



A Visit with Our Neighbors

by Christine Bryan

What's a profession that puts one hand on the past and, with the other, secures the future? Here's a look at one Richmond resident whose land surveying business suits him perfectly. Dick Drew finds a lot of personal satisfaction in his work, in part because of tangible proofs that he is making a difference for the future. Since he began visiting Richmond at the age of three, and was here for the majority of the weekends during his youth, he has a definite attachment to the area. Dick's father began buying property from Fay Martin in order to set up a hunting camp. The first building was destroyed by arson, but Dick's dad continued to acquire property, ending up with about three hundred acres. Dick purchased his Tully Brook Road property from the estate in 1988. After years of summer and fall camping by the pleasant brook, Dick and his wife Alicia decided to settle in Richmond and build a genuine dream home.

Dick loves his work and considers it a great profession, but then, it's in his blood. His great-grandfather was a surveyor, as well as his brother and several uncles and cousins. Beginning in 1968, he worked for 37 years on highway projects in Massachusetts. He was the junior man in a crew of four. The equipment the men used included steel tapes and a transit, and the logarithm computations were all done long-hand. At his chief's encouragement, Dick learned a lot of upper level math on the job (meaning, "Dick will work that out for us!").

Dick works in different towns around the area, but has his base here in Richmond. He's glad to be done moving. His step-father's military transfers meant that Dick would attend a total of thirteen different schools in various locations in the US as well as Dachau, Germany, and Verona, Italy. He and Alicia visited Verona recently for an important anniversary. Dick's work history involved different moves as well. For a number of years he was on Cape Cod. During the first gas crunch, when the economy fell apart, he was without work for awhile until he finally got a job in Nashua. Since then he has worked in New Hampshire, and, after fulfilling state requirements by holding positions of responsibility in various aspects of surveying, obtained his license in 1994. Dick has been self-employed since 2000.

Modern surveying uses electronic equipment, and, instead of a crew of four, one or two people with robotic instruments can work very quickly and precisely. But digital tools don't eliminate much of either the labor or the actual art of the profession. The history of the land must be researched and the historical documents examined. In doing boundary work, surveyors have to hike the terrain to find and verify all the original monuments. A surveyor has to be skilled in communication and, today, have fluent computer skills. As he is working for posterity, he has a responsibility not only to his client, but also to all the property abutters as well. And then, based on these many factors, judgments must be made and recorded.

Dick has always loved history and shared many interesting facts about our area. Here's something Rooster readers may not know. Back in the 1700s, within a sixty-mile radius of the mouth of the Merrimack River, the land was subdivided into parcels of approximately eighty acres. An old map of Richmond looks like a grid of parallelograms,

where numbers were assigned to the lots (the vertical lines) and ranges (the horizontal divisions). The word "lot" comes from lottery, which was how the land was originally distributed. The Town of Winchester, our neighbor to the west, was outside this geographical measure and the land there was subdivided differently. One map we were looking at was from 1820, when Richmond had 1400 residents. Dick's boundary line research can take him back further than these dates. He mentioned that there is a rather obscure old law requiring a property owner to maintain lot lines with his neighbor. And if the neighbor won't help, the owner can charge him \$5! Dick recommends a boundary walk every few years, and has seen

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it maintain a friendly relationship between neighbors. The pins in the ground or the holes in boulders are permanent markers. Temporary tags on trees or stakes will need to be replaced occasionally by the property owners.

Except for using maps, Dick's years in the military involved totally different kinds of experiences. He served twenty-four years with the Army National Guard, serving as a platoon sergeant in an armor company with annual training at Fort Drum. In 1985, in freezing February, he went overseas as part of a Reforger Mission (the return of forces to Germany). During this time, he found the people loved the Americans and were very afraid of the Russians. Dick has an extensive knowledge of military history and continues to pursue that interest.

Dick has devoted much of his own personal time to aiding the community, currently serving on the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Cheshire County YMCA Properties Committee. A small town can't afford to hire professionals for all the services that are needed. Dick believes that if professionals will donate their skills, then those less qualified won't be trying to do jobs for which they haven't been trained. He obviously puts action behind his beliefs. He hopes the time he has personally invested in the community will help it build toward the peace he would like to see in this beautiful area with the people he likes so much.

Rural preservation is very important to Dick, but he regrets some of the existing regulations, because there have been cases where landowners' rights have been infringed upon instead of being protected. Dick's service to various boards in town allow him to share the benefits of his years of training and research. When asked for clarification about wetlands, Dick explained that, historically, these swampy areas were meadows and were often drained off and the grasses cut for hay. Since 1900, a third of these wetlands have been filled in across the state. Today it is very important to protect these areas because they filter ground water, as well as harbor wildlife. Poorly drained soil slowly filters the water so it is cleaned before reaching the rivers. The State regards wetlands as a health issue. Local towns are more likely to consider them to be a regulatory concern. A genuine

wetland has to consist of a distinct soil type as well as contain specific wetland plants. There also has to be water within a certain depth from the surface. There is surprising detail in this subject that appears so simple on the surface.

