

TOWN OF ANDOVER VERMONT

2021 Annual Report



July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021



The Family of John and Emma (Moisio) Kalinen in 1944

**On the front cover: The Kalinen family in 1912, at the “Samuel Nutting Farm” on East Hill.
From left: John, his wife Emma, their children: Paavo (*held by his mother*), Walter, Aina,
Saima, and Martha.**

A special thank you to Janet (Kalinen) Albrecht for providing the photos.



This year's annual report is dedicated to Alan E. Plumb for his 60 years of service to the Town of Andover. Alan, the long-time owner of Plumb Lumber Company, has served as: Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits, Town School Director, School Director-Union No. 29, Forest Fire Warden, Selectman, Fence Viewer, ZBA/Planning Commission member, Justice of the Peace, Tree Warden, and Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, & Wood. Alan's dedication to our community is and has been endless and we extend our sincerest appreciation to him. He truly embodies the definition of a "community volunteer." Thank you, Alan, for all your years of service to our town!

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Finland to Fitchburg to Andover

by Jonathan W. Stevens

Beginning in the fall of 1909, Andover saw an influx of families of Finnish immigrants, who purchased abandoned (or soon to be abandoned) farms. By the 1920s, more than 30 Finnish families had settled in the area. Even though these families were located throughout the town, the predominate settlement was on East Hill, giving rise to the moniker "Finn Hill." Many of these families first settled in the United States in Massachusetts, particularly in Fitchburg and the vicinity, though others came to Andover via Colorado, New York, South Dakota and Wyoming. Although many of these families would eventually leave Andover, a few still have descendants in town at the present time, including the Kalinen family.

Among the earliest Finnish families to settle in Andover was that of John and Emma (Moisio) Kalinen. John was born as "Johannes Kalinen" on May 28, 1877, in the village of Heikkilä in Alahärmä, Finland as the son of Kustaa and Sanna (Jahaauja) Kalinen. He immigrated to the United States, just prior to the 1900 U.S. Census, when he was a boarder in the household of his cousin Antti Kallio, residing on Mechanic Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, which had a large Finnish settlement at the time. John married Emma Johanna Moisio on January 25, 1902, in Fitchburg, by Andrew Groop, Pastor of the Finnish Congregational Church. Emma, the daughter of Kalle and Eva (Sironen) Moisio, was born in Karstula, Finland on July 25, 1881, and immigrated to the United States around the same time as John. At the time of their marriage John's occupation was a "buffer" and Emma was a dressmaker.

According to the Fitchburg city directories, in 1903 John Kalinen was a laborer, who resided at 200 Leighton St. In 1904, he was employed by the Putnam Machine Co., and resided at 31 Mechanic St., and in 1907, he was employed by the Union Machine Co., resided at 107 High St. While the family lived in Fitchburg there were two children were born: Walter Adiel Kalinen on November 26, 1902, who married Saima Elizabeth Schobert, and Aina Johanna Kalinen on September 19, 1905, who married Walter Aarne Kangas. The family then moved a few miles southeast to Clinton, Massachusetts, where daughter was born Saima Ellen Kalinen on November 16, 1907, who married Arthur Peter Johnson. The Kalinen family then moved back to Finland, where their daughter Martha Kalinen was born on November 25, 1908, who married first Phillip Occhino, second Albert A. Niemi and married third Basil Gallant. The family's stay in Finland was relatively short, they returned to United States on the American Lines steamship the S.S. New York, departing from Southampton, England on September 4, 1909 and arriving in New York City on September 12, 1909. John's brother Kustaa Kalinen, who resided at 200 Mechanic St. in Fitchburg, was the relative that sponsored them. The Kalinen family was living in Fitchburg at the time of the 1910 U.S. Census, which was enumerated on April 25, 1910, and John was listed as a carpenter, who had been out of work for 6 weeks in 1909. Also in the household, in addition to three boarders, was John's younger brother Karl Kalinen.

On May 3, 1910, the Kalinen family moved to Andover, and it was noted in the Ludlow column in both *the Rutland Herald* and *the Vermont Tribune*, a few days later that "eight families of Finns have moved to farms on the Andover line. Among them are A. Anderson, John Kalinen and John Lempia." But how did all of this come about? The Finnish settlement in Andover and Ludlow dates back to the previous year. In 1909, Lyman R. Bates, a Ludlow native who had moved to Leominster, Massachusetts, owned the Joseph U. Reed farm on what is now Chauncey Road. The property was advertised in Massachusetts and attracted the interest of the Hamalainen family who were living in Fitchburg. The transaction is recounted in a news item in the *Fitchburg Sentinel* on August 21, 1909, that stated "A.L. Walker, real estate salesman in the Bank building, has sold for Lyman R. Bates a farm of 114 acres in Andover, Vt., to Mary Hamalainen of Fitchburg, and the family will move there this autumn." The deed between Lyman R. Bates and Pearl L. (Cummings) Bates of Leominster to Mary Hamalainen of Fitchburg was dated September 3, 1909. Mary was Maria (Waijalainen) Hamalainen the wife of Matti Hamalainen. Their family was living in Andover at the time of the 1910 census, the only Finnish family in Andover at that point. An article by Elba A. Henry, published in the *Rutland Daily Herald* on July 13, 1925 entitled "Finns Succeed on Farms That Have Been Abandoned by the Native Vermonters" stated "the abandoned farm in Vermont has long been a serious problem to those interested in the agricultural problems of the state. The high cost of farm labor coupled with the difficulty met in obtaining such help, the high cost of marketing his farm products and the distance from

the main highways, and railway lines, have each contributed toward forcing the American farmer from the hill farms. A solution to this problem seems to have offered, at least in the part of the state around Ludlow, Mount Holly and Andover, by the increasing number of Finns who are buying and reclaiming these abandoned farms. About 15 years ago, the first of these people came to this part of the state largely through the efforts of George M. Moore of Ludlow, then a prominent real estate dealer. Mr. Moore was quick to see the possibilities of these people and believed that in them lay the solution of the abandoned farm problem." The next sale was a result of Mr. Moore's vision. On October 25, 1909, Fred F. and Ella H. (Root) Dow of Mount Holly sold the 210 acre "Samuel Nutting Farm" in Andover to Antti "Andrew" Anderson of Fitchburg. The witnesses on the deed were Matti Hamalainen and George M. Moore, plus the deed was also acknowledged before Moore. In 1910, Anderson lived in the same apartment house in Fitchburg on Mechanic St. as the Kalinen family. On July 29, 1911, Anderson now described as of Andover sold the "Samuel Nutting Farm" to Henry Waltanen and John Kalinen, both described as of Andover, with an undivided half interest each in the property.

The "Samuel Nutting Farm" was described as being a small part of Lot 18 in the 3rd Range and the whole of Lots No. 18 and 19 in the 4th Range. The property had its name due to the family that owned the property in the latter part of the 19th Century. However, the history the property dated back much earlier. Lot 19 in the 4th Range was the former Phineas Adams/Surry Burpee Farm and Lot 18 in the 4th Range was the former Benjamin Taylor Farm purchased by William Clark in the mid-1830s. Clark sold both of the parcels to John Stuart, and was subsequently sold to Edwin Taft, and then Charles Esty, and then to Nathaniel Spaulding of Springfield. Julia A. (Spaulding) Nutting, the wife of Samuel H. Nutting purchased the property from her father's estate.

After moving to the Nutting farm in Andover, John and Emma had several more children: Paavo Johannes "Pete" Kalinen born on August 17, 1912, who married Thelma Ardelle Sandberg; Arvid David Kalinen born in Andover, on June 7, 1914, who married Helvi Onerva Karhunen; Vietti Elias Kalinen, born May 10, 1916, who married Faye Rosalin Grover; Eva Susanna Kalinen born April 13, 1918, who married John J. Gauzer and Reino Kustaa Kalinen, born on March 21, 1920, who married Mary Kathleen Murphy.

Who was Henry Waltanen who purchased the "Samuel Nutting farm," along with John in 1911? Henry Waltanen, was born in Kajaani, Finland, on April 9, 1881 and sailed on the *Ultonia* from Liverpool, England on December 9, 1902 arriving in Boston, Massachusetts on December 22, 1902. He married Mary Lammi who had immigrated to the United States from Finland in 1903. By 1910, they were living on Concord St. in Manchester, N.H., where their eldest daughter Elma Maria Waltanen was born on December 11, 1910. By 1911, Waltanen's had moved to Andover and Henry purchased the Nutting farm along with John Kalinen. While residing on the Nutting farm a daughter Clara Waltanen was born on January 18, 1913. She only lived a day and was buried in Heald Cemetery. Waltanen then moved to Ludlow, where son Toivi Waltanen was born on October 19, 1914. On February 27, 1915, Henry Waltanen sold his undivided half interest in the "Samuel Nutting Farm" to John Kalinen, and at this point John and Emma Kalinen mortgaged the property back to Waltanen. On March 3, 1915, John Wilmouth of Ludlow sold Waltanen 96 acres located in Lot 17 in the 3rd Range. Waltanen's returned to Andover where daughter Esther Emilia Waltanen born in Andover on July 1, 1917. On April 15, 1919, Henry and Mary Waltanen sold their property to Kalle Kemppaninen, and moved to Westminister, Massachusetts. In more recent memory, this was known as the William Philleo place at the end of Cobb Rd.

Even though John had moved his family to Andover, he returned to Fitchburg to work, and his comings and goings can be traced in the local column in the *Vermont Tribune*. On December 28, 1911, it was noted that "Messers Kalinen, Anterson [sic], Hamlainen and others were home with their families over Christmas." On January 23, 1913, it was noted that "Mr. Kalinen has gone to Fitchburg, Mass., to work." On December 30, 1915, it was noted that "John Kalinen was home from Fitchburg, Mass., over Christmas." However, by the time of his World War I draft card in 1918, he stated that he was a farmer residing in Andover.

The *Vermont Tribune* noted on February 17, 1921, that "an entertainment and dance was held at the home of John Kalinen Saturday night for the benefit of the orphan children in Finland. The amount cleared was \$117." On April 21, 1921, that "Alex Lepisto and John Kalinen have been working in Ludlow" and May 5, 1921 "John Kalinen has bought a Ford car" and that "E. Moisio of Fitchburg has been visiting at John Kalinen's." This was Emma's younger brother Elias Moisio, who has immigrated to the United States in 1902. The column also mentioned that "Charles Lauren has bought E. Moisio's farm in Simonsville." On October 3, 1919, Elias Moisio of

Fitchburg, Mass., purchased the former Burton-Stannard farm consisting of 130 acres from Samuel J. and Augusta E. Pedden. On April 29, 1921, Elias and his wife Ida Maria (Wakkuri) Moisio of Fitchburg, sold the farm to Kalle "Charles" Lauren of Andover, who eventually lost the property to a bank foreclosure.

On April 26, 1912, Henry O. Drury of Weston quit-claimed a parcel of 10 acres, that had been previously sold out of the Nutting farm to John Kalinen, described as being bounded on the north by land of Alex Lepisto, on the east by land of Andrew Jyrinki, on the south by land of John Kalinen and on the west by the road leading from the Puffer school house to Boynton Hollow." Drury had acquired this parcel on July 8, 1910, from John C. Thompson of Andover.

