Wells

**Suggestion:** We should have a new member orientation, show new members current important issues: field trips to White Oak, to Bog Pond, to Proctor snow-making area, to a Beaver Deceiver. Also suggested that we open these field trips to the public so those who are

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interested can better understand what the Conservation Commission is doing.

**Champagne Gravel Pit:** Notice of decision was distributed. More of our concerns have been addressed by Alteration of Terrain Permit and Wetlands Permit. Sound issues are still a concern and questions remain: Will this area be submerged when the Blackwater River floods? Wetlands Permit should address this.

There have been three or four public meetings over this. The Select Board and the Conservation Commission are the ones to monitor this, but we do not have the expertise to be sure of what we are looking for. Should we hire someone to help us with this, just as the old Transfer Station and wells in that area are monitored?

**Harvey Pine,** with students Jacob McCormick and Becca Budrock: Harvey Pine, Andover resident and Colby Sawyer professor who teaches three courses at Colby Sawyer in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), attended this meeting so that two of his students, currently in their second semester course in GIS, could design an independent project as part of their course work which would also serve Andover's

needs. Given the work we are doing on the wetlands ordinance, they could work on maps – a paper version for Town Hall as well as a digital version that can be uploaded and zoomed in on for people to see important features/layers.

Important features could include allowing people to see how much land will be impacted by buffers and how much shoreline would be protected by buffers.

Which platform would be best to use: Google maps, ARCGIS, QGIS? Could check to see what other towns have done, can see what other towns have done in DES one-stop.

Should the buffer start at the “shoreline protection act” line and not from the river center line? Information from FEMA flood plain maps can provide important information to the town. Need to get polygon data and not line data. Our number one priority is wetlands, it would be useful to put in hard benchmarks as well.

Students will draw up an initial proposal by next week, they will address scope and deliverability of the project. Final project will be due by April 17.

Action item: Alan will be in communication with the students and share documents with them.

**Tutorial and Demonstration:** Jesse showed us how to navigate the DES site and use their mapping software to see maps of Andover that locate wetlands, aquifers, and other important water resources.

**Wetlands Ordinance:** Paul Currier and Randall Costa have volunteered to help with editing.

**White Oak:** no news, we are still waiting on the Governor and the Executive Council.

**Bog Pond:** Jesse will speak with MAB about getting in touch with Dave Jeffers. Follow up on 2016 incursion into Bog Pond. Issue of remediation: does dragging debris (stumps) out of Bog Pond do as much damage as dumping the material in? The adjacent area will be grassed over and there will be a 50' buffer. Boundaries to be marked; good to have Lakes Region do this. Jesse gave MAB a list of data points we would need for mapping.

Action item: Jesse will contact MAB.

**Newman Easement:** Part of easement located in Hill has been logged, there are now water bars on that part of the property, which discourages ATV use, but they do direct water towards wetlands. Gates are not recommended; ATVs find a way around them. Would like to get Scouts involved in this project. John Mazorka is the new scout master.

Action item: Alan will talk with John about getting Scouts to post signs – two on each end of the easement, located high enough to not be torn down.

Action item: Jerry will call Jim McKenna to arrange purchase of sign.

**Eversource Update:** Will schedule

a site visit for this spring. They are replacing wooden poles with metal poles and putting in temporary roads to complete this work. They have been mindful of wetlands.

**Beaver Deceivers:** Alan spoke with Vicky Mishcon. Without an explanation, people see the sticks and falsely assume that they aren't working. The Beaver Deceivers direct the beavers away from culverts, so they build their dams off to the side where they can't damage the culvert. Skip will visit this spring. The Proctor Beaver Deceiver needs to be enlarged.

Problem – there is only one person overseeing and maintaining the Deceivers. Skips needs to help us protect these investments. A Beaver Deceiver Field Trip would be a good way to educate the public about them.

**Town Meeting:** Need to contact Town Moderator to arrange to have a table at Town Meeting. Alan can do set up and be there from 11 AM to 1 PM. Lee and Nancy can cover much of the afternoon after that. We can have maps and websites up.

Action Item: Alan will contact Jon Mishcon about having a table at town meeting.

Motion made: Given that Town Meeting tends to run late the night before our monthly meeting, Jerry made a motion that we move our March meeting to the third Wednesday of the month, Alan seconded, all in favor.

Action item: Lee will post this. Alan is working on setting up an e-mail account for Cons Com.

Tina suggested that Appendix 14 of the Master Plan: Natural Resources be on our website.



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Rita Norander found this picture of the former Portsmouth School in East Andover in her history files. It was part of an article published in *The Granite Monthly* in 1896.

## Picture of East Andover's Portsmouth School Discovered

Published in 1896 issue of *The Granite Monthly*

Rita Norander

After saying in my article in the March issue of the *Beacon* that I hadn't previously seen a picture of the Portsmouth School in its original setting, I was surprised to rediscover an early photo (above) – and it was right in my own Andover history files!

The picture appears in a 12-page article of the October 1896 issue of *The Granite Monthly* magazine. The article is simply titled *Andover*, and it is by Miss M. J. Hersey. The author, Mary J. Hersey (known to her family as May J.), and my great-grandfather, Benjamin G. Hersey, were first cousins. This is probably why the article was saved and passed on to other family members.

According to Ralph Chaffee, in his book *East Andover and Its People*, May J. Hersey and her sister Edith grew up on Tucker Mountain. Their home was just before the Little Red Schoolhouse, and it had belonged to their grandparents, Jacob and Polly Rowe. In 1867, Frank G. Hersey, who lived on the other side of Tucker Mountain in Hill, became a hired hand on the Rowe farm,

and two years later he married the Rowes' daughter, Ellen.

In the early days of the 20th century, the farm was known as the "Old Mountain Home," and the Herseys took in summer boarders. After May J. and Edith's parents died, the unmarried sisters continued to live on the farm for a time, but in 1922 they sold the family homestead and moved to California.

