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## **The Lepisto / Hill Farm** *by Jonathan W. Stevens*

On April 18, 1910, the brothers Alex Coburn and Ernest Coburn, who were originally from Malone, N.Y., but at the time were residents of Andover sold to Alexander "Alex" Lepisto of Fitchburg, Mass., "the Gilbert E. Hemenway farm" so-called, containing "115 acres, more or less." The farm consisted of three parcels of land. The first was all of Lot 20 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Range, except a parcel of 77 rods that had been previously deeded off lying south of the road to Boynton Hollow. The second was a parcel in Lot 19 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Range, consisting of 4 acres and 9 rods lying north of said road in the northwest corner of the lot. The third was a parcel in Lot 21 Range 4 consisting of 13 acres and 96 rods. The sale also made an exception the spruce trees and pulpwood as reserved by a previous deed of Park H. Pollard of Cavendish. It also included "the following personal property now on the above premises: one Deering Horse Rake, one Deering Mower, one smoothing harrow, one wheel harrow, one spring tooth harrow, one side hill plow, one land side plow, one cultivator, one grindstone, one set of double sleds with "racks and what goes with sleds," hand rakes, shovels, forks, potato diggers, Paris Green sprayer, all the hay and fodder now on the farm, also six cows, one yearling heifer, one calf with cow, 12 hens, one pig, one 2 year old colt, one brown mare, about 150 sap buckets and pans, sap heater, sugar off pan, sap spouts, being all the sugaring apparatus on the premises, cream separator, one pair of best work harness, one single harness, also "the halters and blankets that belong to these horses mentioned," one top buggy, one double wagon and all that "goes with same, such as racks and body."

On February 25, 1864, John C. Ellison of Chester sold the "115 acre-farm" to Gilbert E. Hemenway of Ludlow. This was the same property that Willard Bailey had sold to Ellison on October 26, 1852, consisting of the above mentioned three lots that had been previously the property of Joseph Eaton. Gilbert E. Hemenway, was the son of Elijah and Caroline (Gilbert) Hemenway of Ludlow. Gilbert married Clarissa M. Chandler in Chester, Vt., on April 2, 1854. They first lived in Ludlow and then moved to Andover in 1864. Clarissa died in Andover, on July 12, 1896, and was buried in Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow. On October 16, 1905, Hemenway, sold his above-mentioned home farm plus an additional parcel he had purchased on July 2, 1874, from Abel A. Batchelder, consisting of 35 acres in Lot 18 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Range east of North Hill Road, to Herman M. Guild of Chester, who held the mortgage on the Hemenway's property. Hemenway moved to Ludlow, and lived the last few years of his life in the home of his daughter Emma Maria (Hemenway) (Lawrence) Spafford on High Street. Guild then transferred the property on November 28, 1905 to Park H. Pollard, of Cavendish, who sold the property on November 21, 1907 to Benjamin Harrison Rubado of Bombay, N.Y., but retained the timber rights. On September 21, 1908, Benjamin H. and Katherine Theresa "Katie" (Walsh) Rubado sold to the above-mentioned Alex Coburn and Ernest Coburn of Malone, N.Y.

Upon their purchase of the Hemenway farm, Alexander and Johanna Lepisto mortgaged the property to Benjamin H. Rubado, who had returned to New York State and was residing in Malone. The mortgage was discharged on May 31, 1913. Alexander Lepisto, son of Erik and Marija (Herranen) Lepisto, was born in Veteli, Vaasa, Finland, on May 15, 1873. He immigrated to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on May 25, 1892. He made his primary declaration to become a citizen of the United States before the Circuit Court of Gogebic County Michigan, on April 9, 1894. He then moved east to Fitchburg, Mass., where he married Johanna Oravala, on January 16, 1897. Johanna, daughter of Antti and Marija (Hielala) Oravala, was born in Toholampi, Central Ostrobothnia, Finland, on November 30, 1871, had come to the United States in 1895. Alex Lepisto appears in the Fitchburg Business Directories starting in 1897. In 1900, they were residing on Mechanic Street in Fitchburg, the family would later live at 148 Marshall Street and on September 24, 1904 Alexander Lepisto became a U.S. citizen. The children of Alexander and Johanna (Oravala) Lepisto, all born in Fitchburg, Mass.: Helmi Lulia Lepisto born on November 8, 1897 and died in Fitchburg, Mass., on August 6, 1995. Helmi married John Hämäläinen in Ludlow on December 21, 1916; Sigrid Maria Lepisto, born on October 27, 1889 and died in December 1975. Sigrid married Oscar Annala in Troy, N.H., June 10, 1922; Charles Alexander Lepisto, born on January 27, 1901 and died Keene, N.H., on June 18, 1947. Charles married Bertha L. Carter in Fitchburg, Mass., in 1923; Martha Johanna Lepisto, born August 25, 1902 and died in March 1975. Martha married John Edward Mattila in Keene, N.H., on October 23, 1926; George Alfred Lepisto, born on August 1, 1904 and died on June 17, 1968. George married Emma Elizabeth Marrotte in Troy, N.H., on January 30, 1935; Lauri "Lawrence" Lepisto, born on December 18, 1906 and died Keene, N.H., on March 11, 1949. Lawrence married Lempi Mattila in Natick, Mass., in 1924. Lempi was born in Iowa, on December 13, 1905 and died in Troy, N.H., on October 25, 1997.

*The Fitchburg Sentinel* listed "The Following Persons Registered as Voters November 13, 1907, and among those in Ward Four was Alexander Lepisto. At the time of the 1910 U.S. Census the Lepisto family was still residing in Fitchburg, and the Fitchburg Business Directory for 1911 stated "removed to Vermont." *The Vermont Tribune* noted on March 16, 1911 that "Mr. Lepisto has bought a Bellows Falls evaporator, buckets, etc." Lepisto's occupation was a carpenter and he ran an ad in *The Vermont Tribune* that stated: "WANTED-Carpenter work on contract. Erection of buildings, or repair work. Alex Lepisto, Ludlow, RFD No. 2." He had assimilated to Vermont life and in the *Tribune* it was noted that "Alex Lepisto, Charles Esty and Harry Howard have each been lucky in getting a deer." *The Vermont Tribune*, November 7, 1912, "Mr. Lepisto is building a barn on the Benson place." Just as today, this part of Andover was receiving mail from the Ludlow Post Office. When the Puffer District schoolhouse, located at the intersection of Lovejoy Brook Road and East Hill Road, was destroyed by fire on the night of January 17, 1912, It was decided that a new school would be built and on May 22, 1912, John Kalinen and Henry Waltanen sold a parcel 1 ½ acres off the north line of Lot 19 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Range to the town of Andover for \$20 "to be used as a school ground." The foundation work and building of the school, by Alexander Lepisto, were done in summer of 1912. The expenses were detailed in the annual town report, that "on June 15, 1912, Alex Lepisto was paid \$25 for work on the foundation, and on July 6, 1912, he was paid \$75 for work on the building, with the balance of \$75 paid on September 5, 1912 and on the same date he was paid \$37 for building the water closet, grading." Finally on December 20, 1912, he was paid \$10 for "setting desks, fixing desk, setting up stove and flag pole." *The Vermont Tribune* on August 22, 1912, noted that "Mr. Lepisto met with a mishap last Sunday night when the axle of his wagon broke. There were three in the wagon. Mr. Lepisto's leg was quite badly hurt."

On May 24, 1913, *The Rutland Daily Herald* noted that "the homestead of A. Lepisto was burned on the evening of May 21. It was formerly the Gilbert Hemenway farm." He soon rebuilt as *The Vermont Tribune* on July 3, 1913 noted that "Mr. Lepisto is getting things into readiness preparatory to rebuilding where he was recently burnt out." His new house was completed the following October, and *The Vermont Tribune* noted October 30, 1913 that "A. Lepisto has his new house so he has moved into it." Though it has been remodeled with an addition in recent memory, this is when the current house was built.

*The Vermont Tribune*, noted on Thursday, May 28, 1914, that "Rev. William Leeman, pastor of the Finnish Congregational Church at Troy, N.H. was the guest of Rev. William J. Ballou on Monday and Tuesday. They visited nearly all of the Finnish families in Ludlow and Andover. On Monday night a meeting was held at the home of A. Lepisto in Andover at which fifty-one were present, most of them coming several miles to the service after a hard day's work on their farms. Arrangements were made for starting a Sunday school with three men and three women for teachers. Mr. Lepisto's coffee and cake were served to those present, according to Finnish hospitality. "It remains to be seen whether coffee and cake would raise the attendance at our local prayer meetings, but something is evidently needed if we are to keep up with the Finlanders." *The Vermont Tribune*, on June 18, 1914, also mentioned that "Rev. Mr. Leeman of Troy, N.H., the Finn minister, held services in the schoolhouse Tuesday evening." *The Vermont Tribune*, on February 3, 1916, noted that "The Finn people held a dance at A. Lepisto's last Friday night."

Park H. Pollard, of Cavendish, having retained the timber rights on the Lepisto property, on March 5, 1917, quit-claimed his interest to Alexander, described as "being all the softwood and timber and poplar growing or standing upon the Gilbert Hemenway Farm so-called in said Andover and is the same farm now occupied by said Lepisto— Meaning to convey the right and property reserved by me in and to said timber, trees and poplar when I sold said Hemenway farm."

The Lepisto family appeared frequently in the Boynton Hill column in *The Vermont Tribune*. On January 6, 1921, the column noted that "Charles Lepisto and Lennie Argilander went Thursday to Troy, N.H., returning Saturday" and that "J.A. Rivers, Charles Lepisto and Walter Kalinen have been drawing pulp for John Wilmoth." The column noted on April 21, 1921, that "Alex Lepisto and John Kalinen have been working in Ludlow" and on May 5, 1921 the column contained several references to the Lepisto family, mentioning that "Miss Sigrid Lepisto spent Wednesday in Bellows Falls," and that "Oscar Annula of Troy, N.H., spent the weekend at Alex Lepisto's." Oscar would marry Sigrid the following year in Troy, N.H. The column also noted that "Charles and George Lepisto and Miss Sigrid Lepisto were in Proctor on Sunday." Finally, in a prelude to that second part of the article, the column mentioned that "Andrew Toorpaka [sic] and J. [sic] Hill of Quincy, Mass., have been here looking at farms." This was the first

appearance of Matti Hill in the area, though the paper didn't get his name totally correct. On May 16, 1921, Alexander and Johanna Lepisto sold their farm to Alfred Toorpaka and Matti Hill both of Quincy, Mass. *The Vermont Tribune* noted on May 26, 1921, "Alex Lepisto who sold his farm to A. Toorpaka [sic] and J. [sic] Hill of Quincy, Mass., and has moved to Ludlow." The newspaper also noted that Lawrence Lepisto, who is staying at Albert Helberg's till school closes, spent the weekend in Ludlow." Though the newspaper had mentioned that Alex Lepisto "moved to Ludlow," the family soon moved to the Fitzwilliam Road in Troy, N.H. The move made perfect sense as there was strong connection with Troy, and especially with the Finnish Congregational Church there, its pastor Rev. William Leeman having visited the Finnish community in Andover back in 1914. Alexander worked as a carpenter and later along with his son George ran "Lepisto's Garage -Pontiac Sales and Service." Johanna died in Troy, N.H., on May 18, 1945 and Alex died at Elliot Community Hospital in Keene, N.H., on November 21, 1958, and they are both buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Troy.

On June 10, 1921, Andrew Alfred Toorpaka and his wife Selma Toorpaka conveyed "all our interest in and to our undivided one half of the same" to Matti Hill. Andrew Toorpaka, the son of Finnish immigrants, Matti and Mary (Niemi) Toorpaka was born in Gloucester, Mass., on January 9, 1894. He married Selma Wentto in Quincy, Mass., on August 1, 1917. Selma, daughter of Milo and Anna W. (Vehvalanen), was born in Finland, on March 31, 1888. After they sold their interest in the Lepisto farm to Matti Hill, they moved to South Reading, Vt., and then in 1950, they moved to Mount Holly, Vt. In 1972, they moved to Warrensburg, N.Y., where they resided with a niece, as they did not have any children. Andrew died in Warrensburg, on December 13, 1974 and Selma died there on September 22, 1982.

Matti Hill, son of Matti and Maria (Harri) "Hill," was born in Lapua, South Ostrobothnia, Finland, on October 30, 1886. On December 5, 1940, the *Vermont Journal* included an article entitled: "December Term of Windsor County Opened Tuesday Eighteen admitted to Citizenship." Among those listed was "Matti Miilumake of Andover, Finnish name changed to Matti Hill." The abbreviation of the surname to the word mäki which means hill, slope, hillside, ascent, rise or run in Finnish. Therefore, it was not a name change, but a mere Anglicization. Matti came to the United States in 1912 and married Maria Susi in Quincy, Mass., on May 1, 1919. Maria, daughter of Abraham and Helen (Lemmetti) Susi, was born in Metsoreitti, Finland, on January 6, 1885 and immigrated on the ship the Laconia, leaving the port of Liverpool, England on November 11, 1913, and arriving in Boston on November 19, 1913, with a final destination of Quincy, Mass. Matti and Maria (Susi) Hill had two children: Reino Abraham Hill born in Quincy, Mass., on September 9, 1919 and Pentti Olavi Hill born in Andover on December 15, 1921.

On July 6, 1928, Matti Hill purchased an additional 70 acres of woodland located in Lot 21 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Range, north of his property from Fred Adams, who had purchased the property four days before on July 2, 1928, from Lena Plumley of Ludlow. She was the widow of Emery M. Plumley who had purchased the property from Israel Balch on August 14, 1907. This was the same premises that were transferred to Balch from Charles M. Gutterson, Administrator of Fernando Cortez Baldwin's estate on February 22, 1900, and was the same parcel the Baldwin had purchased from Joseph Eaton, then a resident of Chester, on June 23, 1846.