Over the years, and for a variety of reasons, surveying has experienced a steady decline in numbers. And, yet, skilled professionals are needed in this area more than ever. Land is becoming more valuable and burdened with more regulations. The march of development won't be stopped, and it's important that those trained in land law and boundary determination are the ones doing the work – or others less qualified will be delegated for the job, and the current integrity won't be maintained. Dick is a member of the NH Land Surveyors Association and supports their various programs which include educating students about the historical art of surveying, as well as offering scholarships and mentoring serious young professionals working toward earning their licenses.

Dick's many interests don't supersede his love of family and home. He and Alicia, the brave woman who has put up with hunters' camps for many years, enjoy their beautiful home with its peaceful gardens. Alicia works for the Small Business Administration in disaster relief, after having done similar work previously with the Red Cross. She and Dick have two sons. Matthew is working with Dick and lives nearby in Fitzwilliam with his wife, Catherine. Jonathan has his home in Arlington, MA, with his wife, Rachel, and their daughter, Leah. Alicia's generous heart has room for several cats and Dick's handsome Chesapeake Bay retriever, Ferguson.

Nearing the end of this visit, let's briefly return to the beginning. The Drew family has its roots in Rochester, dating from the early 1700s, and his mother is distantly related to John Alden, an original Pilgrim who arrived on the Mayflower. Dick grew up with a love of the land, fueled by all those weekends spent here in Richmond during his childhood. Hunting is a natural outgrowth of his connection with the outdoors and he appreciates that hunting licenses directly fund projects for land and wildlife conservation. He sees many of today's children losing touch with the land, focused instead on activities that bring instant gratification. He would like to encourage parents to find a way to slow the pace of their lives so the whole family can enjoy the outdoors. A

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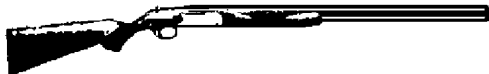
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good place to start might be to follow Dick's suggestion and walk the family's property lines and look for the original markers.

Thanks for this interview, Dick, and for the hours of service to the community.

TEMPORARY HELP WANTED

Steve Boscarino

A temporary deputy tax collector is needed to help with this tax season. Resumes will be accepted by email to the Tax Collector, Steve Boscarino, richtaxoffice @yahoo.com. You may also mail or drop off your resume at the Town office. Please reply no later than January 17th, 2008.

HELP WANTED RICHMOND ROOSTER

Marie Knowlton

The Richmond Rooster is in need of help with the production of the monthly paper. If you have some time to spare each month to help prepare the paper, please give me a call . 239-6447

Presidential Primary Election

Pam Goodell

Remember, the Presidential Primary Election is on January 8, 2008. Polls open at 8 AM and close at 7 PM. Voting is at the Veterans Hall. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk. They must be returned either in person by January 7, 2008 at 5PM or by mail on January 8, 2008 by 5PM. Note: if returning your absentee ballot in person, it can not be returned by any other individual other than the voter.

The last day to register (at the Town Clerks office) to vote is Thursday December 27, 2007. Party changes can not be made now until after the election .

Town Elections

Pam Goodell

March 11, 2008 is the date of the town meeting and elections. January 23, 2008 is the first day to sign up to be on the ballot for a town office. This filing period ends on February 1, 2008 at 5 PM.

Town Clerks Office:

Jan 1, 2008- Closed- New Years Day

Jan 2, 2008- Dog licenses available

Jan 21, 2008- Closed- Martin Luther King Day

THE RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY ROCKS

By Elaine Moriarty

The former Richmond Schoolhouse, transformed into a library is the place to be. If you've never been or seldom utilize its services, you might want to stop in. You will be greeted by our charming Librarian Wendy O'Brien and a pleasant, homey atmosphere.

We continue to grow in patronage, circulation and services. Our newest offerings include a patron coffee hour on the first Saturday of each month, access to more state databases for genealogy and school papers, along with an artistic display of seasonal media. A patron Sue Marsden is responsible for the display and we are fortunate and grateful for her creativity.

Wendy is very diligent with obtaining inter-library loans and obtaining books patrons seek to read. She also benefits the library by obtaining grants. Another familiar face is Evelyn Huston, a person who has devoted countless volunteer hours assisting with multiple tasks necessary for the efficient running of the library and is so appreciated.