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 4th Range to the town of Andover for \$20 "to be used as a school ground." Percy H. Blake, Superintendent of Schools, noted in the report in the Annual Report of the School Directors of the Town of Andover for the year ending June 30, 1912 that "the burning of the Puffer schoolhouse made changes necessary in the accommodation of pupils in that part of the town. The new building on the hill between the old site and the Boynton Hollow School will accommodate all the pupils in that end of Andover, and will make it possible to use only one teacher. Ultimately, I feel this will be a fortunate circumstance, although the expense is regretted." The foundation work and building of the school, by Alexander Lepisto, who lived on what was later known as the Matti Hill farm, were done in summer of 1912. The Lepisto family would later move to Ludlow and later to Troy, N.H. The Boynton Hill School operated until 1942 and the schoolhouse sold was sold off by Lorraine Korpi, Dorothy Trombley and Florence Plumb school directors to Helen B. Mactague of New York, N.Y., on July 27, 1951.

On July 27, 1922, Ethel E. Parsons of Northampton, Massachusetts, sold to John and Emma "the Seth Lewis Place" consisting of 300 acres. Parsons had sold the property to Charles H. and Betsey A. Payson on March 5, 1914 and they sold the property back to Parsons on September 11, 1920. The property consisted of the former David Batchelder farm and the former Samuel Clark-Franklin Austin farm later known as the Hiram S. Allbee farm located directly south. The property consisted all of Lots 16 and 17 in the 4th Range, plus parcels in Lot 15 in the 4th Range, Lot 17 in the 5th Range, and Lots 15, 16, 17 and 18 in the 3rd Range.

In 1916, Andover's Finnish community formed the Finnish Farmers Co-op, Inc., to purchase farm machinery needed in their work. Shares were sold to finance the purchase of a tractor, thresher, corn blower, and disc and smoothing harrows. As many of the members' home buildings needed repair, one of the first items purchased was a gasoline engine and a shingle making machine. The co-op was governed by a board of officers and the machinery was rented by the hour. According to the recollections of Edwin Fossi the members of the club were: "John A. Rivers, Kusti Lehtinen, Edward Laitinen, Matti Hill, John Kalinen, Kalle Kangas, Kalle Kemppainen, Thomas Fossi, David Kangas, Albert Helberg, Selim Ruohomaa and others." On December 8, 1920, Martin B. Johnson of Wardsboro sold the Rebecca Pease house lot on East Hill measuring 10 rods by 4 rods, a parcel that had been cut out of the Peter Adams farm in 1837, to the Finnish Farmers Co-op, Inc. On this lot the club built their machine shed exchange. When the shed was built, each member donated the lumber and labor. *The Vermont Tribune* noted on January 6, 1921 that "The Finnish Farmers' Co-operative Co. of Andover, with a capital stock of \$5,000 has filed papers with the secretary of state to conduct a creamery business. The papers were signed by Alexander Lepisto, David Kangas and S. Ruohomaa and 10 others." Finding a need for a social center, on February 11, 1922, John A. Rivers, who owned what was later was known as the Waino Suojanen farm, sold off one acre parcel, at the corner of East Hill, then referred to as Boynton Hill Road and Chauncey Road, then referred to as Suojanen Road, described as 12 rods and 17 links square. On this parcel the dance hall was built, a large building, clapboarded and shingled containing room for dancing, a stage for the presentation of plays and entertainment, a kitchen and dining room and a ticket office and cloak room, erected at an estimated cost of more than \$3,000. Christmas and patriotic programs were also held at the hall, and on Christmas day in 1928 the hall was destroyed by fire. An article in the *Brattleboro Reformer* entitled "Farmers' Club Hall Burns. Finns of Andover Held Christmas Party There Night Before," stated that a "fire of unknown origin destroyed the Finnish Farmers' club hall here early yesterday. The blaze was discovered about 2:30 o'clock and all efforts of townspeople to save the buildings were unavailing," it also mentioned that the structure was insured for \$1,500 and officials of the organization say

that the loss may run over \$2,000." By the mid-1930s the club had run its course and on October 29, 1936, in two deeds signed by Matti Hill, treasurer and Kalle "Charles" Lauren, secretary, the club sold the machine shed exchange building to Theodore Korpi (Reino Kalinen later built a camp from the original materials of that building) and the Finnish Hall lot to Jalo A. Rivers, Mauri Rivers and Paavo J. Kalinen, thus marking the end of an era in the Finnish community.

On March 9, 1921, John Kalinen declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States in U.S. District Court held in Ludlow. His declaration of intention stated that he was a farmer, with a medium complexion, height of 5 feet 2 inches, weight of 130 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. It also detailed his age and place of birth and the same for Emma and the children. It also gave the date of the second immigration in 1909. The witnesses to the affidavit were David Kangas of Andover and John A. Rivers of Ludlow, and on August 29, 1924, John Kalinen became a US citizen.

In 1940, the Kalinen household consisted of John and Emma, their sons Paavo, Veitti and Reino plus their granddaughter Joan Occhino. Paavo J. Kalinen married Thelma Ardelle Sandberg of Ludlow, on February 15, 1941, and they lived in Ludlow for a short time after their marriage. On May 4, 1945, John and Emma Kalinen sold one acre of land out of the Samuel Nutting Farm, located north of East Hill Road to Paavo and Thelma, who built a new house on this property, described as commencing at an iron stake driven in the ground near a large maple tree next to the main road leading from Andover to Ludlow, Vermont, being the northwest corner of the within conveyed premises; and located between the John Kalinen farm and the Boynton Hill Schoolhouse; thence in a straight line in an easterly direction a distance of ten rods to an iron stake driven in the ground; thence southerly in a straight line a distance of sixteen rods to an iron stake driven in the ground; thence westerly in a straight line distance of ten rods to an iron stake driven in the ground, thence northerly in a straight line a distance of sixteens rods to the place of beginning. The deed also provided spring rights, and reserved the right to enter into the grantor's other land from the main road across the premise of the grantees for general farming purposes." Paavo and Thelma eventually moved to Ludlow residing at 22 High Street. In 1949, John and Emma Kalinen moved to Church St. in Chester, and on May 5, 1950, John and Emma sold the Nutting Farm and the Seth Lewis Place to Paavo and Thelma, and on the same date, Paavo and Thelma sold the new house parcel to Lauri Antero and Ida Sophia (Ryyth) Karhunen. Lauri Antero Karhunen, a native of Keitele, Finland, was working at a textile mill in Maynard, Massachusetts, when he and Ida purchased the 320-acre Samuel Farrar Farm (formerly the Peter Adams farm) on East Hill, from the Federal Land Bank of Springfield, Massachusetts on June 13, 1932. Karhunens ran the farm in Andover until retiring in 1950, when their daughter Helvi and her husband Arvid Kalinen returned from Springfield and took over the farm. Also at the same date, John and Emma Kalinen sold the Karhunens an additional 31 acres surrounding the new house parcel, described as commencing at the southwest corner of the Matti Hill premises in Andover and running easterly in a straight line approximately 1478 feet to the northwest corner of the Waino Suojanen premises, designated by a large maple tree; thence southerly in a straight line approximately 1234 feet to the southwest corner of said Waino Suojanen premises; thence westerly in a straight line approximately 500 feet to the main road leading from Andover to Ludlow; thence along said road in northerly direction a distance of 1528 feet to the southwest corner of school premises owned by owned by the Town of Andover; thence easterly in a straight line a distance of 150 feet; thence northerly in approximately a straight line 400 feet; thence westerly in approximately a straight line a distance of 161 feet to the place of beginning."

On Saturday January 26, 1952, John and Emma Kalinen celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a large party. The event, held at the Chester Town Hall, was attended by about 300 relatives and friends. John died at Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover, N.H., on August 8, 1960 and was buried in Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester. Emma, died at Springfield Hospital on February 1, 1978, and buried beside John.

The Finnish families who settled on the abandoned farms in Andover brought with them old-world sensibilities and traditions and work ethic, revitalizing the town in the process. Even though the Finnish population has greatly decreased from its heyday, several families still remain, and many Finnish saunas still dot the local landscape. A reminder of the once thriving group of industrious immigrants who contributed in many ways to Andover's history.

2021 ANDOVER TOWN OFFICERS

Office	Term	Elected Official	Term Expires
Moderator	One year	Jonathan Bliss	06/30/2022
Town Clerk	Three years	Jeanette Haight	2023
Treasurer	One year	Jeanette Haight	2022
Delinquent Tax Collector	One year	Jeanette Haight	2022
Select Board	Three years	Chris Plumb	2022
		Chris Walker-resigned	2023
		Maddy Bodin	2024
Select Board	One year	Jed LaPrise -resigned	2022
		Scott Kendall	2022
Auditors	Three years	Cindy Ingersoll	2022
		Robert Francis	2023
		Wendell Perkins	2024
Listers	Three years	Leonidas Salazar	2022
		Francesca Salazar	2023
		vacant	2024
Cemetery Commissioners	Three years	Hank Mauti	2022
		Nicholas Baker	2023
		Robert Hale	2024
Sexton		Hank Mauti	2022
First Constable		Al Peters	2022
Second Constable		Carol Scafuro	2022
Justices of the Peace	Two years	Reino Bergquist	2023
		Jonathan Bliss	2023
		Raymond Makul	2023
		Donna Faturios	2023
		Ron Theissen	2023

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECT BOARD & TOWN CLERK

Office	Appointed Official	Term Expires
Assistant Clerk	Jonathan Stevens	2022
Civil Defense Coordinator	Chris Plumb	2022
Fence Viewer	Jed LaPrise	2022
Weigher of Coal	Chris Walker	2022
Tree Warden	Richard Pierce	2023
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, & Wood	Alan Plumb	2022
Town Fire Warden	Gene Pategas	2022
Council on Aging Rep	Francesca Salazar	2022
Select Board Clerk	Jeanette Haight	2022
Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	Scott Kendall	2022
Environmental Officer	Andover Board of Health	2022
Green-Up Chairman	Chairman of the Project Committee	2022
Agency of Transportation Rep	Charles Golden	2022
VT Solid Waste District Rep	H. Joseph Fromberger	2022
ZBA/Planning Commission	James Stack	Dec. 2022
	Carmen Macchia	Dec. 2022
	Lenore Szuchman	Dec. 2023
	Gary Lundberg	Dec. 2023
	Alan Plumb	Dec. 2024
	Joe Fromberger	Dec. 2024
	Janet Albrecht	Dec. 2025
	Richard Ingersoll	Dec. 2025
	vacant	Dec. 2025
Regional Planning Rep	H. Joseph Fromberger	2022
Zoning Administrator	Daire Gibney	2022
Health Officer	Andover Select Board	2022
Deputy Health Officer	vacant	2021

Section I

WARNING

***TOWN MEETING
REPORT***

***REPORT OF THE
SELECTBOARD***

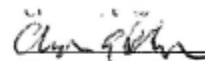
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TOWN OF ANDOVER
NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 1, 2022**

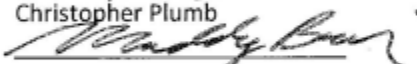
The legal voters of the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet on February 26, 2022 in the Andover Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. or via Zoom for an Informational Meeting on the following Articles. Voting on all Articles will be by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall.