Though he was a farmer, Matti Hill like many of the men of the time, earned extra money from various highway work for the town. The following are just a few examples from throughout the years. In 1924, he was paid \$12 in the "Orders Drawn by Selectmen" for "Breaking Roads and Shoveling Snow," and \$21.67 for "Cutting Brush." In 1936, he worked 25 hours at the rate of 30 cents an hour "and \$10 for care of own road" for a total of \$17.50. In 1939, worked on "resurfacing main road" for 16 hours at 30 cents and an additional 9 hours at 33 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cents an hour totaling \$7.80. He also worked on "Special Back Roads near Ludlow Line" for 96 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours at 30 cents \$31.85. He worked for 7 hours "Special Road Work Main Road between Bentley's and Kallio's" at the rate of 30 cents totaling \$2.10. In 1942, the town paid him for 10 loads of sand on Boynton Hill at the rate \$1 for a total of \$10.

In 1939, Reino Hill was among the many men who did road work for the town. He worked 19 hours "special road work" and was paid \$6.34. He also worked 131 hours of "flood work" and was paid \$43.67 and 8 hours "bridge work" and was paid \$2.67, plus another 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours of work on "town bridges" and was paid an additional \$1.05. In 1940, Reino worked 18 hours on "back roads" and was paid \$5.50. The majority of this labor on the roads and bridges during this time period, was due to the destruction caused by the Hurricane of 1938. By October of 1940, Reino Hill

had moved to California, where he was a student at Aero Industries Technical Institute in Los Angeles. He served as a corporal US Army Air Force during World War II. Reino married Mildred C. Morgan in California, July 13, 1943. Reino died in Kingman, Arizona, on May 10, 2005 and is buried in National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix.

Pentti Hill graduated from Black River High School in 1939, and the yearbook included the following entry "seven miles from Ludlow there is a place called Andover, and from Andover comes Pentti every day to school. That's ambition." In 1939, Pentti employed by the town for special road work amounting to 23 ½ hours and was paid \$7.83 and he worked 383 hours for "flood work" and was paid \$127.66. He worked on bridges for 436 hours and was paid \$145.23. In 1940, he worked 7 hours on "town bridges" and was paid \$2.10. As with his brother's work for the town, this had to do with the Hurricane of 1938. In addition to road work, etc., he was employed as a machinist at Jones and Lamson on Clinton Street in Springfield. He enlisted in the Navy on September 24, 1942, and completed basic training at Newport, Rhode Island on October 22, 1942, and was selected for the Aviation Machinist Mates' School in Jacksonville, Florida. Pentti married Priscilla Marie Young in Jacksonville, on June 26, 1943. Priscilla, daughter of Massy Barker and Ruth M. (Stearns) Young, was born in Windsor, Vt., on April 29, 1926. Pentti was discharged from the service on November 23, 1945, and he and Priscilla lived in Chester until 1947, when they moved Seattle and later to the suburb of Renton, Washington. He was employed by Boeing Airplane Company for 35 years. He died in Renton, Washington, on August 9, 1983 and Priscilla died there, on July 3, 2010.

As his sons left home, Matti hired help to operate the farm. The *Springfield Reporter* noted in the July 13, 1949 issue, that "Leo Nummi is working for Matti Hill." Nummi, who was 15 at the time, and the Nummi family lived on Rte. 11, just west of Rowell's Inn. Tragically, Nummi, at age 19, died in car accident with Leo Jacob "Jack" Soujanen, age 17, whose family lived on Chauncey Road. The accident occurred about midnight on Saturday, December 20, 1952, when Soujanen's car, a 1950 two-door sedan, heading south on Rte. 103 a mile and a half north of Chester Depot, collided with the rear of a 1945, 6 by 6 Army type GMC stake truck, operated by Roland E. Fisher, age 37, "a Ludlow lumberjack," and owned by Neil McKenzie of Chester. The truck was parked on the highway, with no lights on and the car collided into its rear and the boys were instantly killed. The police theorized the boys might have been blinded by the lights of an oncoming car, and didn't see the truck. Fisher, who was unharmed in the cab of the truck, initially claimed that had blacked out due to flashback to his service in World War II, but later plead guilty to being intoxicated, and was fined. There were resulting lawsuits in the names of both Soujanen and Nummi in Federal Court and settlements were reached.

Matti Hill ran an ad in the June 5, 1957 issue of the *Springfield Reporter* and June 13, 1957 issue of the *Vermont Journal*, for his 1952 Chevrolet pick-up with 9,000 miles and a Surge Milking Machine vacuum pump "used one year." His health began to decline, he had "Generalized Lymphoma," and was admitted to Rutland Hospital that October. He died at the Pratt Convalescent Home in Rutland, on December 19, 1957, (he had only been there for three days) and was buried on December 24, 1957 in Heald Cemetery. A week after his death, on December 26, 1957, his two sons: Reino of Glendora, California and Pentti of Seattle, Washington quit-claimed their interest in their father's estate to their mother. On July 9, 1958, *The Springfield Reporter* noted that "Mr. and Mrs. Pentti Hill of Seattle, Washington returned home Sunday after spending a while with his mother, Mrs. Matti Hill." and it further stated that "Mr. and Mrs. Reino Hill of Los Angeles, California are spending a time with his mother, Mrs. Matti Hill." Ralph S. Parker, the administrator of the estate of Matti Hill, submitted his account to Windsor District Probate Court, and after the payment of debts of said deceased, funeral expenses of administration allowed by said court, the residue consisting of the homestead farm, and the personal estate consisting of a farm tractor and farm implements, tools, and 194 shares of Ludlow Savings Bank and Trust Company Stock, was decreed July 2, 1958 to his widow Maria Hill, as Reino and Pentti had already quit-claimed their interest to their mother. On August 30, 1960, Maria sold the property to Ruth (Stearns) Young, Pentti's mother in-law, who had moved to Tacoma, Washington, and on November 6, 1964, Mrs. Young, with Pentti and Priscilla as the witnesses to her signature, sold the property to Robert S. and Linda (Harden) Attiyeh of Pacific Palisades, California.

Maria (Susi) Hill died in Glendora, Calif, where her son Reino resided, on October 26, 1975, at the age of 91, in a rest home where she had been for the past six years. She was buried in Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, California, just to the southwest of Glendora, though her name is included on the gravestone in Heald Cemetery.

**2022 ANDOVER TOWN OFFICERS**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Elected Official</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Moderator	One year	Jonathan Bliss	06/30/2023
Town Clerk	Three years	Jeanette Haight	2023
Treasurer	One year	Jeanette Haight	2023
Tax Collector	One year	Jeanette Haight	2023
Select Board	Three years	Melissa Gates Perry	2023
		Susan Leader – appointed	2023
		Chris Plumb	2025
Select Board	One year	Richard Griswold	2023
		Robin Trask	2023
Auditors	Three years	Robert Francis	2023
		Wendell Perkins	2024
		Cindy Ingersoll	2025
Listers	Three years	Francesca Salazar	2023
		vacant	2024
		vacant	2025
Cemetery Commissioners	Three years	Nicholas Baker	2023
		Robert Hale	2024
		Hank Mauti	2025
Sexton		Hank Mauti	2023
First Constable		Lucas Trask	2023
Second Constable		Paul Stoddard	2023
Justices of the Peace	Two years	Reino Bergquist	2025
		Jonathan Bliss	2025
		Raymond Makul	2025
		Donna Faturos	2025
		Ron Theissen	2025

**TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECT BOARD**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Appointed Official</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Assistant Clerk	Jonathan Stevens	2023
Civil Defense Coordinator	Chris Plumb	2023
Fence Viewer	Melissa Gates-Perry	2023
Weigher of Coal	Robin Trask	2023
Tree Warden	Richard Pierce	2023
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, & Wood	Richard Griswold	2023
Town Fire Warden	Gene Pategas	2023
Council on Aging Rep	Francesca Salazar	2023
Select Board Clerk	Jeanette Haight	2023
Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	Scott Kendall	2023
Environmental Officer	Andover Board of Health	2023
Green-Up Chairman	Deborah Moser	2023
<b>Agency of Transportation Rep</b>	Charles Golden	2023
VT Solid Waste District Rep	H. Joseph Fromberger	2023
<b>ZBA/Planning Commission</b>	Lenore Szuchman	Dec. 2023
	Gary Lundberg	Dec. 2023
	vacant	Dec. 2024
	Joe Fromberger	Dec. 2024
	Janet Albrecht	Dec. 2025
	Richard Ingersoll	Dec. 2025
	George Moser	Dec. 2025
	James Stack	Dec. 2026
	Nicholas Baker	Dec. 2026
<b>Regional Planning Rep</b>	H. Joseph Fromberger	2023
Zoning Administrator	Daire Gibney	2023
Health Officer	Andover Select Board	2023

*Section I*

***WARNING***

***TOWN MEETING  
REPORT***



**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF ANDOVER**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**March 4, 2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet on Saturday, March 4, 2022 in the Andover Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. or via Zoom to act on the following Articles.

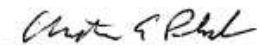
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Meeting ID: 812 2269 4042 Passcode: 899846

1. To elect a Town Moderator for a term of one year, ending on June 30, 2024.
2. To elect all Town Officers required by Law:
  - Town Treasurer for a one-year term
  - Town Clerk for a three-year term
  - Select Board member for a three-year term
  - Select Board member for one year remaining of a three-year term
  - Select Board member for a one- year term
  - Select Board member for a one-year term
  - Auditor for a three-year term
  - Lister for a three-year term
  - First Constable for a one-year term
  - Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a one-year term
  - Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term
  - Sexton for a one-year term
3. Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791, to collect current taxes?
4. Explanation of fiscal year 2023/24 budget.
5. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,066,178.00 of which \$919,178.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$147,000.00 by non-tax revenues?
6. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in three (3) installments, with the due dates being August 15<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, & March 1<sup>st</sup> by delivery to the Town Office postmarked on or before that date?
7. Shall the town change the date of its Annual Town Meeting in 2024 to the Saturday preceding the first Tuesday in March pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2640(b)?
8. Discuss changing the position of Lister from an elected to an appointed position pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651c(b)(1) – to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.
9. To discuss any other nonbinding business proper to be done at said meeting, including proposed revisions to Zoning Regulations.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 23rd day of January, 2023.

Andover Select Board

  
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Christopher Plumb

  
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Richard Griswold

  
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Robin Trask

  
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Melissa Gates-Perry

  
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Susan Leader

### Summary of Proposed Andover Zoning Regulation changes:

1. Changed “Board of Selectmen” to “Selectboard” throughout
2. Section 105 (1), changed “accepted ag practices” to “required ag practices”
3. Section 220, changed “include” to “including”
4. Section 222.1, clarified (1) by adding “Except as indicated in (2) below”
5. Section 241 (1) – just added the word “and”
6. Section 241 (3) – added more language from 24 VSA 4449(d) to clarify
7. Section 241, Effective date – changed “substantially commenced” to “substantially completed” and defined that as “the point when work is nearly complete, and the building or structure is able to be used for its intended purpose.”
8. Section 242 (1) – Replaced “prior to the use or occupancy of the land or structure” with “when construction is fully complete.”
9. Section 250 – added the amount of the fine allowed by statute.
10. Section 610 added “multi-family dwellings” and “short-term rentals” as Conditional Uses.
11. Added Section 395 “Short-Term Rentals” - see below.

#### **Section 395. SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

- (1) **Purpose.** The purpose of this provision is to promote and protect the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience of the town, to preserve residents’ rights to quiet enjoyment of homes and properties, and to ensure the safety of occupants of short-term rentals.
- (2) **Conditional Use Review.** Short-term rentals are subject to Conditional Use Approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and must meet all requirements under Articles IV and VI, and Section 395.
- (3) **Application Requirements.** A complete application for short-term rentals must include all applicable fees and a written description of how they meet all applicable standards, as well as copies of the following materials:
  - a. The State of Vermont Wastewater and Water Supply Permit for the property for dwelling units constructed or occupied after June 30, 2007, OR the local zoning or septic permit for dwelling units constructed before July 1, 2007, OR the Listers Property Database with the number of bedrooms indicated if a local zoning or septic permit does not exist for dwelling units constructed before July 1, 2007.
  - b. An inspection report with occupancy approved from the State of Vermont Division of Fire Safety.
  - c. The Posting of Contact Information required by 18 V.S.A. § 4467.
  - d. A State of Vermont Land Use (Act 250) Permit, if subject to Act 250 jurisdiction.
  - e. The education materials required by 18 V.S.A. § 4468(a), including without limitation the self-certification form pertaining to health and safety precautions that short-term rental operators must take into consideration prior to renting a dwelling unit required by 18 V.S.A. § 4468(b).

- (4) **Standards.** All short-term rentals must meet the following requirements and standards.
- a. A person shall not commence the use of a dwelling unit as a short-term rental unless and until the Zoning Board of Adjustment has issued an affirmative Conditional Use decision.
  - b. Occupancy is restricted to two persons per bedroom, plus an additional two occupants. Total capacity must not exceed wastewater permit conditions or current wastewater rules.
  - c. The number of lessees, guests, or other persons using a dwelling unit pursuant to the short-term rental lease or other agreement with the Short-Term Rental owner or manager shall not exceed the approved dwelling unit capacity as established in the conditional use decision by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
  - d. A minimum of one parking space for each bedroom shall be provided on-site in designated spaces.
  - e. Rubbish service shall be provided, and containers shall be maintained out-of-sight from the street.
  - f. ~~Prohibitions:~~
    - i. ~~Weddings, parties, catered events, and similar events.~~
    - ii. ~~Signs and other outside indications the dwelling is used as a short term rental.~~
- (5) **Previously Existing Short-Term Rentals.** A short-term rental that exists on the date this section was adopted by the Selectboard (\_\_\_\_\_) may continue to exist as a nonconforming use for a period not to exceed one year, at which time the use shall cease, unless it has been approved under this Section and meets all applicable standards. A short-term rental that exists at the time of the passage of this section, which use is subsequently discontinued for a period of 180 days, shall not be reestablished unless the owner of the parcel has obtained approval under this Section and meets all applicable standards.
- (6) **Annual Registration.** An annual report, and the required annual fee, shall be filed by the permit holder with the Administrative Officer by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Failure to file the annual report, pay the annual fee, or meet the above standards shall require revocation of permit. After revocation of permit, a property owner shall not be able to reapply for one year. One may appeal a revocation notice to the Zoning Board of Adjustment via Section 222.1.

**TOWN OF ANDOVER**  
**SUMMARY OF TOWN INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
**February 26, 2022**

Moderator Jonathan Bliss called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded everyone it is an informational meeting and there would be no voting until Tuesday and outlined the protocol for the meeting as there were people in-person at the Town Hall as well as people attending via Zoom.

