



Vermont Yankee Must Be Decommissioned

Pete Majoy

There are 91 nuclear power plants in the United States. 24 are in the Northeast, where six have been decommissioned including three in New England: Connecticut Yankee, Maine Yankee, and Rowe Yankee in Massachusetts. Decommissioning nuclear power plants does not reduce the availability of electricity, does temporarily cause a rate hike, increases local taxes, but over time has no overall measurable negative effect on the economy. Shutting down reactors does open up a new chapter where communities embrace, unfortunately, both greater carbon emitting coal power as well as, fortunately, green power like solar, wind, and hydro-electric.

Our deepest concerns are radiation leaks emitted by these plants, and melt downs that wreak havoc on human and ecological life locally and globally. The stark and painful tragedy surrounding the six reactors in Fukushima, Japan, has been and continues to be felt emotionally and physically around the world. The six reactors, at various stages of falling apart, sent enormous toxic volumes of radiation into the earth, air and water. If Chernobyl and Three Mile Island were not enough to wake us up, this monstrous meltdown in Japan ought to.

Fukushima has brought to light the global hush-hush about many reactor leaks, minor catastrophes, and near major ones. General Electric made and sold the Mark I reactors that have failed in Fukushima. The reactor at Vermont Yankee is also a Mark I. Decades ago, several scientists at GE quit when the reactors were being made because of the dangerous flaws in their design. As far back as 1972, an official with the Atomic Energy Commission stated that the Mark I system should be discontinued because of a number of flaws, among which were/are the reactor's cooling system and containment system for radioactive spent nuclear fuel rods. In fact, the seven story Mark I Vermont Yankee spent fuel

pool contains as much radioactive spent fuel as all six of the Mark I reactors in Fukushima!

These nuclear reactor toxic and deadly flaws have brought onto center stage the fact that in the early 1940s a decision was made not to build thorium reactors that would have been 1000 times safer than plutonium reactors, but the need for plutonium to build bombs dominated the decision making process!

The town of Richmond sits within a 20 mile radius of Vermont Yankee. While we are not heavily dependent on Vermont Yankee for our electricity, we would be among the first to evacuate and possibly never return to our homes should a horror like Fukushima or Chernobyl occur. Vermont Yankee is 40 years old, had many leaks (plutonium and Strontium 90) found in fish and water of the Connecticut River, not to mention what has not been revealed. In 2004, it suffered a transformer fire. In 2005, there was a radiation leak. In 2007-2008 there was trouble with a cooling tower and it collapsed once. In 2010, radiation leaks caused a shutdown.

Vermont Yankee is currently owned and operated by Entergy, a corporation with headquarters in Louisiana. The Conservation Law Foundation wants it closed. On February 24, 2010, the Vermont Senate voted 26-4 that it be decommissioned. Vermont is the only state that passed a law (2006) giving it the right to decide whether or not its nuclear reactor should be retired. Because Vermont Yankee is involved in inter-state commerce, the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission decided otherwise and judged that its operating license, which expires on March 21, 2012, should be extended to 2032.

Please think about the health and safety of all of our families. When you go online or read material from various sources about this drama, be very careful to check the origin of what you read,



Maine Yankee



Rowe Yankee



Vermont Yankee



Connecticut Yankee



Three Mile Island



Fukushima



Chernobyl



especially so-called facts, because much that is out there comes from industry lobbying; the very lobbying whose effects exploded at Fukushima, dislodged tens of thousands of residents, infiltrated the bloodstream of as many more, and has prevented us from moving into an age of more mature, responsible, and just production of energy. If you take seriously what has happened in Fukushima, perhaps you will conclude as I have: Vermont Yankee must be closed and the Vermont Senate must not cave in to pressure from Entergy, including a potential court battle.

Notes from Town Hall Selectboard

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to introduce you to your new Road Agent. We interviewed three excellent candidates on April 11 and Mark Beal accepted the position. He started work on April 18, working with the Selectmen to develop plans for road maintenance and repair for the short term and longer term. We plan to hold a public information meeting in May so you can meet the Road Agent, hear our plans for the rest of the year and discuss any questions or comments you may have. Please watch for the announcement of date and time of this meeting.

In April, the Selectmen conducted staff evaluations. We appreciate our staff and admire their ability to accomplish so much in the hours they have available during the week. Our new office hours, Mondays 10:00 a.m.—12 p.m. and 6:00—8:00 p.m., Wednesdays 8:00—5:00 p.m., and Thursdays 8:00—4:00 p.m., are designed to give you the opportunity to meet or talk with staff at your convenience, mornings, afternoons or evenings during the

week, when other town officials are also in the building. One stop shopping is our goal!

As you may have noticed, we began scheduling appointments with the Selectmen on April 4. You may still drop in, of course, but you may have to wait if you don't have an appointment. So many people told us they didn't like the long waits after they signed up on the meeting list that we are trying this method so you don't have to wait.

A group of interested citizens met in early April to discuss space in the Town Hall, primarily how the Selectmen's office can best be used to serve the public, the staff and the Selectmen. In the coming months, we will be making some changes to the space to improve our ability to serve you better, and we ask that you bear with us during this transition. If you have ideas or skills you'd like to share, or access to furnishings (smaller desks or tables, filing cabinets, bookcases, carpet) we might need, please don't hesitate to contact us at 239-4232.

Land Use Assistant Wanted

The Town of Richmond is seeking a Land Use Assistant to provide staff support to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The position coordinates all land use administrative functions, and takes and transcribes meeting minutes for both boards. Part-time position, requiring both day and evening hours. Thirty hours a month. Hourly wages. Richmond is an equal opportunity employer. Please send resume to rfraser@richmond.nh.gov by May 9, 2011.

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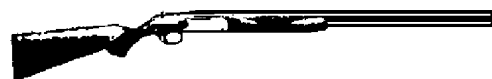
There will be a public meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment on May 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vets Hall in Richmond, NH.

Property Tax Relief Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

If you are single and earn \$20,000 or less or are married and earn \$40,000 or less, you may qualify for tax relief from the State of NH. In prior years, the application has been available in April. Due to proposed changes to the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Rules and an upcoming hearing scheduled for May 13, the availability of these forms may be delayed. Normally, the form (DP-8) can be found on the State website, www.revenue.nh.gov. As of April 4th, I do not see the form listed. As soon as I see the applications on the website, I will

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From the Town Clerk's Office Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

May 30, 2011 Town Clerk's office CLOSED for Memorial Day

May 31, 2011 Deadline for late dog licenses to avoid late penalty fees

Due to changes made to Article 7, "Election, Registration and Vital Statistics," at the town business meeting on March 11, 2011, the town clerk's office hours are changed, as follows:

Mondays 9-12, 1-4, 6-8

Wednesdays 9-12, 1-5

Thursdays 9-12

Bob VanBrocklin Memorial Dessert Theatre Pam Goodell

We need YOU. Don't be shy. Join your neighbors and share your talents. No talent too big or too little. Want to test your acting skills in a comedy skit? We've got that too; or create your own. No one is too young or too old to take part. Maybe your family could do an act together.

Show time is Saturday, June 4, 2011 at the Vets Hall. Please contact Pam Goodell (603-239-4790) as soon as possible to volunteer your talent.

Free refreshments will be served at intermission. There is no admission charge. Donations of food for the Richmond Food Pantry will be accepted. The evening is co-sponsored by the Richmond Fire Department, the Richmond Police Department, the Richmond Recreation Department, and the Richmond



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Community United Methodist Church.
Watch for posters around town for final details.

