

# 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

**Y**our opinion matters! Please send a letter to the *Beacon* expressing your thoughts on any local matters. Our readers want and need to hear your voice!

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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The mission of *The Andover Beacon* is to serve and strengthen the Andover community. To that end, we welcome (by the 15th!) civil, reasoned letters addressing specifically local issues, events, and developments. Submissions must not be critical of another's religion; blasphemous; obscene; hateful; legally objectionable; or commercial in nature. The *Beacon* reserves the right to edit or not publish submissions it deems inappropriate for any reason.

## 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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