Mr. Bliss read the names of those who had passed away in the previous year and asked for a moment of silence. He then thanked members of the Select Board, the Road Crew, the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk & other Town volunteers. Dorothy Clair asked for a round of applause for Alan Plumb, who has served the Town of Andover for over 60 years.

**Articles 1 & 2** pertained to election of Town Officers. Jon Bliss read the list of offices up for election out loud. He then asked candidates to introduce themselves. Melissa Gates & Susan Leader introduced themselves as candidates for the Select Board. They were asked their position on the proposed ATV Ordinance. Melissa said she had been in favor of it, then changed her mind as she thought more about it. Jon Bliss reminded everyone there was an item on the agenda to discuss the proposed ATV Ordinance later in the meeting. Robin Trask asked for clarification on who is running for what Select Board terms. Jeanette Haight clarified who was on the ballot for the different positions. Robin Trask then introduced herself as a candidate for a one-year term of office. Richard Griswold also introduced himself as a candidate for a one-year term. Susan Leader clarified she was seeking a one-year term as well. Jon thanked them for their willingness to “step up”.

**Article 3** asks if the Town Treasurer shall be authorized by the voters to collect current taxes. Jeanette Haight, Town Treasurer, clarified that having this on the ballot is considered a “best practice” by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Jon Bliss pointed out the Town Treasurer has customarily collected current taxes in Andover, so it isn’t a change of practice. There were no questions.

**Articles 4-6** concerned the proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 budget, including the Select Board’s recommendation to use the full 2020/21 fiscal year surplus to offset municipal taxes in fiscal year 2022/23. Jeanette shared her laptop screen so those present as well as those on Zoom could see the information. Chris Plumb, chair of the Select Board, read through the budget overview. He explained the positive impact the recommended use of the surplus could have on the municipal tax rate. Jeanette provided a more detailed explanation. Hank Mauti pointed out traditionally the surplus has been used to add to the Capital Equipment and Highway/Bridge Funds. He asked if those funds would be substantial enough without the added revenue and noted he assumed they would, based on the Board’s recommendation. Hank also asked about the High Bridge project and that expense to the Town. Chris said the project has been put out to bid by the State and is supposed to begin in August 2022 and there is adequate money in the Highway/Bridge Fund to cover Andover’s share of the expense. Jon asked for the timeline of the project. Chris said it is supposed to be complete by October 2022. Hank asked for more of the construction details, which Chris provided. Jon asked for any further budget and fund questions. There were none.

**Article 7** asked for the voters to authorize property taxes being paid in three installments and gave corresponding due dates. Jon said this proposal is current practice and asked for any questions. There were none.

**Article 8** dealt with the date for Town Meeting in 2023, asking if the voters will authorize it to be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023, which is allowed by State Statute. Jon encouraged those present to express any opinions. Dorothy Clair said Town Meeting used to be held at night and thought there was more participation. She said she thought it was changed to Saturday to allow more second homeowners to attend. Hank shared his positive feedback about having Town Meeting articles voted on by Australian ballot. Dave Peters asked for confirmation that Andover will resume floor-voting for next Town Meeting, once the Governor's Executive Order expires in 2022. Chris Plumb confirmed that is the case.

**Article 9** asked the voters if they wished to have the Select Board adopt the ATV Ordinance that was drafted by the Board in the previous year. It is to be a nonbinding vote, as Ordinances can only be adopted by the Select Board. Jon asked Hank Mauti to share information he had. Hank said there is a book on State of Vermont regulations regarding ATV use that anyone can access online. He said he thought the speed limit for ATVs in the draft Ordinance should be lower. He also talked about other towns in Vermont and New Hampshire that allow ATVs "right through the middle of their towns". Hank said "everyone is being negative and it is a self-policing" activity and commented on bicycle-riding on roads. Jon read the draft Ordinance out loud. Dorothy Clair asked if the Ordinance gets adopted what it would take for the Select Board revoke it. Joe Fromberger said his concern is with the specific language of Section 11 which deals with other Town Ordinances and inconsistent language. He also said he doesn't want to hear ATVs driving on his road late at night. Jon asked if Joe's concern was enforcement. Joe said he could envision marketing of rentals suggesting renters come ride their ATVs in Andover. Susan Leader said she finds Section 2 - "the purpose of this Ordinance is to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare of the Town..." to be "disingenuous" as she is happy with the way the Vermont DMV oversees motor vehicle (non-ATV) use on roads and does not want to see another Ordinance added. Dave Peters pointed out on Vermont's website agricultural use of ATVs is allowed. Connie Kendall asked for the history of developing an Ordinance, wondering why it was written. Scott Kendall said the voters at last Town Meeting voted in favor of the Select Board drafting an ATV Ordinance, so the Select Board did. Dorothy Clair recalled voters asking for an ATV Ordinance. Jeanette confirmed Chris Walker (former Board member) had voters approach him asking for it, then it was discussed at Town Meeting 2021 and was an article on the subsequent ballot. Hank read from the State ATV regulation booklet. Glen Irwin said he thought the issue concerning everyone is nonresidents bringing ATVs, riding on town roads and not being responsible. He wondered if there is a way to restrict nonresident riding. Scott said the Board looked into it and it wasn't allowed by the State. Jason Gill asked about having to register ATVs with the Town. Scott said the Board wanted that as well, and it is not allowed – only the State has the authority to have vehicles registered. Mark Johnson asked who would enforce this Ordinance. Scott said the local Game Warden has the authority to do that. Dave Peters wondered the last time a Game Warden or State Police had been seen patrolling the roads. Tammy Stemen asked what it would take for the Town Clerk to administer ATV use. Jeanette said as far as she knew, it would have nothing to do with her as ATV registration is strictly through the State of Vermont DMV. Jean Peters said there are pages of State laws & regulations regarding ATV use and enforcing all of them would "require a specialist of some sort". She also noted this issue is different now that short-term rentals are so prevalent. Jon wondered if the Board had discussed organizing a local club, like VAST has for snowmobiles. Scott said there was no discussion of that, it would fall to local riders to take that on. Maddy Bodin noted there is a big difference between snowmobiles and ATVs. She said snowmobiling is done mainly on private properties whereas ATVs would be using town roads, which are a public resource. Nancy Juergens inquired about an age requirement for ATV drivers.

Scott said he is sure the State regulations address that. Dave Peters said that isn't accurate – a 12 year-old can operate an ATV with an 18 year-old accompanying them. Gary Lundberg asked if ATVs are required to be insured. Scott said insurance is required if the ATV is registered with the State. There were general comments about enforcement. Betty Peters noted how challenging it can be to get emergency services already. She "shuddered to think what could happen". Jon asked to hear from anyone who had not already spoken. Lenore Szuchman emphasized that without an Ordinance, ATVs are not allowed on Town roads. She pointed out Andover would be the only town for miles around that would have an Ordinance and it would encourage groups to gather with their ATVs. Janet Albrecht expressed concern about ATVs using a Legal Trail through her property. Jon referred to Section 8 of the draft Ordinance noting that would be prohibited. Brooke Decker shared her negative experience with ATVs in another part of the State. Jason Gill asked for clarification about the approved age of ATV operators, what board members (newly-elected or existing) would be dealing with the Ordinance, and noted the decibel level of ATVs is not regulated. Nancy Juergens talked about the "nature of Andover" and the potential impact of allowing ATVs in town. Roger Parker asked what the cost would be to the town. Scott and Chris said there is no way to know. Maddy elaborated by adding there is no way to know unless it is enacted – road-grading and additional costs of the contracted Sheriff could be factors. Mary Giammarino talked about the increase and speed of current traffic on North Hill. She suggested everyone visualize what they want Andover to look like. In his wrap-up, Jon commended the Select Board's honoring of the "will of the voters" by drafting the Ordinance and then summarized the discussion. Susan Leader asked how many people are on Zoom. Melissa Gates asked what a "yes" or "no" vote would mean – would a "no" vote mean it goes away? Scott confirmed the current draft was approved from a legal standpoint by The Vermont League of Cities and Towns and if changes were made, it would need to be approved by them again. He noted the draft took months to develop. Maddy explained the situation is complicated because a promise was made at the prior Town Meeting to the voters that they would be able to vote on an Ordinance. The Select Board later discovered that is not how Ordinances are adopted. A draft was finalized and at an October 2021 Select Board meeting, the whole Board promised to abide by the decision of the voters at Town Meeting 2022. She pointed out the promise was made by a five-member board, three of whom have since resigned or are not seeking re-election. Maddy said there is actually no guarantee a new board would abide by the promise. Melissa Gates and Robin Trask (who is also seeking a seat on the Board) both said they would abide by the voters' wishes. Scott talked about enforcement of any town issue and advocated for a town-elected Constable to attend law enforcement training. Jon suggested moving on to other nonbinding business. Hank reminded everyone that any article can be re-voted if a petition is submitted, so "nothing is cast in stone." Betsy Lundberg pointed out ATVs do not have to be insured based on information in the State's ATV booklet. Richard Griswold provided some information on age and operating both ATVs and snowmobiles.

**Article 9** – Any other nonbinding business – Elizabeth Blank asked about short-term rental regulation. Chris Plumb said Gary Lundberg and Carmen Macchia were doing a lot of legwork and something might be finalized next year. Gary talked about a registration process and noise limits. Robin Trask asked if he was referring to a noise ordinance specifically for ATVs or for things like cutting wood. Gary said the rules in surrounding towns vary but do provide for noise related to businesses. Susan Leader asked how many short-term rentals are in town and what sort of complaints have been heard. Gary said he thought there are 20 or so give or take, Melissa Gates agreed with that number. Susan asked for an example of the type of issue that has come up. Jean Peters responded with an example from Andover Ridge where a house was rented out and trash was thrown out on the lawn and in some cases, parties go on "all night" and "they speed, they litter"... She noted that large corporations are involved in buying houses to be used specifically for short-term rentals. Dave Peters chimed in talking about that same house being used for events. Mary Giammarino echoed similar observations. Jon called for any additional nonbinding

business. Hank said Weston has rules about having fire prevention measures in place and controls on numbers of renters a building can have and he wondered if anyone has spoken with officials in Weston. Gary said they have taken time to look through what Killington has done. Susan asked the status of redistricting and whether the town gets any input. Joe Fromberger said Tom Bock confirmed it is a work in progress and it is up to the State Legislature. Joe also said he objected to the new plan which puts Andover and Chester into separate districts. Susan asked about a timeline with Joe responding it will be finalized by the end of the legislative session. Connie Kendall pointed out the thorough article in the Town Report about some of the Finnish heritage of Andover. Jon Bliss brought attention to all the multi-generation families in attendance at the meeting and the way in which many are working to ensure their children can remain here if they so choose.

Jon Bliss suggested adjourning at 12:10 p.m. and Joe Fromberger thanked him for doing a good job letting everyone have a turn to speak.

**TOWN OF ANDOVER  
TOWN MEETING VOTE RESULTS  
March 1, 2022**

Andover’s first five Articles on the ballot all passed. Article 6 “do the voters want the Select Board to adopt an ATV Ordinance?” was defeated with 139 “No” votes, 61 “Yes” votes and 6 ballots left blank on the question.

**Select Board - two, one-year positions:**

Robin Trask – 130 votes  
Richard Griswold – 119 votes  
Susan Leader – 95 votes  
Paul Stoddard – 31 votes

**Select Board, three-year position:**

Chris Plumb was re-elected

**Select Board, one year remaining of a three-year term vacated by Chris Walker:**

Melissa Gates was elected

Lucas Trask was elected Constable with 66 write-in votes

Paul Stoddard was elected Second Constable with 7 write-in votes

- Jonathan Bliss was re-elected as Moderator
- Jeanette Haight was re-elected as Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector
- Hank Mauti was re-elected as Sexton and a member of the Cemetery Commission
- Leo Salazar was re-elected as a Lister
- Cindy Ingersoll was re-elected as an Auditor

*Section II*

***FINANCIAL  
REPORTS***



**TOWN OF ANDOVER, VERMONT BALANCE SHEET  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Petty Cash	254.74	Restoration/Preservation Fund	12,537.40
Reappraisal Fund	19,931.50	Reappraisal Fund	19,931.50
General Fund Checking	79,830.58	Planning Commission Fund	9,463.49
American Rescue Plan Act Fund	48,528.07	Andover Project Committee Fund	9,253.99
Highway/Bridge Fund	326,829.41	Andover Scholarship Fund	19,749.33
Pioneer Memorial Society	3,106.07	Pioneer Memorial Society Fund	3,106.07
Capital Equipment	175,669.67	Payroll Liabilities	851.55
Tax Stabilization	54,249.01	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>74,893.33</b>
Prepaid Taxes	1,109.54	<b>Equity</b>	
Restoration/Preservation Fund	12,537.40	General Fund Balance	66,440.18
Planning Commission Fund	9,463.49	Cemetery Fund	733.42
Andover Project Committee Fund	9,122.99	Delinquent Tax Allowance	-7,433.37
Andover Scholarship Fund	19,749.33	Tax Stabilization Fund Balance	54,249.01
Cemetery Fund	733.42	Capital Equipment Fund Balance	175,669.67
Health Reimbursement Account	1,615.90	Highway/Bridge Fund	326,829.41
Adella Stannard Poor Fund Accts	4,178.65	Adella Stannard Poor Fund	4,178.65
Andover Project Com. Petty Cash	131.00	Retained Earnings	-27,678.83
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>767,040.77</b>	School Related Fund Balance	50,872.67
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>488.93</b>	Amer. Rescue Plan Act Fund Bal	48,528.07
<b>Undeposited Funds</b>	<b>3,110.27</b>	Net Income	-4,075.61
<b>Allowance for Delinquent Taxes</b>	<b>-7,433.37</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>688,313.27</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>763,206.60</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>763,206.60</b>

**Auditor's Report**

We, the auditors, have tested and examined the financial records of the Town of Andover to the best of our ability and find them to be in order.

We wish to thank Jeanette Haight, Town Clerk/Treasurer, for her assistance with our review of the financial records and the preparation of this report.

