



Love, Land, Bread and Music

Peter Majoy

Mili Bermejo and her husband, Dan Greenspan, began the process of settling a piece of land in Richmond in 2000 when 292 Morgan Road was still only beautiful woods. Living in Cambridge, Mass., they began finalizing their decision to find an ideal space, a natural environment, in which to continue their lives.

A newspaper ad described the Richmond woodland as “Nature’s loveliest paradise 1.5 hours from Boston” and after Fred Blaise showed it to them, they knew instantly that it was the land on which they would gradually build their home, construct beautiful and fruitful gardens, continue their journey through the world of music, and eventually become bread bakers. Mili states this about their settling the land: “We always found helping hands here while in the process of building. Every step on the way, when we knocked on doors for advice, we got it! Building, farming, town advice everywhere. We found it was easy to learn and grow into having a community here, a supporting group of friends and neighbors with whom to share.”

Mili’s roots are in Argentina and Mexico and Dan’s in New England. Mili came to the United States in 1980 to study at



Dan and Ike

Berklee School of Music in Massachusetts. As soon as she graduated, the school offered her a job where she has been ever since. Dan’s roots are in music too and he became an accomplished classical cello player and evolved into jazz while simultaneously teaching himself to play the

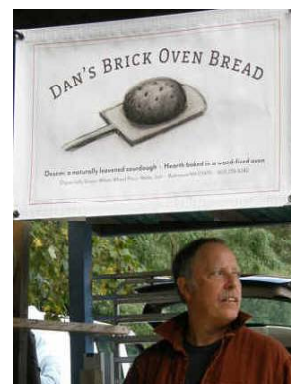


Mili and Dan
Photo by Evan Barlow

acoustic bass. Their music moved in and around the Boston area then nationally and internationally. Their latest album, “Love Songs of the Americas,” is an incredibly moving collection of songs and accompanying musical depth which I found should be a candidate for recognition and, hopefully, an award (available on-line www.lovesongsoftheamericas.com).

Mili and Dan now share a small bread baking venture titled

“Dan’s Brick Oven Bread,” making Desem, a naturally leavened sourdough. It is one of the best tasting, nutritious breads I have ever eaten with or without anything on it. It is slowly appearing in a number of local and area wide stores and homes. My granddaughter, Emma, loves it as do both my wife, Theresa, and I. If interested, contact Dan at breadman@mva.net.



Dan at Work

Overtime, this wonderful couple have become A+ gardeners who believe that gardening is part of a philosophy of being able to do as much for yourself and your neighbors as possible. Through gardening, they make and produce food for themselves which they share with others.

They are very grateful to long time Richmond resident Norma Thibodeau, for helping to provide gardening guidance when they realized that it should become an important part of their lives, which it has.



Mili in the Garden

In Mili and Dan, we see two people who are loving, hard working, and conscious of people and the world around them. Both credit their grandmothers who had a very deep influence on their character and persevering through difficult times to achieve one’s goal. Dan’s grandmother was a first generation immigrant who lived through great difficulties but never gave up. Mili’s grandmother was the same type of person who had a large family where survival was based on what you could do, especially with the soil to grow your own food. From their dedication and strength, Dan and Mili have persevered with the talents they possess so that they take nothing for granted and are very much motivated to share with and help others. Mili says that “I am so privileged and happy to have this home and this is what it is.” How proud our town is to have in its midst another wonderful, caring, giving, talented, and hard working couple who clearly understand the journey that life is.

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Notes from the Selectmen

Selectboard

Congratulations Norma. On November 16, 2011 Norma Thibodeau was awarded the Municipal Volunteer of the Year Award by the New Hampshire Local Government Center at their annual Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with the LGC conference. The nomination is based on volunteer municipal service by an individual. Eligible "municipal service" includes contribution of a person's time and skills to the community acting through an organized municipal government structure or group, including a municipal board, agency or commission, volunteer public safety service or quasi-official organization, such as a local historic preservation organization.

A group of Richmond supporters, including Norma's family, former Selectman David Kochman, and former award winner Bob Coy, joined the Selectmen in congratulating Norma for her award and acknowledging her accomplishments. David noted that one of Norma's greatest strengths during their term of office was being unfailingly courteous and treating everyone fairly and with respect.

The Selectmen applaud you Norma, as an excellent role model for all of us, and we thank you and all the dedicated volunteers who continue to serve the Town.

Fay Martin Bridge Replacement. The Board of Selectmen reviewed submissions from three engineering firms responding to our Request for Qualifications. This method, required by the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) for all municipal projects in which they are involved, allows the Town to select an engineering firm that is well qualified to do the work and then negotiate the cost. Our review of submissions yielded one firm whose particular qualifications are outstanding and the Selectmen met with them on November 7. Lisa Martin, PE, President and CEO of Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC and James Bouchard, Senior Project Manager, outlined the proposed process and timeline for replacing Fay Martin Bridge within town time constraints. A copy of the RFQ submission is available in the Selectmen's office for your perusal. The next step in the process is to obtain NHDOT's approval of our choice. Quantum has a long experience working on municipally



Norma (LR) with Rob (LL),
Katie (UR) and Joe (UL)

managed projects with NHDOT and we expect approval. If chosen, the firm will conduct a public information meeting when the draft engineering study is prepared to gather additional input from the public. The Selectmen hope to hold this meeting prior to Town Meeting.

Appointments and Parking. The Selectmen remind you that you are encouraged to make an appointment to meet with us, whenever you want to talk with us. The appointment process is necessary at this time because it helps alleviate crowding in the limited parking area, and reduces the time you might have to wait to see us. Our goal is to meet with you at the appointed time so you don't have to wait, and so others won't have to wait either. Please let staff know the purpose of your appointment so enough time can be allotted for it. They can also provide you with any forms you may need to prepare for the appointment.

Now that we have office space for observers, without having to sit on boxes or stand in corners, more people are coming in to observe. We thank you for your interest in your town government and welcome you whenever you want to join us. We do ask that if you come to observe and plan to stay awhile, please park your car farther away from the front door so others who have appointments or who are in to see the Tax Collector or Town Clerk can park closer to the building. Parking has always been an issue at the Town Hall, but we can manage it if we are aware of the needs of others. Thank you.

Winter Roads Maintenance. The Selectmen thank the five contractors who submitted bids for plowing Town roads this winter. All contractors were qualified bidders. After considering each bid, and the qualifications of each contractor, the Selectmen, with the advice and counsel of the Road Agent, decided to award the bid to Holman Contracting to plow both the east and west sides of town. Holman Contracting has served the town in all seasons, starting with winter plowing in 2009 and 2010 and since April 2011 in all aspects of town road maintenance.

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nance. The firm has demonstrated its reliability, both in staffing and equipment, and has made its equipment available to the Road Agent for his use. We have been pleased and gratified with the quality of work done this spring and summer by our Road Agent and Holman Contracting, as have our residents.