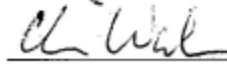
1. To elect a Town Moderator for a term of one year, ending on June 30, 2023.
2. To elect all Town Officers required by Law:
 - Town Treasurer for a one-year term
 - Select Board member for a three-year term
 - Select Board member for one year remaining of a three-year term
 - Select Board member for a one- year term
 - Select Board member for a one-year term
 - Lister for a three-year term
 - Lister for two years remaining of a three-year term
 - Auditor for a three-year term
 - First Constable for a one-year term
 - Second 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 2022/23 budget, including the recommended use of the fiscal year 2020/21 surplus.
5. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$978,308.07, of which \$835,058.07 shall be raised by taxes and \$143,250.00 by non-tax revenues?
6. Shall the voters authorize use of the fiscal year 2020/21 surplus as described in Article #4?
7. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in three (3) installments, with the due dates being August 15th, November 1st, & March 1st by delivery to the Town Office postmarked on or before that date?
8. Shall the town change the date of its Annual Town Meeting to Saturday, March 4, 2023 which precedes the first Tuesday in March pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2640(b)?
9. Do the voters want the Andover Select Board to adopt an ATV Ordinance?
10. To discuss any other nonbinding business proper to be done at said meeting.

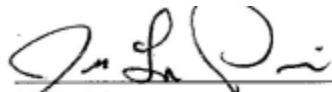
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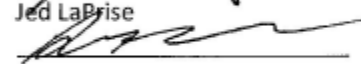
Andover Select Board


Christopher Plumb


Maddy Bodin


Chris Walker


Jed LaPrise


Scott Kendall

Join the Informational Meeting via Zoom on February 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83537534032?pwd=bTBrWXAxYmNUTFoxaEFib0ZERkYJdz09>

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TOWN OF ANDOVER
DRAFT ORDINANCE REGULATING ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs)

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.

Under authority granted in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59, 24 V.S.A. §§2291(2), (4), 23 V.S.A. § 3506, and 23 V.S.A. § 3510, the Select Board of the Town of Andover hereby adopts the following civil ordinance regulating the time, manner, and location of operation of all-terrain vehicles within the town.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the Town, and to preserve residents' rights to quiet enjoyment of homes and properties by regulating the time, manner, and location of operation of all-terrain vehicles ("ATVs") within the Town.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

A. "All-terrain vehicle," or "ATV," means any non-highway recreational vehicle, except snowmobiles, having no less than two low pressure tires (10 pounds per square inch, or less), not wider than 64 inches with two-wheel ATVs having permanent, full-time power to both wheels, and having a dry weight of less than 1,700 pounds, when used for cross country travel on trails or on any one of the following or a combination thereof: land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland and natural terrain. An ATV shall not include an electric personal assistive mobility device.

B. "Enforcement Officer" means any law enforcement officer certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council.

C. "Operate" includes any attempt to operate and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of all-terrain vehicles within the town whether they be in motion or at rest.

D. Other definitions found in 23 V.S.A. § 3501 are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 4. TOWN HIGHWAYS OPENED.

All Town Highways shall be open to ATV Traffic.

SECTION 5. SPEED LIMITS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

All ATVs shall be operated at a speed of no more than 30 mph and shall be controlled as necessary to avoid collision with any person, vehicle, bicycle, ATV, or other object on or adjacent to the ATV trail.

SECTION 6. TIME OF OPERATION.

ATVs may not be operated within the Town between 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. on any day of the year, nor may they be operated between the dates of March 10th and May 15th of each year, or on other dates when dirt roads are posted. They also cannot be operated during snowstorms.

SECTION 7. SINGLE FILE; RACING.

Where ATV travel on Town highways is permitted, such travel shall be single file. No racing shall be allowed.

SECTION 8. OPERATION ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND CEMETERIES.

ATVs may not be operated on any Town property, including any designated Legal Trails, any VAST Trails or in the ditches along Town Highways. Pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 3506(10), ATVs shall not be operated in any burial ground in the Town.

SECTION 9. PENALTIES.

A. The Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover civil penalties for operation of an ATV in excess of the posted speed limit as specified in Andover's Traffic Ordinances and Motor Vehicle Ordinance and in the State of Vermont's Judicial Bureau Penalty Schedule.

B. The Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover civil penalties for violations of this Ordinance as set out below:

- Failure to operate in single file:

1st Offense: \$100.00 fine. Waiver amount: \$50.00

2nd Offense: \$200.00 fine. Waiver amount: \$100.00

3rd Offense: Loss of approval to operate within the Town of Andover for one (1) year from date of Offense.

- Engaging in racing:

1st Offense: \$250.00 fine and loss of approval to operate within the Town of Andover for one (1) year from date of Offense.

- Operation during hours or dates when operation is prohibited:

1st Offense: \$100.00 fine. Waiver amount: \$50.00

2nd Offense: \$200.00 fine. Waiver amount: \$100.00

3rd Offense: Loss of approval to operate within the Town of Andover for one (1) year from date of Offense.

- Operation on public property, including Legal Trails and VAST Trails:

1st Offense: \$250.00 fine and loss of approval to operate within the Town of Andover for one (1) year from date of Offense.

For the above offenses, the Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of a civil penalty, in the stated amount, for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee.

C. The Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover civil penalties, including court costs, costs of repair and attorney fees for the following violations as set by the State of Vermont:

- Operation within a public cemetery. 23 V.S.A. § 3506(b)(10).

SECTION 10. ENFORCEMENT.

The violation of this Ordinance shall be a civil matter which may be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§1974a and 1977 et seq. For purposes of enforcement in the Judicial Bureau, any Enforcement Officer shall have authority to issue tickets and may be the appearing officer at any hearing.

SECTION 11. OTHER LAWS.

This Ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances of the Town and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY.

If any section of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Select Board. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this Ordinance.

TOWN OF ANDOVER
SUMMARY OF TOWN INFORMATIONAL MEETING
February 27, 2021

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 and outlined the protocol for the meeting as there were people in-person at the Town Hall as well as people attending via Zoom.

The first item on the agenda was to hear the Auditors' report. Jon asked if anyone had questions for the auditor who was present via Zoom. There were no questions.

Articles 1 & 2 concerned the election of Officers. Jon asked for questions. Jean Peters asked if there is a vacancy on the Select Board. Chris Plumb, Select Board Chair, responded there are a couple of candidates running. Maddy Bodin spoke up saying she is seeking re-election to her three-year position, noting some "institutional knowledge" has been lost due to former long-time members retiring from Select Board work. She cited a goal of maintaining some continuity to the Board. Scott Kendall spoke up saying he was seeking to fill the one-year position that is currently vacant. He cited wanting to be a part of Andover's decision-making process.

Article 3 concerned when to hold Town Meeting in 2022. Jon reminded all it is not a binding decision, but will be on next Tuesday's ballot. Jeanette Haight, Town Clerk explained the ballot is written asking voters to say "yes" or "no" to holding Town Meeting on the Saturday prior to traditional Town Meeting Day (February 26, 2022). Jon asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

Articles 4 & 5 were a discussion of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 and the Board's recommendation for the use of fiscal year 2019/2020 surplus. Chris Plumb guided the audience through this by showing slides on the overhead projector. He said the Select Board was recommending splitting the surplus equally between the Highway/Bridge Fund & Capital Equipment Fund. Jon asked how that compared to surplus use in other years. Chris said it has been the practice for several years to use the surplus in this way. Jean Peters noted using the surplus in the suggested manner has been very successful. Jon also asked if the Capital Equipment Fund expenditure to purchase a mowing tractor had been worthwhile. Chris said it had. Chris went over expected expenses such as paving Hill Top Road and the major culvert replacement on North Hill Road. Jon asked if other equipment purchases were anticipated. Chris said the one-ton needs to be replaced in the next year or two. Hank Mauti pointed out the amount of money being budgeted to put into the Highway/Bridge and Capital Equipment Funds (\$82,500 & \$65,000 respectively) vs. the amount proposed for the Cemetery Fund (\$3,000). He asked the board to increase the amount for the Cemetery Fund. Jon asked if Hank had a particular amount in mind. He said he did not. Chris P. asked Hank if going forward he would give the Select Board a breakdown of yearly expenses. Jed LaPrise said the amount being proposed was based on the actual expenses of the prior year and the reduction in mowing costs due to it going out to bid. Hank talked about needing a fence at the back of East Hill Cemetery and potential tree work. Jill Pond asked why Hank was suggesting using chain link as she didn't feel that would be the right style. Hank said he thought that would be the most cost-effective. Jed agreed with Jill saying they could do something better and said he would donate the use of his equipment for the project. Scott Kendall also offered his equipment for the project.

Article 6 was regarding the payment schedule for property taxes. Jon read the ballot item asking if voters would authorize taxes be collected in three installments with due dates of August 15th, November 1st, & March 1st, which is the schedule that has been followed for many years. There were no questions.

Article 7 concerned the use of ATVs on town roads and whether the voters wanted to authorize the Select Board to draft an ATV Ordinance. Chris Walker said residents had approached him with interest in allowing ATV use on Town roads and clarified the vote on Tuesday would be to authorize the Select Board to draft an Ordinance. Jed reiterated Chris' point and emphasized the item would be on the Board's agendas and voters could attend the meetings to provide their input. He also noted if the article passes the Board would look at Ordinances in other towns. Jon Bliss clarified how voters would then get their feedback to the Select Board if the article passed. Jean Peters asked about the process for adopting an Ordinance. Jon noted that an ATV is not a snowmobile, it is a four-wheeled vehicle. Jed indicated a trail system for ATVs could be set up and there is a state organization called VASA, which is similar to the VAST organization for snowmobilers. Maddy pointed out the Sheriff is not in town very often & there has not been any enforcement of riding ATVs on town roads. She also said adopting an Ordinance would allow ATV use on Town roads and shared the Town has experienced road damage due to ATV use already. She stated she is not in favor of an Ordinance and urged a "no" vote. Paul Stumpf said there is already a Trail Ordinance and it doesn't allow motorized vehicles on them. He said he would like to see that rule maintained. Jill Pond said she felt it is always good to have a chance to draft an Ordinance then discuss it again with the voters. Hank Mauti shared his thoughts on the topic and indicated he is in favor of using ATVs on town roads. Jed noted Game Wardens are responsible for much of the ATV enforcement in New Hampshire and other places with ATV Ordinances. He also said New Hampshire has seen increased revenue at restaurants, motels and B & Bs. Dorothy Clair asked why ATVs need an Ordinance if snowmobiles don't have one. Jed said a club could be set up and a system of trails established just like the snowmobile club has and an Ordinance would permit ATV use on town roads. Maddy clarified the Town would not be starting an ATV club or setting up a trail system. The ordinance would allow ATV use on Town roads and that is what is being voted on. She also pointed out ATVs are not allowed on VAST trails. Jon gave an overview of the discussion and thanked everyone for their feedback. Hank asked why snowmobiles are allowed to cross town roads. Paul Stumpf said the Chester and Andover snowmobile clubs come to the Andover Select Board annually to ask for permission to cross certain town roads.

Jon Bliss shared information about the Andover Community Fund, and asked anyone with knowledge of any resident in "critical need" to bring that information to himself or the Town Clerk. He also gave an overview of both Neighborhood Connections and Just Neighbors. Jon then suggested a round of applause for the good work being done by the Andover Road Crew and praised the Andover Select board for their voluntary work. He then asked for a brief moment of silence for residents who passed away in the past year. Jon also thanked all front-line workers.

