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THE FELTT FAMILY OF ANDOVER

(part two)

by Jonathan W. Stevens

Abner Feltt "Sr.," died in Andover, on February 26, 1832, and subsequently Abner Feltt "Jr." returned from Chester to live on the farm on East Hill, Lot 12 in the 3rd Range, that his father had purchased in 1787. In this article, he will be referred to as Abner Feltt and his son, though technically Abner Feltt III, will be referred as Abner Feltt Jr., to reflect the usage in the records of the time. Abner Feltt married Hannah French in Grafton, in July 1814. Hannah, daughter of David and Hannah (Butterfield) French, born Jaffrey, N.H., in 1784 and died in Chester, on March 2, 1831 at 47 years and was buried in Brookside Cemetery in Chester. The children of Abner and Hannah (French) Feltt were: i. Hannah Feltt, born in Andover, on June 27, 1816. Hannah married Ashby Morgan, son of Jacob and Sarah (Nurse) Morgan of Andover on February 14, 1839, and they moved to Peru, N.Y. ii. Abner Feltt Jr., born in Andover, on January 1, 1818. iii. Sophia Feltt, born in Andover in 1821 and died in Buffalo, N.Y., on October 23, 1889, unmarried, iv. Mary Feltt, born in Andover, on December 22, 1823 and died in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on May 20, 1867 and was buried in Necropolis Cemetery in Toronto. She married William Henry Dunsbaugh in Troy, N.Y., on January 27, 1851. Dunsbaugh was a chemist. v. William Feltt, died Chester, on November 27, 1825, and was buried in Brookside Cemetery. vi. William Frank Feltt, born in Chester, on September 28, 1829. After the death of his first wife Abner Feltt married her younger sister Bridget French in Chester, on April 26, 1832. Bridget, was born in Grafton, in 1795 and died in Andover, on May 1, 1854 and was buried in Brookside Cemetery. The children of Abner and Bridget (French) Feltt were: vii. Andrew Augustus Feltt, born in Andover, on May 17, 1833 and died Andover, on September 3, 1862, of typhoid fever and was in Brookside Cemetery. His death record lists his occupation as a "speculator" and his probate records give some indication of this. On December 15, 1862, Mason C. Richardson of Chester and Henry Heald of Andover were appointed a committee to appraise the personal property as presented to them by Abner Feltt and William F. Feltt. The inventory dated January 8, 1863, consisted of ½ of "an undivided pottery house in the town of Grafton, Vt.," \$20, 25 pottery boxes in the above house \$12.50, one horse \$110, one "waggon" \$90, one silver plated harness \$28, one old harness \$8, one "buffalow" robe \$7, one wool robe \$4, ½ of one undivided sleigh \$7, Lot of undivided wool in Boston, Mass. estimated at 9,000lbs 63½ cents per lb \$5,715.00. The estate totaled at \$6,001.50 viii. Caroline A. Feltt, born in Andover, on January 28, 1835 and died in Andover, on November 24, 1852 and was buried in Brookside Cemetery. ix. Ellen Francis Feltt, born in Andover, on January 30, 1836 and died in Andover, on August 1, 1856, and was buried in Brookside Cemetery.

On November 19, 1838, Abner Feltt mortgaged Lot 12 in the 3rd Range to Dr. Abram Lowell of Chester for \$300, which was discharged April 16, 1844 and at that time he remortgaged the property to Dr. Lowell for \$609.36 on the same day. On March 30, 1863, Abner Feltt sold Lot 12 in the 3rd Range to his son William Frank Feltt. William F. had married Celinda Jane Derby in Andover, on September 1, 1859, by Rev. William S. Balch. Celinda, daughter of Nathan and Betsey (Balch) Derby, born in Andover, on November 3, 1835. William F. and Celinda had a daughter Ella Louise Feltt, born in Andover, on August 13, 1861. At the same time William and Celinda entered into a maintenance agreement with Abner "to give him a good comfortable support and maintenance during his natural life and furnish him at all times with good board, house room, doctoring and nursing according to his age and condition and to keep a horse for his own use, while he is able to use the same, and ten sheep for his own use and to let the lambs of said sheep run with sheep during the summer and fall, And I agree to give my sister Sophia Feltt a home while she lives single. At the decease of my said father I agree to give him a good common burial and erect a gravestone at his grave." Abner Feltt died in Andover, on March 24, 1871, at 85 years and 5 months of "old age" and was buried in Heald Cemetery, even though both his wives, and the children that had died young, were buried in Chester. On June 19, 1871, William F. Feltt acting as principal and Abner Feltt Jr. as surety posted a \$1,000 bond; William F. Feltt was appointed the administrator of his father's estate.

Hamilton Child, ed., *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Windsor County, Vt., for 1883-84*, listed William F. Feltt as a farmer, with a sugar orchard of 1,000 trees. Ella L. Feltt was listed as a "teacher, who boards with William F. Feltt." William F. Feltt died in Andover, on April 8, 1887 at 58 years, 6 months and 10 days of apoplexy and was buried in Heald Cemetery. On April 25, 1887, Celinda and Ella posted a \$4,000 bond to the probate court and Celinda was appointed the administratrix of the estate. At this time James H. Heald and Charles M. Gutterson were appointed commissioners to "to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of persons against the estate," the notice of which was posted at the Andover Post Office, the Chester Post Office, the Simonsville Post Office and as "the Steam saw mill at Simonsville," and by publishing the same, three weeks successively in the *Vermont Tribune* printed at Ludlow. In the August 9, 1888 issue of *The Londonderry Sifter* "Mrs. C.J. Feltt and daughter, Ella, left last week for Galesburg, Illinois, where Miss Ella is

engaged as a teacher." On July 8, 1890, Celinda J. Feltt and Ella L. Feltt entered into articles of agreement with George Cheney of Plymouth for \$2,200; once \$1,000 was received, a deed would be issued. In addition to the real estate, the agreement also included the personal property consisting of: "all the sugar tools consisting of bucket storage, sap and sugar pans and everything connected therewith, one mowing machine, one ox cart, one farm wagon, one express wagon, one buggy wagon and one sleigh." On October 18, 1890, Celinda and Ella deeded the farm to George Cheney of Plymouth, described as "bounded on the north by the Benjamin Austin farm, east by land of William W. Pettengill, south by land of James H. Heald and west by land of Mark B. Hewitt and are the same premises that which were owned by Wm. F. Feltt and occupied by him as a homestead at the time of his decease." They did come back and visit as the Andover column in the July 19, 1895 issue of *The Londonderry Sifter* mentioned that "Mrs. Celinda Feltt and Miss Ellen [sic] of Galesburg, Ill., are expected in town soon." Celinda died in Galesburg, on October 7, 1902 and Ella died there on February 23, 1942, both were interred with William F. Feltt in Heald Cemetery.

Abner Feltt Jr. married Caroline Augusta Eaton in Cavendish, on August 25, 1842. Caroline, daughter of Joseph and Betsey (Wellington) Eaton, was born in Ludlow, on August 17, 1824. After their marriage they left Vermont and moved to Plattsburg, N.Y., where their eldest child was born. The children of Abner and Caroline (Eaton) Feltt were: i. William Adelbert Feltt, born in Plattsburg, N.Y., on October 31, 1844 and died in Chester, on February 18, 1918 and was buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. He married Emma Jane Gutterson in Chester, on December 27, 1871. Emma, daughter of Alden and Sophia (Hall) Gutterson, was born in Andover, on December 13, 1844 and died in Andover, on November 19, 1874. ii. Frederick Eugene "Fred" Feltt, born in Ludlow, on October 29, 1849 and died in Chester, on January 11, 1919, unmarried, and was buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. iii. Ella C. Feltt, born in Andover, on August 9, 1852 and died in Andover, on March 3, 1853, and is now buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. iv. Carrie Madella Feltt, born in Andover, on November 6, 1859 and died in Chester, on February 28, 1930 and was buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. She married Frank Dexter Martin.

Abner Feltt Jr.'s family returned to Vermont from Plattsburg, N.Y., residing first in Ludlow, but by 1852 they had moved to Andover and were living on the Benjamin Morse place. They subsequently moved to the John Pettengill place on Cobb Rd. On November 20, 1854, Andover's Selectmen: Joseph Dodge, George W. Stickney and Richard Ward discontinued per a petition a pent road "leading from John Pettengill's dwelling house occupied by Abner Feltt Jr. northerly to the intersection with the road leading from the dwelling house of Merrick Butterfield to the school house in School District No. 6 (Puffer). On July 25, 1855, John Pettengill Jr. and Abigail (Puffer) Pettengill sold the property to Abner Feltt Jr., for \$1,000, consisting of two parcels of land, described as the whole of Lot 16 in the 3rd Range, except what was formerly sold of said lot and a part of Lot 17 in the 3rd Range, consisting of about 16 acres, said last described piece described being lease land and was subject to a mortgage of \$510, to William Jarvis of Weathersfield, which was discharged by Jarvis's estate on February 11, 1860. This was the property that John Pettengill Sr. of Andover has sold to John Pettengill Jr. of Ludlow, on June 7, 1845. Abner and Caroline mortgaged the property to Isaac B. Puffer, and after that mortgage was discharged on February 23, 1860 they mortgaged the property to Mason C. Richardson of Chester for \$640. On March 2, 1863, Abner and Caroline sold this property, which was still under the mortgage to Richardson, to Leonard French of Andover for \$1,000.

On March 24, 1863, Thomas M. Merritt and Clementine (Merritt) Hesselton "administrators of the goods, chattels and estate of which were of Sewell Hesselton late of Andover deceased" sold to Abner Feltt Jr. for \$1,600, "the whole of Lot 14 in the 3rd Range, except a small piece owned by Cyrus Bailey, and also about 20 acres located in Lot 13 in the 3rd Range, described as beginning at the southeast corner of the orchard on Lot No. 14, thence south parallel with the east line of said lot fifty rods to a wall running east and west, thence easterly to the east line of said lot parallel with the north line, thence northerly to the northeast corner of said lot, thence westerly on the north line of said lot to the first mentioned bounds." The premises were conveyed with the "consent of said Clementine Hesselton widow of the deceased." At the point of purchase Abner and Caroline mortgaged the property to Clementine for \$800, she subsequently married Rufus Ezra Edson, this mortgage was never discharged. Abner and Caroline took out an additional mortgage for \$800 on the property on April 1, 1863, with Herman Guild of Chester, that would be discharged on February 16, 1872. On March 26, 1866, Cyrus Bailey of Londonderry sold Abner Feltt Jr., "all the land lying southeast of the road belonging to Lot 15 in the 3rd Range of lots in said Andover, also one other piece of land beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 14 in the 3rd Range running southerly on the east line of said lot about 8 rods, thence westerly parallel with the north line of said lot, as far as the highway, both of said pieces containing by estimation about 80 square rods."

On March 28, 1866, DeWitt C. Cram and Sarah (Hutchins) Cram of Andover sold to Abner Feltt Jr. for \$1,000 "part of Lot 11 in the 2nd Range, described as "bounded on the north by lands of Edwin P. Stuart, east by lands of Edwin P. Stuart and Joel C. Pettengill, south by land of Timothy Hesselton and west by land of said Timothy Hesselton." This was the Mansur Mills property on Pettengill Rd., consisting of a saw and gristmill, dwelling house, barn and water privileges, which was sold to Dewitt C. Cram and James B. Cram by Franklin Mansur and Lois (Walker) Mansur on January 27, 1854. James B. Cram sold his undivided half-interest to DeWitt C. Cram on June 3, 1856, and on June 24, 1856, Franklin Mansur sold the Crams the parcel he reserved in 1854, on which "the joiner or carpenters shop now stands, which was deeded to James B. Cram and Martin McIntyre on January 14, 1852." The property was subject to a mortgage from DeWitt C. Cram to Sarah F. Bemis of Chester, on January 16, 1864, for \$500. Sarah F. Bemis subsequently married Jeremiah Rounds and they assigned the mortgage to Otis Robbins of Cavendish, on which was due \$700.

On June 11, 1866, Abner Feltt Jr. was appointed postmaster of the Andover Post Office, taking over for Josiah Wright Hannum, who had been appointed on January 15, 1866. Abner would serve in this position for 31 years until his death. On June 5, 1869, Abner Feltt Jr. and Caroline A. Feltt sold to their son William A. Feltt for \$500 "being an undivided half of all the premises where we now live known as the Mansur Mills and described as follows, being a part of Lot 11 in the 2nd Range and bounded north by land of E.P. Stuart, east by lands of Edwin P. Stuart and James Pettengill, south by land of Timothy Hesselton, west by land of E.P. Stuart being all and the same premises conveyed to me by DeWitt C. Cram and to him from Franklin and Lois Mansur. The business directory for the F.W. Beers, *Atlas of Windsor of Windsor Co., Vermont From Actual Surveys* published in New York in 1869, listed Abner Feltt and William A. Feltt, as manufactures of chair stock and dealers in maple logs for printing and bleaching rollers, also ash, beech, birch, bass, and maple lumber." The map of Andover shows the house and two buildings on Pettengill Rd., with the name "A. & W.A. Feltt" and indicates that it is a carpenter shop, saw mill and chair stock factory. On July 31, 1871, Abner Feltt Jr., Caroline A. Feltt and William A. Feltt mortgaged the property to Mason C. Richardson of Chester, Nathaniel Fullerton of Chester, William F. Feltt of Andover and James H. Williams of Rockingham for \$600. On January 10, 1876, Otis Robbins of Cavendish foreclosed on Mason C. Richardson, James H. Williams, James H. Williams as the administrator of the estate of Nathaniel Fullerton deceased, William A. Feltt, William F. Feltt, Frederick W. Marsh, Philemon H. Robbins, Abner Feltt, Henry H. Ingraham and Caroline A. Feltt on the mortgage that had been assigned to him, for the \$1764.26, plus the cost of the suit of \$33.54. The defendants had until January 10, 1877 to redeem the property. It was not redeemed and remained under the ownership of Otis Robbins of Cavendish for the next ten years.

