



MARCH 2012

TOLERANCE

Jonathan Bloom

Bob Weekes's article in last month's *Rooster*, "Love Thy Neighbor," brought smiles to my face and encouraged me to take my own look back, for in mid-March of this year it will be 25 years since we first saw our house on Route 32. Sheila and I moved in three months later on the first of July and our daughter Felicity was born a year after that. Our son Oliver would follow a year and a half after Felicity, and we have lived in this old house longer than either of us has lived anywhere else. We moved here with the hope that we could support ourselves writing and editing books on Islamic art. Everyone imagined we'd be back in the city within a year, but it's worked out far better than we ever imagined—we've written and edited more than a dozen books and now even have teaching jobs. We're deeply grateful to the wonderful environment that has made it all possible in this corner of New England.

When we moved in we thought everybody in Richmond must be older than we were. We knew Dot Robbins, the town clerk and our neighbor to the north, whose voice welcomed us through the raspberry bushes that separated our backyards by saying "Them ain't YOUR raspberries!" But when the harvest came in a few weeks later, there were so many raspberries that we could pick enough for all of us, especially as Dot was not so steady on her legs. On the other side lived the Gormans, from whom we had bought the house and who seemed peculiarly reluctant to let us fully occupy what we had just purchased. Robert had a shop for making fly-fishing rods that he didn't want to remove from our third floor, as well as some very large hunks of stone in our "barn" that he had planned to sculpt but never got around to carving. Once Dot realized we were harmless (and could even be helpful), she introduced us to other townspeople of her advanced age. On Dot's instruction, we went to pay our poll tax; the tax collector told us about the Richmond town beach, which we hadn't even known existed when we bought our house. We used to go swimming every afternoon around 5.30 or 6 and had the town beach pretty much to ourselves unless Peg and Stan Bartram came. They had retired to Richmond many years back to enjoy the contradancing in Fitzwilliam, and Peg was inquisitive about us—and everything else.

It was only after Felicity was born that we began to meet people our own age and even younger. As soon as Felicity was old enough to leave with a babysitter for a few hours, we got to

know all the teenage girls—and some boys—in town. So that we could get some work done, the kids eventually went out every morning for daycare and socialization, and we got to know the parents of other kids who went to daycare as well. The kids wanted to go to the beach earlier in the day and we discovered that there were other families in town. We slowly got involved in town activities, from the Cemetery Committee to the Fire Department and the Library. Once the kids started going to school, our lives were regulated by Jackie the Bus-driver, who would kindly honk if we weren't sitting out on our front porch waiting for her arrival at 7:52.

In retrospect it seems like a Norman Rockwell sort of life, with kindly storekeepers and neighbors who would help start the sump pump in the middle of a flood. We didn't always agree with everyone, especially on politics, but we all believed that the good of the town and the schools was most important. We see now that the town is changing and not for the better. When Dot accosted us about the raspberries, we talked it over and solved our problems. We didn't build a fence, and we didn't sue her. (As it happened, the raspberries turned out to be on OUR land!) We worked things out with the Gormans and others we met in much the same way...as neighbors who ultimately became new friends.

Having served on many committees, we know how much work volunteering takes from busy lives. We think that it is outrageous that our fellow volunteers, who are so generous with their time and knowledge, were sued for their efforts. We'd like

to see more tolerance and understanding in our town. We'd like to see the proposed budgets and plans for our school system and town services supported rather than decimated in an attempt to cut costs at any price. As educators, we know the benefits a good education can bring to our children. We'd like to see our town's elected officials and volunteers supported and thanked rather than constantly attacked. We'd like to see people actively trying to unify Richmond.

"Loving Thy Neighbor" strikes us as a pretty good place to start. Especially when so many of us already feel that way!

Your Voice is Your Vote

**Vote: Tuesday, March 13
at Veterans Hall from 11 AM – 7 PM**

It's Our Town, Your Town:

Stillman Rogers

March brings Mud Season and Town Meeting and neither one should be ignored.

This year there will be two sessions for voting in Richmond and both are vital to the continued health of the community:

Tuesday, March 13 at Veterans Hall from 11 AM until 7 PM. Ballot voting for Town Officers, for the Zoning Ordinances Amendments and for the school budget.

Saturday, March 17 at Veterans Hall from 9 AM until done. Town Meeting where issues critical to the health of the town will be decided by vote of residents present. The annual budget for the town is presented to town voters in separate warrant items and a vote is taken on each item.

Balloting: Every year as few as 40% of eligible voters on the town voting lists vote in elections. If town officers are to truly represent the interests of all of the people in town more people should let their position be known by voting in the March 13 election. Do your part and VOTE on March 13.

Town Meeting: An even better way to let your thoughts on the town be known is to attend Town Meeting. This is the best way to talk to others about the town and learn what others are thinking about. Town Meeting is pure democracy. Town budget items affect every action that the town takes during a year. It is the only time during a year when all citizens can let their thoughts be known to town officials, listen to what their friends and neighbors are thinking about and take a stand on

issues important to the town. If you are for or against a stronger police department, come and vote. If you think we, as a town, have a responsibility to help organizations that provide mental health care for our people, or whether you don't, come and vote. If you believe in responsible planning and zoning for the town, or whether you don't, come and vote. If the fire department needs new equipment it is only through town meeting that it can be authorized. Spending for the beach committee and recreation committee can only be authorized at Town Meeting. Every vote at Town Meeting is important, we need your input. Every year fewer than a quarter of eligible voters attend and vote at town meeting. This means that a small minority of people are making the decisions for the whole town. Democracy, in order to remain healthy, needs the participation of all of its citizens. Do your part for our/your town by attending **Town Voting, Tuesday, March 13 and Saturday, March 17 at Veterans Hall from 9 AM until done.**

Quotation

So long as I do not firmly and irrevocably possess the right to vote, I do not possess myself. I cannot make up my mind – it is made up for me. I cannot live as a democratic citizen, observing the laws I have helped to enact – I can only submit to the edict of others.

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rational Voting

Pam Goodell

The heat of the moment and a squeeze of the pocketbook are two major roadblocks to rational budget voting. "My taxes went up", one boisterously announces. "We must cut the budget. Never mind where, or what or why, just cut. How about cutting \$4,700 from article one? How about \$3,000 from article two? Just cut." All this is after also cutting a total of \$62,700 from eight articles of 2010's budget.

Rather, I would suggest a more careful consideration of facts and informed voting at this year's Town Meeting. It will, however, involve some homework. Let's really study the line items of each department to see if there is indeed room for reduced amounts. By the time you read this one opportunity to do so will have passed. Did you attend the pre-warrant budget hearing? That is a great place to ask a lot of questions.

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Everyone still has until March 17th to research further. All departments must submit their budgets to the selectmen, and most of these should show line item amounts. You can ask to see these, and if you need further explanation you may ask the department heads directly. You can ask to see copies of vendor receipts for expenses for 2011, estimates, and contracts for 2012.

Yes, my taxes have been going up and up also. I agree some things needed cutting, but let's make informed decisions. Do you know which department purchases cases of bottled water to drink? Do you think this is frivolous? If so, you might vote to lower that budget in hopes that the department will get the message. Are there any more "driveways to nowhere" being built? You may not know unless you check.