The sisters kept in touch with their Andover family and friends and visited New Hampshire a few times. They especially liked to return for the Hersey Reunion, which they had often hosted at their "Old Mountain Home" on Tucker Mountain.

May J. died in 1964 at age 90, and Edith in 1967 at age 90. They are buried in the Lakeview Cemetery in East Andover. Sadly, all of the buildings at their "Old Mountain Home" on Tucker Mountain were destroyed by fire in 1934.

The *Granite Monthly* article and its pictures provide an interesting glimpse into Andover's past. Within its pages are 20 small pictures of public buildings and private homes, as well as 25 pictures of early prominent Andover citizens. It was a wonderful find!

## Service Club Relaunches Welcome Bag Program For New Residents

Caroline Moulton Ratzki  
Andover Service Club

In these difficult times, as I worry about loved ones and miss the activities we took for granted just a few weeks ago, I am sustained by the strength of our community. I know that if my husband or I were to get sick, there are friends and neighbors who would drop off groceries on our porch and help out in any way they can.

Over a decade ago, when we were viewing the house we bought on Maple Street, I was delighted to see people wave as they drove by. I think that moment sealed our fate!

Throughout that summer of 2009, neighbors walked up our driveway with gifts of cookies or produce from their garden. We fell in love with Andover.

We were quickly roped into some of Andover's many clubs. It's a great way to meet people! My first club was the Andover Service Club. It was founded in the 1950s, to serve people in the community and state and to broaden the social and intellectual life of its members. Membership is open to all women in Andover and surrounding communities.

The Service Club supports many lo-

cal organizations, maintains the town gardens, runs the Thrift and Gift Shop, provides scholarships, and more. We meet monthly from September to June. Currently, the Service Club is working on the relaunch of a Welcome Bag program to greet new residents.

### Welcome Bags

The bag contains information about businesses and organizations in town, with gift items and gift certificates generously donated by our local merchants. Also included is a map and a Business Directory which lists the phone numbers of town offices and other important services.

Andover is a great place to live, and being involved is a great way to build community. The Service Club welcomes new members. Contact the president, Sandra Graves, at 735-5531 or JGraves@tds.net.

If you're new to town, or know someone who is, please contact one of us, and we'll be glad to deliver a welcome bag once life returns to normal. Caroline Moulton Ratzki, CarolineMoulton@gmail.com; Margo Coolidge, Margo\_Coolidge@hotmail.com; or Ellen Langlais, EllenL@tds.net.

## Reminisce!

The *Beacon* wants to publish your memories of Andover in days gone by. Big events or everyday moments, our readers would love to share in your memories.

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## Elkins Fish and Game Offers Outdoors-Woman Scholarship

Press release

The Elkins Fish and Game Club is once again asking women in the Kearsarge area who are interested in learning outdoor skills in a fun, noncompetitive setting to apply for a \$385 scholarship to the fall Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) workshop. The scholarship is open to any woman age 18 or older who is a resident of the Kearsarge area. The deadline for applying for the scholarship is Wednesday, April 29.

To apply for this scholarship, go to [NHBOW.com](http://NHBOW.com) and print out a scholarship application form to fill out and postmark by the deadline. Please note that the scholarship recipient will still need to sign up in early June for the fall program itself, and being awarded a scholarship does not guarantee your placement in specific classes.

For more information about the Elkins Fish and Game Club area scholarship, contact Carla Marshall at [DMarsh@tds.net](mailto:DMarsh@tds.net) or 848-0432. The scholarship re-

ipient will be invited to attend a meeting of the Elkins Fish and Game Club to talk about her experience.

This year's fall BOW workshop will take place on Friday, September 11, through Sunday, September 13, at Rockywood/Deephaven Camps on Squam Lake in Holderness. The full cost of the workshop is \$425, which includes lodging, meals, instruction, and equipment use.

The weekend includes a chance to explore many different outdoor interests, from fishing, fly tying, and kayaking, to hunting, shooting sports, and handling firearms.

New Hampshire's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman programs are sponsored by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation. The Elkins Fish and Game Club is New Hampshire's oldest continuously operating fish and game club, founded in 1894. For more information about the club, visit [ElkinsFishAndGame.net](http://ElkinsFishAndGame.net).

## March! on the Northern Rail Trail, the Perfect Place to Stay Healthy

Volunteers are busy with many trail projects

George Heaton, FNRT-MC

The month of March brings transition to the Trail. Hard-pack snow melts to mud. Snowmobiles cede to walkers. And eventually, buds start to appear. It is a hopeful time; a time to use the Trail and contemplate even-better times to come.

In this moment of national anguish and transition, the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail – Merrimack County (FNRT-MC) urge you to March! On the Trail. Being out on the Trail supports our common quest for health, calm, and solidarity in these difficult times.

Meanwhile, if the FNRT-MC appears to have kept a low public profile recently, we have in fact been busy, both with current projects and plans for the future. Our doings are detailed below.

As is typical in winter, the Board's schedule was curtailed to a single meeting in January. The next meeting, scheduled for April, has been canceled due to concern for the health of all during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are hopeful that we can resume the usual monthly schedule (third Wednesdays) in May – but stay tuned. Plans will be put up on our website at [FNRT.org](http://FNRT.org) and we intend to publish news updates in the *Beacon* if there are no monthly minutes.

The members of our Board and closest supporters have pursued various new opportunities in "teams." Lindy Heim and Tom Frantz are drafting an application to the Granite State Wheelers to repair and light the Lawrence Street culvert at the ballfield in Andover. Those of you who know this dark tunnel with undulating ground and loose rocks will surely applaud this initiative, and we very much hope to work with the Wheelers.

Jack Shields and Lindy Heim are developing an application to the State of New Hampshire for a 2021 Recreational Trails Program grant. Its principal purpose would be to rebuild the culvert just south of Eagle Pond Road. In spite of several past repairs, the reality is that the current culvert isn't big enough to handle the run-off from Route 4. A State grant would provide the resources to design and install a long-term "fix" to this problem that has plagued the Trail for years.