Wendell Perkins  
Cindy Ingersoll  
Robert Francis

	21.22 Budget	21.22 Actuals	22.23 Budget	YTD Actuals	23.24 Budget
<b>Income</b>				As of 02/01/23	
Current Municipal Tax & Interest	\$745,874.45	\$761,036.96	\$792,933.27	\$846,407.02	\$919,178.00
Delinquent Tax & Interest	\$0.00	\$7,526.92	\$0.00	\$3,495.16	\$0.00
State Gas Tax Income	\$88,000.00	\$91,079.91	\$90,000.00	\$70,159.91	\$90,000.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment	\$8,500.00	\$6,555.00	\$6,500.00	\$7,845.00	\$7,000.00
Current Use-Hold Harmless	\$30,000.00	\$35,442.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,482.00	\$35,000.00
Interest Income	\$500.00	\$427.75	\$250.00	\$3,672.59	\$2,000.00
Recording & Copy Fees	\$9,000.00	\$14,739.14	\$9,000.00	\$8,616.55	\$9,000.00
<b>Other Income</b>					
Green Mtn Passport		\$2.00		\$0.00	
Traffic Fines		\$3,160.69		\$789.02	
Dog Licenses		\$369.00		\$52.00	
Beverage Licenses		\$230.00		\$0.00	
Marriage Licenses		\$20.00		\$50.00	
Permits		\$2,430.00		\$1,085.00	
Scrap Metal Income		\$464.27		\$0.00	
Sale of Town Real Estate Income		\$37,600.00		\$0.00	
Town Hall Rental Income		\$450.00		\$450.00	
VLCT Insurance Refund Income		\$3,918.75		\$2,276.50	
Vt Equal Study Reimbursement		\$563.00		\$0.00	
Refund for returned merchandise		\$0.00		\$253.31	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$49,207.71</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,955.83</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
Unspent Surplus	\$24,315.38	\$24,315.38	\$42,124.80	\$42,124.80	\$0.00
Grant Income	\$0.00	\$10,920.00	\$0.00	\$10,897.02	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$908,689.83</b>	<b>\$1,001,250.77</b>	<b>\$978,308.07</b>	<b>\$1,033,655.88</b>	<b>\$1,066,178.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>					
Wages - Office	\$64,000.00	\$70,916.91	\$70,400.00	\$43,323.74	\$76,000.00
Wages - Highway	\$154,000.00	\$161,815.00	\$169,400.00	\$107,117.41	\$186,400.00
Wages - Listers	\$9,000.00	\$19,570.80	\$9,900.00	\$5,136.05	\$11,000.00
<b>Total Wages</b>	<b>\$227,000.00</b>	<b>\$252,302.71</b>	<b>\$249,700.00</b>	<b>\$155,577.20</b>	<b>\$273,400.00</b>
Benefits	\$95,500.00	\$96,320.90	\$103,900.00	\$64,920.21	\$114,200.00
Payroll Taxes	\$17,000.00	\$18,943.59	\$19,000.00	\$11,433.75	\$20,900.00
Payroll Software Subscription	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$339,500.00</b>	<b>\$368,217.20</b>	<b>\$372,600.00</b>	<b>\$231,931.16</b>	<b>\$409,150.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>					
Electricity - Office	\$1,000.00	\$978.20	\$1,000.00	\$570.00	\$1,000.00
Electricity - Highway	\$2,500.00	\$2,196.79	\$2,500.00	\$1,171.39	\$2,500.00
Electricity - Town Hall	\$600.00	\$742.51	\$700.00	\$920.31	\$700.00
<b>Total Electricity</b>	<b>\$4,100.00</b>	<b>\$3,917.50</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,661.70</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>
Heat - Office	\$1,500.00	\$1,481.23	\$1,800.00	\$1,039.74	\$1,400.00
Heat - Highway	\$6,000.00	\$4,044.95	\$3,000.00	\$4,674.87	\$5,000.00
Heat - Town Hall	\$2,500.00	\$840.08	\$2,000.00	\$1,498.09	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Heat</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,366.26</b>	<b>\$6,800.00</b>	<b>\$7,212.70</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>

	21.22 Budget	21.22 Actuals	22.23 Budget	YTD Actuals	23.24 Budget
Telephone/Internet - Office	\$1,700.00	\$2,077.21	\$2,800.00	\$1,215.17	\$2,100.00
Telephone/Internet- Highway	\$1,000.00	\$1,801.85	\$2,800.00	\$1,053.64	\$1,800.00
Telephone/Internet - Town Hall	\$0.00	\$84.11	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
<b>Total Telephone/Internet</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>	<b>\$3,963.17</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,268.81</b>	<b>\$4,150.00</b>
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$16,800.00</b>	<b>\$14,246.93</b>	<b>\$17,100.00</b>	<b>\$12,143.21</b>	<b>\$16,750.00</b>
<b>VLCT Insurance Premiums</b>	<b>\$26,500.00</b>	<b>\$19,792.00</b>	<b>\$24,500.00</b>	<b>\$14,620.45</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>					
Senior Solutions	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$550.00
VT/NH Visiting Nurses Assoc	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00
HCRS	\$504.00	\$504.00	\$504.00	\$504.00	\$504.00
Vermont Green-Up	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Chester-Andover Family Center	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
SEVCA	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$495.00
Community Cares Network	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Meals on Wheels	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
MOOver	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Neighborhood Connections	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
Whiting Library	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,704.00	\$2,704.00	\$2,704.00
Windsor County Youth Services	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Okemo Valley TV	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$800.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$9,724.00</b>	<b>\$9,724.00</b>	<b>\$9,878.00</b>	<b>\$9,828.00</b>	<b>\$11,453.00</b>
<b>Assessments</b>					
Chester Communication Charge	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chester Recreation	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$4,500.00
Chester Fire/Ambulance Service	\$31,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$55,754.67	\$55,754.67	\$75,600.00
Windsor Cnty Court Reno. Bond	\$3,800.00	\$3,206.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,304.83	\$3,459.00
Windsor County Tax	\$7,400.00	\$6,838.00	\$7,400.00	\$7,259.60	\$7,772.00
Lease Land - School District	\$105.00	\$103.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00
Law Enforcement Contract	\$12,500.00	\$13,937.40	\$12,500.00	\$6,829.20	\$12,500.00
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<b>\$61,605.00</b>	<b>\$60,884.40</b>	<b>\$86,359.67</b>	<b>\$76,948.30</b>	<b>\$103,936.00</b>
<b>Dues</b>					
VLCT Dues	\$1,650.00	\$1,644.00	\$1,767.00	\$1,767.00	\$1,845.00
VMCTA Dues	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
VALA Dues	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
SWCRPC Dues	\$630.45	\$583.75	\$738.40	\$738.40	\$739.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	<b>\$2,395.45</b>	<b>\$2,382.75</b>	<b>\$2,620.40</b>	<b>\$2,560.40</b>	<b>\$2,699.00</b>
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>					
Repairs & Maintenance - Office	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$464.17	\$1,000.00
Repairs & Maint. - Town Garage	\$3,000.00	\$1,373.37	\$3,000.00	\$3,099.40	\$4,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance-T Hall	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$240.50	\$1,000.00
Lawn Mowing/Trimming	\$1,800.00	\$1,825.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,550.00	\$2,000.00
Cleaning	\$2,500.00	\$2,215.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
Trash Removal	\$2,000.00	\$2,491.99	\$2,000.00	\$1,357.07	\$2,000.00
Capital Expense	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$12,800.00</b>	<b>\$7,905.36</b>	<b>\$12,800.00</b>	<b>\$8,211.14</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>

	21.22 Budget	21.22 Actuals	22.23 Budget	YTD Actual	23.24 Budget
<b>Highway</b>				As of 02/01/23	
Uniforms	\$2,500.00	\$2,216.77	\$2,500.00	\$1,746.97	\$3,000.00
Safety & Medical Equipment	\$750.00	\$501.24	\$750.00	\$593.35	\$850.00
<b>Highway Material</b>					
Calcium Chloride	\$9,000.00	\$6,032.20	\$9,000.00	\$9,222.00	\$9,500.00
Sodium Chloride	\$58,000.00	\$51,653.34	\$52,000.00	\$36,916.24	\$52,000.00
Sand	\$30,000.00	\$29,918.25	\$40,000.00	\$28,297.50	\$40,000.00
Crushed Gravel	\$15,000.00	\$32,559.30	\$29,000.00	\$15.55	\$29,000.00
Stone	\$8,000.00	\$13,199.53	\$7,000.00	\$6,852.41	\$7,000.00
Ledge	\$0.00	\$3,271.50	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Culverts	\$4,500.00	\$13,155.24	\$4,500.00	\$5,074.38	\$5,500.00
Cold Patch	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Hot Mix	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Shur Pac	\$15,000.00	\$37,189.42	\$29,000.00	\$29,737.98	\$29,000.00
Highway Signs	\$1,000.00	\$1,443.85	\$3,000.00	\$989.15	\$500.00
Seeding/Mulching Materials	\$250.00	\$1,011.97	\$500.00	\$3,224.08	\$500.00
<b>Total Highway Material</b>	<b>\$141,750.00</b>	<b>\$189,434.60</b>	<b>\$177,000.00</b>	<b>\$120,329.29</b>	<b>\$175,500.00</b>
Rental Equipment	\$6,500.00	\$1,313.91	\$6,500.00	\$5,619.70	\$6,500.00
Outside Contracting - Highway	\$5,000.00	\$12,182.35	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Highway Fees - State - MRGP	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$640.00	\$640.00
Supplies - Highway	\$3,000.00	\$5,802.96	\$2,500.00	\$4,070.33	\$5,000.00
Contracted Service - Highway	\$500.00	\$481.97	\$500.00	\$360.06	\$300.00
Parts/Tools - Highway	\$1,000.00	\$2,273.63	\$1,000.00	\$2,987.50	\$2,000.00
Training - Highway	\$0.00	\$225.00		\$0.00	\$300.00
Minor Highway Construction Projects	\$2,500.00	\$88.43	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Highway Equipment Repairs/Maintenance</b>					
T1 2015 Ford 1 Ton		\$12,688.12		\$856.99	
Loader - 2003		\$8,428.82		\$5,054.52	
Grader - 2001		\$8,552.47		\$13,940.89	
Backhoe - 2011		\$384.05		\$118.96	
Trimmer Repair/Maintenance		\$84.00		\$0.00	
Chainsaw Repair/Maintenance		\$54.00		\$140.00	
Chipper Repair/Maintenance		\$42.00		\$0.00	
T16 - 2016 Western Star Tandem		\$26,601.02		\$17,888.31	
T19 - 2019 Western Star Truck		\$8,636.00		\$7,115.92	
2008 - John Deere Tractor/mower		\$1,610.20		\$6,826.85	
2022 Ram 5500		\$0.00		\$10,509.28	
<b>Total Highway Equipment Repairs/Maint</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$67,080.68</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$62,451.72</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>
<b>Fuel &amp; Oil - Garage/Equipment</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$36,707.04</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$31,874.27</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>	<b>\$248,250.00</b>	<b>\$318,307.54</b>	<b>\$281,500.00</b>	<b>\$230,079.84</b>	<b>\$308,240.00</b>

	21.22 Budget	21.22 Actuals	22.23 Budget	YTD Actuals	23.24 Budget
<b>Administrative</b>				As of 02/01/23	
Supplies - Office	\$2,000.00	\$2,098.04	\$1,500.00	\$909.54	\$1,500.00
Town Report	\$800.00	\$689.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,919.63	\$2,000.00	\$403.96	\$2,000.00
Contracted Service - Office	\$1,000.00	\$893.95	\$1,000.00	\$543.08	\$1,000.00
Rental Equipment - Office	\$0.00	\$35.91	\$50.00	\$19.95	\$50.00
Ads & Legal Notices	\$500.00	\$1,198.02	\$750.00	\$209.00	\$750.00
Legal Consultation	\$1,500.00	\$7,249.25	\$5,000.00	\$1,560.00	\$3,000.00
Meetings & Mileage - Office	\$500.00	\$173.24	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Meetings & Mileage - Highway	\$3,000.00	\$2,014.09	\$3,000.00	\$1,057.41	\$3,000.00
Meetings & Mileage - Listers	\$500.00	\$143.78	\$500.00	\$53.14	\$500.00
Training Registr Fee - Office	\$0.00	\$372.00	\$100.00	\$404.00	\$500.00
Computer Support	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$210.00	\$500.00
Software Subscription - Office	\$0.00	\$828.88	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Software Subscription - Listers	\$0.00	\$499.58	\$300.00	\$172.20	\$300.00
Accounting Support	\$3,000.00	\$3,515.41	\$3,500.00	\$3,962.95	\$4,000.00
Office Small Tools/Equipment	\$250.00	\$252.01	\$250.00	\$82.98	\$250.00
Town Real Estate Expense		\$2,500.00			
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$15,550.00</b>	<b>\$24,382.79</b>	<b>\$19,700.00</b>	<b>\$9,738.21</b>	<b>\$18,600.00</b>
<b>Municipal Budget Transfers to Funds</b>					
Budget \$ to Highway/Bridge Fund	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00
Budget \$ to Capital Equipment Fund	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
Budget \$ to Cemetery Fund	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Municipal Budget Surplus to Hwy Fund	\$12,157.69	\$12,157.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Municipal Budget Surplus to Cap Equip Fund	\$12,157.69	\$12,157.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Municipal Budget Transfers to Funds</b>	<b>\$174,815.38</b>	<b>\$174,815.38</b>	<b>\$150,500.00</b>	<b>\$150,500.00</b>	<b>\$150,500.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$908,689.83</b>	<b>\$1,001,159.59</b>	<b>\$978,308.07</b>	<b>\$747,154.06</b>	<b>\$1,066,178.00</b>
Net Income		\$91.18		\$286,501.82	

**TOWN OF ANDOVER  
2023-24 Municipal Budget**

What years are we talking about?

Each budget year is: July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the next calendar year.

1. Last Year = 2021/2022.
2. This Year = 2022/2023.
3. Next Year = 2023/2024.

**Last Year's (2021/2022) Results:**

Total Income: \$1,001,250.77 (page 18 of the Town Report)  
\*\*the budget was \$908,689.83

Total Expenses: \$1,001,159.59 (page 21 of the Town Report)  
\*\*the budget was \$908,689.83

Last fiscal year the town had over \$1M in both income and expenses. The income was due to a few unusual things: the sale of a town-owned piece of land, reimbursement grant income, and recording fee income that was 64% higher than budgeted. Expenses were higher than budgeted for highway materials, equipment repairs and legal fees.

