

# In Memory of Christopher Dell PAM GOODELL

I am so sad to report that former Richmond resident Christopher Dell has passed away. He died in Washington, D.C. on October 31, 2008 with his beloved wife Kate at his side.

Christopher was born September 27, 1927 and spent some of his early years in Richmond, commencing in 1932. He attended first, second and third grade in Richmond and often spoke fondly of those years. Later he and his family moved from their Whipple Hill home to Washington, D.C., still making summer visits to Richmond.

In his adult years Christopher tried his hand at teaching school. Later he worked at the Library of Congress where he did research for the writing of speeches for various politicians. He developed an avid interest in politics and was always very active in political campaigns and community concerns. His great interest and ability at writing led him to become a published author.

In the 1990's Chris returned to live on Whipple Hill, this time with his wife Kate. We met them when Boyd did some work at their house. We became good friends and socialized with them often. Chris was a friendly, joyful, interesting person who loved to tell stories of his life's adventures. He was always open for a good debate on any given topic.

For many years the Richmond Rooster and its readers were the fortunate benefactors of Chris's writing talents. From the inception of the Rooster in 1991 to 1993, he wrote front page feature stories for the paper. He called these "Richmond Recollections," and they told of his Richmond activities over the years. In 1993 Chris and Kate left Richmond for Florida, and Chris became the Rooster's "foreign correspondent," still sending in occasional stories.

Chris was also an accomplished musician, playing the piano and the saxophone. Several times he shared his musical talents by participating in the Richmond Dessert Theatre. Sometimes when friends and neighbors were socializing at the Dell house, Chris could be persuaded to play and sing.

We continued our friendship with Chris and Kate even after they left Richmond, visiting with them in Florida and later in D.C. They also made a few trips back to Richmond to revisit former friends and neighbors. We will miss Christopher greatly. We will be forever grateful that he accepted us and our friendship (even if we were of differing political persuasions). He has given us many splendid memories. Our heartfelt condolences go to Kate.



Dec 24

# Calendar Dates 2009 FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE ANNETTE TOKUNAGA

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0		Town Clerk (May Register to Vote at
•		the Polls on Election Day)
Mar 10		Town Meeting/Election Day
		Town Clerk's Office Closed
Apr 30		Dog Licenses Expire
May 25		CLOSED – Memorial Day
May 28		Deadline for Late Dog Licenses
Sept 7		CLOSED – Labor Day
Sept 30		Deadline for Transfer Station Stickers
Oct 12		CLOSED – Columbus Day
Nov 11		CLOSED – Veteran's Day
Nov 25, 26		CLOSED - Thanksgiving Break
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# **Celebrating Volunteers** TERRI O'RORKE

CLOSED - Christmas Break

In honor of our town volunteers there will be a celebration held on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 from 6-9 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall. Volunteers and children are free while a donation of \$10 will be asked from all others. Interested but want to know more? Please contact Russ Provost at 239-

While we're on the subject of "volunteers," please con-

Parsons Pets dog walking - pet sitting on a daily or weekly basis reasonable rates Call Debbie at: 585-7151 or 499-1964 parsonsdi123@gmail.com rving Fitzwilliam, Richmond, Troy, Rindge

sider becoming one yourself. The fire department and the rescue squad are always on the lookout for new and dedicated people who would like to serve others in this capacity. Ask any firefighter or EMT for more information about joining. Hope to see you soon!

# A Final Reminder ANNETTE TOKUNAGA

On March 10, 2009, the town elections will be held. The following offices will appear on the ballot.

One for Cemetery Trustee, 3-year term One for Library Trustee, 3-year term Two for Planning Board, 3-year term each

One for Selectmen, 3-year term One for Town Clerk, 3-year term

One for Trustee of Trust Funds, 3-year term

If you would like to run for any of these offices, please come into the Town Clerk's office. The filing period begins January 21st and ends January 30th (3-5 p.m. on Jan. 30th only).

