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Andover Singer-Songwriter Lindsey Schust Debuts New Single

Parallel Lines is from the height of the lockdown

Press release

New Hampshire singer-songwriter Lindsey Schust will release her new single, *Parallel Lines*, on Friday, April 22. Listeners can stream the song on all music platforms (including Amazon Music, Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube). This song is the first of two singles preceding the release of her full album, *Country Way*, in June.

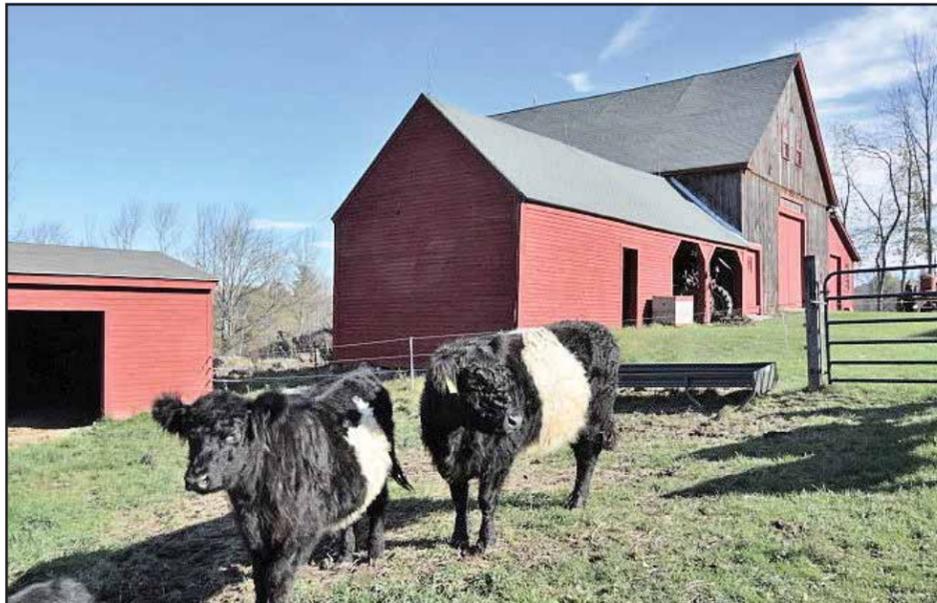


Lindsey Schust is an Andover singer-songwriter. She is revealing a new single, *Parallel Lines* on April 22. Photo: Lindsey Schust

Parallel Lines was completed during the height of the lockdown. Most of the recording was done remotely and sent to Andover's own music producer Jimmy Sferes of Hummingbird Studios, who co-produced the song with Lindsey. Gerry Putnam of CedarHouse Sound and Mastering added the final touches. The cover artwork was drawn by visual artist Grace Schust.

The song reflects the isolation many felt during the pandemic and offers a breath of hope for the future. It falls into the category of Americana music, with a blend of folk, country, R&B, rock, and pop. Lindsey sings lead vocals and plays keyboard and bass. She is joined by master

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The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance asks property owners with barns to apply for the Barn Tax Incentive Program. See page 2 for details.

Andover Voters Approve Budgets at 2022 Meetings

Pursuit of SB2 meetings nixed by straw vote

Donna Duclos
Andover Budget Committee

On March 7 and 8, in slightly less than three hours, Andover residents voted to spend \$8,397,508 for the School District and the Town budgets. With possibly 50 residents attending the School District annual meeting on March 7, the School Board's budget of \$6,333,987 passed on a voice vote.

We did learn that the state average to educate a student is approximately \$18,000 per year. Superintendent McLean estimates that, with the budget that passed, Andover's per pupil rate will be about \$14,000.

The School Board also requested, and attendees agreed, to add an additional \$40,000 to the School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust account for the potential repair or replacement of the school's boiler. There are plans to review energy efficient and sustainable replacements.