**This Year's (2022/23) Budget:**

Income: \$978,308.07

Expenses: \$978,308.07

**Next Year's (2023/24) Proposed Budget:**

Income: \$1,066,178.00\*\*

Expenses: \$1,066,178.00

\*\*Of the income, \$919,178.00 will be from municipal taxes. The increase is due to overall increases in all expenses, but particularly Emergency Services, Highway Materials, & the cost of fuel to which the majority of our expenses are tied.

**PIONEER MEMORIAL SOCIETY/CLARK W. HAZELTINE MEMORIAL FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> July 1, 2021	<b>\$3,253.02</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest	3.59
Disbursements:	<u>150.54</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> June 30, 2022	<b>\$3,106.07</b>

**ADELLA STANNARD POOR FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> July 1, 2021	<b>\$3,367.43</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest	.84
Putnam Fund Dividends	<u>17.79</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> June 30, 2022	<b>\$3,400.45</b>
<b>**Value of Putnam Fund</b>	\$778.00

**CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> July 1, 2021	<b>\$108,287.88</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest	217.06
Budgeted Funds	<u>77,157.69</u>
Disbursements: Hydroseeder	(4,950.00)
Pressure washer	(5,042.96)
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> June 30, 2022	<b>\$175,669.67</b>

**HIGHWAY/BRIDGE FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> July 1, 2021	<b>\$451,374.97</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest	483.28
Budgeted Funds	94,657.69
State Grants	<u>182,241.48</u>
Disbursements: High Bridge	(19,318.01)
North Hill Culvert	(178,540.00)
Paving	(178,646.50)
Culvert Repairs	(25,423.50)
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> June 30, 2022	<b>\$326,829.41</b>

**REAPPRAISAL FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> July 1, 2021	<b>\$15,147.28</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest	4.75
State reappraisal payment	<u>4,785.50</u>
Disbursements: Bank fees	(6.03)
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> June 30, 2022	<b>\$19,931.50</b>

**TAX STABILIZATION FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> July 1, 2021	<b>\$54,182.84</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest	66.17
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> June 30, 2022	<b>\$54,249.01</b>

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	August 1, 2021	<b>\$24,653.97</b>
Receipts:	Bank Interest	63.72
	Deposit from RPC	<u>45,743.11</u>
Disbursements:	Office Generator	<u>(13,741.14)</u>
	Town Hall improvements	(2,691.59)
	Essential Worker Wages	(5,500.00)
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	June 30, 2022	<b>\$48,528.07</b>

**ANDOVER PROJECT COMMITTEE FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	July 1, 2021	<b>\$9,198.52</b>
Receipts:	Bank Interest	10.57
	Memory Book Sales	12.00
	Merchandise Sales	<u>811.00</u>
Disbursements:	Logo Item Purchases	(1,279.10)
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	June 30, 2022	<b>\$8,752.99</b>

**RESTORATION/PRESERVATION FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	July 1, 2021	<b>\$8,212.63</b>
Receipts:	Bank Interest	12.77
	Recording fee income	<u>4,312.00</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	June 30, 2022	<b>\$12,537.40</b>

**DELINQUENT TAXES**

Owed as of June 30, 2022

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Tax</b>	<b>Interest/Penalty</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018/19		\$1,029.49	\$1,029.49
2019/20	\$4,408.52	\$2,418.92	\$6,827.44
2020/21	\$6,391.60	\$1,720.91	\$8,112.51
2021/22	\$17,768.52	\$3,428.88	\$21,197.40
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$37,166.84</b>



*Section III*

***BOARD  
&  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS***

## 2022 ANDOVER SELECT BOARD REPORT

The Select Board saw major changes in membership, with only one original member remaining for the entire year. However, the new board—elected and appointed—did well getting up to speed with the challenges of our duties.

Some of the projects we accomplished spanned the board change. Hill Top Road was paved, after our own crew replaced several culverts in the spring of the previous fiscal year. In late summer, we contracted the replacement of the North Hill Road culvert which crosses Trout Brook. A state structures grant largely paid for this. Following preliminary engineering, the State took bids for the construction of the “High Bridge” (town bridge #9) in the spring of '22 and the contractors completed it in the fall of the '22-'23 fiscal year.

The winter of '21-'22 was a hard one for highway equipment. Transmission issues made the tandem truck unusable for nearly six weeks. The aging Ford ton truck also experienced transmission trouble. We ordered a new Ram 5500 truck in the spring to be upfit with plow gear which replaced the Ford last October.

During the first half of the fiscal year, the board considered the suggestion of an ordinance allowing all-terrain vehicles to use town highways. After much discussion and public input, we brought this controversial proposal before the voters of the town where it was struck down.

We discussed the regulation of Short-Term Rentals and passed the topic to the Planning Commission. The PC wrote suggested revisions to Andover’s Zoning Regulations and have since passed it back to the Select Board for review. Be on the lookout for a special Australian ballot vote in the next few months as we finalize this zoning change proposal.

Also, the Town received the first of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for town upgrades other than highway infrastructure or reduction of taxes. Some of these funds were used to install a standby generator at the town office.

We also thank Leo Salazar, who retired in December, for his dedicated 25 years of service as a Lister for the Town of Andover. Please note in the warning that we will be discussing making Lister an appointed rather than elected position at Town Meeting.

We finished our fiscal year by settling a right-of-way issue involving a legal trail.

With Covid still around, fuel prices doubling and supply chains interrupted it was a challenging year for everyone, including the town, which ended the year level-funded, and having accomplished much of what we set out to do.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Plumb, Chair  
Richard Griswold, Vice Chair  
Melissa Gates-Perry  
Robin Trask  
Susan Leader

**Andover Select Board**

**2022 ANDOVER PLANNING COMMISSION  
AND  
ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

The Planning Commission develops the Municipal Land Use Plan for the Select Board’s approval. It also writes the Zoning By-laws and the Subdivision Regulations which must be approved by the voters. The current Plan was adopted on September 10, 2018 and will be valid for eight (8) years.

The members of the Planning Commission also serve as the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which deals with administrative and enforcement issues. Daire Gibney is the current Administrative Officer of the ZBA.

The nine (9) members of the Planning Commission/Zoning Board are appointed by the Select Board for terms of four years. There is currently one vacancy on the board.

The Planning Commission meets as necessary at the call of the Chair and all such meetings are warned and are open to the public. At the request of the Select Board, the members have met during the last several months to define short-term rentals and to suggest registry and regulation language for the Select Board’s consideration.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and all meetings are open to the public.

During 2022 the Board reviewed and approved one (1) application for a Variance (Milles) and issued seven subdivision permits. As of the end of December there is one pending application for a Conditional Use permit (Morton). There were no appeals of the Administrator’s decisions.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Albrecht	Dec. 2025	Lenore Szuchman	Dec. 2023
Richard Ingersoll	Dec. 2025	Gary Lundberg	Dec. 2023
George Moser	Dec. 2025	vacant	Dec. 2024
James Stack	Dec. 2026	Joe Fromberger	Dec. 2024
Nicholas Baker	Dec. 2026		

Daire Gibney, Zoning Administrator, Dec. 2023

**PLANNING COMMISSION FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> July 1, 2021	<b>\$8,281.69</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest	10.72
Application Fees	<u>2,190.00</u>
Disbursements: Legal Notices	717.50
Zoning Clerk Stipend	301.42
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> June 30, 2022	<b>\$9,463.49</b>

## 2022 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

New Residences, Additions, and other Permits Issued:

Type	Number
Residence	10
Additions	7
Accessory Buildings	15
Other (Decks, etc.)	1
Conversion of Garage into ADU	1
Certificate of Occupancy	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

### Andover Construction Activity 2012-2022

Year	Permits
2022	35
2021	19
2020	21
2019	20
2018	17
2017	26
2016	14
2015	14
2014	9
2013	14
2012	12

#### Reminder:

Failure to obtain a Building/Zoning Permit is a violation of Vermont Statutes Title 24, Chapter 117, Section 4451 and may result in a fine of not more than \$200 for each offense. Each day the violation continues will be considered a separate violation under Chapter 59, Section 1974A.

#### Required Construction Permits

In order for a property owner to construct a residence or other building or addition the following permits must be obtained:

1. A **Driveway/Access Permit** to access your property from a Town Highway,
2. A **Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permit** from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation if applicable, and;
3. A **Building/Zoning Permit** from the Andover Zoning Administrator.

After construction is complete and **before** a residence can be occupied, a **Certificate of Occupancy** must be obtained by calling the Andover Town Office 802-875-2765.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daire Gibney  
Andover Zoning Administrator

## 2022 LISTERS' REPORT

### 2022 Equalization Study Results\*

Every year we are required to certify the equalized education property value (EEPV or EEGL) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for each Vermont town.

Our Education Grand List (411)	\$158,937,900
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL)	\$196,326,750
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	89.96% or 0.8096
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)	27.27%

The CLA is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list. A number over 100% indicates that the property in your town is generally listed for more than its fair market value. A number less than 100% indicates that property is generally listed for less than its fair market value. A CLA below 85% or over 115% necessitates a reappraisal. The homestead and non-homestead tax rates in your town will be adjusted by your town's CLA.

The non-homestead rate in your town will be the statewide non-homestead rate divided by your CLA. The homestead rate will be the town homestead rate (which is determined by the per-pupil spending of any school district(s) to which your town belongs) divided by the CLA. A CLA of greater than 100% will result in a downward adjustment of tax rates, and a CLA less than 100% will result in [an] upward adjustment.

The COD is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within your town. It is calculated as the average of the (absolute) difference of each sales ratio (list price divided by sales price) in the study from the median ratio. That result is then divided by the median ratio to get the COD, which is expressed as a percent. A high COD means that within a town many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share, and many are paying less than their fair share. A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal.

"We at PVR are aware that many towns are concerned about the change in the market due to the effects of Covid-19 over the past few years. Sales have increased generally in price and some towns have seen this more than others. This is a typical real estate market reaction which is seen when conditions in the world change such as economy, politics etc."

**\*The information above is from a letter from Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review**

If you have any questions about the above, please call (802) 828-5860

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We are definitely going to be doing a reappraisal in our town. We will let you know the details when we have them.

On December 31, 2022, after 25 years of dedicated service to the Town of Andover as a Lister, Leo Salazar retired from his position. As a result of his retirement, we are asking the voters at Town Meeting to approve making the Lister position appointed rather than elected.

Respectfully submitted,  
Francesca Salazar, Lister/Assessor  
Jonathan Stevens, Lister Clerk

## **2022 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT**

### **Contributions**

This past year, our Andover Cemetery Commission was gifted with new informational placards for all three active cemeteries. Brodie Massey approached me with the great idea of new placards for the cemeteries as a project on his quest for Eagle Scout status. The town and I donated some of the materials. The design, construction and installation were all done by Brodie. They are very attractive, rugged, and should stand the test of time. What a great contribution to the Cemetery Commission that works with a very limited budget. Kudos to Brodie!

### **Grant Money**

The State of Vermont offered a grant program that can possibly be used for tree work in the cemeteries. The application has been submitted for all three cemeteries, and we are awaiting a decision from the State as to whether we have been approved. This type of work is expensive and technical due to the dangerous nature of the work. It is imperative we do what we can to protect the headstones in our cemeteries. This is private property and uninsured. As we know, the wind is known to howl in Andover and gravity never sleeps. Whether we get any grant money or not, we will find a way to enhance and maintain the natural beauty of our cemeteries.

### **East Hill Cemetery**

The Cemetery Commission would like to thank our excellent highway department for poking a hole in the back stonewall of the East Hill Cemetery extending the road into the land donated by Nate and Jill Pond for the expansion of the cemetery.

### **Heald Cemetery**

Entering the Heald Cemetery, the threatening trees on the right-hand side have been removed, which was very difficult due to the many headstones already there. Looking into the future, and before more headstones are added to the left-hand side, it would be to our advantage to remove or maintain the trees on that side. With no headstones in the way, the bucket truck could more easily address any possible threatening trees or branches. This will be done if we are approved for the grant money.

### **Middletown Cemetery**

The restoration project at the entrance to the Middletown Cemetery was presented to two interested local contractors, but was put on hold due to the reconstruction of the High Bridge. Hopefully, we can complete this project in the summer of 2023 which will improve the safety of visitors to this cemetery.

Enjoy every day here in paradise!

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Mauti, Sexton, 2022 & Cemetery Commissioner, 2025  
Robert Hale, Cemetery Commissioner, 2024  
Nicholas Baker, Cemetery Commissioner, 2023

**CEMETERY FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> July 1, 2021	<b>\$1,671.31</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest	2.11
Plot Income	300.00
Town of Andover	<u>3,000.00</u>
Disbursements: Mowing/Maintenance	1,540.00
Tree Work	2,700.00
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> June 30, 2022	<b>\$733.42</b>

**VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN THE TOWN OF ANDOVER  
July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022**

Births	Deaths	Burials	Marriages
1	5	9	2

**2022 GREEN-UP DAY REPORT**

Did you know that Vermont ranks number three in the nation for waste management? This includes waste-reducing policies, infrastructure, waste production, and recycling rates. In spite of our esteemed rating, we still see litter on our roadsides!

Andover’s volunteers did a great job in May to rid our roads of these eyesores and hazards. It was nice to see volunteers stopping to chat with others along the roads after our lengthy quarantining. In spite of our volunteers’ herculean efforts, we will be back at it again this year on Saturday, May 6. If you are unable to volunteer on the 6<sup>th</sup>, bags will be available a few days earlier at the town office for you to use at your convenience.

Your participation in Green-Up Day will be greatly appreciated. As a volunteer, you will make a huge difference in our environment, and it is great exercise!

Submitted by,

Deb Moser  
Green-Up Day Coordinator

## 2022 ANDOVER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2022, the Andover Scholarship Fund awarded scholarships to two deserving high school graduates who are both pursuing college degrees, one in business administration and the other in the health field. Graduating high school seniors who are Andover residents are eligible to apply for scholarships to college or trade school. We also show the town's gratitude to high school seniors serving in the military with a useful gift.