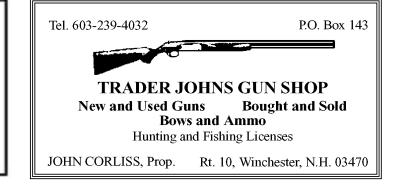
# Meadowwood CHIEF ROBERT S. CROWELL

Thank you.

The Meadowood County Area Fire Department has some props at our training grounds that we use to train area firefighters to do their job efficiently and safely. We have certain rules that we have to follow in preparing these props for use. It would be expensive to replace them. We would appreciate it very much if people would not tear them apart.

We also are responsible for the maintenance of the dam on Bowkerville Pond. We ask that people do not drive motorcycles, four wheelers, etc., over the dam. Also, we ask that you don't park on the dam. There is plenty of parking by the snack shack. The area is used by people to fish, walk their dogs and watch the geese. We would like to keep the area safe for these activities. MCAFD thanks you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any concerns or questions please contact me at 603-352-3853.

Our solicitation letters are out. We appreciate very much



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We are currently looking to purchase many different items, including but not limited to: Vintage Clothing ★ Blue Decorated Stoneware ★ Musical Instruments ★ Cameras Pottery + Frames + Tools + Toys + Vintage Photographs

and any old Telephones, Radios or Electric Fans CALL DANNY WAHL at 603-239-7200

any donations that you can make.

We have been very busy with classes this year. Many area firefighters have received fire, rescue, EMS, pumps and Hazmat training.

We hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday and we look forward to continuing to serve you this coming year.

## **Definitely Definitions** TERRI O'RORKE

VOLUNTEER *n*. 1. A person who performs or offers to perform a service voluntarily: an information booth is staffed by volunteerss; hospital volunteers.

- 2. LAW a. A person who renders aid, performs a service or assumes an obligation voluntarily. b. A person who holds property under a deed made without consideration.
- 3. BOTANY A cultivated plant growing from self-sown or accidentally dropped seed.
- adj. 1. Being, consisting of or done by volunteers: volunteer firefighters; volunteer tutoring. 2. BOTANY Growing from self-sown or accidentally dropped seed. Used of a cultivated plant or crop.
  - v. -teered, -teering, -teers
- 1. To peform or offer to perform a service of one's own free will. 2. To do charitable or helpful work without pay: many retirees volunteer in community service and day care centers.

Taken from The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, 4th Edition.

# Tax Collector STEVE BOSCARINO

Effective Wed., January 7th, 2009, the Tax Collector's Office new hours will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. These hours will correspond more closely to that of the Town Clerk and Selectmen's office hours on Wednesday. This change will facilitate town business for residents who wish to visit both offices in one trip and help conserve energy costs for the town. Monday's hours of 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. remain unchanged.

The 2008 2nd issue tax bills were mailed out on Saturday, December 7th, 2008. The due date for payments without incurring interest is Wednesday, January 21st, 2009. The 2008 tax rate is \$23.97 per thousand, up \$3.60/thousand from the 2007 tax rate of \$20.37.

# **Quotable Quote** TERRI O'RORKE

"No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion. Neither a state nor the Federal Government can, openly or secretly, participate in the affairs of any religious organizations or groups and vice

Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, Feb. 10, 1947

# **Education or Indoctrination?** LT. COL. (RET) PETER HUGHES, USAF

The mission statement of the Monadnock Regional High School (MRHS) will soon be under review. Presently, it ends with "...productive and successful global citizens." We are not global citizens, we are American citizens. The school does not report to nor receive funds from any global entity. Therefore, the statement in its present form is inappropriate in the opinion of this writer. What's more, it alludes to an allegiance to the world versus our country.

Principal Pickering of MRHS explained to the writer that the term was placed in the mission statement because the school committee felt that students should be aware of "global issues." Specific issues were not identified. The point is that students can be made aware of global issues without being molded into "global citizens."

This veteran fought hard for this country and lost many fellow soldiers who gave their life for our freedom. The writer does not wish to see his country diluted with globalism. There is simply no place for this

agenda in our American public schools, which are funded by hard working American citizens.

