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New trails on the new Keck parcel

-Dave Doub

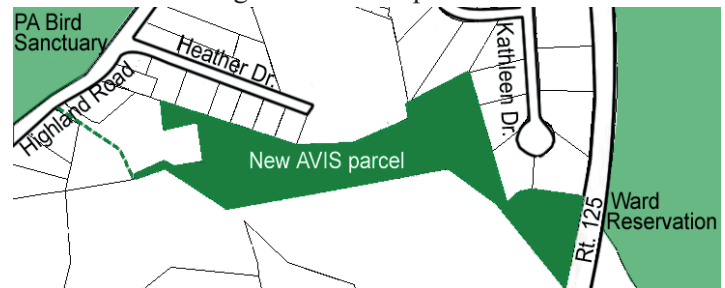
The last issue of the Update reported the acquisition of an 8.5 acre parcel near the corner of South Main Street and Gould Road, enlarging the Peggy Keck Reservation. Trails have now been added; to enter the Keck Reservation from the Goldsmith parking lot, cross South Main Street and walk fifty yards east on Gould Road to where the trail begins on the north side. The trail cuts through a short expanse of pine woods and opens out onto a meadow. Crossing the meadow brings one to the older section of the Keck Reservation with a mile of trails, some leading towards Harold Parker State Forest.

By acquiring this parcel, AVIS has preserved the natural character of Andover at its southern entrance and provided new trail options for joggers and walkers. Consider how different this area would look had the townhouses been developed as originally planned. The purchase agreement has AVIS paying \$250,000 over the next three years. AVIS seeks the continued support of its members to meet this obligation.

AVIS acquires a new reservation

- Susan Stott

AVIS closed on the purchase of a new 10.2 acre parcel off Highland Road in February. The acquisition cost was \$100,000, or just under \$10,000 per acre. Access to this parcel is currently from an easement (dashed line) off of Highland Rd. where a sign and trail are planned in the near future.



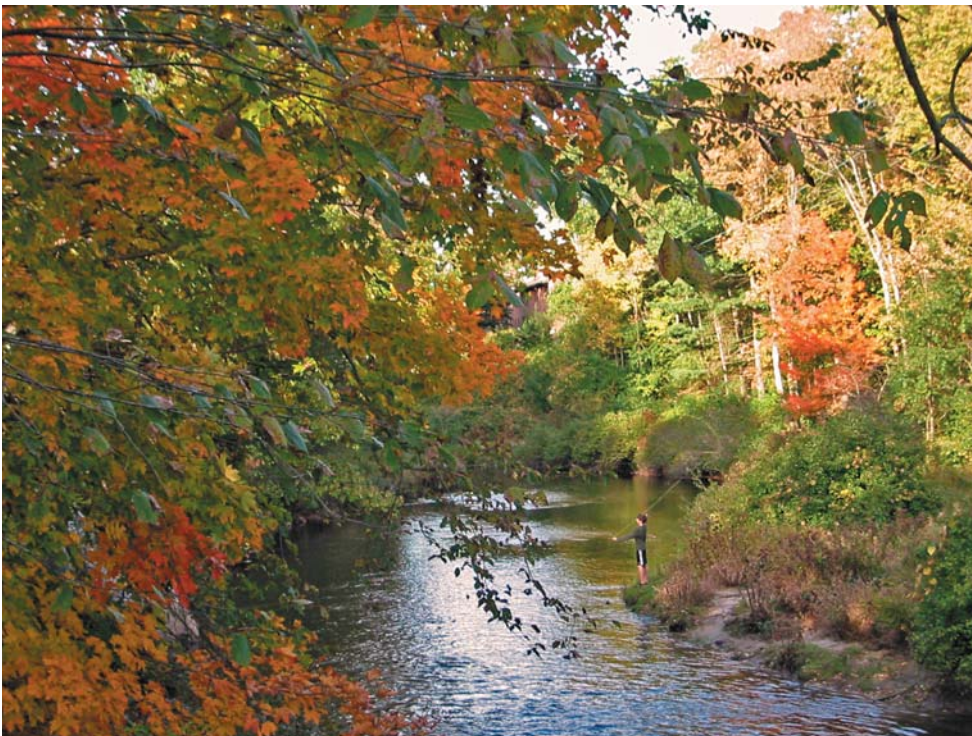
Once a road and some houses are built, access will be from the new road. There is much undeveloped land south of this parcel and, with our members' help, AVIS hopes to raise the funds to expand this new reservation in the next five to ten years.