Public Hearings. Please watch for announcements of public hearings and public information meetings held by the Board of Selectmen in December and January on the budget and other matters. Dates have not been scheduled as of the printing deadline for this publication.

Town Clerk's Calendar

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, 2011, in observance of Christmas. Please keep in mind that Dec. 26 is the last Monday of the month. Thus, for those of you whose registrations expire in December, please plan ahead.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 239-6202.

The Town Election

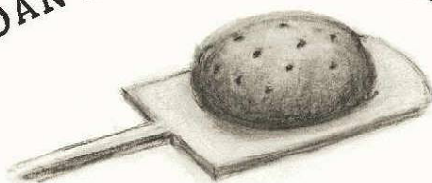
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The season for town meeting is approaching. The election will be held on March 13, 2012. For those of you thinking of running for a town office, the following positions will be on the ballot:

- One for Cemetery Trustee, 3-year term.
- One for Library Trustee, 3-year term.
- One for Moderator, 2-year term.
- Two for Planning Board, 3-year term.
- One for Planning Board, 1-year term.
- One for Selectman, 3-year term.
- One for Supervisors of the Checklist, 6-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 the above positions, the filing period to get on the ballot is from January 25, 2012 through February 3, 2012. My office will be open on February 3, 2012 from 3-5 p.m. for filing for candidacy business only. You must be a resident of the town and a registered voter to qualify to run for a town office.

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The Presidential Primary

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The New Hampshire Presidential Primary will be on January 10, 2012. Voting will take place at the Veterans Hall from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

If you are not yet registered to vote, applications are available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours until January 2, 2012. You can also register when the Supervisors of the Checklist meet on January 3, 2012 from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the CD Building. In addition, the State of New Hampshire allows voter registration on the day of the election. When registering to vote, it is helpful though not necessary if you bring your current, government-issued photo ID showing your current address and either your birth certificate or a current US passport. Without the photo ID and one of the last two documents, you will be asked to complete additional paperwork.

If you are currently registered to vote, your party affiliation is Republican, Democrat or Undeclared. If you're not certain of your party affiliation, you can come to or call the Town Clerk's office to obtain that information. On Election Day, you will receive a Democratic ballot if you are a Democrat or a Republican ballot if you are a Republican. If you are registered as "Undeclared," you will be able to announce which ballot you wish to receive when you check in to vote. It is no longer possible for you to change your party affiliation prior to the Presidential Primary.

Absentee ballots can be obtained through the Town Clerk's office. In order to receive an absentee ballot, the request must be in writing and signed by the voter. Request forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and at the NH Secretary of State's website www.sos.nh.gov. New Hampshire law requires you vote in person at the polling place on the day of the election unless you meet one of the following requirements:

- You will not be in town on the day of the election,
- You cannot appear in public on the day of the election due to religious reasons,
- You cannot appear in person on the day of the election due to a disability or
- You cannot appear in person on the day of the election due to obligations related to employment, either because you will be commuting to/from work or you will be at work during the polling hours.

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received no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2012. If returning the ballot in person, only the voter shall return the ballot to the Town Clerk's office, and the last day to personally return the ballot is January 9, 2012.

You are always welcome to visit or call at 239-6202.

HELP NEEDED

Richmond Rescue Squad

"Long term studies show that people who volunteer live longer, have lower rates of depression and even have less incidence of heart disease than those who don't. In fact, Americans over 50 gain greater benefits from performing community service than younger people, partly because volunteer work offers a significant buffer against the physical, social and psychological declines that can accompany age." Source: Grandparents.com

While today's "older" citizens are extremely valuable and have much to give by way of energy, knowledge and expertise, the rescue squad requires volunteers of all ages in order to thrive and continue to be a benefit to the town. We volunteer for any number of different reasons. Perhaps it's a need to help out in an emergency for our neighbors and friends. Maybe it's the desire to become part of a team which also brings social opportunities. It could be part of a long-standing family tradition.

In today's sluggish economy, non-profit organizations generally struggle to provide those valuable services. Which in turn means that volunteers become even more vital to the health of our local communities. A good motivator for volunteering is altruism, which benefits both to the volunteer and the community as a whole.

Richmond Rescue Squad has been in service for the town for more than 30 years. We assist at the yearly Fireman's Chicken Bar-B-Q. We are at Town Meeting with our offerings of baked goods and coffee. For the last several years, we have sponsored a family at Christmas through the Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention and last year held our first Winter Coat Drive. We cannot exist without dedicated volunteers. We meet at the Fire Station on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00. Please feel free to stop in, look around, ask questions and maybe grab a Christmas cookie (or two!) Thank you.

Cleaning Services Needed Selectboard

The Town of Richmond is seeking weekly professional cleaning services for Town Hall and other buildings as needed. Must be bonded. Please send letter of interest and references to Board of Selectmen, 105 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, NH 03470. December 12, 2011 deadline.

Library News Wendy O'Brien

Storytimes

There will be a brief story hour for younger elementary school aged children on Tuesday, December 6 at around 2 p.m.

Preschool story times known as "Wednesdays with Wendy" continue at 10:00 a.m. throughout December. Come enjoy themed stories, a craft, and a small snack.

Retirement Party for Kodah

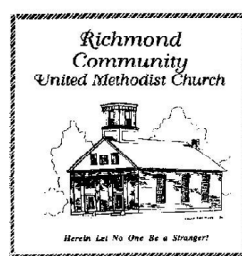
After 2 years of service, 13 year old Kodah is retiring as a therapy pet, and we have planned a party for him! Come join us on December 10 at 11:00 a.m. and wish Kodah the best! We will have doggie and people goodies on hand, and of course, children are welcome to read a story to him. Kodah's main therapy work was with the RPL but he has also worked at the Conant Library, the ACCESS program in Winchester, and visited nursing homes. We will miss you Kodah!

In January Kate Simmington will begin bringing Kallie, a certified pet therapy dog from Monadnock Therapy Pets. Kallie is 4 and Kate has had her since she was 8 weeks old. Kate is also training Keeta, a 3 year old rescue dog from the Monadnock Humane Society. We look forward to their visits and truly appreciate the efforts of Kate to help our children learn to read!

NH Downloadable Books Consortium

We are pleased to announce that the RPL will become a member of the NH Downloadable Books Consortium on December 1! This

Welcome to the Richmond Community Church



Pastor Arnold Johnson

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Thurs. 4:30-7; Sat. 10-2

Richmond Christmas Tree Decorating

Pam Goodell

The Richmond Community United Methodist Church would like to invite everyone to take part in a community Christmas tree decorating day on Saturday December 3, 2011 at 11 Fitzwilliam Road. The "Tree of Hope" outside the church will again be made pretty and visible for all to enjoy throughout the season. Everyone is encouraged to bring a decoration suitable for outdoors and to arrive a little before 5:00 PM to hang it on the tree. The lights will be turned on at 5:00 p.m. followed by carol singing, hot chocolate and cookies. We hope you will come and join in this event for some community fun and friendship at this special time of year.