How is Your Representative Voting? Russ Provost

Richard Dwinell is the newly elected representative serving the towns of Richmond and Fitzwilliam. According to the NH General Court 2011 Legislature voting record (www.gencourt.state.nh.us) Representative Dwinell missed votes on 41 of 161 bills in the months of February and March. The former representative, Barbara Hull Richardson, never missed a vote in 18 years.

Library News Wendy O'Brien

Storytimes

There will be a brief story time for younger elementary aged children on Thursday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. Our "First Tuesday" Pajama Time story hour with Evelyn Pogorzelski will be held on May 3, at 6:30 p.m. This fun story hour will feature "The Hungry Caterpillar," by Eric Carle. This will be the last one until September, so be sure to come! Wednesdays with Wendy continue at 10:00 a.m. throughout May. Come enjoy themed stories, a craft, and a small snack.

Reading with Kodah

Kodah, our Library Dog, will be in for a visit on Saturday, May 21, at 11:00 a.m. Kodah, along with his owner, Kate Simington, are volunteers for Monadnock Therapy Pets. Kodah offers a gentle listening ear for children just learning to read or who wish to be more confident in their reading. Come by for a story or just a pat. No reservations needed!

Date TBA: Organic Gardening with Tracey Tryba
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once again be offering an organic gardening class. This is a chance to learn from an expert in a hands-on manner about organic gardening. Contact us for more information about the date, time, and place and to sign up at 239-6164, email at richmondpubliclibrar@ne.rr.com, or stop by.

Computer Help Needed

The RPL is in need of a volunteer to assist with the occasional troubleshooting and networking of our computers. We currently only have one public computer available, and the waiting lines are getting long again! If you would be able to help teach Wendy or are able to come in periodically to help, please let us know at 239-6164, or e-mail to richmondpubliclibrar@ne.rr.com. Thank you!

Summer Reading-Save the Dates

Summer reading is coming up fast! The national theme this year is "One World, Many Stories." We have several programs in store for you, including a kick-off with the Richmond Recreation Committee in June, an "International Children's Day," with Elaine Moriarty and friends on July 9, and a fun wrap up party with a presentation by the Mariposa Museum on August 6. Throughout the program there will be weekly crafts, prizes and fun story times. Stay tuned!

Website

Thanks to volunteer Susan Wyatt, we are working on having our brand new website up and running soon. You will be able to view a calendar of our programs, see what books are available directly from our catalog, and see what's new at the RPL. Thanks so much Susan!

Viewing the Town Budget While Standing on your Head

Pam Goodell

People intrigue me. People amaze me. People disappoint me. Arbitrarily cutting the Town Clerk's budget again this year is akin to cutting off one's nose to spite one's face. What part of "Don't take it personally" am I supposed to ignore? Of course I take it personally. My job, after all, is the only one reduced by Town Meeting cuts. The motto of the Town Clerk's Office is "to serve all with integrity." Both Annette and I have adhered very strictly to this policy. We have not wasted one cent of the tax payers' money. After all, it is our tax money also. My taxes went up considerably this year also, but not because of the Town Clerk's budget.

People say, "You didn't spend all the money budgeted to you last year, so we will cut that amount this year." Surely anyone

who really thinks about that statement will see how upside down that thinking is. Instead they should be grateful that if we didn't need to spend it, we didn't. But we have to have enough money in the budget to cover all scenarios. Are you one of the people who come in a few minutes before closing causing us to work over? That has to be budgeted. Annette made it quite clear that some of the money in her budget was for emergencies. If these emergencies do not arise the money stays in the general fund and we do not spend it. However, she said the state is not planning to continue supplying towns with computer equipment. One of the most expensive pieces of equipment in the office is the state printer that produces the vehicle registrations. That means with the budget cut it is very possible, should that printer quit or break, that we will no longer be able to process the state portions of registrations in Richmond. All customers would have to go to the DMV in Keene for every vehicle.

Many line items in the budget we have no control over. For instance, for every dog we license, every vehicle we register, and every Vital Record we process, we have to send a portion of the money we take in to the state. So even though the money coming in offsets the money going out, it has to be in the budget as an expense. Therefore, the more dogs, cars, etc. we do, the higher the budget number is.

Because Annette is conscientious, she has adjusted her budget to reflect the \$3,100 that was slashed from it. Regrettably, that includes setting some line items to \$0, reducing the number of hours that the office will be open, and decreasing my working hours. Although we will try our best to make things run smoothly, I am afraid that this might negatively affect the service we can provide to our customers and the overall quality of the work we can get done. With fewer hours I will probably not be able to be of as much help to Annette with all the filing, organizing and projects as I would like to be. I also worry about there not being enough time or money allotted for training a new Deputy Town Clerk should I become sick or retire from that position. When Annette took over as Town Clerk in 2008, the transition was seamless because there had been enough money in the budget to train her adequately. With my hours cut back it will be difficult for me to keep up with all the changes that are continually made to laws and procedures.

Do I take it personally? Yes, I do. I have dedicated almost 25 years to serving the Town of Richmond. I have tried my very best to treat everyone fairly and to not waste any money. I have filed papers in shoe boxes and recycled the back sides of scrap paper. I have purchased second hand cabinets. I acquired grant money to totally pay for the climatically controlled storage vault. I have

gone out of my way to help people transact their business. I have worked all this time without any benefits from the town. I have never had a paid sick day or a paid personal day or a paid day off. I get no insurance benefits. I started out at \$200 for the year. Then I earned minimum wage for a large number of years. I went every three years before asking for a raise. Eventually I began earning a fairly competitive wage commensurate with the professionalism required of the job. This helped me to attract and retain good help, as evidenced by my hiring of Annette.

Don't get me wrong. I am not complaining about working for low wages. It has been my choice, and I have been satisfied with the low pay and lack of benefits because I enjoyed the job and enjoyed the people. What I am saying is that the vote to cut the Town Clerk's budget was like a slap in the face, a vote of no confidence, a statement that says, "You must be wasting town money." If you would take the time to look at the line items in the Town Clerk's budget you would see that there IS NO WASTE in there.

Historically part of the Town Clerk's job was to maintain the checks and balances over town government. In addition to everything else, I have tried to do that by helping each department, committee and board with understanding the State Laws. Garrison Keillor once said, "It is a shallow life that doesn't give a person a few scars." So I will now forget about Town Meeting and move forward. I will continue to act as a resource person for your Town Clerk and do the best I can in spite of the restrictions that have now been placed on me. I continue to enjoy the job.

Please realize this article expresses my opinion only and should not be taken as the opinion of Annette, your Town Clerk.

Editor's Note

John Bocalini

Very rarely do global news stories make it into "The Rooster's" columns. The last time I remember that one did was 911. But the latest news from Japan does raise concerns that are very close to us. Your concern over Vermont Yankee should be greater than those about your taxes and your job. A disaster there could determine the fate of your town, your home, as well as you and your family's health and well being. It could shorten how long you live.

No matter how safe they tell you nuclear reactors are, no matter how often you hear that "it won't happen here," no matter how confident you are that you don't have to worry about it, you are being deceived or you are deceiving yourself. With natural disasters we can survive and rebuild: with a nuclear disaster we can not. Man can not stop Mother Nature from reminding us that She

is in charge and we must respect her power, learn from the mistakes we make when we think we can build buildings and roads that can bear her force.

