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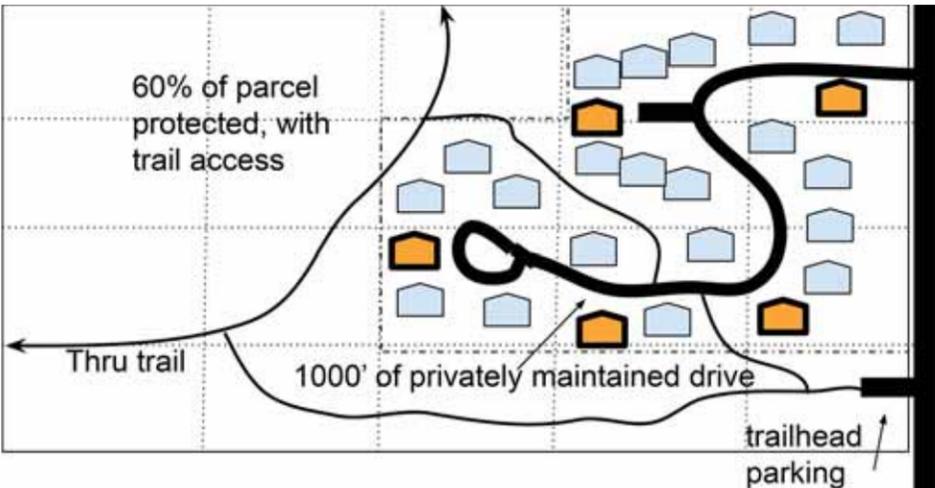
Two New Recipes for the Holidays from Andover Cooks! See page 2.



Robin Benincase and Ty Morris were among the volunteers decorating the Giving Tree and donation mail slot at the Hub after Thanksgiving. For more about Giving Tree donations, see page 22. Photo: Susan Chase



Your chance to help the *Beacon* balance its books for the year is fading fast! We've had very generous support from 183 households so far, but we're just over \$2,000 short of reaching our community fundraising goal for the year. There are still matching funds available, as explained at AndoverBeacon.com/Match, so don't let this opportunity slip away!



Twenty-five homes on 40 acres: A proposed new Conservation Subdivision would allow for higher density, more green space, less Town road maintenance, and higher property values.

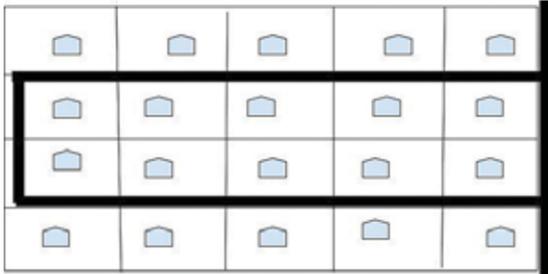
Proposed Conservation Subdivision Aims to Lower Tax Rate

Ordinance offers two types of incentives

Andover Planning Board

The Andover Planning Board's proposed Conservation Subdivision ordinance, based on the 2011 Master Plan, does not remove existing subdivision rules, but presents a more attractive alternative to Andover's existing "suburban" development model.

Today's restrictive subdivision rules maximize developers' earnings



Twenty homes on 40 acres: Andover's current subdivision rules encourage typical "suburban" developments.

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Warrant Article Will Propose Switch to SB2 Voting Format

Traditional Town Meeting or Deliberative Session?

Andover Select Board

The virtual Town Meeting in March 2021 was an eye-opening experience. Not surprisingly, the reviews of its success or failure were mixed.

Unless directed otherwise by the Governor, our traditional Town Meeting will commence in person on March 8, 2022 at the Andover Elementary/Middle School. During this traditional Town Meeting, a collection of warrant articles covering the Town budget, special expenditures, policy direction, etc. will be presented, openly discussed, possibly amended, and then voted upon.

Of special note will be a warrant article proposing the Town of Andover switch to a voting format that follows NH RSA 40:13 (commonly called SB2). If passed by a 60% affirmative vote, this will impact how we discuss/debate and then vote on warrant articles beginning in 2023.

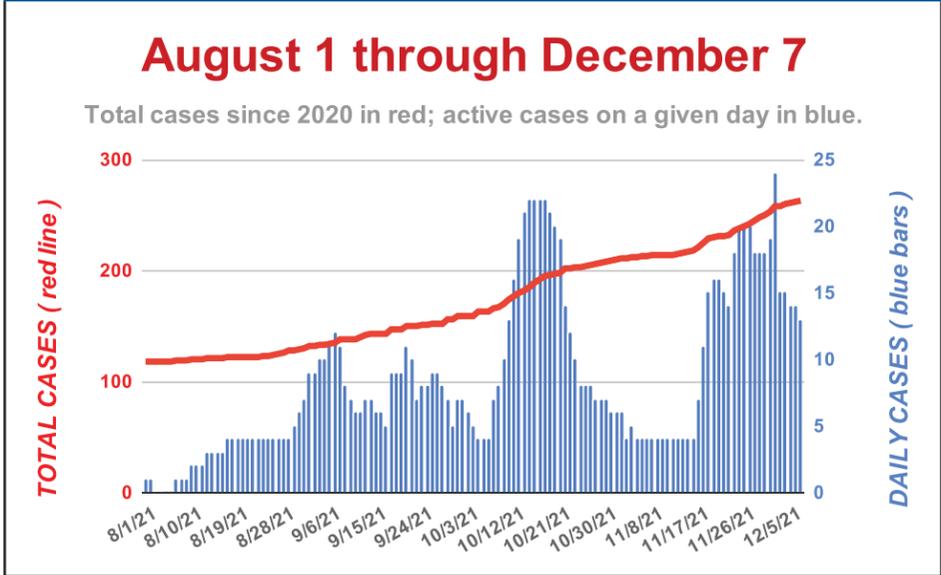
Public hearings on the subject prior to Town Meeting will be scheduled in February and posted in the coming months. For those that care about this outcome, it is vital that you attend and vote at the upcoming Town Meeting.

What SB2 Changes

What changes when following SB2 is simple to explain. SB2 is a ballot referendum form of voting that follows NH

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COVID-19 Cases in Andover



After a brief respite in early November, COVID came charging back, driving total Andover cases to 263 through December 7 and briefly hitting a new all-time one-day high of 24 active cases on December 2.

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