The budget I'm most familiar with is that of the town clerk. I am sure Annette (Town Clerk) would be glad to show you her line items and discuss any questions you might have. She might inform you that she has no choice on the amounts of six items. These items are regulated by state law, and the amounts are deducted from the money collected from customers, not from taxes (roughly \$5,500). The rest of the budgeted items involve mainly supplies to run the office, wages for the two of us, continuous training on state laws and procedures, and repairs and maintenance for equipment. (Also note that the budget of the supervisors of the checklist is included in with the town clerk's total in the election and registration warrant article amount. Understandably their amount varies depending on the number of elections in a given year.)

I know for a fact that Annette runs a tight ship with the town clerk's budget. Evidence of this is the fact that when her budget was cut last year, the only way she could make up for the loss was to have fewer office hours. Services are no longer available on Tuesdays. In order to provide the best service possible given the restricted time, however, she and I work together

during the busiest times on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Annette has worked extremely diligently to keep her 2012 budget flat-lined. In fact this will be the third year in a row that she has managed to keep it at the same amount as the 2010 budget. But don't take my word only for all this. Come in and ask questions. Be informed. Then and only then will you be able to make truly rational decisions at Town Meeting. By the way, if there is a close voice vote, anyone may challenge the moderator's decision and ask for a hand count. Please hold your hand up high and keep it still. You wouldn't believe how incredibly difficult it is to count hands accurately when they are moving or hidden behind the person in front of you.

Voting on the budget takes place at the Vet's Hall on Saturday March 17th at 9:00 AM. Hope to see you there informed with all your new knowledge about the town budget.

Notes from the Selectmen's Office

Selectboard

Candidates Night. Please join us on Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 PM at the Veterans Hall to meet, greet and learn more about the many candidates who have filed to run for office this year. We thank them for their willingness to serve our town in elected positions.

Annual Town Meeting, First Session. Voting day for town elections and zoning amendments is Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the Veterans Hall. Polls are open 11:00 AM-7:00 PM.

Annual Town Meeting, Second Session. The Board of Selectmen set the date for the 2012 Annual Town Meeting Second Session on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 9:00 AM, Veterans Hall

Risk Management Workshop. Please join us on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Hall to learn how to manage meetings with the public in civil and legal ways. Wynette DeGroot and David Connell from the Local Govern-



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ment Center will present the workshop for the Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, all appointed or elected officials and members of other boards, committees, commissions who are interested. The workshop is open to the public. Members of boards from surrounding towns are invited to attend. Please register with Bev Hart or Roberta Fraser at 239-4232 to reserve a place.


FastRoads – High Speed Broadband Internet Access – Call to Serve

FastRoads is coming to Town. FastRoads is a statewide non-profit organized to bring fiber optic lines in NH from Enfield to Rindge, passing through Richmond south on NH Route 32 to NH Route 119 east to Fitzwilliam and Rindge. The project is federally funded and fiber optic access will be available at community anchor institutions like the Town Hall, Veterans Hall, Library, Fire and Police departments, and the Civil Defense Building at no cost to the Town. The Chairman of the FastRoads Board likened FastRoads to a state highway with off ramps that stop at the anchor institutions in a town. Service providers will contract to use the fiber optic infrastructure to provide internet service to residences and businesses. However, the devil is in the details as usual. Extending the fiber optic network and providing broadband internet access to residences will be a challenge, one the town needs help to meet.

We would like to form an informal broadband internet access group to work with the Selectmen, FastRoads and service providers to see if we can get Richmond wired. Please contact us immediately (239-4232) if you are interested in taking on this challenge. You must be technologically savvy and interested in working with your community to bring broadband to Richmond.

NH Broadband Mapping and Planning Survey. If you have access to the internet you can take this survey online, otherwise please complete the survey in this issue of the *Rooster* and return it as indicated. The purpose of the survey is to identify the areas of the state, including our town, which do not yet have access to internet service and to learn more about the kinds of access you do have. This information will help the town and state to locate and provide access that meets your needs. It is crucial though to take the survey and return it as soon as possible. Find the survey online at www.iwantbroadbandnh.org and learn more about the mapping project and **FastRoads**.

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Highlights of 2011.

- Installed new safety barrier windows in compliance with DOL requirements.
- Completed town hall office and public spaces refurbishment, including providing space for 15+ members of the public to observe meetings and creating a shared space with desk/computer/telephone for selectmen, land use assistant, and supervisors of the checklist.
- Upgraded electrical connections for office technology. Upgraded staff computers, replaced non-functional printer/fax, wired copier as printer.
- Installed fan and carpet for insulation and energy conservation.
- Completed repair work on library roof and CD building.
- Secured NH DOT Bridge Aid to replace Fay Martin Bridge over Tully Brook and signed contract with Quantum Construction for engineering work.
- Engaged new Assessing firm, installed Tax Collect software. Transition for assessing software in progress. Changed date for town-wide revaluation from 2014 to 2012, saving \$20,000, with contract that includes new assessing and tax collect software, plus new tax maps, ongoing updating.
- Secured tax-free gasoline and diesel fuel for town vehicle use.
- Adopted the following new policies: Purchasing policy, Invoice Payment policy, Employee Reimbursement policy and Town Fuel Use policy.
- Instituted appointment process for Selectmen's meetings.

Legal Expenses in 2011.

Ransmeier & Spellman	\$6,314
Settlement in St.Benedict Center v Richmond: case closed	
Hoppock & Lachman	\$11,472
Coyle zoning violation, Cease & Desist: pending	
Bosonetto v Richmond re: Hoar building permit: pending	
Bersaw v Richmond re: 91A and Bid Process: pending	
Filipi temporary bridge agreement: complete	
Johnson/Croteau appeal of ZBA decision: withdrawn, case closed	
Donahue, Tucker, Ciandella	\$17,554
PSNH v Richmond BTLA hearing preparation and settlement re: 2007-2010 abatement appeals	
Tower, Crocker	\$10,799
LaClair site plan compliance: pending	
Bosonetto v Richmond re: Admin. decision/ZBA: pending	

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St. Benedict Center settlement conditions/agreements – complete Weinstein property closing for auctioned property – complete **2012 Budget**. By the time you read this article, the budget and warrant articles should be online at the Town website and the Richmond Rooster website. The pre-warrant budget hearing will have taken place and any changes will have been made to prepare the budget for your vote at Town Meeting on March 17, 2012 at 9:00 AM. The Town Reports will be available on the Town website, at Town Hall and other places. Remember, to save money, we will not be mailing the Town Reports again this year. If you would like a town report and live out of town, please request one by emailing: rfraser@richmond.nh.gov or calling 239-4232. See you at the polls on March 13th and at Town Meeting on March 17th.

Planning Boards and Zoning Laws

John Bocalini

Planning and regulation are two of the most important elements that a corporation, business, organization or group rely on in order to provide the direction they need to endure through the years and to bring them into the future. The same holds true for our own lives. For Richmond, the Master Plan represents a vision of the planning and zoning ordinances.

The more complex a project or development, the more that is involved because of the possible effects it may have on neighbors, town resources, services, and the environment.

Abolishing the regulations is not really an answer, considering the ramifications that anarchy – having no rules – could present.

Planning Boards are made up of town residents who are voted into that office by town residents who decide to vote.