Chris Norris is prioritizing repairs to bridges, culverts, and ditches that can be accomplished this year; the necessary arrangements with contractors will soon be made. Ricker Miller's similar efforts across the entire length of the Trail allowed for culverts to be cleared at Sam Hill Road, with Andover Town assistance.

Two "Bridge Guys" – George Heaton and Kent Hackmann – are monitoring and interfacing with others in connection with projects to reconstruct bridges in Andover and Danbury. In the former case – Route 11 over Sucker Brook in East Andover – a new design is proposed, prompting wide-ranging discussions among State, Town, historical, and environment constituencies.

In Danbury, the process for reconstruction of the bridge over Route 4, just south of the town center has involved the FNRT-MC as a consulting party. We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that details historical and environmental aspects of the project and commits the State to consult with us on any design changes before the projected work in 2021.

Looking forward, we are preparing the annual appeal for donations to help us keep the Trail in good repair. Lee Carvalho intends to come up from Connecticut to manage the joyful mailing/stuffing party, to which supporters are invited. Jim Lerner will send solicitations via MailChimp. Given the state of the external world, we will have to wait and see whether this can happen in May. Stay tuned.

As always, the Board will continue to communicate and work among itself by e-mail. Feel free to contact us!

With the Trail's best season just before us, remember that there's no better way to protect and improve your health and spirit than by getting out there and breathing deeply.



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*Golden in Death*, J.D. Robb  
*Westering Women*, Sandra Dallas  
*The Institute*, Stephen King  
*A Good Day For a Massacre; A Hill  
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*Unsolved*,  
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*The Missing Piece; Second Sight*,  
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*Wolf Pack*, C.J. Box  
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### Adult Nonfiction

*Undo It!*,  
 Dean Ornish, MD and Anne Ornish  
*God in the ICU*, Dave Walker, MD

### Children's Books

*Strange the Dreamer; Muse of  
 Nightmares*, Laini Taylor  
*Fritzy Finds a Hat*,  
 Scott Hamilton and Brad Paisley  
*The Brotherband Chronicles 6, 7, 8*,  
 John Flanagan  
*The Finisher; Width of the World;  
 Keeper*, David Baldacci  
*Ali Cross*, James Patterson  
*Ready for Sports: Lacrosse*,  
 Elliot Riley  
*Boys' Lacrosse*, Matt Chandler  
*Scaredy Squirrel Has a Birthday Party*,  
 Melanie Watt  
*Unicorn on a Roll*, Dana Simpson

## Bachelor Library New Acquisitions

### Adult Fiction

*The Country Guesthouse*, Robyn Carr  
*Dear Edward*, Ann Napolitano  
*The Long Petal of the Sea*,  
 Isabel Allende  
*Oona Out of Order*,  
 Margarita Montimore  
*Treason*, Stuart Woods  
*Victim 2117*, Jussi Adler-Olsen  
*We Must Be Brave*, Frances Liardet

### Adult Nonfiction

*Pacific Crucible: War at Sea in the  
 Pacific, 1941-1942*, Ian W. Toll  
*The Splendid and the Vile*,  
 Erik Larson  
*A Very Stable Genius: Donald J.  
 Trump's Testing of America*,  
 Philip Rucker and Carol Leonnig  
*The Witches: Suspicion, Betrayal,  
 and Hysteria in 1692 Salem*,  
 Stacy Schiff  
*Women Who Run With the Wolves*,  
 Clarissa Pinkola Estes

### Middle Grade/Young Adult

*The Declaration of Independence*,  
 illustrated by Sam Fink  
*Early Loggers and the Sawmill*,  
 Peter Adams  
*The Final Kingdom*, Michael Northrop  
*The Last Safe House*,  
 Barbara Greenwood  
*The Librarian Who Measured the  
 Earth*, Kathryn Lasky  
*One Dead Spy*, Nathan Hale  
*Poetry for Young People: Rudyard  
 Kipling*, edited by Eileen Gillooly  
*Three Tales of My Father's Dragon*,  
 Ruth Stiles Gannett  
*Who Was Amelia Earhart?*,  
 Kate Boehm Jerome

*Zoobreak*, Gordon Korman

### Children's Books

*Babushkas's Doll*, Patricia Polacco  
*Chrysanthemum*, Kevin Henkes  
*The Curse of the Bambino*,  
 Dan Shaughnessy  
*Detective LaRue*, Mark Teague  
*The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse  
 Hawkins*, Barbara Kerley  
*Fall is Not Easy*, Marty Kelley  
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 The Red Sox Wives  
*Grandfather Twilight*,  
 Barbara Helen Berger  
*Henry Hikes to Fitchburg*,  
 D. B. Johnson  
*I Was Born About 10,000 Years Ago*,  
 Steven Kellogg  
*Ian Penney's ABC*, Ian Penney  
*Keep the Lights Burning*,  
 Abbie, Peter, and Connie Roop  
*Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*,  
 Kevin Henkes  
*The Little Old Lady Who Was Not  
 Afraid of Anything*, Linda Williams  
*Llama Llama Gives Thanks*,  
 Anna Dewdney  
*My Dad is the Best Playground*,  
 Luciana Navarro Powell  
*Night in the Country*, Cynthia Rylant  
*Sleep Well, Little Bear*,  
 Quint Buchholz  
*The Tale of Three Trees*,  
 Angela Elwell Hunt  
*They Called Her Molly Pitcher*,  
 Anne Rockwell

### DVDs

*Ford v. Ferrari*  
*Jojo Rabbit*  
*Knives Out*

### Audio Books

*The Dog Who Danced*, Susan Wilson  
*The Dog Who Saved Me*, Susan Wilson

## Andover's Libraries Are Closed, But You Can Still Access Books

### State Library has digital resources available

Lee Wells and Priscilla Poulin  
Andover Librarians

What a difference a couple of weeks make! Last month we decided to try to get the Andover Libraries' monthly newsletter into the *Beacon*, which meant that the newsletter needed to be completed two weeks ahead of press time. In the intervening two weeks, the world has been turned upside down by COVID-19, and everything we wrote two weeks ago is completely obsolete or simply wrong now.