On January 1, 1872, Abner and Caroline mortgaged their East Hill property to the Bellows Falls Savings Institution, for \$1,000 and on August 10, 1873, Abner and Caroline sold this property to their son Fred E. Feltt for \$2,000. They defaulted on the mortgage. At a "Court of Chancery holden at Woodstock" on the "Fourth Tuesday of May A.D. 1876" a petition was presented by the bank against Fred E. Feltt, Abner Feltt, Caroline A. Feltt, Clementine Edson and [Rufus] Ezra Edson. The Edsons were named in the foreclosure complaint due to the mortgage to Clementine in 1863. According to the bank the property contained a "considerable amount of valuable timber and that they have reason to believe that the defendants Feltt's intent to remove and cut off said timber, thereby rendering your petitioners still more insufficient." On February 3, 1876, the court issued an injunction per the banks' petition to "enjoin the said Fred E. Feltt, Abner Feltt, Caroline A. Feltt, Clementine Edson and Ezra Edson their servants and agents each and every of them from cutting down or conveying away any tree, wood or timber from the premises described in the foregoing petition and until the further order of this court." On June 21, 1876, the bank foreclosed on \$1,091.70 on the mortgage and cost of the suit of \$29.75. The Feltt's could redeem the property with payment on or before June 24, 1877. They failed to redeem the property, and on April 11, 1878, the Bellows Falls Savings Institution quit-claimed the property to Henry A. Austin, the neighbor to the south, for \$350, and this was followed by a bond between him and Abner and William A., for the property on April 27, 1878, for \$1,800, with \$967.50 to be paid on or before April 1, 1879. On that date Henry A. Austin sold the property back to Abner Feltt and William A. Feltt, and at the same time they mortgaged it to Rufus Ezra Edson for \$825. Edson would assign the mortgage to Frederick W. Marsh and Philemon H. Robbins of Chester, August 20, 1887. According to Hamilton Child, ed., *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Windsor County, Vt., for 1883-84*, listed "A. & W.A. Feltt manufactures of wooden ware, mops, and clothes horses. They were also listed as farmers. Abner Feltt was also listed as the postmaster. On December 11, 1891, Abner Feltt, Caroline A. Feltt and William A. Feltt sold the East Hill property to Carrie M. (Feltt) Martin of North Springfield for \$1,500.

Abner Feltt Jr. died in Andover, on November 29, 1897 and was buried in Heald Cemetery. On December 16, 1897, William A. Feltt was appointed postmaster of the Andover Post Office, position he served in until Abbie M. (Batchelder)

(Baldwin) Aldrich, was appointed postmistress April 29, 1903. The Andover Post Office discontinued on April 14, 1937. The closure was effective as of April 30, 1937.

On August 25, 1886, articles of agreement were made between Edwin P. Stuart and Carrie M. Feltt both of Andover, for "a certain spring of water situated 30 rods northeast of the dwelling house now occupied by the family of Abner Feltt" the term of the lease were "as many years as Abner Feltt or any of the members now constituting his family continue to live where they now do." On February 21, 1887, Otis Robbins of Cavendish sold to Carrie M. Feltt of Andover for \$200, the Mansur Mills property described as "it being a part of Lot 11 in the 2nd Range, with the buildings thereon standing, situated in Peaseville so-called and now occupied by Abner Feltt, the same premises conveyed to me by decree of foreclosure December term A.D. 1875." Carrie married Frank Dexter Martin in Andover, on March 23, 1891. Frank was son of Dexter and Charlotte (Lee) Martin, born in Springfield, on May 26, 1846. He operated a factory that manufactured fancy boxes in North Springfield, which burned in 1884 and again in 1893. In 1899, he opened the Martin Novelty Works, located on South Street in Chester. The August 7, 1901, "Old Home Week Edition" of *The Vermont Watchman*, published in Montpelier, noted that the Martin Novelty Works had been in Chester for two years and were "manufactures of boxes, note book holders, butter stamps and laundry forks." The April 2, 1891 issue of *The Londonderry Sifter* included the following: "About 70 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Martin, met Saturday evening at Mr. Abner Feltt's to greet them on their return from their bridal trip, spending a pleasant evening in visiting and in games. Refreshments were served consisting of cake and lemonade including a generous supply of wedding cake." On December 11, 1891, Frank D. Martin and Carrie M. (Feltt) Martin of Springfield sold to Abner and Caroline for \$500, the Mansur Mills property that Carrie had purchased from Otis Robbins after his foreclosure, plus "the right to a certain spring of water on the land of Edwin P. Stuart and connected by aqueduct with said premises."

The September 1, 1892, issue of *Bellows Falls Times* gave a detail account of the fiftieth wedding celebration of the marriage of Abner Feltt Jr. and Caroline A. Eaton. "Last Thursday, although the rain came pouring down was a gala day in Andover, as Mr. and Mrs. Abner Feltt celebrated their golden wedding. The program was opened, after the inner man had been feasted from the good things on the loaded tables, by singing of Old Hundred by all present; an original poem by Miss Eva J. Stickney; song, "Together Fifty Years," composed by Rev. J.M. Hull and sung by a quartet, Mrs. Rowell, Miss Rounds, Messrs. Martin and Puffer; recitation "A Wedding Hymn," Blanch French; "Darby and Joan," song with banjo accompaniment, Lulu Rounds; recitation, "Little Flo," Master Allie Easton; song, "Mehitable Jones," Gertie French; recitation Norris Chapman; remarks by Charles Eaton, who attended the original wedding." It also added jokingly that William A. Feltt "was not present at the original wedding but was happy to be present at this."

On December 4, 1897, Carrie M. (Feltt) Martin and Frank D. Martin of Andover sold the East Hill property that Carrie had purchased from her parents on December 11, 1891, to Philemon H. Robbins of Chester for \$1,000. In 1903, the remaining members of the Feltt family left Andover, and moved to Chester. On May 16, 1903, Caroline A. Feltt of Chester sold to Lyndes Moore of Boston, Mass. for \$575, the Mansur Mills property, with the exception the spring rights, located in Lot 11 in the 2nd Range, that were described as the same premises "conveyed to Abner Feltt and Caroline A. Feltt by Frank D. Martin and Carrie M. Martin, on December 11, 1891, consisting of "about three acres" and "are the same premises which have recently been occupied as a Post Office by William Feltt. It is hereby also intended to convey all the manure now on the said premises."

William A. Feltt had become a salesman in the marble and granite monument business. On August 31, 1901, Andover's Selectmen, H.O. Peabody, P.T. Marsh and Solon Thompson issued a letter that stated: "This is to certify that W.A. Feltt has a permit to remove the bodies of Abner Feltt and family in the Peaseville Cemetery to his lot in said cemetery." The said cemetery referred to was Pleasant View in Chester, four years later on November 2, 1905, William A. Feltt had the body of his father Abner Feltt Jr., plus that of his wife Emma J. (Gutterson) Feltt, who had died November 19, 1874 at 29 years of "disease of the kidneys and childbirth" and their son Willie Abner Feltt who on September 17, 1875, at 10 months and 7 days of cholera infantum, were exhumed from Heald Cemetery and reinterred in Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester. A large granite stone was installed in Pleasant View Cemetery, with individual stones for each of the family members. Caroline A. (Eaton) Feltt died in Chester, on October 18, 1906 at 82 years of gastro intestinal catarrh and was buried in there beside her husband. It was noted in the January-June 1910 issue of *The Iron Age*, a business publication that "The Martin Manufacturing Company, Inc. of Chester, Vt., had been incorporated to take over the business of the Martin Novelty Works of that place, manufacturer of hard wood boxes, cabinets, etc. W.A. Feltt is the president, F.E. Feltt, vice-president; W.H. Austin secretary; C.M. Martin, treasurer, and F.D. Martin, manager." Though the Feltt family had left Andover, they left a mark on the history of the town that should not be forgotten.

2017 ANDOVER TOWN OFFICERS

<u>Office/Term</u>	<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator:	Jonathan Bliss	06/30/2018
Town Clerk: (3 year)	Jeanette Haight	2020
Treasurer: (1 year)	Jeanette Haight	2018
Select Board:		
(1 year)	Harold Johnson	2018
(1 year)	Chris Plumb	2018
(3 year)	Jean Peters** not seeking re-election	2018
(3 year)	Barry Williams	2019
(3 year)	Mark Gordon	2020
Listers:		
(3 year)	John Ryan (resigned; Lisa Ryan appointed)	2018
(3 year)	Leonidas Salazar	2019
(3 year)	Francesca Salazar	2020
Tax Collector: (1 year)	Jeanette Haight	2018
Auditors:		
(3 year)	Mark Bodin** not seeking re-election	2018
(3 year)	Ronald Theissen	2019
(3 year)	William Jessup	2020
Constable: (1 year)	Alan Peters	2018
Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits: (1 year)	Jonathan Bliss	2018
Sexton: (1 year)	Hank Mauti	2018

2017 ANDOVER TOWN OFFICERS

<u>Office/Term</u>	<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Cemetery Commissioners:		
(3 year)	Vacant	2018
(3 year)	Hank Mauti	2019
(3 year)	Nicholas Baker	2020
Town School Board of Directors:		
(3 year)	Sherry Willumitis	2018
(3 year)	Mark Bodin	2019
(3 year)	H. Joseph Fromberger	2020
Justices of Peace: (elected at general election)		
(2 year terms)	Reino Bergquist	2019
	Jonathan Bliss	2019
	Raymond Makul	2019
	Alan Plumb	2019
	Ronald Theissen	2019
Union #29 School Director:		
(3 year)	Monica Olesky	2018
Union #35 School Director:		
(3 year)	Hank Mauti	2018

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD & TOWN CLERK

<u>Office</u>	<u>Appointed Official</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Assistant Clerk:	Linda Bargfrede	2018
Assistant Treasurer:	Linda Bargfrede	2018
Civil Defense Coordinator:	vacant	2018
Fence Viewers:	vacant	2018
Weigher of Coal:	Edwin Bentley	2018
Tree Warden:	Alan Plumb	2018

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood:	Alan Plumb	2018
Select Board Clerk:	Jeanette Haight	2018
Planning Commission:	James Stack	Dec. 2018
	Carmen Macchia	Dec. 2018
	Gillian Pond	Dec. 2019
	Lenore Szuchman	Dec. 2019
	Alan Plumb	Dec. 2020
	H. Joseph Fromberger	Dec. 2020
	Janet Albrecht	Dec. 2021
	Richard Ingersoll	Dec. 2021
	Charles Golden	Dec. 2021
Regional Planning Rep.:	H. Joseph Fromberger	2018
Regional Planning Commission Agency of Transportation Rep.:	Charles Golden	2018
VT Solid Waste District Rep.:	H. Joseph Fromberger	2018
Zoning Administrator:	George Moser	2018
Health Officer:	Sherry Willumitis	2018
Environmental Officer:	Andover Board of Health	
Town Service Officer:	Francesca Salazar	2018
Council on Aging Rep.:	Francesca Salazar	2018
Green-Up Chairman:	Chairman of the Project Committee	
Town Fire Warden:	Alan Plumb	2018

Section I

WARNINGS

***TOWN MEETING
REPORTS***

***REPORT OF THE
SELECT BOARD***

**WARNING
ANDOVER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
2018**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Andover School District, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby warned to meet in the Andover Town Hall on Saturday March 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon to act on the following articles:

- 1) To elect a moderator for a term beginning on July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2019.
(Current Moderator-Jonathan Bliss)
- 2) To elect one school director for the Chester-Andover Elementary School Board for a 3- year term ending in 2021.
(Current Director - Monica Olesky)
- 3) To elect one school director for the Green Mountain Union High School Board for a 3-year term ending in 2021.
(Current Director - Hank Mauti)
- 4) To elect one school director for the Town School Board for a 3-year term ending in 2021.
(Current Director- Sherry Willumitis)

5) At this writing, the budget for the new Green Mountain Unified School District will be discussed at an information meeting on February 27, 2018 and will be voted by Australian Ballot on Town Meeting Day of March 6, 2018.

Please watch for the notices of the time and place.

6) To act on any other business proper to come before said meeting, not including previously considered articles or the expenditure of funds.