Richmond Community UM Church

Pam Goodell

Christmas Eve service will be held at the church at 11 Fitzwilliam Road on Dec. 24th and will include special music, scripture and carols. The public is invited to attend and share in the happiness of the wonderful Christmas story.

Also people are reminded that the church offers Sunday School classes for pre-school and elementary school age children every Sunday at its 9:00 AM service. Children sit with their parents in the sanctuary until after the pastor presents a children's story, and then they proceed to classrooms for further activities. A faith based non-denominational Christian curriculum is used, and all children are welcome to attend.

Recognition

Neil Moriarty

Jason McCann made the president's list at River Valley Community College.

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Greetings from Concord

On Wednesday October 12, 2011, the house overrode Governor Lynch's veto on SB91 which is relative to automatic fire sprinklers. This bill would have required all new one and two family homes built in the state to have these systems installed. The house vote passed due to the fact that it would greatly increase the cost of new homes.

One of my main concerns was that homes built using wells for their water supply would be required to have a holding tank to retain enough water to supply the sprinkler system in case of a fire. Also due to the added costs of these systems new home construction prices would greatly increase thereby prohibiting a large number of people from building or purchasing a new home.

Since our state motto is "Life Free or Die" my feeling on this bill is that it infringes on people rights to decide what they want to do concerning their own homes. People who have the money and can afford such systems can have them installed if they wish. Smoke detectors are already required by state law and have saved many lives without the use of sprinkler systems.

Sincerely,

Representative Richard J. Dwinell

Representing District Cheshire #5

Things From the District

Neil Moriarty

MRSD Loses playoff Football Game to Trinity 43 - 7. Our Huskies end up 6W- 4L, but their season was better than the record. Head Coach Linwood Patnode, an MRSD grad, has done a fine job of turning the program around. I am not a high school football fan so can't tell you the new rushing leader's name; however, our own Skip Mason is now second in all-time rushing leader for Monadnock. Skip's rushing record lasted for decades—and back then they only played eight games per season.

Summer School. The high school has put in for \$10,000 for next year's summer school program—I asked our principal Butterfield to consider at least one course for advanced students.

This was one of our best meetings in my memory. Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013 On November 5, 2011 we held the joint meeting of School Board and Budget Committee to hear, and get responses to questions, on a potential Operating Budget FY 2012-2013. Our administrators did in fact develop a budget that matched the budget committee's idea of \$31,777,000. Superintendent Hodgdon said he would rather work with a number—even though he and his staff may not concur with the cuts. Moreover, we saw some leadership

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in the SAU 93 administration executing their prerogative and overruling the principals to get to the \$31,777,000. I definitely don't mean for the latter to imply a split within the administration—just pointing out something that we would be hard pressed to find in prior administrations. Maybe we are getting beyond management by committee within our SAU.

What will the Budget Be in FY2012-2013? You may see in the Sentinel that the above represents a 4% cut from FY2011-2012—don't jump to conclusions! The Operating Budget may not stay at \$31,777,000—we have at least two building maintenance warrants that will impact the budget request. Somewhere we need to get the total of all 5 years of the high school project up to the agreement we have with the state to spend \$5 million. That's is not all bad—we receive about 56% back from the state for the high school building projects—that refund money is already flowing back from the earlier years offsetting your tax bill. Additionally, we have three union contracts that could add to the total warrant and our cost per student.

Cost Per Pupil (CPP) You may have seen in the Sentinel that MRSD, at \$15,908 CPP ranks 33rd highest (of 163 districts reporting) in the state on cost per pupil. To get to the state average we need to get to \$12,214 in today's dollars. Even to get to the mean we would need to reduce to \$14,146.

Just 71 days to Deliberative session DATE NOW SET for February 11, 2012 for all taxpayers to turn out and stop things like \$918,000 that no one asked for being added to the budget.

If you have concerns, questions, or comments, please feel free to contact me 239-4031. Jim Carnie will be glad to address any district concerns you have 239 4948.

Twenty Years Ago RICHMOND RECOLLECTIONS

by Cris Dell

They say it will snow this winter, off and on—and rather gently—and that there isn't any reason to expect anything very

dramatic in the snow department. To that prophesy I can only say: "Thank you very much but I'll believe it when I see it."

There was this time back in 1948 when I was going to meet with the rest of my father's family at the old homestead in Richmond, on Whipple Hill, for a big Christmas get-together. My parents and brother were coming up from Washington, D.C and I was coming down from northern Vermont, where I was going to college, and we planned on joining forces for the holidays.

I would be the first to arrive in Richmond and was expected to get the house warmed up and ready for the occasion.

Well, the weather forecast was for "no snow" on Christmas Eve, so there was nothing to worry about on that count, and I got into my 1929 Model-A Ford and headed for Richmond, 97 miles away. The skies got dark around noon that day and were dark by 3 p.m., and the next thing you know I was in the midst of the most monstrous snowstorm I ever saw.

My car was a charming number, which operated well in the summertime but regarded winter with alarm, and when the temperature fell below a certain level it tended toward a policy bordering on total surrender. So by the time I got to Brattleboro it was balking and protesting and overheating and developing flat tires and a problem with the carburetor.

And all the while the snow (which was not supposed to be falling) was falling everywhere.

When we got to Whipple Hill the car refused to make the climb and I proceeded on foot over a surface covered with ice, falling down about 152 times and producing very little in the way of forward motion. The big climax came in the form of a fall off the road and into a ditch, and total immersion in the snow. It may seem foolish now but it didn't then. After much struggle I got back on the road, reached the house, prepared it for the holiday and wound up being the star of the show. But nobody believed the story about drowning in the ditch.

In any event, I hope the weatherman is right this winter and that the snowflakes are few and far between. I have no interest in reliving the Absurd Mountain Climb of 1948.

Holiday Open House

Terri Sillanpaa

The Amos J. Blake House Museum will open for a festive holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 10 between 11-4. At this time the FHS will also take part in the 7th Annual Currier & Ives Cookie Tour organized by East Hill Farm.

Once again, volunteers Rick Hoyt & Valerie Coates will reprise their roles as Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, ready to greet visitors in their Victorian inspired attire. "Scrooge" was such an enormous hit last year he agreed to grace us with his presence again this year! Visit with the mischievous elves in their curled up shoes. Partake of homemade refreshments while enjoying the lovely, adorned tree. Stroll through the bedecked rooms of our beautiful museum. Come and see what an old-fashioned Christmas can be.

The Cookie Tour costs \$10 each and offers you 15 different public locations to visit. A portion of the proceeds from the Cookie Tour will benefit the Helping Hand Center in Troy NH, which benefits those in need from Fitzwilliam and Troy. We encourage you to open your hearts to those in need during this

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The FHS Open House at the Blake Museum is free and open to the public.