Thankfully, the *Beacon* was able to do a last minute change or two. So, here is what you need to know about the libraries now.

- Following the directive of the Governor and the New Hampshire State Library, all New Hampshire libraries are closed in order to help all of us stay safe and healthy.

- Please do not return books to the drop boxes outside the libraries. It seems the best way to "disinfect" books is with time. Please keep them until after the libraries officially reopen.

- We will no longer be offering WABL walks. However, Chase Hill Road and Emory Road are still there and are still a beautiful place to walk for anyone and everyone who would like to get outside and enjoy some of the best

views Andover has to offer. Feel free to park at the East Andover library.

- If your child needs an internet connection to do distance learning now that schools are closed and you do not have wifi at home, please know that you can park in front of the WABL and get wifi. Please do not use the library's wifi to download copyrighted materials such as songs or films (i.e. bootlegging) as this will result in our wifi being shut down. The wifi outside the Bachelor Library is a little more reliable than the wifi outside the Andover Public Library. It will be left on and aimed toward the parking lot.

- The State Library's digital resources (e-books, audio books, and magazines) are not only still available, but they are expanding. You need to download the app, Libby, from your usual app store. Once you open the app and use it for the first time, the main thing to remember is that your card number to use Libby is 4300, followed by your regular library card number. Please let us know if you are having trouble getting set up. Lee can best be contacted at [WABLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:WABLibrary@gmail.com) and Priscilla at [AndoverPL@comcast.net](mailto:AndoverPL@comcast.net).

- If you do not have a library card, contact us, and we'll sign you up for a card and give you a number so you can use the State Library resources.

- All the public librarians in New Hampshire are part of a list serve and See Libraries on page 27

## Through the Reading Glasses

Janet Moore  
Trustee, Andover Libraries

As a former English major and educator, I've always had an affinity for and an ease with literature – as my kids would say, "Well, duh!" Yes, well, for whatever reason, the older I get, the more I like to read non-fiction and tackle the subjects that used to stymie me in school.

Science and math and economics now interest me; so, I try to plow through enlightening books. James Gleick's *Chaos* nearly did me in, but I enjoyed the struggle. *Cliff Study Guide's Algebra I* keeps me occupied on long summer evenings when I try to put numbers in order to organize my scattered brain.

Lately, though, I have succumbed to economics and finance, which present their own foreign languages, and it is slow going, but here's where I began.

*Economics for Dummies* is just plain

fun, but it's going to be a long-term project. My older daughter assures me that once I master the language, concepts like "deriving demand curves from diminishing marginal utility" will make perfect sense. When the concepts are explained using food-pizza slices, anyone? – they do, sort of. But I think I might skip to Chapter 18 tonight: "Grasping Origins and Effects of Financial Crises," which brings me to the other book, *A Random Walk Down Wall Street*.

The daughter and two others suggested I tackle Malkiel's reader-friendly walk through the financial markets and sound investing. This is not bedtime reading; this is chocolate in hand, be prepared to laugh, scribble in the margins reading. By next April, I will surely be older and maybe a little wiser in the ways of economics and finance; just don't ask me to explain anything! 



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Press release  
 Assuming the COVID-19 epidemic has lessened and the Andover Community Hub has reopened its doors by that time, two eight-week Tai Chi classes will begin at The Hub on Thursday afternoon, April 30.

"A Beginner's Introduction to Tai Chi" will be held at 4:30 PM, and "Tai Chi Continuation" at 3:30 PM. Beginning students will learn how the daily practice of the simple movements of this ancient Chinese exercise regimen can improve immune function; reduce stress and hypertension; strengthen legs, back, and abdominal muscles; improve balance; prevent or relieve arthritis; improve sleep; and eliminate a number of aches and pains.

The continuation class is intended for those who have previously learned the beginning movements of Tai Chi Gong and the first section of the 108

movement Yang Tai Chi form. In this class, they'll continue their studies to complete the Yang form. The fee for each eight-week series is \$80.

Both classes will be taught by Bill Halacy of Concord. Halacy began his study of Tai Chi, acupuncture, and Asian medicine following his retirement as Concord's Chief of Police and now teaches in various locations in the greater Concord area.

Originally developed for self-defense, Tai Chi has evolved into a quiet, slow-moving form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions by people of all ages, from teens through seniors. As Halacy says, "If you can sit, stand, and shrug your shoulders, you can do Tai Chi."

Pre-registration is required by contacting [TheAndoverHub@gmail.com](mailto:TheAndoverHub@gmail.com) or 735-5509. Checks can be mailed to The Hub, PO Box 157, Andover NH 03216.

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## Attend a Restorative Spring Yoga Workshop at the Hub

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Press release

Assuming the COVID-19 epidemic has lessened and the Andover Community Hub has reopened its doors by that time, the third in a series of Sunday afternoon restorative yoga workshops will be offered at The Hub on April 26, from 3 to 5 PM.

The workshop 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."

Yoga props used in the workshop will be provided 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.

The fee for the workshop is \$25, which can be paid by check or cash at the door. Since class size is limited, pre-registration is required by contacting the instructor at Julie@somavana.com, at 207-399-4548, or at FB.com/somavanayoga.

For updated information about The Hub, located at 157 Main Street, contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook at The Andover Community Hub.

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have been exchanging tips for things to do while staying at home. We're happy to pass those tips along as we get them. If you don't receive our newsletter, and

you'd like to receive those tips in newsletters from us, please contact us at WABLibrary@gmail.com and you'll receive them as we send them out. We'll also post them on our website at AndoverNHLibrary.weebly.com.