There are also many behind the scenes volunteers: Barbara Woodward who continues to spend numerous hours on Nupac, Evelyn Winter Pogorzelski who paint-

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ed the beautiful mural in the children's room, all the people who first helped out with Nupac, and the many hours of service with a smile from the Dan Connell family. They are always ready to pitch in at a moments notice in emergency situations and when asked a specific request. Gwen Powers who runs a preschool story time and Wendy conducts an elementary school age story hour bringing innovative programming to the children. Maria Royce contributes her expertise at face painting at children's parties. My apologies to any volunteer who I may have overlooked.

We owe a HUGE THANKS to Fred and Roberta Goldberg-Jaffe who are stepping down after many years as Friends of the Library. They ran successful Labor Day Book Sales/Silent Auctions and the November Bake Sale to raise funds for book purchases.

Last, but not least, we are grateful to the Board of Trustees for overseeing the issues pertaining to running the library. Current members of the board are: Deb Watson, Barbara Woodward and Elaine Moriarty.

Summer reading this year had 51 children enrolled. The theme was Reading Road Trip USA. There was a successful kickoff in June combined with the Town's Recreation Committee. On July 18th, Elaine Moriarty held a summer reading Pit Stop. It was most successful with many attendees, a craft projects, games and lunch consisting of regional USA dishes.

We sponsored a creative writing contest for the children and looked forward to building a float for the Labor Day Parade. Summer reading concluded on August 18th at the Veteran's Hall, Toadstool certificates were given to those who completed the requirements and a gift certificate to Target for earning the most mileage points. Another target gift certificate will be awarded to the author of the most creative story or poem.

Our closing program brought us the talented, fun performer Steve Blunt and his "Bookin Down The Highway" Show. He had tremendous rapport with the children and involved them in his repertoire.

Friends of the Library would be most appreciative of some new members see Wendy for details.

Any suggestions for the library are taken into considera-

tion, so please don't hesitate to drop in. Our Board of Trustees is constantly researching ways to improve our services as well as attending to our usual duties. "So many books, so little time, Remember: The Richmond Library Rocks, see you there."

Two Gilbert & Sullivan Classics Get Good Recordings

Frank Behrens

The D'Oyly Carte Company was formed by Gilbert, Sullivan and Richard D'Oyly Carte after the success of "Trial by Jury." The Company has been the copyright holder of all the Gilbert and Sullivan works up to the 1960s and has recorded "The Pirates of Penzance" and "The Mikado" several times. There are the acoustic recordings, then electric 78 rpm discs, the mono recording with Martyn Green in the comic lead roles, the first stereo series, the second stereo series when a new conductor appeared on the scene, and yet a third when the company came back to life after an absence from the stage.

Since just about all of the earlier sets are available on CD from a wonderful little one-family operation nicely named 78s2cd, I will concentrate on two that have just come my way: "The Pirates of Penzance" and "The Mikado," both from 1957. The comic lead in these two immensely popular works is a singer-actor named Peter Pratt. (Fans of the Lord Peter Wimsey television series will remember him as the head of the firm in "Murder Must Advertise.") Pratt started in the D'Oyly Carte chorus in 1945 and got his break when he stepped into the comic lead of "Ruddigore" on very short notice in 1949. He was then given the major comic roles when Green was unavailable and inherited them all when Green left the company in 1951.

His voice is quite different from Green's, having a more crackly sound. As Ko-Ko, this makes him sound more a VIP truly out of his depth in his new office, while as Major General Stanley he sounds more of the military misfit, less pompous sounding than Green and more helpless.

Both sets, I feel, suffer from the lack of a true basso for Pooh-Bah and the Sergeant of Police, here sung by Kenneth Stanford. On the other hand, Donald Adams' Mikado and Pirate King are worthy successors to those on the mono recordings. The tenor, Thomas Round, is very much better than his predecessor on the monophonic LP recordings. Listeners can make their own comparisons down the cast of singers on these and the older discs.

What is important is that these "Pirates" and "Mikado" with Pratt are among the better efforts among the stereo versions. Neither contains the dialogue—and indeed no recording of "The Mikado" does, while one of "Pirates" does but is not very well sung by some of the leads.

I strongly suggest one browse the website at www.doylycarte.com.

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Parents, and Taxpayers of the Town of Richmond

Status Update on The Monadnock Regional School District Dec 2007

Jim Carnie

The current status of the Monadnock Regional School District is not good, in my opinion. There are many problems which are still having to be dealt with, that have been left over from the previous administration.

For example there are the four continuing big issues:
1. Regular retirement—Practices which were established and promulgated under the former administration are currently under review and appeal by the New Hampshire Retirement System – (who have denied the practice). The previous Monadnock administration had established a practice of using (Health Care as Salary), in order to increase an Administrator's retirement benefits. A final decision is probably due in February or March.

