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The Solomon Howard Farm: “Solomon’s Temple” *by Jonathan W. Stevens*

Howard Hill located in the southern part of Andover, is named after the family that first settled there in the 1780s. The road of the same name runs through the 3rd Range of Lots from Rte. 11 across the town and county line to intersect with Popple Dungeon Road in Windham. In the 19th Century, the area consisted of School District No. 1, though ironically the Howard Hill School was not on Howard Hill Road, but at the intersection of Stigers and Boone Roads. The first member of the Howard family to move to Andover was Capt. Solomon Howard. Hiland H. Gutterson in his “The General History of the Town” featured in Abby Maria Hemenway's *The Local History of Andover, Vt.* (1886), published separately from, but part of the *Vermont Historical Gazetteer*, gave the following description of Solomon Howard: "The Captain was always a generous man, and was very public-spirited. It was the custom for all the young men in the neighborhood, after planting, to meet at his home for a holy day, playing ball, wrestling, shooting at a mark, and other athletic sports, and at night, Mr. Howard would always give them supper in his house. And in the winter evenings, the young people would often gather there for a dance and social enjoyments, and were always welcome and free to the best his home afforded." Capt. Solomon Howard would eventually build a large brick house, which became the neighborhood gathering place that Gutterson mentioned, and was later referred to as “Solomon’s Temple,” a Biblical reference to King Solomon’s Temple in Jerusalem. Solomon Howard was soon followed his brothers Joseph Howard (1760-1804), David Howard (1747-1818), Antipas Howard (1766-1826) and brother in-law John French (1760-1847), who was married to their sister Rebecca Howard(Hayward) (1758-1829). The surname started out as Hayward, an English occupational name derived from an official who was responsible for protecting land or enclosed forest from damage by animals, poachers, or vandals, from Middle English hay “enclosure” plus ward “guardian.” However, within just a few years of arriving in Andover, the spelling was altered to Howard.

Capt. Solomon⁶ Howard, was son of James⁵ (*Jonathan*,⁴ *Jonathan*,³ *William*,² *William*¹) and Lois (Parmenter) Hayward, who was born in Mendon, Mass., on December 6, 1756. The family would move to neighboring Douglas, Mass., in the 1760s. Both parents died in the late 1770s. In December 1775, Solomon at the age of 19 years, enlisted from Douglas, as private in the Massachusetts Line of the Continental Army for a year’s service. Solomon entered the army on January 1, 1776, and marched to Cambridge, Mass., thence to New London, Connecticut, thence to New York City, thence up Hudson River and North River to Fort Ann, thence to Montreal, thence returned to Ticonderoga where he was stationed until November 25, 1776. He then went to Newton, Pennsylvania, and crossed the Delaware on about December 26, 1776, thence to Trenton, New Jersey and was in the Battle of Trenton and after the battle returned to Newton. He then returned to Trenton about January 1, 1777, when his term expired. On January 2, 1777, he re-enlisted for the term of 6 weeks, and the night following marched to Princeton and was in the Battle of Princeton. He then marched to Morristown with the same officers under whom he served the year service, that he served said term of 6 weeks and was taken sick with the yellow fever and his elder brother David brought him home to Douglas, in the latter part of March 1777. He was again called out on an alarm and entered service on August 17, 1777 and marched through Hadley, Mass. and North Hampton, Mass. to Bennington, Vt., then to Sheensboro (now Whitehall, N.Y.), thence to Manchester, Vt., and thence to Saratoga, N.Y. He was there at the surrender of General Burgoyne, thence to White Plains, was there dismissed and returned home on December 5, 1777, having served 3 ½ months. He was again called out in the month of August 1778 and served in the Water Craft, was stationed at Tiverton, R.I. in the Boat Service. He served 6 weeks and was then discharged. He served 18 ½ months in all. There are two important things to note. First, Solomon traveled through this area of Vermont during the war before settling here and because of his wartime service, he later served as a Captain in Andover’s militia.

“Solomon Hayward” first appears in Andover’s records as a witness to a deed between Silas Spaulding of Londonderry, Vt., and Jonas Kidder of Lyndeborough, N.H., dated December 26, 1781, for Lot 16 in the 1st Range. Spaulding had resided in Andover 1779-1780, but had moved Londonderry by this point. Solomon first purchased land in Andover Lot 2 in the 3rd Range in 1782, probably from John Simons Jr. of Andover, who had purchased the lot from John Buck of Worthington, Mass., on August 17, 1781. Unfortunately, the deed to Solomon was not recorded in the Andover Land Records. “Solomon Hayward” first appears on the Grand List in Andover 1783, with the assessed value of £7. On March 15, 1784, he sold the south half of Lot 2 in the 3rd Range in Andover to his brother in-law John French, who was then residing in Dummerston, Vt. On October 31, 1797, John French sold all the land east of the road which “leads from Solomon Howard’s direct to Thomas French’s” to his brother in-law Joseph Howard and on February 5, 1798, he sold the remaining 28 acres, west of the road to his brother Reuben French. John French had moved slightly east, as on October 31, 1797, his brother in-law Jonathan Howard (1749-1816) of Upton, Mass., sold him 82½ acres off of the west end of Lot 1 in the 2nd Range, which Jonathan had purchased from Francis Boon.

On June 26, 1784, Daniel Warner of Pittstown, Albany (now Rensselaer) Co., N.Y., sold to Solomon the entire right of original right of original proprietor Peter Morse. Though this deed does not specify the particular lots, the right of Peter Morse consisted of: Lot 3 in the 3rd Range in the 1st Division; Lot 9 in the 8th Range in the 2nd Division; Lot 11 in the 12th Range in the 3rd Division; and the south half of Lot 9 in the 13th Range in the 4th Division. Both the 3rd and 4th Division lots would be located in what is now Weston, after the legislative division of the town in 1799. On October 28, 1784, Solomon sold the north half of Lot 2 in the

3rd Range to his younger brother "Joseph Hayward," who was then residing in Dummerston, Vt. Joseph married John French's sister Sarah French.

On April 9, 1785, Solomon purchased a tract of land in Londonderry from Silas Spaulding, who by this point had left Londonderry and moved to Granville, Washington Co., N.Y., described as "being part of a lot known by the mill lot, said lot or part of a lot lying between George McMurphy and Jonathan Aiken, all the remaining part of said lot that is not sold before this, be it the same more or less." This description did not provide much detail, but it was about 40 acres lying west of the Great Pond now known as Lowell Lake. Solomon sold this property to Silas Faulkner of Acton, Mass., on December 12, 1797, with a more defined as "being part of the old mill lot joining southerly on the land that Silas Spaulding sold George McMurphy, then westerly on Nehemiah Howe, northerly on Jonathan Aiken's land and easterly on the Great Pond, thence south 68^o west to a stake and stones standing on the east line of Nehemiah Howe's land thence north 21^o east 66 rods to a spruce tree marked being said Howe's north east corner, thence north 69^o west 88 rods to birch tree, thence north 10^o east 46 rods to stake and stones, thence south 56^o east 150 rods to the Great Pond, thence south 10^o easterly by said pond to the first mentioned bounds."

On June 25, 1785, Amos Babcock of Ashford, Conn., a prominent figure in Andover's proprietorship sold Solomon Lot 18 in the 12th Range. This lot is located in present day Weston. In October 1785, Solomon sold Lot 9 in the 8th Range to Joseph Simons of Putney. On July 25, 1787, Daniel Foster of Andover sold Solomon Lot 3 in the 1st Range. This deed contains an interesting note: "N.B. I had a Deed of the Same peace [*sic*] of Land which is Lost of Daniel Foster of Andover which I Say is Lost for which I have this Deed Solomon Howard." From this note we know that an earlier deed for this property existed, but was lost. So perhaps a similar fate befell the deed from John Simons, Jr., and a second copy was simply not recorded.

Solomon married Cynthia Peters in Orange, Mass., on March 7, 1787, by Rev. Emerson Foster. Cynthia, daughter of Timothy and Hannah (Aldrich) Peters, was born in Richmond, N.H., on March 12, 1770. Cynthia's mother Hannah, was a sister of Rebecca (Aldrich) Howard, wife of Solomon older brother James Howard. The Peters family became some of the early settlers in South Hero, Vt. Cynthia younger brother Cyrus Peters, who married Priscilla Howard, daughter of David and Priscilla (Holland) Howard, lived on Howard Hill, for a short time before moving north to South Hero.

Solomon and Cynthia had seven sons all born in Andover: **Solomon Howard, Jr.**, born on July 19, 1788 and died in Andover, on March 12, 1870. He married Mary "Polly" Stoodley in Andover, on August 14, 1805; **Dolph Howard**, born on December 17, 1790 and died in Hillsboro, Oregon, on 12 September 12, 1865. He married Chloe Rhoades in Windham, on August 20, 1815; **Timothy Howard**, born on July 10, 1792 and died in Cavendish, on February 2, 1873. He married Sarah "Sally" Stoodley in Andover, on 27 October 1814; **Morris Howard**, born on April 27, 1795 and Racine, Wisconsin, on 22 February 1862. He married first Hannah Smith in Chester, on February 5, 1817 and second Jane Scott in Racine, Wis., on December 17, 1858; **Joel Howard**, born on May 3, 1797 and died Wallingford, on May 15, 1872. He married first Lucy Marsh in Andover, on June 17, 1818 and second Dulcena Bixby Rhoades in Andover, on February 12, 1834; **Hiram Howard**, born on September 18, 1799 and died in Lowell, Mass., on April 5, 1865. He married Nancy Stoodley in Grafton, on 12 January 1819; and **Jonathan Howard**, born on January 9, 1804 and died in Andover, on April 19, 1827. He married Silence French in Windham, on October 22, 1826. After Jonathan's death she married Alpheus Marsh, Jr. in Andover, on April 14, 1831.

A survey of the Andover portion of Howard Hill Road, was laid out in two parts, and the southern section was surveyed on September 26, 1787, described as "beginning on the Londonderry (now Windham) line near Thomas French's and running thence north 35^o east 53 rods, thence north 3^o west 43 rods, then north 23^o east 32 rods, thence north 14^o west 62 rods, thence north 0^o 88 rods to a dry beach [*sic*] tree to the south line of Solomon Howard's lot. This survey went through the 40-rod gore, and Lots 1 and 2 in the 3rd Range, terminating on the south line of Lot 3 in the 3rd Range.

On January 17, 1788, Solomon purchased 50 acres in the area of Gilsun, N.H., that is now part of Sullivan, N.H., from John Chappell of Gilsun, N.H. A deed out of Solomon has not been found, the property seems to eventually reverted back to Chappell. On March 19, 1788, he sold Lot 11 in the 12th Range to John Chappell, now described as of Andover.

On March 3, 1788, Solomon was elected a lister, fence viewer, and surveyor of highways, and on March 2, 1789, he was elected fence viewer. On February 6, 1789, Solomon sold to John Simons of Andover the south half of Lot 9 in the 13th Range. On March 5, 1792, Solomon was elected a selectman and on December 22, 1792, he sold Lot 18 in the 12th Range to Eldad Spafford of Temple, N.H. On March 2, 1795, Solomon was elected a lister. On June 30, 1796, Solomon sold Lot 3 in the 1st Range to Ebenezer Hutchinson of Andover, and on May 22, 1797, he sold to Josiah Brown of Andover, the south half of Lot 21 in the 11th Range.