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## We Hope You're All Well and Safe at Home

As announced, The Andover Community Hub is temporarily closed, and activities are suspended until further notice.

In the meantime, please get in touch if you've got resources to share or ideas for ways The Hub might be helpful to the community.

Contact us at:

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## The April 4<sup>th</sup> WINTER FARMERS MARKET Postponed to May 2nd

**There will be an order and pickup market on April 4**  
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[Harvesttomarket.com/farmers-market/Danbury-Winter-Market](http://Harvesttomarket.com/farmers-market/Danbury-Winter-Market)

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All grange events cancelled thru April 25<sup>th</sup>, call for updates as these dates may be extended

### Know the Four Uses of Cash

It's important to have cash available for your everyday spending and the inevitable rainy day. However, you also need to develop a cash strategy that can contribute to your long-term financial success. But just how much cash do you need? And in what form?

To answer these questions, it's useful to look at the four main uses of cash:

- **Everyday spending** – Your everyday spending includes the cash you use for your mortgage, utilities, groceries and so on. As a general guideline, you should have one to two months of living expenses available during your working years, and perhaps a year's worth of living expenses when you're retired. (The latter can be adjusted higher or lower based on your income from Social Security or a pension.) You'll need instant access to this money – and you need to know your principal is protected – so it may be a good idea to keep the funds in a checking or cash management account.

- **Unexpected expenses and emergencies** – If you needed a major car repair or a new furnace, or if you incurred a big bill from a doctor or dentist, would you be able to handle the cost? You could – if you've set up an emergency fund. During your working years, this fund should be big enough to cover three to six months of living expenses; when you're retired, you may be able to get by with one to three months' worth of expenses, assuming you have

additional sources of available cash. You'll want your emergency fund to be held in liquid vehicles that protect your principal, such



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as savings or money market accounts or short-term certificates of deposit (CDs).

- **Specific short-term savings goal(s)** – At various points in your life, you may have a specific goal – a new car, vacation, wedding, etc. – that you'd like to reach within a year or two. Your first step is to identify how much money you'll need, so think about all the factors affecting the final cost. Next, you'll need to choose an appropriate savings vehicle. You could simply put more money in the accounts you use for everyday cash, or even in your emergency fund, but you would run the risk of dipping into either of these pools. Instead, consider opening a separate account – and tell yourself this money is for one purpose only.

- **Source of investment** – You can use cash in two ways as part of your overall investment strategy. First, cash can be considered part of the fixed-income allocation of your portfolio (i.e., bonds and CDs). Because cash behaves differently from other asset classes – such as stocks and bonds – it can help diversify your holdings, and the more diversified you are, the less impact market volatility may have on your portfolio. (However, diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.) The second benefit of cash, in terms of investing, is it's there for you to purchase a new investment or to add more shares in an existing investment. In any case, you probably don't want to be too cash heavy, so you might want to keep no more than 10% of your fixed-income assets in cash.

As you can see, cash can be valuable in several ways – so use it wisely.

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## April Services and Events Uncertain for South Danbury Church

Linda Wilson, South Danbury Church

Before the COVID-19 crisis, we were anticipating a busy April at the church: weekly Sunday worship services at 11 AM, followed by refreshments and conversation; the Easter Happy Hour on April 3; our traditional Maundy Thursday service on April 9; the Easter Sunrise service on April 12; and the first event of our Spring Speaker Series on April 17, *Low-down on Eating Local* presented by Donna Huntoon of Huntoon Farm in Danbury.

It's uncertain now when public gatherings can resume, so we will do our best to use social media and e-mail to keep everyone updated. To receive our

weekly e-mail news, or be notified of church events, please let us know with a short message to [SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com](mailto:SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com), or a text message to 491-3196.

You're also invited to follow us on Facebook at "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church." 



An historic view of the South Danbury Church, courtesy of Alison Buckwell

## Edward Jones' Monthly Coffee Club Will Meet Online

Informal discussion of financial markets

Press release

Melissa Leintz, a local Financial Advisor for Edward Jones in New London, would like to extend an invitation to Andover area residents for a small get-together that occurs at her office each month.

Melissa, and her Branch Office Administrator, Charlotte Rivera, have been hosting a Coffee Club at their branch; where community members have been coming together in an informal, neutral space to discuss the current market, build relationships, drink coffee, and enjoy some fresh, from-scratch pastries since November 2019.

"Our Coffee Club provides a unique opportunity for local community members to ask questions, stay updated, learn more, and get involved for the benefit of themselves and others. We realize that most of the contact individuals have with a financial advisor is in a formal appointment setting, which may or may not always be the most comfortable, appropriate, or effective time for relationship building.

Our goal is to provide a relaxed en-

vironment, where you feel comfortable asking questions, bringing concerns, and getting to know one another. Our regular attendees enjoy the opportunity to converse in depth, and relish the diversity of thought that new faces contribute to the group." - Charlotte Rivera, Branch Office Administrator for Edward Jones

During this time of uncertainty and social distancing, we would like you to know that while our April Coffee Club can not meet in person, we are still dedicated to engaging you in discussion. We are happy to provide you with a current Market Outlook, hear your questions, and discuss your concerns, while you enjoy a cup of coffee from your recliner.

If you would like an invitation to Melissa Leintz's interactive WebEx Q&A Coffee Club, to be held on the fourth Wednesday; April 22, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM, please e-mail [CharlotteRivera@EdwardJones.com](mailto:CharlotteRivera@EdwardJones.com) for an e-vite.

All interested parties are welcome, and inquiries are encouraged! If you'd like more information about this month's topic, you can reach Charlotte or Melissa, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM at 877-0382. 

