

# THE REST OF THE TOWN REPORT

To save the Town time and money by reducing the size of the annual Andover Town Report, the Beacon has agreed to publish some 2021 reports submitted by organizations that serve Andover. Long reports have been edited to about 250 words.

## American Legion

### Crosby/Gilbert Post 101

Crosby/Gilbert Post 101 of the American Legion was chartered in Andover in the year 1947. The Post was very active for a number of years. As with other organizations, it went into decline with a loss of membership.

In the year 2015, with the help and guidance of the state American Legion, the Post became active with the selection of a slate of officers. A lot of work was done by members to support community activities.

In the year 2021, the Post was involved in the following activities.

- Organized and placed flags on veterans' graves within the town for Memorial Day. A total of 290 flags were replaced.

- Collected unserviceable American flags and made certain that they were disposed of properly.

- Held a brief ceremony on the Fourth of July on the Village Green in observance of the day. The American flag was raised and flags were placed at all corners of the veterans' monument.

- On Saturday, September 11, a brief ceremony was held on the grounds of AE/MS to honor the memory of those who lost their lives or were injured in the terrorist attacks against the USA on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

- Provided annual Christmas boxes for needy veterans within the area. Each box contained enough food items for a complete meal.

- Replaced weathered flags on both the Cilleyville-Bog and Keniston covered bridges.

Post 101 is seeking new members in order for it to continue and expand on its support of various functions within the town. On July 30, 2019, President Trump signed the Legion

Act. All veterans who have been honorably discharged may now become a Legion member.

For more information, please call Lloyd Perreault, Finance Officer, at 603 735-5493.

### The Andover Beacon

Despite the many challenges we all faced in 2021, *The Andover Beacon* delivered another 11 issues at no charge to every mailing address in Andover ... our 17th year of uninterrupted service to our community!

More than just a monthly newspaper, the *Beacon* also provides the community with a robust website at [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com) – including many articles exclusive to the website – and a Facebook page at [Facebook.com/AndoverBeacon](https://www.facebook.com/AndoverBeacon).

Everything we do is focused on one goal: to connect you, the reader, to:

- the information you need about Andover budgets, elections, meetings, policies, practices ... everything you need to fit in and participate

- the important, interesting work of Andover's many non-profit organizations, all of which are eager to serve you

- news from our schools, where your tax dollars are helping Andover kids learn to be our future leaders

- your friends and neighbors ... Andover people are always in the news in the *Beacon*!

- Andover history, for when you're ready to connect with our town's fascinating and often hidden past

- music and art events in Andover and throughout the area

- many opportunities to get outdoors to enjoy Andover's great natural beauty

- news of our local entrepreneurs, many of whom may have just the products or services you're looking for

*The Andover Beacon* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose sole purpose is to serve and strengthen the community of Andover. We rely on donations from you and your friends and neighbors to try to balance our annual budget. When asked, please donate as generously as you can, even if it's not much. We simply can't keep you connected to our wonderful community without your help!

### Andover Energy Group

Andover Town Meeting in March 2017 approved air-based heat pumps and solar panels for the Town Offices building to save energy and lower costs for the Town and improve the building's working environment. The heat pumps were installed in April 2017 and the solar system began generating at the end of October 2017.

The solar system was acquired through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with ReVision Energy, the system installer. Under the PPA, the Town pays ReVision for power generated by the solar panels for six years at a below-market rate, and then purchases the system at a discount. The Town is slated to purchase the system in October 2023.

In 2021 the solar panels produced more power than expected (23,004 kWhs produced compared to 21,494

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The South Danbury Church held a successful "Love Your Neighbor" drive-by donation event in February. Photo: Linda Wilson

## South Danbury Church News

### Press release

Danbury is such a wonderfully caring community! Congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped to make our South Danbury Church's "Love Your Neighbor" drive-by donation event on Sunday, February 13, such a happy success!

Generous donors contributed all kinds of household essentials for the South Danbury Church Home Goods Shelf at the Danbury Community Center, and cash gifts, too!

The South Danbury Church, located at 1411 US Route 4 in South Danbury, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, UCC.

To learn more, follow "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church" on Facebook; call or text 603 491-3196; or email [SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com](mailto:SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com). Please contact us if you need a ride to attend worship or events. We'll be happy to help. 🚗

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