Town School Directors:

Joseph Fromberger	2020
Mark Bodin	2019
Sherry Willumitis	2018

**WARNING
TOWN OF ANDOVER
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 3, 2018**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in Andover on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. in the morning to act on the following items viz:

1. To choose a Moderator for a term to end June 30, 2019.
2. To hear and act on the Auditors' Report.
3. To elect the following Town Officers for these positions:

Treasurer	(1 yr)	Constable	(1 yr)
Select Board	(3 yr, 1 yr, 1 yr)		
**Jean Peters is not seeking re-election		Agent to Prosecute	(1 yr)
Lister	(3 yr)	Sexton	(1 yr)
Tax Collector	(1 yr)	Cemetery Com.	(3 yr)
Auditor	(3 yr)	**currently vacant	
**Mark Bodin is not seeking re-election			

4. To see if the Town will have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law; and if so, to authorize the Select Board to establish a payment schedule.
5. To see when the Town will hold Town Meeting in 2019.
(03/02/2019 is the Saturday prior to traditional Town Meeting Day).
6. Explanation of the Town Budget.
7. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to distribute the surplus as described in Article #6.
8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town.
9. To hear from the Listers about the Town-wide reappraisal.
10. To do any other nonbinding business proper to be done at said meeting.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 22nd day of January, 2018.

Harold Johnson, Chair
Jean Peters, Vice Chair
Mark Gordon

Barry Gordon
Chris Plumb

Andover Select Board

**SUMMARY OF ANDOVER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jonathan Bliss, Moderator. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jon Bliss read the Meeting Warning.

Article 1. Joe Fromberger nominated Jon Bliss to serve as Moderator for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. Elizabeth Moulton seconded. There being no other nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Jon Bliss. Motion carried.

Article 2. Sherry Willumitis nominated Joe Fromberger to serve as Andover Town School Director for a term of three years. Elizabeth Moulton seconded. There being no other nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Joe Fromberger. Motion carried.

Article 3. Joe Fromberger moved that the voters approve the proposed Town School Budget and raise the sum of \$27,248.00 to cover the expenses of the Town School District, which include money for Early Education and the Supervisory Union. Sherry Willumitis seconded. Joe reminded everyone this is the Town School District budget, the elementary and high school budgets are separate from this and voted on at a different time. Paul Stumpf asked about the increase in the Early Education line item over the prior year. Joe noted it is due to an increase in the number of Early Ed. students. Hank Mauti called out the decline in the student population of Green Mountain Union High School but yet costs continue to increase. Elizabeth Moulton asked if the amount in the budget line labeled "Supervisory Union Assessment" would change as a result of Act 46. Joe pointed out the Act 46 informational sheet that was passed out for everyone's reference. He said there could be some changes or adjustments to the Supervisory Union, because it will continue to exist under Act 46, and he expects there to be some cost reduction associated with that. Gordon Payne asked if the Federal funding for preschoolers in the Supervisory Union budget renders the Town School District budget "superfluous". He stated he had other questions regarding the "basic authority" to fund education through property taxes referencing the Brigham decision of 1997 and elaborated on those questions. Mr. Payne stated we are approaching an equalization of funding, but school performance has not improved. He suggested the Town "take a stand to reassert its authority to fund schooling" and offered additional commentary on that topic and then went on to say he thought the motion to pass the Town School District budget should be tabled to put a different motion in place. Sherry Willumitis asked that Joe Fromberger respond to Gordon's comments. Joe said he hesitated to call into question the Legislature's authority to legislate. He stated he was not aware of anyone successfully challenging Act 60 or Act 68 and the law is what it is. He said it is our obligation to live within it or collectively change it. He suggested following the Democratic process if people are unhappy with current laws and elect new officials. Joe said he did not know how effective it would be to make a statement as a Town questioning the authority of the State. Mr. Payne responded with some information on court case research he has done and pointed out the increasing costs being seen in the

budget. He reiterated his remarks on lack of performance improvement in our schools. Jon Bliss thanked Gordon and asked for brief additional commentaries and reminded all there was a motion on the floor. Austin Zipeto called the motion. Joe Fromberger explained that means with a two-thirds majority vote, debate would cease and then the original motion of adopting the budget would need to be voted on. Sherry Willumitis asked for clarification of whether the budget motion would be voted on or Mr. Payne's motion to table the budget motion. Jon Bliss stated the voters would be voting on the initial motion of budget adoption and the way forward with Mr. Payne's comments and request would be to discuss it during the "other business" portion of the meeting and develop a motion to reflect the constitutionality questions that were brought up so it could be added as part of next year's Town Meeting. Joe Fromberger confirmed the motion before the voters was the adoption of the Town School District budget and that Mr. Payne had not made a formal motion for the declaration he suggested. Mr. Payne indicated he would not be making a motion. Joe stated the motion before the voters was to call the question. Susan Leader stated she wished to discuss Act 46 but didn't see how that related to passing the Town School District budget. Gordon Payne commented they are related. A vote was taken by a show of hands to end the debate. A two-thirds majority was achieved. The call to question carried. Jon Bliss then called for a vote on the adoption of the Town School District budget. The motion carried. Jon thanked everyone for their patience and civil discourse, acknowledging the importance of the conversation.

Article 4. Jamie Maloof provided those present with an overview and update of the "Pennies for the Playground" project currently underway at Chester-Andover Elementary School. She noted the safety issues with the current playground structure, discussed ongoing fundraising efforts and urged all to get involved through volunteer time and/or financial support.

Hank Mauti shared his thoughts and concerns on restroom usage in schools as it relates to gender. He also shared statistics from a website on the ranking of Green Mountain Union High School (40th out of 57) based on standardized test scores of 11th graders throughout the state. He noted that this information used to be printed in the budget book and it no longer is which makes it hard to find. He urged people to vote on the school budget according to how they feel and whether or not they think they are "getting their money's worth".

Joe Fromberger called attention to the Act 46 information sheet that was handed out, gave some background on the adoption of Act 46 by the State, calling out in particular school population decline, discussed the work done by this area's Act 46 Study Committee and talked about the proposal submitted to the State Board of Education for Andover, Chester, and Cavendish to form a **Regional Education District**. Baltimore has been asked to join this potential district as well. Joe also discussed the type of school board that would exist under the RED - there would be one board overseeing the schools in all three towns. He said a vote could potentially be scheduled in May. Jon Bliss asked where and when informational sessions will take place before the vote in May. Joe said these would be scheduled if and when the State Board of Education approves the plan.

Susan Leader asked if we voted down Act 46, could Andover become a school choice town? She added, "if Andover votes no, could we get out of the union?"

Joe Fromberger explained if any of the three towns votes "no" (Andover, Chester, and Cavendish) to the plan, it will be dead and the State will regard that as taking no action and the State Board of Education will step in and impose their own plan for unification. Jon Bliss asked, indicating Susan's point, if Act 46 is an "opt-out offer". Susan asked if there is any vote that would end in dissolution of the school unions. Joe replied no, we have two unions and both towns (Chester & Andover) would have to vote to dissolve the union. If that happened, the State Board of Education would ask how our children would be educated and there would need to be answers to that before a union could be dissolved. Joe said we could not become a choice town.

Gordon Payne asked Joe to confirm what would happen to the local school boards should the **RED** plan be adopted. Joe explained the local boards would be dissolved. Gordon asked everyone to note what he called the erosion of local control. He also asked if there is information regarding how much each town pays into the education system and suggested representation on a school board should be based on how much towns pay rather than population.

Joe Fromberger responded that Federal law requires representation based on population.

Jon Bliss reminded the group there was no motion on the floor and the discussions were informational and to keep in mind the Act 46 informational meetings that will be coming up.

Chris Adams, the Finance Director of the Two Rivers Supervisory Union introduced himself. He restated the intent to have informational meetings about Act 46 before the vote in May and urged voters not to confuse that information and vote with the school budgets that need to be voted on Tuesday, March 7th. Chris explained the work done around budgeting and the challenges with a shrinking student population. He stated even when there is a reduction in student numbers, you can't automatically reduce the number of teachers. He said one of the purposes of Act 46 is to be able to "ride out" the highs and lows.

Carmen Macchia stated he did not understand the purpose of Hank's discourse on the restrooms but agreed with him that the school performance information should be included in the school's annual report again. Mr. Macchia went on to ask if we will see substantial savings with the proposed consolidation due to the closing of Black River.

Chris Adams responded with the Act 46 Committee's struggle to come up with a plan that Ludlow was comfortable with. He stated Ludlow residents are still struggling with the idea of closing their school which is why they did not choose to be part of the **RED** plan. Chris agreed that is where the most savings could be realized but Ludlow has not agreed to close their school.

Cindy Ingersoll asked if one of the criteria for a plan presented to the State Board of Ed. would be cost savings. Joe Fromberger responded that it would be as the Act itself discusses reigning in costs as well as increased educational opportunities.

Cindy followed up by asking if the proposal being submitted to the State shows a decreased cost per student. Joe said no. He said he would like it to, but it won't. Cindy asked if the State Board of Ed would then reject the **RED** proposal. Joe explained because of the Supervisory Union consolidation this area went through five years ago, money has already been saved and now there are fewer opportunities to save more money. At best, Joe said, the **RED** proposal would be a way to reign in the cost increases.

Francesca Salazar asked Chris Adams to tell the group how much money Andover sends to the State for education funding. Joe pointed out the School Directors report on page 56 of the Andover Town Report, which provides that information.

Chris Elders commented that we seem to get on this topic year after year and go around in circles but never get anywhere. He acknowledged the importance of meetings, but suggested that those who are really concerned get together, form a study group and come up with concrete proposals that can be brought to the Town.

Raymond Makul asked about the amount provided by the State to Andover residents in terms of homestead rebates and noted that any discussion around what is sent to the State should also include what is sent back from the State.

Elizabeth Moulton thanked Joe Fromberger , Chris Adams and all the Act 46 Committee members for the all the time and effort they have put into it.

Hank Mauti noted we are losing school board representation through the potential consolidation(from the current three down to one for the **RED** board) yet not saving any money.

At 11:25 a.m. Theresa Hatin moved to adjourn the School District Meeting. Barry Williams seconded. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette H. Haight, Town Clerk

Approved by:

Harold Johnson, Andover Select Board Chair
Jonathan Bliss, Moderator

TOWN OF ANDOVER
SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 4, 2017

Before the Annual Town Meeting was called to order, Moderator Jonathan Bliss introduced Representative Tom Bock who asked to share what is being worked on in Montpelier. To begin with, he quoted some encouraging Vermont employment, tourism, business and high school graduation statistics. Representative Bock then discussed budgeting challenges, potential reductions in Federal programs, and how the Legislature is trying to address workforce challenges. He noted there is work being done that could add some flexibility to Act 46 with regard to current deadlines and discussions around funding the Federal Clean Water Act. Mr. Bock encouraged all to contact him with opinions and concerns.

Moderator Jonathan Bliss called Town Meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Article 1. Leo Salazar nominated Jonathan Bliss to serve as Moderator for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. Al Peters seconded. There being no further nominations Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Jonathan Bliss. So moved.

Article 2. As there was no Auditor present, Jon suggested postponing Article 2 until later in the meeting.

Article 3. Election of Town Officers:

Town Clerk (3 yr)– Joe Fromberger nominated Jeanette Haight. Leo Salazar seconded. There being no further nominations Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the Moderator cast one ballot for Jeanette Haight. So moved.

Town Treasurer (1 yr)– Francesca Salazar nominated Jeanette Haight. George Moser seconded. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that the Moderator cast one ballot for Jeanette Haight. So moved.

Tax Collector (1 yr)– Francesca Salazar nominated Jeanette Haight. Elizabeth Moulton seconded. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that the Moderator cast one ballot for Jeanette Haight. So moved.

Select Board (3yr) – Francesca Salazar nominated Mark Gordon. Gerry Williams seconded. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Mark Gordon. So moved.

A question was raised about having all Select Board members' terms be for three years. Joe Fromberger explained there is a statutory requirement to have three Select Board members, but the State allows for there to be two additional members, but they must only be for one-year terms.

Select Board (1yr) – Sherry Willumitis nominated Harold "Red" Johnson. Alan Plumb seconded. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Red Johnson. So moved.

Select Board (1yr) – Francesca Salazar nominated Chris Plumb. Patti Gordon seconded. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Chris Plumb. So moved.

Lister (3yr) - Leo Salazar nominated Francesca Salazar. Hank Mauti seconded. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Francesca Salazar. So moved.

Auditor (1yr) – Leo Salazar nominated Bill Jessup. Francesca Salazar seconded. There being no further nominations Joe Fromberger moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Bill Jessup. So moved.

Constable (1 yr) - Francesca Salazar nominated Al Peters. Gerry Williams seconded. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Al Peters. So moved.

Agent to Prosecute (1 yr) - Sherry Willumitis nominated Jon Bliss. Gerry Williams seconded. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Jon Bliss. So moved.

Sexton (1 yr) - Leo Salazar nominated Hank Mauti. Gerry Williams seconded. There being no further nominations Joe Fromberger motioned the Clerk cast one ballot for Hank Mauti. So moved.

Cemetery Commissioner (3yr) – Leo Salazar nominated Nick Baker. Gerry Williams seconded. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for Nick Baker. So moved.

Gerry Williams pointed out the existing vacancy on the Cemetery Commission. Joe Fromberger said it would be appropriate if someone was nominated to have a vote, even though it is not in the warning. Jean Peters asked if the Cemetery Commission should appoint someone. Joe said it is up to the Select Board to appoint someone, if there is no nomination/vote. With no nominations to consider, the vacancy was put to the Select Board to fill at a later date.