Their ability to “exercise complete control” is limited by many factors: the RSAs that regulate their activities; the zoning ordinances of our town that are again voted on by all our town residents; and by various “watchdog groups.”

I can only speak to the most recent master plan, as I was one of the many town residents who were involved.

In August of 2009 an insert was placed in *The Richmond Rooster* asking for volunteers “to become part of this very important town government activity” and “that the committee should have broad representation from the whole community.”

In the *Rooster*’s September 2009 edition, an article reiterated the previous insert, as well as asking for representatives from all quadrants of town making special mention of having

“representation from the southeast as well as the northwest quadrant of town. Four meeting dates were announced in the article. A notice of all the meetings was posted at the CD building, Town Hall and Vets Hall.

Twenty of our town residents responded to this call.

At the first meeting a call was made that each of the twenty members invite another town resident to the next meeting.

At the next meeting there were close to forty of our town residents present to help form a vision of the direction in which they felt Richmond should head.

On December 14, 2009, a notice was posted to the Town of Richmond Residents, at the CD building, Town Hall and Vets Hall. It stated that paper copies of the proposed revisions of the master plan were available at the Town Clerk’s office. Two copies could be read there, and three copies could be borrowed for review. Additionally, a copy could be found on the Town of Richmond website. The notice also indicated that on January 19, 2010 there would be a public meeting on the proposed Master Plan inviting town residents to attend. An announcement of availability of the Master Plan and the public meeting was placed in the January 2010 *Rooster*.

On January 19, 2010 the Master Plan was presented and reviewed at public meeting. In attendance were members of the Planning Board as well as residents of the town.

The process was very transparent and open to all of our town residents and by the end of the process some 55-60 residents were involved with the input, preparation, review and acceptance of the revisions to the 2010 Master Plan.

For the Common Good

Peter Majoy

Government land use regulations, like zoning ordinances, are essential to maintain the general welfare and the common good. Of course, any government regulation can be perceived as an intrusion on one’s liberty. If that really is the case, such regulation can be abandoned or changed. On the other hand, such regulation emanating from government may expand the freedom of the many by limiting activity of the few. In any case, the notion that regulations in and of themselves are an attack on freedom is childish. One of the central roles government plays is that of regulation, without which democracy itself cannot prosper.

The best example of the need for zoning ordinance land use rules and regulations is contained in one of Jackie Cilley’s

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reports about what is going on in the N.H. State Legislature. Her piece, "Go Away and Leave Me Alone—Just Be There When I Need You" focuses on the environmentally tragic attitude of a landowner whose "leave me and my land alone to do as I want with it" became the Tibbets Road Superfund site in Barrington.

The then property owner near the site stored drums of toxic, flammable, hazardous waste used to create scrap metal out of old cars. After a complaint from an abutting property owner, the NHDES discovered that the site was contaminated and that it had spread to neighboring lands.

The owner of the site in 1982 was a "Constitutionalist" who claimed that he could do whatever he wanted with his land. His ignorance of groundwater flows and the leaching of chemicals blinded him to the fact that his "freedom" was killing off trees, plants and soil.

It was discovered that 70 residences nearby were located in a high risk area near the site. Wells were contaminated and homes were in danger of being unlivable unless some form of remediation took place. Government supplied bottled water to replace the poisoned wells and an emergency water supply system was constructed. An enormous amount of money has been spent over 25 years to clean up the Superfund site.

Had there been no government intervention, those homes and the land they were on would have been destroyed because of the actions of a single landowner whose libertarian identity freed him to destroy and enslave the lives of others, an act that betrayed the real meaning of freedom and its fundamental connection to the general welfare and the common good.

Zoning regulations are a reflection of the interconnectedness and interdependence amongst landowners. To suggest that such regulations impinge on personal freedom is ironic since without them, landowners become free to impinge on each other's freedoms and in some cases like the Tibbets Road Superfund site, the absence of regulations can be cataclysmic.

For those interested in the necessity of government and its responsibility to construct rules and regulations for the general welfare and the common good, especially given the fascist government bashing from the extreme right, go to www.governmentisgood.com.

Town Meeting

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The town meeting will be held on two separate days. The first

session, or town election, will be held at the Veteran's Hall on Tuesday, March 13 from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM. There will be two town ballots – one ballot will be for the town officers and a second ballot will contain the proposed changes to the zoning ordinances. This means that you, the voter, will receive THREE ballots – one school ballot and two town ballots. Sample ballots are available at the Town Hall.

The second session, or business meeting, is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM at the Veteran's Hall on Saturday, March 17. During the second session, all registered voters attending this meeting will have the opportunity to discuss, amend and vote on the town budget and other business on the warrant.

As per RSA 654:7-a, you may register to vote on March 13 during the polling hours. No voter registration will be available on March 17.

For those who will not be able to come to the polls March 13, absentee ballots are available at the town clerk's office. All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and request forms are available at the town clerk's office. The voter may either mail or personally deliver the completed absentee ballot to the town clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be HAND-DELIVERED ONLY BY THE VOTER no later than March 12. If absentee ballots are mailed, they must be received no later than 5:00 PM on March 13. Call 239-6202 if you have questions.

Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

- March 12 OPEN from 4 – 5:00 PM to accept absentee ballots
- March 13 Town Election
 - Polls open 11 – 7:00 PM, Veteran's Hall
- March 16 OPEN 3-5:00 PM to accept applications for recounts of votes cast at Town Election for officers
- March 17 Second Session of Town Meeting starts at 9:00 AM, Veteran's Hall
- March 20 OPEN 3-5:00 PM to accept applications for recounts on any question at Town Election

Boat Registrations

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

It is now possible to register your boat at the Richmond Town Clerk's office. In August of 2011, Pam and I attended a class held by the State of NH, and we received our certifications as official boat agents. As your town clerk, I am happy and proud to be able to offer you this additional service.

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Town Meeting Seating

Peter Majoy

At the March 17, 2012 Town Meeting, the balcony will be the designated seating area for all non-registered voters with the exception of handicapped individuals. Should we need seating for registered voters, non-registered voters in attendance may be requested to leave Vets Hall.

Richmond Police Stats 2011

Crime/Event	#
Motor Vehicle Stop	322
Follow-up Call	67
Ambulance Call	38
Motor Vehicle Accident	36
Animal Complaint (domestic)	31
Assist Citizen	30
Paper Service	25
Suspicious Vehicle/Person/Incident	23
Assist Motorist	20
Abandoned Vehicle	14
Burglary	14
Road Hazard	14
Arrest	13
Manner Of Operation	13
911 and Non 911 Hang-up	12
Check Welfare	12
Theft	11
Serve Warrant	11
Assist Other Agency	10
Disturbance-Domestic	9
Suspicious Person (s)/Prowler	7
Fire- Other	7
Parking Problem	6
Vin Verifications	6
Building Check	5
Complaint	5
Police Information	5
Wires Down/ Compromised (other)	5
Burglar Alarm	4
Civil Standby/Keep The Peace	4
Harassing Phone Calls	4
Lockouts	4
Vandalism	4