On March 4, 1799, Solomon was chosen constable and collector of rates and around this time his cattle mark was recorded as a "Swallow Tale in Right Ear." On March 1, 1802, he was elected a trustee of schools and grand juror. On March 15, 1802, Reuben French, now residing in Salisbury, Vt., sold to Solomon 25 acres in the southwest corner of Lot 2 in the 3rd Range. On 12 April 1816, Solomon Howard sold this parcel to his eldest son Solomon Howard Jr., who would eventually add additional land to his farm, which was located directly south of his father's.

Joseph Howard died Andover, on October 31, 1804 and was buried in North Windham Cemetery. His property in Lot 2 in the 3rd Range, was divided between his children: Polly Howard, Susannah Howard, and Joseph Howard, Jr. and his widow Sarah. On February 28, 1810, John and Polly (Howard) Wellington, sold to Solomon Howard, two lots in the northwest corner of Lot 2 in the

3rd Range. The consisting of 5 acres set off to Susannah (Howard) Holden, but had been deeded to the Wellingtons. The second of 15 ½ acres was set off to Polly Wellington and both were described as “lying west of the road leading from Capt. Howard to the meeting house in Windham and north of the road to mills formerly owned by Samuel Wellington.”

Solomon Howard died in Andover, on June 23, 1840 and was buried in the North Windham Cemetery. On July 10, 1840, Solomon Howard, Jr. petitioned the Windsor District Probate Court, with Rufus Bruce of Chester acting as surety, to be the administrator of his father’s estate. The inventory dated August 14, 1840 presented to the probate court by Rufus Bruce and William Howard appraisers, consisted of the “Homestead Lot 3 in the 3rd Range, also 18 acres of Lot 2 in the same range containing 165 acres and 28 square rods appraised at \$2,300.” The personal property consisted of: 10 sheep marked C.H. \$12.50, 73 sheep \$65, 2 oxen \$70, 1 black cow \$17, 1 yellow cow \$17, 1 large red cow \$18, 1 small red cow \$15, 1 brindle cow \$17, 2 two years old steers \$34, 1 two years old heifer \$11, 2 one year old heifers \$17, 1 horse \$30. 1 fanning mill \$3, 1 iron shovel .25¢, 1 dung fork \$1, 1 pitch fork .17¢, 1 half a straw cutter \$2, 1 single sleigh \$2.75, 1 ox yoke staple ring & bows \$1.10, 1 cart & all pertaining \$14, 1 flax break .50¢, 1 pitchfork .06¢, 1 ax .25¢, 1 ox chain .50¢, 1 chain (broken) .75¢, 1 beetle and 3 iron wedges \$1, 1 pr. Tress chains .50¢, 9 old harrow teeth \$1.41, 1 harrow 13 teeth \$2.50, 1 corn harrow .75¢, 1 scraper \$2, 1 cast iron plow .75¢, 1 side hill plow \$3.50, 1 double whippetree .33¢, 1 single wagon \$7, 1 wagon harness \$1, 1 grind stone \$2, 1 long pitch fork .20¢, 1 cheese press .50¢, 1 iron bar .50¢, 1 iron bar .40¢, 1 hand saw .20¢, 1 shave .13¢, 1 inch auger .10¢, 1 froe .10¢, 98 wooden bound sap buckets \$5.88, 68 iron bound sap buckets \$6.80, 1 saddle \$1, 1 spade shovel .50¢, 1 grain cradle .20¢, 3 measures .75¢, 2 best meal bags .80¢, 4 meal bags .60¢, 1 pr. snow shoes .25¢, 1 loom \$1, 1 caldron kettle \$6, 1 cooler kettle \$2.75, 1 land roller \$1, 1 box old iron \$1.15, 1 pr. large steelyards \$1, 1 bushel basket .20¢, 1 old iron pot .87¢, 1 grain chest .50¢, 4 cider barrels .50¢, 8 flower barrels .18¢, 1 linen wheel .50¢, 77 pounds of wool \$25.67, 2 grain chests \$2, 1 meal chest \$1.25, library \$2, 1 screw driver and rowel needle .13¢, 1 Thompson Truss \$1, 1 clock and case \$1, 1 looking glass .50¢, 1 large jug .50¢, 1 quart jug .10¢, 9 tin milk pans \$1.53, 1 tin pail .20¢, other tin ware \$1.73, cupboard furniture \$3.91, knives, forks, and spoons .85¢, 4 earthen and stone pots .70¢, 2 stone jugs .25¢, 1 salt cask .13¢, 1 pail and dish tub .50¢, wooden ware .75¢, 2 iron barons and 1 spider .70¢, 1 dish kettle .50¢, 1 iron pot .75¢, 1 bake kettle .33¢, 1 tea kettle .13¢, 1 grind iron and toaster .25¢, 1 old dish kettle .15¢, 1 vinegar cask .50¢, shovel and tongs .20¢, 1 brass kettle \$2, 1 brass kettle \$2, candle sticks and hatchet .20¢, 1 low chest .75¢, 1 table .75¢, 11 chairs \$2, 1 flat iron .13¢, 1 small bucket .20¢, 1 bed, bedding, bedstead and cord \$8, 1 bed, bedding, bedstead and cord \$4, 4 tow sheets \$1.70, 1 bed, bedding, bedstead and cord \$14, 7 woolen sheets \$8.15, 4 cotton sheets \$1.20, 1 chest with drawers .50¢, 1 bedstead cord under tick and quilt \$2, sole leather .50¢, 1 corn basket .45¢, 1 brass skimmer .25¢, 1 cheese tub .40¢, 1 hand kettle .25¢, 1 meat barrel .50¢, 2 butter tubs .25¢, 1 wooden scoop shovel .13¢, 1 chopping knife .13¢, 1 weaver’s reed .45¢, 1 ox sled .50¢, a measure of old nails .30¢, timber framed for hog house \$18. The total value of the estate was \$2,824.76

On March 2, 1841, Solomon Howard’s estate was divided amongst the heirs into seven shares. There were five rectangular lots east of the road, carved out of Lot 3 in the 3rd Range. Running in south to north in the following order, they were as following: Solomon Howard, Jr. No. 1 consisting of 22 acres; Dolpha Howard No. 2 consisting of 17.5 acres; Morris Howard No. 3 consisting of 18.25 acres; Timothy Howard No. 4 consisting of 18 acres and 109 rods; and Hiram Howard No.5 consisting of 18 acres and 109 rods. Joel Howard No. 6 consisting of 5 acres of in the northwest corner of Lot 3 in the 3rd Range and 10.5 acres in the north west corner of Lot 2 in the 3rd Range and Jonathan Howard No. 7 of 5 acres of in the northwest corner of Lot 3 in the 3rd Range and 8.5 acres in the north west corner of Lot 2 in the 3rd Range, both lying south of Joel’s lots. The widow thirds or dower was set off to the widow Cynthia Howard consisted of 43 acres and 96 rods in Lot 3 in the 3rd Range.

Solomon Howard’s widow Cynthia married William Stoodley in Andover, on April 15, 1841, by Rev. Rufus Bruce. William’s first wife Sarah (Fuller) Stoodley, died in Chester, on November 6, 1840, and he knew Cynthia, as he was the father in-law of three of her sons. Cynthia (Peters) (Howard) Stoodley died in Andover, on July 20, 1854 and was buried in North Windham Cemetery. William Stoodley, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Cullam) Stoodley, was born in Boston, Mass., on July 14, 1765 and died in Chester, on March 4, 1857 and was buried with his first wife in the Simsbury Cemetery in Chester.

On October 16, 1841, both Hiram Howard and Timothy Howard sold their shares to William Marsh of Shrewsbury, who on March 25, 1842, sold the two shares to William Stoodley. On November 17, 1846, Stoodley sold them to Joshua Durant. On June 10, 1850, Durant sold to Priest Wilbur, and April 8, 1853, Wilbur sold to Jesse Andrews, who on the same day sold to Bishop F. Howard. On June 8, 1842, Hiram Howard sold to his brother Joel Howard his share in the buildings in their father’s estate described as “being all the right set to me in the square chamber, the shop room, south end of [the] woodshed and the chamber over [it], subject to use of the stairs to the middle chamber and widow’s thirds at the north end thereof. Also No. 6 share in the cellar east end going to widows thirds and No.7 with the privilege in the dooryard and of passing to and from said chamber, cellar and shop room.” On May 8, 1843 Morris Howard sold his share to Bishop. On August 11, 1843, Joel sold to Bishop F. Howard “the whole of my share of my father’s real estate together with the share of the buildings set off to my brother Hiram Howard in said division,” this was followed by the statement “the said Joel Howard to have the crops now on said premises and the use of the buildings to January 1, 1844. On 9 July 1845, Joanathan Howard sold her father Jonathan Howard’s share “as set off in the division of Solomon Howard’s estate” to Bishop F. Howard. On July 10, 1846, Dolpha Howard of Franklin, Erie Co., Pennsylvania sold to Bishop F. Howard

“the whole of my share in my father’s estate, being lot No. 2 of the division of said estate.” In the end Bishop F. Howard acquired all of the shares except that of his father Solomon Howard Jr.

In addition to their shares in the estate, the heirs, deeded their interest in the widow Cynthia’s thirds. On March 23, 1847, William Stoodley quit-claimed unto “Cynthia my now present wife,” any interest that he would inherit in her thirds. On May 12, 1843, Morris Howard deeded his interest in the thirds to Hiram Howard, who on March 21, 1856 deeded both interests to Bishop F. Howard. On December 14, 1850, Joel Howard of Wallingford deeded his interest in the thirds to his cousin Amaziah Howard of Windham, who on April 3, 1854, deeded Joel’s interest to Timothy Howard, who on March 21, 1856 deeded both his and Joel’s interests to Bishop F. Howard. On January 13, 1854, Dolpha Howard of Clayton Co., Iowa deeded his interest in the thirds to Solomon Howard, Jr. and on June 13, 1856, Solomon Howard Jr., deeded his and Dolpha’s interests in the thirds to Bishop. On March 3, 1856, Joanathan Howard of Brandon deeded all her right to her grandmother’s thirds to Bishop. On March 21, 1856, Hiram and Nancy Howard of Brandon deeded their interest in the thirds to Bishop. In the end, Bishop F. Howard acquired all of the shares in his grandfather’s estate, except that of his father, and all of the interest in the widow’s thirds.

On March 13, 1867, Bishop F. and Calista F. Howard, sold the property to Ira French described as “being all and the same farm which was conveyed to me said Bishop by the heirs of Solomon Howard, deceased, and is the farm formerly owned and occupied by me including the lane to the pasture, and the southeast corner room by Solomon Howard (Jr.) living, and is bounded south by lands of Solomon Howard (Jr.), east by land of Lawson Baldwin, north by the Francis P. Fuller farm, and west by lands of Sylvanus L. Marsh and Philo Fuller. It contained all of Lot 3 in the 3rd Range, except Solomon Howard Jr., share and about 20 acres in the north west corner of Lot 2 in the 3rd Range. On March 6, 1865, Bishop had purchased the Tavern Stand (Rowell’s Inn since 1910) in Simonsville from Sally Barnes. During his ownership it was known as Howard’s Hotel. On September 24, 1867, Solomon Howard Jr., and Polly Howard sold all of their property to their grandson Rosalvo A. Howard, the son of their daughter Polly Howard, excepting the lane to the pasture, and the southeast corner room, which were mentioned in Bishop F. Howard’s deed to Ira French.