The Amos J. Blake House Museum will close after the Open House until March 2012. Research hours will resume by mid March with regular Tuesday afternoon hours in 2012.

The Fitzwilliam Historical Society wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! fhs@myfairpoint.net

Emigration Questions for Obtaining Citizenship In the USA

Neil Moriarty

Questions for December 2011

1. What holiday was celebrated for the first time by American colonists?
2. Who was the main writer of the Declaration of Independence?
3. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted (they want MoDaYr)?
4. What is the basic belief of the Declaration of Independence?
5. What is the national anthem of the United States?
6. Who wrote the Star-Spangled Banner?
7. Where does freedom of speech come from?
8. What is the minimum voting age in the United States?
9. Who signs bills into law?
10. What is the highest court in the United States?

(see answers on page 11)

Welcome to Pastor Arnie Johnson

Pam Goodell

Arnie Johnson was appointed as pastor at Richmond UMC Church on July 1, 2011 after serving on the Munsonville UMC Ministry Team and as Lay Leader of the Peterborough United Methodist Church. He has recently completed extensive pastoral training at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri. Pastor Johnson also serves on the New England UMC Conference Committee on Congregational Development and the NH District Lay Speaking Committee and has preached at Richmond, West Rindge and Peterborough UMC, Good News Chapel, and Gilsum and Swanzeay UCC.

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He has an MBA in Management Information Systems from New Hampshire College, a BGS, cum laude, from UNH, and has also attended Kansas University and the College of Emporia in Kansas.

He has served as the Red Cross Emergency Services Director in Keene, Emergency Operations Planner for Southwest Regional Planning Commission in Keene, as a Business and Management Professor at Franklin Pierce University, and Business Department Chairman at Hawthorne College in Antrim, NH.

Pastor Johnson is a retired United States Air Force Major with overseas duty in Guam, Thailand, Vietnam, and Japan and is a highly decorated combat veteran and recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is active in the community and a member of the Keene Pops and a Red Cross volunteer and instructor.

Arnie Johnson was born in Gardner, Kansas and moved to North Swanzeay in 1984 with his two sons, Scott and Jon, and wife, Rev. Dr. Mary Johnson. The Johnsons previously lived in Hampton, NH, South Dakota, California, Texas, and Kansas. They have ministered together as a ministry team in many churches in the Monadnock region and often share both preaching, special services, and lively original music. We welcome Pastor Arnie Johnson to Richmond.

Tobacco Tax Update.

Russ Provost

It was just reported by The Nashua Telegraph that in the first 4 months of the new fiscal year the State of NH lost over 3.5 million dollars in tobacco tax revenue. This was due to the law passed in June by our state legislators reducing the tax on cigarettes by 10 cents per pack.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Norma Thibodeau

The Richmond Archives needs space! It has needed more room for a number of years. You probably have many questions as to why we bother to have it? Here are some of the answers to what you would like to know.

Archive Provenance: the archives were founded on the principle of preserving/conserving Richmond's history for anyone interested in the who, what, when and where things went on from the founding of Richmond in 1752 to this time. (Every day becomes history by tomorrow.)

In the early 1970's, forward looking people like librarian Edith Atkins, Alan Harvey, Harry and Jenny Bennett, Harold Dickinson and others, thought it important to save Richmond's history for future generations and wrote up recommendations. (See Town Report 1972, p.69-70)

In 1975 the Selectmen created the Bicentennial Commission which was delegated to handle two events, the 200th anniversary of our country and Richmond's 225th anniversary in 1977; after 1977 the commission was defunct. It had served its purpose.

The Bicentennial Commission had seven members who were very dedicated to their purpose. They decided to have a series of very meaningful, long lasting projects as well as current "celebratory" events. There were nine projects. One of the biggest of these was the formation of the Richmond Archives with its mission of preservation, conservation of all that pertained to Richmond for present and future generations.

Where to put it? At the time, (1975) there existed, attached to the library on the west side, a poured concrete basement which had a wood deck on it. This had been erected through the efforts of librarian Edith Atkins. The library (historic school house number 6), desperately needed space. The "upstairs" library addition was built by using a cottage that was donated to the Town but located at town beach. The cottage was in need of being removed. It was dismantled and used as the beginning of the upper structure of the "new addition" on top of the foundation. Ultimately, this upper addition was dedicated to librarian Edith Atkins at her retirement in 1979. Edith had 35 years of service as librarian.

Thus in 1975 the commission began the process of finishing off the basement of the addition which became the Richmond Archives. The process was paid for by the industrious endeavors such as the sale of commemorative plates, a Bicentennial

Federal Grant of \$1,000, and various donations (no cost to the town). It was opened and dedicated in 1977 at a town wide celebration of the 225th anniversary of the town. Making this event noteworthy was the return to the town of Richmond's 18th century weights and measures, a treasure indeed! They are in the Archives, it is hoped quite safe.

As the Commissions term drew to a close a decision had to be made, who would the custodians of the Archives be? This was a responsibility of long duration to be entrusted to dedicated individuals interested in history and education. The Richmond Public Library Trustees became the guardians of the Richmond Archives through a vote of Town Meeting 1977, article 34 and an archivist/librarian was chosen, (non paid position.) Priscilla Longdon was the first archivist (1977-1979), Norma Thibodeau became the second in 1979 and is still working.

Over the past decades much has occurred. The Town has yearly funded the archives with funding through the library, amounts varying yearly between \$600 to \$1,000. Donations have greatly helped. (Example: donation fund helped with a computer and scanner, acid free albums for photographs and other collections.) All the collections have grown in the past almost forty year period.

What are we to do?

Current scenario: RSA 41:58-68 define public records of a legal nature (example, books, documents, etc.) and gives the Town Clerk jurisdiction over much area. These are the legal records of the town. But there is much more than the dry, legal documents of the town to consider in its history. Documented events, people, photographs, writings, organizations, buildings . . . a myriad of things which make up a history of PLACE. The who, what, where occurrences of everyday life occur in documentation other than what the Town Clerk is responsible for. Legal authority asks us how we are planning for the future. Have we filled out our yearly CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REQUEST form? A five year plan updated yearly in case there are any changes is really a wish list. The needs of the archives have been listed and turned in for several years. Another route has been to seek library/archives expansion. A plan was presented in 2010 Town meeting and was turned down (too much money.) Another plan for library/archive expansion, different from the above plan was made to the Trustees in 2011, but a soil scientist survey proved that wetlands on the west and north sides of the library would make expansion of the archives and library not feasible.



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Where do we go from here to solve the problem?

The Town of Richmond owns a lot of property (acquired over many years.) In recent years some has been sold. Suggestions have been made that more be sold to lower taxes. (Why keep the land anyway?) Well eventually, in years to come there may possibly be a new town building complex on a piece of Town owned property. In 2009, the selectmen made a boundary line adjustment of a good size with an abutter which could accommodate this. Economy conditions make it unlikely for a Town Complex to be paid for by the town in the near future. Cut to the chase!