Motor Vehicle Accident W/Injury	3
Fire Alarm (automatic)	3
Found/Lost Property	3
DWI/DUI (Impaired Driver)	2
Unwanted Subject	2
Shots Fired	2
Missing Person	2
Transporting Subject (unknown reason)	2
Child Custody Issue	2
Juvenile Offenses	2
Open Door/Window	2
Repossession Of Property	2
Pursuit	1
Stolen Vehicle	1
Flooding	1
Unattended/Untimely Death	1
Assault	1
Drunk	1
Missing Child	1
Animal Complaint (wild)	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Neighbor Dispute	1
Disturbance	1
Fire-Vehicle/Structure	2
Hold Up/Panic Alarm Commercial	1
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	1
Overdose	1
OHRV/SNWMBL Complaint/Incident	1
Recovered Stolen Property	1
Criminal Threatening	1
Wires Down/ Compromised (power)	1
TOTAL	826

Things From the District – March 2012

Neil Moriarty

MRSD Deliberative Session

30 voters from Richmond attended the Deliberative Session – Thanks for coming. A good showing; but, we need to do better if we want to keep the budget increases from the floor from happening. There was a better than average turnout of voters from all towns. Believe me, the changers were there but so were we. No real changes were made to the eleven warrant articles (minor exception being to change “Cutler” to “District” in Article III.)

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DOUGLAS BERSAW _____ ☐

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FOR PLANNING BOARD For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 2

JONATHAN PRATT _____ ☐

DOUGLAS BERSAW _____ ☐

RICK LEWIS _____ ☐

_____ ☐

_____ ☐

FOR PLANNING BOARD For 1 Year
Vote for not more than 1

DEBORAH R DUFFY _____ ☐

_____ ☐

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 1

BEVERLY J HART _____ ☐

_____ ☐

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 1

SUSAN MARSDEN _____ ☐

_____ ☐

FOR MODERATOR For 2 Years
Vote for not more than 1

PETER W MAJOY _____ ☐

_____ ☐

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST
For 6 Years
Vote for not more than 1

LEWIS N WHITTUM _____ ☐

_____ ☐

FOR TOWN CLERK For 3 years
Vote for not more than 1

ANNETTE N TOKUNAGA _____ ☐

_____ ☐

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
For 3 years
Vote for not more than 1

NANCY LESCYNski _____ ☐

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**TOWN OF RICHMOND
TOWN WARRANT
MARCH 2012**

**Further you are hereby notified to meet at the Veterans Hall on Saturday,
the 17th of March next at nine (9:00) o'clock in the morning to act on
the business matters of the Town (Articles 9-57).**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,063 for Executive Salaries and Expenses, including Moderator expenses.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,390 for Election, Registration and Vital Statistics.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,693 for Financial Administration, including Tax Collector, Treasurer and Auditor expenses.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,600 to conduct a revaluation of the Town in 2012, with \$10,000 to come from the Property Re-Evaluation Fund.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for Damages and Legal Expenses.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,538 for Local and Regional Planning and Zoning.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,500 for General Government Buildings.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,500 for Cemeteries, with \$660 to come from the Cemetery Trust Fund, and \$75 to come from the Earl R. Howard Memorial Trust Fund.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,175 for Unemployment, Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$92,487 for the Police Department.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,500 for the Rescue Squad and Ambulance Services.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,500 for the Fire Department, including new Southwestern Mutual Aid expense of \$11,500.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Zoning Compliance Officer, with the amount to come from surplus.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for Emergency Management, to be offset by funds from the Vermont Yankee Radiological Management Reimbursement Fund.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for Highways and Streets for the purpose of funding road repair and maintenance programs, to be offset by the state highway block grant; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for keeping Town highways and bridges, or any part thereof, maintained and repaired, per RSA 231:61.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for Meadowood County Area Fire Department.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Street Lighting.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,435 for Solid Waste Disposal.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Health Officer.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for Direct Assistance, with the amount to be offset by surplus.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 for the Beach committee.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850 for the Community Park Commission.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 for the Recreation Committee.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 for the Agricultural Commission.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,111 for the Richmond Library.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes, with the amount to come from surplus.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund to be known as the Road Reconstruction and Maintenance Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19a. for the purpose of reconstruction of roads (including but not limited to preparation and paving) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for this purpose; and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund in the best interest of the town, or take any action thereon. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to change the name and purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Highway Vehicle Fund for the purpose of purchasing a new highway vehicle, to the Highway Vehicle and Equipment Fund for the purpose of purchasing highway vehicles and highway maintenance equipment and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund in the best interest of the town, or take any action thereon. Recommended by the Selectmen. *(2/3 vote required)*

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to create an

Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all town buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for this purpose; and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund in the best interest of the town, or take any action thereon. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Expendable Trust Fund, known as the Municipal Buildings Construction/Renovation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of allowing renovations or additions to existing town buildings or construction of new town buildings, to be for the purpose of designing, engineering, site preparation, construction and furnishing a new municipal building, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for this purpose; and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Selectmen. *(2/3 vote required)*

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$879,000 for the purpose of replacing the Fay Martin Bridge over Tully Brook; with 80% of the funds to come from NH DOT Bridge Aid Program; 10% of the funds to come from the St. Benedict Center; and 10 % of the funds to come from the Town Capital Reserve Fund known as the Bridge Improvement Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 into the Expendable Trust Fund, known as Energy Retrofits of Town Buildings, for the purpose of conducting an energy retrofit of the Veterans Hall per the S.E.E.D.s Energy Audit recommendations. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Bridge Improvement Fund, for the purpose of replacing bridges or structural components thereof. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund, known as the Emergency Lane Fund, for the purpose of maintenance and repair of emergency lanes. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Service. (by request) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA). (by request) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,443 for Monadnock Family Services. (by request) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$950 for Southwestern Community Services. (by request) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for Community Kitchen. (by request) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 48. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 to conduct a perambulation of the town, per RSA 51:2. Recommended by the Selectmen

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Police Vehicle Fund, for the purpose of purchasing a police vehicle. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Police Safety Radio Communication Equipment Fund, for the purpose of purchasing and/or upgrading radio communication equipment. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Police Safety Equipment Fund, for the purpose of purchasing personal safety equipment for the police officers. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund, known as the Fire Truck Fund, for the

purpose of purchasing replacement Fire/Rescue Vehicles. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 53. To see if the voters will vote to establish a Capital Improvement Program Committee to prepare and amend annually a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects, projected over a period of at least six years, as authorized by RSA 674:5. Said committee to be comprised of 5 members; one to be a member of the Board of Selectmen and to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one to be a member of the Planning Board and to be appointed by the Planning Board and three (3) to be members at-large appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Terms of office to be three years for at-large members, and as specified by the appointing board for the other members. Or take any action thereon. Recommended by the Planning Board.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the placement of an Archives building on Town property adjacent to the Town Garage, the exact location to be determined at a later date. By Petition.

Article 55. To see if the Town will make the abatement process more equitable, terminate using the firm that does the property assessment and formulate a contract with an uninterested third party. Said third party will have the required expertise in assessing real estate properties and conduct the assessment review for a given abatement modus operandi. By Petition.

Article 56. To hear any reports of Agents, Committees, etc. heretofore chosen and to take any action thereon.

Article 57. To take any action that may legally come before the meeting.