On March 26, 1868, Ira French sold an undivided half interest in the property to his father Thomas French, who was then living in Weston. The 1870 census indicates there were two separate households residing in the brick house. One consisting of Ira, his wife Lucinda (Sawyer) French and their children. The other of Thomas and his third wife Harriet M. (Fales) (Bennett) French. Thomas French’s first wife, Ira’s mother, was Betsey (Howard) French the grand-daughter of David Howard, Solomon Howard’s older brother. The January 11, 1873 issue of the *Vermont Journal*, noted that: “The farm known as the Solomon Howard farm, was recently sold at auction. Messrs. Pierce & Dodge of Chester, bidding it off at a little over \$1,500. On this farm Capt. Solomon Howard first settled.” This referred to William Pierce and his son in-law William P. Dodge, and on March 7, 1873, Alonzo French the administrator of the estate of Thomas French late of Andover, deeded one half interest to William Pierce. This was followed by a deed for the other half interest on March 17, 1873, from Ira French now described as Colfax Co., Nebraska. On September 19, 1874, William Pierce, sold 80 acres lying west of the road, including the house and buildings to Jerome W. West. The house, barns and outbuildings were destroyed by fire on June 15, 1887. 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.” On June 30, 1887, West purchased the former Solomon Howard Jr. farm, lying adjacent to and directly south of brick house property from Josiah G. and Lucinda B. White, who had purchased it from Rosalvo A. Howard, on October 2, 1879, was also destroyed by fire on October 19, 1891.

The Pioneer Memorial Society’s marble marker for Solomon’s Temple was dedicated with great pomp and circumstance on July 20, 1941, with 70 people in attendance, many of whom were direct descendants of Solomon Howard. The event consisted of a picnic basket dinner, followed by the business meeting, the historical program and the dedication, of the marker, which was unveiled by Solomon Howard’s great-grandson Willis Howard Craigie (1859-1949), who, at the time, was one of the oldest living descendants, and was born at a time when the brick house was still owned by the Howard family.

ANDOVER TOWN OFFICERS

Office	Term	Elected Official	Term Expires
Moderator	One year	Jonathan Bliss	06/30/2021
Town Clerk	Three years	Jeanette Haight	2023
Treasurer	One year	Jeanette Haight	2021
Tax Collector	One year	Jeanette Haight	2021
Select Board	Three years	Maddy Bodin	2021
		Chris Plumb	2022
		Chris Walker	2023
Select Board	One year	Jed LaPrise	2021
		vacant	2021
Auditors	Three years	Wendell Perkins	2021
		Cindy Ingersoll	2022
		vacant	2023
Listers	Three years	Lisa Ryan	2021
		Leonidas Salazar	2022
		Francesca Salazar	2023
Cemetery Commissioners	Three years	Robert Hale	2021
		Hank Mauti	2022
		Nicholas Baker	2023
Sexton		Hank Mauti	2021
First Constable		Al Peters	2021
Second Constable		Carol Scafuro	2021
Justices of the Peace	Two years	Reino Bergquist	2023
		Jonathan Bliss	2023
		Raymond Makul	2023
		Donna Faturos	2023
		Ron Theissen	2023

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECT BOARD & TOWN CLERK

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

Section I

WARNINGS

TOWN MEETING REPORT

***REPORT OF THE
SELECTBOARD***

TOWN OF ANDOVER
REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING AGENDA
February 27, 2021

The Select Board for the Town of Andover will hold a public informational hearing by electronic means on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2021 Town Meeting Warning. There is also very limited in-person meeting space at the Andover Town Hall, please RSVP to the Andover Town Clerk, 875-2765 if you wish to attend in-person.

To access this meeting remotely: Access via Zoom: <https://zoom.us> **Meeting ID: 829 7910 8836**
Passcode: 011681

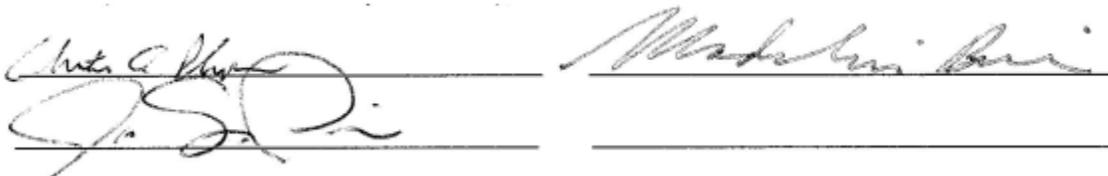
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AGENDA:

- Moderator to call the meeting to order, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Hear the Auditor's report.
 - o Public comment
- Discuss Articles 1 & 2, the election of Town Officers.
 - o Public comment
- Discuss Article 3, when to hold Town Meeting in 2022.
 - o Public comment
- Discuss Article 4, fiscal year 2021/2022 budget.
 - o Public comment
- Discuss Article 5, what to do with the fiscal year 2019/2020 surplus.
 - o Public comment
- Discuss Article 6, tax payment schedule.
 - o Public comment
- Discuss Article 7, use of ATVs on Town roads.
 - o Public comment
- Discussion of any other non-binding business.
- Motion to adjourn.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 25th day of January, 2021.



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Andover Select Board

**WARNING
TOWN OF ANDOVER
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on March 2, 2021 beginning at 8:00 a.m. to transact the following business by Australian ballot:

1. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year, ending on June 30, 2022.

2. To elect the following Town Officers:

Position	Term Length	Currently Held By		Position	Term Length	Currently Held By
Select Board	3 Years	Maddy Bodin		Town Treasurer	1 Year	Jeanette Haight
Select Board	1 Year	Jed LaPrise		Tax Collector	1 Year	Jeanette Haight
Select Board	1 Year	vacant		Sexton	1 Year	Hank Mauti
Auditor	3 Years	Wendell Perkins		Cemetery Commissioner	3 Years	Robert Hale
Auditor	2 Years	vacant		First Constable	1 Year	Al Peters
Lister	3 Years	Lisa Ryan**not seeking re-election		Second Constable	1 Year	Carol Scafuro

3. Shall the voters authorize holding Andover's Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, February 26, 2022. (The Saturday prior to traditional Town Meeting Day).

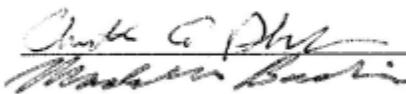
4. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$884,374.45, of which \$745,874.45 shall be raised by taxes and \$138,000.00 by non-tax revenue.

5. Shall the voters authorize putting half of the \$24,315.38 surplus from fiscal year 2019/20 into the Highway/Bridge Fund and half into the Capital Equipment Fund as recommended by the Select Board.

6. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in three (3) installments, with the due dates being August 15th, November 1st & March 1st by delivery to the town office postmarked on or before that date.

7. Shall the voters authorize the Andover Select Board to draft an ordinance allowing the use of ATVs on Town Roads. Any such ordinance would then have to be voted on by Andover's registered voters at a subsequent election.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 25th day of January, 2021.


Maddy Bodin


Jeanette Haight

TOWN OF ANDOVER
SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
February 29, 2020

Moderator Jonathan Bliss began by reading the names of those who had passed away in the past year. He then asked who the youngest person at Town Meeting was and who has lived in Andover the longest - wondering if it was Reino Bergquist or Alan Plumb. Jon then asked everyone to stand and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jon then introduced Representative Tom Bock to share his updates from Montpelier. Mr. Bock provided copies of his "Town Meeting Report" and Dept of Health info on Corona virus. Mr. Bock informed the group that the State has decided to forego any plans for overnight use of Lowell Lake at this time. He also briefly discussed the status of Springfield Hospital's bankruptcy and said there would be a resolution in 4-6 weeks. Mr. Bock shared that he voted against cannabis commercialization. Lenore Szuchman asked if Mr. Bock could be more specific about the outcome of Springfield Hospital's issues. Rep Bock said all he could share is that the hospital is seeing patients and has "stopped losing employees." Gordon Payne asked Representative Bock his "take" on H 868 as well as a constitutional amendment regarding climate change. Mr. Bock said a climate change bill would provide a "way forward" for dealing with the issue but the bill did not contain any taxes or funding. Mr. Bock then said he was not familiar with H 868. He told Mr. Payne that no one in the Legislature wants to take property rights of individuals. Hank Mauti pointed out that Mr. Payne was speaking of PR 9, which he stated is a "proposed constitutional amendment that would allow the State to claim the right to resources on any individuals' property." Mr. Mauti asked who was responsible for the bill. Mr. Bock said he has not seen it and is not familiar with it. Hank asked about Mr. Bock's signature on a "carbon tax bill". Mr. Box said he did not vote on a carbon tax bill. Leo Salazar spoke up and said PR 9 clearly states the State would be entitled to "all resources" on people's property. Mr. Bock again said he was unfamiliar with the proposal and would look into it. Alan Plumb then asked about the so-called "Tree Warden" bill. Rep Bock said the bill has been revised four times and he provided the SB with a copy of the latest version and welcomes feedback on that version. There being no further questions, Jon thanked Representative Bock. He asked if everyone had their Town Report and reminded all present that only registered voters can vote. Moderator Bliss then read the Warning.

Article 1. Joe Fromberger nominated Jonathan Bliss to serve as Moderator for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. Austin Zipeto seconded. Mr. Bliss asked the clerk to cast one ballot for Jonathan Bliss. So moved.

Article 2. Wendell Perkins read the Auditors' report as printed in the Town Report. There being no questions, Leo Salazar moved to accept the report as written. George Moser seconded. So moved.

Article 3. Election of Town Officers:

Select Board (3 yr) - Lori Walker nominated Chris Walker. Fran Salazar seconded. Austin Zipeto clarified that this position is for three years. Motion carried.

Select Board (1 yr) - Barry Williams nominated Mark Gordon. Jean Peters seconded. Motion carried.

Select Board (1 yr) - Fran Salazar nominated Jed LaPrise. Jill Pond seconded. Motion carried.

Auditor (3 yr) - There being no nominations, Moderator Bliss confirmed it would be up to the Select Board to appoint someone at a later date.

Town Clerk (3 yr) - Joe Fromberger nominated Jeanette Haight. Fran Salazar seconded. Motion carried.

Lister (3 yr) - Gordon Payne nominated Fran Salazar. Jean Peters seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer (1 yr) - Joe Fromberger nominated Jeanette Haight. Leo Salazar seconded. Motion carried.

Tax Collector (1 yr) - Joe Fromberger nominated Jeanette Haight. Fran Salazar seconded. Motion carried.

Sexton (1 yr) - Jill Pond nominated Hank Mauti. Gordon Payne seconded. Motion carried.

Cemetery Commissioner (3 yr) - Jean Peters nominated Nick Baker. George Moser seconded. Motion carried.

Agent to Prosecute (1 yr) - Fran Salazar nominated Jon Bliss. Brooke Decker seconded. Motion carried.

Constable (1 yr) - Deb Moser nominated Al Peters. Leo Salazar seconded. Motion carried.

Article 4. Joe Fromberger moved the article including keeping the payment schedule the same as it is. Barry Williams seconded. So moved.

Article 5. Joe Fromberger moved to set Saturday, February 27, 2021 (the Saturday before traditional Town Meeting Day) as the date for next year's annual meeting. Leo Salazar seconded. Jon Bliss asked if anyone had any thoughts on meeting attendance. There being none, the motion carried.