Town Meeting

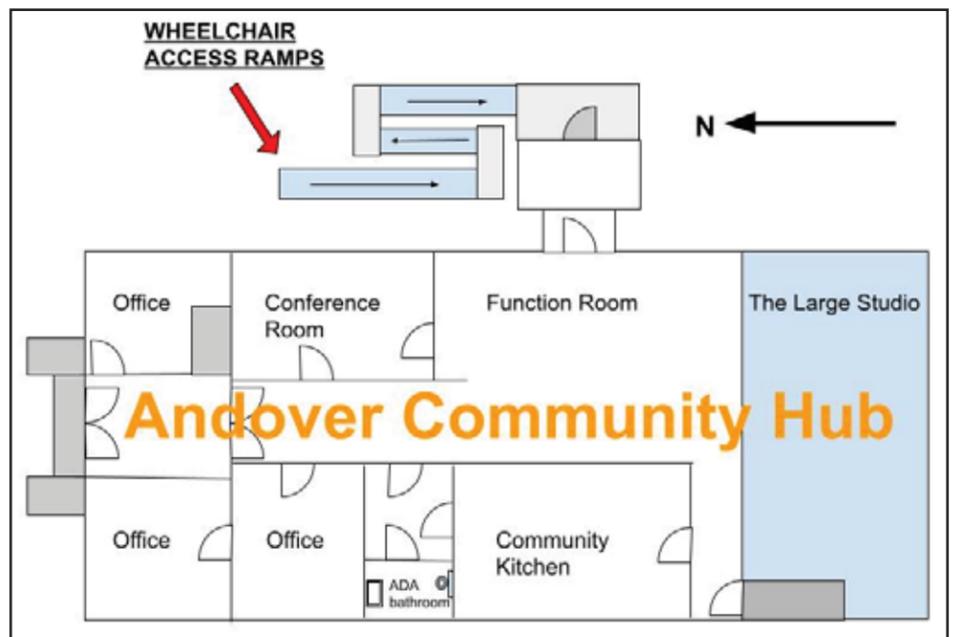
In contrast to the School District meeting, there were probably over 100 Andover residents to review and vote

on the Town budget at Town Meeting on March 8. After a brief discussion, \$15,000 was added to the Budget Committee's operating budget to increase the salary for the new position of Highway Department Supervisor.

Several people expressed their frustration with the official state-required budget form that is part of the annual Town Report. Many citizens would like more detail by line item. That information is always available at the Budget Committee's public hearing that is held before the report is printed.

All proposed warrant articles were adopted, and an additional \$250,000 was passed to be added to the White Oak highway department project for building and site work. Select Board member John Kinney revealed that because there was an error in how the public hearing was advertised for reviewing SB2 changes to how the annual Town Meeting would be held, there would not be an official vote.

It was suggested that a "straw vote" could be taken to see if there is any interest in pursuing the issue. With a resounding "No" voice vote, it was determined that SB2 won't be on future town warrants for a while.



Ken Wells' drawing of the Hub's first floor shows where improvements will be made, using the funds raised by the Capital Campaign.

Hub Passes Three-Quarters of Capital Campaign Goal of \$100,000

Needs more local support from individuals

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

With a campaign invitation to "Come on In," the Andover Community Hub, having achieved more than three-quarters of its \$100,000 capital campaign to make its headquarters more user-friendly, is extending its outreach more widely to local individuals, families, and small businesses to help bring its fundraising effort over the top.

The campaign funds received will support construction of a community kitchen, a ramp to provide universal building access, an accessible bathroom, and a new water-

proof roof in Andover's Old Town Hall at 157 Main Street, now the Hub headquarters.

As of March 19, The Hub had received \$55,272 in gifts and grants, mostly from foundations, local businesses, and unsolicited contributions, and another \$23,395 in pledged grants.

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The Hub's "Come On In" welcome banner, advertising the ongoing Capital Campaign. Photo: Larry Chase

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