Vermont Yankee has leaked and contaminated the environment with its toxic poisons before, and the recommissioning of this 40 year old white elephant would jeopardize our sense of security. Do whatever you can to legally protect yourself. The more voices that speak out, the more we will be heard by the powers that be.

Thank You, Election Team 2011

Pete Majoy, Moderator

The March 8, 2011 Ballot Day and the March 11, 2011 Town Meeting were both successful processes because of the wonderful town folk who made it happen. On March 8, our Ballot Clerks (Dick Drew, Judith and David Graves, Hank Lescynski, Rick Lewis, Theresa Majoy) handled check-in smoothly. Our Election Helpers (John Bocalini, JC Boudreau, Sandra Gillis, Hank Lescynski, Bonnie McCarthy, Sean McElhiney, Vickie Provost, Lew Whittum) efficiently watched over both the MRSD ballot machine and both the zoning ordinance and municipal election ballot boxes. Our 5 Vote Counter Teams (Bev Hart & JC Boudreau, Butch Morin & Rachel Olney, Jean Tandy and Caroline Polk, Jeani & Rosti Eismont, Sandra Gillis & Theresa Majoy) helped us end the evening with a flawless count. On March 11, 2011 our Town Meeting also owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. & Mrs. Marques and Mrs. Budzik for organizing the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts to lead us in the salute to the flag. Many thanks to James Doucette, an IHM School sophomore, for leading us in the Star Spangled Banner, to Pastor Shinhyung Ahn of the Richmond United Methodist Church, for his deeply felt Invocation, and Pam Goodell, Assistant Town Clerk, for her words updating us on the Elder Cane that remains another year with our gracious Eleanor Fassett. Our Voter Checklist was carefully managed by both Rick Lewis and Terri O'Rorke. The Board of Selectmen fielded many questions with poise and dignity, and Wes Vaughn's projection of the 44 articles that were voted on helped a great deal with understanding what each article stood for. Again, our dedicated and hard-working Town Clerk put in so much time and effort to help get and keep things organized from start to finish. To Annette Tokunaga we also owe a special thank-you for her role in keeping town elections and meeting on the right track. Finally, thank you, resident voters of the Town of Richmond, for participating in these two most important democratic processes.

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Warm Meal Among Friends Julie Swanson

Sit down with a neighbor and leave with a friend, at the Veterans Hall in Richmond on May 14, at 4:00 p.m.

Every community needs a time and place to come together. This is especially true during challenging days. What better way to do this than with warm food around tables, in friendship and laughter and connectedness. Some good neighbors in Richmond had a chance to talk about possible ways of serving our neighbors in their effort to build a better community, and finally came up with a plan to serve a meal for a community dinner.

This is not a fundraising event, but rather a community building event, designed to bring people from all walks of life together for an afternoon of great food and entertainment.

Ham and Baked Beans will be served for dinner, with potatoes and coleslaw, and strawberry shortcake for the dessert. Food donations for the menus above, and volunteers for serving, would be greatly appreciated.

You are all welcomed to this free meal. Freewill offering, though, would be accepted with grateful hearts, which will be used for purchasing the ingredients for the next community dinner.

Please contact Julie Swanson with your food donations and volunteering service at (603) 239-4406 or at julie.swanson74@yahoo.com.

Sponsored by good neighbors in Richmond, NH

Meadowood County Area Fire Department Melanie Ellis

The cookbook "Cookin' with Fire" is on sale now and selling like hotcakes. It's a great collection of our members' favorite recipes and a few funny ones as well. They are on sale for \$11 and all proceeds go to the Meadowood County Area Fire Department. If you are interested in a cookbook, please contact a MCAFD firefighter or call 603-313-3459.

Spring Fire School is May 14 and 15 at the Training Center on Bowkerville Rd. in Fitzwilliam. Firefighters from around the county will be coming to take classes in SCBA, Auto Extrication, Pumps and more. If you are interested in seeing what goes on at Meadowood Fire School, please stop on by and while you are there have lunch with the Ladies Auxiliary at the Snack Shack.

June 4th is Meadowoods' Annual Golf Tournament at Bretwood Golf Course in Keene. There will be a shotgun start at 8am and an awards banquet to follow. The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per team. Each player will get bagged snacks and two golf carts per foursome. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole it's \$125. Any interested people are asked to contact Chief Crowell at 603-352-3853 or Captain Fisher at 603-357-1031.

There will be a 21 years old and older dance at Pelto's Barn in Troy on June 11. The doors open at 7pm and the band "Out on Bail" will be playing from 8pm - Midnight. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$7 a person and at the door that night for \$9. The dance is BYOB and there will be refreshments for sale. There will be raffles and fun!!

Things from the District, March 2011 Jim Carnie and Neil Moriarty

Are you Patriotic About the USA?

The following are questions (from a list of 100) about America asked of potential immigrating citizens – how would you fare on your knowledge of your country (see answers at the end of this article)? Unfortunately many citizens do not know the answers – we will start with two easy ones:

1. How many stripes on the flag? 2. What is the 4th of July? Please ask your kids these questions.

Thanks for your continued support – We thank the voters for their continued support in sending us back to our respective assignments within Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD). It was strange to see a challenge to Jim without so much as a presentation of an alternative approach to the School Board presented at the Richmond Candidates Night.

Warrant Articles Pass— With the exception of the Article on building a Multi-Purpose Room (which only had a dollar for funding) at Mount Caesar, all articles passed. Richmond voters made their feelings known on the full-time kindergarten and voted NO 156, and Yes 150. Add to this the state cuts in local funding we are looking forward to over \$200 tax increase (on \$200,000 home) in December 2011.

The Taxpayers wallets attacked by the Unions and the Administration

1. Administrators: In final money grab from SAU 38, the administrators put in a potential bill for unused vacations in the amount of \$92,647. This amounts to double dipping, as there are no funds allocated to pay off unused vacations. Their claim is they can't take their vacation between now and the end of the year—they are too important. The graveyards are full of non-

replaceable people. There are (as of the day of the claim) 13 weeks available for them to take vacation. Even taking the vacations by taking two days a week would cover 90% of the vacations due. Furthermore, our superintendent Dr. Hodgdon took about six months of bereavement time (we are all sorry his wife was sick and finally died) – yet he is claiming his sick time and his vacation time is still due him. Well Dr. Hodgdon, if we can let you off for six months we can certainly let you go off for another 30 days. Dr Dassau is only the superintendent for Surry (no regular schools in Surry) – surely we can do without his service for 30 days. This is a \$4.29 tax on every man, woman, and child, within MRSD.

2. Unions The unions rejected an insurance coverage change in carriers – this will cost the taxpayers \$580,000 in the next fiscal year. That's a \$40.05 tax on every man, woman, and child, within MRSD.

Only 272 days left. Assuming delivery of the Rooster on May 4, 2011, there are only 272 days until the deliberative session – we will see you there!

Answers: 1. 13; 2. Independence Day

As always if you have questions, comments, or ideas, feel free to call Jim at 239-4948, or Neil at 239-4031.

Fitzwilliam Historical Society Season Opening This Month Terri Sillanpaa

The Amos J. Blake House Museum will open for the season on Saturday, May 28 from 1—4 p.m. for free guided tours. We are following the most successful season on record with over 1000 visitors to our precious gem of a museum last year. We hope you will consider dropping by this season.