Deb Moser provided information on Green Up Day 2021 at Hank Mauti's request. Jean Peters offered her perspective on the increase in short-term rentals in Andover and expressed concern about the change to Andover and its neighborhoods and said she didn't see how they fit under Andover's "permitted uses" or how they benefit the town. Maddy recognized all the work Okemo Valley TV has done in broadcasting Andover's meetings. Jennifer Probst discussed the amount of trash she finds on the roadside as well as how fast vehicles are traveling on East Hill. Senator Alison Clarkson introduced herself and said the issue of short-term rentals is being taken up by both the House and the Senate this year. Jon said he was glad to hear the state is taking a "multi-faceted" approach to short-term rentals and discussed how difficult it can be for people to find long-term housing and that this isn't a new issue. Bob Francis pointed out the inequity of rules inns/BnBs are subjected to vs what short-term rentals have to follow. Jon encouraged the Select Board to take up a discussion about this issue and invite "experts". Senator Dick McCormack introduced himself and said he was deferring to Senator Clarkson as the "expert" on the short-term rental topic. Chris Walker thanked all for their participation at the meeting and urged all to reach out to the Board at any time and not save all concerns up until Town Meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Jon Bliss at 11:48 a.m.

2021 ANDOVER SELECT BOARD REPORT

During the 2020/2021 fiscal year we faced many challenges with the ongoing battle with Covid in our community. Hopefully, we will be able to move forward with less illness and fear in 2022 and beyond. We also faced many hurdles with issues like a very high turn-over of properties, short term rentals and a large increase in our small town's population. According to the latest census, we have grown to over 500 residents.

This past spring and early summer our ace Town road crew performed the many culvert replacements on Hill Top Road that were necessary for its re-paving in fiscal year 21/22, saving the Town tens of thousands of dollars in outside contracting expenses.

We faced a major culvert replacement on North Hill Road which was awarded to and completed by Hunter Excavating for \$177,858.00. Total project cost with engineering was \$197,858.00 of which the Town only paid \$22,858.00 due to being awarded a State Structures Grant. The Board also added a 35 MPH speed limit to North Hill Road at the request of many townspeople.

In 2020/2021, we found it important to hire a Town Attorney to consult with us on potential regulation/management of short-term rentals, to assist with the sale of a town-owned lot which was donated to Andover back in 2017, and to review a draft ATV Ordinance.

The Select Board has continued to act as the Town Board of Health since we have been unable to find a replacement for the Town Health Officer. We eagerly await a dedicated individual to step up and assist the town with these duties.

In 2021 our long-time Forest Fire Warden, Alan Plumb, stepped down after serving in that capacity for over 50 years - Thank you Alan!!!

The Select Board has continued to meet in-person, socially distanced in the Town Hall and via Zoom, depending on the State recommendations at the time. We not only welcome the public to every Select Board meeting, we recognize the public's legal right to attend. Please don't hesitate to contact our Town Clerk for the latest meeting information. Zoom meetings only require a telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Plumb, Chair

Jed LaPrise

Chris Walker

Scott Kendall

Andover Select Board

Section II

FINANCIAL REPORTS

	20.21 Budget	20.21 Actuals	21.22 Budget	21.22 YTD Actuals	22.23 Budget
Income				01.24.22	
Current Municipal Tax & Interest	\$752,801.75	\$740,894.24	\$745,874.45	\$745,646.92	\$835,058.07
Delinquent Tax & Interest	\$0.00	\$9,578.77	\$0.00	\$3,718.55	\$0.00
State Gas Tax	\$87,000.00	\$91,082.44	\$88,000.00	\$68,309.94	\$90,000.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment	\$8,500.00	\$8,711.25	\$8,500.00	\$6,555.00	\$6,500.00
Current Use - Hold Harmless	\$28,000.00	\$33,468.00	\$30,000.00	\$35,442.00	\$35,000.00
Interest Income	\$1,000.00	\$636.33	\$500.00	\$171.19	\$250.00
Recording & Copy Fees	\$8,000.00	\$17,199.82	\$9,000.00	\$8,877.38	\$9,000.00
Other Income					
Green Mtn Passport				\$2.00	
Traffic Fines				\$2,452.19	
Dog Licenses				\$20.00	
Beverage Licenses				\$230.00	
Marriage Licenses				\$20.00	
Permits				\$555.00	
Scrap Metal Income				\$437.27	
Town Hall Rent				\$225.00	
Miscellaneous Income				\$7.00	
VLCT Insurance Refund Income				\$1,306.25	
Total Other Income	\$2,500.00	\$8,907.60	\$2,500.00	\$5,254.71	\$2,500.00
Unspent Surplus	\$0.00	\$39,162.17	\$24,315.38	\$24,315.38	\$0.00
Grant Income					
State Supplemental Hwy Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,520.12	\$0.00
Grants in Aid Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,920.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$887,801.75	\$949,640.62	\$908,689.83	\$911,731.19	\$978,308.07
Expense - Payroll Expenses					
Wages - Office	\$63,000.00	\$64,922.97	\$64,000.00	\$41,208.62	\$70,400.00
Wages - Highway	\$150,000.00	\$149,450.14	\$154,000.00	\$92,639.15	\$169,400.00
Wages - Listers	\$14,000.00	\$13,899.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,234.26	\$9,900.00
Total Wages	\$227,000.00	\$228,272.11	\$227,000.00	\$140,082.03	\$249,700.00
Benefits					
Health Insurance - Office	\$24,000.00	\$27,155.94	\$24,000.00	\$13,026.57	\$24,480.00
Health Insurance - Highway	\$52,000.00	\$48,478.51	\$53,000.00	\$32,094.39	\$57,120.00
Retirement - Office	\$3,800.00	\$3,557.40	\$3,800.00	\$2,243.02	\$4,200.00
Retirement - Highway	\$9,000.00	\$8,967.05	\$9,200.00	\$5,739.99	\$10,600.00
Disability/Life Ins - Office	\$1,800.00	\$1,898.52	\$2,000.00	\$1,131.82	\$2,500.00
Disability/Life Ins - Highway	\$1,800.00	\$3,568.93	\$3,500.00	\$2,391.88	\$5,000.00
Total Benefits	\$92,400.00	\$93,626.35	\$95,500.00	\$56,627.67	\$103,900.00
Payroll Taxes	\$16,500.00	\$16,706.21	\$17,000.00	\$10,349.80	\$19,000.00
Total Payroll Expenses	\$335,900.00	\$338,604.67	\$339,500.00	\$207,059.50	\$372,600.00

Utilities	20.21 Budget	20.21 Actuals	21.22 Budget	21.22 YTD Actuals	22.23 Budget
Electricity - Office	\$1,400.00	\$834.98	\$1,000.00	\$597.19	\$1,000.00
Electricity - Highway	\$2,500.00	\$2,100.42	\$2,500.00	\$1,125.30	\$2,500.00
Electricity - Town Hall	\$600.00	\$548.36	\$600.00	\$311.89	\$700.00
Heat - Office	\$1,600.00	\$1,400.27	\$1,500.00	\$508.58	\$1,800.00
Heat - Highway	\$7,300.00	\$1,659.16	\$6,000.00	\$1,541.56	\$3,000.00
Heat - Town Hall	\$2,500.00	\$885.29	\$2,500.00	\$769.09	\$2,000.00
Telephone/Internet - Office	\$1,700.00	\$2,019.98	\$1,700.00	\$1,233.69	\$2,800.00
Telephone/Internet- Highway	\$900.00	\$1,098.63	\$1,000.00	\$1,077.54	\$2,800.00
Telephone/Internet - Town Hall	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$309.98	\$500.00
Total Utilities	\$18,500.00	\$10,547.09	\$16,800.00	\$7,474.82	\$17,100.00
VLCT Insurance Premiums					
Property & Casualty Ins - VLCT	\$17,000.00		\$15,000.00	\$3,946.50	\$13,000.00
Unemployment Ins. - VLCT				\$161.00	
Worker's Comp Ins - VLCT PACIF	\$11,500.00		\$11,500.00	\$2,598.50	\$11,500.00
Total VLCT Insurance Premiums	\$28,500.00	\$22,263.00	\$26,500.00	\$6,706.00	\$24,500.00
Appropriations					
Senior Solutions	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$525.00
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	\$50.00	\$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	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
Neighborhood Connections	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$750.00
Whiting Library	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,704.00
Windsor County Youth Services	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Appropriations	\$9,524.00	\$9,524.00	\$9,724.00	\$9,724.00	\$9,878.00
Assessments					
Chester Communication Charge	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Chester Recreation	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
Chester Fire & Ambulance	\$31,250.00	\$30,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$55,754.67
Windsor County Court Reno. Bond	\$3,800.00	\$3,811.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,206.00	\$3,800.00
Windsor County Tax	\$7,400.00	\$7,208.00	\$7,400.00	\$6,838.00	\$7,400.00
Lease Land - School District	\$105.00	\$103.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00
Law Enforcement Contract	\$12,500.00	\$13,749.60	\$12,500.00	\$8,271.00	\$12,500.00
Total Assessments	\$61,855.00	\$61,671.60	\$61,605.00	\$55,115.00	\$86,359.67
Dues					
VLCT Dues	\$1,644.00	\$1,644.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,644.00	\$1,767.00
VMCTA Dues	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
VALA Dues	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$60.00
RPC Dues	\$583.75	\$583.75	\$630.45	\$583.75	\$738.40
Total Dues	\$2,322.75	\$2,332.75	\$2,395.45	\$2,332.75	\$2,620.40

Repairs & Maintenance	20.21 Budget	20.21 Actuals	21.22 Budget	21.22 YTD Actuals	22.23 Budget
Office	\$1,000.00	\$80.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Town Garage	\$3,500.00	\$3,363.91	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Town Hall	\$1,000.00	\$1,580.49	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Lawn Mowing/Trimming	\$2,000.00	\$1,645.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,540.00	\$1,800.00
Cleaning	\$2,850.00	\$1,950.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,135.00	\$2,500.00
Trash Removal	\$1,750.00	\$2,538.09	\$2,000.00	\$1,083.27	\$2,000.00
Capital Expense	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Total Repairs & Maintenance	\$13,600.00	\$11,157.49	\$12,800.00	\$3,758.27	\$12,800.00
Safety & Medical Equipment	\$750.00	\$1,193.78	\$750.00	\$351.25	\$750.00
Uniforms	\$2,500.00	\$2,440.13	\$2,500.00	\$1,254.12	\$2,500.00
Highway Materials					
Calcium Chloride	\$10,000.00	\$8,835.00	\$9,000.00	\$3,255.00	\$9,000.00
Sodium Chloride	\$57,000.00	\$41,384.00	\$58,000.00	\$24,047.66	\$52,000.00
Sand	\$30,000.00	\$25,724.75	\$30,000.00	\$29,918.25	\$40,000.00
Aggregate (gravel + shurpac)	\$27,500.00	\$52,362.64	\$30,000.00	\$32,706.28	\$58,000.00
Stone	\$8,000.00	\$5,305.56	\$8,000.00	\$6,807.78	\$7,000.00
Ledge	\$0.00	\$5,740.00	\$0.00	\$1,148.00	\$2,000.00
Culverts	\$4,500.00	\$9,657.60	\$4,500.00	\$8,545.64	\$4,500.00
Cold Patch	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Hot Mix	\$500.00	\$1,053.38	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Highway Signs	\$2,000.00	\$550.26	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous Materials	\$250.00	\$590.92	\$250.00	\$1,011.97	\$500.00
Total Highway Material	\$140,250.00	\$151,204.11	\$141,750.00	\$107,440.58	\$177,000.00
Rental Equipment	\$500.00	\$4,201.24	\$6,500.00	\$9,221.94	\$6,500.00
Outside Contracting - Highway	\$15,000.00	\$2,449.20	\$5,000.00	\$14,013.50	\$5,000.00
Highway Fees - State - MRGP	\$1,200.00	\$740.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Supplies - Highway	\$3,000.00	\$3,248.85	\$3,000.00	\$3,034.05	\$2,500.00
Contracted Service - Highway	\$0.00	\$692.73	\$500.00	\$330.28	\$500.00
Parts/Tools - Highway	\$500.00	\$2,734.03	\$1,000.00	\$811.05	\$1,000.00
Minor Highway Construction Proj	\$2,500.00	\$150.00	\$2,500.00	\$88.43	\$1,000.00
Highway Equipment Repairs/Maint					
T1 2015 Ford 1 Ton		\$7,091.70		\$2,600.80	
Loader - 2003		\$2,353.21		\$1,465.89	
Grader - 2001		\$1,006.89		\$3,747.25	
Backhoe - 2011		\$6,151.19		\$327.78	
Trimmer Repair/Maintenance		\$0.00		\$84.00	
Chainsaw Repair/Maintenance		\$88.00		\$54.00	
Chipper Repair/Maintenance		\$39.14		\$42.00	
T16 - 2016 Western Star Tandem		\$16,208.96		\$20,196.16	
T19 - 2019 Western Star Truck		\$10,330.06		\$5,172.00	
2008 - John Deere Tractor/mower		\$3,634.12		\$871.92	
Total Highway Equip Repairs/Maint	\$45,000.00	\$46,903.27	\$50,000.00	\$34,561.80	\$50,000.00
Fuel & Oil - Garage/Equipment	\$40,000.00	\$28,875.35	\$35,000.00	\$15,517.88	\$35,000.00
Total Highway Expenses	\$250,950.00	\$243,638.91	\$248,250.00	\$186,273.63	\$281,500.00