Article 6. Chris Plumb provided the traditional budget explanation on the overhead projector and shared the Select Board suggested splitting the 2018/2019 surplus of \$39,162.17 between the Highway/Bridge Fund and the Capital Equipment Fund. Paul Stumpf asked how often State funds are available for paving. Chris explained it is about every seven years and Andover received a grant in 2019. Peter Huyler asked if the \$100,000.00 earmarked for the High Bridge replacement is the total or if more would be needed next year. Chris confirmed that is the total needed. Barry Williams reiterated the roads are deteriorating and it is a priority of the Board to put as much money as possible in the Highway/Bridge Fund. Paul Stumpf asked for clarification of how the \$100K for the High Bridge would be "saved". Barry assured him the money would stay in the Fund. Paul Stumpf asked if the frequency of roadside mowing would increase now that the Town owns a mowing tractor. Chris said that is the hope. Joe Fromberger asked if there is a plan to set aside money for a new grader. Jeanette explained there is a line item in the annual budget that is put in the fund for equipment. Bob Behr asked about the Sheriff and Peter Huyler and Hank Mauti then discussed the Sheriff patrolling in town. Jon asked for any other budget questions. Hank asked about the surplus, Jon clarified it would be discussed in Article 8. Maddy provided more information about where/how the Sheriff patrols. Theresa Hatin asked about speed on unposted roads. Austin Zipeto noted residents can petition the Select Board to change the speed limit on any town road. Dave Peters explained Andover Ridge has a speed limit because Jean Peters went through that process. Hank asked again about the proper time to discuss use of the surplus because he wanted some of it to be put in the Cemetery Fund for needed maintenance. Paul Stumpf asked if there is a Cemetery Fund or if there is a line item in the budget for the cemeteries. Chris answered there is both. Ray Makul asked how much money Hank was asking for. Reino Bergquist agreed with Hank that there are head stones that need restoration. Jean Peters said she thought the proper way to get money would be to approach the Select Board with costs so the amount of money budgeted for the Cemetery Fund could be increased. Paul Stumpf asked Hank to clarify where he is asking for the money to come from. Jon asked for a show of hands in support of Hank working with the Select Board to establish an appropriate budget amount for the future to care for the cemeteries. The majority of those present raised their hands.

Article 7. Jon asked the Select Board for an explanation of the article. Maddy explained the Board received many requests for budget appropriations and decided which ones to put in the budget. The Board chose not to put the Collaborative's request in, so the Collaborative petitioned to have their request as a warned article. Maddy then asked if anyone from the Collaborative was present. Devon was present on behalf of the Collaborative to outline the many programs the organization offers. Brooke Decker asked where the Collaborative's camp program is held. Devon answered Londonderry. Jean Peters asked what the \$750 would be used for - scholarships, wages? Devon said she didn't know but could provide contact information for the person who would know. Paul Stumpf asked if the organization is a non-profit. Devon said it is. Fran Salazar asked how much it costs the Collaborative to

provide camp per child. Devon did not know but knew the costs to the campers. Paul Stumpf asked what other towns support the Collaborative. Devon mentioned several towns in Windham county. Maddy then spoke up and explained the Board did not choose to add the Collaborative request to the budget because it was their feeling the Collaborative's programs are closely tied to Flood Brook School and Chester Andover provides similar programs for Andover students. Bev Rokes said her understanding is Andover students have attended the camp and have utilized scholarships so it would make sense to support it. Mary Pelkey said Chester Andover students have the opportunity to attend camp through a program in our own Supervisory Union. Lenore Szuchman asked if the amount of the request could be changed. Joe Fromberger clarified how to do that by amending a motion that has been put to the floor. Paul Stumpf noted Windsor County Youth Services is a new addition to the list of appropriations and asked if it a similar organization. Maddy said no. Austin Zipeto asked where the \$750 would come from. The response was it would be an additional line item in the budget. Jean Peters noted how generous Andover is with a variety of organizations and referenced the appropriations section of the budget and said in her opinion the voters should support the decision of the Select Board and anyone who wants to can make a personal donation to the Collaborative. Chris Walker moved to not donate the money. Joe Fromberger suggested the motion be phrased in the positive, then the voters could vote up or down. Chris changed his motion to accept the article as written. The motion was seconded by Mark Johnson. Paul Stumpf moved to amend the amount to \$250. Fran Salazar seconded the amendment. Joe Fromberger clarified the amendment would be voted on first. The amendment was voted down. Barry Williams spoke up to remind everyone the amount is not in the budget as currently written. Jennifer Probst called the question. Jon Bliss then called for a vote on the original motion. It was unanimously voted down.

Article 8. Bonnie Zipeto moved to deposit half the surplus into the Highway/Bridge Fund and half into the Capital Equipment Fund as recommended by the Select Board. Joe Fromberger seconded. Ray Makul moved to amend the motion and put 10% of the surplus to the Cemetery Fund, then split the remainder between the Highway/Bridge Fund and the Capital Equipment Fund. Paul Stumpf seconded. Barry Williams expressed his disagreement with using any of the surplus for the Cemetery Fund. Paul Stumpf said this would be a good way to add money to the Cemetery Fund. Hank Mauti asked what difference it made "which pile of money" cemetery funds come out of. Jed LaPrise said he would like to see exact amounts from Hank on the cemetery work that needs to be done. After some discussion, Ray Makul withdrew his motion. Hank then discussed the cemeteries further and made a motion to put 5% of the surplus to the Cemetery Fund and split the remainder between the Highway/Bridge Fund and the Capital Equipment Fund. Paul Stumpf seconded. Ray Makul spoke of the need to preserve the heritage of the Town. Austin Zipeto asked for clarification of the motion. Maddy Bodin spoke up saying extra money had been put into the Cemetery Fund in the current fiscal year for tree work but the Board was concerned about a contractor whose rates had doubled in the past few years and the Board could not verify the work was actually being done. Maddy said she felt the motion was an "attempt to make an end-run around the Select Board and their financial responsibilities to the Town" and urged everyone to vote no. Jon asked that things move along. It was determined the amend was voted down. Bonnie's original motion was repeated and carried unanimously.

Article 9. Joe Fromberger moved the article as written. Barry Williams seconded. So moved.

Article 10. Jock Harvey presented information on the Emerald Ash Borer and provided a sign-up sheet to form a committee. Discussion ensued, including about a bill pending in the State Legislature giving Town Tree Wardens broader authority. Jon then asked for a round of applause for all the work Andover's Road Crew has done. Malcolm Hamblett was present to share information about Senior Solutions and thank the voters for their continued monetary support of that organization. Paul Stumpf then spoke about the ongoing issue of lack of 9-1-1 service during power outages and asked everyone to be sure to check on neighbors during times of extended outage. He also offered to provide info as he monitors any progress being made on the issue. Joe Fromberger

provided insight into the GMUSD budget that is up for a vote on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. He said Andover sends 26 students to CAES and 16 to GMUHS. He shared that it cost the District \$160K for the CAES flood a year and a half ago (all other costs were covered by insurance). There was a \$265K increase in healthcare costs to our district due to State mandates about coverage, plus premiums increased by 12.9%. Joe said the budget being put to the voters is an increase of 9% over the current year, 5% of which were the costs noted above and the "district had no control over". Joe said "offerings" have been increased in some areas to provide incentive for Black River Middle High School students to attend GMUHS in the coming year. Bonnie Zipeto thanked Joe Fromberger for his work on the GMUSD Board. Jean Peters asked how the "offerings" were decided. Joe said the Board spoke with teachers and administration. Jean then asked how GMUHS would be "marketed" to Black River students. Joe replied efforts have been made to make BR students aware of programming & bussing. Hank Mauti said he wasn't happy with the budget increase & called it "out of control". Ray Makul asked if there were any pro forma assumptions made for budgeting about how many students might come from Black River and Mount Holly and how much tuition that would be. Joe said the Board expects to have about 55 tuition students. Ray asked if the cost of the offerings as well as the tuition income were reflected in the new budget. Joe said they were. Chris Walker clarified the budget increase is 9.06%. Joe confirmed it is, then Chris asked if the school population will be the same next year as this. Joe said there are 308 students at Green Mountain this year and it is expected there will be more next year due to the tuition students. Jed LaPrise pointed out Andover collects over \$2M and 76% of it is sent to Montpelier. He asked how we can raise money for our own schools and said the 9% increase in the budget could represent a lot more than the \$200 Joe said his own taxes would increase. Gordon Payne said the taxpayers are paying about \$40k per student to attend public schools. He asked Joe how to distinguish in the budget between education costs and administrative costs & how to change how the money (that goes to the Education Fund) is spent. Joe said the only way he knows to change it is to elect different State Representatives and he said he does not believe there is any impetus at the State level to change Act 60. Gordon wanted to make a motion to form an oversight committee, Jon reminded him it is not on the Warning, so is not actionable, but encouraged him to get a petition signed to be added to next year's Town Meeting agenda. Fran Salazar pointed out Act 60 says if funds are used other than for education, the Act says it would be nullified. Joe said that is true but the Legislature's action has not been taken to the Supreme Court. Paul Stumpf pointed out our local representative has 500 constituents in Andover and 2500 in Chester and Chester taxpayers are not paying \$40k per student to attend school. Hank Mauti urged everyone to exercise their right to vote on March 3rd.

Bonnie Zipeto moved to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. Jean Peters seconded. So moved.

2020 Andover Select Board Report

During the 2019/2020 fiscal year keeping the town's roads safe was a major focus of the Select Board's activities. In October 2019, we signed a contract with the Windsor County Sheriff for speed control enforcement on all of the town's roads, as well as some patrolling. Our goal is the safety of residents and visitors.

In November 2019, we authorized the purchase of a tractor for roadside mowing. Having our ace town road crew perform roadside mowing instead of an outside contractor has many benefits, including an expected reduction of invasive weeds on our roadsides.

In the summer of 2020, the western end of the Weston-Andover Road was repaved. This work included grinding down the old pavement, which should improve road performance. Towards the end of the fiscal year, the select board hired an engineer to oversee a major culvert replacement project on North Hill Road. We believe the engineer's expertise will save the town money and assure the project serves the town for decades to come.

Local and world events kept us busy throughout the year. Resident Jock Harvey, a professional forester, kept the select board up to date on steps the town can take to prepare for a tree-killing beetle known as emerald ash borer. This invasive insect was found in neighboring Londonderry in October 2019.

In February 2020 the select board resolved, with a vote of 4 - 1, to make Andover a sanctuary against any laws the state might pass restricting the freedom of gun ownership. In March 2020, the Town Health Officer resigned because of the overwhelming number of complaints coming from a single property. The select board agreed to share the health officer duties equally among us so that no one person would bear the burden. Issues with the property continue.

Starting in late March 2020, the select board met in-person, socially distanced in the Town Hall or in Zoom meetings, depending on the state recommendations at the time. We not only welcome the public to every select board meeting, we recognize the public's legal right to attend. Please don't hesitate to contact our town clerk for the latest meeting information. Zoom meetings require only a telephone.