Our special exhibit this year will be "Boys and Their Toys" on view on the first floor during the months of June and July. If you have something you would like to consider placing in this exhibit please contact us.

Tuesday research hours have changed to 3 to 5 p.m., moving from the morning hours of last year. We hope to accommodate more people who might want to come directly from school or work. Volunteers give freely of their time to help those who might need assistance.

We are looking for volunteers to handle a variety of positions within the museum and who might help with upcoming fundrais-

ers, including the Annual Strawberry Festival on June 25. Please contact us!

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The Richmond Agriculture Commission/Almost There Kim Mattson and Jean Tandy

The last step in organizing the Richmond Agriculture Commission (RAC) will be complete when eight volunteers will be chosen by the Board of Selectmen after recommendation from Jeff Taylor, chairman of the Richmond Conservation Committee, for their best fit to meet requirements. It will be recommended that the BOS stagger appointments so not all seats will have to be filled at the same time. These eight residents will fill seats for a board of five (5) regular members and three (3) alternates. An advisory only, not regulatory board, some functions will include acting as liaison between agricultural interests and town boards.

Connecting neighbors with questions regarding plants, soils, and animals with resources and methods of tracking information, is also an essential piece of their agenda. During the Richmond Conservation Commission meeting of April 7, potential members for the RAC were asked to complete an application providing their expertise and reasons for wanting to serve, followed by a lively, idea sharing discussion. Included were possibilities for creating a monthly Farmer's Market behind Richmond's Fire Department, making an inventory of animals and agricultural resources in town, possibly designing a Town Community Garden, making an inventory of conservation lands, and so on. The new board will be handed a blank slate to be filled with their thoughts and visions to benefit the Richmond Community. Richmond is

moving forward by bringing this new Commission into existence. Partially paraphrasing a column in The Keene Sentinel, Opinion page, April 9, expresses some of what we can hope to accomplish with help from our most recent volunteers. "New Hampshire will never be the breadbasket of New England, let alone anywhere else, with its bony landscape. But our residents could eat healthier by growing some of our own foods, by embracing agriculture at its smallest levels: use open home decks for containers

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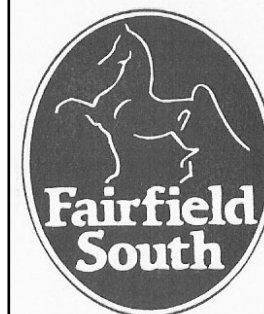
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growing tomato plants, build raised garden beds to grow salad greens (and more) on rock ledges... plant a garden in your back yard...etc.” Agricultural Commission members will be a valuable and timely addition to Richmond’s wealth of volunteer resources who enrich our lives. We welcome their ideas and efforts into our community.

Letter to the VEC
Charlie Schroeder

Hi all,
You must have thought I dropped off the end of the earth, but in truth I’ve been insanely busy working on my off the grid solar/wind powered house here in hilly, currently snowy, Acworth, NH. Despite years of planning, this project has turned out to be much more time consuming, expensive and challenging than anticipated. For example, the rock work I did on the foundation and around the entry-way took almost three months. It was very time consuming fitting the rocks and my long days frequently extended well into the night, working by my car’s headlights. The house is far from done, but as of three weeks ago enough was complete so I could move in. As you probably guessed, we don’t have occupancy permits here in Acworth. What a relief finally moving into the house after living for over seven months in the cramped confines of my nearby garage. The garage is also solar powered, but doesn’t have any generator backup, so long stretches of cloudy weather results in no power and early to bed after a short, cold, shower. One particularly rough night without power was going to bed covered with hydraulic oil after replacing a couple of ruptured hydraulic lines on my loader/backhoe. One of my biggest challenges after moving from Richmond was not having satellite internet for five months. How did we ever survive without the internet, LOL. Such a wonderful tool for keeping in touch, research, ordering things, etc.

Now to the good stuff. My solar powered house has far exceeded my expectations. For the most part I have more power than I know what to do with. And I’m not skimping on electric appliances. I have all the normal electrically-powered devices, such as an electric toaster, coffee pot, hot plate, toaster/oven, bread maker, TVs, computers, microwave, washing machine, dryer, log splitter, etc. Yes you read that correctly, I have an electric dryer and log splitter. The only compromise I have to make on these two items is to run the dryer and log splitter on sunny days. For example, if the sun is shining, I can run my 20 ton electric log splitter all day with no drain on my power storage system because power is being replaced as fast as I use it. Even more

amazing is I still haven’t gotten around to putting up my wind generator, which will contribute even more power to the system. My plan is to configure things so that any excess power from both the wind generator and solar panels will go to heat water in a 1,000 gallon hot water storage tank, which is used for both domestic hot water and radiant heating. As far as maintenance goes, other than sweeping snow off of the solar panels the system is virtually maintenance free. The power storage system consists of sealed AGM (absorbed glass mat) batteries which are also maintenance free - no water to add or electrolyte to check. And lastly, the best part of all is I’ll never again have an electric bill arrive in the mail. How sweet is that!

From my experience with my off the grid system, I’m now convinced this is the future of home power. A system like I have is still pricey, but much less so than even ten years ago, and with the plethora of incentives currently available it’s more affordable than ever. In light of the horrific nuclear tragedy in Japan, safe, green, alternative energy needs to be encouraged and fast tracked to lessen our dependence on fossil and nuclear generated power. As a side note I was happy to see that in February the Vermont State Senate voted 26 to 4 in favor of closing Vermont Yankee. That’s it from beautiful, PSNH free, Acworth, NH.
Charlie Schroeder (Past Richmond resident and member of the Richmond Volunteer Energy Committee)

Letter to the Editor
Why You Should Be Concerned
Russ Provost

Up until the time of the recent disaster in Japan, I had been a proponent of nuclear energy. I can no longer support it.
Vermont Yankee is the same type reactor as the damaged reactor in Japan. Vermont Yankee originally had a permit to store 600 spent rods. Forty years later there are now almost 3000 rods on site. This is the equivalent of all six damaged reactors in Japan.
People will say that we won’t experience an earthquake or a tsunami. They are right. However there are events that have happened here in the past or may happen here in the future that could destroy the nuclear plant.
The hurricane of 1938 had winds of over 100 mph. Over 2000 miles of roads in Vermont were closed for months. The spokesman for Vermont Yankee recently stated that the plant could handle 86 mph winds.
In 1953 a tornado struck 40 miles to our south. Wind speeds were estimated to be 207-260 mph. The spokesman for Vermont Yankee recently stated that the plant could handle 86 mph winds.
In 2001 a group of terrorists flew planes into the World Trade

Center and the Pentagon. Vermont Yankee could just as easily have been a target.
If any of these events happen here in the future it will be devastating to the region.
The area of evacuation could be from 20 to 100 mile radius. Lives will be lost. Property will have to be abandoned, perhaps forever.
Is it worth the risk?
Russ Provost
Richmond NH