Administrative	20.21 Budget	20.21 Actuals	21.22 Budget	21.22 YTD Actuals	22.23 Budget
Service Charges	\$0.00	\$884.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Maps	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Election Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies - Office	\$2,000.00	\$2,736.13	\$2,000.00	\$917.53	\$1,500.00
Town Report	\$800.00	\$655.30	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Postage	\$2,500.00	\$2,221.19	\$2,000.00	\$935.02	\$2,000.00
Contracted Service - Office	\$1,000.00	\$1,152.78	\$1,000.00	\$464.70	\$1,000.00
Rental Equipment - Office	\$0.00	\$39.90	\$0.00	\$23.94	\$50.00
Legal Notices	\$500.00	\$1,080.30	\$500.00	\$439.00	\$750.00
Legal Consultation	\$1,000.00	\$1,185.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,442.25	\$5,000.00
Meetings & Mileage - Office	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$11.20	\$150.00
Meetings & Mileage - Highway	\$2,500.00	\$2,925.31	\$3,000.00	\$1,168.10	\$3,000.00
Meetings & Mileage - Listers	\$750.00	\$150.63	\$500.00	\$29.12	\$500.00
Training Registr Fee - Office	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$68.00	\$100.00
Computer Support	\$500.00	\$487.28	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Software Subscription - Office	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$158.89	\$300.00
Software Subscription - Listers	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$164.58	\$300.00
Accounting Support	\$2,500.00	\$3,361.85	\$3,000.00	\$2,205.83	\$3,500.00
Office Small Tools/Equipment	\$250.00	\$40.00	\$250.00	\$252.01	\$250.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$15,400.00	\$16,920.36	\$15,550.00	\$12,780.17	\$19,700.00
Budget \$ to Highway/Bridge Fund	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00
Budget Surplus to Highway/Bridge Fund	\$0.00	\$19,581.09	\$12,157.69	\$12,157.69	0.00
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
Budget Surplus to Capital Equip Fund	\$0.00	\$19,581.08	\$12,157.69	\$12,157.69	0.00
Total Municipal Budget Xfers to Funds	\$150,500.00	\$189,662.17	\$174,815.38	\$174,815.38	\$150,500.00
	\$887,801.75	\$907,515.82	\$908,689.83	\$666,390.77	\$978,308.07
Surplus		\$42,124.80		\$245,340.42	

**TOWN OF ANDOVER
2022 Municipal Budget**

What years are we talking about?

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

1. Last Year = 2020/2021.
2. This Year = 2021/2022.
3. Next Year = 2022/2023.

Last Year's Results (2020-2021):

Income:	\$949,640.62 (page 17 of the Town Report)
Expenses:	<u>\$907,515.82</u> (page 20 of the Town Report)
Surplus:	\$ 42,124.80 (page 20 of the Town Report)

This Year's (2021/22) budget:

Income:	\$908,689.83
Expenses:	\$908,689.83

Next Year's (2022/23) proposed budget:

Income:	\$978,308.07*
Expenses:	\$978,308.07

***Of the income, \$835,058.07 will be from municipal taxes. This year's (2021/22) amount is \$745,874.45. The increase is due to increases in Emergency Services, Highway Materials, Wages & Legal Fees**

**TOWN OF ANDOVER, VERMONT BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1010-00 · Petty Cash	237.36
1020-00 · Reappraisal Fund	15,147.28
1030-00 · General Fund Checking	94,546.00
1040-00 · Municipal Money Market	
1035-00 · Highway/Bridge Fund	451,374.97
1045-00 · Pioneer Memorial Society	3,253.02
1060-00 · Capital Equipment	108,287.88
1065-00 · Tax Stabilization	54,182.84
1070-00 · Prepaid Taxes	62.82
1072-00 · Restoration/Preservation Fund	8,212.63
1085-00 · Planning Commission Fund	8,281.69
1090-00 · Andover Project Committee Fund	9,198.52
1092-00 · Andover Scholarship Fund	13,486.64
1095-00 · Cemetery Fund	<u>1,671.31</u>
Total 1040-00 · Municipal Money Market	658,012.32
1050-00 · Health Reimbursement Account	6,849.34
1081-10 · Adella Stannard Poor Fund Accts	4,281.43
1090-10 · Andover Project Com. Petty Cash	<u>208.23</u>
Total Checking/Savings	779,281.96
Accounts Receivable	
1210-00 · Current Year Taxes	-764.88
1211-00 · Accounts Rec - Delinquent Taxes	<u>32.57</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	-732.31
Other Current Assets	
1290-00 · Allowance for Delinquent Taxes	<u>-6,397.30</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>-6,397.30</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>772,152.35</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>772,152.35</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities	<u>58,687.11</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>58,687.11</u>

Total Liabilities	58,687.11
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Equity

3040-00 · General Fund Balance	119,319.41
3042-00 · Cemetery Fund	1,671.31
3045-00 · Delinquent Tax Allowa	-6,397.30
3046-00 · Tax Stabilization Fund	54,182.84
3054-00 · Capital Equipment Fun	108,287.88
3058-00 · Highway/Bridge Fund	451,374.97
3081-00 · Adella Stannard Poor I	4,281.43
Net Income	<u>-19,255.30</u>

Total Equity	<u>713,465.24</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>772,152.35</u>
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Auditor's Report

We, the auditors, have tested and examine 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

PIONEER MEMORIAL SOCIETY/CLARK W. HAZELTINE MEMORIAL FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020	\$3,299.02
Disbursements: Bank fees	<u>46.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021	\$3,253.02

ADELLA STANNARD POOR FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020	\$3,348.80
Receipts: Bank Interest	.84
Putnam Fund Dividends	<u>17.79</u>
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021	\$3,367.43
**Value of Putnam Fund	\$914.00

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020	\$29,013.44
Receipts: Bank Interest	143.36
Budgeted Funds	<u>84,581.08</u>
Disbursements: PTO leaf blower	(5,450.00)
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021	\$108,287.88

HIGHWAY/BRIDGE FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020	\$603,099.70
Receipts: Bank Interest	746.08
Budgeted Funds	102,081.09
State Grant	<u>23,521.82</u>
Disbursements: Engineering (High Bridge)	(944.08)
Engineering (North Hill Culvert)	(12,750.00)
Paving	(258,784.33)
Culvert Repairs	(5,595.31)
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021	\$451,374.97

REAPPRAISAL FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020	\$10,145.49
Receipts: Bank Interest	4.64
State reappraisal payment	<u>4,998.00</u>
Disbursements: Bank fees	.85
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021	\$15,147.28

TAX STABILIZATION FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020	\$54,096.44
Receipts: Bank Interest	86.40
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021	\$54,182.84

PAYROLL BREAKDOWN

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Town Office:

Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector	\$59,290.47
Assistant Clerk	5,632.50
Listers	\$13,899.00
Total	\$78,821.97

Highway Department:

Foreman	\$57,945.48
Crew #1	45,285.83
Crew #2	45,795.02
Total	\$149,026.33

2020-2021 GRAND LIST

Rate Name	Tax Rate	X Grand List	= Total Taxes
Municipal	.48	1,591,481.00	\$763,910.88
Homestead Ed.	1.4645	365,528.00	\$535,315.75
Non-residential Ed.	1.6006	1,226,057.00	\$1,962,426.80
Total Taxes			\$3,261,653.40

***Homestead and Non-residential education tax rates are set by the State of Vermont**

DELINQUENT TAXES

As of June 30, 2021

Tax Year	Tax	Interest/Penalty	Total
2016/17	\$44.75	\$29.12	\$73.87
2017/18	\$48.54	\$25.12	\$73.66
2018/19	\$1,876.03	\$1,690.86	\$3,566.89
2019/20	\$6,347.73	\$2,196.22	\$8,543.95
2020/21	\$16,528.64	\$3,199.47	\$19,728.11
Total	\$24,845.69	\$7,140.79	\$31,986.48

Section III

***COMMITTEE
&
BOARD REPORTS***

**2021 ANDOVER PLANNING COMMISSION
AND
ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

The Planning Commission develops the Municipal Land Use Plan, 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. They 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.

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

During 2021 the Board reviewed and approved one (1) application for a Variance (the Sureau). The board also recognized a lot line adjustment for the Blocks. Currently, there are two pending minor subdivision applications and one pending variance application.

There were no applications for Conditional Uses nor any Appeals of the Administrators' decisions.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Albrecht	Dec. 2025	Lenore Szuchman	Dec. 2023
Richard Ingersoll	Dec. 2025	Gary Lundberg	Dec. 2023
vacant	Dec. 2025	Alan Plumb	Dec. 2024
James Stack	Dec. 2022	Joe Fromberger	Dec. 2024
Carmen Macchia	Dec. 2022		

Daire Gibney, Zoning Administrator, Dec. 2022

PLANNING COMMISSION FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020	\$8,011.79
Receipts: Bank Interest	12.90
Application Fees	400.00
Disbursements: Legal Notices	143.00
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021	\$8,281.69

2021 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

New Residence, Additions, and other Permits Issued:

Type	Number	Est. Cost of Construction
Residence	8	\$3,087,000
Additions	2	\$270,000
Accessory Buildings	6	\$172,000
Other (Decks, etc.)	1	\$5,000
Certificate of Occupancy	2	-----
Total	19	\$3,534,000

Andover Construction Activity 2011-2021

Year	Permits	Est. Cost Res Permits	Est. Cost of All Permits
2021	19	\$3,087,000.00	\$3,534,000
2020	21	643,000.00	876,000.00
2019	20	725,000.00	1,319,800.00
2018	17	255,000.00	741,825.00
2017	26	655,000.00	1,381,300.00
2016	14	330,000.00	716,000.00
2015	14	840,000.00	962,000.00
2014	9	380,000.00	619,300.00
2013	14	1,500,000.00	7,705,000.00
2012	12	487,500.00	1,025,000.00
2011	15	1,405,000.00	1,661,798.00

Warning/Notice

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 they must obtain the following permits:

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

2021 LISTERS' REPORT

Since our last reappraisal in 2018 our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) has stayed fairly consistent. The CLA is a comparison of current sales of properties against the Grand List values. Our CLA is 94.25%. On the other hand, our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 22.90%. The COD is a measure of equity across the various property classes in a single municipality's Grand List.