Could or would the voters of Richmond put aside a piece of this town owned property dedicated to an archives building if that facility could be built by funds other than property tax dollars? Here is an opportunity to solve a need. There has been set up a Richmond Archives new building fund (2011) containing a generous donation by a patron of the Archives who was happy with the information retrieved and realized the dire need of space. Over the years donations have come from many patrons of the archives, grateful the information. In many instances town allotments did not fit the requirement for donations to be used (example; computer, scanner, acid free albums for special collections.)

Over the years we are grateful for town support and especially to the many patrons and donors who are so happy to see what we accomplished and what Richmond was like.

The Richmond Archives will be closed Dec. 15, 2011 through Mar. 1, 2012 due to winter inaccessibility, lack of working space and temperature conditions. Mar. 1, 2012 call 603-239-4598.

Richmond Agriculture Commission **Sandy Holbrook**

RAC Survey: In order to communicate with and serve the people in Richmond, we have opened up a Facebook account and invite you to visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/RichmondAgriculturalCommittee/247310221983317>

Our survey referenced in the October Rooster is available on our Facebook page, and we ask that you complete it and submit same to us. We cannot work for YOU if we do not know what you see as a need in Richmond. Your input will provide us direction and resources. Thank you.

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Calling all photographers! Everyone enjoys good pictures, and there are hundreds of interesting pictures either already taken or to be taken in Richmond. You are invited to submit your Richmond photos relating to agriculture. These pictures can be landscapes, animals, wildlife, open space, gardens, etc. Send your photos to Wes Vaughan at vcomtrek@comtrekinc.net and Wes will add them to our Facebook. We ask that your photos be clear, at least 4 megapixels or higher, and preferably in jpeg format. Please provide your name, location of the picture and your contact information. If we get the response we anticipate, we will host a "Day at the Gallery" sometime in the spring. Maybe your photos will be selected to be displayed in our town offices. For more information, please contact Sandy Holbrook (239-4628) or Wes Vaughan (239-7426). Photos will be accepted between now and February 15, 2012.

Logo contest: RAC (Richmond Agriculture Commission) needs a logo. Can you help? Please submit your logo creations to Theresa Majoy at ptmjoy@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is 1/1/2012.

Living History with Ernest Perry Part II **Hank Hallas**

Bob and Jan Weekes stopped by our farm this summer inquiring about Perrys and Buffums. I knew we were in for a tale of some sort since most folks who stop at our farm usually ask "Which way is it to Richmond or Swanze Lake?". In both cases the car is usually headed the wrong way. I've been tempted to use the old Maine line "you can't get there from here". The mention of Perry and Buffum meant history was likely involved!

Bob and Jan joined my wife Louise and I on our front porch and Bob explained his mission of working on an article regarding Ernest Perry and a rifle. I immediately told Bob that I was aware of that story as I was there.

Turns out I was wrong. Bob had a great story on a rifle belonging to Oliver Perry while my story was a more modern version of another rifle, but with some interesting connections. This then is the "other" rifle story.

Several summers back Lew Kibler asked me if I cared to join him and Ernest Perry on a hunt for the original Oliver Perry cellar hole over near the Troy/Richmond line in the north east corner of town. I was game so the three of us drove first to Troy and then followed a few back roads which became less like roads and more like deer trails. We parked the car and began to hoof

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it heading southwest towards downtown Richmond.

On the way over Ernest had filled me in on the famous Perry border dispute and Oliver's role in settling the matter by displaying more firepower. I hadn't heard that story and indeed found it fascinating as I always wondered why Richmond's borders appeared to be so dismembered and never seemed to have those classic square New England boundary lines. Who knew? I also learned that the site we were looking for was more recently called the Cyrus Merrifield Place. I had been acquainted with that from Bassett's "History of Richmond". I hadn't known that Oliver predated Merrifield.

Thanks to Ernest's recall and Lewis's map knowledge we found the location. My recall is that it looked very much like other Richmond cellar hole locations I had stumbled on over the years. One stunning find was part of the front yard had been recently used for target practice. The trunk of an old apple tree was completely riddled - so much so the trunk was barely standing. The shell casings in a nearby pile reminded me of my Boot Camp days at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Someone or some body of men had been doing some serious firing at this location. I found myself looking over my shoulder for the rest of the day.

As I recall, this was the first time Ernest had ever visited his great, great, great, etc., Grandfather's farm site and he was quite excited about it. We discovered the cellar hole and a curious fieldstone ramp nearby which we surmised likely lead up to a barn with a lower area for the cows to gather. Lewis and I have since noticed other such ramps in the area. What made it curious was the lack of a barn long since returned to soil as so many in Richmond seem to do.

The three of us returned to a conversation about the boundary dispute and Oliver's role. Someone suggested that perhaps we might be able to validate the story if we could find stone wall evidence to support the theory. Seemed like a great idea so we moved out to check the stone walls that delineated the property. The first wall to the west was easy since it followed the deer trail we had walked in on. Clearly the width and location backed up the presence of a town road "back in the day". The other interior stonewalls got progressively more complex and puzzling. As most Richmond residents know, the use of stone walls that served their original purposes no longer do so in our modern society, i.e. cattle keep, pasture lot, wood lot, farming

lot and such. We slowly attempted to untangle the various stone wall puzzle pieces with moderate success.

Each of us began to explore pieces of the interior stone walls radiating from the original cellar hole. I was walking on top of a short wall about 100 yards from the original site. It really was a needle in the

haystack effort since none of us knew what piece of the stone wall would nail down the border dispute story. As I moved along I spotted another wall line at right angle to the one I was walking along. I mused whether this intersection meant anything other than an intersection. And then I spotted a pin twenty yards down the adjoining wall. Finding a pin is a big deal in any boundary walk and I got very excited. I wasn't sure what it meant but a pin is a pin and it surely meant something big had been discovered. I shouted to my teammates that I had found a pin and they came rushing from their parcels.

Before they got to me I reached the pin which was on the south side of the wall and it extended about 2 feet above the shallow side wall. Oddly it was not at a corner or opening and stood up on the side not the middle of the wall. I examined it and saw that the pin was hollow suggesting it was a pipe and not a solid pin, another oddity. I grabbed it and tested how firmly it was in the ground. It slowly gave way and I was able to lift it upward. It was clear that it wasn't solid in the ground. Instead, part of it was buried in the dead leaves and old rotted soil it stood in. And as I lifted it out part of it appeared like deadwood and began to fall apart, and part of it revealed a trigger guard. It wasn't a pin; it wasn't a pipe; it was an old rifle! By then the former stock fell to the ground in pure rot

condition much to my dismay. I felt like I had violated the essence of the rifle by my tugging at it. By then Lewis and Ernest arrived and shared my amazement. Here on Oliver Perry's old homestead, I had retrieved an old rifle. Wow!