Letter to the Selectboard
Robin Mower

Dear Selectmen,
I am the Durham Town Council representative to the Energy Committee to the Conservation Commission. The Durham Energy Committee is struggling with developing a new chapter of the Master Plan. I stumbled upon Richmond’s and am stunned. It’s grounded, thoughtful, forward-thinking.... and includes the phrases “poignantly, and “soulfully,” as well as “awe and wonder.” I have shared the sections on energy with the Energy Committee and will forward the entire MP to our Town Planner.
Among the sections that I hope we will (eventually) emulate is your “Regional Concerns.” Certainly this is an approach that I hope other Seacoast towns will begin to value, as well. (How can they not agree with statements such as “Water flows between all of us. Aquifers provide water that is shared, forests like the Silvio Conte National Forest are contiguous with our neighbors.”)
I want to thank you and the Richmond Planning Board (indeed, probably the entire town!) for your work in helping bring about such an inspiring, visionary document.
Robin Mower, Town Councilor, Durham, NH (rmowertc@gmail.com)

Agricultural Commissions Taking Root
Reprint of Keene Sentinel Article

Agricultural commissions have been spreading like spring wildflowers in Cheshire County.
Four towns in the county — Fitzwilliam, Harrisville, Nelson and Richmond — adopted an agricultural commission at their town meetings this year. Sullivan is including a commission in its master plan and Chesterfield is mulling the idea, while Keene city councilors recently voted to establish one, and Peterborough residents are expected to vote on adopting one next month.
Amanda Costello, manager of the Cheshire County

Conservation District, began to talk to county residents last year about starting a commission in their towns as part of the CCCD’s Monadnock Farm and Community Connection program.
She and Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological have been providing information about commissions and helping towns that have started one.

The role of an agricultural commission is broad, depending on a town’s specific needs, but there are some similarities across the board.
“It’s a voice for farmers,” Costello said. Commissions “are not telling people how to farm — (members) are ambassadors.”
A commission’s tasks can include public education, starting farmer’s markets (among the commission towns in Cheshire County planning one are Marlow, Richmond and Harrisville), leveraging support for the protection of farmlands and providing technical assistance on environmental stewardship. Board members “can also serve as mediators for any sort of challenges that arise,” Costello said.

The agricultural commission’s job is to work with other town or city governing and land-use boards and commissions to ensure farmers’ concerns and interests are considered in their decision-making.
“Farmers used to be a much larger part of our population,” Costello said. “An agricultural commission helps ensure the voice of farming is still part of the governing body.”

The first agricultural commission in the county was established in Marlow three years ago. Marlow commission member John Salo said members had to raise awareness about the group in the beginning because people were suspicious. “We had to convince people we were not going to spy on them in their backyards,” he said.
The key to a successful agricultural commission, Salo believes, is being open. “You’ve got to have conversations with the people in town,” he said.

Kim Mattson is chairman of Richmond’s Rural Preservation Committee, which helped obtain signatures on a letter of support to put an agricultural commission on the town warrant this year.
“There are people who grow plants, herbs and vegetables in town as a hobby who are very knowledgeable,” she said. There are also a lot of residents who keep horses — some of whom offer boarding and riding lessons — who could also benefit from an agricultural commission.
Deirdre Oliver, a member of Harrisville’s agricultural commission, said among the commission’s goals are expanding the town’s established community garden and planning some educational workshops focusing on such

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topics as keeping backyard chickens, growing mushrooms and gardening. “There’s been so much enthusiasm,” she said.

Former conservation commission chairman Jean Rosenthal, who gathered signatures supporting the agricultural commission in Harrisville, said the newly formed group is also talking about putting out a challenge to residents to eat only local food for a period of time. She said the town’s general store stocks many local products.

“Our food system is in such bad shape,” she said, referring to the country’s dependence on food that is trucked several hundred miles to grocery stores. “That’s why we really have to protect local (food).”

Out and About - May, 2011
John Boccalini

Wed. May 4, 2011, 2 p.m. Spring Senior Series at the Mariposa Museum: Journeys as a live-aboard sailor in Greek & Turkish waters. Refreshments are served at each event. Admission \$5 per person and members are free. Mariposa Museum, 26 Main Street, Peterborough, NH, 924-4555

Sat., May 7, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.- Beginner Beekeeping: How to get started and keep healthy bees. Mostly, hands-on in the hives. Classes run for 3 hours on the 1st Saturday of the month. \$25/couple. Contact: Dean & Jodi Turner at (603) 381-1717

May 7-8, Sat. & Sun., 9 a.m.—3:30 p.m.- Annual Fence Building Clinic, Wellscroft Farm, Chesham. Learn how to fence in livestock and protect your garden. This free clinic is open to the public. 827-3464. Wellscroft.com.

Sat., May 7, 10 a.m.—12 p.m. Dairy Barn Tour, Stonewall Farm, Keene. Take a tour of the last remaining dairy barn in Keene, and learn how to milk a cow. All ages welcome. 357-7278. Members \$4 adult, \$2 child. Non-members \$5 adult, \$3 child. 242 Chesterfield Rd., Keene, Stonewallfarm.org.

Sat., May 7, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Growing Mushrooms on Logs and Stumps, Wichland Woods, Munsonville. Workshop with David Wichland, owner of Wichland Woods. 357-2758. Wichlandwoods.com.

Sat., May 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. New England’s Green Living Expo and Festival, Downtown Peterborough. This year’s Greenerborough promises to be more exciting than ever, aided by a partnership with the Peterborough Grange, which will enhance the presence of a wide range of agricultural enterprises. Greenerborough.com

Sat., May 14, 4 p.m. Warm Meal Among Friends, Richmond.

May 8. 4:00 p.m. Keene Chamber Orchestra Colonial Theatre 603 352-2033, \$17 adult, \$5 student (children FREE with adult) Annual family concert for Mother’s Day. Romantic works by Tchaikovsky, Los Angeles composer John Steinmetz, for KCO and the 250 member Keene City-Wide Elementary School Chorus.

Sun., May 8, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.- Mother’s Day Open House. Monadnock Berries Garden Center, Troy. Free gift for first 50 moms. Specials all day long, refreshments. Monadnockberries.com.

Thurs., May 12, 7 p.m. - Public Joint meeting of BOS, PB and ZBA at the Vets Hall, Richmond

Fri., May 13, 7:30 p.m. - Dark Star Orchestra Colonial Theatre Box Office 603 352-2033 \$34 advance (\$37 day of show) One of the hottest Grateful Dead tribute acts.

Sat., May 14, 2011, 12:00 p.m. - Wagner’s Die Walküre – Second installment of Robert Lepage’s new production of the Ring cycle. Running time: 5 hours, 30 minutes. Tickets on sale Now! Single Tickets: \$25 adults, \$20 students (ID required). Box Office: 603.924.7585 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough. Website: www.peterboroughplayers.org

Sat., May 14, 1-3:30 p.m.- Beekeeping Workshopwith Charles Andros, Alstead. Topics include finding queens, re-queening, swarm control, and bee venom therapy. Bring a veil. Registration required. 756-9056 or email lindena@sover.net.

Sat., May 14, 7:30 p.m.- Animaterra Women’s Chorus - Spring Concert in Keene at the Unitarian Universalist Church Washington St. Keene NH Cost: \$10/ \$6 for seniors and students. Phone: (603) 209-3304 Website: animaterrasings.org

Sat., May 14, 8:00 pm. - Harvey Robbins presents...Las Vegas Revue Colonial Theatre Box Office 603 352-2033 \$39/\$35/\$25 A tribute to some of the biggest names of rock and roll - James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Sam Cooke, Janis Joplin and The Temptations.