Article 4. Joe Fromberger moved that the article be adopted as written. Elizabeth Moulton seconded. So moved.

Article 5. Alan Plumb moved the next annual meeting be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Austin Zipeto seconded. So moved.

Article 6. Red Johnson presented slides on the overhead projector explaining the 2017/2018 proposed budget.

Article 7. Barry Williams moved to apply half the 2015/16 surplus to the Highway/Bridge Fund and half to the 2017/18 budget. Dave Peters seconded. So moved.

Article 8. Barry Williams moved to approve the 2017/2018 budget in the amount of \$834,351.75. Leo Salazar seconded. So moved.

Article 9. Sherry Willumitis thanked the Town for supporting the Chester Andover Family Center and discussed the many services they provide. Alan Plumb reminded everyone that he is the Andover Fire Warden and anyone needing a burn permit in Andover should contact him, not the Chester Warden. Jackie Plumb spoke up asking if anything would be done about the Auditor's report. Peter Huyler moved to accept it as written. Barry Williams seconded. Austin Zipeto asked if there had ever been a problem with the report. No one could think of one. The motion carried. Al Peters brought up the terrible condition of Route 11 and his understanding that it won't be paved for three more years. He encouraged calls to the Governor. Tom Bock explained he just found out the repaving had been postponed again and had sent emails to find out why. Betty Peters asked if he could follow up with the Select Board when he has more information. Barry Williams said when he attended the recent TAC meeting, the repaving had been put back on the priority list. Raymond Makul stated he would like the Select Board to spend some time researching alternate fire/ambulance protection. His concern is that Chester is farther away than Weston and response time seems long. Hank suggested everyone in town invest in 30 lb fire extinguishers for their homes. Jeffrey Knisely spoke up stating he is on the Chester Rescue Squad and is the only Andover resident who is. He encouraged all to volunteer, as that speeds up response time. Jean Peters encouraged all to make sure their house number is posted to assist agencies in finding them. Leo Salazar said everyone, not just full-time residents should have house numbers. Susan Leader asked why Andover Ridge is called out in the Town Speed Limit Ordinance. Red responded that any un-posted road's speed limit is 50 mph, so the Town did post certain roads after appropriate studies were done. Jon Bliss reminded everyone cycling season is coming up and asked that everyone familiarize themselves with cyclists and drivers rights and to approach situations calmly. Barry noted that the High Bridge is #4 on TAC's priority list for replacement and scoping work should begin soon. Hank Mauti asked why the snow on East Hill "flats" is being pushed onto the cemetery side of the road, into the wind. Years ago, it was plowed onto the opposite side, minimizing drifting. Barry Williams responded that he had spoken with the Road Foreman and was told he felt that was the best way to do it. Barry stated "it makes no sense". Sherry Willumitis asked who has the ultimate authority to decide. Barry said he believes the Select Board does and asked the Clerk to make sure this request/concern is in the notes. Jon suggested concerned citizens should attend a Select Board meeting and politely remind the Board of residents' desires on this subject. Jean Peters noted what a wonderful community we live in and shared information about the "Just Neighbors" program and gave the correct phone number. She also mentioned the Neighborhood Connections program. Carmen Macchia pointed out the Andover Project Committee handout asking for volunteers to assist with Andover Day, in particular. Alice Lindquist reminded everyone the money raised at Andover Day goes into the Scholarship fund which provides scholarships each year to Andover high school seniors.

Bonnie Zipeto moved to adjourn the meeting. George Moser seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette H. Haight, Clerk

Approved by:

Jonathan Bliss, Moderator

*Harold Johnson, Chair
Andover Select Board*

2017 ANDOVER SELECT BOARD REPORT

Our town roads remain our major focus. This past year has been a record for "first times":

1. We now have a full-time, three-man crew! In the past, we were able to hire a part time person for the winter months, but after extensive searching, we could not find anyone to fill the job.
2. We have replaced one of our old two-axle trucks with a three-axle, 10-wheel truck, giving us the ability to haul larger loads, saving man hours and expense.
3. We have appointed Chris Plumb as our Highway Commissioner to focus the Select Board's communication and review of our highway operations.

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Charlie Golden to the Highway Foreman position. Congratulations Charlie!

The front entry and ramp/emergency access to the basement shelter at the Town Office has been replaced for the first time since it was originally constructed. In addition, the ramp at the rear of the Town Hall received major repairs.

We spent time reviewing and updating our Town Employee Policies and Procedures Manual to reflect current personnel policies and legal guidelines.

We would like to thank our Town Clerk, Jeanette, for the many improvements in the systems and efficiencies in the Town Office.

With much appreciation, we are dedicating this report to Kevin Baker for his 23 years on the Andover Highway Crew. Thank you Kevin for all your years of service to the Town of Andover and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Andover Select Board

Section II

***FINANCIAL
REPORTS***

ANDOVER PROPOSED BUDGET 2018/2019

	ITEM	2016/17 Budget	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Budget	2018/19 Budget
Income	Property Tax & Interest	\$626,437.04	\$667,239.39	\$671,828.53	\$653,897.75
	State Gas Tax	\$87,000.00	\$87,378.99	\$87,000.00	\$87,000.00
	Bank Interest	\$200.00	\$1,716.58	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
	Del Tax/Interest	\$0.00	\$95,346.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Recording/Copy Fees	\$7,000.00	\$9,896.37	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00
	Vt. Mun Tax Adjustment	\$7,000.00	\$8,338.49	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
	Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$4,847.02	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Unspent Surpluses	\$49,339.71	\$49,339.71	\$39,273.22	\$63,829.00
	Current Use - Holdharmless	\$21,000.00	\$25,658.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
	State/Federal FEMA	\$0.00	\$448,494.09	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Traffic Fines	\$250.00	\$216.66	\$250.00	\$250.00
	Permits	\$0.00	\$1,780.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Tax Sale Fees	\$0.00	\$3,690.68	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$798,226.75	\$1,403,942.73	\$834,351.75	\$842,476.75
Expense	Salaries & Benefits				
	Office Salaries	\$55,000.00	\$52,016.89	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
	Highway Salaries	\$115,000.00	\$111,283.04	\$121,000.00	\$121,000.00
	Auditors/Listers	\$15,000.00	\$16,658.30	\$17,500.00	\$16,000.00
	Office Social Security	\$5,500.00	\$5,831.51	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
	Highway Social Security	\$11,000.00	\$9,583.44	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
	Office Health Insurance	\$19,500.00	\$20,906.15	\$20,600.00	\$20,600.00
	Highway Health Insurance	\$39,000.00	\$42,482.19	\$55,100.00	\$55,100.00
	Highway Unemployment	\$470.00	\$712.68	\$470.00	\$470.00
	Office Retirement	\$3,200.00	\$2,440.14	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
	Highway Retirement	\$6,400.00	\$7,125.16	\$6,400.00	\$6,400.00
	Office: Vacation/Holidays	\$1,500.00	\$2,820.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
	Highway Vacation/Holiday	\$8,700.00	\$8,840.40	\$8,700.00	\$8,700.00
	Office Sick Pay	\$500.00	\$412.50	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Highway Sick Pay	\$500.00	\$3,463.20	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Office Disability Ins.	\$1,900.00	\$1,060.69	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
	Highway Disability Ins.	\$2,300.00	\$2,793.76	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
	Total	\$285,470.00	\$288,430.05	\$313,670.00	\$312,170.00
Expense	Utilities				
	Office Electricity	\$1,200.00	\$1,315.80	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00
	Highway Electricity	\$2,500.00	\$2,572.33	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Town Hall Electricity	\$600.00	\$597.03	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Office Heat	\$2,200.00	\$1,128.19	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
	Highway Heat	\$6,000.00	\$4,206.76	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
	Town Hall Heat	\$2,500.00	\$2,292.78	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Office Telephone	\$2,000.00	\$2,248.32	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	Highway Telephone	\$1,100.00	\$1,124.16	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
	Total	\$18,100.00	\$15,485.37	\$18,100.00	\$18,300.00

	ITEM	2016/17 Budget	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Budget	2018/19 Budget
Expense	Assessments & Dues				
	Cemeteries	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Windsor County Tax	\$12,000.00	\$21,734.90	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
	SWCRPC	\$583.75	\$583.75	\$583.75	\$583.75
	VLCT	\$1,464.00	\$1,464.00	\$1,464.00	\$1,544.00
	School Lease Land & Interest	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00
	Chester Communication	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Chester Fire	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$21,500.00	\$24,000.00
	Chester Ambulance	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
	Chester Recreation	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
	Senior Solutions	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Visiting Nurse & Hospice	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00
	HCRS	\$504.00	\$504.00	\$504.00	\$504.00
	Vermont Green Up	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Chester Family Center	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	SEVCA	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$495.00
	Comm. Cares Network	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Vt. Ctr. Independence	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$0.00
	Meals on Wheels	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Current	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
	Neighborhood Connections	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Whiting Library	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Misc. Assessments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total	\$58,856.75	\$68,591.65	\$59,531.75	\$62,056.75
Expense	Land & Buildings				
	Lawn Mowing	\$1,300.00	\$1,480.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
	Repairs/Maint.	\$1,500.00	\$3,325.59	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	Trash Removal	\$1,400.00	\$1,766.28	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
	Cleaning		\$2,020.00		\$2,500.00
	Tax Maps	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
	Cap. Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$10,557.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00
	Law Enforcement Contract	\$7,000.00	\$5,906.57	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
	Planning Comm. Expense	\$0.00	\$43.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Town Hall Expense	\$0.00	\$4,354.85	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total	\$16,150.00	\$30,953.69	\$16,150.00	\$16,150.00
Expense	Safety Equipment				
	Medical-Highway	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
	Office	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
	Highway	\$500.00	\$474.77	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Town Hall	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
	Total	\$650.00	\$474.77	\$650.00	\$650.00
Expense	Insurance				
	VLCT Public Liability		\$17,834.00	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00
	Workman's Comp		\$9,862.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
	Total	\$26,000.00	\$27,696.00	\$28,500.00	\$28,500.00

ANDOVER PROPOSED BUDGET 2018/2019

	ITEM	2016/17 Budget	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Budget	2018/19 Budget
Expense	Highway Materials				
	Calcium Chloride	\$15,000.00	\$11,340.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Sodium Chloride	\$40,000.00	\$55,977.38	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
	Sand	\$19,000.00	\$19,051.72	\$19,000.00	\$23,000.00
	Crushed Gravel	\$10,000.00	\$5,637.12	\$10,000.00	\$12,500.00
	Stone	\$1,500.00	\$588.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	Culverts	\$4,500.00	\$4,689.98	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
	Cold Patch	\$500.00	\$368.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Hot Mix	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Shur Pac	\$15,000.00	\$18,831.63	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Rental Equipment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Highway Signs	\$1,000.00	\$945.28	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
	Roadside Mowing	\$5,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,500.00
	Misc. Materials	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
	Outside contracting	\$15,000.00	\$16,762.01	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Bridge / Culvert Inventory	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Highway Mileage	\$500.00	\$907.18	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Garage Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$2,363.06	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Garage Misc.	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Gar. Maint/repairs	\$4,000.00	\$3,148.65	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
	Other Projects	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	Garage Parts	\$500.00	\$1,120.24	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Other Construction Jobs	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00
	Uniforms				\$1,500.00
	Total	\$140,750.00	\$150,730.25	\$144,500.00	\$151,500.00
Expense	Highway Equip Costs				
	T1 2015 1 Ton		\$8,262.70		
	T6 2006 Mack		\$15,672.13		
	T7 2008 Mack		\$14,257.36		
	T16 2016 Western Star		\$444.97		
	Loader		\$1,947.55		
	Grader		\$11,611.99		
	Backhoe		\$944.59		
	Chainsaws		\$745.65		
	Chipper		\$233.34		
	Misc. Equip Costs		\$0.00		
	Total Equipment Costs	\$50,000.00	\$54,120.28	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
	Fuel and Oil	\$40,000.00	\$26,529.03	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
	Freight & Delivery		\$766.72		
	TOTAL HIGHWAY COSTS	\$230,750.00	\$232,146.28	\$234,500.00	\$241,500.00

ANDOVER PROPOSED BUDGET 2018/2019

	ITEM	2016/17 Budget	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Budget	2018/19 Budget
Expense	Other Expenses				
	Election Expenses	\$50.00	\$112.59	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Office Supplies	\$3,100.00	\$3,262.21	\$3,100.00	\$3,000.00
	Town Report	\$1,000.00	\$930.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Postage	\$2,800.00	\$2,243.49	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
	Service/Repairs	\$1,800.00	\$1,555.32	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
	Legal Notices	\$500.00	\$2,728.88	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$2,789.84	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	Meetings/Mileage	\$500.00	\$838.20	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Computer Support	\$0.00	\$1,195.98	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Office Equipment		\$557.21		\$0.00
	Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Consult./Accounting	\$1,000.00	\$950.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Cap. Equipment	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
	Lister Expenses/Mileage	\$2,000.00	\$1,892.07	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Highway Fund	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00
	Total	\$162,250.00	\$166,555.79	\$163,250.00	\$163,150.00
	2011 Flood:				
	Culverts				
	Outside Contractors		\$127,116.40		
	2014 Storm				
	Culverts				
	Gravel				
	Outside Contracting		\$322,292.00		
	Stone				
	Shur Pac				
	Misc. Materials				
	Total		449,408.40		
	Total Municipal Income	\$798,226.75	\$1,402,168.73	\$834,351.75	\$842,476.75
	Total Municipal Expense	\$798,226.75	\$1,279,742.00	\$834,351.75	\$842,476.75
	Current Year Deficit/Surplus		\$122,426.73		
	The 2017/18 Budget was an approximate increase of 4.3%				
	The 2018/19 Budget is an approximate increase of 1%				