Mission statements communicate the purpose of organizations. It is therefore imperative that the mission statement of the MRHS reflect the appropriate allegiance, loyalty, and reverence for the United States of America. The writer encourages those readers who share this concern to contact school officials accordingly.

# Even A Mouse Needs Help The Richmond 12 Need Help BETTY GRONDIN-JOSE

We recently sold our house in Richmond, because our school district successfully defeated us in court, and more importantly our pocketbook. Most of you know our son Bowen, who continues to lack speech

and basic daily skills, and requires 24 hour care, and some of you know the tremendous struggle we endured with our SAU in an effort to ensure a safe and fair public education. In the end, our lawyer suggested we would do better to spend our resources finding a safer and more effective location, and so we are now Massachusetts residents, and fortu-

nate to be in a progressive, gentle classroom. We left Richmond out of necessity, and sacrificed much, in part because the fight for gentle classrooms to serve the most vulnerable children in our public schools is not a main-stream struggle. The odds against us were huge, and we decided to fold; but the question is, will we be the only ones who lose in the long term?

The Richmond 12 are volunteer board members who are being individually sued by the St. Benedict Center of Richmond, NH, on the grounds of religious discrimination. If you know these folks, as I have, you will know this is absurd; but with a smidgen of doubt, suspicion, paranoia and legal action is born! will give you context if you're curious. The SBC began to oppose our local SAU 38 in earnest several years ago, and in part, contributed to our need to move out of the district. The financial squeeze on New Hampshire schools is a statewide shame, and in this case an easy target for this extremist group.

Richmond, New Hampshire, is a beautiful tiny town, filled with generous, caring people. I wish for the greater community to step forward and act to protect this small town from an unjust court proceeding. I commend the Richmond 12 for their courage and determination.

Take good care, Betty Grondin-Jose

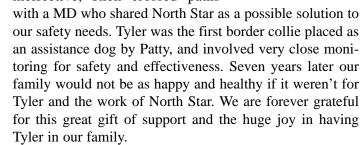


# North Star Dogs BETTY GRONDIN-JOSE

I don't know of anyone who is feeling confident or safe in this economic crisis, and I'm sure most share in the anxiety of the cost of the holidays. If by chance there are any

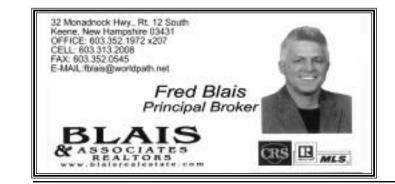
out there who have a difficult list to complete, especially those who already have all that they need, I would like to offer the opportunity to help a good friend.

is the home of Patty Dobbs Gross and her extended family of gorgeous dogs and their humans in need. Bowen was the recipient of one of the North Star dogs back in 2000, and many of you know him as Tyler, the amazing border collie. When Bowen was in the beginning stages of autism, we experienced many close calls in our three acre yard, when he slipped out of sight and did not respond to his name being called or steer clear of a dangerous road. After extensive fencing and a search for GPS devices to track Bowen's movement proved ineffective, Rick crossed paths



If anyone would like to donate 25 or 50 dollars to North Star Dogs, they will receive one or all the DVDs Patty and her son (who has autism), has produced. Bowen and Tyler are seen in one of these DVDs. North Star is a 501C and any donation is tax deductible.

Blessings of Holiday Cheer to you all!



# In Memory of Doris D'Orio PAM GOODELL

On November 9, 2008, former Richmond resident Doris D'Orio passed away in Stratford, Connecticut at the age of 83. She and her husband, Frank, first bought land in

Richmond in 1969. In 1979 they became residents.

Doris loved Richmond and intended to spend her final days here. Ill health, however, prevented that. In 2006 the D'Orios moved to Stratford to be near their son and family.

While in Richmond, Doris was active in town affairs. Early on, she and Frank contributed to the Richmond Community Newsletter. From 1982 to 1985 she was deputy tax collector, and from 1986 to 1987 she served as tax collector. For many years (approximately 1992 to 2001) she was a ballot clerk at almost every election. She attended town meetings faithfully and occasionally expressed her opinion on a given topic. When she spoke, people listened; because she always gave her ideas careful consideration.