Your Voice is Your Vote

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To view your MRSD 2012 Warrant Articles, go to:

Google SAU 93, then District, it's the first popup – called Deliberative Session... The total of all warrants including year one (of the union contracts) is \$34,502,000 (last years total was \$36,514,287.) The budget committee did not support Article IV and Article V (adding to the Special Education Trust and the Resource Officer) totaling \$121,000. I personally would add Article VIII (Before-and-After-school program) to that non-support list for an additional \$150,000.

Special Education (SPED) Trust for \$50,000: The trust was created as insurance against someone moving in the district with catastrophic SPED needs. Some years it has been on the warrant, some years it has been left off. Some years it was funded from surplus – this year they are asking you to fund directly. As the creator of this trust, I can affirm that the target amount to collect was \$250,000 – the balance is now in excess of \$267,000. You can't cover every contingency; however, \$267,000 meets the goal of the trust.

Resource Officer for \$71,000: There are entirely too many administrators in the Middle/High School; we have many more than the surrounding school districts. Given that Mr. Butterfield wants a resource officer, he can get rid of one or more of the other administrators. We got along without a Resource officer at the start of the current school year, and again for weeks while he recovered from a broken leg.

Before-and-After-School Program for \$150,000: This amount covers only Troy and the Northern schools. The committee is looking into grants to start the program in other elementary schools in the district. The program may have merit as it addresses education at the earliest point; however, it should be included in the regular budget and be weighed against other requests for resources, and should be district wide.

Anyway, this set of warrants is a down payment on getting our district at or near the state-average cost per pupil in five years. Attaining average-per-pupil cost is a goal of both your school board and your budget committee.

Voting on the warrant will take place at the Veteran's Hall, Tuesday March 13, 2012, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Any questions and or comments, please call me at 239-4031. Jim Carnie can also help on school matters. Call him at 239-4948.

Greetings from Concord

On January 18, 2012, the house voted and passed HB 228-FN prohibiting the NH Department of Health and Human Services from entering into a contract with the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. or any other organization that provides abortion services. This bill also prohibits the use of public funds or insurance for abortion services.

The house members felt that the state should not be involved in paying for abortions.

Sincerely,

Representative Richard J. Dwinell

Representing District Cheshire #5, Fitzwilliam & Richmond

Candidate for Selectman

Deborah Boncal

I am excited and honored to be a candidate for Selectman this year. Your vote is precious and I want you to know a little more about me before you make your choice.



Boncal's l to r Joshua, Nicole, Debbie Andrew and Steve

I was raised in Winchester and in 2000 Steve, my husband, and I found our 'home' in Richmond. We love the rural beauty and quiet of Richmond and one of my goals is to protect that for my children and their children.

As a busy Mom with two part-time jobs, married to a man who works in construction, I understand the incredible economic, educational and social challenges facing families, especially in these times. Insuring that our children have the educational resources and opportunities they need to get a good education and be successful in their work is very important to me. While some see the internet as an intrusion in the rural experience, I see it as a significant educational resource that our children do not have access to right now. Small, home-based businesses are the backbone of Richmond's economy and to stay successful they need high speed internet access too. Another of my goals is to see that Richmond has high-speed broadband internet access for those who want it and need it.

Most of my adult life I was on the management team in Mr. Mike's stores, where I was a dedicated, resourceful manager, thriving on meeting the diverse needs of the public. I also discovered I had the ability to motivate associates to achieve high standards. I'm a team player. These qualities, I feel, will make me a good Selectman.

In 2008, I was hired to be the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police in Fitzwilliam, a job requiring tact, patience and tolerance. In 2011, I was hired as the Deputy Tax Collector in Fitzwilliam, another position calling for customer service skills and resilience. I am a member of the NH Chiefs of Police Secretaries Association. I have extensive management training and am proficient in all aspects of computer technology.

Supporting the Selectmen in making the Town website the go-to place for Town and community information is a priority for me, too.

With a nearly-grown family, I feel I have the time to get more involved in my community by serving Richmond as a Selectman, where I will listen to you, treat all residents fairly, enforce laws equitably, and help build a stronger community for ourselves and our children.

If you support the goals I wish to propose and you believe me to be the best candidate, I ask you to cast your vote for me on March 13.

I would like to thank you for reading my letter and for taking time out of your busy schedules to vote on March 13th. I'll be there – please stop and say hello. And, I hope to see you at the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 AM, as your newest Selectman. Thank you for your participation in our town governance.

*Thank you,
Deborah Boncal, Candidate for Selectman*

Candidate for Selectman

Wes Vaughan

My name is Wes Vaughan and I am running for the office of Selectman in the Town of Richmond. I have three years of experience serving the people of Richmond as selectman from 2008-2011. I know people who hold elected office in this town take the time out of their lives to serve their community and I would like the opportunity to serve my community again.

Last year less than 300 voters voted in the town elections. I urge all voters to take the time to cast their ballot at the polls. Your vote does count and the direction the town takes in the future is in your hands.

Please come out and vote on March 13. I would appreciate your vote, but even if you do not vote for me, come out and cast your vote and be heard.

Dean's List

Neil Moriarty

Congratulations to Clare Margand for making the President's / Dean's List at Mount Wachsett College and to Elizabeth Bush who made the Dean's List at the University of Albany.

Bullock Road

Sheila Blair

I write to congratulate the Road Agent and the Selectmen on the excellent state of the town roads. My husband and I walk down Bullock Road virtually every day after lunch to exercise

our dog (and ourselves). We've been doing this for over twenty years (and three dogs) and the roads have never been in such good shape. We used to have to skirt potholes and erupting rocks, but this year the surface is smooth, thanks to a coating of hard pack and careful crowning. The ditches and culverts have been cleaned so the roads drain well. Russ Provost's cleanup campaigns to collect roadside trash has also improved the scenery. Now if the state could only do as well on Routes 119 and 32!

Richmond Public Library

Bonnie McCarthy

To honor all RPL volunteers we are **Calling all RPL Volunteers!!** Your dedication to the smooth running of our little town library is deeply appreciated. Wendy and the Board of Trustees are holding a reception at the RPL to honor you and your families at noon on Saturday, April 21, 2012. There will be fun, games, snacks, and camaraderie for all the young and young at heart. At this gathering we will officially honor Abby and Gabby Connell as the recipients of the "Elaine Moriarty Volunteer of the Year" award, which recognizes their many years of loyal service to the RPL. Please plan to attend so we can personally thank you and your families for your help, and we can share quality time together. To tweak a song that Elvis recorded on April 11, 1956, **"We want you, we need you, we love you!"**

Pride in Our Town

Judith M. Graves

An interesting thought is to live in a town where everyone knows that each person young and old has a good idea, or something to contribute! Where everyone goes along with the same rules and regulations. When everyone can agree to disagree and still be friends. Where there is pride in each home that shows with yards well-kept and all storage behind fences. Where anyone who drives through our town just sees the difference and wishes they lived here.

I have lived in this town long enough to remember when a group of lovely folks got together to do exactly this. New signs were painted and handed out to proud home owners of houses and buildings dating in the 1700-1800s, and they were tacked on homes and buildings with pride. Where each home was allowed only one unregistered car on their land and that vehicle had to be being worked on. Where fences had to be built to hide

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what others saw as offensive, and yards were tidy.

There were parades, town yard sales, tours to drive around to see houses lit up for the holidays, summer time activities for the young at the pavilion; they made projects and enjoyed playing games together, carolers that went around and sang for folks who were housebound, and children actually played outside unafraid.

