



The Andover Community Hub has received grant funding to help with roof repairs on its home, the former 1879 Town Hall. Photo: Ty Morris



Dave Murray of the Murray Farm Greenhouse in Penacook will give a seed starting workshop at the Andover Community Hub in February.

One Foundation Supports Two Andover Nonprofit Roofs

Grants given to repair Hub and AHS roofs

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

Two of Andover's iconic historical structures are among the 40 recent recipients of historic-preservation and land-conservation matching grants from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), according to an announcement made in December 2021.

The Andover Community Hub will

legislative mandate is to ensure the perpetual contribution of natural, cultural, and historic resources to the economy, environment, and quality of life in New Hampshire. LCHIP does this by providing matching grants to New Hampshire municipalities and non-profits to conserve and preserve the state's most important natural, cultural, and historic resources.

From the Hub's Grant Application

Andover's wood-framed 1879 town hall has significance for its association with local government and for its vernacular Italianate architecture which is relatively rare in New Hampshire. As the town's first singular-use town hall, the building played an important role between 1879 and 1963 when it housed town offices, town meetings, and, after 1934, a gymnasium for the nearby high school.

Its location and setting in Andover Village remain unchanged, the building's design is intact, and the granite capstones, gable window (with its distinctive pedimented hood), and original 1879 date board with the upside-down "2" remain. It is now a community center known as The Andover Community Hub.

Work to be done: The current asphalt shingle roof on Andover's old town hall is in poor shape, has had one significant leak since its purchase in 2016, and pieces of shingle are routinely found in the parking lot by board members working at the building.

Replacing the roof soon is essential to maintaining the structural integrity of the entire building, and particularly to avoid initial damage to the second floor which is currently unfinished and unused but newly insulated and has great potential for future use.

The existing layer of damaged shingles will be removed, the roof deck

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The Andover Historical Society has also received grant funding to help repair the slate roof on the Potter Place Railroad Station.

Photo: Larry Chase

receive a grant of \$16,395, contingent on raising a similar amount from other sources, to fund a replacement of the roof of the former town hall in Andover Village, now owned by the Hub. The Andover Historical Society will receive a grant of \$15,000, contingent on raising \$16,000 from other sources, to replace the roof of the Potter Place Railroad Station, now in the Historical Society's possession.

Andover is one of only two towns in the state to receive two LCHIP grants in 2021. The other is neighboring Wilmot to support restoration of the Wilmot Town Hall and the North Wilmot Union Meetinghouse.

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority created by the legislature in 2000. LCHIP's

Andover Garden Club Hosts a Seed Starting Program

Press release

A seed starting presentation, given by Dave Murray of Murray Farm Greenhouse in Penacook, will be offered at the Andover Community Hub on Thursday, February 17, from 6 to 8 PM.

Dave Murray has been gardening for more than 50 years at his greenhouse in Penacook, working with family including his parents, grandfather, aunts, brothers, sisters, cousins, nieces, children and grandchildren, neighbors, friends, and an armload of employees that substitute for family! Join Dave for an evening of laughs, entertainment, and information and discover that the world of gardening never stops growing.

In addition to his professional exper-

tise, Dave brings his wit, charm, and humor to the conversation. He will also be offering \$20 gift coupons to Murray's to all who attend, so bring a friend.

Seating is limited to 30, so be sure to reserve early. COVID prevention protocols will be in place with masks and social distancing. Presentation is free; however, please help us to defray costs by making a donation and by purchasing a raffle ticket at the door. Winner must be present to win.

Email AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com for reservations. The Andover NH Garden Club is a program of the Andover Community Hub and membership is free and open to all.

The Andover Community Hub is located at 157 Main Street.



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