2. Early Retirement This huge problem developed in 2000 to 2002 where the first one year contract was approved and then expired. The next years contract failed. Subsequently the following year's contract which was placed before the voters passed but it is questionable whether the warrant article actually warned the voters of the FULL long term costs of the early retirement clause. (See Keene Sentinel Article of Dec 5, 2007 for more detail ---regarding the Sullivan Petition for Injunction, currently before the Cheshire County Superior Court). (Ramifications: --Millions of Dollars)

3. Health Care costs have risen dramatically over the past several years. The teachers have been receiving Health Care benefits generally on a 90%-10% ratio, with the district picking up the 90%. In the proposed contract, on which you will be voting in March 2008, that amount will gradually be shifted over a 4 yr period to 80%-20%. Last year the district put out the Health Care for competitive bids. The proposal which was offered to the teachers if they had been willing to change providers, would have had tremendous savings for

the District and the SAU. The coverage according to IPG would have been very similar. The Teachers Association, initially, did not even take the proposal to the Membership, which was the cause of an Unfair Labor Practice being filed by the School Board at the Public Labor Relations Board. (PLRB). A decision is pending.

4. The numerous issues surrounding MC2. With the ending of the Federal MRPSOC grant numerous questions have arisen about the continuation and funding of MC2. If it continues, where will it be housed? What will be its relationship with Monadnock Regional High School? Who is responsible for overall supervision under the new State guidelines (Off Site provisions)? And most importantly—What should be the cost charged to Out of District Students who are attending? My position has always been that every Out of District student should have to pay (either by themselves, their parents, or their district) the full cost of the tuition to attend MC2. They did NOT apply to MRHS, they have applied to a particular high priced program which is currently imbedded within the Monadnock Regional High School curriculum. The determination of the proper tuition cost is really quite simple (although it has been hotly disputed); it should be the cost of the program divided by the number of pupils. While the number of students often change, the Oct 1st number is the most commonly used for determining the student enrollment. The High School Per Pupil cost in past years has run between \$10,500 & \$11,800. The Dept of Ed. pupil numbers for MRHS is about 833 for grades 9-12. On the other hand, MC2 last year proposed a budget of \$729,277 for 45 students or \$16,206 per pupil. (16 of these were Monadnock students and 29 were out of District). This year MC2 had a proposed budget of 551,571 for 29 students or 19,020 per pupil. (15 were Monadnock students and 14 were out of District). It is important that the people being asked to fund this program, clearly understand that it is serving more out of District students, than Monadnock students. This experiment is NOT being funded by Keene, Winchester, Hinsdale or Stoddard. Some MRSD School Board Members, have even gone as far as to state that it is the District's obligation to fund the MC2 program, regardless of where the students come from. I consider

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that an irresponsible position. (Sullivan is also asking for Relief regarding this issue in their Injunction before Cheshire County Superior Court.)

Our Condolences

Richmond Residents, Rooster Staff

The Richmond community would like to offer prayer and support to the family and friends of Cheryl Tattersall, a local Richmond resident, and deputy tax collector who has recently passed. Our sincerest sympathy and condolences to her husband Jon, who is caring for their newborn son, Collin, and their five year old son, Cameron. May the whole family know that our hearts and prayers go out to them.

Roof Repair is Complete!

Pam Goodell

We rejoice at the completion of the repairs to the Old Brick Church roof. Many thanks to Al Fauteau and his men for the professional work they did. They installed an ice belt on both sides of the roof, replaced rotten boards around the steeple, put in a new ridge cap, put in new flashing around the chimney and the bell tower, and replaced all broken and missing slate with copper nails.

It was exciting watching the progress as the staging was set up first on one side of the church, then the other, and finally taken down. Just as exciting is the fact that the bill is all paid for! How fortunate we feel to know that so many people have a special place in their hearts for this building and all its religious and historic significance to Richmond! We invite everyone to stop in at any time to get a closer look. We are a church of open minds, open hearts and open doors. Thanks once more to you all. You made it possible for the Richmond Community United Methodist Church to continue serving our town.

From the Archives

Normal Thibodeau

Notice: Richmond Archives will be closed until March 1, 2008. Please contact the Historical Society of Cheshire County in Keene for information.

Fire Permits

Joseph Thibodeau

To obtain a fire permit, call 239-6337, Ed Atkins; or 239-4238, Buzz Shaw.

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 17, 2007

Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Stan Pogorzelski, Sean McElhiney

Read mail and signed checks Dana Taylor, road agent, called in with an update. He graded Whipple Hill Road and

Barrus Road last week and is now working on Sprague Road. He will then move on to Quaker Lane. Sam Greene from the Department of Revenue came in to discuss a few issues that the selectmen had questions about for him. The issues were about assessing cluster subdivisions with common land, lots that are separated by roads and religious exemptions. Sam will be returning next week with more information. The Board would also like to thank the public that waited while the Board was meeting with Sam.