Doris was intelligent, patient, gracious, thoughtful, polite and caring. She enjoyed people and was always friendly and up-beat. Our sincerest sympathy goes to Doris's husband and her son and family. We will all miss Doris.

# Aquifer Protection District Rural Preservation Committee KIM MATTSON

Our world, rather universe, can be a bounty of technology catapulting all of us on a fast train through decades of change, learning and growth. Change, however small, can sometimes mean outcomes like contaminated water, oil spills, strained eco systems

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Clean Water.

If we can protect these three essential ingredients it will allow us to produce the ultimate:

and the list goes on. The bottom line is, we are all

Clean Food.

The value of potable water lends for a wide variety of purposes and our potable water determines levels of acceptable use. On Dec. 2 the Richmond Planning Board held their last public hearing to finalize The Aquifer Protection District which will appear on our ballet in March for your voting pleasure. The Aquifer Protection District is comprised of sensible Best Management Practices (BMP's) to protect Richmond's future water supply for present and future generations. Actually, Aquifer BMP's pertain

to all of Richmond. BMP's are based on the best available research to permit the maximum use of land while achieving the least impact to the environment for human, animal and plant health.

The Toadstool Bookshops ${}^{ au}$ Special Orders Welcome 12 DEPOT SQUARE, PETERBOROUGH, NH Free Gift Wrapping M-F 10-6, SAT 10-5, SUN10-4, 924-3543 COLONY MILL MARKETPLACE, KEENE, NH Mail Orders Accepted M-SAT 10-9. SUN 11-6. Out of Print Search Service LORDEN PLAZA, RT.101A, MILFORD, NH

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The Rural Preservation Committee would like to thank the Aquifer sub-committee chaired by Peter Majoy for their research and design. Several planning board and public presentations were made to produce a document which will aid in the protection of our Aquifer now and for future generations. A document that is simple using basic practices.

We Ship Anywhere

We ask for your support with your vote in March to protect one of the three elements for all animals and their future survival.

# Letter Response JOHN BOCCALINI

I am writing this in response to Dan Connell's letter in December, 2008, Rooster issue. I would like to know what Mr. Connell means by his reference about supporting the Intervenors and what it has to do with discrimination against the St. Benedict Center. I am an Intervenor and for twenty years it has been about "Land Use Issues" in the construction and expansion of the St. Benedict Center for me, my neighbors and those who are concerned about the unregulated use of private property.

# The High Cost of Volunteering **BOB WEEKES**

I expect that all of us were not pleased when we opened our December tax bills. Our NH taxes are increasing at a rate far greater than both inflation and our incomes, and at a time when recession is gripping our state and nation. As optimists, we believe there will be light at the end of the tunnel. As realists, we know that it will be a long tunnel. And as pragmatists, we still have to meet our semi-annual obligations to the state's lopsided tax system. But this brief essay is not intended to dwell on the obvious, but to frame another matter that some of us may take for granted.

And that other matter is volunteerism...free services provided to our town—which is to say all of us—by more than 60 caring neighbors who offer their time and energy to make our town a better place to live. Their service is totally voluntary. We pay not a single tax dollar for it! And their

> gift to our welfare, our quality of life, should never go unappreciated by any of us.

Visualize, if you will, our town without volunteers. Those who keep our library running, supervise our

beaches, deal with conservation issues, maintain our archives, monitor land use, run our recreation commission, publish our newspaper, care for our cemeteries, even those unsung heroes who pick up trash along our roads. How many of us stop to think, when the fire siren goes off at 2:00 a.m. on a frigid winter night, that Richmond men and women are jumping out of warm beds and into their fire and rescue gear to help someone in distress.

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And then there are those who volunteer their time to serve on our town boards. They include the "Richmond 12," to name but a dozen. These folks volunteered their time and best efforts for all of us, and their thanks is to have been named as individuals in a \$4.3 million lawsuit filed against the town by a small group of their own neighbors!