Finally, we would like to thank our select board colleagues Barry Williams and Mark Gordon for their many years of service to our community. Barry served on the select board for five years. Mark served for over eight years. They took their responsibility to every resident and property owner in Andover seriously, and we are grateful for that dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Plumb, Chair

Maddy Bodin

Jed LaPrise

Chris Walker

Andover Select Board

Section II

***FINANCIAL
REPORTS***

TOWN OF ANDOVER PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

Income		2019/20 Actual	2019/20 Budget	2020/21 Budget	2021/22 Budget
	Current Year Property Tax & Interest	\$713,973.70	\$708,364.21	\$752,801.75	\$745,874.45
	Delinquent Tax & Interest	\$25,268.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	State Gas Tax Income	\$89,609.97	\$87,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$88,000.00
	Vt Municipal Tax Adjustment	\$9,933.94	\$8,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
	Current Use - Hold Harmless	\$30,573.00	\$25,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$30,000.00
	Bank Interest Income	\$2,626.87	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
	Recording & Copy Fees	\$9,710.13	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00
	Miscellaneous Income	\$29,144.05	\$500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Unspent Surplus	\$23,992.54	\$23,992.54	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total Income	\$934,832.73	\$861,856.75	\$887,801.75	\$884,374.45
Expense	Wages & Benefits				
	Office Wages	\$61,764.88	\$61,500.00	\$63,000.00	\$64,000.00
	Highway Crew Wages	\$153,455.48	\$145,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$154,000.00
	Listers' Wages	\$10,715.83	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$9,000.00
	Health Insurance - Office	\$19,058.51	\$20,600.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
	Health Insurance - Highway	\$46,687.55	\$55,100.00	\$52,000.00	\$53,000.00
	Retirement - Office	\$3,490.44	\$3,500.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
	Retirement - Highway	\$9,054.88	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,200.00
	Disability/Life Ins - Office	\$1,836.70	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00
	Disability/Life Ins - Highway	\$2,058.66	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,500.00
	Payroll Taxes	\$16,538.75	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00	\$17,000.00
	Total	\$324,661.68	\$327,800.00	\$335,900.00	\$339,500.00
Expense	Utilities				
	Electricity - Office	\$909.82	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,000.00
	Electricity - Highway	\$2,234.59	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Electricity - Town Hall	\$491.56	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Heat - Office	\$1,433.60	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,500.00
	Heat - Highway	\$5,673.48	\$6,000.00	\$7,300.00	\$6,000.00
	Heat - Town Hall	\$1,461.19	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Telephone - Office	\$2,003.01	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
	Telephone - Highway	\$1,087.06	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$1,000.00
	Total Utilities	\$15,294.31	\$17,200.00	\$18,500.00	\$16,800.00
Expense	VLCT Insurance Premiums				
	Property & Casualty Insurance	\$13,954.00	\$18,500.00	\$17,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Unemployment Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$12,268.00	\$10,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00
	Total	\$26,222.00	\$28,500.00	\$28,500.00	\$26,500.00

		2019/20 Actual	2019/20 Budget	2020/21 Budget	2021/22 Budget
	Senior Solutions	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	VT/NH Visiting Nurses Association	\$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-Andover Family Center	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	SEVCA	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$495.00
	Community Cares Network	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Meals on Wheels	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Current	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
	Neighborhood Connections	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
	Whiting Library	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,600.00
	Windsor County Youth Services			\$500.00	\$500.00
	Total Appropriations	\$9,024.00	\$9,024.00	\$9,524.00	\$9,724.00
Expense	Assessments				
	Chester Commun. Charge	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Chester Recreation	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
	Chester Fire Service	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
	Chester Ambulance Service	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,000.00
	Windsor County Court	\$3,706.00	\$3,581.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
	Windsor County Tax	\$7,147.00	\$7,419.00	\$7,400.00	\$7,400.00
	Lease Land - School District	\$103.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00
	Law Enforcement Contract	\$8,071.50	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
	Total Assessments	\$55,827.50	\$47,905.00	\$61,855.00	\$61,605.00
Expense	Dues				
	VLCT Dues	\$1,580.00	\$1,544.00	\$1,644.00	\$1,650.00
	VMCTA Dues	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$55.00
	VALA Dues	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	SWCRPC Dues	\$583.75	\$583.75	\$583.75	\$630.45
	Total Dues	\$2,258.75	\$2,127.75	\$2,322.75	\$2,395.45
Expense	Repairs & Maintenance				
	Office	\$1,421.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Town Garage	\$1,461.56	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
	Town Hall	\$1,086.62	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Lawn Mowing/Trimming	\$1,430.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00
	Cleaning	\$2,400.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,850.00	\$2,500.00
	Trash Removal	\$1,838.23	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,000.00
	Capital Expense	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	Total Repairs & Maintenance	\$9,637.41	\$13,250.00	\$13,600.00	\$12,800.00
	Safety & Medical Equipment	\$898.63	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00

		2019/20 Actual	2019/20 Budget	2020/21 Budget	2021/22 Budget
	Uniforms	\$2,095.97	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Calcium Chloride	\$6,072.00	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,000.00
	Sodium Chloride	\$60,911.77	\$55,000.00	\$57,000.00	\$58,000.00
	Sand	\$26,900.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
	Crushed Gravel	\$32,706.54	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$15,000.00
	Stone	\$12,230.72	\$3,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
	Culverts	\$4,543.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
	Cold Patch	\$757.90	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Hot Mix	\$2,479.80	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Shur Pac	\$30,693.86	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Highway Signs	\$3,912.03	\$1,250.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Miscellaneous Materials	\$621.40	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
	Rental Equipment	\$5,956.92	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$6,500.00
	Outside Contracting	\$10,961.32	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Roadside Mowing	\$9,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Highway Fees - State MRGP	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$500.00
	Supplies - Highway	\$4,210.17	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Vtrans BBG - town match	\$279.33			
	Contracted Services	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	Parts/Tools - Highway	\$5,036.18	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
	Small Hwy Expenses	\$805.94	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
	Minor Highway Construction Proj	\$3,682.39	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Total Highway Materials & Expenses	\$224,707.24	\$168,700.00	\$165,950.00	\$163,250.00
	T1 2015 Ford 1 Ton	\$8,466.04			
	Loader - 2003	\$7,270.41			
	Grader - 2002	\$1,785.83			
	Backhoe - 2011	\$484.86			
	Chainsaw	\$799.96			
	Chipper	\$174.02			
	Welder	\$60.94			
	T16 - 2016 Western Star Tandem	\$12,029.30			
	T19 - 2019 Western Star Truck	\$7,805.88			
	2008 - John Deere Tractor/mower	\$1,134.60			
	Total Equipment Repairs/Maint.	\$40,011.84	\$42,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$50,000.00
	Fuel & Oil	\$33,814.50	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00
	Total Highway	\$298,533.58	\$250,700.00	\$250,950.00	\$248,250.00

Expense	Administrative	19/20 Actual	2019/20 Budget	2020/21 Budget	2021/22 Budget
	Service Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Tax Maps	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
	Election Expense	\$10.99	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
	Supplies - Office	\$1,612.40	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	Town Report	\$655.30	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
	Postage	\$1,191.83	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
	Contracted Services	\$1,750.75	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Legal Notices	\$929.50	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Legal Consultation	\$381.15	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
	Meetings & Mileage - Office	\$571.66	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Meetings & Mileage - Highway	\$3,678.54	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
	Meetings & Mileage - Listers	\$396.58	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$500.00
	Computer Support	\$286.99	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Accounting Support	\$3,193.80	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
	Office Small Tools/Equipment	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
	Total Administrative	\$14,659.49	\$14,100.00	\$15,400.00	\$15,550.00
	Town Budget Transfers				
	Transfer to Highway/Bridge Fund	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00
	Transfer to Capital Equipment Fund	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
	Transfer to Cemetery Fund	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Total	\$153,500.00	\$150,500.00	\$150,500.00	\$150,500.00
Total Municipal Expenses		\$910,517.35	\$861,856.75	\$887,801.75	\$884,374.45
Surplus/Deficit		\$24,315.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	

**TOWN OF ANDOVER
2021 Municipal Budget**

What years are we talking about?

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

1. LAST YEAR = 2019/2020.
2. THIS YEAR = 2020/2021.
3. NEXT YEAR = 2021/2022.

**Last Year's Results
(2019/2020)**

Income:	\$ 934,832.73 (page 17 of the Town Report)
Expenses:	\$ 910,517.35 (page 20 of the Town Report)
Surplus:	\$ 24,315.38

The Select Board recommends that half of the Surplus (\$12,157.69) be deposited into the Highway/Bridge Fund & the other half be deposited into the Capital Equipment Fund – this will be an article on the Australian Ballot on March 2nd. *See page 23 for these Fund balances.*

Next Year's (2021/22) proposed budget:

Income:	\$884,374.45
Expenses:	\$884,374.45

*Of the \$884,374.45 income, \$745,874.45 would be from municipal taxes. This year's amount is \$752,801.75, meaning a decrease of \$6,927.30, due to expected increases in other income areas. This Year's (2020/21) Expense budget is: \$887,801.75, meaning an overall decrease of \$3,427.30.

This year's (2020/21) highway projects:

We will be doing a major culvert replacement project on North Hill and with \$175,000 from a State Structures grant, will spend up to \$175,000. We also anticipate paving Hill Top Road at a cost of \$225,000, with no money available from the State.

**TOWN OF ANDOVER, VERMONT BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2020**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1010-00 · Petty Cash	61.29
1020-00 · Reappraisal Fund	10,145.49
1030-00 · General Fund Checking	34,223.70
1040-00 · Municipal Money Market	
1035-00 · Highway/Bridge Fund	603,099.70
1060-00 · Capital Equipment	29,013.44
1065-00 · Tax Stabilization	54,096.44
1070-00 · Prepaid Taxes	54,383.31
1072-00 · Restoration/Preservation Fund	3,002.08
1085-00 · Planning Commission Fund	8,011.79
1090-00 · Andover Project Committee Fund	8,998.35
1092-00 · Andover Scholarship Fund	7,708.74
1095-00 · Cemetery Fund	57.79
Total 1040-00 · Municipal Money Market	768,371.64
1050-00 · Health Reimbursement Account	2,142.81
1071-00 · Pioneer Memorial Soc. Checking	3,299.02
1081-10 · Adella Stannard Poor Fund Accts	4,299.36
1090-10 · Andover Project Com. Petty Cash	136.23
Total Checking/Savings	822,679.54
Accounts Receivable	
1210-00 · Current Year Taxes	-1,891.74
1211-00 · Accounts Rec - Delinquent Taxes	32.57
Total Accounts Receivable	-1,859.17
Other Current Assets	-6,495.51
Total Current Assets	814,324.86

TOTAL ASSETS

814,324.86

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Town Related	13,317.57
2244-00 · Planning Commission Fd	8,011.79
2260-00 · Andover Project Committee Fund	9,134.58
2265-00 · Andover Scholarship Fund	7,708.74
2270-00 · Pioneer Memorial Society Fund	3,299.02
2400-00 · Payroll Liabilities	843.66

Total Other Current Liabilities 42,315.36

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Equity

3040-00 · General Fund Balance	240,572.37
3042-00 · Cemetery Fund	57.79
3045-00 · Delinquent Tax Allowance	-6,270.51
3046-00 · Tax Stabilization Fund Balance	54,096.44
3054-00 · Capital Equipment Fund Balance	29,013.44
3058-00 · Highway/Bridge Fund	603,099.70
3081-00 · Adella Stannard Poor Fund	4,299.36