Color Updates

To showcase the full beauty of the AVIS reservations, the *AVIS Update* is being printed in full color. We hope the pictures inspire you to explore some new reservations or return to old favorites. To keep printing costs steady, the size of the newsletter was reduced from six pages to four.

Vernal pools project

Vernal pools are temporary pools of water. They are devoid of fish, and thus allow the safe development of immature amphibians and insects. AVIS certified four vernal pools in 2008: two on the Rafton Reservation and two on the Hammond Reservation. If you would like to help certify vernal pools on AVIS land, contact David Dargie, 978-996-4475.



Fly fishing on the Lupine Reservation

Photo by Peggy Kruse



From the president

- Fred Snell

I just came in from cross-country skiing on the Deer Jump Reservation. It was a clear blue-sky day and as I traversed the wooded trails, I thought how fortunate we are to have these AVIS lands scattered throughout Andover.

This led me to think about the different types of stewardship involved in the care of our 1100+ acres of woodland properties. Active stewardship involves all the volunteer wardens who keep trails free of fallen trees with occasional help of volunteer work parties. A more passive form of stewardship that everyone can do is to enjoy the reservations and keep them in pristine condition.

Unfortunately, occasional violations occur on our reservations. It could be someone dumping branches, lawn clippings or leaves, or violating government or other AVIS rules. Your stewardship could be to inform the warden or a Trustee about your concerns. We will then begin the process of resolving the issue. The three seasons of yard work are about to begin, and all of us who enjoy our AVIS reservations as places of renewal need to help keep our reservations in good shape.

See you on the trails!



Photo by Mary Ann Alwan

30 people joined leader Jim Batchelder for a historical talk and hike at Bakers Meadow.

Land management news

- David Dargie

Prompted by the handiwork of busy beavers at the Skug River Reservation, AHS student Matt Quartararo's Eagle Scout project extended the Hornidge Bridge over the Skug River. Skug warden David Bunting oversaw trail work by a group of students from Phillips Academy.

Warden Dennis Crispo has had his hands full relocating trails to dryer ground at the Hammond Reservation. Warden Chip Gregory enlisted middle school students to relocate a trail on the Rafton Reservation that had been flooded by beavers.

At the Nat Smith Reservation, warden Mike Timko and some PA students constructed two boardwalks over wet areas. Windstorms kept Burns wardens Allan & Mary Smeltzer busy handling the large oaks that came down, sometimes taking street wires or the neighbor's porch with them!



Beaver photo by Mary Ann Alwan

Acknowledgments

- Welcome to Bob Friedenson, AVIS's new webmaster.
- Thanks to Chris Vrontas and Cathy Bruton for years of service as wardens of the western section of Deer Jump. Welcome to Carl Hayssen, the new warden.
- Thanks to the Boston Foundation for an annual grant of \$5,000 from the Bessie P. Goldsmith Fund.
- Thanks to Mark Cutler and Peggy Kruse for their years of service as AVIS trustees, and welcome to new trustee Mike Timko and returning trustee Marta Hornidge. Mike is the warden of the Nat Smith Reservation and a member of the Land Management Committee. Marta will pitch in on the Communications Committee.



Mark Cutler



Peggy Kruse



Mike Timko



Marta Hornidge



Photo by Peggy Kruse

34 people joined in the annual Goldsmith moonlight ski/hike

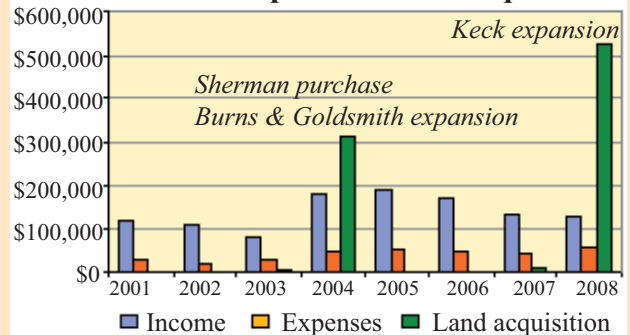
Welcome to our new members!