Sat., May 14, 4 p.m.- Animaterra Women’s Chorus - Spring Concert in Peterborough at the Peterborough Union Congregational Church at 33 Concord St, Peterborough. Cost: \$10/ \$6 for seniors and students. Phone: (603) 209-3304 Website: animaterrasings.org

Mon., May 16 - Wed - May 18. - Raylynmor Opera presents Don Giovanni. Keene - The Monadnock Region’s very own Raylynmor Opera will perform Mozart’s masterwork Don Giovanni. Colonial Theatre, 95 Main Street, Keene. Cost: varies. Phone: (866) 468-7619 or (603) 352-2033. Web Site: thecolonial.org

Wed., May 18, 2:00 p.m.- Spring Senior Series at the Mariposa Museum: In Search of the Virgin—Extra Virgin. Ed

Hames will inform, discuss & provide tasting samples of a variety of olive oils. Refreshments are served at each event. Admission \$5 per person and members are free. Mariposa Museum, 26 Main Street, Peterborough, NH, 924-4555

Fri., May 20 8:00 p.m. - Saints & Sinners Dance with the Peter Miles Band and impromptu antics, in support of The Colonial’s Education and Outreach Programs. Imaginative outfits encouraged! Admission \$25, Colonial Theatre, 352-2033

Sat., May 21, 9 a.m. Children and the Arts Day, Downtown Peterborough. An all-day free event with giant puppet parades, arts projects, performances, food, and demonstrations. 924-7234. Childrenandthearts.org.

Sun., May 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mycological Landscaping Straw and Garden Workshop with David Wichland, owner of Wichland Woods. 357-2758. Wichlandwoods.com.

Mon., May 25, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Spring Family Farm Day, Inn at East Hill Farm, Troy. A day of fun farm activities includes cow milking, pony rides, hay jumping and more. Please call for prices and reservations. 242-6495. East-hill-farm.com.

Sat., May 28, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tasting and Tours, Walpole Mountain View Winery at Barnett Hill Vineyard, Walpole. The winery and vineyard reopens for tasting and tours at 114 Barnett Hill Rd. Check website BHvineyard.com and Facebook page for updates.

Sat., May 28, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.Outside Bratwurst Grill at German John’s Bakery, 5 West Main Street, Hillsborough.

Sat., May 28, 1-4 p.m. The Amos J. Blake House Museum, Fitzwilliam will open for the season for free guided tours. 585-7742.

Ongoing Events

Every Sunday at Sunflowers, 21B Main St, Jaffrey
May 1 Brunch jazz 11:30-1:30 Danny Solomon & Tyler Heyerdahl

May 1 Dinner 6 p.m. Mike Wakefield Jazz Quartet
May 8 Brunch 11:30~1:30 Bob Arpin, Guitar
May 15 Brunch 11:30~1:30 Bob Arpin, Guitar
May 15 Dinner 6 p.m. Gin & The Blade, Brian Murphy and Virginia Dickinson, blues, old & new-time jazz, pop, rock, country, folk & swing.

May 22 Brunch jazz 11:30-1:30 Danny Solomon & Tyler Heyerdahl

May 29 Brunch 11:30~1:30 Bob Arpin, Guitar
Check it out: www.sunflowerscatering.com

Every Sunday, 2-4 p.m. “What is Cohousing?” Nubanusit Neighborhood & Farm, Peterborough. Learn what it is like to live in a supportive, family friendly, intergenerational, ecovillage heated 100% with wood pellets. Free tour of super energy effi-

cient homes, Common House, boiler room, farm & open land. Potluck at 5:30 (RSVP). Located on Steele Rd, one mile west of downtown Peterborough off Union St. 924-7491 peterborough-cohousing.org

Every Monday Contra Dancing 8 p.m. Variety of excellent callers and musicians. Donation: \$3 Town: Nelson, NH Town Hall

Every Tuesday Tuesday Night Pizza & Karaoke, 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. CJ the DJ Ed’s Crossroads Pizza & Subs. Routes 12 & 119, Fitzwilliam, NH

Every third Tuesday of the month, April through October. Monadnock Community Gardening & Seed Saving Initiative Meeting, Various Locations. (Spring dates: April 20 and May 25). Sponsored by the Sustainability Project. 352-1887. Emersonbrookforest.org

Wednesdays, 9:30-11 p.m. Open Mic Night – Acoustic only please. Harlow’s Pub, 3 School Street, Peterborough, NH, 03458. Wednesdays until June 30, 5 p.m.-closing.

Thursdays - 7:00–10:00 p.m. Open Mic Night. Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn, Fitzwilliam, NH. Come sing, play, read a poem, or listen by the fire in the Tavern. Local food served, some local beverages.

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When NBC Squeezed
“Anything Goes” into 48 Minutes!
Frank Behrens

The Archive of American Television Presents is a joint effort of Entertainment One recordings and The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Foundation. The result has been a series of DVDs restoring for modern viewers both famous and forgotten telecasts from the past.

Their latest release is a recording of an NBC Colgate Comedy Hour as it was seen in February, 1954. When hosted by Eddie Cantor, Abbott and Costello, or Martin and Lewis, the show was given in a variety format. But when Ethel Merman’s turn came, it was decided to devote the show to a single musical, and Cole Porter’s “Anything Goes” was chosen.

To fit into a 60-minute time slot, several liberties were taken with the original show, mostly by way of cuts. The plot was reduced to the action among Harry Dane (Frank

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Selectmen’s Minutes

Sinatra), Reno Sweeney (Ethel Merman, repeating her role in the original staging), and Moonface Mooney (Bert Lahr), with able assistance from Sheree North. The program notes provide far more background material than I can in this report, as does a very badly done bonus interview with one of the music arrangers for the television version, Buddy Bregman.

Those familiar with the original show may or may not accept this quickie version that runs only 48 minutes, leaves out much of the score and yet finds time to introduce three numbers from other Porter shows. A plus is moving the action back to the Roaring 20s, given the great costumes and dances of that period.

Sinatra breezes his way through his role, Merman is simply Merman in her role, and Lahr is Lahr. Not much characterization at all, one will find. When they find themselves with five minutes left, Sinatra urges Merman to repeat the title song, heard once too often during the performance, and then he rejoins her and waves Lahr back onto the stage to form a trio. Lahr is heard saying that he doesn’t know the words! But that is what live television was like back then.

Other than having great historical value, this E-One DVD is a lot of fun and a reminder of all the joy that once comprised the Broadway Musical Comedy.

Quote
Russ Provost

“The End of Democracy and the Defeat of the American Revolution will occur when government falls into the hands of the lending institutions and moneyed corporations.”

Thomas Jefferson

Selectmen’s Minutes

March 14, 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attending: JC Boudreau, Lori Scanlan, Sandra Gillis
Read mail and signed checks.

A group addressed the Board in regards to the town meeting and the article addressing the highway budget and the road agent position. The concerned citizens were upset over some comments made in the newspaper by Selectman Sandra Gillis. There was much discussion about the article and the intent of the Board regarding the road agent position.

Amanda Grinstead asked Sandra if she would retract her statement in the newspaper that stated “Currently we do not intend to appoint the road agent position for the ensuing year.” Sandra stated that yes, she would retract that statement. She will abide by the intent of the citizens.

Mr. Carbone encouraged the Selectmen to keep the current road agent, Dana Taylor.