Property Classes

R1 – Residential – 6 acres or less with a dwelling	UE – Electric Utilities
R2 – Residential – more than 6 acres with a dwelling	F - Farm
MHU – Mobile home – unlanded	W - Woodland
MHU – Mobile home – landed	

Under 32 V.S.A. § 4041a(b), as amended in the 2019 legislative session, a municipality with a common level of appraisal (CLA) less than 85% or higher than 115%, or a COD greater than 20%, must reappraise. Fortunately, because we completed a reappraisal in 2018, we may be able to comply by doing a "Statistical Reappraisal" which would cost significantly less than a full reappraisal as it is less involved.

A "Statistical Reappraisal" calls for a sampling of our town's data to compare a small percentage of properties' values. If the data is consistent within the sampling, we would proceed to compare various property classes with each other to determine where values are inconsistent. Any classes that have not moved in the same direction as others will be mathematically adjusted and those particular classes would receive property value changes. If your property has a change in value, you will be notified by the Listers.

% CHANGE IN EDUCATION EQUALIZATION PROPERTY VALUES BY COUNTY (2020-2021)

This year, all counties showed an increase in equalized education property value.

Lamoille	10.5%	1
Windsor	7.9%	2
Bennington	7.9%	3
Washington	7.8%	4
Grand Isle	7.6%	5

If you have any questions, please reach out to listers@vermontel.net.

Sincerely,

Leo Salazar, Chair
Frances Salazar

2021 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

Tree Services

Ted Knox Tree Service completed some much-needed tree work in 2019, at a cost of \$7,500.
Heald Cemetery - \$3,900 & East Hill Cemetery - \$3,600

Middletown Cemetery had tree work done in the summer of 2021 at a cost of \$2,400. Additional work has been scheduled for 2022 at a cost of \$800.

The entrance from Weston-Andover Road into Middletown Cemetery is unsafe. A tentative agreement has been made to address & correct this situation this coming summer.

Cemetery Mowing

For all three cemeteries, between 7/1/2020 & 6/30/2021, the cost of mowing was \$1,890. We appreciate the work done by Hart's All-Season Maintenance.

Current Monies for 2022

The current budget allotment of \$3,000, minus \$800 for the remaining tree work in the Middletown Cemetery, and approximately \$1,890 for fiscal year's mowing leaves \$310 for miscellaneous costs.

Spring Cemetery Clean-Up

Anticipating that the number of Green-Up Day volunteers will continue to dwindle, it may become difficult to count on them for cemetery clean-up. We would like to consider hiring Hart's to take over this responsibility and are awaiting their bid for this work. The figures will be provided at Town Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hank Mauti 2022
Nicholas Baker 2023
Robert Hale 2024

CEMETERY FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020	\$57.79
Receipts: Bank Interest	3.52
Donation (McKinley family)	100.00
Plot Income	400.00
Town of Andover	<u>3,000.00</u>
Disbursements: Mowing/Maintenance	1,890.00
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021	\$1,671.31

VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN THE TOWN OF ANDOVER July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Births	Deaths	Burials	Marriages
2	7	5	4

2021 ANDOVER PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORT

Green-Up Day
Saturday, May 1, 2021

On May 1st and on the days leading up to Green-Up Day the Andover community rallied to clean up litter revealed after the snow melted. Not only did the more than 55 volunteers clean Andover's roadsides, but they also spruced up the cemeteries. Thank you volunteers for making a big difference!

In 2021, Andover was one of five Vermont towns participating in the inaugural Green-Up day mentor program. Andover resident and student Ian Bernier assisted with road assignments, handing out bags, and t-shirt sales.

I am proud of the number of people who volunteered and the amount of work they accomplished.

Submitted by,

Deb Moser Green-Up Day Coordinator

A Reminder: we have a nice selection of Andover logo hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts & canvas bags available for purchase at the Town Office and a portion of the proceeds helps support the Andover Scholarship Fund.

ANDOVER PROJECT COMMITTEE FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020	\$8,998.35
Receipts: Bank Interest	14.17
Merchandise Sales	<u>1,710.00</u>
Disbursements: Logo Item Purchases	1,524.00
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021	\$9,198.52

2021 ANDOVER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2021, the Andover Scholarship Fund awarded one scholarship to a deserving high school graduate who is pursuing training in hair design and cosmetology. 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 generous donations from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, and the Andover Community Fund, the Andover Scholarship Fund was able to meet its bi-annual fundraising goal without sending out a general appeal. We are deeply grateful to these generous donors. We welcome contributions to the fund at any time.

If you know of an Andover resident who is graduating high school in 2022, please encourage them to apply for this scholarship. 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

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020	\$7,708.74
Receipts: Bank Interest	17.90
Donations	<u>7,035.00</u>
Disbursements: Scholarship	1,000.00
501c3 application fee	275.00
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021	\$13,486.64

2021 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 2021, the Fund made grants totaling \$17,800.00 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 34 years, the Fund has distributed more than \$309,781.48 to Andover residents in need.

The endowment had a year-end value (unaudited) of \$1,054,321.76. 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 fund-raiser. The 2021 solicitation successfully raised \$12,530.00, with contributions from 89 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 2022

Diane Parker, Director 2023

Heather Keith, Director 2024

Christopher Plumb, Director-Select Board Chair

2021 PIONEER MEMORIAL SOCIETY/CLARK WARNER HAZELTINE MEMORIAL FUND REPORT

As a result of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, there was only one visit from descendants of the early families. We were visited by a descendent (and her husband), from New York State of Phineas Parker (1756-1821) and Elizabeth (Swan) Parker (1759-1840), through their son Jonas Parker (1794-1873), who married Hannah Breed (1795-1854) and moved to Coxsackie, Green Co., N.Y. We met at Middletown Cemetery, and I showed them the Parker and Carleton plots, explaining who the various family members were. The Phineas Parker farm was located on North Hill, the cellar hole is still visible, and they were thrilled to see the site, where the house once stood. After Phineas Parker's death his widow lived in the former John Dodge house, more recently known as Dorothy Clair's house on the Weston-Andover Rd., opposite North Hill.

An in-depth research project has been undertaken on the family of John Andrews (1766-1818) and Rebecca (Webber) Andrews (1772-1862). Though John's estate was first probated in 1818, it was not settled until after Rebecca's death over forty years later. Rebecca's estate includes the cost of their gravestones in Middletown Cemetery and proves John's stone is not the original, but a replacement from the 1860s, as the "other stone formerly set to his grave being very small, and much worn." The Andrews Farm was located on Howard Hill.

We were contacted by a descendant in Springfield of Eugene Ralph Wiggins (1885-1953), son of Henry F. Wiggins (1848-1914) and his second wife Georgianna (Forbes) Wiggins (1853-1914), about the location of the Wiggins graves in Simonsville Cemetery. E.R. Wiggins ran a building supply business in Chester and Springfield. There are two Wiggins' plots in the cemetery. The first contains Henry's father Cutter Franklin Wiggins (1823-1905) and several of Cutter's children that died young. The second plot contains Henry and his family. The Wiggins family moved around considerably, living in Lebanon, N.H., Woodstock, Springfield, Cavendish, Londonderry, Windham and Andover. The Wiggins place in Andover was located on Howard Hill, and was the site of the notorious double murder on November 4, 1914 of Henry and Georgianna, by their son-in-law George Warner. Warner was the first person electrocuted in Vermont in 1919. The cellar hole is located on the current Cowles property.

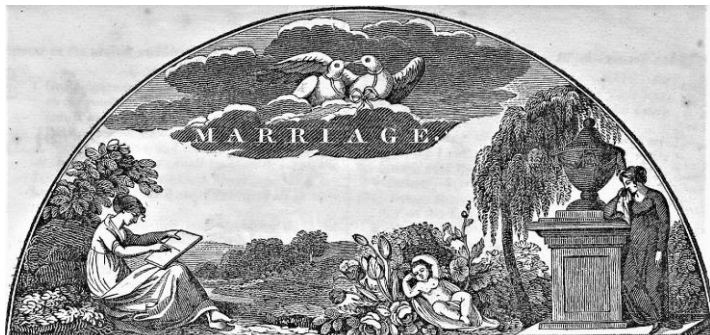
Thank you to Peter Farrar for the Butterfield family papers that came into his possession. These include several original deeds and other items of historical importance pertaining to the family. Thank you to Alice (Hazeltnine) Lindquist for the Samuel Warner Bible. It contains a wealth of information on the Warner and Hazeltnine families, and includes the birth of former town clerk John Warner Hazeltnine (1848-1926). The leather-bound Bible with Warner's name on the front cover, which is "Embellished with Plates," was published in "Brattleborough [sic]: printed for John Holbrook, 1816, Collins' Correct Stereotype copy," was one of the more elaborate editions that you could buy at the time. The image below is from the Warner Bible.

Due to increasing bank fees the fund was moved from Peoples United Bank to TD Bank; it will now earn interest. Flags were placed on Veterans' graves prior to Memorial Day and removed by Veterans' Day.

Respectfully submitted, Jonathan W. Stevens

TRUSTEES: Jeanette H. Haight (-2022)
Peter T. Farrar (-2023)
Jonathan W. Stevens (-2024)

CURATORS: Elizabeth W. Stevens
Jonathan W. Stevens



DOG LICENSES

State law requires all dogs to be licensed when they attain the age of 6 months. Owners renewing licenses and licensing wolf-hybrids must do so **ON** or **BEFORE** April 1st of each year.

A total of 94 dogs were licensed between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 which accounted for \$440.00 in revenue for the town.

Fees are: \$ 4.00 each neutered dog or wolf hybrid
 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 or wolf hybrid
 1.00 each license for the State Rabies Program
 4.00 each license for the State Spay/Neuter Program
 \$13.00 TOTAL

AFTER April 1st 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 documentation of rabies vaccination and neutering or spaying certificate when renewing or applying for a new license. These must be signed by a certified, licensed veterinarian. We **CANNOT** issue a license without this proof.

2021 ANDOVER TOWN FIRE WARDEN REPORT

There were 45 burn permits issued between March & December of 2021.

Please contact me at andovervtfirewarden@gmail.com to obtain a burn permit and remember to call the fire dispatch number, 802-875-3200, every time you obtain a permit. 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

Section IV

***GENERAL
INFORMATION***

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, 550 Weston-Andover Road, 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 10th day of October, 1988.

Signed by: Alan E. Plumb, Sheila W. Plumb, Arnold C. Wilson, Randall C. Burns, & David S. Hume, Andover Board of Selectmen.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

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 26th day of July, 2021.