On August 13, 2007, the Board voted to abate the equalization penalty on Map 414 Lot 011. After further research, the proper action would be to waive the penalty. JC made a motion to waive the equalization penalty on Map 414 Lot 011 instead of abating it. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

DATE: September 24, 2007

Selectmen's Meeting 7:00 p.m. Attending: JC Boudreau, Stan Pogorzelski, Sean McElhiney

Read mail and signed checks. Sam Greene from the Department of Revenue and Dave Marazoff from Cross Country Appraisal Group came in to discuss a few issues that the selectmen had questions about. The issues were about assessing cluster subdivisions with common land, lots that are separated by roads and non-profit tax exemptions. Dave will be returning next week with more information. Jim Buzzell, planning board member, was in to discuss his recent experience with the Board of Selectmen regarding a legal issue. Butch Morin came in for a driveway permit #07092401, map 402, lot 057 granted with conditions. Dawn Whitney was in asking about an abandoned piece of property that the Town now owns. The selectmen discussed the procedure for timelines with purchasing tax deeded properties. Bill Daniels came in to discuss getting permission to trap coyote on town property. Sean will call the LGC regarding possible liability issues. Stan presented a public notice on behalf of the Solid Waste Management District. Contract bids will be opened at a board meeting on Wednesday, September 26th at 5:30 p.m. Bids were opened for the painting of Town buildings. The selectmen discussed the bids, and will try to solicit a third bid. The board received a bid for removal of a tree from the library lot by Washburn

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Enterprise. The selectmen will accept the bid upon proof of insurance. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

DATE: October 1, 2007

Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Stan Pogorzelski, Sean McElhiney

Read mail and signed checks. Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector, was in to discuss tax issues. He provided the Current Owner Balance Report. Chief Wood was in. He provided the Selectmen with a Detail Procedure Policy which the Selectmen signed. The discussion came up about bridge work being done been by unknown parties on the east end of Old County Road on Morgan Reserve. Joe and Norma Thibodeau and Russell Provost came in to discuss this situation. Chief Wood will investigate. Winter maintenance bids were opened at 7:35; all participants were present. The Board discussed the bids. Stan made a motion to accept the bids from Dan Firmin (\$34,605.99 for the east side of town) and Buddy Blood (\$34,920.60 for the west side) for winter road maintenance. Sean seconded the motion. Sean made a motion to accept Bill Hillock's bid for Town buildings, \$4,175. Stan seconded the motion. There was minimal discussion and the Board, finding no compelling reason to change contractors, voted unanimously in favor. Bill Daniels, a licensed trapper, was in to ask about the status of his request for permission to trap coyote on Town property. There was some discussion about liability; RSA 212:34 was consulted to the satisfaction of the Board. Stan made a motion to allow Mr. Daniels to trap coyote on Town property and Sean seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the Board voted unanimously in favor. Bev spoke with the Board about a few office issues such as the handyman and the voting booths. Sean Darwin came in with a bid for the painting of the remaining two sides of the Veterans Hall. Mr. Darwin had already painted two sides of the Vets Hall, and the Board liked the results. Stan made a motion to accept Sean's bid for painting the Veteran's Hall. JC seconded the motion. After minimal discussion, the selectmen voted unanimously to accept Sean's bid for the Veteran's Hall. Stan discussed his meeting for Solid Waste Management District. There were three bids that were opened. Monadnock Disposal System is the preliminary

choice, but it is still in negotiations. Under discussion are: an extra container for recyclable overflow, vehicle parking, and signage. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:45.

DATE: Oct. 8 2007

Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Stan Pogorzelski, Sean McElhiney

Read mail and signed checks. Chief Wood was in to update the Selectmen on the Bridge and road issue on Old County Road. Allen Holbrook was in to discuss the condition of Fish Hatchery Road. We will ask the Road Agent to take a look at it. Frank Rice came in for a building permit to construct a garage, map 201 lot 046. Building Permit #2007-016. Bill Rokes with WR Painting was in at the selectmen's request to discuss the painting of two sides of the Town Hall. Stan made a motion to accept the bid from WR Painting for the exterior painting of the south and west sides of the Town Hall for the amount of \$3,405. JC seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of accepting the bid. Mr. Rokes will get to work as soon as the weather is good. Dick Drew came in for two driveway permits. The selectmen approved both driveways in the proposed subdivision for map 405 lot 023-1, map 405 lot 023-2. Wayne Dancause was in to discuss the handyman position that is needed for the Town. Fire Chief Mike Pearsall came in with his written request for a used fire pumper to replace the old M-1. Sean made a motion to accept Mike Pearsall's proposal for a replacement combination pumper/tanker for \$40,000 and the trade of a 1979 International. JC seconded the motion. JC made a motion to amend the amount from \$40,000 to \$41,000 for the purpose of having the funds to put the truck in service. Stan seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the amendment. The Board also voted unanimously in favor of the motion. JC took the opportunity to ask Mike about accessibility for emergency vehicles on Class VI roads. The selectmen asked Chief Pearsall his feelings on keeping Class VI roads open for emergency access. He said he would like to keep as many Class VI roads open as possible for wild land fire access. The Board will con-

sult the Local Government Center to find out what is required of the Town. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 11:00 PM.