Mr. George Sancoucy addressed the board regarding a legal matter. JC made a motion to enter executive session per RSA 91-A:3 (e). Sandra seconded it. Motion carried and non-public was entered at 7:50 p.m. JC made a motion reconvene public session at 8:30 p.m. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried. JC announced that the minutes were sealed. Sandra made a motion that the Selectmen proceed with the BTLA case regarding PSNH and to receive a proposal from Donahue, Tucker, Ciandella out of Exeter NH and if the proposal is acceptable the town will retain them as special counsel for this BTLA case. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

Bruce & Doreen Currier addressed the Board regarding their parcel M405-L045. They thought they had put their parcel in current use in 1994 but it is not reflected on their property card. Roberta will research this and get back to them.

Mr. John Bocalini addressed the Board about the condition of Fay Martin Rd. He is concerned about the condition of the road and would like it fixed before it becomes real muddy. The Board discussed what could be done and the condition of the road and they will ask the road agent to look at it. There is also a complaint from a citizen about Old Turnpike Rd. and that will be addressed also.

Mr. Bosonnetto addressed the Board regarding the article in the newspaper about the town meeting and he questioned the intent of Selectmen Gillis’ comment in the newspaper regarding not appointing a road agent. JC explained that the town voted to keep the road agent position and the Board will uphold that decision.

JC talked about the different committees and boards that need a selectmen representative assigned to them. The Board will decide next week who will be appointed to which board. JC will attend the Planning Board meeting tomorrow evening.

The Board discussed the revised budgets that were voted in at town meeting. There were some budgets changed and the Board discussed where to make the changes in each budget.

Peter Majoy, Town Moderator, sent a letter to the Board addressing some concerns he had in regards to the town meeting. He is concerned about the human services articles that were tabled, the date of the town meeting and the Vermont Yankee letter that was created by the Selectmen.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

March 21, 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attending: JC Boudreau, Lori Scanlan, Sandra Gillis
Read mail and signed checks.

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk, addressed the Board regarding re-appointing Pamela Goodell as Deputy Town Clerk. Sandra made a motion to appoint Pamela Goodell as Deputy Town Clerk until 31st

March 2014. JC seconded it. Motion carried.

Annette also discussed the possibility of the town using inventory forms again. She finds them useful when she needs to look up some information regarding residency, but she can also contact the home owner if needed.

Carol Monroe, executive director for NH Fast Roads, addressed the Board. NH Fast Roads has received a grant, along with UNH, for broad band. They have received bundles for poles. The project will start in Orford, ending in Rindge. The intent of the project is to connect fiber to premises in Rindge and Orford. The first phase will end in 2012, the second in the fall of 2012. The intent is to use all of the funds received, so broadband will be added as funds are available. It is an open access network, there will be many service providers. The fiber will come down Rte. 32 and cross Rte. 119 into Fitzwilliam. NHfastroads.net sight is available, and Richmond is on the sight. Ms. Monroe is asking that the Board look at the information on the web site and verify it is correct. She also asked for a point of contact person and an area to put a concrete pad with a cabinet on top. They are also wondering where there may be pockets of houses without internet service. JC questioned the cost to the town. Ms. Monroe answered that there is no cost to the town, just connection fees for users. Roberta Fraser, Selectmen’s assistant, will be the contact person, the Board will discuss where to put the pad.

Marcus Beauregard addressed the Board and informed them that he would like to be an alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Sandra Perry informed the Board that there are already three alternates, Stan Pogorzelski and Jean Tandy and Russ Provost. There is room for Marcus. Marcus would also like to know what the status is on the Laclair case. The case is moving forward in court and there is a legal document for the Board to sign in the folder.

Marcus would like to replace the basketball hoops at the park and also add horseshoe pits.

Marcus states that he would like the road agent replaced, he is not impressed with the shape of the roads. Marcus would like to be a part of any advisory committee that may be formed to address the roads. He would also like the Board to consider a dress code for the road agent.

Stan Pogorzelski addressed the Board regarding the road agent. He has composed a letter to the Board with questions and information regarding the road agent position.

Stan also informed the Board that if a public official would like to bid on a project in town then the limit is \$200.00 to go out to bid.

Terri O’Rorke asked the Board if funds can be moved around in the budgets, or if the Irene Baker trust fund can be used for the rescue department budget. JC explained that yes, funds can be moved around, it is the bottom line that can’t be overspent. And Terri will look into what the Irene Baker trust fund was intended for.

JC asked what positions/ committees the Board members would

like this year. Sandra would like to be chairman. Sandra made a motion to appoint herself as chairman. Lori seconded it. Motion carried. Sandra assumed role as chairman. She read the list of boards/ committees that need representatives. Solid Waste Management, Planning board, Welfare administrator.

Lori made a motion to appoint JC as ex-officio to the planning board. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried.

JC made a motion to appoint Lori as welfare administrator. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried.

JC made a motion to appoint Lori to the Solid Waste Management committee. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried. All appointments will be for one year.

Sandra made a motion to appoint the following until March 31, 2012; with JC seconding. Motion carried:

- Kim Mattson, Police Commission
- JC Boudreau, Ex-Officio, Planning Board, Community Park Commission
- Christopher Grinstead, Safety Committee
- Marcus Beauregard, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Alternate
- Alan Schmidt, Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Robert Coy, Civil Defense Director
- John Randall, Conservation Commission
- Herbert Shaw, Life Safety Inspector
- Theresa Morin, Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Andrew Wood, Part-time Police Chief
- John Melia, Part-time Police Officer
- Jeffrey Taylor, Conservation Commission
- Lori Scanlan, Solid Waste District Committee, Welfare Administrator

Signed Supplemental Intent to Cut for M407-L089
Sandra discussed minutes and the right-to-know law. She would like the minutes to reflect what happened in the meeting so that people not attending know what transpired.

Sandra also discussed the idea of people making appointments with the Board. There will still be time for the public to come in, but Sandra would like people to start making appointments.

Sandra informed the Board that as part of the personnel policy, evaluations should be performed. She has a form to use. There is one for each employee to fill out and then one for each Board member to fill out. The Board agreed to evaluate the employees.

Sandra would like to form a committee to address office space and meeting space. JC would like the Board to make the decisions. Sandra agreed, but would still like a committee formed, which would include Bev and Roberta.

Sandra would like the Board to start thinking about a road management program for the town. The Board discussed what needs to be done and what should be planned for. Lori would like

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address the road agent position first. Sandra is concerned about the “red-listed” bridges, which are Tully Brook Rd., Fay Martin Rd, Whipple Hill Rd. and Mill Rd.

Sandra would like to discuss the road agent position and the component of short, medium and long term plans of the road. And the day to day management of the roads. The Board discussed the criteria of a road agent. Someone to contact 24-7. Someone who is familiar with the roads. A person who can provide the public and co- workers with really good customer service. Make a plan for the roads. Sandra has created a job description for the road agent position

Lori asked about what the plan is for the road agent. Should the job be posted in the newspaper, or are there people interested? Sandra knows of at least three interested. JC would like to go into non-public session to discuss personnel matters.

JC made a motion to enter into non-public per RSA 91-A: 3 (a) Sandra seconded it. Roll call vote- Lori Scanlan- Aye, JC Boudreau- Aye, Sandra Gillis- Aye. Motion carried. Entered at 9:50 p.m. Public session was reconvened at 10:05pm. JC made a motion to seal the minutes. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

JC made a motion to enter into non-public per RSA 91-A :3 (e) Sandra seconded it. Roll call vote- Lori Scanlan- Aye, JC Boudreau- Aye, Sandra Gillis- Aye. Entered at 10:07 p.m. Public session was reconvened at 10:17 p.m. Minutes were not sealed.