TOWING ORDINANCE

Enacted and ordained by the Selectmen of Andover, Vermont this 3rd 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 25th day of March, 1980.

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.

UNDER ROAD UTILITY LINE ORDINANCE

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

“Excavation of any roadway in the Town of Andover for the purpose of installing underground utility lines may be done only by permit issued by the Town of Andover.

Once a permit is issued, written notice must be given to the town and a fee paid at least 15 days prior to the commencement of work. The notice must specify the date and time of the proposed work. All work must be witnessed by a town official or someone designated by the town to be an observer.

All buried utility lines must be enclosed in PVC Schedule 40 (or equivalent) conduit at a depth that is a minimum of 4ft. below the level of the lowest drainage ditch. (For example, if the bottom of the lowest drainage ditch on the roadside is 2 ft. below the road surface, the utility line will be buried 6 ft. below the road surface).

A minimum of 6” of sand must be placed above, below and on both sides of the conduit. In addition, replacement of the fill and road surface must follow the specifications as outlined in the Andover Highway Ordinance.

A yellow warning tape shall be buried above the conduit at a depth of 2 ft. below the road surface.

The conduit must extend a minimum of 15 ft. on either side of the roadway before surfacing vertically to an above ground weatherproof junction box. Any junction boxes located within town right-of-way land must be identified by an 8ft. steel pole with the top 2 ft. painted orange. The conduits may also surface at an existing utility pole as an alternative. In such cases, a steel marker pole is not required.

All work must be done so as not to impede the flow of traffic. If there is no reasonable alternate route as determined by the town authorized observer, one lane must remain open. Flagmen shall be utilized as necessary at the discretion of the town authorized observer”.

ARTICLES IV & V, ANDOVER ZONING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE IV: MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR R-1 DISTRICT

No Building or premises permitted in Articles V and VI shall be used and no building shall be erected except in conformity with the following requirements:

Section 410. LOT SIZE AND FRONTAGE

A lot shall be at least two acres in area with a minimum of 200 feet frontage on a maintained road or comply with the requirements of Section 370, above.

Section 420. BUILDING SIZE

No building shall be more than 30 feet high from finished grade. The total area of all buildings on a lot shall not exceed 5% of the lot size.

Section 430. SETBACKS

A building shall be placed on a lot at least 75 feet from the road center line and 30 feet from any property line.

Section 440. PARKING FACILITIES

In the case of a professional or personal business office or studio, off-street parking/loading facilities of 900 square feet for every five persons of total planned capacity are required.

Section 450. CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Any construction or use approved under a Zoning Permit will also require a Certificate of Occupancy, issued by the Administrative Officer, prior to its use. A fee for such certificate may be established by the legislative body.

Article V: PERMITTED USES FOR R-1 DISTRICT

The following permitted uses, and none other, are allowed in the R-1 District:

1. Single family and two-family dwellings
2. Farms, including sugar houses
3. Home Occupation
4. Accessory buildings incidental to the permitted use.
5. Accessory Dwelling units, not requiring conditional use approval
6. Family Child Care Home
7. Residential Care and Group Home (not more than 8 persons – See Section 320)

Just FYI:

If you plan to build anything, you need to obtain a building permit from the Andover Town Clerk's office, (802) 875-2765, email: clerk@vermontel.net. To build a dwelling you need the following in this order:

1. A driveway permit - available at the Town Clerk's office, approved by the Andover Road Foreman
2. A wastewater permit - this is done through the State of Vermont Dept. of Conservation, they have an office in Springfield.
3. 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.

Need to burn brush? You need a burn permit from our Forest Fire Warden, Gene Pategas, (802)230-7470, email: 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 1st. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required. Licenses are available at the Town Office.

Questions about your property value? Call our Listers, (802) 875-4373, email: listers@vermontel.net.

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 and 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 OF ANDOVER
POLICY FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines so that all delinquent taxpayers will be treated fairly and will know what to expect concerning procedure for collecting delinquent taxes.

1. As soon as the warrant has been received, and each month thereafter, the tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer indicating the amount of taxes, penalty and interest owed.
2. Only payment arrangements that will pay the bill in full before the due date of next year's bill will be accepted.
3. Mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the delinquent taxes 30 days after the first notice has been sent to the taxpayer and again prior to tax sale.
4. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest and 8% penalty portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be applied to the principal.
5. If the amount due is less than \$500.00 and no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month from the date of the first notice, or if the prior payment agreement has not been met, the tax collector will file a complaint in small claims court.
6. If the amount due is \$500.00 or more and no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month from the date of the first notice, or if the prior payment agreement has not been met, the tax collector will begin the following actions to conduct a tax sale of the property or as much of the property as is necessary to pay the tax, plus all costs and fees:
 - A. The collector will notify the taxpayer and all mortgage and lien holders of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the costs to expect once the sale process begins.
 - B. If the deadline date has passed and full payment has not been received, the collector will proceed with a tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A. § 5252.
 - C. Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
7. Each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. § 1535.
8. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or, if in the judgment of the tax collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the tax collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the methods permitted by law.

Jeanette H. Haight
Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Town of Andover

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

Section V

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

Services Available to Andover Residents

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) 885-2083 Springfield, Vermont

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 serves as a 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.

2021 REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The Chester Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2021:

Structure Fires Chester	3
Structure Fires Andover	0
Structure Fires Mutual Aid	8
Rekindle Fires	0
Room/Contents Fires	0
Building Electrical Fires	0
Chimney Fires	5
Vehicle Fires	2
Appliance Fires	2
Oven Fires	2
Oil/Wood/LP Burner Fires	0
Trash/Rubbish Fires	0
Dumpster Fires	0
Gas Grill Fires	1
Illegal Fires	2
Forest/Brush/Grass Fires	6
Brush/Grass Fires Mutual Aid	0
Water Leak Hazards	0
Motor Vehicle Crashes	41
Motor Vehicle Crashes/Extrication	3
Low/High Angle Rescues	0
Swift Water/Flooding/Ice Rescues	1
Snow/ATV Woods Rescue/Recovery	0

Landing Zones (DHART)	3
Missing/Lost Person	1
Public Services	9
Fireworks Detail	1
Fire Safety Education	0
Storm Crews	2
Road Hazards	0
Power Lines down	15
Power Transformer Fires	2
Electrical Hazard-Res/Comm	2
Assist CPD/VSP	3
Medical Assist	61
Cover Assignment/Mutual Aid	1
Smoke Alarms	3
Fire Alarms	46
Smoke Investigations	4
Odor Investigations	4
(LP) Propane Leaks	4
Carbon Monoxide Calls	9
Smoke in Building	1
Hazmat Incidents	1
Bomb Threat	0
Active Shooter	0
Total Calls	248

Chester Fire Department's call volume greatly increased this year. We normally average around 180 calls per year. Our regular Fire call volume increased by about 9%. On top of this Chester Fire Department started assisting Chester Ambulance in July adding an additional 61 calls that Chester Firefighters responded to. This is a total increase of approximately 37%. We expect to see an even greater increase in 2022 as regular Fire Calls continue to rise and adding a full year of assisting Chester Ambulance.

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.

In the end of August, we got to move into our new station thanks to the tax payers of Chester. This has been an amazing accomplishment and completely changes our day-to-day operations, training, response to calls and greatly increases morale. As an example of day-to-day operations, we recently had a structure fire in Chester.

When we have a fire within Chester or Andover what most people don't realize is even after the fire is over firefighters still have hours of getting all the equipment back in service and cleaned once we return to the station. In our old station we could only complete one task at a time because the station was so small. After the recent fire we were able to have 4 different tasks going at once and all equipment was back in service within an hour. This improvement is so important for multiple reasons such as being ready sooner to respond to the next call and also getting our men and women back home after working a fire for the last 6 hours or so.



**Chester Firefighters
Tech Rescue Training**

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 almost all the contents of the Fire Side of the new Emergency Service Building and also paid for the air conditioning on both the Fire and Ambulance sides of the building. 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.

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, Daniel Lamson, Kimberly Hains, Madison Wilson, Chad Carey Jr, Taylor Wilson, Bruce Savery, and Laurie Vertefeuille. 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 and Andover. Your support is always appreciated. Your support every year in our fundraising efforts and other community outreach programs is overwhelming.



**Chester Firefighters
SCBA & Ladder Training**

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew S. Wilson
Chester Fire Chief

2021 WHITING LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

In 2021, Whiting Library worked to uphold our mission to provide and promote public access to a broad range of resources and experiences that inspire imagination, curiosity, awareness, and life-long learning in a welcoming and inclusive environment. We rearranged our open hours this year to Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 6pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. We were open for 203 days of 2021. For the first half of the year, while Vermont government restrictions limited access to the physical building, the library offered front porch pick up, virtual programming, digital resources, and outdoor Wi-Fi. Once restrictions were lifted, the library has been open to in-person patrons since June 15th, 2021.

This year, Whiting Library celebrated Black History Month, Women's History Month, Citizen Science Month, National Library Week, LGBTQ+ Pride Month, and Native American Heritage Month. We were also the site of two informational meetings of the Chester-Andover 100% Campaign to get food and fuel assistance information to everyone in town. Whiting Library is now an official Green Up Day bag distribution site and hosts the seed library of the Mountain Valley Climate Action group for the free exchange of vegetable seeds. The Whiting Library Book Club met each month of 2021, reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, new releases and classics. All are welcome to join any month!

Carrie King, Youth Services Librarian, offered a plethora of fun and educational programs for youth. Weekly Storytime is held each Friday morning at 11am and monthly at the pre-school. There is a book club for middle graders and a monthly writer's workshop for teens. Carrie created tons of take-and-make crafts for the Zoom Arts & Crafts Club and since reopening, crafting continues with in-person demonstrations. The Dragon Egg Hunt this fall led kids on an adventure at the Pinnacle recreation area to find a magical dragon nest. This year, 70 children signed up for the Summer Reading Program, and over 100 came to The Nature Museum environmental education programs that took place over seven weeks in the library backyard. Our patron with the most books checked out from the library during 2021 is from Andover!

The library was awarded a number of grants in 2021, thanks to our hardworking staff. The library received grants from the Vermont Department of Libraries (VTLIB) for the interlibrary loan service, supplies for the Summer Reading Program, and for the purchase of three new Chromebooks that can be checked out by patrons. The library also received ARPA funding through VTLIB to buy an upgraded Wi-Fi system, two new public access desktop computers, outdoor furniture for programming, indoor furniture for the reading room, and charging devices for the library's lendable portable computers.

This year the library began the process of creating a new strategic plan, facilitated by grant funding from the American Library Association and Association of Small and Rural Libraries. A survey went out to every mailbox in Andover and two community meetings were held. The new strategic plan will be finalized and made publicly available in 2022. Once again, thank you to the Andover community members who participated in this effort by filling out the survey or coming to the meetings. If you would like to stay informed about library activities, programs, and initiatives, sign up for our monthly email newsletter, visit our website www.whitinglibrary.org, or you can like us on Facebook or Instagram. Whiting Library cards are free for all Andover residents. We had 11 new Andover residents sign up for cards in 2021! Come join us!

Respectfully Submitted by
Deirdre Doran, Whiting Library Director
Robert Nied, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Whiting Library



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Green Up Day
May 7, 2022



Green Up Day on May 1, 2021 was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

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.

Along with Green Up Day, we work year-round to 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.