I hope the rest of us remain mindful of, and thankful for, the outstanding efforts of these 12 volunteers. I stand with the majority of our residents who support the "Richmond 12," and all our volunteers who labor unselfishly to try to pull our Richmond community together, rather than those who pursue a private agenda that threatens to tear our town

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# Fire House News FIREFIGHTER SEAN BREWER

To date, the Richmond Fire Department and Rescue Squad have run on 87 calls for emergency service.

On behalf of the fire dept., I would like to thank Jennifer Marques (wife of Firefighter Tony Marques) for her organization of this year's annual pie sale.

It's that time of year, winter has arrived. Please be sure to keep a clear walkway/path to your house for emergency crews to respond if needed. The easier it is for us to get to you, the faster we can do our jobs to help you. Also, if you live near or close by a hydrant, if you could assist us with keeping it cleaned out and/or free of snow banks it would be greatly appreciated.

On December 12, Richmond was hit with another crippling storm. Many residents were left without power and /or phone service for days. The fire dept. was called out at about 2 a.m. that morning and were on the go all day until about 9:30p.m. that night. Trees and wires down, flooded basements, medical calls and checking on the residents with special needs. I even had to call the guys out to cut me out of my driveway. I couldn't leave to assist on calls because I was trapped by downed trees blocking my driveway. As I am writing this article we are going into our 5th day without power and the volunteers of the fire dept. are still responding to calls for assistance and checking on the welfare of residents in town.

We would also like to thank Melanie Ellis of the Meadowood County Area Fire Dept., who is also a Richmond resident, for her assistance with responding to calls and answering the phone at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center).

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The Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad are always looking for volunteers. If you're interested please contact one of our members or stop by the station.

# All Roads Lead to Monadnock **WES VAUGHAN**

As with all roads there are bumps and potholes. Improvements are always ongoing and necessary. The roads that lead to Monadnock are no different. We believe that we, the community at large, are all united through our high school. We see ourselves as vehicles, who are working to connect all roads that lead to Monadnock.

We are a group of parent/community volunteers that come together during the month and serve on the Parent Principal Advisory Committee. This committee was formed to help meet the needs of communication as cited in the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) report, which is one piece of the high school Accreditation.

We have two main goals:

Reach out to all MRSD towns to connect our community to the goals, visions and celebrations of success at our high school.

and,

To support and promote student and staff achieve-

We believe it is important to share the good things that are happening at Monadnock Regional High School. Some of the major highlights starting the 2008 - 2009 school year are:

Gym renovations, BeTTYS Fund, maintenance work, relocation of the main office, Academic



Excellence wall, Athletic Hall of Fame, Professional Learning Communities, advisor program, common assessment, AYP, restructuring of department heads and leadership teams

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who supported the teacher's contract. This is a major accomplishment and it also sends a positive message to the students, teachers and community.

Over the next several months we will share more information and ways you can show your support through the local town newsletters and newspapers. You are welcome to call your town representative with questions, concerns, and comments. We will direct you to an appropriate person or group who can help you.

All roads in the district lead to Monadnock Regional High School. If you are interested and would like to join us, our next meetings are January 6 and January 20, 2009, 5:00 p.m. in the high school conference room.

Your town representatives from this committee are: \*Fitzwilliam: Diane Cornwell (585-3036), Lisa Pelkey (585-9535)

\*Richmond: Cay Dilello (239-6261), Wes Vaughan (239-4654)

\*Roxbury: Karen Cota (313-9480)

\*Sullivan: Barb Arguin (357-7383), Risa Keene (847-

9122), Kelly Wichland (847-3266)

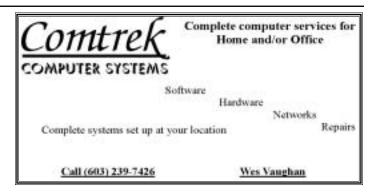
\*Swanzey: Jamie Dubois (357-5993), Jane Mazanowski (352-4623)

\*Troy: Christine Oakes (313-6644), Sue Oerman (242-6202).