DATE: 15 Oct 2007

Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney

Read mail and signed checks. Buzz Shaw was in to show the Selectmen the 911 emergency maps he acquired of the Town of Richmond. The selectman signed date release forms for Mutual Aid. These maps and the name data base are not available to the public; they are for emergency use only. Pam was in to discuss the Internet connection in the town offices. Pam went to Time Warner, and Time Warner subsequently came in and replaced the modem. She informed the Selectmen that she has lost two people from the Clerk's Office. Deb Vaughn has a new job and Joe Mondello's position had expired. Christin and Bryce Daugherty were in to request a driveway permit, Map 407, Lot 007. The selectmen signed the permit with a condition. Danny Wahl came in to ask a Current Use question. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:00.

DATE: 22 Oct 2007

Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Stan Pogorzelski, Sean McElhiney

Read mail and signed checks Doug Bersaw (Town Moderator) was in to discuss voting issues. He presented a list of Ballot Clerks for Selectmen's approval. Appointment forms were typed up for Laureen Haynes, Bev Hart, Terri O'Rourke, Stillman Rogers, Richard Drew, Kathleen Bersaw and James Carnie and signed off by the Selectmen. They are

for two year terms from Nov 1st 2007 through Oct 31st 2009. There is an upcoming election for the Surry Withdrawal on 6 Nov 2007. Jim Carnie was in with school board issues. Surry withdrawal, what the cost could be for Richmond if the withdrawal happens and other issues it could cause. Sullivan is the 2nd item regarding "early retirement." Discussion also came up about, the possibility of other towns withdrawing in the future and ensuing problems it could cause. Chip Adams was in regarding the removal of stumps from the back of the library where the new playground will be. Chip also discussed the removal of the old town building across from the fire station. The Selectmen recommended that he talk to Mike Pearsall (fire chief) about the contents. JC Boudreau (chairman) went over the outcome of the Vermont Yankee drill that he attended on Wed. 17 Oct 2007. Questions arose about emergency access routes. The Selectmen will schedule a public hearing in regards to RSA 231:59a (emergency lanes). The regulators remarked that Richmond has a good handle on things. The Selectmen would like to thank Bob Coy and all the volunteers for their time and effort in this area. David Bryan was in to discuss the handyman position. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:00 PM

DATE: 29 October 2007

Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Stan Pogorzelski, Sean McElhiney

Read mail and signed checks. Mike Pearsall, Fire Chief, was in to check on the status of the funds for the used fire truck purchase that was approved. The check is in the folder to be signed tonight. The selectmen also asked Mike about inspections for occupancy permits. Alan Schmidt was in to give Janel postings for the ZBA upcoming meetings. The selectmen agreed to purchase five voting booths. The booths have been ordered. The selectmen spoke with Pam Goodell, Town Clerk, about ballot clerk requirements. We are searching for two democratic and two republican clerks. Bryce Daugherty was in regarding map 407 lots 007/008 to discuss a building permit. The Daugherty family will need to apply to change their current use status and wait until their road is accepted as a Class V road by the selectmen before a building permit will be issued. Vanessa Pickard came in regarding the property she just purchased on Greenwoods Road. She asked questions about the process of living in a mobile home

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
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while she builds a house on the property. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:15 PM.

DATE: 05 Nov 2007

Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Stan Pogorzelski, Sean McElhiney