This town sounds almost fictional in 2012, but it can be made real again with the effort of every person in town. Instead of trying to catch someone at doing something wrong, or picking apart things, we can encourage and support one another. We will never all agree on all subjects, but together we need to be on the same page. We could light up our faces with a genuine smile, a 'how are you' and really mean it, and listen; we can offer a hand to someone who needs it and watch over the children. Remember when 'it took a village to raise a child'?

Instead of trying to get away with something, or tearing someone down, start the New Year by working toward having a model town for America. A fresh start!!! Imagine Richmond, New Hampshire a model town for America!

I once learned that you can smile without making your mouth move. Really! Try it, face the mirror and smile with your eyes, a really nice friendly loving demeanor appears on your face and your lips didn't need to move. Practice it wherever you go and see how many folks will smile back.

Another thought is to visualize a linked fence where every person in the town is a link. One link alone isn't that strong or impressive, but add it to someone else's link, and another until the entire town is linked together and see how strong it will be. Maybe when you see someone, ask them to link onto your link, and tell them who else you have linked with, be serious and don't make it a joke, and see how many links you can get to start the process for a great little town that truly gets along, loves one another as people should, where each has their own opinions and contributes to the good of the town, takes pride in their own property, and are there for each other. Realize that we are all human beings and hurt in the same way, but together we can be strong. Does it really make any sense to try and hurt someone else??? Really??? Isn't it always a nicer place to be where you can meet each other with a smile, a "how are you?", listen, share, and make a difference as a whole and mean it? It doesn't take any more time to be cordial than it does to be grumpy.

It doesn't matter if someone else doesn't agree with you or you with them. What matters is that we all listen, follow the same laws, ALL OF US, and that we understand we all matter. We are all God's creations and He loves us right where we are, but too much to leave us this way. Where more is 'caught than taught'; being aware of who is watching and listening. If nothing but good things are said or done by everyone what an example we would be to other towns that are watching Richmond. To say nothing about what is "caught" by our young people in town. It will be catching, and believe me others will take notice. If we are too proud to say I am sorry, or to change our attitudes it won't work. We need to humble ourselves and be real and spread this around.

If this rings a bell for you, join the town and make it a community of one mind, and that mind is to contribute, share what talents you have been blessed with, don't put up walls and try to be separate, let's make a chain link fence around the entire town. Not trying to cause someone to stumble but to come up and put an arm around them and see what it is that they might be hurting from. You know, every person that you meet hurts and has a story that makes them a human being.

I can say here that this was a particularly hard holiday season for our family. Losing our daughter in June and the hurt that is left for her three boys, husband, and the rest of the family who have all lost so much. We have the assurance that she is in heaven, which is reassuring, but the loss here on this earth is really tremendous. Now I know you have a story as well, share it with someone, and that someone, PLEASE, listen to them.

Let's not wait for anyone else to go first...or wait for someone to step out of the crowd to start it. BE FIRST and see what is caught!

Letter to the Editor

I am a Richmond resident and taxpayer. About 6 weeks ago my daughter and I were shopping in Keene, Chelsea bought herself an iTunes card and wanted to download music on her ipod. As we all know on Rte 119 there's only dial-up so we stopped at the Library to use the WIFI. We were sitting outside of the Library, minding our own business, when a gentleman (I use that term loosely) pulled up beside us on his motorcycle saying that he took down my license plate number and was reporting me to the FBI and accused me of stealing internet. I was a little taken aback, to say the least. I am a taxpaying citizen of Rich-

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mond, NH, so I politely told him to mind his own business.

He drove off and Chelsea went about her downloading and I was reading my book. The man was shouting the most filthy, vulgar names at me in front of my daughter. So I ask, was I stealing internet? No, I don't think so.

Deborah Amato (Editor's Note: This letter should have been printed in Dec.2011)

From Richmond's Ancient Roots

Jean Tandy

This piece of pre-Richmond history is taken from one volume of "LAWS of NEW HAMPSHIRE, VOL. 2, PROVINCE PERIOD, 1702-1745". I found this volume boxed up with several others of varying historical periods, ready for the grinder at Richmond's transfer station. Naturally I carried the entire lot home and will happily share bits that may be of local interest.

Taken From Royal Commissions, Instructions, Laws, and Orders in the Time of the: [Administration of Samuel Shute], Governor from October 17, 1716, to November 2, 1728, [Under the Reigns of George I, and George II] of England.

The following "Bits****" are from Richmond's Pre-History:

*"The policy of the Crown which required the preservation of pine trees fit for masts, and other trees fit for the uses of the royal navy, was one that would inevitably conflict with the industrial interests of the people of the province, and unless administered with prudence, fairness, and reasonable liberality, would excite resentment and resistance."

*Drunkenness &c "You are to take care that Drunkenness & Debauchery, Swearing & Blasphemy be discountenanced & punished, & that none be admitted to public Trusts & Employments in the sd province, whose ill fframe[sic] & Conversation may occasion Scandal.

*An Act For The Settlement & Support Of Grammer Schools. [Passed May 2, 1719. George I]. "Be it enacted by [said officials]...etc..., That every Town within the Province (NH) having the number of Fifty Householdors or upwards, Shall be constantly provided of a Schoolmaster to teach Children & youth to read and write. And where any Town or Towns have the number of one Hundred Families or Husholders, there Shall also be a Grammer School Sett up and kept in every Such Town, & Some Discreet person of good Coveration well Instructed in the Tongues shall be procured to be Master thereof, every Such Schoolmaster to be Suitably Encouraged and paid by the Inhabitants." (To be continued).

Help Wanted

Russ Provost

We need 10-15 Richmond residents to be walkers on Team Richmond at the annual *Relay For Life*. The *Relay For Life* is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It offers everyone in the area an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. This year's event will start at 6:00 PM on Friday, June 1 and end at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 2. The event is held rain or shine at the track of the Monadnock High School in Swanzy. Teams of people camp out at the event, enjoy activities, entertainment, food, music, honor survivors, remember those we've lost and take turns walking around the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. *Relay For Life* is an overnight event. Registration is \$10.00 per member. Walkers, runners, strollers and children are welcome. We ask each member of the team to raise at least \$100 in contributions. We have set a goal of raising \$2000 for Team Richmond. This event is not associated with the Komen 3 day walk. All money collected at the *Relay For Life* goes directly to the American Cancer Society. You can

either register for Team Richmond on-line at www.relayfor-life.org/KeeneNH or by using paper forms. For more information or to obtain a paper registration form please call Russ at 239-7058 or Terri at 239-4595. Let us **ALL** work together to make Team Richmond a team **EVERYONE** in Richmond can be proud of.

Phone Directory

John Bocalini

LAST CALL!!! The deadline for corrections, additions and deletions to the last phone directory is March 15, 2012. The updated version should be included in the April or May issue of *The Richmond Rooster*.