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## Linda Mitchell Honored by Lake Sunapee VNA

### Staff excellence award to an “amazing” LNA

Press release

Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice (LSRVNA) presented its annual staff and volunteer excellence awards at its annual meeting on February 13. The staff award, known as the “Imagine the Possibilities” award, was presented to Andover resident Linda Mitchell, LNA.

Starting as a home health aide and now a licensed nursing assistant, Linda has been making a difference in the lives of clients and their families for more than 20 years.

During the presentation, Jim Culhane, LSRVNA President and CEO, shared, “Linda is an amazing, caring,

skilled LNA and a bright light wherever she goes. She cares deeply for each person and embodies our core values of community, compassion, empowerment and excellence.”



Jim Culhane, LSRVNA President and CEO, presented the organization's “Imagine the Possibilities” award to Andover resident Linda Mitchell.

## Wilmot Public Library Plans Two Events for National Poetry Month

### Watch for updates about cancellations

Press release

The Wilmot Public Library has two special poetry programs planned.

On Thursday, April 16 at 7 PM, please join us for *An Evening of Jane Kenyon's Poetry*. Mary Lyn Ray, a local children's author and a friend of Jane, will share personal stories of their friendship. Attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite poem of Jane's to share. Mary Lyn will also give us an update on the preservation of Jane's former home, Eagle Pond Farm.

On Thursday, April 23, at 7 PM the library will hold a participatory poetry workshop *Exquisite Corpse/Word Chips*, a collaborative poetry game that traces its roots to the Parisian Surrealist Movement. *Exquisite Corpse* is played by several people, each of whom writes

a word on a sheet of paper, folds the paper to conceal it, and passes it on to the next player for his or her contribution. Bring your creative muse and enjoy an evening of fun.

On Saturday, April 18, at 1 PM we have rescheduled a Tarot Reading Workshop with Sally Cragin. Sally will bring extra decks – or bring your own – to teach participants how to read the cards.

These programs and dates are tentative and may be rescheduled or canceled depending upon the status of the COVID-19 flu situation. Please visit the library website at [WilmotLibrary.org](http://WilmotLibrary.org) for updates.

All programs are held at the library, 11 North Wilmot Road, and are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please contact Glynis Hart, library director, at 526-2804 or [WilmotLibrary@comcast.net](mailto:WilmotLibrary@comcast.net).

## Publicize Your Fundraiser!

Articles, photos, and/or ads in the *Beacon* both before and after the event will help raise awareness and \$\$\$ for your cause. 735-6099

### WILMOT PUBLIC LIBRARY April is Poetry Month



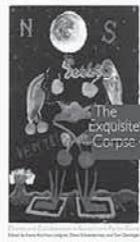
#### - Lecture Series -

Thursday, April 16 at 7 PM  
*An Evening of Jane Kenyon*

Local children's author Mary Lyn Ray will share her own personal stories about Jane. Bring your own favorite poem to share.

Saturday, April 18 at 1 PM  
*Tarot Reading Workshop*

Sally Cragin will teach you how to read Tarot Cards. Bring your own cards or use Sally's.



Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM  
*Exquisite Corpse*

A participatory poetry workshop that traces its roots to the Parisian Surrealistic Movement. Challenging and fun for all.

These programs/dates are tentative and may be rescheduled or canceled depending upon the status of the COVID flu situation.

Please log on to the library website for updates  
[www.wilmotlibrary.org](http://www.wilmotlibrary.org)

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**Dress codes change ... but compassion never goes out of style!**

This photo appeared in the NH Star on June 11, 1975 showing a homemaker health aide from 'Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association' (now Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice) assisting a community member who had recently been discharged from New London Hospital.

**What else was different in the 1970's?**

- In 1972 staff drove 11,800 miles to care for patients...in 2019 that number was 619,713
- In 1972 a total of 390 visits were made to provide skilled nursing care...today that number is well over 35,000 visits
- In 1975 charitable giving levels for the annual fund were \$1, \$5 and \$10...and a \$100 donation made you a "life member"

For information about our 50th Anniversary activities contact  
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New Andover School Board member Brandon Adams was officially sworn into office by Andover School District Clerk Christie Coll. The swearing-in took place in the parking lot due to the school closure over COVID-19 concerns. Photo: Jane Slayton

## Chadwick Funeral and Cremation Service

### Just One of the Reasons to Stay Local

Newton-Bartlett Funeral Home in Newport has been locally owned and operated since 1876. Chadwick Funeral Service in New London claims the same distinction for about 100 years and is fourth generation! Fred Pressey first opened the funeral home, selling to his nephew, Walton Chadwick. It then went to Walton's daughter and her husband, Marion and Charlie Hafner. Recently their sons, Dan and Scott have joined the team. We have many years of service to the wider communities and feel privileged to be able to assist so many families. We have gotten to know folks in the area and their ancestors and family trees. We are your friends and neighbors and ones you may trust and turn to in your time of grief and greatest need.

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## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR



### Welcome to the new kindergarten class!

Children entering kindergarten should be five years old on or before September 30, 2020. Registration / Information Gathering is scheduled for May 7, 2020 at Andover Elementary Middle School.

Registration packets will be mailed. If you have not received your packet by April 20, please call Gail Parenteau at 735-5494.

At the time of your child's appointment, please be sure to bring copy of birth certificate, immunization record, recent health physical (within a year), and 2 proofs of residency).

We look forward to meeting you!!

## EAVP Students are Gardening and Preparing for May Art Show

### April prize calendar fundraiser is underway

Amy Jenkins, EAVP

Up on the hill in East Andover, we are busily watching for signs of spring outside, as well as in our classroom, where there are eggs in the incubator and seedlings sprouting on the windowsills. We are learning about seed germination and have watched it take place firsthand with baggies and bean seeds.

We forced tulips and forsythia and are making predictions and recording our findings with words and pictures. We are planning our gardens, watching our perennials appear once again, reading books about spring, and enjoying the mud.