Read mail and signed checks. Steve Boscarino, tax collector, was in to present the Selectmen with the "Current Balance Report Summary". Sean reported that the polling booths are ready for tomorrow's election with the help of Bob VanBrocklin. Jon Tattersall was in to discuss some electrical work that the selectmen would like to have done. Some of the projects are safety issues and need to get done as soon as possible. He gave them advice on how he would fix those issues. Andy Wood (Police Chief) was in with his monthly report. He also discussed Details for the election tomorrow. Bonnie Pratt was in to make changes to her building permit for Map 405 Lot 086. JC made a motion to accept as Class V the 1700 feet of Old County Road per the conditional layout that was granted April 26, 2007. Sean seconded the motion. JC commented that all the conditions were met in an acceptable manner. The selectmen walked the road on October 4, 2007, to view the improvements. JC also stated that the Road Agent has monitored all of the construction upgrades and is satisfied that they have met all of the specifications. The vote was 2 in favor and 1 abstention. Signed a building permit, #2007-14, for Bryce Daugherty for a house. He also turned in their Land Use Change Tax form and discussed their road. The appraiser noticed an extra porch on map 405 lot 051 and we will contact the owner and ask him to come in. The selectmen are also looking for an occupancy permit on map 407 lot 075-1. JC reported that the north stairway at the Vet's Hall will be ready for voting day. The roof over the stairs will be done by the end of the week. Dana Taylor, Road Agent, called to report that the paved aprons which were scheduled for this year are completed. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:00.

DATE: 12 Nov 2007

Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney Stan Pogorzelski (Selectman) will not be in tonight. Read mail and signed checks.

We observed a moment of silence at 7:00 P.M. in honor of those veterans who served our country. Bonnie Pratt came in to discuss her Intent to Excavate, map 405 lot 086. Dana Taylor, Road Agent, called with an update. He will be putting a few loads of crushed gravel on the "new" Veteran's Hall parking lot, to alleviate the mud problems we experienced in March. JC announced that Lloyd Condon is going to be repairing some of the slates on the Vet's Hall roof. He also stated that the stairs on the north side of the Vet's Hall are com-



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plete, as well as the exterior painting on the south and west sides. The exterior painting on the south and west sides of the Town Hall is also finished. Sean, Safety Committee Chairman, presented a response letter to the Department of Labor. Signed pistol permit 338460. Signed Vets Hall rental application for 12/1/07.

There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

DATE: 19 Nov 2007

Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau and Stan Pogorzelski

Read mail and signed checks. Alan Schmidt was in to drop off work for Janel regarding the Zoning Board. Signed an occupancy permit for Map 407 Lot 075-1. Bob Coy came in to discuss several issues with the selectmen. He applied for a grant for Emergency Management. If accepted, the selectmen will need to sign off on it. He also discussed the gravel pits in Town with the selectmen. JC asked Bob about emergency access lanes for Class. Bob will come up with a list of names of roads. Rob Hart was in to discuss the handyman position. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:15 p.m.


There are more than 3

Marie Knowlton

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The following names are on the NH ballot for president, how many have you heard about, seen on Television or read about in the papers? More than 3 from each party? I am certain that the majority of NH voters have no idea the amount of names they will see on the ballot January 8.

REPUBLICANS

JACK SHEPARD: Minneapolis.

THOMAS TANCREDI: Six-term Colorado congressman.

MARK KLEIN: Oakland, Calif.

MIKE HUCKABEE: Former Arkansas governor.

H. NEAL FENDIG JR.: Simons Island, Ga.

JOHN McCAIN: Ariz. senator.

ALBERT HOWARD: Ann Arbor, Mich., businessman.

RUDY GIULIANI: Former New York City mayor.

RON PAUL: Texas congressman.

VERN WUENSCH: Houston contractor.

DAN GILBERT: Arden, N.C..

ALAN KEYES: Darnestown, Md., media commentator.

MITT ROMNEY: Former Massachusetts governor.

FRED THOMPSON: Former Tennessee senator.

HUGH CORT: Birmingham, Ala., psychiatrist.

JAMES CREIGHTON MITCHELL JR.: Lindenhurst,

Ill.

DUNCAN HUNTER: Alpine, Calif., congressman.

STEPHEN W. MARCHUK: Hancock.

JOHN COX: Chicago businessman.

CORNELIUS O'CONNOR: Palm Beach, Fla.

VERMIN SUPREME: Rockport, Mass., satirist.

DEMOCRATS

MICHAEL SKOK: Cheektowa-ga, N.Y.

"SAL" MOHAMED: Sioux City, Iowa, engineering manager.

CHRIS DODD: Conn. senator.

"TOM" KOOS: Woodside, Calif.

BARACK OBAMA: Ill. senator.

"RANDY" CROW: Kelly, N.C..

HENRY HEWES: New York City.

KENNETH A. CAPALBO: Wakefield, R.I.

WILLIAM HUGHES: Clayton, Mo., author.

DENNIS KUCINICH: Ohio congressman.

JOHN EDWARDS: Former North Carolina senator.

DAL LAMAGNA: Washington, D.C., businessman.

BILL RICHARDSON: New Mexico governor.

D.R. HUNTER: Amarillo, Texas.

TOM LAUGHLIN: Santa Rosa Valley, Calif., actor.

MARY ANN SEGAL: New York City.

JOE BIDEN: Delaware senator.

MIKE GRAVEL: Former Alaska senator.