Ernest, who is clearly more knowledgeable with such firearms than I, began to examine the metal section I had lifted. He said "my, my its an old shotgun". I asked him what he thought about it being in the wall. He said "Well I know in Vermont it was customary for folks to use their old revolution-

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ary rifles as boundary markers!” That comment lit my fire. I mused whether we had suddenly solved the location of an old Oliver Perry rifle used in the border dispute. Then he said “Well wait a minute. This is made of steel which means it likely dates to the 1920s or 1930s and judging from the maker it was a very expensive shotgun in its day”. My heart sank as I quickly realized this object had no bearing on the old border incident. And since it was located midway along the exterior of an interior stone wall it wasn’t a boundary marker at all. Everything quickly suggested someone had merely left the rifle up against the stone wall. Ernest examined it further and found that that the shotgun barrel was in a broken/open position while resting against that wall since the 1920s or 1930s or 1940s. And that it still had a shotgun shell in the barrel. In other words, it was left loaded!

So as quickly as the euphoria of the border incident solution exploded it was replaced with a new curiosity. Who and why had someone left a perfectly good and loaded weapon leaning up against a stonewall somewhere within the interior of the Merrifield Place? Now that was a real hefty question we hadn’t expected to encounter that summer day.

That question dominated our thoughts for the rest of the exploration. Each of us would suggest an answer and the others would shoot holes in it. I must admit I felt a real thrill to have such a neat mystery and the freedom to solve it myself.....at least theoretically. I saw the making of a great short story which could find its way into Yankee Magazine.

And so I share the question with you the readers.What happened that day in 1930/1940 when the hunter cracked his rifle and leaned it up against the stone wall? What happened to draw him away from such a prized possession that he never returned to recover it? Your guess is as good as mine, perhaps better. Clearly there must have been an enormous distraction, a major event, a major accident or some such to cause the owner to abandon his weapon. Men just don’t leave their rifles in the woods, not in New Hampshire!

Ernest came up with a good and very dramatic theory which I believe may have great merit. He indicated that some time in the 1940s, perhaps as late as 1946, a fighter plane had crashed nearby in north Richmond. Perhaps the owner was nearby when the fighter plane went down. He heard the explosion, cracked his gun, leaned it up against the wall and ran towards the sound of the crash in hopes of helping save any survivors. Such a dramatic and catastrophic event would cause the owner to bolt away without really marking or remembering exactly

where he was. Hence he was unable to retrace his steps to find his prized possession.

The best I could come up with that day is that the owner had a heart attack and stumbled away towards his hunting partners. He failed to mark his spot or perhaps he succumbed and the rifle is left behind forever.

And so the mystery remains. Whatever happened to that owner of the rifle located on the grounds of the Oliver Perry site?

QUOTABLE QUOTE

Terri O’Rorke

“Your silence will not protect you.”

Audre Lorde 1934-1992

Poet, teacher, activist

Answers From P age 7

1. Thanksgiving (*I should have jumped ahead and put this in November*)
2. Thomas Jefferson
3. July 4 1776
4. That All Men are Created Equal
5. The Star Spangled Banner
6. Francis Scott Key
7. Bill of Rights —The First Amendment to the Constitution
8. 18 (*if you got this one wrong you dated yourself*)
9. The President
10. The Supreme court

Sleeping On A Wire

Yehuda Amichai

(submitted by Sandra Gillis)

In the place where we are right

Flowers will never bloom

In the spring.

The place where we are right

Is trodden and hard

Like a courtyard.

But like a mole, like a plow,

Doubts and loves make

The world crumble.

And a whisper will be heard

Where once there was a house

That was destroyed



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SIMPLE ABUNDANCE

Judith M. Graves

Simple abundance is available at your fingertips as you walk the roadways and woodlands around this rural town. All of nature is like a still life of subdued and subtle tones of autumn still, where every bed gets a quilt as fall settles around cooler evenings. Then we turn the clocks ahead and life as we have been living it changes drastically. It is dark earlier, and our outdoor living moves inside. The mornings are lighter for the children on the buses, and for me with the dogs in the mornings. Oh I dislike having to put the dogs out in the dark!!!

We change as well with thoughts of comfort foods, getting the wood piled up higher. The grill isn't such a focus for gatherings, we bring in the garden items, cover the herbs with straw, and begin to pull ourselves into the new season of winter.

The October 29th snow storm was a shocker and with the ground still warm, leaves not yet raked up and geraniums still in bloom. It was a quick reality of what is ahead. We got 24" of heavy white snow and hours of power outage as our wake up call.

I saw my first woolly-bear caterpillar only yesterday and got the prediction for the winter ahead. It is A LOT OF SNOW!!!! My daddy showed me how to predict the winter ahead by watching the way its stripes were arranged. I have found that the woolly-bear has been correct more times than the Farmer's Almanac.

The upcoming holidays offer us many endless decorating possibilities, and I am hoping to offer you some ideas to jump off with and do for your own home. Colors are less vivid than in the summer months, but considering items like crab apples, rosehips, feathery wild grasses, sumac, cones, and the berry on the twigs as your decorating tools you are all set. Even the moss that you can gather off the rocks as a base is a great decorating plus.

These all become simple arrangements that require no water. Allow them to dry in place as you set it all up on a large platter to sit on the coffee table, or lay a piece of plastic on the table and decorate on the top to protect the table's surface. Have fun, invite all ages to help gather the materials, and set these up as a nature display that everyone can enjoy for the season. All shapes of cones and twigs to add for snowman arms in marshmallows allowed to air dry in place will add sparkle to the collage. The ease of clean up as you just remove the platter or

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Each room can open new opportunities to think beyond the tree and mantel as we embellish mirrors, windows, hallways, front porch and rails. Mix old with the new as we enjoy tarnish with the glitter. Use what is already out to just tie a bow around, or set a puddle of lights close by. Decorating shouldn't be work, it needs to just revolve around the joy of the season as Christmas carols play and the scent of pumpkin pie is in the air.

Welcome the season from the chubby snowmen, the whistling kettle, soup on the stove, and wet mittens. Then as the season moves into Christmas we welcome stuffing stockings, wrapping pretty packages, hanging wreaths and baking cookies to share.

Something exciting and energizing introduces the season as we move inside. Fresh cranberries layered in a white stoneware dish and a candle set in the middle gives a wow of holiday color and charm. Room by room we can set the palette of color like an artist with a brush. I like to mix colors by choosing 2-3 colors per room so as you move around from room to room it is like going into a fresh landscape. For example: snowy whites, creams and icy blue for one room, rich purples, gold's, and cream for another, silver, soft green and red in another. Remember that you don't have to put out many items to make it festive. A few pieces of balsam tied with a ribbon on the windowsills and one large favorite item like a sleigh filled with cards is enough in one room.

