

Andover Real Estate Transactions January 2022

Slow sales, with just one home sold

Ty Morris, Coldwell Banker Lifestyles

The Anne Haley Revocable Trust sold 58 Main Street to Edward Saber for \$428,000. This two-bedroom and two-bathroom ranch has a two-bay garage, 1,934 square feet of living space and sits on four acres. Kris Labrake of KW Realty-Metropolitan represented the sellers and Valerie Provost of Central Gold Key Realty represented the buyers.

The following were inadvertently omitted from my December 2021 report.


Levi and Nicole Southworth sold their home at 230 Beech Hill Road to Andrew and Valeria Graham for \$550,000. This four-bedroom and four-bathroom colonial with an attached two-car garage has 3,028 square feet of living space and sits on 2.87 acres. Ty Morris of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the sellers and Dan O'Donnell of KW Gateway represented the buyers.

George and Trudy French sold their home at 181 Plains Road to Gerald and Gina Miller for \$550,000. This four-bedroom and four-bathroom contem-

porary colonial has an attached two-car garage, 3,207 square feet of living space and sits on 6.14 acres. Ty Morris of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the sellers and Pam Richardson of Coldwell Banker Lifestyles represented the buyers.

Daniel Labonte sold 40 Boston Hill Road to Lauren and Richard Brown for \$350,000. This three-bedroom and three-bathroom cape has 2,392 square feet of living space and sits on 2.08 acres. Arthur Urie of Lake Farm Realty represented the sellers and Erica Bruce of KW Coastal Realty represented the buyers.

The Madelyn Baker Revocable Trust sold 42 Thompson Point Lane to Wayne and Roxanne Smith for \$750,000. This two-bedroom and two-bathroom ranch on the shore of Highland Lake has 1,814 square feet of living space and sits on 1.3 acres. David Liberatore of White Water Realty Group represented the sellers and Tracy Nangeroni of Harbor Light Realty represented the buyers.

There are six land listings and one single-family home listing in Andover. For more real estate information, contact Ty Morris 603 237-2060. 

Around the Town in 80 Years: Fourth of July Memories

Cost of fireworks has skyrocketed since 1964

Press release

As we thought about the theme for Andover's 80th Fourth of July celebration, *Around The Town In 80 Years*, we thought it would be fun to talk with someone who was there in the early years.

So, this month we met at the home of Dennis Fenton to hear memories he has about the celebration which, at the time, was put on by Andover's Blackwater Grange. Many thanks to Dennis for having us over to his home and sharing his memories.

The parking area in front of the Grange Hall, which is now Ragged Mountain Physical Therapy, was used for the event. Tables were set up and a string of lights surrounded the area which extended over near the town scales. (Yes, Andover had scales for public use.)

Dennis' first memory was of an early celebration (mid-1940s) during the ham and bean supper that was put on by the Andover Grange every year. The supper, consisting of baked beans, ham, and pies, was prepared by the ladies in town.

There would be games for kids, such as bobbing for apples, turtle races, and a spinning wheel. One of the prizes won at the wheel was a five-pound bag of sugar! Dennis remembers Hoodies (ice cream cups w/wooden spoons) provided for the kids.

For a few of those years, he recalls Wally Currier visiting his grandmother at the Fenton farm, where he was able to catch painted turtles for the turtle races.

On one particular Fourth of July evening, as Dennis recalls, a person was upstairs in the Grange Hall washing dishes to keep the meal moving along. In order to get the clean plates down and outside for the next round, someone had to run upstairs and get the plates and bring them back down.

Apparently the dishwasher heard some complaints about how fast (or slow) he was washing, so he said: "You want them faster ... here you go!" He began tossing the dishes out the window from the second floor to those below. The person or persons down below were able to catch most of them and rush them to the waiting tables.

After the supper there would be a street dance in the lighted area with music provided by Herman Seavey's Band. Occasionally the lights would go out and if so, Vic Phelps, Sr. (Doug's grandfather) always had an extra fuse in his pocket.

The first celebration was in 1942 and there were maybe 100 people in attendance. Everyone in town went, but it

was mostly Andover folks as, back in those days, it was a long way for folks from other towns (even East Andover folks) to travel as some didn't have cars, and gasoline was hard to come by.

After the first celebrations on Lawrence Street by the Grange, the celebration was moved to the Proctor tennis courts on North Street (where Proctor's Theater now sits); later they moved to the high school and finally the Village Green, where there was an art show during the day and the midway at the school at night.

After the war, there was a baseball game every year. Andover had a team with the Central New Hampshire Baseball League. There were eight teams in the league. Andover had a good team with many talented players such as Glen Currier and Tink Reed.

Glen was reputed to be an excellent pitcher, as Dennis remembers. One year Glen single-handedly pitched a double header in Wolfeboro – 18 innings!

Sometimes a team would come to town with a player they called "a ringer." The team would say he was not a very good player, but it would turn out that he was very good, sometimes a professional player. He would hit and hit, and they would crush Andover's team.

Lots of baseball was played on Carr Field over the years. Sam Clark hit a home run on Carr Field and the ball went across Route 11 and over the roof of the Carr House (which sits not too far from the entrance to Proctor Field House). That hard-hit ball is still talked about today.

There was no parade in the very early years. But as time went on, interest grew, and the parade became a staple of Andover's Fourth of July celebration. Dennis remembers the first time that Leapin' Lena came to be in the parade; folks were astounded. It was the talk of the town for quite some time afterward.

Dennis remembers there was a year, sometime in the 1970s, when the New Hampshire Department of Transportation refused to issue a permit, stating that the road through Andover could not be blocked for the hour or so it took to run the parade. A few strings needed to be pulled, and eventually the issue was resolved, and the parade was on.

Frank Poblentz was the first Master of Ceremonies and continued on for 34 years. In 1983, Frank was awarded a plaque for "outstanding and devoted service from 1949 to 1983"! He loved the job, and the townspeople loved having him on the reviewing stand. Others have followed in his footsteps, most recently, Bob Ward and Steve Smith.

Dennis remembers that the Fenton
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Bone Builders: Ongoing strength & balance for seniors, Mon. & Thur., 9-10 am

Coffee, Conversation & Card-playing: Mondays & Thursdays, 10-11 am

Barre Exercise: Tues. 8:30 am & Thur. 11:45 am. Info, LizDyment@gmail.com

Slow Flow Yoga: Tues. 9:20 am & Thur. 12:35 pm. Info, LizDyment@gmail.com

AARP Tax-preparation Help: Wednesdays by appointment. Call 802-332-5065

Fiber Arts Circle: Tues, 6:30 p.m. Chat while working on your needlecraft projects

Dance with Laura & Gary: Fri. 7-8 p.m. thru 4/15. Drop-ins welcome. \$10/class

Quilting 101: Sat. 3/12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 603-491-0826 for info & to register

Senior Health Clinic: Tues. 3/8. Call Granite VNA, 224-4093, ext. 5815, for appt.

Fruit Tree Pruning: Sat. 3/19, 10 am, off-site. AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com

Andover Garden Club: Wed. 3/23, 2 pm, business meeting & member "seed swap"

Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating: TBD--check Facebook & website for dates & time

Gentle Flow Yoga with Maris: Fri, 8:30 am, monthly series. Info, 603 661-8587

Sit & Quilt: Bring your project, 9 am-3 pm. 603-491-0826 to register, for details

German Conversation: 3/28, 5-6 pm. Information, Gisela Darling, 735-5681.

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