CAROLINE KILLEEN: Castleton, N.Y.

O. SAVIOR: Minneapolis.

WILLIAM "BILL" KEEFE: Hyannis, Mass. self-employed businessman.

HILLARY CLINTON: New York senator, former first lady.

RICHARD EDWARD CALIGIURI: Wilkesburg, Pa., resident

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J.C. Tandy

You know the garden south of the house
where you can see a path from the kitchen door,
that leads around the Japanese peony
where the porcupine crawled and died?
And you know how if you pass by the hemlock
where the hermit thrush fledged last spring,
and walk down into the woods
beyond the children's unfinished fort,
you can see to the left a wall of tumbled stones
piled there by men who farmed
in earth eroded from Paleozoic rock?
And farther on under a canopy of deep green hemlock,
you know how the low spearsharp branches steer you
into cushions of moss, chartreuse
against the granite ridge,
then continue downslope and reach

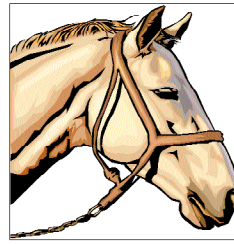
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a low place dense with deer scat?

Well, if you start climbing, and you probably will have to clutch at birch saplings to keep from slipping on wet leaves, you will finally arrive at a vestige of original ridge, a plateau named "the castle" by the children, which is as high as you can go to watch the ravens play.
j. c. tandy, 2/3/2000, richmond, nh

(Spence was about three years old and noticed through the kitchen window the porcupine crawling into the garden.)

Comments

Paul Vasilak

Mrs. Tandy latched on to one small phrase of Brother Andre Marie's letter to discredit his point that there were MANY egregious errors in Mr. Watt's letter to him (Nov. Rooster). One small point does not render his entire letter invalid.

Mr. Watt has yet to apologize for the very serious multiplicity of factual errors and false assumptions contained in his letter. For example, he stated that the questioning of former road agent Joe Davis by SBC's attorney (when in fact it was the engineer) so upset Mr. Davis that he retired from his job. Brother Andre Marie called Mr. Davis himself to ask him the truth regarding this statement. Mr. Davis laughed and stated, "At almost 80 years old, it was time to retire." There were other unfortunate errors in Mr. Watts' letter as well, which Brother Andre corrected in his reply.

Assuming that Mrs. Tandy is correct that at one time, very early on, St. Benedict Center was part of Blessed Sacrament Community, the fact remains that very early in its history St. Benedict Center BECAME A SEPARATE LEGAL ENTITY AND HAS BEEN SO SINCE. This is a fact recognized BY LAW, as has been repeatedly pointed out in recent months. St. Benedict Center and Blessed Sacrament Community are TWO SEPARATE CORPORATIONS. Mr. Bersaw does not "own" or otherwise have a legal part in SBC. Conversely, the religious order The Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary has no legal connection with Blessed Sacrament Community. These facts are verifiable by a visit to the Town Hall. Mrs. Tandy's picky criticism is beside the point.

The grave misrepresentations in Mr. Watt's letter and the purposeful confusion of St. Benedict Center with Blessed Sacrament Community has led to incorrect extrapolations and illogical conclusions on the part of many in the Richmond community. In my opinion, a serious injustice has been perpetrated here. Mrs. Tandy concluded her letter with the phrase "Go Figure!". When all you have to go on is legal minutia from almost 20 years ago while ignoring the legal status of SBC for the preponderance of the time no "figuring" is necessary. It is quite evident that you have no case.

Tax Collector Response

Steve Boscarino

I wish to set the record straight by correcting a factual error made by Mrs. Betty Grondin-Jose in the December 2007 issue of the Richmond Rooster. In her article, "Manipulation – Manufacturing Truth", Mrs. Grondin-Jose wrote, "It is curious, that there has been a strong and consistent effort from the SBC to win local political offices: in fact our tax collector and town moderator are SBC members (Steve Boscarino and Doug Bersaw)."

My position as tax collector is an appointed position, not an elected one, therefore I did not "win" my "office" by election. The tax collector job became vacant as of January 1st, 2005. The job was advertised in the Keene Sentinel. I applied for the job by submitting my resume to the town selectmen. I was interviewed for the position and subsequently hired about a month later in April 2005. The selectmen at the time of my appointment were J.C. Boudreau, Stan Pogorzelski, and Dana Taylor; there were no SBC members who assisted in the hiring process. I was impartially, honorably and duly appointed by your elected officials (the Selectmen) and I have taken an oath to uphold my position in an impartial and fair manner.

If anyone has any questions regarding my appointment or my duties as your tax collector, I'd be happy to answer them.

I wish you all a Blessed, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

Your Tax Collector Steve Boscarino

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