The Andover Scholarship Fund is a federally-recognized tax-exempt organization, incorporated in the State of Vermont.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Andover Community Fund, the Andover Scholarship Fund was able to meet its fundraising goal without sending out a general appeal this year. We are deeply grateful for their support. We welcome contributions to the fund at any time.

If you know of an Andover resident who is graduating high school in 2023, please encourage them to apply for this scholarship in May. The scholarship is competitive, but hard work, community service and town pride are what's important. An Andover scholarship connects our town's young people with the warm wishes our community has for their futures.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Charlene Huyler, Maddy Bodin, and Carmen Macchia  
**Andover Scholarship Committee**

### ANDOVER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> July 1, 2021	<b>\$13,486.64</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest	22.14
Donations	<u>7,240.55</u>
Disbursements: Scholarship	1,000.00
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> June 30, 2022	<b>\$19,749.33</b>



## 2022 PIONEER MEMORIAL SOCIETY/CLARK WARNER HAZELTINE MEMORIAL FUND REPORT

New discoveries into Andover's history are constantly being made; and in this past year, we added to our ever-expanding knowledge of the town. An understanding of the past helps to explain many things that are taken for granted today. It is important to know the history behind every event: the who, when and where. One example is the shapes of parcels of land. Many go back to the town's original lotting plan/range map, or are subdivisions thereof. However, there are several examples, where there is a historical significance to the parcel, such as a division of an estate in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. We have expanded our understanding of local history by delving into old newspapers. These have been particularly helpful in researching the Finnish families that settled in town. Newspapers are a great contemporaneous resource, and help to fill in gaps of information, that the town records may not contain.

The town office had the usual visitations from descendants of early families, long since moved elsewhere. We were visited by a couple of different branches of the Hazeltine family. One family was descended from Orien Haseltine (1791-1864) and his wife Rachel (Burton) Haseltine (1795-1854), who moved to Wisconsin. Another visitor was descended from David Hesseltine (1759-1840) and his wife Hannah (Cram) Hesseltine (1764-1840). Two vastly different branches of the same family, hence the variations in spelling. There was also a visitor who descended from Joseph Stickney (1762-1848) and his wife Anna (Hosmer) Stickney (1772-1851). We also had a mail inquiry about the family of Jonas Adams (1758-1813) and his wife Phebe (Hoar) Adams (1765-1813), who both died in the spotted fever epidemic of 1813.

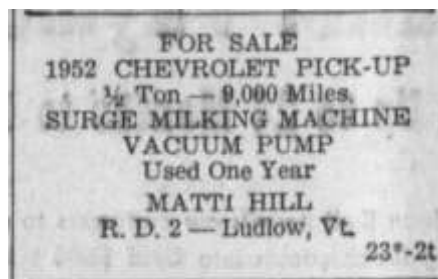
Flags were placed in the following cemeteries: Heald, East Hill, Middletown, Old Simonsville, Simonsville and the Pettengill Family Cemetery; in time for Memorial Day and were removed by Veterans' Day. The society's only expenditure this past year was for a solar powered light to illuminate the flag pole at the town office at night.

Thank you to Sharron (Alexander) Kendrick for copies of several Derby family pictures. Sharon's great-great grandparents were Nathan Derby (1792-1880) and his second wife Betsey (Balch) Derby (1800-1871). Several generations of the Derby family lived in Andover. Thank you to Alice (Hazeltine) Lindquist for a copy of Zadock Thompson, *A Gazetteer of the State of Vermont: Containing a Brief General View of the State, a Historical and Topographical Description of All the Counties, Towns, Rivers, &c.* (Montpelier: E.P. Walton and the author, 1824). The special thing about this particular copy is that it was owned at one time by Joel Warner (1800-1878), the grandson of Moses Warner, Andover's first Town Clerk. Thompson (1796-1856) was a forerunner to Abby Maria Hemenway and her five-volume *Vermont Historical Gazetteer*. Thank you to Robert Hale for copies of the poster for the Andover Bi-Centennial and 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Simonsville School Reunion and Old Home Day that was held on August 26, 1961, old town reports, pictures of the carvings on Markham Mountain and a few other items.

Respectfully submitted, Jonathan W. Stevens

TRUSTEES: Peter T. Farrar (-2023)  
Jonathan W. Stevens (-2024)  
Jeanette H. Haight (-2025)

CURATORS: Elizabeth W. Stevens  
Jonathan W. Stevens



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**2022 ANDOVER TOWN FIRE WARDEN REPORT**

There were 65 burn permits issued between January & December of 2022.

Please contact me at [andovervtfirewarden@gmail.com](mailto:andovervtfirewarden@gmail.com) OR by text at 802-230-7470. Text and email messages are preferred to aid in tracking of approved permits. Include an email address and I can respond with an email, with approval of the permit and instructions prior to ignition of burn.

Remember to call the fire dispatch number, 802-875-3200, every time you obtain a permit as this call prevents the fire company from responding to a false alarm. (Sometimes folks think their neighbor is having a chimney fire). Even though you do not need a permit when there is snow covering the ground, please call the dispatch number anyway.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Gene Pategas  
**Town Fire Warden**

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**2022 DOG LICENSE REPORT**

State law requires all dogs to be licensed by the age of 6 months. Licenses must be renewed on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> each year and most can be done by mail. Contact the Town Office, [clerk@vermontel.net](mailto:clerk@vermontel.net) if you would like to use that option.

A total of 72 dogs were licensed between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 which accounted for \$369.00 in revenue for the town.

Fees are:       \$ 4.00 each spayed/neutered dog  
                  1.00 each license for the State Rabies Program  
                  4.00 each license for the State Spay/Neuter Program  
                  **\$9.00 TOTAL**

                  \$ 8.00 each unneutered dog  
                  1.00 each license for the State Rabies Program  
                  4.00 each license for the State Spay/Neuter Program  
                  **\$13.00 TOTAL**

**AFTER** April 1<sup>st</sup> the fee increases by 50% to \$6.00 and \$12.00 plus the \$1.00 for the State Rabies Program and \$4.00 for the State Spay/Neuter Program.

Please be sure to bring a rabies certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian when renewing or applying for a new license. A license cannot be issued without this documentation.

*Section IV*

***REPORTS OF  
LOCAL AGENCIES  
&  
ORGANIZATIONS***

## **2022 ANDOVER COMMUNITY FUND REPORT**

The Andover Community Fund, Inc. is a local, non-profit organization established privately in 1986 to provide interim financial assistance to Andover residents who have encountered an unforeseen setback in their lives. Based on the concept of self-help, the Fund seeks to provide assistance that will act as a catalyst to facilitate a return to normal circumstances. The Andover Community Fund is managed by a five- person Board of Directors.

In the year 2022, the Fund made grants totaling \$19,005.00 covering situations involving health care and social support services. As in the past, all assistance was provided in the spirit of helping individuals or families return to a normal, productive life. In 35 years, the Fund has distributed more than \$328,786.48 to Andover residents in need.

The endowment had a year-end value (unaudited) of \$904,196.52. Expenses of the Fund were limited to the preparation of the non-profit tax return, bi-annual state filing and investment fees. No compensation was paid to any of the individuals overseeing the Fund's responsibilities and requirements.

We thank the Andover community at large for the continued support of our annual fall fundraiser. The 2022 solicitation successfully raised \$11,770.00, with contributions from 90 participants. We are happy to have you share with us the opportunity to help one another in our small rural town. We value the spirit of good will and community that is alive in Andover.

Again, we ask you to be mindful of situations wherein financial assistance could make the difference in helping an individual or family overcome an unexpected set back. Very often those in need are the least likely to seek aid, and therefore we ask you as friends and neighbors to bring our attention to any unnoticed need. No application is required. Simply bring the prospective situation to the attention of a fund director, the Town Clerk, a Town Service Officer or the Andover Community Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

### **The Andover Community Fund Board of Directors:**

Geraldine Williams, Director 2024

Peter Huyler, Director 2025

Diane Parker, Director 2023

Heather Keith, Director 2026

Christopher Plumb, Director-Select Board Chair

## 2022 WINDSOR COUNTY NEWS

Calendar year 2022 saw some significant changes in Windsor County; the most significant being two new Assistant Judges at the helm of the County Government, plus a new Sheriff as of February 1, 2023.

Judge Terie, who had served the County for eight years, decided to step down and pass the torch. Judge Ricci, who served for over a year after Judge Anderson retired, is also stepping down. In their stead will be newly- elected Assistant Judge Alison Johannensen of Taftsville, and former Assistant Judge David Singer of Hartland.

Sheriff Ryan Palmer will be replacing Sheriff Michael Chamberlain who had served the County since 1998. Windsor County will also have a new Deputy Treasurer, as Dianne Bumps will be stepping down. County Clerk Pepper Tepperman and Bruce Page, the Superintendent of our two buildings (the Courthouse and the County Building) are remaining in their posts. They are *all* to be thanked for their past, and continued years, of dedicated service to the constituents of Windsor County.

Other happenings include a cautious re-opening of the Courts to the public for in-person hearings. The Judiciary is aware that Covid is still amongst us, and thus, as of the writing of this report, in-person hearings are still intermittent- some of them are in person, and others are either remote, using Webex, or a hybrid combination. The HVAC system at the Windsor County Courthouse is still in the process of being upgraded to ensure the safety of litigants and staff.

The Windsor County Assistant Judges held the preliminary county budget meeting on December 14, 2022, and the final budget meeting was held January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023. The County Budget for fiscal year 2023-24 had to be increased a bit due to the enormous spike in heating oil prices. I'm sure that doesn't come as a surprise to anyone who heats their residence with oil and/or propane. We are all hopeful that by the time a new budget needs to be crafted for the next fiscal year, heating prices will recede a bit so future budget increases can be kept at a minimum. There has also been some work at the County Building to adjust the heating system there. Additionally, the phone system and the Internet services at the County Building have been upgraded, at *a lower* cost! Increases in spending in all other areas have been kept to a minimum.

Another noteworthy occurrence that will take place in 2023 is that this will be the last year that Windsor County Towns will be making payments for the Courthouse Renovation Bond; the renovation to upgrade the Courthouse and make it handicap accessible was completed in 2014. The Courthouse, located in the Shire town of Woodstock, serves the needs of the constituents of Windsor County; it is a historic gem to be admired by all. Do drive by or visit to see what your tax dollars have accomplished!

## **2022 REPORT OF THE CHESTER AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Chester Ambulance Service was requested to respond 506; 29 tones to Andover, 54 calls were for mutual aid to surrounding communities of Ludlow, Cavendish, Rockingham, Springfield, and Grafton. 5 calls were for standby with Chester Police or Chester Fire Departments.

This service continues to grow in staff and certified members. This year, Vermont Legislature approved a certification for a Vermont Emergency First Responder (VEFR). The primary focus of a VEFR is to initiate immediate lifesaving care to critical patients. This provider completed education to possess the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide lifesaving interventions while awaiting additional EMS response and can assist higher level personnel at scene and during transport.

Chester Ambulance Service had 10 personnel complete their EMT training in two different classes 2022 with two more classes being held during 2023 with skills training being held in Chester.

June through September, the Fire, Ambulance and Police Departments held a monthly Community Breakfast. Each time we had a wonderful turnout from the community and surrounding communities. This building has given us more opportunities to host events for our citizens and build relationships. We are planning to host breakfasts again this summer.

In October, Chester Ambulance and Fire Services was awarded a \$30,078.00 grant for new lifesaving equipment from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation! We are extremely grateful to the Foundation for identifying the critical need within our department and providing the resources necessary to purchase seven sets of EMS Gear (FireDex EMS Coats & Pants; Thermoplastic Helmets), 20 Envo Mask Kits with Filters & Mask Shields, 45 pairs of gloves; two Versaflow Air Filtration Systems; 12 Firefighting Helmets. As a result of generous donors and support from Firehouse Subs restaurant and Foundation, Chester and Andover are now safer for citizens and visitors.

Our service would like to thank the Chester Police and Fire Departments for their assistance on our Medical Calls this year. This has proven to be a supportive roll for not only the EMS personnel at the medical emergency, but for the patient and families.

Thank you to you citizens for your support throughout the year. Most of all, thank you to our personnel and their families for their endless dedication; Maryann Bonneville, Jeffrey Knisely, Michael Steuwe, Laurie Cloud, Michael Randzio, Noah Glover, Kate Martens, Meekah Hance, Gillian Guy, Annalise Lawrence, Jennifer Skrocki, Nicholas Skrocki, Montana Letourneau, Delenn Moore, Brianna Dyer, Sean Goings, Steven Knisely, Chad Carey Jr., Matthew Folts, Daniel Lamson, Gary Langevin, Taylor Wilson, Steven Vertefeuille, Robert MacAllister, Richard Cloud, Adam Woodell.

**Amanda Silva**  
**Ambulance Chief**

## 2022 REPORT OF THE CHESTER FIRE CHIEF

The Chester Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2022:

Structure Fires Chester	3
Structure Fires Andover	2
Structure Fires Mutual Aid	14
Rekindle Fires	0
Room/Contents Fires	0
Building Electrical Fires	0
Chimney Fires	2
Vehicle Fires	3
Appliance Fires	1
Oven Fires	0
Oil/Wood/LP Burner Fires	0
Trash/Rubbish Fires	0
Dumpster Fires	0
Gas Grill Fires	0
Illegal Fires	5
Forest/Brush/Grass Fires	2
Brush/Grass Fires Mutual Aid	2
Water Leak Hazards	2
Motor Vehicle Crashes	54
Motor Vehicle Crashes/Extrication	8
Low/High Angle Rescues	0
Swift Water/Flooding/Ice Rescues	2
Snow/ATV Woods Rescue/Recovery	2

Landing Zones (DHART)	8
Missing/Lost Person	1
Public Services	14
Fireworks Detail	0
Fire Safety Education	1
Storm Crews	2
Road Hazards	0
Power Lines down	24
Power Transformer Fires	2
Electrical Hazard-Res/Comm	1
Assist CPD/VSP	1
Medical Assist	34
Cover Assignment/Mutual Aid	4
Smoke Alarms	4
Fire Alarms	33
Smoke Investigations	2
Odor Investigations	4
(LP) Propane Leaks	5
Carbon Monoxide Calls	7
Smoke in Building	4
Hazmat Incidents	2
Bomb Threat	0
Active Shooter	0
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>255*</b>

\*22 in Andover

Chester Fire Department's call volume for fire related incidents greatly increased this year. In 2021, we ran 248 calls for service with 61 of them assisting Chester Ambulance. As Chester Ambulance has continued to rebuild, our assistance to them decreased to 34 in 2022 but our call volume still increased to 255 calls for service for an 18% increase in Fire incidents.