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2021 HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES OF SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT (HCRS)

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) provides a range of services for residents of your community. In the year ending June 30, 2021, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community-based services to 4,646 people in Windsor and Windham counties. These services included:

Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services: HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. These services include assessment of need, treatment, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

Children, Youth, and Families Program: We provide a comprehensive system of care for youth of all ages who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, and employment assistance for older youth.

Kindle Farm School: Our alternative school in Newfane serves boys in grades 2 – 12, who are unable to remain in a traditional classroom setting. Kindle Farm uses a unique approach of strong relationships, a low student to staff ratio, and hands-on learning experiences to engage these students, many of whom are able to return to their sending schools after learning new skills.

Developmental Services (DS): The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person served receives an individualized program to meet their unique needs.

Residential Services: HCRS offers residential care including short term crisis stabilization, intensive residential care, and therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals an appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs.

Emergency Services: This team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially-trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Andover for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

2021 MOUNT ASCUTNEY REGIONAL COMMISSION (MARC)

In 2021, the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission changed its name to Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC). The 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 FY21, the dues from member towns contributed about 2% of the MARC's annual budget of \$1,561,762. The town dues assessment of \$584 was determined on a \$1.25 per person based upon 2010 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 FY21, the MARC assisted the Town of Andover in updating their Local Emergency Operations Plan; provided emergency management planning assistance; assisted obtaining funds for Hilltop Road drainage improvements, provided technical assistance with zoning enforcement, and provided information and technical assistance related to the American Rescue Plan Act and COVID-19 issues.

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, or look us up on Facebook.

Jason Rasmussen, AICP
Executive Director

2021 SENIOR SOLUTIONS

Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc.) promotes the well-being and dignity of older adults in our region. 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 6/30/2021: Information & Assistance (26 calls or office visits), Medicare assistance (8 calls/visits), Caregiver support, Grant Assistance, In-home Case Management/support (7 clients received 11.75 hours of service), and/or meals provided in collaboration with Meals on Wheels of Greater Springfield and other meal sites in our region.

We financially support local meal providers by distributing federal and state funds to them which help them operate senior meal programs. 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 that the town might give to 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 or call 1(866)673-8376. *Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director*

2021 COMMUNITY CARES NETWORK OF CHESTER/ANDOVER, INC.

Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc., has been able to continue to serve the senior citizens of our community. We have been able to adjust to the on-going guidelines put in place the by state and by health officials.

Community Cares has had to find creative ways to help the senior citizens during this time of the pandemic to keep our clients and volunteers safe. We have been able to keep in touch with our clients during this time, also helping them get to appointments and pharmacies, and shopping, as well as other errands.

Taking precautions and being creative, we were able to have two successful fund raisers: a take-out dinner in the spring and an apple pie sale in the fall. In December we were able to help with the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner by taking reservations for the meal.

Community Cares has been working with other organizations to see how we can best serve seniors and their families.

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

2021 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 costs 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, 2020 and June 30, 2021 VNH made 130 homecare visits to 14 residents. This included approximately \$12,155 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 130 home visits to 14 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.

Over the past year this has included many telehealth visits for which we did not receive reimbursement. 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,



Hilary Davis, Director External Relations and Service Excellence (1-888-300-8853)

2021 JUST NEIGHBORS



Just Neighbors is a 501(c)(3) all volunteer organization dedicated to assisting our neighbors in crisis by ensuring that individuals have basic life necessities. We support individuals, families and seniors in meeting their housing, transportation, safety, health and security needs.

This includes the following services:

- Firewood – provided in partnership with Burr & Burton’s Mountain campus, delivered by our volunteers
- Emergency funds - provided for housing, fuel assistance, etc. and are in the form of grants
- Transportation – financial support for The Mountain Town Connector van
- Other specific community needs – such as warm winter outdoor clothing for children in need

The service area includes the towns of Andover, Bondville, Landgrove, Londonderry, South Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham and Winhall.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our fellow board members, our volunteers and all the “friends of Just Neighbors” for their contributions to our communities!

Just Neighbors

P.O. Box 172, Weston, VT 05161

Help line: 1-802-787-1225

2021 WINDSOR COUNTY NEWS

A Preliminary County Budget meeting was held at the Windsor County Building on December 15, 2021, and the Final Budget meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2022. The 2022/23 budget includes an amount of \$468,504 to be raised by countywide property taxes. The tax rate for 2022/23 is set at 0.00482786 per \$100 of valuation.

Pursuant to Title 24, § 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1, 2022 requiring tax to be paid in two equal installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2022.

Construction Bond Repayment

The Windsor County Courthouse rehabilitation was completed in 2014. We are currently in the 8th year of repayment of this 10 year bond. A rate of 0.002046 is assessed to collect the total 2022 bond repayment of \$214,302. As with the county tax, towns may submit this bond repayment in two payments, on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2022.

The courthouse renovation has proven to be both timely and invaluable to the 24 Towns in Windsor County. Our courthouse is one of only two in the State that has an approved HVAC system for air quality control, making it a safe for environment for Jury Trials to be held in our Historic Building.

Notable Activities in the Past Year

Windsor County has seen several changes this year, the most notable of which is that there is a new Windsor County Assistant Judge. Michael Ricci of Woodstock was appointed by Governor Scott to fill the vacancy left when Assistant Judge Jack Anderson retired earlier this fall. Assistant Judge Ricci, a valued community member for nearly 40 years is enthusiastic about his appointment and looking forward to serving the people of Windsor County alongside of Judge Ellen Terie. We thank Judge Anderson who had served the County for ten years, and was instrumental in the renovation of the Woodstock Courthouse.

Currently the Courthouse is closed to the public because of Covid restrictions, however it is hoped that it will soon be open again. We are grateful to the County Staff for keeping the building in tip-top shape during these uncertain times. The fact that the building has been closed has not slowed down the Judiciary; Court hearings are being held remotely via WebEx.

The County Building, located on Pleasant Street, which houses the Sheriff's Office, and the office of the Windsor County Clerk, has a new roof too. This building is open to the public, albeit on limited hours. We are all looking forward to being fully open again soon. If anyone needs to contact the Clerk to file a will, or for any other County business, Pepper Tepperman can be reached at: 1-802 457-5222.

2021 LOCAL HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT



State of Vermont
Department of Health
Springfield Local Health Office
100 Mineral St, Suite 104
Springfield, VT 05156

[phone] 802-289-0600
[toll free] 888-296-8151
HealthVermont.gov

Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.



Chester-Andover Family Center

Our Mission: *The Chester -Andover Family Center makes a difference in our community by providing resources for financial assistance, supplemental nutritional food, affordable clothing and household goods.*

P. O. Box 302
908 VT Route 103 South
Chester, VT 05143

Telephone: (802) 875-3236
Email: cafc302@gmail.com
Website: www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org

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- **History:** The Family Center has been providing relief from hunger and financial stress for the most vulnerable residents of Chester and Andover for thirty-two years. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers.
- **Partners:** Neighborhood Connections offers our financial assistance recipients counseling, assistance with budgeting, and referral to other sources of assistance. We also partner with the Vermont Foodbank, Healthy Harvest Network, Hunger Council of the Windham Region, Chester Helping Hands and other hunger relief and service organizations.
- **Thrift Shop:** We provide affordable, quality clothing, small housewares and linens. Thrift Shop income supports the Food Shelf, our Financial Assistance Program and operating expenses.
- **Food Shelf:** Over one hundred fifty households are enrolled to receive nutritious, supplemental food. Food is purchased from the Vermont Foodbank, area grocery stores, and local growers. Individuals and organizations donate money, shelf-stable food and fresh produce.
- **Financial Assistance Program:** The Family Center provides financial assistance for utilities, heating fuel, rent and transportation (gas cards).
- **Gratitude:** The Chester-Andover Board of Directors acknowledges and thanks our donors, the community and our volunteers who donate resources and time in support of our mission.

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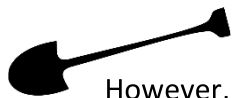
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The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Andover's representative is Joe Fromberger; the alternate position is vacant.

All food scraps were banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020. The Springfield Transfer Station accepts food scraps for free (including meat and bones) from people with an access permit.



To facilitate backyard composting, the District sold composters and food scrap pails.

However, for the second year in a row, the District did not host spring backyard composting workshops because of the COVID pandemic. Many educational resources are available on the District's website.



Five hundred and seventy-five people brought household hazardous waste (HHW) to the District's two collections in 2021, including Andover residents. The District has been working on permitting and constructing a permanent HHW facility in Springfield which will tentatively open in May 2022. The unheated site will be located at the Alva Waste transfer station and will be open for 5 or 6 months annually, 8-10 hours a week. HHW drop-off will be by appointment for the first year.



Several retailers accept unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware or Sherwin-Williams in Springfield, or LaValley's or 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 facility). Find out what happens to the paint at 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 are "special recycling" and do NOT go in with other recycling. Bring them to the Springfield Transfer Station, or to the Town Office which has a collection bucket.



Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Kennedy
District Manager

Mary T. O'Brien
Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett
Outreach Coordinator

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION (SEVCA)

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty*. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar program.

In the community of Andover, we provided the following services during FY2021:

Weatherization: 1 home (1 person) was weatherized at a cost of \$15,531

Micro-Business Development: 1 household (2 people) received counseling, technical assistance & support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$1,687

Family Services: 1 household (2 people) received 1 service, valued at \$56 (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Solar Energy Assistance: 1 home (2 people) received \$345 in energy credits on their electric bill to reduce their energy burden

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Andover for their continued support.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director

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Town of Andover
Attn: Town Clerk/Select Board
953 Weston-Andover Road 05143

Re: Appropriation Request for 2021

Dear Select Board:

Neighborhood Connections, Inc. is a community-based nonprofit serving nine towns in southern Vermont, including Andover. Our mission is to promote the health and well-being of the people of Southern Vermont's mountain towns through advocacy, education, and social services.

A unique characteristic of our organization is that we impose no barriers on individuals looking for help. Many of our clients are denied services elsewhere because they don't meet the specific criteria. We are committed to eliminating obstacles so everyone – regardless of age, disability, or income level - can experience a better quality of life.

We have provided over 3000 case management services year to date. The most accessed service categories include *food security, wellness and safety monitoring, emergency housing, advocacy, and mental health*. To continue providing support for our friends and neighbors, we request \$750 from the Town of Andover for our general operating budget. We are asking for the same dollar amount that we received last year while the breadth of our services increases.

We hope you will continue to provide us with the financial support we need to continue offering Andover residents access to case management, community programming, and our brand-new transportation program.

With sincerest gratitude,

Nicole Wengerd, PhD

ATTENTION

The polls will be open on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022** at the Andover Town Hall from 8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. for the Australian Ballot vote for the GMUSD and River Valley Tech Center budgets & all Andover Town Meeting articles. If you are interested in volunteering as an Election Worker, please call the Town Office, 875-2765.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Any person who is a citizen of the United States, is 18 years of age or more on election day, is a resident of the State of Vermont, and has taken the Freeman's Oath in the form provided in the Constitution shall have the right to vote in any election for all the officers of the Town, County and District in which s/he resides, and for all state and national officers; and shall be entitled to vote on all the issues which are decided in the Town, County, District and State of his/her residence. No person shall be disqualified as a voter for failure to pay tax. Go to <https://mvp.vermont.gov> to register to vote and/or request absentee ballots.

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