We have been learning about famous artists and trying out their individual styles in preparation for our art show that will take place at the William Bachelier library in East Andover throughout the month of May. We are painting still life like Van Gogh, using watercolors like Monet, and making cut paper collages in the style of Henri Matisse.

A huge thank you goes out to the community for supporting our April prize calendar fundraiser; our little school relies on fundraising to meet our operating budget, and we could not do it without you! We are looking forward to announc-

ing a prize winner each day this month. Enrollment for next year is in full swing, with limited spaces still available. Please contact us at 735-5105 or EAVP@tds.net if you are interested in having your three- to five-year-old attend EAVP in the fall.



East Andover Village Preschool students Neely Cloutier and Laurel Ware use hula hoops to demonstrate concentric circles. Photo: Amy Jenkins



The Perry family visited England for their February vacation and took along a copy of the *Beacon* when they toured Stonehenge on a sunny, but freezing and extremely windy day. There was a dusting of snow from the morning. Ryleigh is holding the newspaper, while Brayden stands next to her looking like he is enjoying the adventure. After the visit, everyone had their theories about the purpose of Stonehenge, and why it was built, but Brayden said he "didn't want to say." Photo and caption: Elizabeth Perry

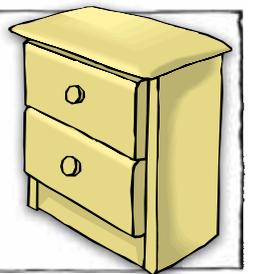
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# OBITUARIES

**ROGER (ROG) CHAMPAGNE**, 89, of the New Hampshire Veteran's Home.

Friends and family will be saddened to learn of the death of Roger (Rog) Champagne. He passed on March 7, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. Roger was born and raised in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, which he always held dear to his heart. He was the son of Edward and Alberta Champagne and stepson to "Gramme Pauline Champagne."



Roger was a veteran of the Korean War and was stationed on USS Philippine Sea CVA-47 for the duration of the war. He made many friends from his years in the Navy and will be remembered and missed.

Roger graduated from Portsmouth, Lincoln High Schools, and New Hampshire Tech. He was a brilliant engineer and worked at the former Sanders Associates in Nashua for 16 years. Roger married Nan Mallory in 1965, and they moved to Andover in 1970. After getting caught up in the "Back to the Country" exodus, he ended his working career by working at Concord Litho until his retirement at age 70.

All of Uncle Roger's nieces and nephews enjoyed visiting "the farm" as he had snowmobiles, four-wheelers and dirt bikes. Roger's family loved reminiscing about the good times at the farm.

Roger had a wonderful sense of humor and found joy in the smallest things. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He also enjoyed gardening and one year grew the biggest sunflower in the state. Of course, that might be debatable.

He loved to cook and, in response to the financial needs of his little church, he instigated putting on a spaghetti supper at his church every year for nearly 40 years. Roger was famous for his meatballs.

Roger was a passionate storyteller and sometimes it was difficult to hear the end of the story, as Roger was laughing so hard. Many good times were had around the dinner table regaling tales of his family growing up in the mountains and his Dad "owing his soul to the Country Store."

Roger was very proud of his children and grandchildren and their accomplishments.

Roger is survived by his three children: Kelley and her husband Jeff, Jon and his wife Joane, and Chris. Two

grandchildren, Tyler and Julianna, were the apple of his eye.

He leaves his brother, Edward Champagne of Oregon, and many nieces and nephews round out his large family. He was predeceased by his first wife, Lillian Gallant.

Cemetery Committal with Military Honors was held on March 13 at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. Memorial contributions may be made to the Residents Recreation Department at the New Hampshire Veterans Home, 139 Winter Street, Tilton NH 03276. To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolence, or for more information, please visit CSNH.com.

**L AUR AINE A. (FREGO) VISCONTI**, of Westwood, Massachusetts, formerly of Massena, New York, passed away on March 14, 2020, age 66, of natural causes.

Beloved wife of Anthony T. Visconti.

Loving mother of Michael A. Visconti and his wife Jenna Visconti (Flis) of Stoughton, Massachusetts, Jennifer M. Visconti and her significant other Liam Murphy of Boston, and Thomas E. Visconti and his significant other Cristina Salcedo of Los Angeles, California. Sister of the late Linda Yarger (Frego) and her husband Kent of Lincoln, Nebraska, Leo Frego and his wife Ann of Andover, New Hampshire, and Lee Frego and his wife Michelle of Hopewell Junction, New York. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.



A mother of three and nurse to thousands, Laurie was a graduate of University of Buffalo School of Nursing in 1975 and worked her entire life as a pediatric nurse at both Boston Children's Hospital and Newton Wellesley Hospital. Laurie retired last year from her first love of nursing to her retirement dream job at the Dedham Women's Exchange and was living it up in her second act.

She was a lifelong nurse and touched many people's lives. Selfless and kind, she spent her life caring for others. She loved spending time with her family, hanging with the Cabin Girls, Bon Jovi, and California chardonnay. She had an energy and zest for life that could not be contained. Her smile and sass will be remembered fondly by her family and friends for years to come.

In lieu of flowers, donations may

be made in Laurie's memory to Boston Children's Hospital or the Dedham Women's Exchange, 445 Washington Street, Dedham MA 02026.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

**E LIZABETH C. WHITMAN**, 91, of Lincoln, Massachusetts, formerly of Weston, Massachusetts, died on March 15, 2020. She was the wife of the late David A. Whitman; the mother of Carter Whitman of Andover, New Hampshire. Services to be announced.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Pauline Revere Thayer Memorial Pension Fund for needy employees of the Chilton Club, 152 Commonwealth Ave, Boston MA 02116. To share a memory or offer a condolence, visit ConcordFuneral.com.

**V ICTOR MAGUIRE STEWART**, 66, of Wilmot passed away in his home on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Born November 24, 1953 in New London, he was the son of the late Robert and Leona (Atwood) Stewart.