Alexander Abugov	Gloria & Dwight Davis	Janice Haselton	Carolyn Parr	Johanna Walsh	Charlie & Mary Wesson	Yanowitz Family
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AVIS finances

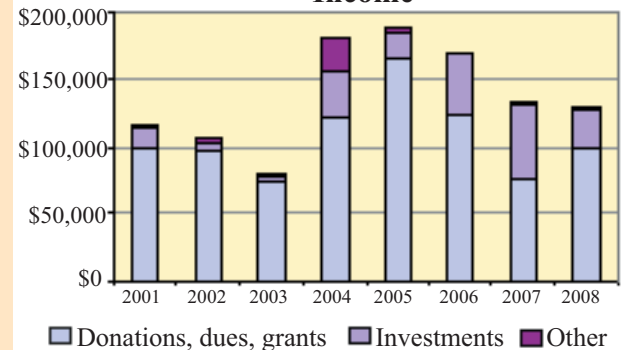
Matthew Dallett, Treasurer

Income / Expenses / Land acquisition



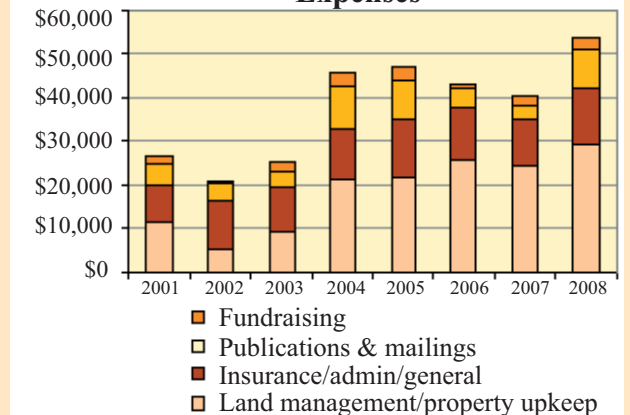
AVIS's income far exceeds yearly expenses, enabling AVIS to stockpile money for the next major land purchase. The income and expense details are shown below.

Income



AVIS's primary sources of income are membership dues, the Annual Appeal and foundation grants.

Expenses



After land purchases, AVIS's primary expenses are 1) land and property management (e.g., materials for trails, bridges & boardwalks, equipment, supplies, tree care & mowing meadows), 2) insurance and administrative (e.g., accounting fees & the annual meeting), and 3) publications and mailings. AVIS's expenses are kept low thanks to the magnitude and variety of our volunteer labor.

Annual Wardens Picnic 2008



A thank-you to our wardens for their hard work.

Photos by Kay Frishman

AVIS calendar

Sat, Apr 18, 9-noon. **Work party** at Lupine Reservation, park on Lupine Rd. Led by Dave Doub, 470-3703.

Sat, Apr 25, 9-noon. **Work party** at the Taft Reservation. Led by Andy Girdwood, 978-475-5253.

Sun, May 3, 1:30 pm. **Hike at Vale & Shawsheen Reservations.** Park at end of Dale St. in Ballardvale. Led by Ken Doran, 978-794-4882.

Sat, May 9, 1:30 pm. **Hike at Deer Jump & Rafton Reservations.** Park at leaf dump on High Plain Rd. Led by Dennis Crispo, 978-858-0394.

Sun, Jun 7, 1:30 pm. **Hike on Goldsmith Reservation.** Park at Goldsmith, 491 S. Main St. Led by Fred Snell, 978-686-3647.

Two walks co-sponsored by AVIS and the Andover Historical Society. Led by Fred Snell, 978-686-3647:



The meadow on the newly acquired portion of the Keck Reservation. Photo by Peggy Kruse

- Sat, Jun 20, 1:30 pm. **Deer Jump.** Park on Launching Rd.
- Sun, Oct 4, 1:30 pm. **Skug River Reservation.** Park on Salem St.

For additional AVIS events, see *avisandover.org*. For AMC walks, see *amcboston.org/andover*. For guided bird walks, contact Al Retelle, 978-475-4412.

The *AVIS Update* is a biannual publication of the Andover Village Improvement Society. AVIS' mission is to acquire and preserve Andover land in its natural state. More than 1,000 acres of land are managed by AVIS and are open to all for passive recreation.

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