Net Income -152,859.09

Total Equity 772,009.50

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 814,324.86

Auditor's Report

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

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

Wendell Perkins
Cindy Ingersoll

PIONEER MEMORIAL SOCIETY/CLARK W. HAZELTINE MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	\$3,505.38
Disbursements: Flag Purchase	197.36
Bank fees	<u>9.00</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2020	\$3,299.02

ADELLA STANNARD POOR FUND

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	\$3,306.21
Receipts: Putnam Fund Dividends	40.99
Bank Interest	<u>1.60</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2020	\$3,348.80
**Value of Putnam Fund	\$950.56

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	\$8,671.52
Receipts: Bank interest	341.92
Budgeted funds	<u>65,000.00</u>
Disbursements: Mowing tractor purchase	(45,000.00)
Ending Balance June 30, 2020	\$29,013.44

****Balance as of 12/31/2020: \$113,667.33**

HIGHWAY/BRIDGE FUND

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	\$786,089.73
Receipts: Bank interest	5,862.33
Half FY 17/18 Surplus	23,992.54
Budgeted funds	82,500.00
Paving Grant	<u>175,000.00</u>
Disbursements: Engineering (High bridge)	(8,612.78)
Paving	(461,732.12)
Ending Balance June 30, 2020	\$603,099.70

****Balance as of 12/31/2020: \$465,401.67**

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	\$5,161.03
Receipts: Bank interest	6.01
State payment	4,981.00
Disbursements: Bank fees	(2.55)
Ending Balance June 30, 2020	\$10,145.49

TAX STABILIZATION FUND

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	\$53,661.81
Receipts: Bank interest	434.63
Ending Balance June 30, 2020	\$54,096.44

PAYROLL BREAKDOWN

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Town Office:

Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector	\$58,892.95
Assistant Clerk	3,087.56
Listers	\$10,500.20
Total	\$72,480.71

Highway Department:

Foreman	\$ 60,916.40
Crew #1	45,285.83
Crew #2	47,253.25
Total	\$153,455.48

2019-2020 GRAND LIST

Rate Name	Tax Rate	X Grand List	= Total Taxes
Municipal	.47	1,506,101.00	\$707,867.47
Homestead Ed.	1.4210	509,581.00	\$724,114.68
Non-residential Ed.	1.5803	996,626.00	\$1,574,968.03
Total Taxes			\$3,006,950.18

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

DELINQUENT TAXES

As of June 30, 2020

Tax Year	Tax	Interest/Penalty	Total
2016/17	44.75	23.72	68.47
2017/18	48.54	311.26	359.80
2018/19	6,021.45	1,601.18	7,622.63
2019/20	19,433.20	3,868.44	23,301.64
Total	\$25,547.94	\$5,804.60	\$31,352.54

Section III

***COMMITTEE
&
BOARD REPORTS***

**2020 ANDOVER PLANNING COMMISSION
AND
ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

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

The members of the Planning Commission/Zoning Board are appointed by the Select Board for terms of four years.

The Planning Commission meets as necessary at the call of the Chair and all such meetings are warned and are open to the public.

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

During 2020 the Board reviewed and approved three (3) applications for minor Subdivision permits (Tofferi, Macchia & Carlock).

There were no applications for Conditional Uses nor any Appeals of the Administrators' decisions. There is one pending application for a Variance.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Albrecht	Dec. 2021	Lenore Szuchman	Dec. 2023
Richard Ingersoll	Dec. 2021	Gary Lundberg	Dec. 2023
Charlie Golden	Dec. 2021	Alan Plumb	Dec. 2024
James Stack	Dec. 2022	Joe Fromberger	Dec. 2024
Carmen Macchia	Dec. 2022		

Chris Walker, Zoning Administrator, Dec. 2021

2020 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

New Residence, Additions, and other Permits Issued:

Type	Number	Est. Cost of Construction
Residence	6	\$643,000
Additions	5	\$140,000
Accessory Buildings	7	\$ 64,000
Other (Decks, etc.)	2	\$ 29,000
Certificate of Occupancy	1	-----
Total	21	\$876,000

Andover Construction Activity 2009-2020

Year	Permits	Estimated Cost Residence Permits	Estimated Cost of all Permits
2020	21	\$ 643,000	\$ 876,000
2019	20	725,000	1,319,800
2018	17	255,000	741,825
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

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,

Chris Walker
Andover Zoning Administrator

2020 LISTERS REPORT

This past year has been unique in all aspects of the real estate we deal with. People moving out of heavily populated areas or second home owners just staying here and working from their home away from home. To date, we have approximately 41 “arms-length” sales. Obviously, this number is higher than normal, and it will affect our C.L.A. and C.O.D. for several years to come. Our District Advisors and the superiors in Montpelier have been working on this issue during the pandemic. Do not forget to submit your HS-122 and HI-144 forms when you do your income taxes. If you get an extension on your IRS taxes, you still have to file these forms on the April due date. The state does not give an extension.

% CHANGE IN EDUCATION EQUALIZATION PROPERTY VALUES BY COUNTY (2019-2020)

Chittenden	4.5%	1
Franklin	4.4%	2
Lamoille	4.1%	3
Windsor	3.5%	4
Washington	3.4%	5

CURRENT USE APPRAISAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANT TAX SAVINGS – TAX YEAR 2019

Total Andover parcels enrolled: 52

Total enrolled acres – homestead 1,096 – non-homestead 5,483

Total exempt reduction – homestead - \$1,148,700. - non-homestead - \$6,255,100.

Total municipal taxes saved - \$35,538.

Total education taxes saved – homestead - \$16,823 - non-homestead - \$100,119.

Total tax savings - \$152,480.

Equalized Education Grand List Andover – Effective January 1, 2021

Total Taxable Parcel Count - 564

Education Grand List - \$1,519,435

Education CLA (common level of appraisal) - 101.05%

COD (coefficient of dispersion) – 15.1% (up from last year)

Total Equalized Education Grand List - \$1,503,690

C.O.D. – Coefficient of Dispersion

C.L.A. – Common Level of Appraisal

****All statistical data is taken from The Division of Property Valuation and Review**

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

Sincerely,
 Leo Salazar, Chair
 Frances Salazar
 Lisa Ryan

CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

We had some much-needed tree work done in October 2019, at a cost of \$7,500, but the Select Board approved an additional \$3,000 be given to our Fund to offset this cost. We also had \$1,200 in plot sales. In 2020, the cemetery mowing was put out to bid, which resulted in the Commission paying a much more competitive price without compromising any quality. We appreciate the work done by Hart’s All-Season Maintenance in our cemeteries this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hale 2021
 Hank Mauti 2022
 Nicholas Baker 2023

Andover Cemetery Commission

CEMETERY FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2019	\$ 5,823.58
Receipts: Town of Andover	6,000.00
Plot sales	1,200.00
Bank Interest	<u>34.21</u>
Disbursements:	
Mowing/Maintenance	\$ 5,500.00
Tree Removal	<u>7,500.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2020	\$ 57.79

**VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN THE TOWN OF ANDOVER
 July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020**

Births	Deaths	Burials	Marriages
3	9	5	3

2020 ANDOVER PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORT

Town Meeting Lunch - On Saturday, February 29, 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 - Because of the coronavirus Green-Up Day was delayed to Saturday, May 30 and we limited our activity to roadside litter and cemetery cleanup. Many intrepid volunteers came to the town hall for Green-up bags so that they could rid the roadsides of trash by either working on their own or in small family groups. Thank you to the Andover community for the donating your time and energy to this yearly effort!

Community Events - Due to the coronavirus we were unable to hold our planned event, a potluck supper. During the initial months of the stay-at-home order, we coordinated a Time Capsule project - soliciting artwork and writing from children. We thank those who contributed to this project. Their submissions will be kept secure in the Town Office vault to be opened at Andover’s Tricentennial in 2076.

Merchandise - Although our only sales venue in 2020 was the Town Office, the Andover caps, hoodies, and t-shirts were very popular. We restocked just about everything and added to the colors and styles of baseball caps offered. The committee is grateful for Jeanette Haight’s contribution to this endeavor.

Scholarship Fund - A separate bank account was set up 2019 to more accurately manage and report fund receipts and disbursements. Please refer to the report from the Scholarship Committee.

Community members are welcome to join the Project Committee. We look forward to having in person meetings and community events again. Contact Deb Moser: dmoser6468@gmail.com.

ANDOVER PROJECT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE January 1, 2020				\$9,245.93
*Bank Balance is \$9,039.70 + Cash on Hand of \$206.23				
Receipts				
Merchandise Sales		1455.00		
Interest		33.17		
Total Receipts		1488.17		
BALANCE				\$10,734.10
Expenses				
Merchandise		1752.00		
Total Expenses		1752.00		
ENDING BALANCE*				\$8,982.10
*Bank Balance is \$8,860.87 + Cash on Hand of \$121.23				

Respectfully Submitted,

The Andover Project Committee

2020 ANDOVER SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

In 2020, the Andover Scholarship Fund awarded one scholarship to a deserving high school graduate who is pursuing a degree at a four-year college. We also showed the town's gratitude to a graduating high school senior who is pursuing a career in the Air Force with a Kindle Fire. We hope this gift allows him to keep in touch with his family and friends in Andover no matter where in the world his service takes him. Andover graduates who attend trade school are also eligible for a scholarship, although there were no applicants in that category this year.

Also in 2020, the Andover Scholarship Fund continued the process of becoming a federally-recognized tax-exempt organization. With the help of attorney Amanda George and Ron Theissen, CPA, we were able to incorporate in the State of Vermont this year. We hope to complete this process soon.

The Andover Scholarship Fund was not scheduled for a fundraising campaign in 2020. We are grateful to the Andover Community Fund for its generous donation to the scholarship fund.

If you know of an Andover resident who is graduating high school in 2021, please encourage them to apply for this scholarship. An Andover scholarship connects our town's young people with the warm wishes our community has for their futures.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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

ANDOVER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE	January 1, 2020	\$ 7,795.43
Receipts:		
Bank Interest		31.11
Donations		<u>50.00</u>
Disbursements:		
Fee for non-profit application		275.00
Kindle purchase for graduate joining the military		158.99
Scholarship		<u>1,000.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE	December 31, 2020	\$6,442.55

2020 ANDOVER COMMUNITY FUND REPORT

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

In the year 2020, the Fund made grants totaling \$21,354.00 covering situations involving health care and social support services. As in the past, all assistance was provided in the spirit of helping individuals or families return to a normal, productive life. In 33 years, the Fund has distributed more than \$291,981.48 to Andover residents in need.

The endowment had a year-end value (unaudited) of \$931,877.58. Expenses of the Fund were limited to the preparation of the non-profit tax return, bi-annual state filing and investment fees. No compensation was paid to any of the individuals overseeing the Fund's responsibilities and requirements.

We thank the Andover community at large for the continued support of our annual fall fund-raiser. The 2020 solicitation successfully raised \$9,835.00, with contributions from 87 participants. We are happy to have you share with us the opportunity to help one another in our small rural town. We value the spirit of good will and community that is alive in Andover.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

The Andover Community Fund Board of Directors:

Geraldine Williams, Director 2021

Peter Huyler, Director 2022

Diane Parker, Director 2023

John Yake, Director 2023

Christopher Plumb, Director-Select Board Chair

**2020 PIONEER MEMORIAL SOCIETY/
CLARK WARNER HAZELTINE MEMORIAL FUND REPORT**

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, there were none of the usual visits from descendants of the early families. However, we did manage to make a few advances in the research on several of the early families of town.