He is survived by his loving wife of

26 years, Christine Stewart; his children: Michelle C. Swarthout (Jim) of Gilford, Robert J. Stewart (Roberta) of Hudson, Katie L. McNulty (Roger) of Nashua, and step-daughter Robyn Gallison (Brian)



of Claremont; his eight grandchildren, Tyler, Ellie, Emma, Chloe, RJ, Madelyn, Matthew, and Kaydyn; his sisters, Linda Morehouse of Deering, Lonna Green of Wilmot; and many loving, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his step-daughter, Jamie L. Gallison.

Vic graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School in 1972 and from there was employed at Watts Regulator as a department supervisor for the next 33 years. He was a skilled builder, worked side jobs roofing, and started his own carpentry business, VS Projects.

For the last eight years, Vic was the head custodian at Andover Elementary/Middle School and was planning on retiring in June.

He was an avid and lifelong hunter, enjoyed fishing and playing cribbage, watching old westerns, the Red Sox, driving back roads with his wife, spending time with his kids, and most definitely appreciated a cold Keystone.

Vic was a devoted husband, father and friend. He was always a great provider, teller of truths, and could captivate his audience with some awesome hunting stories. Vic Stewart was a genuine and kindhearted man and will be missed greatly by those who loved him.

Graveside services will be held in Bunker Hill Cemetery in Wilmot on Sunday, May 17, at 1 PM with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions may be made to the Andover Elementary/Middle School Student Assistance Fund, 20 School Street, Andover NH 03216.

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ily Weekend activities this year.

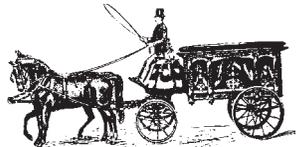
All non-essential school-sponsored travel for faculty and staff will be curtailed. This includes alumni gatherings, conferences, and development travel, though our Alumni and Development Office.

A date for students to return to campus is not fixed at this time: Our hope is that we will be able to resume on-campus academics and activities as soon as possible, but we will continue to monitor events and determine best practices; we hope to make a decision on the remainder of the Spring Term and Commencement by April 6.

We encourage all residents of the Town of Andover to view Proctor's COVID-19 Resource page at ProctorAcademy.org/about/covid-19-resources if you have questions about how the school is

handling the situation. The website will be updated frequently with the most up-to-date information from the school throughout the spring.

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**A**E/MS staff worked diligently to get everything ready for students to pick-up their needed items for remote schooling during the statewide COVID-19 school shutdown. Parents drove up to the back of the school, and items were delivered to their vehicles so that no parents or students would need to enter the building. Photo: Kasey Schoch

## Jane Slayton, Gail Parenteau, and Robin Heins Retiring

### Combined 94 years of service to our schools

Dean Barker, Andover School Board

The opening of Andover's annual School District Meeting on March 2 was replete with important milestones to acknowledge, including the conclusion of service to the School Board of Brian Gilman.

The attendees then rose to their feet to honor three upcoming retirements: principal Jane Slayton (24 years of service to AE/MS), administrative assistant Gail Parenteau (35 years of service to AE/MS), and business manager Robin Heins (35 years of service to

SAU #46). The combined contribution of Jane, Gail, and Robin to the children of Andover is incalculable, and we wish them well in their future ventures.

Assistant Superintendent Randy Wormald then made public the announcement of AE/MS' new principal, Dennis Dobe, who is taking the helm at Andover with over 30 years of experience in New Hampshire public schools at every level of leadership.

Finally, we were pleased to announce that Mark MacLean, our SAU #46 Superintendent, has been named Superintendent of the Year by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association.



**A**E/MS thanks John Thompson and the Andover Highway Department crew. It was a challenging winter, but you went the extra mile, and we appreciate your time, effort, and expertise. You are always quick to respond, and for that we are grateful. You keep us safe! The AE/MS school community says, "Thank you!" Photo and caption: Jane Slayton

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**T**he AE/MS Class of 2020 paid a visit to Merrimack Valley High School in February. The students are preparing for their big transition to high school in the fall and have been able to tour the building, register for classes, and meet some of the staff. Photo and caption: Kasey Schoch

## Proctor Acts Swiftly to Protect Community from Virus Exposure

### Online classes began on March 30

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

At the time the *Beacon* goes to press, Proctor will be in the midst of its first week of offering online courses to students around the globe. Proctor is working in close partnership with AE/MS, the Town Select Board, and local emergency management services to fully support nationwide efforts to control the spread of COVID-19. Here are some of the developments to date:

Project Period was canceled. We used the week of March 23 through 28 to allow our faculty to develop an online curriculum for at least the first two weeks of the spring term. We will use Cisco's Webex as our primary classroom platform, while continuing to leverage Google Docs and myProctor as additional resources.

Online classes started on Monday, March 30. Some courses (metal engineering, woodworking, and ceramics, for example) are impossible to replicate online, but faculty are doing everything they can to continue to deliver a personalized, experienced-based curriculum. Faculty to continue to hold extra-help sessions; Learning Specialists and Ad-

visors will continue to meet virtually with their students.

Off-campus programs (European Art Classroom, Proctor en Segovia, Proctor en Monteverde, and Mountain Classroom) are canceled for the Spring Term. Administration is working with off-campus instructors to develop unique online offerings specific to each respective off-campus program's intent. The experience will not be the same, not by any stretch, but it will bring some of the off-campus academics to those students.

Athletic Contests are postponed until students return to campus. Proctor's athletic department is in constant communication with other schools, and if we return, they will continue collaborating with peer schools to schedule athletic contests. In the interim, faculty are offering a unique set of afternoon programs to students remotely, including fitness classes, cycling and running challenges, eSports leagues, yoga, and much more.

Spring Family Weekend has been canceled. Given a delayed return to campus for students and a need to maximize class days with students on campus, we are canceling Spring Family Weekend. See Proctor on page 31

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