Sandra informed the Board that there is a bill going before the House that would cut in half the interest on overdue taxes. Sandra would like to write to Senator Molly Kelly on behalf of the Board and ask her to oppose this Bill. JC is in favor of the interest rate being lowered. Lori is not concerned with what the State does because it can be lowered by the Town on a case by case basis, she is in favor of the interest rate being lowered.

Sandra made a motion that the Board does not reappoint the current road agent for another term. Lori seconded it. Discussion: Sandra thinks this is a good idea because she would like a fresh look at Richmond roads. JC would like to put an ad in the paper advertising the position. He also believes a letter should be sent to the current road agent notifying him of the decision. Sandra will compose the letter. Motion carried.

JC made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 p.m. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

March 28, 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attending: JC Boudreau, Lori Scanlan, Sandra Gillis

Read mail and signed checks.

Mr. Bruce Currier addressed the Board regarding his land being in current use. (M405-L045) In 1994 he applied for current use and it was approved and filed with the Registry of Deeds. At some point it was taken out of current use and Mr. Currier would like it reinstated on his

land. Sandra looked up his property card file and the current use application is in there. Roberta will have the current use put back onto his property.

Ralph Randall addressed the Board regarding a building permit for M409- L022. Mr. Randall has the information needed for the building permit. JC informed him that he needs the septic approval for construction from the State before a building permit can be issued.

Mr. Will Villarubia addressed the Board regarding the road agent, Dana Taylor. He asked if there had been complaints about Dana or the roads and if there have been have the Selectmen verified the complaints. Sandra answered that yes, there have been complaints about the roads.

Brad Grinstead asked why there wasn't a discussion about removing the road agent. He would like to know what the plan is for a “fresh look” at the roads for the new road agent. Sandra explained that the Board is still discussing the job description for the road agent.

Mr. Grinstead also had a concern about Lori voting about the road agent when she had no knowledge of the history about the person.

Chip Adams addressed the Board and gave them his letter of intent for the road agent position.

Lawrence Merrifield addressed the Board and gave his resume regarding the road agent position.

Douglas Bersaw addressed the Board regarding the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He would like to be an alternate, Sandy Perry let him know it is full. JC let him know that he thought there is an opening on the Planning Board and Mr. Bersaw will go to the next meeting.

The Board discussed the road agent job description. Sandra had composed the job description, using guidelines from the LGC, and the Board then vetted and made any changes as needed.

Sandra made a motion to go into non public per 91-A: 3 (a) at 8:35 p.m. Public session was reconvened at 9:20 p.m. Minutes were sealed.

The Board discussed the recent court ruling regarding the Saint Benedict Center vs. Town of Richmond and John Bocalini and Kathleen Whitham, Et Al. vs Town of Richmond Board of Adjustment.

The Board discussed changing the office hours. Instead of having hours on Friday, the office would be open on Thursday and hours added on Monday morning. Since the Town Clerk is also closed Fridays, this will alleviate the need for additional heat on Fridays and will ensure that there are at least two people in the building at all times while it is open. The Board will talk to the treasurer at the next meeting to ensure that she will bring the checks in to be distributed on Thursdays before they finalize the change of office hours.

Sandra discussed with the Board the possibility of a purchasing policy and the need to know when there are large purchases that need to be paid for. The Board agreed and they will create a purchasing policy to be discussed.

The Board discussed whether they should sign the pistol permits or

not. Sandra and Lori do not think there is a need for it, JC would like to continue signing them. The Board will discuss this again next week.

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

April 04, 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attending: JC Boudreau, Lori Scanlan, Sandra Gillis

Read mail and signed checks.

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk, addressed the Board regarding safety committee meetings and what time they should be held. They will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evening.

Peter Majoy addressed the Board and explained what needs to be completed for the energy audit grant. Sandra made a motion that the Selectmen sign the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant agreement form for payment of \$2000.00 to Arborgast. JC seconded it. Motion carried.

Steve Boscarino, tax collector, addressed the Board and gave them a report on the amount of outstanding taxes due to the town. There are about \$ 245,000.00 in outstanding taxes. Sandra asked what communication the people have received regarding their taxes. Steve explained that they receive two notices, then if there is no response the properties are tax liened.

The Board asked Steve if he would like to be appointed as tax collector again for three years and what his salary requirements are. Steve would like to be appointed and is satisfied with what he is receiving for a salary now.

The Board discussed changing the hours of the Selectmen's office. The Board discussed this last week and was waiting for a response from the treasurer regarding whether she can bring the checks in on Thursday. The treasurer confirmed that she does not have a problem with bringing the checks in by 1:00 p.m. Thursday.

JC made a motion to change the Selectmen's office hours to be closed on Fridays and open on Thursday. Sandra seconded it. Discussion: Roberta informed the Board that she will also have the office open on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for the public. Motion carried. The Selectmen's office will be open:

Monday 10:00-12:00 and 6:00-8:00

Wednesday 8:00-12:00 and 1:00- 5:00

Thursday 8:00- 12:00 and 1:00- 4:00

Sandra made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 (a) JC seconded it. Non-public session was entered at 7:45 p.m. Public session was reconvened at 8:30 p.m. Minutes were sealed.

Police Chief Andrew Wood addressed the Board and discussed a security breach he had last Tuesday at the police department. Andy had some different ideas about what could be done for security at the police department, such as:

1. The need to have both exterior doors replaced with commercial doors and locks. There is also a need to have the wall reinforced between the PD and the bathroom as well as have a commercial door installed there as well.

2. Would like to open up discussions to doing a building swap with the CD. I propose that we switch facilities with the CD and move the other meetings to the Veteran's hall. The majority of the meetings could be held in the kitchen area and that would allow them to move out into the main area if needed. This would provide additional parking for everyone as well. It is critical to have parking for emergency service personnel during a fire or rescue call which is a big issue now. It would also allow the Vets Hall building to be used more and would justify money being put into it. I think that the CD building would provide the police department additional security and would provide a better service to the town. I think that by moving the CD building into the police department space in the fire station would serve them better as well. The dispatch area could serve both the fire department and emergency management. They could take out the wall between the middle office and the booking room and make one big room where they could

put a conference table for drills or events and the fire department could use it for meetings if needed. This would put all personnel in the building if there ever was an event where they needed to have an incident command center.

Sandra informed Andy that the Board will discuss his options and will make a decision at a later meeting.

Bill Sullivan addressed the Board regarding the Minkville Rd. Mr. Sullivan's property abuts the road and he feels that the contractor plowing the snow on the road this year did some damage to the road. He would like the Board to ensure that any contractor get a permit to maintain the road. Sandra informed him that she contacted Mrs. Howe, who lives at the end of the road and asked her if she hired this contractor to plow out to her property and she is waiting for an answer back from her. Mr. Sullivan will come back when there is an answer.

Sandra has composed a letter to FastRoads NH and the Board read it and recommended some changes for it. Sandra will make the changes and the Board will address it next week.

Sandra has composed a letter to the contractors that have equipment at the highway garage asking them to remove their equipment. Sandra has also composed a draft of a purchasing policy for the town. The rest of the Board read these letters and was okay with them.

Sandra made a motion to go into non-public session per 91-A:3 (b) Lori seconded it. Motion carried. Non-public was entered at 9:50 p.m. Public session was reconvened at 11:00 p.m. The minutes were not sealed.

JC made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 p.m. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

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