We provided information on the Peaseville (District No. 8) Schoolhouse to owner Cheryl Richards. The brick schoolhouse was built by Jacob Rowell, Jr., in 1828. There have been various renovations throughout the years, including extensive remodeling that was done in 1929, the majority of which was paid for by Walter W. Price. This altered the look on the building with the addition of the side entrance and additional windows. We also helped GMUHS student Chestina Terry, with her project on Andover history.

This year we received some information from Diane Ham, Mendon, N.Y., Town Historian, about Moses Rowell (1764-1837) and Abigail (Warner) Rowell (1770-1843). This branch of the Rowell family left Andover and in 1806 moved to the area known as the Eleven Thousand Acre Tract, which is the east half of the Town of Mendon. Moses Rowell appears on the tax lists in Mendon in the 1810s and 1820s, and he joined the Mendon Presbyterian Church in 1816. The Rowells are buried in the Porter's Corners Cemetery in Mendon.

We were contacted by Stuart Currie, a descendent of the Kallio family for information on the location of their property. On June 26, 1920, James O. Sawyer and Flora C. Sawyer sold the David Howard, Jr. Farm and the Marvin Davis Farm to Hamalainen & Sons: Matti Hamalainen, John Hamalainen and Matti Hamalainen Jr. On December 31, 1928, the property was sold to Mary (Hamalainen) Kallio, who was daughter of Matti and Maria (Waijalainen) Hamalainen and sister of John and Matti Jr. She was married to Einar Kallio. The Kallios sold the property to on September 7, 1935 to Hardy A. and Helen M. (Chapin) Merrill and on the same day, Mary purchased Popplewood from Alfred W. and Maude D. Ward. Kallios sold the property on September 11, 1943 to Lilja Helen (Fossi) Loks and Vladimir Loks.

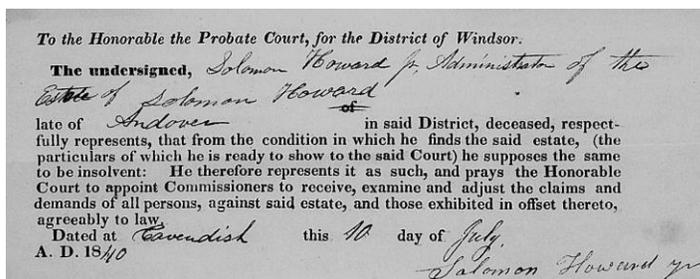
Recent research in Revolutionary War and War of 1812 pension files, has answered questions and provided additional documentation on several early families. The sworn affidavits provide critical information that is seldom found elsewhere. One example is the widow's pension of Ann (Harper) Simons, the widow of John Simons Jr. This branch of the Simons family left Andover in 1795, selling their home farm on Marsh Hill to Jonathan Cram and moved to Florida, Montgomery Co., N.Y. The pension file provides the date and place of their marriage, East Windsor Connecticut, on December 18, 1776. This is very important as records of the Second Church of East Windsor until 1804 are lost. It also provides the death date of John Simons, Jr., who died in Amsterdam, N.Y., on March 10, 1814. Another example is the Revolutionary War pension file of Solomon Howard, (filed under the original Hayward surname), which provided the information on his Revolutionary War service for this year's town report article. This is much more in-depth than anything previously published.

Our only expenditure this year, besides a bank fee, was purchasing a gross of flags for the cemeteries. All flags were picked up in the fall.

Respectfully submitted, Jonathan W. Stevens

TRUSTEES: Jonathan W. Stevens (-2021)
Jeanette H. Haight (-2022)
Peter T. Farrar (-2023)

CURATORS: Elizabeth W. Stevens
Jonathan W. Stevens



DOG LICENSES

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

A total of 83 dogs were licensed between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 which accounted for \$332.00 in revenue for the town.

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

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

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

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

2020 ANDOVER TOWN FIRE WARDEN REPORT

The fire warden issued 59 permits to kindle a fire this year. There were 94 wild fires reported to the State of Vermont this year which burned 133 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

Section IV

***GENERAL
INFORMATION***

TOWN ORDINANCES

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 1. 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.

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. Signed by the Board of Selectmen.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

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

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

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

URANIUM ORDINANCE

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

ARTICLES IV & V, ANDOVER ZONING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE IV: MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR R-1 DISTRICT

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

Section 410. LOT SIZE AND FRONTAGE

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

Section 420. BUILDING SIZE

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

Section 430. SETBACKS

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

Section 440. PARKING FACILITIES

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

Section 450. CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

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

Article V: PERMITTED USES FOR R-1 DISTRICT

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

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

Just FYI:

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

1. A driveway permit - available at the Town Clerk's office, approved by the Andover Road Foreman
2. A wastewater permit - this is done through the State of Vermont Dept of Conservation, they have an office in Springfield.
3. Building permit - anything greater than 100 square feet. Application is submitted, approval comes from Andover's Zoning Administrator, then gets posted in the Town Office for 15 days for public comment. The recorded document then goes to the property owner or contractor for posting at the property and work can begin.

Need to burn brush? You need a burn permit from our Forest Fire Warden, Alan Plumb, (802) 875-3351.

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

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

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

TRAILS ORDINANCE
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.

**TOWN OF ANDOVER
POLICY FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

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

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

Jeanette H. Haight
Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Town of Andover

**CEMETERY POLICY
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.

Andover Cemetery Commission in 2004

Reino Bergquist, Nicholas Baker and Albert Williams

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 a \$150.00 refundable 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.

Adopted 9.26.2016 by the Andover Select Board

Section V

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

Services Available to Andover Residents

Senior Solutions Help Line: (800) 642-5119 (formerly Council on Aging). Springfield, Vermont

Refers seniors to a wide variety of services, provides case managers who can guide elders through Federal and State programs including Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security and help apply for food, benefits, long term care, rides, and other services. Under the Senior Companion Program, anybody 60 and over may be eligible for friendly visits of a few hours.

Three Squares: (800) 642-5119

A Vermont State program for those aged 60 or older which replaces Food Stamps with monthly cash deposits to your bank account or debit card. Eligibility is tied to your income level.

Meals on Wheels: (802) 885-5879 Springfield, Vermont

Meals are delivered five days a week throughout the area. Suggested voluntary donation of \$3.00 per meal.

Green Mountain RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program): (802) 885-2083 Springfield, Vermont

This non-profit organization matches volunteers, age 55 and over, with meaningful work.

Neighborhood Connections: (802) 824-4343 Londonderry, Vermont

Social workers assist with applying for food, fuel, nursing and medical care programs.

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

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

Just Neighbors: (802) 787-1225 Weston, Vermont

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

Community Cares: (802) 875-6341 Chester, Vermont

For elders in both Chester and Andover. Friendly visits and phone calls are offered plus local shopping, rides to appointments and other destinations.

Chester – Andover Family Center: (802) 875-3236 908 Vermont Rte 103 South, Chester, Vermont

The center maintains a well-stocked “store” with good, clean used clothing of all types and sizes in return for a donation according to your means. Also available: bedding & other household items, family food packages, gas cards and small cash grants

Area Churches:

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

Andover Words: info@andover250.com serves as a community bulletin board. Send an email to this address if you would like to be added.

REPORT OF THE CHESTER FIRE CHIEF

The Chester Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2020:

Structure Fires Chester	7
Structure Fires Andover	1
Structure Fires Mutual Aid	10
Rekindle Fires	0
Room/Contents Fires	0
Building Electrical Fires	0
Chimney Fires	3
Vehicle Fires	4
Appliance Fires	0
Oven Fires	2
Oil/Wood/LP Burner Fires	0
Trash/Rubbish Fires	1
Dumpster Fires	0
Gas Grill Fires	2
Illegal Fires	2
Forest/Brush/Grass Fires	5
Brush/Grass Fires Mutual Aid	6
Smoke in Building	3
Water Leak Hazards	0
Motor Vehicle Crashes	23
Motor Vehicle Crashes w/ Extrication	3
Low/High Angle Rescues	3
Swift Water/Flooding/Ice Rescues	1

Snow/ATV Woods Rescue/Recov	3
Landing Zones (DHART)	4
Missing/Lost Person	0
Public Services	15
Fireworks Detail	1
Fire Safety Education	0
Storm Crews	1
Road Hazards	0
Power Lines down	13
Power Transformer Fires	0
Assist CPD/VSP	2
Medical Assist	6
Cover Assignment/Mutual Aid	5
Smoke Alarms	3
Fire Alarms	28
Smoke Investigations	1
Odor Investigations	4
(LP) Propane Leaks	2
Carbon Monoxide Calls	9
Hazmat Incidents	2
Bomb Threat	0
Active Shooter	0
Total Calls	175

This has been a very different year for Chester Fire Department. Covid-19 has made our training and response to calls very different. Training has been almost entirely by Zoom since March. The Vermont Fire Academy has changed our mandates for this year giving us until July 2021 to have everyone up to speed with our annual mandatory training. Normally this is required by December 31st. Firefighters are all wearing masks when we can but there are times that it just can't be done due to the nature of the call which then poses a risk to the firefighter. An example of this would-be high exertion calls where heavy breathing and heat become a factor. On January 13, 2021 Chester Firefighters were given the opportunity to be vaccinated for Covid-19 starting us back to a path of some normalcy.

Chester Fire Department call volume stayed steady this year with no increase. When Covid-19 first hit we saw a dramatic decrease in calls for about 2 months and then things picked right back up to our normal call volume and in some cases much higher. We normally average around 180 calls per year, but I believe if it was not for Covid-19 we would have been over 200 calls in 2020. Motor Vehicle Crashes were down by almost 50%. We attribute this to Covid-19 and far less people traveling and more people staying home.

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

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

I would like to congratulate James Ravlin who was recognized this year with both the Firefighter of the Year Award and the Chief's Award. To my knowledge the same person has never received both awards in the same year. James Ravlin was also promoted to Lieutenant this year.

I would like to thank the Yosemite Engine Company which is our private non-profit organization made up of current and past members of the fire department. The Yosemite Engine Company raises money to buy and donate equipment to the Fire Department which helps keep the cost of business lower for tax payers. I would also like to thank the Chester Fire Department Auxiliary which is made up of the immediate family members and significant others of current firefighters. They provide any assistance needed when called upon.

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

I would like to end this year's annual report by thanking the citizens and taxpayers of Chester. Your support is always appreciated. Your support from last year's vote is coming to fruition as the new Emergency Service Building is taking shape and we hope to move in by late summer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew S. Wilson
Chester Fire Chief

Chester Firefighters working a Structure Fire on Nudist Camp Road



Whiting Library 2020 Annual Report

The Whiting Library continues to uphold its mission to provide for the enjoyment and enrichment of our community, stimulate the communication of ideas, and to serve the learning and leisure needs of people of all ages in a welcoming environment. Still, this year looked different at the library due to the pandemic and also the retirement of long-time Director Sharon Tanzer. Sharon was at the library for over twelve years, providing the leadership and vision to take the library into the 21st century. Sharon was able to spend a month training new library director, Deirdre Doran in April before her retirement in May.