Town of Andover, Vermont
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Municipal Fund	School Fund	Capital Fund	Hwy/Bridge Fund	Tax Stabil. Fund	
Revenues:						Total
Current Taxes - Municipal	\$597,878					\$597,878
Current Taxes - Schools	0	1,845,952				1,845,952
Delinquent Taxes	81,759					81,759
Interest on Taxes	27,513					27,513
State Highway Aid	87,379					87,379
Income - Licenses and Fees	38,067					38,067
Interest from Banks	571		227	790	90	1,679
VT Municipal Tax Adjustment	8,338					8,338
State Highway Aid - 2014 Storm- net	0			11,581		11,581
Miscellaneous Income	3,542					3,542
Total Revenue	\$845,047	\$1,845,952	\$227	\$12,371	\$90	\$2,703,688
Expenditures:						
Salaries and Benefits	\$287,283					\$287,283
Utilities	15,795					15,795
Insurance	23,069					23,069
Assessments and Dues	70,223					70,223
Town Land and Buildings	18,438					18,438
Highway Maintenance and Materials	230,892					230,892
Other Expenses	16,472					16,472
Capital Equipment	0		172,010			172,010
Schools	0	1,839,910				1,839,910
Total Expenditures	\$662,172	\$1,839,910	\$172,010	\$0	\$0	\$2,674,092
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$182,876	\$6,042	(\$171,783)	\$12,371	\$90	\$29,596
Other Transactions:						
Voted transfer to Capital Fund	(65,000)		65,000			0
Voted transfer to Highway/Bridge Fund	(131,840)			131,840		0
Redistribute funds	(81,106)			81,106		0
Revenue related to other funds	(6,120)					(6,120)
Due to General Fund from Highway/Bridge Fund	78,660			(78,660)		0
Net Increase/Decrease in Fund Balances	(\$22,530)	\$6,042	(\$106,783)	\$146,657	\$90	\$23,476
Fund Balance - June 30, 2016	\$248,085	\$0	\$127,777	\$370,697	\$50,880	\$797,439
Fund Balance - June 30, 2017	\$225,555	\$6,042	\$20,994	\$517,354	\$50,970	\$820,915

See School Report for more details.

Town of Andover, Vermont
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2017

Assets:

Cash and Money Market Accounts:

Municipal Operating Accounts	\$135,510	
Capital Account	20,995	
Tax Stabilization Account	50,970	
Prepaid Taxes Account	576,227	
Health Reimbursement Account	12,097	
Highway/Bridge Account	596,014	
Reappraisal Fund	44,185	
Planning Commission Account	2,820	
Town Hall Account	11,000	
Tax Escrow Account	4,749	
Andover Project Committee	8,497	
Cemetery Fund	12,016	
Petty Cash	48	
Total Cash and Money Market Accounts	\$1,475,127	\$1,475,127

Receivables and Other Assets:

Delinquent Taxes	59,974	
Interest Receivable	10,316	
Allowance for Delinquencies	(70,290)	
Total Receivables	0	
Due to General Fund from Highway/Bridge Fund	78,660	
Other Assets	3,951	
Total Receivables and Other Assets	82,611	82,611

Total Assets \$1,557,738

Liabilities and Fund Balances:

Liabilities:

Taxes Collected in Advance		\$575,668
Tax Sale Proceeds		3,204
Due from Highway/Bridge Fund to General Fund		78,660
Funds held for Project Committee		8,497
Funds held for Cemetery Fund		12,016
Miscellaneous Other Liabilities		774
Total Liabilities		\$678,819

Fund Balances

Municipal Fund	\$225,555
School Fund	6,042
Capital Equipment Fund	20,994
Highway/Bridge Fund	517,354
Tax Stabilization Fund	50,970
Subtotal	820,915

Reappraisal Fund	44,185
Planning Commission Fund	2,820
Town Hall Fund	<u>11,000</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>878,920</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u><u>\$1,557,738</u></u>

Auditor's Report

We the Auditors have examined the financial records of the Town of Andover to the best of our ability and find them to be generally in order. While the assets of the town are being managed and recorded responsibly, there is a need to better account for revenue and expense transactions by specific fund.

At this time, we believe the town is not receiving the assistance it requires from its independent accounting consultant. We have recommended that the Select Board reevaluate the needs of the town in the current environment and pursue options that better meet the town's timing, quality and accessibility needs.

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.

Mark Bodin
William Jessup
Ronald Theissen

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND
July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Beginning Balance July 1, 2016 \$127,777.76

Receipts:

Bank Interest	\$ 227.17	
Budgeted Funds from General Fund	\$65,000.00	
Total		<u>\$65,227.17</u>

Expenditures:

2016 Western Star dump truck	(\$172,010.00)
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Decrease in Fund Balance (\$106,782.83)

Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2017 \$ 20,994.93

PAYROLL BREAKDOWN
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

TOWN OFFICE:

Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$54,584.42
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 2,313.44
Listers	\$16,658.30
Total	<u>\$73,556.16</u>

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Man #1	\$ 57,402.00
Man #2	\$ 48,049.40
Man #3	\$ 15,798.14
Total	<u>\$121,249.54</u>

GRAND TOTAL PAYROLL \$194,805.70

2017-2018 GRAND LIST

Grand List :

Real Estate Property \$ 1,668,264,000 x 1% = \$ 1,668,264.00

Grand List	Municipal Tax Rate	Homestead Tax Rate*	Non- Residential Tax Rate*	Taxes Assessed
\$1,668,264.00	.41			\$683,988.24
\$578,050.00		\$1.2461		\$720,307.21
\$1,090,314.00			\$1.3234	\$1,442,919.50
Total Taxes Assessed and Billed				\$2,847,214.90

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

DELINQUENT TAXES

As of June 30, 2017

Tax Year	Tax	Interest/Penalty	Total
2010/11	\$66.01	\$40.92	\$106.93
2011/12	\$92.74	\$50.87	\$143.61
2012/13	\$105.62	\$47.22	\$152.84
2013/14	\$102.28	\$33.63	\$135.91
2014/15	\$141.86	\$37.90	\$179.76
2015/16	\$9,688.61	\$3,081.77	\$12,770.38
2016/17	\$49,697.26	\$6,963.56	\$56,660.82
Total	\$59,894.38	\$10,255.87	\$70,150.25

Section III

***COMMITTEE
&
BOARD REPORTS***

**2017 ANDOVER PLANNING COMMISSION
AND
ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

The Planning Commission develops the Municipal Land Use Plan, the Zoning Bylaws, and Subdivision Regulations, subject to the approval of the voters. The current Town Plan was adopted in May 2013 and is due to be revised in 2018 to comply with current State mandates.

The members of the Planning Commission also serve as the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). The Select Board appoints the members for terms of four years. The administrative and enforcement issues are the responsibility of the ZBA. George Moser is the Administrative Officer of the Zoning Board.

The Planning Commission meets as necessary at the call of the Chair and all meetings are warned and open to the public. In December the members started the process of reviewing the changes required in the Municipal Land Use Plan.

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

During this past year, the Board reviewed and approved two (2) applications for subdivision permits. There were two applications for variances, one of which was granted. The second application is being reviewed on February 6, 2018.

There were no requests for Conditional Use permits nor any Appeals of the Administrators' decisions.

Respectfully submitted:

Carmen Macchia	Dec. 2018	Joseph Fromberger	Dec. 2020
James Stack	Dec. 2018	Janet Albrecht	Dec. 2021
Lenore Szuchman	Dec. 2019	Charlie Golden	Dec. 2021
Gillian Pond	Dec. 2019	Richard Ingersoll	Dec. 2021
Alan Plumb	Dec. 2020		

ANDOVER PLANNING COMMISSION FUND

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Beginning Balance July 1, 2016			\$ 3,063.91
Receipts:			
Bank Interest	\$	<u>5.06</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 5.06</u>	
Expenditures:			
Legal Notices	\$	<u>249.10</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$ 249.10</u>	
Decrease in Fund Balance			<u>\$(244.04)</u>
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2017			<u>\$ 2,819.86</u>

2017 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

New Residence, Additions, and other Permits Issued:

Type	Number	Est. Cost of Construction
Residence	4	\$ 655,000
Additions	8	\$ 453,000
Accessory Buildings	12	\$ 270,000
Other (Decks, etc)	2	\$ 3,300
Certificate of Occupancy	0	-----
Total	26	\$1,381,300

Andover Construction Activity 2007-2017

Year	Permits	Estimated Cost Residence Permits	Estimated Cost of all Permits
2017	26	\$ 655,000	\$1,381,300
2016	14	330,000	716,000
2015	14	840,000	962,000
2014	9	380,000	619,300
2013	14	1,500,000	1,705,000
2012	12	487,500	1,025,000
2011	15	1,405,000	1,661,798
2010	15	1,125,000	1,452,500
2009	14	348,720	534,340
2008	15	2,650,000	2,884,400
2007	15	1,023,000	1,023,000

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 he/she 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,

George Moser, Andover Zoning Administrator

2017 LISTERS REPORT

A grateful thank you to the property owners of Andover for your participation in our data collection during our site review portion of our re-evaluation. Our interior inspection rate was very high compared to most re-evaluation towns this past year.

As a friendly heads-up, please be on the lookout this spring for a change of appraisal notice. This mailing will contain all property value changes in Andover. Please look over your change. If you see a problem, follow the instructions in that notice on how to bring it to our attention. If you have any questions, please contact your Listers Office at 802 875-6649 or e-mail - listers@vermontel.net.

Change in Education Equalization Property Values by County (2016-2017)

	County	% Change	Rank
Top Three	Chittenden	3.6	1
	Franklin	2.8	2
	Lamoille	2.6	3
	Windsor	1.0	8
Bottom Three	Caledonia	0.1	12
	Rutland	-0.5	13
	Bennington	-1.3	14

Property Values

Statewide the total listed values went up about 0.9%. Two factors generally affect the change in listed values: new construction and reappraisals. New construction almost fully recovered from the recent housing recession.

Current Use Program

Andover Participant Tax Savings – tax year 2017

Total parcels 46

Total enrolled acres – homestead 1,544 – non-residential 4,477

Total exempt reduction – homestead - \$1,606,200. - non-residential - \$5,479,300.

Total municipal tax saved - \$29,051.

Total school taxes saved – homestead - \$20,015. –non-residential - \$72,513.

Total tax savings - \$121,579.

All statistical data is taken from the State Tax Dept Annual Report for 2018.

Important Reminders about Vermont Property Taxes

Homestead Declaration

If you meet the requirements to file a Vermont Homestead Declaration, you must file each year. A “homestead” is your principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling. Your town uses the Homestead Declaration to assess the correct education property tax rate. You are required to file if **1)** you are a Vermont resident, and **2)** you own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2017.

Please note that a principal dwelling that is fully leased on April 1, 2017, is still a homestead if it is not leased for more than 182 days in 2017. Declare your homestead by filing Form HS-122, Section A, online at www.myVTax.vermont.gov.

Property Tax Adjustment Claim

Homestead owners may be eligible for a Property Tax Adjustment based on their housesite value and their household income. The Property Tax Adjustment is a credit applied against your property tax bill. The credit is shown on your 2017/2018 property tax bill as a state payment.

To be eligible for a Property Tax Adjustment, you must meet all these requirements:

1. You were a Vermont resident for all of calendar year 2017.
2. You were not claimed as a dependent for tax year 2017.
3. Your property meets the definition of homestead and you have submitted a homestead declaration.

You can still receive a Property Tax Adjustment even if you are not required to file a Vermont income tax return. Make your Property Tax Adjustment Claim by filing Form HS-122, Section B, online at www.myVTax.vermont.gov. If you have questions about how your property tax adjustment is calculated or how your town’s education property tax rate is set, please visit <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners>.

The Vermont Department of Taxes cannot accept Property Tax Adjustment Claims after Oct. 16, 2017.

Vermont Current Use Program (also known as the Use Value Appraisal Program)

Owners of agricultural and forest land may be eligible to have land taxed at the lower “use value” rate by enrolling in the Current Use Program. You must have at least 25 acres to enroll, but there are special eligibility criteria for smaller, active agricultural parcels. Farm buildings may also be enrolled in the program. To enroll for the next tax year, applications are due by Sept. 1, 2017. For additional information, visit www.fpr.vermont.gov/forest/your_woods/use_value_appraisal or www.tax.vermont.gov.

To apply for a new enrollment or to change your existing enrollment, use our online application at <https://secure.vermont.gov/TAX/ecuse/>.