Our firefighters continue to train at a minimum of 3 times per month in addition to multiple weekend classes and for some of our firefighters, week-long classes. I am very grateful for our men and women that sign up for these weekend and week-long classes. These men and women already work full time jobs and have families, yet they still sign up for extra training and duty. This kind of dedication is essential in our continued effort to provide the Towns of Chester and Andover the best services we can.

We have now been in our new station for a full year and the improvements to the Department are more than we had hoped. On top of being way more efficient for calls and training, the department morale has greatly increased, and we now work out of a building we can be proud of. We would like to thank the Town Highway Department and Richard Cloud who helped transform the field out back of the station into a large training area that also now serves as a safe place that we can land DHart Helicopter.

I would like to thank all mutual aid fire departments that respond to the towns of Chester and Andover as part of our mutual aid pact. Oftentimes, incidents are larger or more intense than the man-power of our department can sustain, and it is through this mutual aid agreement that each town has the necessary coverage when they need it the most. These responses can be anything from assisting on scene to sitting in our station for hours prepared to respond to additional calls within Chester and Andover, while our crews are already engaged in an intense call. Our mutual aid pact is made up of fire departments throughout the entire state, but I would particularly like to point out and thank Proctorsville and Springfield Fire Departments that we work and train with daily.

I would like to thank the Yosemite Engine Company which is our private non-profit organization made up of current and past members of the fire department. The Yosemite Engine Company raises money to buy and donate equipment to the Fire Department which helps keep the cost of business lower for tax payers. This past year Yosemite Engine Company donated over \$10,000.00 in training cost to send our firefighters away to specialized training. I would also like to thank the Chester Fire Department Auxiliary which is made up of the immediate family members and significant others of current firefighters. They provide any assistance needed when called upon such as responding to the station during large events making food and providing drinks to our mutual aid covering our station and our firefighters when we return to the station after a large event.

I would like to congratulate and thank Bruce Savery and Daniel Lamson for their many years of service to the Town of Chester and the Chester Fire Department. Bruce has retired with 23 years of service to the town and Danny with 25 years of service. We wish you both the best.

Most importantly I would like to thank all my firefighters and their families: Robert MacAllister, Ben Whalen, George Niesuchouski, Steve Vertefeuille, Andrew Sheere, Mark Verespy, James Ravlin, Eric Richardson, Nicholas Trask, Lucas Trask, Gary Langevin, Thomas Cutler, Amber Wilson, Matthew Goyette, Matthew Folts, Jessie Smith, Kimberly Hains, Madison Wilson, Chad Carey Jr., Delenn Moore and Taylor Wilson. These men, women and children give up so much to make all homes and lives safer in this town. You are all truly heroes.

I would like to end this year's annual report by thanking the citizens and taxpayers of Chester. Your support is always appreciated. Your support every year in our fundraising efforts and other community outreach programs is overwhelming.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew S. Wilson  
Chester Fire Chief





## 2022 WHITING LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Our Youth Services librarian, Carrie Roy King, has often compared The Whiting Library as a jewel in the community. A small, precious gem in the heart of Chester, adorning Main Street with its beauty and awe. Inside it lies mystery, adventure, history, scientific discovery, and fascinating tales. A gem so precious that many flock to it each year in their journey of self-discovery and life-long learning.

This last year was one of transition for the Whiting Library. Shortly after the new library trustee board was formed in March, it lost most of its board and its director due to resignation in a sad chapter in the library's history. Carrie and our assistant librarian, Will Wilcox, kept the spirit of the library going and the library remained open as a new board was appointed by the Chester Select Board in June. The library persevered by offering amazing books, resources, and children's programming while the new board picked up the pieces and started the process of finding a new director. Hundreds of children from Chester and Andover experienced wonder with Carrie's summer reading program in the annual theme of "Ocean of Possibilities", environmental education programs by the Nature Museum and her continued story hours at the library and in the local preschools.

Due to the sudden changes in board and director, the library trustees were unable to put out the Spring and Winter fundraising appeals. However, many of our dedicated library lovers still thought of us, especially when we all lost the diamond of Will with his passing this Autumn. After a wide search, the library trustees appointed local librarian, Pamela L. Johnson-Spurlock, as the new library director for Whiting Library's newest chapter. Johnson-Spurlock officially started December 13, 2022, right before the Winter holidays and the writing of this report. Starting in January, the library is again fully staffed and planning for a variety of programs, books, and resources to educate, entertain, and inform the community as it continues the commitment of the freedom to read, diversity and inclusion, and information access. We hope you will come visit and take part in what makes this library a true gem.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela L. Johnson-Spurlock, MLIS; Whiting Library Director*

*Donna McNeill-Hudkins, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Whiting Library*

### **Thank you to all of our volunteers past and present, including:**

Alice Martin, Ellen Laflamme, Gary King, Christine Copping, Christine Blodgett, Susan Goodfellow, Otis Herwig and Sebastian Greenholtz.

### **Thank you to all of our new trustees and their commitment to Whiting Library:**

Jesse Bailey; Lora Cokolat- Treasurer; Sam Comstock- Secretary; Bill Dakin- Vice-chair; Jim Garison; Matthew Gorsky; Donna McNeill-Hudkins- Chair

### **Thank you from the Whiting Library Staff:**

Pamela L. Johnson-Spurlock, Library Director; Carrie Roy King, Youth Services Librarian; Colleen Garvey, Assistant Librarian

## **2022 MOUNT ASCUTNEY REGIONAL COMMISSION (MARC)**

The Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC) is an organization that serves the ten towns in the southern Windsor County Region, including Andover. The activities and programs of the MARC are governed by a Board of Commissioners that are appointed by each member town. The primary function of the MARC is to assist member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and to promote cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY2022, the dues from member towns contributed about 2% of the MARC's annual budget of \$1,554,720. The town dues assessment of \$584 was determined on a \$1.25 per person based upon U.S. Census data. The remaining revenues were derived from federal, state, and other funding sources.

The MARC offers member towns a broad range of services, including assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, water quality, emergency management, data, mapping, and other planning activities. In FY22, the MARC assisted the Town of Andover in updating their Local Emergency Operations Plan; provided emergency management planning assistance; provided technical assistance with the Grants-in-Aid Program, and provided guidance on short-term rentals, and provided information and technical assistance related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

We would like to thank town appointed representatives Joe Fromberger and Charles Golden who have served on the MARC Board and Committees this past year.

Thank you for your continued support of local and regional planning. For more information about the MARC, call us at (802) 674-9201, visit our website at [www.marcvt.org](http://www.marcvt.org), or look us up on Facebook.

Jason Rasmussen, AICP  
Executive Director

## 2022 SENIOR SOLUTIONS

Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc.) promotes the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Andover residents received one or more of these services in year ending 6/30/2022:

Information & Assistance (26 calls or office visits)

Caregiver support

Grant Assistance

In-home Case Management/support (9 clients received 44.75 hours of service)

7 meals provided in collaboration with Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield and other meal sites in our region (many community meals have been closed since COVID).

We financially support local meal providers by distributing federal and state funds which help them operate. However, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use our town funding to support senior meals, nor do we benefit from any funds the town might give local meal sites.

We also provide transportation, mental health services, exercise programs, and many other services, often in partnership with other organizations.

Financial support from towns and individuals is very important to us, and we are enormously grateful for your contributions.

To get help or learn more about us, visit [www.seniorsolutionsvt.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsvt.org) or call (866)673-8376.

*Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director*

## 2022 HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES (HCRS)

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

# Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District



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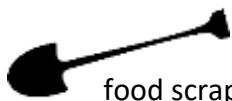
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[www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org](http://www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org)



*Chartered in 1981, we are a union municipal district dedicated to providing solid waste management authority, services, and planning to our fourteen member towns. Each municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Andover's representative is Joe Fromberger; the alternate position is vacant.*

All food scraps were banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020. The Springfield Transfer Station accepts food scraps (including meat and bones) from people with an access permit. To facilitate backyard composting, the District sold composters and food scrap pails. Many educational resources about how to compost are available on the District's website.



The District constructed a permanent, seasonal household hazardous waste (HHW) depot in Springfield which opened on June 2, 2022. The site, located at the Alva Waste transfer station, is managed by the District. It was open, by appointment, for up to six hours a week for four months. The Depot will reopen in May 2023. We accept a long list of products, which can be read on our website, [www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org](http://www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org).



Several retailers accept unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware and Sherwin-Williams in Springfield, or LaValley's and Aubuchon Hardware in Ludlow during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty – bring others to the permanent HHW Depot). Find out what happens to the paint at [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org).



Vermont recycles more batteries per capita than any other state in the country. AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, hearing aid, coin cell, tool, and rechargeable batteries do NOT go in with other recycling (fire hazard). Bring them to the Springfield Transfer Station, or to the Town Office which has a collection bucket.



The District is working with commercial organics collectors to increase the diversion of organics from the landfill with a focus on increasing the participation from large commercial entities. We also help schools and businesses comply with diverting food scraps and recycling from the trash.



Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Kennedy  
District Manager

Mary T. O'Brien  
Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett  
Outreach Coordinator



**GREEN UP VERMONT**

[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

**Green Up Day  
May 6, 2023**

**Green Up Day on May 7, 2022** was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play, a truly special place. As one of Vermont's favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding again for Green Up Day 2023.

Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round for further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. **Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.**

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) 802-522-7245

## 2022 VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT & NH

### *Home Health, Hospice and Pediatric Services Andover, VT*

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is one of the oldest and largest non-profit providers of in-home healthcare services in the region. VNH is committed to providing the highest quality care throughout all stages of life, from maternal child care to end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the care they need within the comfort of their own home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their time of care.

VNH services reduce cost associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, VNH made 121 in-home visits to 11 residents. This included approximately \$2,651 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- **Home Health Care.** 121 home visits to 11 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

VNH serves many of Andover's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, people with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs and the uninsured and underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Andover's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Anthony Knox*

Anthony Knox  
Community Relations Manager

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OF  
CHESTER/ANDOVER, INC.**

**Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. is a volunteer organization serving the senior citizens of Andover and Chester by helping them to stay in their own homes longer, safely.**

**This year we partnered with the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and Sue Pollard, RN, Director of the Adult Day in Springfield to present an informational meeting, "Dealing with Dementia." Our speakers were Jordan Cotto, VT Alzheimer's Assoc., and Jennifer Chambers, ICSW/LADAC, Springfield Hospital ED.**

**CCN held two fundraisers: a Spaghetti Dinner in July at the Andover Town Hall, which was a great time of bringing people together for an informal evening; and an Apple Pie Sale at the Chester Festival in September.**

**Two of our board members participated in the Community Partners event to learn more about other organizations in the area and how we can work together.**

**We have served the senior citizens of Andover by providing rides to appointments, and helping them with errands. We were able to locate equipment they needed to help them at home.**

**In November we provided a luncheon for our volunteers in appreciation of their service to the seniors of Andover and Chester. We are grateful to our dedicated volunteers and other members of the community who help us to keep our senior citizens in their homes longer, safely.**

**Respectfully submitted by  
The Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. Board  
Deborah Armstrong, Director  
Mary Adams  
David Armstrong  
Erron Carey  
Jacquelyn Griswold  
Kathy Jo Martens**

*Section V*

***GENERAL  
INFORMATION***



## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

**Senior Solutions Help Line:** (800) 642-5119 (formerly Council on Aging). Springfield, Vermont  
Refers seniors to a wide variety of services, provides case managers who can guide elders through Federal and State programs including Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security and help apply for food, benefits, long term care, rides, and other services. Under the Senior Companion Program, anybody 60 and over may be eligible for friendly visits of a few hours.

**Three Squares:** (800) 642-5119  
A Vermont State program for those aged 60 or older which replaces Food Stamps with monthly cash deposits to your bank account or debit card. Eligibility is tied to your income level.

**Meals on Wheels:** (802) 885-5879 Springfield, Vermont  
Meals are delivered five days a week throughout the area. Suggested voluntary donation of \$3.00 per meal.

**Green Mountain RSVP** (Retired Senior Volunteer Program): (802) 674-4547 [www.rsvpt.org](http://www.rsvpt.org)  
This non-profit organization matches volunteers, age 55 and over, with meaningful work.

**Neighborhood Connections:** (802) 824-4343 Londonderry, Vermont  
Social workers assist with applying for food, fuel, nursing and medical care programs.

**SEVCA:** (Southeastern Vermont Community Action) (800) 464-9951 Westminster, Vermont  
Offers a broad range of goods and services for Vermonters of all ages.

**Just Neighbors:** (802) 787-1225 Weston, Vermont  
Has an emergency fund for heating fuel, delivers firewood for wood-burning stoves, and offers transportation.

**Community Cares:** (802) 875-6341 Chester, Vermont  
For elders in both Chester and Andover. Friendly visits and phone calls are offered plus local shopping, rides to appointments and other destinations.

**Chester – Andover Family Center:** (802) 875-3236 908 Vermont Rte 103 South, Chester, Vermont  
The center maintains a well-stocked “store” with good, clean used clothing of all types and sizes in return for a donation according to your means. Also available: bedding & other household items, family food packages, gas cards and small cash grants

### Area Churches:

Andover Community Church	875-3982	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	875-6000
First Universalist Parish	875-3257	Weston Priory	824-5409
First Baptist Church of Chester	875-2638	St. Joseph's Church	875-2610

**Andover Word:** [info@andover250.com](mailto:info@andover250.com) serves as an unofficial community bulletin board. Send an email to this address if you would like to be added.

Through contributions, Andover has a great collection of second-hand hospital beds, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, shower chairs, handheld reacher/grabbers, crutches, commodes & a motorized scooter which you may borrow. Call the Town Office 875-2765.

**Vermont 211:** A toll-free number offered by The United Way connects callers of all ages with needed services of all kinds.

**CEMETERY POLICY OF ANDOVER, VERMONT**  
**Effective January 1, 2005**

The Andover Cemetery Policy of July 1, 2003 has been amended by decision of the Andover Cemetery Commission at its meeting held November 11, 2004.