Paid Advertisers of the original directory will continue to be listed without an additional charge. If you are interested in placing an ad, please let me know. You can call me at 239-6696 or email me at www.therichmondrooster@yahoo.com. **Without your input no changes will be made.**

The Richmond Rooster to the Rescue

Neil Moriarty

In the February issue of the Rooster, I mentioned that babysitting would be available for free at the Deliberative session. The



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Rooster has a long reach and was read by Swanzeby Resident, Kathryn Schnyer (SAU 93 employee). Some of you might recognize Kathy as a past PTO president at Cutler (Mt Caesar?). In any event, Kathy asked who was setting up and running such a babysitting service. When she called me I said I didn't know, I was going on past observances only. At any rate Kathy jumped in and organized your free babysitting service. Thanks Kathy, and a special thank you to the Monadnock students that volunteered their Saturday morning to help out.

Richmond Agricultural Commission

Sandy Holbrook

How can you make fresh cut flowers last? Add a little Clorox, or 2 Bayer aspirin, or just use 7-up instead of water.

You have chickens and want to sell eggs. Do you need a license? According to the Weekly Market Bulletin, there is no state license required from the NH Dept. of Agriculture Markets & Food (NHDAMF) or the NH Dept. of Health & Human Services (NHDHHS) for farms with less than 3,000 laying hens. Your cartons, however, must contain certain information, and there are common sense guidelines regarding clean eggs, storage temperature of eggs, sell-by-date requirements, etc. For more information, Issue No. 32 of the Weekly Market Bulletin is available at the Richmond Library. Other agricultural-related reference material available include Growing The Business of Fruits, Nuts & Vegetables, The Communicator (Official Newspaper of the NH Farm Bureau), The Friday Review (NH Farm Bureau Federation). Wendy will be happy to show you the collection of materials provided compliments of the RAC. If you have any publications to share with the community, please let us know.

We're extending the deadline for submission of photos for the RAC Facebook page. Email Wes Vaughan at vcomtrek@gmail.com. If you do not have email, contact Sandy Holbrook (239-4628). Be sure to visit the RAC Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/RichmondAgriculturalCommission/247310221983317?sk=photos.

Good neighbors = good fortune. Do you know anyone who needs a helping hand? Perhaps we should build on our *Neighbors Helping Neighbors Directory* by providing a list of needs to see who would be available to lend a hand. Your input is appreciated. Contact Heather Canfield (239-8936), Sandy Holbrook (239-4628), or Theresa Majoy (239-6058). Thanks.

The Keg of Nails (Part II)

Hank Hallas and Allen Holbrook

[Last month's *Rooster* began my tale of trout fishing in Perry Brook up on Taylor Hill and stumbling onto a country auction at the Perry farm house almost 59 years ago. I was an irrepressible 12 year old confronted with, as I viewed it, a plethora of fine if slightly used merchandise. Although it was my first auction, I felt empowered by having 6 cents in my pocket! Clearly, I was a "player." I did not quit until I had triumphed, winning – with the auctioneers blessing – a half keg of nails and a dingy kerosene lantern. I took these trophies home where my parents made me believe I had done well.]

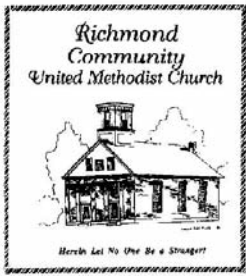


Flash forward 42 years to 1995. Louise and I have been invited to dinner at the Perry Farm with Priscilla Perry Kibler and Lewis Kibler. Both of them had been at the same auction 41 years prior unbeknownst to me. In fact Lewis had taken some photos of the auction which he hasn't yet located which might contain yours truly. The dinner date was January 14 1995.

As the date approached I tried to come up with an idea to commemorate the occasion since I had never been inside the Perry Farm house in my life. It seemed fitting that I should return some of the nails to their original location assuming I could find them. In my mind's eye I had put that ½ keg of nails in the shed...the "Magic Shed" somewhere in a back corner. I did have great pride in this keg as a 12 year old because my dad liked nails and had them in small bags everywhere.

So on a Saturday morning I went into the "Magic Shed" and searched for them. Bingo it was there under a shelf in the rear of the main shed. I removed about 5 lbs. of them. Louise had a red-checkered cloth to fold them into a baggie and then I dropped them into an old "Lane Bucket" that we had picked up recently at a Freddie's Auction. It all seemed like a neat idea.

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When we arrived at the Kiblers we proffered our friendship gift to Priscilla. She bent over the gift and opened it; and although I didn't notice it at first, she lost her composure, knelt down and then teared up. Apparently she immediately recognized the nails. The keg of nails was a favorite play thing for her as a girl. Whenever she needed to nail something or build a small project she would go to that keg for the nails which were in the garage near the back door. This was an amazing memory moment for all of us. Additionally, it turned out that the bucket was a "Lane Bucket" and Mr. Lane was a friend of the Perry's. Priscilla's father and Mr. Lane were both selectmen together when she was a child. Priscilla was as excited about the bucket as the nails. You have to love living history!

The Winchester Learning Center

Roberta L. Royce

Grants Awarded to Local Childcare Center

The Winchester Learning Center, a non-profit childcare, pre-school and family resource center located in downtown Winchester has recently received a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable foundation.

The grant monies in the amount of \$20,000.00 were received to support operations.

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation serves communities throughout New Hampshire, southeastern Maine and eastern Vermont. The Foundation manages a growing collection of charitable funds created by individuals, families and corporations. Outside the government, the Foundation is the largest grant maker in the state, making more than 3000 grants to non-profits and nearly 1600 student-aid awards totaling approximately \$30 million annually. The Foundation is nonpartisan, frequently playing the role of convener and catalyst on a broad spectrum of issues. Based in Concord, the Foundation roots itself in the communities through regional advisory boards. Funding for the Winchester Learning Center was provided by the Monadnock Region Community Loan fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

More information is available at www.nhcf.org or by calling 603-225-6641. The Winchester Learning Center is a Monadnock United Way Agency.

CD Offers Original Recordings of 25 Hits from 1916

Frank Behrens

In truth, I am running out of different ways to praise each entry in Archeophone's series called *The Phonographic Yearbook*. A good example is "1916: The Country Found Them Ready," which is as excellent as all the other "years" already in the catalogues. An edition has been available for quite some time. But now Archeophone has released a second edition of "1916" that incorporates several changes. To quote from an e-mail sent to me by one of their directors: "1916" has been completely remastered and the booklet newly laid out; graphics enhanced, etc." These changes are listed on page 23 of the usual information-packed booklet that accompanies all Archeophone discs.

The booklet is as packed as ever with information and pictures to bind together the 25 selections from original recordings of the period. So all I can do is note that some of the songs are geared to the European Conflict, the War to End All Wars, or World War I as it came to be called when it was clear that it ended nothing.

There are "Keep the Home Fires Burning" and "America" to keep the allied chins up; "Along the Rocky Road to Dublin" and "Ireland Must Be Heaven Because My Mother Came From There" to please a large part of the population; "I Sent My Wife to the Thousand Isles" and "I Can Dance With Everybody but My Wife" to keep the battle of the sexes slanted towards the male; and "M-o-t-h-e-r (a Word That Means the World to Me)" to wring a tear from everybody.

Among the performers are Al Jolson, Henry Burr, John McCormack, and Billy Murray – all great names in their day and still much beloved by many who recall them today.

Social Studies teachers cannot afford to be without this disc and others in the series, nor can lovers of popular music and especially the popular song.