# **GAYLA Reunion CHRIS HOLMAN**

On Friday, January 16th to Monday, January 19th there will be a GAYLA Reunion at the Inn at East Hill Farm in Troy, New Hampshire. This gathering of gay and bisexual men ages 18 and older is an affordable vacation alternative in which the brotherhood will share experiences, expand horizons, have fun and learn from each other. As the world





watches the US administration change for the first time this decade, GAYLA will provide a nurturing, mentoring atmosphere with mutual reflections on life's progressions.

On Friday night, there will be a dance at the local Chinese Restaurant, The Dragon Palace, to benefit GAYLA's Helping Hands Fund. The cover will be \$6 and CJ the DJ will be playing music from 9-midnight.

Also, there is a special day rate of \$65 that includes lunch, dinner and all activities. For questions regarding GAYLA, or the GAYLA reunion, please contact Derek at 978-549-5102 or visit www.gayla.org. Reservations at the Inn at East Hill Farm can be made by calling 603-242-6495, toll-free at 800-242-6495 or by visiting online at www.east-hill-farm.org.

#### Selectmen's Minutes

#### Selectmen's Meeting, 15 September 2008

Attending: JC Boudreau and Wes Vaughan

Read mail and signed checks.

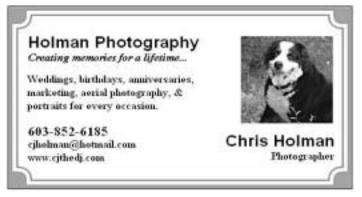
Sean McElhiney is on vacation.

Sandy Perry, chair for the ZBA, came in to present an invoice for the ZBA and to discuss a potential agenda for the meeting on the 23rd.

Doug Croteau and William Johnson were in to obtain an occupancy permit for building permit #2008-015.

Joshua Weston from Cheshire County Electric LLC came in to discuss the electrical work that is needed at the town buildings. He will be bidding on fishing wires that are laying on the floor through the walls and updating the exit lighting at the Town Hall. He will also be looking into installing a phone jack at the Veteran's Hall and fixing the three-way lighting in the attic.





Mary Page was in for a building permit for a garage addition, map 405 lot 092. The selectmen signed permit #2008-024.

A Vet's Hall rental form was signed for next Tuesday, the 23rd at 7:30 p.m., for a joint meeting between the Selectmen, Planning Board, ZBA and the town attorney.

Lloyd Condon came in to discuss the re-roofing of the Veteran's Hall. The slates are in for the roof. He also discussed the construction of a roof for the sand and salt shed.

There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

#### Selectmen's Meeting, 22 Sep 2008

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan

Read mail and signed checks.

Lloyd Condon was in to discuss the height of the trusses for the roof on the sand and salt shed that he is obtaining bids for. We agreed to set it at 16 feet pending approval from the Road Agent. The Vet's Hall roof has been stripped down to the wooden shingles in preparation of the new slate.

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk, and Bill Watt, Town Moderator, was in on Town of Richmond business dealing with election issues.

Kim Mattson came in to discuss the condition of the entrance to Taylor Hill Road with the cement pillars. There are also issues with Sandy Pond Road in regards to culverts and the pavement breaking up. Kim asked about the status of her culvert being repaired as she has seen other culverts

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The Board signed an Application for Preliminary Estimate for Bridge Aid on Fay Martin Road with the State of New Hampshire DOT.

Signed pistol permit #R338482.

Signed a Vet's Hall rental for Richmond Community Church for Octoberfest on October 25th.

There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

#### Selectmen's Meeting, 29 Sep 2008

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes

Read mail and signed checks.

Lloyd Condon was in to give the Selectmen an update on the Vets Hall roof now in the process of being repaired. Lloyd informed the Selectmen that he had fixed the water problem here at the Town Hall last Thursday by replacing a couple of elbows on the water line. The salt and sand shed roof was also discussed. The roof for the sand and salt shed is being put out for bid this week.

Dick Drew was in to discuss a culvert on Tully Brook Rd. The selectmen emailed Dana Taylor, Road Agent.