This year, Whiting Library celebrated monthly national holidays with book displays and programs, hosted two local art exhibits, and held three programs focused on the environment. The monthly book discussion now takes place virtually on Zoom on Tuesday evenings. The front porch offers a Little Free Library providing a plethora of books, craft projects, jokes, puzzles, and games for free. We had over 600 craft projects picked up from the front porch in 2020. The annual Book Sale was also a success this year, raising over \$1700 in donations for the library. Special focus was put on virtual and digital services in 2020. A new website was designed and is up-to-date with current events. We expanded our social media presence on Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook. You can now sign up to receive the library's new monthly e-newsletter and youth services e-newsletter. The free public Wifi was extended around the library building for 24-hour use and we now have a wireless Wifi accessible printer that can scan, copy and print in color.

Carrie King completed her first year as Youth Services Librarian and now organizes many virtual programs for kids. Every Friday morning there is Storytime and each Wednesday afternoon there is a Book Club for middle graders. There is also a monthly Arts & Crafts Club which includes a unique take home and make bag of craft projects. The Summer Reading Program was a big hit this year with 58 kids signing up and a reported 800 books read! The Nature Museum conducted four free workshops for kids during the summer.

The library was open for 168 days in 2020, 65 of them for front porch pick up only, and 65 of them by appointment only. The collection grew with 296 books added to the adult collection, 245 books added to the youth collection, 11 audio books added, and 15 DVDs. The library currently houses 15,200 items including: 13,668 books, 10 magazine subscriptions, 1100 DVDs, and 328 CD audiobooks. Patrons also have free access to over 45,000 ebooks and audiobooks through ListenUp! Vermont as well as access to hundreds of online courses through Learning Express. There are also over 50 online databases freely available through the library website.

In 2020, the Whiting Library Board of Trustees focused on updating library policies and procedures, including those related to personnel and financial management, developing a quarterly inspection process to proactively identify building maintenance issues before they become critical, and conducted a successful fundraising campaign.

The Board of Trustees greatly appreciates the support of the Select Board and the residents of the Town of Andover to sustain and improve Whiting Library, now and into the future.

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

Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District

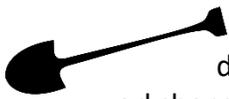


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The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Andover's representative is Joe Fromberger; the alternate position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

 All food scraps were banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020. To help residents divert their food scraps from the trash, the District has offered backyard composting workshops for several years but had to cancel them in spring 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, Ham Gillett made a video about the subject, which can be seen at <http://okemovalley.tv/virtual-composting-workshop>. We've also sold backyard composters for years. Composters make great presents – call the office to arrange a purchase – 674-9235 – only \$50! Another diversion option? The Springfield Transfer Station accepts food scraps for free (including meat and bones).

 Four hundred and thirty-two people brought household hazardous waste (HHW) to the District's two collections in FY20, including five Andover residents. We are planning to construct a permanent HHW facility in Springfield in 2021 which will be open for six months of the year, eight to ten hours a week. Before that facility is operational, we will probably hold at least one HHW event in 2021 – date and time to be determined.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Kennedy Mary T. O'Brien Ham Gillett
District Manager Recycling Coordinator Outreach Coordinator



ANNUAL REPORT
SENIOR SOLUTIONS
(COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.)
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Senior Solutions -- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. -- has served the residents of **Andover** and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), White River Junction and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Our mission and vision have guided us through the COVID crisis. All of our programs except group wellness activities and group dining have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. When recommendations were made that older adults limit their contact with others, we immediately began to recruit volunteers and have been amazed at the outpouring of support. We rapidly built a new cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distributions and other needs. We have been closely collaborating with local community and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Most of our services are available to all older adults regardless of income, though we target our resources to those with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We help them assess needs and options, connect with resources and local programs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for loved ones.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has not kept up. We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. Financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We work to develop programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year our Friendly Visitor and Vet to Vet volunteer visitor programs grew significantly. We offered the HomeMeds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects and our popular aquatics program for arthritis. We train volunteer instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and counselors in our PEARLS home-based program for people with mild depression. We provide financial support for training of volunteers interested in teaching classes in their community or starting new evidence-based wellness programs. Wellness programs are available to anyone 60 and over in Andover or in our region.

This is a summary of services provided to Andover residents in the last year (07-01-19 through 06-30-20).

Information and Assistance: 16 Calls and Office Visits. Our Helpline (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also on our web site at www.seniorsolutionsvt.org.

Medicare Assistance: 3 residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, "boot camps" for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: We provided 5 elder residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance for 22.75 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition services and programs: 2 **Andover** seniors received 314 home-delivered meals through Meals and Wheels of Greater Springfield. We also supported community meals available to Andover residents through Meals and Wheels of Greater Springfield and other meal sites in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

Transportation: Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements can be made for non-Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Volunteer Visitors: Senior Solutions recruits, screens, trains and supports volunteers of all ages who visit with isolated older adults and veterans and assist with shopping and chores.

Special Assistance: Senior Solutions provides flexible funds that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

Other Services: Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, and home-based mental health services.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of **Andover**.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

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

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

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

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 374 homecare visits to 20 Andover residents. This includes approximately \$13,140 in unreimbursed care to Andover residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 127 home visits to 16 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 247 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

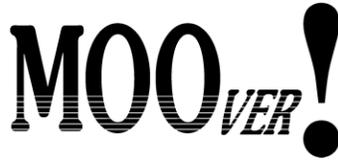
Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low and no-cost services including blood pressure screening, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were forced to suspend these services in March. Since then, we have been rethinking our community wellness programs to find a way to continue to offer them following the pandemic.

Andover's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)



A Division of Southeast Vermont Transit

The MOOver Rockingham Report Andover FY21

Thank you again for Andover's \$125 donation last year. As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company since 2003, The MOOver Rockingham relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. These funds allow us to draw down federal funds to provide operating support and the required match for our replacement vehicles. Andover has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

The MOOver Rockingham's mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for 30 Windham and Southern Windsor County towns. We operate bus routes and senior and disabled transportation services via our fleet of 23 buses and a network of volunteer drivers. We receive state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares, and contributions from our human service partners.

The MOOver Rockingham's total operating expenses last year were \$2,625,578. We provided 137,859 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 571,129 miles over 28,299 hours.

Andover's contribution supports continuing public transit in your town and throughout the region. Service levels vary by town and from year by year. A town's transportation needs can be minimal some years and large the next. We need your help to remain a healthy company to be able to respond to needs of the elderly, disabled, or in an emergency or crisis when the need arises.

We are requesting a \$125 contribution from Andover this year. We hope you will support our funding request.

We are always seeking input to improve our services. Please contact me to let us know how The MOOver Rockingham may improve service in your community.

Thank You!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine Howe".

Christine Howe
General Manager

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**COMMUNITY CARES NETWORK
OF
CHESTER/ANDOVER, INC.**

Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. endeavors to help the senior citizens of Chester and Andover to stay in their own homes safely through our director, our board, and a network of volunteers. We work with other community services, including Senior Solutions; Visiting Nurses & Hospice of VT and NH; and the Chester/Andover ministerium. We provided over 750 services in 2020.

In this pandemic year, CCN, INC.'s usual activities: providing transportation to doctor and hospital appointments, assisting with record keeping, friendly visits and check-ins, shopping, helping people get to the Chester/Andover Family Center, and miscellaneous services, have had to be adjusted as we found different ways to serve the senior citizens of our community. While adhering to the guidelines put in place by the state, and by health officials, including masks for everyone, we have been able to get seniors to doctor appointments, and pharmacies, as well as helping them to get groceries. We have been able to make connections for them. We are also keeping in contact with our clients by telephone during this difficult time.

Some of the activities CCN, INC. sponsors needed to be cancelled, including a low-impact exercise group for senior citizens, collaborative information meetings for seniors with the Rescue Squad, and our spring fund raiser. We were able to figure out a way to do our fall apple pie fund raiser in a safe manner.

We are grateful for our volunteers, and other members of the community who enable us to be of service to our senior citizens.

Respectfully submitted by
The Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. Board

Deborah Armstrong, Director
David Armstrong
Erron Carey
Jacquelyn Griswold
Kathy Jo Martens



Chester-Andover Family Center

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

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

“Making a difference in our community by providing resources for financial assistance, supplemental nutritional food, affordable clothing and household goods. “

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

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

In the community of Andover, we have provided the following services during FY2020:

Weatherization: 1 home (1 person) was weatherized at a cost of \$17,353

Family Services: 2 households (7 people) received 10 services, valued at \$90 (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 2 households (7 people) received 5 assists valued at \$2,607

Solar Energy Assistance: 1 home (2 people) received \$323 in energy credits on their electric bill to reduce their energy burden

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

Stephen Geller, Executive Director
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Windsor County Youth Services Annual Report FY'21

In 2019 alone, Windsor County Youth Services has provided shelter services to over 150 Vermont teens for 5,000 shelter bed nights, and transitional living services to 9 young adults for 1,358 transitional living bed nights. Please see the tables below for details.

Transitional Living Program	Teens	Bed Nights
Girls	5	621
Boys	4	737
Totals:	9	1,358

Shelter Program	Teens	Bed Nights
Girls	96	2,020
Boys	91	3,321
Totals:	187	5,341

Windsor County Youth Services offers a range of services for Vermont’s homeless and runaway teenagers. Mountainside House and the House at Twenty Mile Stream offer short-term crisis stabilization and emergency shelter for Vermont teens ages 13-18, and a transitional living program is offered at both residences for ages 17-23. W.C.Y.S. is also very proud to provide a school program, licensed by the VT Department of Education, to all residents.

Mountainside and the House at Twenty-Mile Stream continue to involve our boys and girls in community projects such as the Ludlow Community Garden, the Vermont Sunshine Society, Black River Good Neighbors, The Fletcher Memorial Library Annual Book Sale, and Green Up Day in Ludlow, VT. Our residents enjoy the opportunity to give back to our communities while learning important valuable life skills.

Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission

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

During FY20, the dues from member towns contributed about 3% of the SWCRPC's annual budget of \$1,047,372. The town dues assessment of \$584 was determined on a \$1.25 per person based upon 2010 Census data. The remaining revenues were derived from federal, state, and other funding sources.

The SWCRPC offers member towns a broad range of services, including assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, water quality, emergency management, data, mapping, and other planning activities. In FY20, the SWCRPC assisted the Town of Andover in updating their Local Emergency Operations Plan; provided emergency management planning assistance; conducted traffic speed studies; provided technical assistance with updating the town's road ordinance and provided information and technical assistance on Federal and State programs related to Covid-19 issues.

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

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

Thomas Kennedy, AICP
Executive Director

2020 Windsor County Budget

To the Towns of Windsor County:

Attached please find the Final Budget for the 2021 - 2022 fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2021.

With the advent of the pandemic in March of 2020, the County cut back its operations and took a very conservative approach to spending. Therefore, expenses during March, April, May and June, 2020, the last four months of the 2019 - 2020 fiscal year, were for the most part under budget, and the County's costs went down.

Because of these savings were able to lower the tax burden on Windsor County's 24 towns for the upcoming fiscal year. The amount of money that will be billed to the town for property taxes will decrease 3% from \$455,361 to \$441,319.

Additionally, we were able to increase our Operating Reserve and Capital Reserve accounts. The additional Capital Reserve funds will be used for Covid related improvements to the Court House in Woodstock and for two upcoming projects at the County Building in Woodstock - a new membrane roof for the cell block and the replacement of a very old boiler.

The Final Budget Hearing will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. Please email countyclerk@windsorcountyyt.com for instructions to join the meeting. Thank you.

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