Assistance and Ordering Forms

For assistance, call 1-866-828-2865 (toll-free in Vermont) or 802-828-2865 (local or out-of-state). Paper forms for the Homestead Declaration, Property Tax Adjustment Claim, and the Current Use Program are available at www.tax.vermont.gov. You may also order paper forms online at <http://tax.vermont.gov/form-request> or call toll-free in Vermont at 1-855-297-5600.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Listers:
Leo Salazar
Frances Salazar
Lisa Ryan

2017 ANDOVER CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

We assisted several families with plot purchases and burials this past year. We are in need of at least one volunteer to serve on the Cemetery Commission.

Andover Cemetery Commission

Nicholas Baker

Hank Mauti

CEMETERY FUND

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2016		\$ 5,652.64
RECEIPTS:		
Putnam Fund Interest	\$ 78.38	
Town of Andover	4,000.00	
Closed Putnam Fund	3,975.69	
Lot Sales	300.00	
Bank Interest	<u>8.81</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 8,362.88	<u>8,362.88</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Mowing/Maintenance	<u>\$ 2,600.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$ 2,600.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2017		\$ 12,015.52

2017 ANDOVER PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Andover Project Committee sponsored several town-wide events during 2017 including:

Town Meeting Lunch

On Saturday, March 4, 2017 the Project Committee organized a Potluck Lunch at the annual Town Meeting. As is customary, residents brought sandwiches, salads and desserts and all had an opportunity to reconnect with neighbors and friends.

Green-Up Day

Andover's Annual Green-Up Day was held on Saturday, May 6, 2017. In spite of the wet weather, volunteers gathered at the Town Hall to get road assignments. After a morning of picking up roadside litter, sprucing up the grounds and cemeteries, and cleaning the Town Hall basement, the volunteers returned to Town Hall for a luncheon of hot dogs and beverages provided by the Andover Project Committee and community members, chips donated by Lee Whiting, and salads and desserts provided by the volunteers. Thank you to the Andover community for the awesome results!

Andover Day

On Saturday, September 9, 2017 the Andover Project Committee sponsored the Fourth Annual Andover Day on the Town Hall grounds. Local artisans showcased their wares. The Andover Church provided a popular children's wood work shop. Children and adults toured the Chester Fire Department and Ambulance trucks and equipment, and were entertained by Cheryl the Clown who made animal balloons and painted faces. Fly fishing demonstrations and instructions were offered by Kye Leard of Orvis Fly Fishing. Exhibits included the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, the Springfield Humane Society, a live bee hive provided by Donna Faturos, and landscape painting by Robert Sydorowich. John Specker and daughter Ida Mae Specker entertained with their popular old-time mountain fiddling and singing. The crowd enjoyed captivating rock music provided by Totally Submerged. In support of the Scholarship Fund, the Andover Project Committee sold food, t-shirts, embroidered tote bags and held a raffle. We thank our committee members, Andover residents, and friends for their donations of food, raffle prizes, tents, publicity and the considerable time and effort that went into the event.

Reception for Kevin Baker

The Andover Project Committee along with Andover's Select Board hosted a reception on Sunday, October 1, in honor of Andover's retiring road foreman, Kevin Baker. Community members gathered to express their appreciation, to wish Kevin well, and to share refreshments. Included with the refreshments was a cake featuring a picture of the red Andover town truck.

Scholarships

Donations from residents and community friends along with profits from Andover Project Committee events replenish the **Andover Scholarship Fund**, helping Andover's students succeed in their post high school education. In 2017 the \$1,000 scholarships intended for first year college/university scholarship were awarded to Kris Haselton and Robert Carlock. Andover's military enlistees, Jonathan Dion and Selena Gordon, were recognized with Amazon Kindles. The Andover Project Committee is committed to raising funds for scholarships for qualified Andover residents.

T-shirts, tote bags, sweat shirts

In addition to the t-shirts and merchandise sold on Andover Day, the Andover Project Committee has t-shirts for sale at the Town Clerk's Office year round. The shirts feature Andover designs and proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. Please visit the office during business hours to make your selection of merchandise.

Donations

An appeal letter was sent to Andover's property owners in 2017 seeking donations to the Scholarship Fund. The generous response has helped to relieve some of the stress of fund raising at our events, enabling us to focus more on community and fun. Thank you for supporting the Andover Scholarship Fund!

Volunteers Needed

The Andover Project Committee thanks our volunteers for their dedication and hard work. These events bring us together as neighbors and community members as well as support the scholarship fund. For continued success with these worthwhile events even more support from the community is needed. Once again, the Andover Project Committee encourages you to lend a hand at one or more of these events. To join our meetings or for more information about events, please contact Deb Moser (875-5454; dmoser6468@gmail.com).

ANDOVER PROJECT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE January 1, 2017 **\$ 10,120.39**

RECEIPTS:

Merchandise Sales (except Andover Day)	\$ 501.00
Bank Interest	25.88
Andover Fair	1,719.21
Donations	6,522.63
Miscellaneous	10.00
Cash On Hand (12/31/17)	<u>63.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 8,831.72

BALANCE **\$ 18,952.11**

EXPENSES:

Merchandise	\$ 306.86
Andover Fair	741.58
Postage & Appeal Letter	398.46
Scholarship Awards	<u>3,243.77</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,690.67

ENDING REGISTER BALANCE **\$14,261.44**

CASH ON HAND **97.75**

ENDING BALANCE December 31, 2017 **\$ 14,359.19**

**2017 PIONEER MEMORIAL SOCIETY/
CLARK WARNER HAZELTINE MEMORIAL FUND REPORT**

This year's advances in knowledge were rather interesting, and answered a few questions and raised a few new ones in the process, all of which is fundamental in understanding of Andover's history.

An image of a copy of the Andover range map was found on the microfilm of the land records, which appears to have been with the records at the time of filming September 11, 1952. The particular map is dated January 30, 1827, and was drawn by Samuel Clark.

Ever expanding research continues on the Howard family. One item was found in the Cheshire County, N.H. Deeds. On January 17, 1788, John Chappell of Gilsum, N.H., sold to Solomon Howard of Andover 50 acres in Gilsum (which is now in Sullivan), described as being the east half of the 11th Lot in the 6th Range." John Chappell was described as of Andover, on March 19, 1788, when Solomon sold him Lot 11 in the 12th Range in Andover (which is now in Weston). Solomon's Temple was destroyed by fire on June 15, 1887, when under the ownership of Jerome W. West. An account was found in June 23, 1887 issue of *The Londonderry Sifter*. Under the North Windham column: "Miss Adella Stannard from Andover was through our burgh Monday soliciting aid for Jerome West who was burned out, saving scarcely anything." Under the Simonsville Column "Last Wednesday night about 10: 30, Mrs. Jerome West woke and found their house a complete mass of fire. Arousing her husband they had barely time to escape with their lives, leaving everything which was quickly consumed. In a very few moments their barns and all their out buildings were a mass of ruins. Their dogs, hens and two hogs were burned. Insured for \$500 on the buildings and \$250 on personal property." West then purchased the former Solomon Howard Jr. place, just south of Solomon's Temple, and that place too was destroyed by fire on October 19, 1891. An account was in the October 23, 1891 issue of *The Londonderry Sifter*. "The farm buildings owned and occupied by J.W. West were totally consumed by fire Monday morning. About twelve o'clock Sunday night Mr. West was awakened by a noise which he thought proceeded from his cattle in the barn, he hastily arose, lighted a lamp, and in the act taking his coat from a hook on the wall upset the lamp which immediately took fire, instead of throwing the coat upon the burning oil he threw a pail of water, which sent it flying in all directions and beyond the control of a bucket brigade, the fire soon spread to the out buildings, and in a short time the whole were one heap of blackened ruins. The cattle, horses, hogs, hens and a few farming tools were saved; the household goods, clothing and provisions were nearly all destroyed. Four years ago Mr. West lost his house and contents by fire, situated on a few rods from this one. Such a line of misfortunes demands the sympathy of the people."

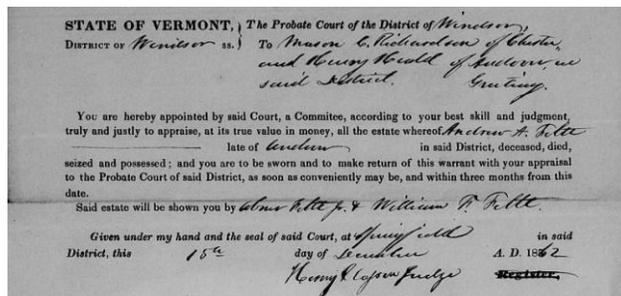
We were visited by Linda Heald of Boston, Mass., who is photographing all of the Heald and related families gravestones and posting the images on the website findagrave.com. The tour included Heald Cemetery and East Hill Cemetery, as well Brookside Cemetery in Chester and Maple Grove Cemetery in Weston.

Assistance was provided to Scott Andrew Bartley for his book *Early Vermont Settlers to 1771, Volume 1 Southern Windsor County* recently published by NEHGS. Included for Andover are Amos Babcock, Jr. and Shubael Geer who appear in 1771 Cumberland Co., N.Y. census.

We provided assistance to Karyn Norwood, working on a research project for the Vermont Department for Historic Preservation, to indentify saunas and when Finnish families first purchased property in Andover.

Respectfully submitted, Jonathan W. Stevens

TRUSTEES: Jonathan W. Stevens (-2018)
Jeanette H. Haight (-2019)
Peter T. Farrar (-2020)
CURATORS: Elizabeth W. Stevens
Jonathan W. Stevens



PIONEER MEMORIAL SOCIETY/CLARK W. HAZELTINE MEMORIAL FUND

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE	July 1, 2016		\$3,466.38
Receipts:			
Donations			<u>10.00</u>
Disbursements:			
NONE			
ENDING BALANCE	June 30, 2017		\$3,476.38

ADELLA STANNARD POOR FUND

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE	July 1, 2016		\$3,218.20
Receipts:			
Bank Interest		\$ 1.61	
Putnam Fund Dividends		<u>20.49</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$22.10	\$ <u>22.10</u>
Disbursements:			
NONE			
ENDING BALANCE	June 30, 2017		\$3,240.30
* Value of Putnam Fund December 31, 2017		\$886.58	

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 69 dogs were licensed between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 which accounted for \$340.00 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.

2017 ANDOVER TOWN FIRE WARDEN REPORT

The fire warden issued 54 permits to kindle a fire this year. There were 51 wild fires reported to the State of Vermont which burned 49 acres.

Please continue to contact your fire warden at 875-3351. Also, remember to call the fire dispatch number 875-3200, every time you obtain a burning 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.

Your cooperation keeps us all safe and our State green.

Sincerely,
Alan E. Plumb,
Town Fire Warden

2017 ANDOVER COMMUNITY FUND REPORT

The Andover Community Fund is a local, non-profit organization established privately in 1987 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 the return to normal circumstances. The Andover Community Fund is managed by a five person Board of Directors.

In the year 2017, the Fund made grants totaling \$13,652.82 covering situations involving social support services. As in the past all assistance was provided in the spirit of helping individuals or families return to a normal, productive way of life. In 30 years, the Fund has distributed more than 245,400.32 to Andover residents in need.

The endowment had a year-end value (unaudited) of \$803,358.37. Expenses of the Fund were limited to one annual town-wide mailing, 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 their continued support of our annual fall fund-raiser. The 2017 solicitation successfully raised \$8075.00 with contributions from 90 participants. We are happy to have you share with us the opportunity to help one another in our small rural town. We value the spirit of good will and community that is alive in Andover.

We would ask you again to be mindful of situations wherein financial assistance could make the difference in helping an individual or family overcome an unexpected setback. Very often those in need are the least likely to seek aid, and therefore we ask you as friends and neighbors to bring to 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 Community Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andover Community Fund Board of Directors:

Geraldine Williams, Director 2021
Diane Parker, Director 2020
John Yake, Director 2020
Peter Huyler, Director 2019
Harold Johnson, Director 2018

Section IV

***GENERAL
INFORMATION***

**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

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

NOTICE: Keep in mind that there are three tax payments per year. The **Municipal Tax** is due on July 1st, and the **Education Tax** is due in two payments – one on November 1st and the second on March 1st. Taxes become delinquent on the day after the due date and interest accrues at the rate of 1% per month. Whatever tax is unpaid the day after the March 1st due date will also be assessed an 8% late payment penalty plus the 1% interest which will continue to accrue until paid in full.

If you have a problem paying your tax, please contact the Tax Collector to make arrangements for payment. We would be happy to discuss a payment plan that might make it easier for you to keep your taxes current. The Town Office hours Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 3:00. There is an answering machine so you can leave a message and we'll return your call.

REMINDER

**The third property tax
payment is due on or before
MARCH 1, 2018.**

****Beginning this year, the municipal tax
payment will be due August 1st instead
of July 1st.**

TOWN OFFICE HOURS & MEETINGS

TOWN OFFICE: Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SELECT BOARD: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Office

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the
Town Office

SCHOOL BOARDS: Union #29: Chester-Andover Elementary School Board meets the 1st
and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at C.A.E.S.

Union #35: Green Mountain Union High School Board meets the 1st
and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the G.M.U.H.S.
conference room.

New GMUSD Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M.
rotating between CAES, CTES, & GMUHS

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 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 residence. No person shall be disqualified as a voter for failure to pay tax.