Gary Hebert came in to introduce himself to the Board. He has been recommended by Sandy Perry, chairperson of the ZBA, to be an alternate for the ZBA. The Board signed an appointment form for him.

Matt Odman was in to discuss what was needed for a building permit for a shed.

The application for bridge aid for the Fay Martin Road bridge has been mailed to the State. Janel will call the State to find out the status.

The MS-1, Inventory Valuation Report, was signed and will be sent to the Department of Revenue Administration tomorrow. 2009

There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

#### Selectmen's Meeting, 06 October 2008

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan

Read mail and signed checks.



Selectmen Minutes

The Richmond Rooster

The winter maintenance bids were opened by JC. Bids were submitted by John Holman, Dan Firmin, Buddy Blood, Bill Hillock, Darold Tanner, and Rob Hart. Sean made a motion that we discuss the bids as received and make a decision now. Wes seconded. All were in favor. JC moved to accept the bid for Dan Firmin for the east side and Buddy Blood for the west side. Wes seconded. All were in favor. Sean made a motion to accept the William Hillock bid for town buildings and shoveling bids for Darold Tanner and Rob Hart. Wes seconded. All were in favor. The Board decided that John Holman will be the first contractor contacted if necessary for a back-up.

Dana Taylor, Road Agent, discussed various road issues with the selectmen. He will be using a telephone pole to make guardrails at the bottom of Taylor Hill Road. Dana will be getting permits from DES

culvert work on Old County Road and Tully Brook. He will be installing a culvert on Old County Road in the emergency lane section and replacing a culvert on Tully Brook Road.

Sean left at 8:05.

Tracy Thompson was in to discuss his building permit for a garage on map 405 lot 078-2. Building permit #2008-025 was signed.

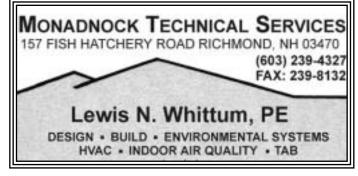
Matt Odman came in with his building permit for a shed on map 414 lot 004. Building permit #2008-026 was

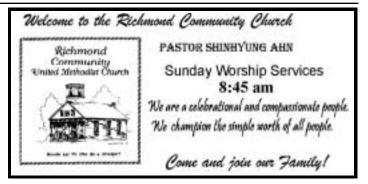
Gene Wojciechowski was in to discuss the Board of Tax and Land Appeals decision regarding his property, map 402 lot 071. He recorded the conversation.

Mason Leggee came in to discuss a building permit for an addition to his home, map 409 lot 068. He will be contacting the road agent about a driveway permit and returning with some dimensions for his building permit.

Jerald Merrifield was in with a complaint about misuse of town property.

There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:30 p.m.





#### Selectmen's Meeting, 13 October 2008

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan

Read mail and signed checks.

Jean Tandy was in with a rental request form for the Vets Hall on the 19th of Oct 2008. The reception will be in memory of Pete Tandy, who served the town many years as a member of the Conservation Commission.

Mike Pearsall (Fire Chief) was in. Picked up mail and also was provided copy of a check for Jordan Lumber he had requested.

Annette Tokunaga, Bill Watt and Peter Majoy were in to talk over election setup for the upcoming Novvember elections. It was decided that Bev will order two more temporary voting booths.

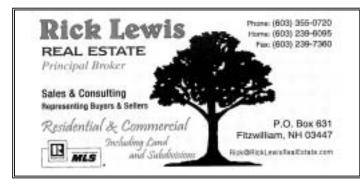
Lloyd Condon was in to talk about the Vets Hall roof slate completion. The snow guard rails will be installed

Dana Taylor (Road Agent) was in to go over the specs with the Selectmen that had been submitted for the salt and sand shed. He wanted to revise some of the specs. JC made a motion to close the bidding process and revise the present specs. The bidding process was voted unanimously to be closed. The new design will be sent out for bid by the end of October. JC will meet with Dana at the sand and salt shed to clarify the issue. The Board also discussed cleaning up the area.