This year the theme of our tree will be white lights, white ornaments such as sand-dollars, dried blue hydrangea tucked in the boughs, our collection of toy ornaments gathered over the years, and glass icicles. The tree topper is still undecided but perhaps a bunch of the blue hydrangea with long white satin ribbon from a white bow will be the chosen one. We have a pretty star that might make it as well. Lights are abundant as over 600 at least will be on our 10' real tree.

Fill a clear glass jar with balls of the color you chose for a room, to sit on a table. Set cones and balls in a large wood bowl or basket and run a string of white lights inside around them to sit on a sideboard. Puddle a string of lights at the base of a favorite compote filled with a real rosemary plant, and of course lots of real poinsettia's everywhere. I like the white ones the best as they seem fine still in March. The red seem like they should go as they feel more like only for the holiday to me. No reason as they all are so pretty as well. The KEY for decorating is



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How Presidents are Made

Frank Behrens

It is said that when the creators of the musical "1776" announced their plans, they were asked how they could keep up suspense if the outcome was known ahead of time. Well, it did work, because the story behind the known conclusion provided all the excitement one could desire.

The same applies to the television versions of "The Making of the President" based on the books of Theodore H. White. Athena Learning has captured three of those telecasts in a 3-DVD boxed set titled "The Making of the President: The 1960s," and what an experience they provide.

The first and third, covering the 1960 and 1968 elections, each fall into three distinct parts: the race for the nomination of one party, then of the other, and finally the battle for the presidency—or, as White neatly puts it, for the power of the presidency.

The 1964 campaign had a candidate already in the high office, and so one of the three sections was not needed.

As with the musical, knowing the outcome does in no way diminish the suspense. For example, watching Humphrey and Nixon in 1968 keep track of their relative standings in the popular vote and in the electoral votes makes it perfectly clear that it could have gone either way (especially after President Johnson made a last-minute announcement that bombing in Viet Nam would be halted). And what if Wallace's running had not made a clear majority possible for the other two?

White puts special emphasis on the closed-room decisions that control the nomination mechanism in a way that would not ever be called "democratic." The point is seldom to have the best candidate but to have the more popular one. Not quite the same thing, as a rule.

One should listen very closely to the speeches made by both

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parties. Like poetry, they do not MEAN but simply ARE! And one should watch the people in the funny hats cheer them as if they meant something.

Two interesting bonus features are "A Thousand Days: A Tribute to John F. Kennedy" and "Seven Days in the Life of the President" (Johnson, in this case).

Each "Making of" has a running time of just under 80 minutes. The first two are in black and white. This is a set to grab and watch many times!

Selectboard Minutes

09/26/11 7:00pm

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sandra Gillis, Lori Scanlan
Signed checks and read mail.

Mark Beal, road agent, addressed the Board and discussed various road issues. He has plans for what needs to be done on various roads. The Board discussed allowing Mark remove trees and branches as needed and Sandra read the RSA regarding the removal of trees. Mark will decide what roads need tree removal and come back to the Board or the Planning board. Mark would like to rent/lease a sander to use on the highway truck. He would use it to plow the Town buildings instead of putting them out to bid. He would also like to rent/lease a York rake. The Board discussed the rental/lease of the rake and sander. Mark will contact E.W. Sleeper and see if he can rent the sander for \$300.00 a month and to see how much renting the York rake will be.

Dan Connell addressed the Board and asked Lori and Sandra why they were concerned about taxpayers of the town using the outside outlet and Wi-Fi at the library. Lori explained that it may not just be residents of Richmond. Sandra explained that it is up to the library to deal with the usage of the outlet and Wi-Fi. Former Chief Wood stated at that meeting that it was a theft of services. Dan asked if there was a way to monitor who used it would the Board be okay with it? The Board discussed this and decided it is up to the library to decide how to enforce the usage.

Fire Chief Mike Pearsall addressed the Board and asked about the purchasing policy and what the limit is. The fire department would like to reseal and stripe the asphalt at the fire station. He has tried to get bids and only has Stripe-it interested in it. He will get back to the Board.

Doug Bersaw addressed the Board and gave them a request for sealed and non-sealed non-public minutes.

John Noonan, from SVE Associates, addressed the Board regarding construction that Camp Takodah would like to construct at the camp. They would like to build cabins on cement piers. He understands that they need to go to the Planning board for a site plan review. He would like to submit a building permit next week for the cabins so the Board of Selectmen can deny it because they are being built on cement piers and then an appeal for a variance can be filed with the ZBA. This would potentially save a month in time so construction can start if the variance is issued. There is discussion regarding the process. JC would like them to go to the Planning board for site plan review before the Selectmen make a decision on the building permit. Mr. Noonan will contact the land use assistant and try to address the Planning board tomorrow evening.

Intents to cut for M403-L007 and M407-L046 were approved.

Mr. James Carnie addressed the Board and discussed RSA 91-A. He feels that the minutes are not reflecting accurately what happens at the meetings. Mr. Carnie would like to know what Kim Mattson addressed the Board about on August 22, 2011. She stated in public session and then the Board went into non-public and Mr. Carnie would like to know what it was about. Sandra asked him to give a right- to- know request regarding the minutes. Mr. Carnie would like the answer as to why the Board went into non-public with Kim Mattson in writing.

Mr. Carnie also would like to know who decided that a copy of requested information is 25 cents a page. The Board does not know and Jim states that the Town can only charge what the actual cost is to produce the document.

Mr. Carnie would like to see the roll call vote under non-public reflected in the public minutes. He also states that the sealing of minutes needs to have a roll call vote. Sandra will look into Mr. Carnie's requests and get back to him.

Brad Grinstead addressed the Board and asked what the policy is before something is put out for bid. Brad had requested copies of invoices to John Holman Contracting and a lot of them were for \$7000.00-\$8000.00. Brad also would like to know who covers the insurance when the road agent operates the rented equipment. Sandra explained that the company that the Town is renting from covers the insurance.

The August 22, 2011 minutes stated "Kim Mattson addressed the Board and Lori made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (c))

Sandra seconded it. Motion carried. Entered at 7:35pm. Reconvened at 7:55pm. Sandra made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. Lori seconded it. Motion carried." The minutes should have reflected what the Board went into the non-public session for. JC made a motion to amend the August 22, 2011 minutes to reflect that Kim Mattson addressed the Board with concerns about her role as land use assistant and her job description and her level of participation in the discussion at

planning board meetings and then the Board went into non-public session. Lori seconded it. Motion carried. JC called Mr. Carnie and read him the motion.

The Board has received the 2012 County tax bill. The amount is \$333,904.00, an 11% increase from last year.

The Board discussed the fuel policy last week and continued discussing it tonight. Lori would like the policy to reflect who is going to pay for the fuel on rental equipment. There is a discussion about whether the equipment comes with fuel or not and who uses the fuel at the highway garage. Lori would like to take some time on this policy and the Board will discuss it again next week.