PUBLIC USE OF THE TOWN OFFICE

In order to be sure that the Town Office has the widest possible use by legitimate Town Groups without conflict and that the building is safely maintained, the Select Board requests that the following rules be adhered to:

1. One person in the group assumes the responsibility for the use of the building.
2. No meeting be held without prior notification and clearance from the Town Clerk.
This includes day use also.
3. All trash generated at meetings needs to be removed from the building.
4. Thermostat be returned to 58° at the end of the meeting and all lights turned off
(except the security light).
5. All chairs returned to proper places.

**TOWN OF ANDOVER, VERMONT
2015 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(4)**, 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

Not applicable.

ARTICLE IV. SPEED REGULATIONS

TH #49, Andover Ridge Road - No person shall operate a motor vehicle on Town Highway #49, Andover Ridge Road, at a speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour, commencing at the intersection of Town Highway #49 (Andover Ridge Road) and Town Highway #1 (Weston-Andover Road) encompassing the entire length of Andover Ridge Road. This regulation is pursuant to Title 19 § 304(7), and Title 24 § 1972, V.S.A.

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 sufficient reference hereto.

Section 5. Prior Ordinances:

Any other ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Andover, Vermont will remain in full force and affect.

Section 6. Publication and Posting:

This Ordinance shall be published in The Message for the Week on September 23, 2015 and shall be filed with the Town Clerk on September 15, 2015.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Andover, Vermont at its meeting held on the 14th day of September, 2015.

Harold Johnson

Barry Williams

Mark Gordon

Jean Peters

Christopher Plumb

Andover Select Board

Citizens' Right to Petition

Full text of this and all other Ordinances may be examined at the Andover Town Office. Should you have questions or comments with regard to this Ordinance please direct them to Jean Peters, 875-1564.

To disapprove this Ordinance a petition for a vote signed by not less than 5% of the registered voters (20) must be presented to the Select Board or the Town Clerk within 44 days following the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

When a petition is submitted, the legislative body shall call a special meeting within 60 days from the date of receipt of the petition.

This adopted Ordinance may be disapproved by a vote of a majority of registered voters, voting on the question.

MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE

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

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

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

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 10th day of October, 1988.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE
Town of Andover, Vermont

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 22, 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

Not applicable.

ARTICLE IV. SPEED REGULATIONS

TH#1 - The Andover Motor Vehicle Ordinance dated October 10, 1998 remains in effect unchanged.

TH #2 - 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 #25 – A maximum speed of 35 MPH from its southern terminus at Vermont route 11 north to its northern terminus at TH #1.

TH #28 – A maximum speed of 35 MPH from its southern terminus at Vermont route 11 North to its northern terminus at TH #1.

ADOPTED BY THE ANDOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN on DECEMBER 22, 1997.

TOWING ORDINANCE
Town of Andover, Vermont

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
Town of Andover, Vermont**

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

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

**UNDER ROAD UTILITY LINE ORDINANCE
Town of Andover, Vermont**

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”.

TRAILS ORDINANCE
Town of Andover, Vermont

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.

**CEMETERY POLICY
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

ANDOVER TOWN HALL USE REGULATIONS

The use of the Andover Town Hall and its facilities is intended, primarily, for Andover residents and/or taxpayers. The Andover Select Board, in conjunction with the Town Clerk, is responsible for overseeing the operation, use, and inspection of the Town Hall.

Application for the resident or non-resident use of the Andover Town Hall shall be made to the Andover Town Clerk with the required fee and security deposit. A key to the Town Hall will be issued to the responsible party (See Use Regulation #1 below) by the Town Clerk, upon receipt of a signed rental agreement and \$150.00 security deposit.

Use Regulations:

1. One person of the group permitted to use the Town Hall shall sign the Rental Agreement and be identified to the Town Clerk as the responsible party for assuring compliance with these regulations and shall be required to remain on the premises for the duration of the event.
2. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in any part of the Town Hall
3. Smoking is not allowed in any part of the Town Hall
4. All appliances shall be left in a clean, ready-to-use condition.
5. Bathrooms shall be left in a clean, ready-to-use condition.
6. Floors shall be swept and cleaned as necessary.
7. Tables and chairs shall be put back where they were found.
8. No Town property shall be removed from the Town Hall (including, but not limited to: tables, chairs, appliances, utensils and/or supplies).
9. All trash generated by a non town- sponsored function shall be removed from town property at the time of clean-up prior to inspection by the Town Clerk or Select Board.
10. A list of Town Hall heating, appliance, electrical, water, window and door requirements is posted on the Town Hall kitchen bulletin board and is available from the Town Clerk. Anyone using the Town Hall shall comply with those requirements.
11. Users will be responsible for, and liable to, the Town for all repairs to the facilities required as a result of damage caused by users. Any damage occurring during the use of the Town Hall shall be reported to the Town Clerk as soon as possible with the user responsible for the necessary repair or replacement cost thereof.
12. A schedule of fees for Town Hall rental will be available in the Town Office where applications, availability and reservations may be made.

VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN THE TOWN OF ANDOVER
July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

BIRTHS

Name	Gender	DOB	Parents
Reese Isabella Jacquelyn Griswold	F	11/08/2016	Rebecca (Wilkins) & Richard Griswold
Rowan Jeremiah Parker	M	06/06/2017	Alexis Parker

MARRIAGES

Spouse	Spouse	Date	Place of Marriage
Eric Stetson	Jennifer Chase	08/06/2016	Rockingham
Christopher Drury	Caitlin Murphy	08/13/2016	Chester
Charles Denofrio	Dannielle Keilman	08/27/2016	Andover
Christopher Walker	Lori Stillwell	11/19/2016	Chester
Cynthia Tower	Jacques Fillion	11/26/2016	Andover
John Montemerlo	Kathleen Yucka	02/14/2017	Weston

DEATHS/BURIALS

Name	Gender	Residence	Date of Death	Cemetery
Anita Ellen Amsden	F	Rockingham, VT	07/13/2016	Simonsville
Carol Sue Danielson	F	Andover, VT	08/26/2016	
Barbara Hume	F	Shelburne, VT	08/16/2016	East Hill
Ruth Anne Nash	F	Andover, VT	11/30/2016	Simonsville

Section V

***SCHOOL
OPERATIONS
&
INFORMATION***

**REPORT OF THE
ANDOVER TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTORS
JANUARY 2018**

During the 2015 Session the Vermont Legislature adopted ACT 46, a law intended to encourage consolidation of local School Districts into Unified School Districts with one School Board, replacing all local Boards, as well as a single tax rate across all member Towns.

On May 2, 2017 the citizens of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish and Chester voted to approve the Act 46 merger plan to form one school district with one board, one budget and one tax rate. The members of the new 11-seat Green Mountain Unified School District (GMUSD) Board was elected at the same time and will assume responsibility for operating all schools in the new District on July 1, 2018.

The budget for the new District will be submitted for an Australian ballot vote on March 6, 2018.

Your Town School Directors will continue to meet as necessary to wrap up any pending issues before December 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherry Willumitis 2018

Mark Bodin 2019

Joseph Fromberger 2020

Two Rivers Superintendent Report

Message from the Superintendent

The employees of the Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU) and of Black River, Cavendish Town, Chester-Andover, Green Mountain, Ludlow Elementary and Mount Holly schools continue to dedicate our effort and work to providing our students with an education of excellence. We're in the midst of transition. We are engaged in a significant initiative to move from a traditional education model (one that most of us experienced) to a personalized and proficiency-based education model of learning; we have two principals who have announced their upcoming retirement and our school districts will or might become larger school districts.

The initiative is intensive and requires us to shift our thinking about teaching and learning. We've always known that the relationships we develop with our students and their families and the instruction we provide is critical to the success of our students becoming life-long learners. Now, in addition to relationship building, our teachers need to shift their instructional practices to ensure our students will eventually meet our proficiency-based graduation requirements and be prepared to be global citizens who contribute to their respective communities and our global economy.

At Black River High School Middle School and Green Mountain Union High School we have invited families in to share information about proficiency-based learning and the changing expectations for our students. We will continue to inform families about this initiative as we progress to full implementation. At the elementary level, professional development opportunities throughout the year are being devoted to teachers having initial training in personalized and proficiency-based education. Please know we welcome questions about this shift in instruction and learning, contact your local school or our supervisory union for further information.

We are fortunate in our supervisory union to have a talented administrative team. Two of our members who have provided skillful leadership at their schools have decided to retire, Mr. Thomson of the Cavendish Town Elementary School and Mr. Ferenc of the Green Mountain Union High School. Mr. Thomson has led the Cavendish Town School for 29 years! That is an amazing number of years for a principal to stay at one school. I know his leadership and his dedication to the school and community has been tremendous. He has served as principal of students across the generations, developed wonderful relationships with the Cavendish families and community and been a highly respected and regarded leader of his school.

Likewise, Mr. Ferenc has had a significant impact on the Green Mountain Union High School. As principal for 11 years, Mr. Ferenc has improved student academic and social growth, hired high quality teachers and been instrumental in moving forward with building renovations. Both principals are men of integrity and kindness. They have always kept students at the forefront of their thinking and decision-making. As I wish them all the best in their future endeavors, I know they will both be greatly missed by their respective communities.

The school districts of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish and Chester have merged into one district called the Green Mountain Unified School District (GMUSD). The GMUSD Board organized in September and this past fall began forming committees and meeting to become fully operational as of July 1, 2018. Most recently we have been working on the budget for the new district. It is a huge shift to move from our current school district budgets to one district budget. The TRSU administration, GMUSD principals

and Board members have worked hard on bringing a budget forward that invests properly for the education of our students while maintaining our buildings and grounds.

Given that the Board and administration have not had the typical time frame to prepare a budget for the 2018-2019 academic year, we will be hiring some positions on an interim basis. The incoming Cavendish Town Elementary School principal, a new teaching dean and kindergarten teacher at Chester-Andover will all be hired for one year. The GMUSD Board plans on going on a retreat this summer to create a vision for the district while setting goals and objectives. The work completed at the retreat will inform the future administrative structure, staffing and budgeting work this fall.

The Plymouth School District will be joining the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. There was a vote in late November for the school districts of Ludlow, Mount Holly and Union #39 to merge and form the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District. That vote was in the affirmative, but since that time there was a petition filed in Ludlow for a revote. The next vote will be held on February 6th at the Ludlow Town Hall. Once we know the outcome of that vote we will move forward with either one budget for the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District or have three separate budgets for the current school districts of Ludlow Elementary, Mount Holly and Union #39.

In closing, please know I have the highest respect for our faculty and staff throughout our schools and central office. We have a very hard-working, dedicated group of employees who want to provide our students with an education of excellence. Please support our school budgets to help us improve our practices and increase student achievement. We want to do all we can to give our students the opportunities they deserve to participate fully in their towns of choice and contribute to the global economy. Thank you so much for your support of our schools.

Sincerely,

Meg Alison Powden
Superintendent
January 2018

GMUHS Current 2017-2018 Andover Student Enrollment as of October 11, 2017:

Grades	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total:	Total Transported
Andover	7	4	4	4	4	4	27	22

CAES Current 2017-2018 Andover Student Enrollment as of October 11, 2017:

Grades	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total:	Total Transported
Andover	3	5	1	3	5	5	2	1	22	22

SIZE OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:

TOWN:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS/VOTES

Andover Town	1
Baltimore Town	1
Cavendish Town	3
Chester Town	<u>6</u>
	11

SPECIAL EDUCATION CHILD FIND NOTICE
TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION

Two Rivers Supervisory Union is required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to locate, evaluate and identify all persons with disabilities between the ages of birth through 21 who may be in need of special education related services or accommodations in order to access a free appropriate public education and to provide such needed services for those ages 3 through 21. Services for children birth to 3 years are provided in conjunction with Part H Services of the Family, Infant and Toddler Project of Vermont. If you know of a person residing in the towns of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow or Mount Holly you believe has such needs but is not currently receiving services; please contact the Director of Special Services, at (802) 875-6428.

NON-DISCRIMINATION DISCLAIMER

The School Board recognizes its obligation to respect the legal rights of all students, parents, employees, and applicants, for admission or employment and those conducting business with the district. The Board will comply with all applicable federal and state non-discrimination laws including *Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act*, and will not discriminate against any person or group on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, handicapping condition and/or disability or sexual orientation. A process of referral, evaluation and placement of handicapped students exists in accordance with section 504. The Superintendent shall notify appropriate persons of this policy and of the grievance procedure whereby claims of discrimination may be processed including the right to contact the Human Rights Commission in Montpelier and the Regional Office of Civil Rights in Boston. Information on these and other sources of assistance is contained in the grievance procedure.



Meg Alison Powden
Superintendent of Schools

Christopher Adams
Director of Financial Operations

Mary Barton
Director of Student Services

January 16, 2018

School Board of Directors
Andover School District
Andover, VT 05143

Re: Annual Certified Public Audit

The annual audit report and financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017 have been completed by RHR Smith & Company, CPA's. The report is available online or by contacting the Two Rivers Supervisory Union office.