The amended Policy was adopted with the following Rules, Regulations and Definitions:

- (1) The town cemeteries are: East Hill, Heald, Middletown, and Old Simonsville. Old Simonsville is closed to burials. Only the burial of cremated remains is permitted in Middletown Cemetery.
- (2) Lots of 4' x 10' may be reserved at any time by qualified persons – subject to the discretion of the Cemetery Commission. The cost is \$200.00 per lot exclusive of any fee for the Sexton. The cremated remains of up to four persons may be allowed in one lot. Half lots (4' x 5') may be reserved for the burial of cremated remains only – up to two per half lot.
- (3) Upon reservation of a lot (or half lot), and before a deed is given, permanent corner markers are to be placed with the assistance of the Cemetery Commission. Any expense for corner markers or their setting is the responsibility of the party reserving the lot. Once the corners are properly set a deed to the lot will be given the purchaser and a copy will be filed with the Commission's records at the Town Office. In the event a party holding a deed to a cemetery lot or lots should decide not to use it, he/she/they may transfer the lot or lots to another qualified person(s) for burial purposes. Such transfer shall be recorded with the Cemetery Commission. Lots may also be returned to the Cemetery Commission for a refund of the original purchase price.
- (4) No burial shall be permitted in any town cemetery without written authorization of the Cemetery Commission. The letter or authorization shall be filed with the Commission's records at the Town Office.
- (5) For purposes of this Policy "qualified person(s)" shall be current or former residents of the Town of Andover and their immediate families; and nonresident house owners who have owned a house in Andover for at least five years, and their spouses. "Person" shall not include corporations or partnerships.
- (5b) For purposes of this Policy "resident" shall be defined as it is by the State of Vermont for voting and other purposes; "immediate family" shall include those persons who fall within the categories of parent, spouse, sibling, or child – whether related by blood, legal adoption, or marriage/civil union.
- (5c) In addition, any member of the immediate family of any person buried in a town cemetery as of the effective date of this policy may also reserve a lot or lots in the same cemetery, subject to the discretion of the Cemetery Commission.
- (6) Anyone interested in donating a parcel of land, preferably cleared, for a town or public cemetery is encouraged to speak with the Cemetery Commission. A donor of one quarter acre or more may reserve four burial lots without charge.

Reino Bergquist  
Nicholas Baker  
Albert Williams  
**Andover Cemetery Commission, 2004**

## **TOWN ORDINANCES**

### **MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

It is hereby ordained and enacted as an ordinance of the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor, State of Vermont, by the duly elected Selectmen of said Andover as follows:

No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the Town Highway #1 at a speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour, commencing .2 miles west of the "Lamson Bridge" #7, on or near the premises of Reino and Dorothy Bergquist, thence running westerly along said highway to a point .4 miles east of the School House" Bridge #8. The same being a thickly settled part of town. This regulation is pursuant to Title 19 § 304(7), and Title 24 § 1972, V.S.A. Any act, ordinance or by-law inconsistent with the foregoing act, ordinance or by-law, is hereby repealed.

It is further enacted and ordained that the Selectmen shall forthwith cause to be erected signs indicating the speed limits which shall be posted conspicuously within the limits of the highway.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1988.  
Signed by the Board of Selectmen.

### **TOWING ORDINANCE**

Enacted and ordained by the Selectmen of Andover, Vermont this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1976.

It is hereby enacted and ordained by the Selectmen of Andover that parking of motor vehicles is prohibited on the plowed or traveled portion of any Town Highway within the geographical limits of the Town of Andover from January 1 to December 31 of any year. Motor vehicles parked contrary to this regulation are subject to be removed at the expense of the owner or the person in control of said motor vehicle. The Town or its officers, agents or servants shall not be liable for damages resulting in the removal of the motor vehicles under this regulation.

### **URANIUM ORDINANCE**

Enacted and ordained by the Selectmen of Andover, Vermont this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1980 A.D.

It is hereby enacted and ordained by the Selectmen of Andover that the milling and mining of uranium or other fissionable materials is hereby prohibited within the geographical limits of the Town of Andover.

**TRAFFIC ORDINANCE**  
**Town of Andover, Vermont**

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 23, V.S.A., section 1007 and 1008, and Title 24, V.S.A. sections 1971 and 2291(1)(4) and (5), and such other general enactments as may be material hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Andover that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Andover, Vermont.

**ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS**

The definitions of Title 23, V.S.A. Section 4 are incorporated by reference.

**ARTICLE II. SCOPE**

This ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Andover, Vermont.

**ARTICLE III. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

**Section 1.** It shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the direction of a traffic control device except in response to the direction of a law enforcement officer.

**Section 2.** It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally remove, injure, obstruct, deface, alter or tamper with any traffic control device.

**Section 3.** It shall be unlawful for any person to install any sign or device which may resemble or be mistaken for an official traffic control device, without prior approval of the Town of Andover Select Board.

**ARTICLE IV. SPEED REGULATIONS**

On the basis of engineering and traffic studies, the following speed limits are hereby established:

TH #1, Weston-Andover Road - The **Andover Motor Vehicle Ordinance** dated October 10, 1988 remains in effect unchanged.

TH #2, East Hill Road - A maximum speed of 40 MPH from TH #2 southern terminus on TH #1 to MM 2.5 then 35 MPH through the northern terminus of TH #2 at MM 5.1.

TH #12, North Hill Road – A maximum speed of 35 MPH for its entire length.

TH #25, Middletown Road – A maximum speed of 35 MPH for its entire length.

TH #28, Hill Top Road – A maximum speed of 35 MPH for its entire length.

TH #49, Andover Ridge Road – A maximum speed of 30 MPH for its entire length.

VT RT #11 – On the basis of traffic and engineering surveys, the following speed limits are hereby established: On VT State Route 11, a maximum speed as established by the Vermont Traffic Committee.

The above speed limits shall be posted in accordance with the standards set forth in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and shall be in effect when so posted.

**ARTICLE V. SIGNAGE**

The Town of Andover shall forthwith cause to be erected signs indicating the speed limits which shall be posted conspicuously within the limits of the highway.

**ARTICLE VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Separate Offenses:**

Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

**Section 2. Penalties:**

The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative to the fullest extent permitted by law with the respect to all other statutes or ordinances now or hereafter adopted regardless of their order of passage or enactment.

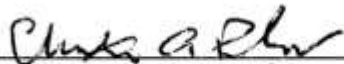
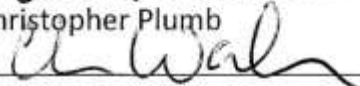

**Section 3. Severability:** The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if any provisions hereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provisions.

**Section 4. Designation:** This ordinance may be referred to as the Andover Traffic Ordinance and in a prosecution hereunder a copy of such ordinance, certified by the Town Clerk shall be prima facie evidence thereof. An allegation that the act constituting the offense charged is contrary to a specified provision of this ordinance shall be a sufficient reference hereto.

**Section 5. Repeal of Prior Ordinances:** Any other ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Andover is hereby repealed.

**Section 6. Publication and Posting:** This ordinance shall be published in the *Vermont Journal* and *The Chester Telegraph* on August 4, 2021 and shall be filed with the Town Clerk on July 27, 2021.

Adopted by the Andover Select Board at its meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

  
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Christopher Plumb  
  
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**Adoption History**

1. Agenda item at regular Select Board meetings held on 6/28/21, 7/12/21, 7/26/21.
2. Read and approved at regular Select Board meeting on July 26, 2021 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on August 9, 2021.
3. Posted in public places on July 27, 2021.
4. Notice of adoption published in the *Chester Telegraph* on July 28, 2021 & *The Vermont Journal* on August 4, 2021 with a notice of the right to petition.

## TRAILS ORDINANCE

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY:** This is a civil ordinance adopted under authority of 19 V.S.A. 304(a)(5) and 24 V.S.A. 2291& 1971 and 2291(14).

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this ordinance is to address the subjects of use, environmental damage/preservation, noise, safety, responsibility and control of Andover's trails (as defined in Section 3d).

**SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS:** For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. **MOTOR VEHICLE** shall include all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power.
- b. **OPERATE, OPERATING or OPERATED** as applied to motor vehicles shall include **DRIVE, DRIVING, and DRIVEN** and shall also include an attempt to operate, and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of motor vehicles, whether they be in motion or at rest.
- c. **OWNER** shall include any person, corporation, co-partnership, organization, or association holding legal title to a motor vehicle, or having exclusive right to the use or control thereof.
- d. **LEGAL TRAIL** shall be those that are designated as such on the State of Vermont Highway map, and for which there is a legal description in the Town of Andover's records. A Legal Trail is defined by the State of Vermont as a public right-of-way which is not a highway and which previously was a designated highway having the same width as the designated town highway, or a lesser width if so designated. It may also be a new public right-of-way laid out as a trail by the Select Board for the purpose of providing access to abutting properties and/or for recreational use. The Town shall not provide any maintenance or upkeep for trails.

**SECTION 4. USES:** Permitted uses of Andover's Legal Trails include the following:

- a. Walking, hiking, snowshoeing and cross- country skiing
- b. Horseback riding
- c. Mountain biking
- d. Limited snowmobiling See Section 7B.

**SECTION 5. STRICTLY PROHIBITED USES AND ACTIVITIES:** These activities are strictly prohibited on Andover's Legal Trails:

- a. Any motor vehicle use. This includes ATVs, 2 and 4-wheel drive motor vehicles, tractors and snowmobiles
- b. Unleashed dogs and other animals
- c. Camping or making fires
- d. Creating any damage to the trails. This includes such things as creating obstacles, cutting of trees, littering/dumping, changing watercourses, or creating significant erosion
- e. Undue noise that may disturb property owners, wildlife, or domestic/farm animals
- f. Property owners may not gate or obstruct a legal trail without written permission of the Select Board. This includes erecting a building across the right of way of said trail.

**SECTION 6. LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY/LIABILITY:** Neither the property owners nor the Town of Andover have liability for injuries to people that may occur while using the trails. (VSA Title 19, Section 302 (6)(e). Property owners still have a responsibility to not purposefully make the trail dangerous.

**SECTION 7. CONTROL:** The Select Board shall exercise control of Legal Trails to ensure their integrity as a public right-of-way by means which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. The prohibition of use during mud season. Signs and notices may be used to accomplish this.
- b. Snowmobile use through the V.A.S.T. system that has historically used a particular trail prior to the year 2010 is permitted to continue. V.A.S.T. is required to get yearly written permission from the Select Board for use on all public roads and this will include Legal Trails.
- c. Logging may utilize a Legal Trail if no better means can be found. Written permission needs to be granted to the property owner by the Select Board. The trail must be left in passable condition.
- d. Utilities (electric/phone/cable/etc.) must be granted written permission by the Select Board to use legal trails for access. The trail must be left in passable condition.
- e. Permission for repair, maintenance, improvement, or restoration of Legal Trails by private property owners shall also require written approval by the Select Board.
- f. The Select Board has the right to close use of a Legal Trail if such trail is deemed badly damaged, dangerous, or otherwise a problem.

**SECTION 8. MISUSE OR DAMAGE TO THE TRAILS AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 5:**

- a. A person found to violate any of the rules in Section 5 may incur a penalty of not more than \$500 and be required to repair any damages.

**SECTION 9. ENFORCEMENT:** Enforcement shall be performed by the Vermont State Police or State of Vermont Wildlife Officers. The Andover Town Constable will assist these agencies in helping report violations and to offer general education to the public.

**SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY:** If any portion of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Andover Select Board. If a petition is filed under 24V.S.A. 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance and shall supersede and replace all previous ordinances, if in existence.

**Date:** November 22, 2010

Approved by:

*Harold Johnson, Sherry Willumitis, Paul S. Stumpf, & Margaret van den Bergh*

**Andover Select Board**

**ADOPTION HISTORY:**

1. Agenda item at regular Select Board meeting held on: July 12, 2010
2. Read and approved at regular Select Board meeting on: July 26, 2010 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on: August 9, 2010.
3. Posted in 5 public places on: July 29, 2010.
4. Notice of adoption published in The Message for the Week newspaper on: August 4, 2010 with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Petition signed by 5% of the registered voters received: September 7, 2010.
6. Special Town Meeting Warnings posted in three places: October 19, 2010.
7. Notice of Special Town Meeting sent to The Message for the Week on November 5, 2010 and published November 10, 2010.
8. Special Town Meeting held: November 22, 2010.
9. Town of Andover, Vermont Trails Ordinance became effective: November 22, 2010.

## TOWN OFFICE HOURS & MEETINGS

**TOWN OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Fridays 8:00 a.m. – noon

\*\*Title searching is by appointment, email [clerk@vermontel.net](mailto:clerk@vermontel.net) or call 802-875-2765

**SELECT BOARD:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Office

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall

**GREEN MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at Green Mountain Union Middle High School

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### **FYI:**

If you plan to build anything, you need to submit a building permit application, which can be found on our website [www.andovervt.org](http://www.andovervt.org) or email: [clerk@vermontel.net](mailto:clerk@vermontel.net).

To build a dwelling you need the following in this order:

1. A driveway permit –approved by the Andover Road Foreman [garageandover@gmail.com](mailto:garageandover@gmail.com) or 802-875-3247, the application is available on our website [www.andovervt.org](http://www.andovervt.org)
2. A wastewater permit - this is done through the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, <https://dec.vermont.gov>
3. A Building permit - anything greater than 100 square feet. Application is submitted, approval comes from Andover's Zoning Administrator, then gets posted in the Town Office for 15 days for public comment. The recorded document then goes to the property owner or contractor for posting at the property and work can begin. The application is available on our website [www.andovervt.org](http://www.andovervt.org)

Need to burn brush? You need a burn permit from our Forest Fire Warden, Gene Pategas, text (802)230-7470, or email: [andovervtfirewarden@gmail.com](mailto:andovervtfirewarden@gmail.com).

Need to recycle or get rid of trash? Andover has a relationship with the Transfer Station in Springfield. You will need a Transfer Station entry permit - these are available at the Chester and Springfield Town Offices for \$25. You will also need to purchase a punch card to dispose of your household trash.

Have a dog? You need to license it with the Town every year by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required. Licenses are available at the Town Office.

Questions about your property value? Email the Listers: [listeners@vermontel.net](mailto:listeners@vermontel.net).