Sandra updated Lori about the Irene Baker property and that the granddaughter is getting back to the Board regarding a payment plan.

The Board has received an order from the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals regarding docket No.: 25490-11OS, (Bruce Currier). The BTLA, per RSA 71-B:16 II, has opened an investigation into the treatment of all parcels enrolled into current use in the Town. There are various documents requested from the Town and the DRA regarding current use parcels. The Town has ten days to gather the documents and to respond to the BTLA. Roberta spoke with Cyndy Brown, Review Appraiser and has asked for more time due to the renovation in the Selectmen's office. Ms. Brown has approved more time and will be meeting with Roberta next week.

Sandra made a motion that the Board of Selectmen nominate Lori Scanlan as Health Officer for the Town of Richmond. JC seconded it. Motion carried.

The Board discussed that the department budgets are due October 17 and the Board will work on a CIP next week.

The Board discussed receiving an estimate for stabilizing the north wall, repair/replace the sill and the floor joist and evaluate the structural members of the roof. Lori and JC will check with different companies.

Sandra has compose a letter to Jeff Earls, owner of Cross Country, informing his company that their services are no longer needed as of November 1, 2011. The Board signed the letter and Sandra will verify with Avitar that they can start as of November 1st before she sends out the letter. The Board discussed and signed the revaluation contracts and general assessing and software with Avitar. The Town will require a bond from Avitar for the revaluation. Lori had a question about the contract and what happens after April 1st, how much it is going to cost. Sandra will get that information.

Sandra made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (e))Lori seconded it. Roll call vote Sandra-Aye-Lori-Aye- JC-Aye Motion carried. Entered at 10:15 pm. Reconvened at 11:00pm. Sandra made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. Lori seconded it. Roll call vote- Sandra-Aye Lori-Aye- JC-Aye. Motion carried.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 11:10pm

10/17/11 7:30pm

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sandra Gillis, Lori Scanlan
Signed checks and read mail.

Mr. Gene Wojciechowski addressed the Board and asked them if he needed a building permit to install solar panels at his home. After a brief discussion the board decided that he does not need a building permit for the solar panels on the roof of his house. He also asked if there was a limit to the height of structures in town. Article 309 in the zoning ordinance states that the building height may not exceed two and a half stories or 35 ft. The Board will do research and get back to him about the height of a turbine.

Norma Thibodeau addressed the Board regarding a proposed archives building. The Board informed her that she needs to work with the library trustees to work out details regarding how the building will be built and financed.

Terri O'Rourke and Jean Tandy addressed the Board and discussed the possibility of video taping the Board meetings. Terri suggested that the town invest in a video camcorder to video tape the meetings. Terri asked about the electrical outlet issue at the library and if it has been resolved and Sandra informed her that the library trustees made the decision to lock the outside outlet.

Lori would like the town to provide cell phones to the employees, not reimburse employees for their personal cell phone bills. Roberta will look into cell phone plans.

The Board raised the question about on call hours and whether or not the town will pay for on call hours. The Board will discuss this with Police Chief Bosquet next week.

Roberta gave the Board an update on miscellaneous issues in the office. She has called various fuel companies to get winter fuel estimates. The Town cannot open a separate checking account and receive a debit card to use for the Police department's Ring Central phone plan. Roberta will look into buying a pre-paid Visa card to use. Roberta is also working on the MS-1 and is waiting for values for the PSNH properties. Cyndy Brown, from the Board of Tax and Land Appeals, will be meeting with Roberta on Wednesday morning to conduct the current use audit.

The Board discussed the Capital Improvement Plan for the Executive office. There are many projects that the Board would like to plan for in the next five years.

Lori discussed with the Board the idea of hiring a website designer to create a new website and have him host it and update it. Lori will get costs and the Board will discuss it next week.

The Board will start budget discussion next week.

Sandra made a motion to go into non-public per 91-A:3 II (e) to discuss the PSNH situation. Lori seconded it. Roll call vote- JC- Aye, Lori- Aye, Sandra- Aye. Entered at 8:55pm. Reconvened at 9:25pm. Minutes were not sealed.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 9:45pm

11/07/11 6:45pm

Attending: JC Boudreau, Sandra Gillis, Lori Scanlan
Signed checks and read mail.

The Board started the meeting with a presentation to Norma Thibodeau. She was nominated by the Board as Municipal Volunteer of the Year through the Local Government Center and she won the award from the LGC. Many friends and family attended the meeting this evening in support of Norma. There is a luncheon at the Local Government Center next Wednesday, November 16, 2011 for all of the LGC volunteers of the year and Norma and seven friends will attend.

Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC addressed the Board and gave a presentation regarding replacing the Fay Martin Road bridge. They gave a picture presentation of the existing bridge and different types of new bridges that they recommend. They also advised the Board how to move forward with replacing the bridge.

Planning Board and Zoning Board chairmen met with the Board to discuss the Planning/Zoning budget. The budget will have separate numbers to track planning and zoning expenses but still be under one budget. After discussing reviewer fees, the Board added \$300.00 to the budget amount from last year. The budget request is \$9763.00.

Dick Drew discussed the Capital Improvement Plan with the Board and informed them that the Planning Board does not want to be involved with the CIP anymore. It is very frustrating to the Planning Board because they don't think it is followed by anyone. Dick would like a committee formed to handle the CIP. There is discussion about the CIP and how important it is.

The Board read the zoning/compliance officer report regarding the Coyle lot, Map 412-014. Matt Drew went to the site and nothing has been done yet to bring it into compliance. It will be referred to the Town's attorney.

The Board discussed the fuel policy and did a final revision.

Annette Tokunaga, Town clerk, addressed the Board and informed them that there are issues with not having a lobby for the customers to sit in. The Board discussed putting chairs or a bench at the end of the hall. Annette will also be installing a microphone at her window so she can hear through her window.

The Board is advertising in The Rooster for a new cleaning service.

There will be a meeting at the Town hall on Friday November 18 at 3pm with the representatives regarding the PSNH case.

Boudreau made a motion to appoint Lori Scanlan as alternate ex-officio to the Planning Board until March 31, 2012. Gillis seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the General Government budget.

Gillis has written an article for the Rooster regarding the legal expenses for the Town and how they are incurred. The Board discussed the article and Boudreau and Scanlan are not in favor of publishing the article.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Town Business Hours

Board of Selectmen: J.C. Boudreau, Sandra Gillis,
Lori Scanlan

- Mon. 7:00 —? p.m.

Selectmen's Assistant: Roberta Frasier

Town Secretary: Beverly Hart

- Mon. 10 a.m. - Noon, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Wed. 8 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Thurs. 8 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4 p.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 - 5 p.m.
- Thurs. 9 a.m. - Noon

Tax Collector: Steve Boscarino

- Mon. 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Wed. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Planning Board: Richard Drew, 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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