Sandy Perry, Chair for the ZBA, was in, will be revamping the ZBA regs. The LaPlume's old drive-way was discussed. Wes will bring it up at the Planning Board.

Chris Chamberlain of Lakeville Shores was in to go over the logging operation that will be conducted at the end of Fay Martin Rd., class VI portion (Boyce Brook Road)





Map 412-008. The logging firm has located a temporary bridge to use on Fay Martin Road over Tully Brook and

will be installed (and removed) under the supervision of Road Agent Taylor. The Selectmen signed his intent to cut conditional upon the specifications of the temporary bridge.

Mason Legee was in with his building permit. The Selectmen are waiting for a driveway permit for his second driveway Map/lot 409-068. Building permit #2008-027 applies.

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

#### **Selectmen's Meeting 20 October 2008**

Attending: Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan

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new specs for the salt and sand shed. Dana also had an estimate for repairs on Sandy Pond Road.

Andy Wood, Police Chief, came in for a regularly scheduled meeting to go over police issues. The Selectmen went into non-public session regarding a personnel issue in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 7:20. Nonpublic session was exited at 7:35. The Board unanimously decided to seal the minutes.

Bill Daniels was in with a trapping permit for the Selectmen to sign to trap nuisance animals on town-owned land until June 30, 2009.

Mike Roux was in with an energy code question for the

Selectmen for building permit #2008-023. He wants to reduce the amount of insulation in the roof, so the Board advised him to call the State if he wishes to make changes on the Energy Audit form.

John Boccalini came in with questions about construction on map 412 lot 014.

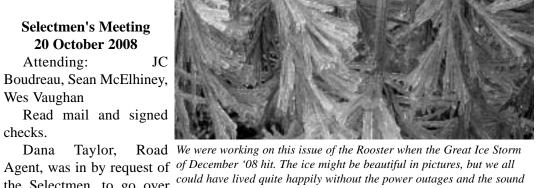
Gene Wojciechowski was in to inquire about his abatement. The check will be mailed this week.

Mike Bailey and Christy Bailey came in with a building permit for an addition on map 405 lot 055. They will return with a completed application.

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk, was in regarding the layout of the election set up. The Board will take it under advisement.

Signed Intent to Cut for map 408 lot 094.

There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



the Selectmen, to go over could have lived quite happily without the power outages and the sound of trees breaking in the night. (Photo by Paul Clipper) Holman Landscape Materials



Have a Happy New Year! 11

# **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

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#### **Town Business Hours**

Board of Selectmen: J.C. Boudreau,

Sean McElhiney, Wesley Vaughn

- Mon. 7:00 —7:30 p.m. Town Departments
- Mon. 7:30 —? p.m. Public Concerns

#### Town Secretary: Beverly Hart

- Mon. 6 p.m. —9 p.m.
- Wed. 8 a.m. 12 noon, 1:00 p.m.- 5p.m.
- Fri. 8 a.m. —12 noon, 1:00 p.m.— 4p.m.

#### **Town Clerk:** Annette Tokunaga

Deputy: Pamela Goodell

- Mon. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —4 p.m., 6 —8 p.m.
- Wed. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —4 p.m.
- Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. —Noon

### Tax Collector: Steve Boscarino

Mon. 7 p.m. —8 p.m. ■ Thurs. 4 p.m. —6 p.m.

**Planning Board**: Robert Coy, Chairperson

■ Meetings held at Civil Defense Building 1st & 3rd Tues of the Month —7:30 p.m.

#### Transfer Station & Recycling Facility

- Tues. 8 a.m. —4 p.m.
- Thurs. 8 a.m. —7 p.m.
- Sat. 8 a.m. —5 p.m.

#### Town Library: Wendy O'Brien, Librarian

- Tues. 4:30 p.m. —8 p.m.
- Wed. 9:00 a.m. —12 p.m.
- Thurs. 4:30 —7 p.m.
- Sat. 10 a.m. —2 p.m.

#### Fire Warden: Ed Atkins

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