The annual audit report for Two Rivers Supervisory Union is also available online or at the Two Rivers Supervisory Union office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M.A. Powden", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Meg Alison Powden, Superintendent

01/18/2018

**Two Rivers Supervisory Union
FY 2019 Budget Summary**

	Budget FY 2017	Actual FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	Budget FY19	Percent Change
Central Office (Equalized Pupil)					
General Administration	347,736	339,429	366,482	324,437	
Finance	248,087	257,577	261,580	265,451	
Bookkeeping	184,108	184,496	200,082	204,682	
Operations & Maint	106,503	100,792	101,559	95,420	
SU Technology	114,827	112,004	112,849	116,624	
Curriculum Implementation	33,213	34,137	37,658	40,724	
English as a 2nd Language	26,809	26,738	27,209	27,761	
Sub Total	1,061,283	1,055,173	1,107,419	1,075,099	-2.92%
Revenue Offsets					
Medicaid and MAC Reimbursement	35,921	29,054	27,508	30,250	
Fund Surplus	0	0	12,000	15,000	
Bank Interest, ERate & Misc Revenue	14,000	15,761	17,000	15,000	
Federal Indirect Reimbursement	0	0	20,000	15,000	
Sub Total	49,921	44,815	76,508	75,250	-1.64%
Central Office Total	1,011,362	1,010,358	1,030,911	999,849	-3.01%
Tech School Support (EqPup)					
ENA and shared Software	268,400	275,076	185,836	88,306	
Less: E-Rate Reimbursement	91,200	93,600	0	0	
Tech Support Total	177,200	181,476	185,836	88,306	-52.48%
Transportation (in SU Req'd by State)	0	0	427,656	465,747	
Special Education (Child Count)					
K-12th Grade (net expense-districts)	2,733,811	2,858,201	1,233,708	1,287,893	4.39%
K-12th Grade (reimbursed expense)	0	65,772	1,833,605	2,072,843	
Early Essential Education in Schools	119,247	131,844	123,692	98,113	
Early Essential Collaborative*	125,140	134,723	139,405	142,507	
Special Ed Total	2,978,198	3,190,540	3,330,410	3,601,356	8.14%
Preschool Private Collaborative*	262,552	316,352	324,151	0	-100.00%
*Preschool/EEE shared by GMUSD towns; Pre-K moved into GMUSD for FY19					
Grants (Estimates)					
IDEA-B	340,000	385,726	350,000	320,000	
Title I	438,084	570,291	450,000	397,000	
Title IIA	127,016	227,611	175,000	108,000	
21st Century Grant (After School)	86,000	153,119	176,515	176,515	
Grant Total	991,100	1,336,747	1,151,515	1,001,515	-13.03%
Summary					
Net TRSU FY17 Proposed Budget	5,420,412	6,035,473	6,450,479	6,156,773	
Offsetting Revenues	141,121	138,415	76,508	75,250	
Grand Total of Expense for Approval	5,561,533	6,173,888	6,526,987	6,232,023	-4.52%

Section VI

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

A Message to Andover Residents

We want to be sure all of our elderly residents and their friends and families are aware of services available to them. Our elderly population is expanding while their resources are shrinking. We want to be sure nobody is “falling through the cracks” – especially those living alone.

Please call us if you or someone you know is in need of basic services or if you have been unable to get expected help from the agencies you have contacted.

We hope to keep this bulletin up-to-date – so let us know of any changes to phone numbers, or who does what.

Most importantly, we know there is a shortage of “friendly visitors” who can spend time in the homes of individuals who should not be left alone for too long and cannot pay for company. If you are available for this type of service, call one of us and we’ll put you on our list of neighborhood volunteers.

Jean Peters 875-1564

Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging). Springfield, Vermont

Help Line: (800) 642-5119

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: Phone (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: Springfield, Vermont Phone 885-5879

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). Springfield, Vermont Phone 885-2083

RSVP’s Telecare has trained telephone callers who offer conversation and reassurance to people age 55 + older at home.

Neighborhood Connections Londonderry, Vermont Phone 824-4343

Social workers help seniors (and others) apply for food, fuel, nursing and medical care programs.

SEVCA (Southeastern Vermont Community Action) Westminster, Vermont Phone (800) 464-9951

Offers a broad range of goods and services for Vermonters of all ages.

Just Neighbors Andover, Vermont Phone 875-1604

Has an emergency fund for heating fuel, delivers firewood for wood-burning stoves and offers transportation.

Community Cares Chester, Vermont Phone 875-6341

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 908 Vermont Rte 103 South, Chester, Vermont Phone 875-3236

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, and gas cards and small cash grants

Area Churches

Andover Community Church Pastors: Steve Knisely 875-1670 and Daryl Martens 875-3958

Andover Word:

andover250@vermontel.net serves as a community bulletin board. Andover also has a great collection of second-hand hospital beds, walkers, canes, and bedside commodes 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.

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Andover, VT

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

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, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 103 homecare visits to 11 Andover residents. This included approximately \$9,328 in unreimbursed care to Andover residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 56 home visits to 8 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 1 home visits to a resident with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 46 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

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,


Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)

The Current 2018 Town Report for Andover

The Current has been southern Windsor and Windham County's public transit provider since 2003. Our mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the 27 towns we serve. As a private non-profit 501c3, we rely more than ever on local contributions to deliver rides and to provide the required local match for replacement vehicles.

The Current is funded by state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares on some routes, and contributions from our human service partners. We operate bus routes and senior or disabled transportation services via our fleet of 36 buses, vans, and a network of over 50 very dedicated volunteer drivers.



Our operating expenses last year were \$5,164,289. With that we provided 282,102 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 910,711 miles over 50,096 hours.

In Andover we operate van and volunteer services which last year provided 24 rides at a cost of \$480.

We are requesting a \$125 contribution from the Town of Andover this year. We hope you will once again support us.

We are always seeking your input to improve our services. Please contact me by email (rgagnon@crtransit.org); phone (802) 460-7433 x 201; or visit us at www.crtransit.org to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rebecca Gagnon'.

Rebecca Gagnon
General Manager

REPORT OF THE CHESTER AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Chester Ambulance Service responded to 378 calls out of a total 386 dispatched during 2017 resulting in 371 patients being seen within the towns of Chester (287), Andover (27), Ludlow (40), Rockingham (2), Cavendish (5), Proctorsville (4), Grafton(2), Londonderry (1), Springfield (1) and Plymouth (2) as a result of the following incidents:

- 223 Medical Emergencies
- 33 MVC's (Motor Vehicle Crashes including motorcycle, ATV and snowmobile)
- 88 Traumatic Incidents by other cause
- 7 Stand-By Requests by Fire, Police, etc.
- 27 Public Assists and/or Cancellations

Response volume increased from 353 in 2016 to the 378 stated above for 2017. I previously reported that we were unable to respond to 59 calls during 2015 due to lack of available personnel and 33 during 2016. During 2017, that number again dropped to a total of 12. Most of those missed calls happened late in the year due to coverage difficulties. 2017 proved to be an expensive transition year with change in State protocols and higher supply costs. Many treatment procedures were added causing the need to stock unplanned/unbudgeted supplies, such as Narcan for opiate overdoses and Epinephrine for cardiac arrests. We also saw the cost of many supplies exponentially increase such as Epinephrine Pens for allergic reactions and the diabetic medication Glucagon. Even though we try to keep costs at a minimum and budget accordingly, it is difficult to know exactly what will be needed each year.

Our relationship with Ludlow Ambulance is working well. Each service can call for one licensed person to respond from the other to fulfill legal transport needs. I want to assure all that we do not wait at the station for them to arrive. We respond while the requested license is on their way to meet on scene. Another plus is that Ludlow now has 4 full time Paramedics on staff that can use their skills under our service license if needed.

I would like to recognize Michael Randzio and Chad Carey, Jr.; Mike is an EMT on our service and Chad is a firefighter for Chester. Both left the same day during August of 2017 to pursue active duty training within the United States Army. We maintain their roles as members of our departments for when they are on leave visiting home. Please join me as I extend them my utmost gratitude for their selfless willingness to serve in defense of our country.

As volunteers are ever- revolving, we continue to need new members; if interested, please contact Dan Cook at 875-3134(H), 802 558-9972(C) or by email tcambulance@vermontel.net

We would like to thank all town departments of Chester and Andover including all officials and Select Boards; the members of the Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad, Chester Fire Department, Yosemite Engine Company, Ludlow Ambulance, Hartford Dispatch, the emergency room staff at Springfield Hospital and all other surrounding mutual aid organizations. It is with continued support from all, including the taxpayers of Chester and Andover that enables us to continue operation at our current level of care.

I would also like to extend my personal appreciation to all volunteer members of our service as well as thank their respective loved ones for gracious acceptance of any loss of family time throughout the year. They are an incredible group of individuals with dedication that preserves our ability to continue.

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians: Jeff Knisely, Eric Martens, Rebekah Martens and Eric Richardson

Emergency Medical Technicians: Mary Ann Bonneville, Amanda Johnson, Elizabeth Brothers, Laurie Cloud, Irwin Post, Meghan Thomas, Laurie Perry, Rachel Cote and Michael Randzio

Emergency Medical Responders: Rebecka Randzio, Michael Steuwe and Robert Carlock

Drivers: Greg Gomo, Bruce Savery, Brianna Dyer and Jim Perry

EMT Trainee: Marissa Stack

EMR Trainees: Alyssa LeTourneau, Montana LeTourneau and Quadale Jackson

Respectfully Submitted, Daniel Cook, Coordinator

COMMUNITY CARES NETWORK OF CHESTER/ANDOVER, INC.

Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. (CCN,INC.) continues its ongoing work of helping to keep our Senior Citizens in their own homes safely and longer. Our dedicated volunteers give of their time and energy to help Seniors who do not have the resources they need to live independently.

In addition to providing transportation to doctors and hospital appointments, we also assist with such services as grocery shopping, record-keeping, friendly visits and check-ins, library book delivery, and odd jobs. We have helped many clients get to the Chester/Andover Family Center and Food Shelf.

This year we have undertaken a new project, working in conjunction with the Chester Ambulance Service. We are putting together emergency bags for Seniors to use at times of power outages, floods, storms, and other unforeseen disasters. We are planning to have these bags ready for distribution early next year.

In addition to the Chester Ambulance Service, we also work with agencies such as Senior Solutions, Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH, and the Adult Protective Agency. We cooperate with the Chester/Andover Ministerium to get help for people in need. We help to connect our clients with organizations and agencies that can help meet their needs.

We held our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser last spring at the Andover Town Hall. We would like to thank the Town for the use of the Hall. This has proven to be a popular social event for the people of the community.

CCN,INC. has helped over 35 people in Andover this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
The CCN,INC. Board

WINDSOR COUNTY UPDATE
ASSISTANT JUDGES JACK ANDERSON AND ELLEN TERIE

FY 2018-19 County Budget

The Assistant Judges held the preliminary budget meeting at 5 PM on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. The budget calls for \$439,858 to be raised by taxes, a *decrease* of \$1,853 from the current FY 17-18 budget. The new budget calls for \$541,025 in total spending, a significant *decrease* of \$16,709 from the current FY 17-18 budget. The county tax rate *decreased* slightly, from .0049 to .0048. This is the third straight year it has dropped.

According to the Vermont Department of Taxes, the Equalized Grand List for the entire county grew by \$87,762,000. This is the third year in a row where the value of the grand list has increased markedly. It is now \$9,094,596,000.

Pursuant to Title 24 Sect. 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1, 2018, requiring the tax to be paid in two installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2018.

Courthouse Renovation Bond

2018 marks the fifth year of the \$2 million bond repayment. (The first bond payment was in November 2014). This year, the amount to be billed to the towns will be \$234,896 (\$200,000 principal; \$34,896 interest). This billing is NOT part of the county budget, but a separate assessment. Last summer, the borrowing rate was renegotiated resulting in a savings of several thousand dollars in interest.

Other County News

2017 has been a busy and productive year for the Assistant Judges and Windsor County. Here are some of the happenings in the past year:

With the installation of interior storm windows at the court house at 12 The Green in 2015, the county continued to save thousands of dollars in fuel costs.

For the fourth year in a row, the county finished the 2016-2017 fiscal year solidly in the black and continues to roll the surplus into the next budget year.

Judge Terie completed the 40 hour Civil Mediation course at the National Judicial College in Reno, NV. last summer.

The County has established the Windsor County Mediation Center in its building at 62 Pleasant Street and Windsor County Bar members use it for civil mediation.

Lastly, in 2017 we said goodbye to our Building Superintendent Carl Tancreti, who retired and headed west for the winter. We welcomed our new Building Superintendent, Bruce Page.



Chester-Andover Family Center

Our Mission: Providing a helping hand to persons
and families in need

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

The Chester-Andover Family Center

Board of Directors

2017

Nena Nanfeldt-
President

Stephanie Mahoney-
Vice President

Mariette Bock- Treasurer

Georgia Ethier- Secretary

Bruce Parks

Ginger Roper

Mary Semones

Suellen Slater

Sandra Vincent

- **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 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 operational 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.

"Providing a Helping Hand to Persons and Families in Need"



Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes and move toward the elimination 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, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Income Tax Preparation, VT Health Connect Navigation, Homelessness Prevention, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Andover, we have provided the following services during FY2017:

Weatherization: 1 home (2 people) was weatherized at a cost of \$7,343

VT Health Connect Navigation: 1 household (1 person) received assistance to enroll in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$121

Head Start: 2 families (7 people) received comprehensive early education and family support services with a value of \$26,539

Family Services: 1 household (4 people) received 4 services, valued at \$36 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 2 households (2 people) received 2 assists valued at \$1,273

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
Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
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