So those who missed the first edition should certainly grab the second. A visit to www.archeophone.com will reveal the vast treasury of "living acoustic" history, as I like to think of it, of what the public pulse beat was in individual years or at the time of the famous singers. Archeophone, keep it going!



Royce Pelky being sworn in as a Richmond Police Officer.

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Out and About

John Boccalini

Sat. Mar. 3, 1 PM – 4 PM, **London's National Theatre Live: The Comedy of Errors** at Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough, \$25 Adults, \$20 Students

Thurs. Mar. 8, 7 PM, **Candidates Night**, Veterans Hall, Richmond

Thurs. Mar. 8, 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM, **Celtic Nights**, The Colonial Theatre, Keene, \$42/\$38/\$28

Thurs. Mar. 8, 8 – 10 PM **"Hot Jazz for Warm Homes"** Vermont Jazz Center, 72 Cotton Mill Hill #222, Brattleboro, VT

Tues. Mar. 13, 11 AM – 7 PM, **Town Meeting Part 1**, Veterans Hall, Richmond

Thurs. Mar. 15, 7:30 – 9:30 PM, **Joan Rivers**, The Colonial Theater, Keene, \$59/\$55/\$45

Sat. Mar. 17, 9 AM – until done, **Town Meeting Part 11**, Veterans Hall, Richmond

Sat. Mar. 17, 8 PM, **St. Patrick's Day Party with DJ Chris Holman**, Ed's Crossroads Pizza, Fitzwilliam

Thurs. Mar. 22, 6:30 PM, **Risk Management Workshop**, Veterans Hall, Richmond

Thurs. Mar. 22, 7:30 – 9:30 PM, **The Comedy of Errors**, Colonial Theater, \$39/\$35/\$25

Fri./Sat. Mar. 23 & 24, 6 PM, **Murder in Napa Valley Dinner and Show**, Knights of Columbus, 372 Marlboro St. Keene, \$25

Fri. Mar. 8, 8 – 10 PM, **One Night of Queen**, Colonial Theater \$41/\$37/\$27

Ongoing

Every Mon., 8 PM, **Contra Dancing**, Nelson Town Hall, Variety of excellent callers and musicians. Donation: \$3

Every Tues., 8–11 PM, **Tuesday Night Pizza & Karaoke with CJ the DJ**, Ed's Crossroads Pizza & Subs, Rtes 12 & 119 Fitzwilliam

Every Wed., 9:30 – 11 PM, **Open Mic Night**, Acoustic only please, Harlow's Pub, Peterborough

Every Thurs., 7 – 10 PM, **Open Mic Night**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn

Every Thurs., 8 PM – 1 AM, **CJ the DJ Grumpy**, Don's Sports Bar and Restaurant, Hillsboro

Richmond Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Storytimes: There will be a brief story hour for younger elementary school aged children on Tuesday, March 6th at 2:00 PM. Preschool Storytimes known as *Wednesdays with Wendy* continue at 10:00 AM throughout March. Come enjoy themed stories, a craft, and a small snack.

Reading with Kallie: We have tentatively planned for a March 10th at 11:00 AM visit with Kate Simmington and Kallie. Kallie is a certified pet therapy dog through Monadnock Therapy Pets and offers gentle listening ears 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 are needed.

Online Catalog

We are also pleased to announce that we finally have a catalog

of our materials that can be accessed from home. Please go to www.opac.libraryworld.com, and type Richmond Public in the Library field (no password is required). You are now able to view in real time whether or not we have an item, see if it is available, and place a reserve on it through email. In the near future, we will begin collecting email addresses so we can send you information on what books you have out on your account, when they are due, and any reserved items that you might have.

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Thanks to our Selectmen

Kim Mattson

Many times we don't take or make the time to thank elected officials for their accomplishments through the year. Chairman Sandra Gillis, JC Boudreau and Lori Scanlon have kept Richmond moving smoothly forward. Showing pride and professionalism in our Town Hall. Some of their accomplishments include the following:

- Policies: They have worked together to institute a Personnel Policy and Evaluation Process, Fuel Use Policy, Employee Reimbursement Policy, Purchasing Policy, Invoice Payment Policy, Sign Policy, Children in the Workplace and a Policy for Contractors.
- Job descriptions: They have put together one for Assistant to the Selectmen, Secretary, Road Agent, Highway Laborer, Land Use Assistant and Zoning Compliance Officer. Then in their spare time they have instituted an appointment system and agenda for Selectmen's meetings, renovated the Selectmen's Office, engaged a new Assessing Firm, transitioned to new software that integrates mapping, assessing, and tax collection functions.
- They secured NH DOT bridge aid for the replacement of the Fay

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Martin bridge and engaged an engineering firm, and implemented a new police department call system.

Thanks again for the long hours you have given to our town.

Number One Danger

Michelle Connor

It is the *Lack of or a Poor Business Plan*

The Business Plan is Not Just For Start-Ups After All

The single most critical component that determines your company's success or failure is your business plan. Doing one right forces you to think and plan strategically. It outlines your goals and identifies how you are going to achieve those goals and what is required to do so.

Ultimately, Companies Do Not Fail Due To Lack Of Money.

The bottom line is that poor cash flow is merely a symptom of poor business planning. Successful business owners recognize the critical importance of ongoing and consistent reviews of their business. Yet, more than 60% of business owners don't have an executable plan.

Key Components Of The Business Plan.

Most business owners know what the key components of the business plan are but few of us actually take the time to map it out and get it on paper. Basically, your plan should include a company overview with its history and current status; your strategic objective; description of products and/or services; analysis of the competition, marketing plan, and financials including a projected income and sales forecast.

How To Use Your Plan Effectively

- * A business plan can be a functional outline. It does not need a lot of detail for implementation.
- * The plan should be used as a decision-making tool to guide the implementation process and keep you on track.
- * It should be a work in progress and updated periodically.

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* Remember that the most important part of your business plan is your marketing plan.

Along with your business plan, a strong Strategic Plan with measurable goals will get your business to the next level.

20 Years Ago (1992) CABIN FEVER COFFEE HOUR

Sue Laughner

The first Cabin Fever Coffee Hour at the Richmond Public Library was quite a success. Cris Dell gave a very informative talk on "The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln", and provided much insight on a great president with a keen sense of humor. Thank you, Cris, for making our premiere Coffee Hour so successful and enjoyable!

Our next coffee hour will take place on Thursday, March 19 (1992) at 7:00 PM. Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloom will present "Islamic Art in Richmond???" Sheila and Jonathan are scholars of Islamic Art and have written and edited numerous books on the subject. They will discuss their books and show slides of their travels in Central Asia, North Africa and The Middle East. We think it will be a great way to escape March in Richmond, even if only for an hour or so!

As usual, refreshments will be provided by the Friends of The Library. We hope you'll join us!

A reminder of upcoming Coffee Hours: Thursday April 16, (1992) 7:00 PM, Rosti Eismont – Planning Your Flower Gardens and Thursday, May 21, 7:00 PM (1992): Boyd and Pam Goodell – Video History of Richmond Project

Anyone wishing to share their talents or interests at a Coffee Hour, please call Sue Laughner.

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Town Secretary: Beverly Hart

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Wed. 8 a.m. – 12 noon, 1:00 p.m.– 5p.m.

Thurs. 8 a.m. – 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. – 4p.m.

Town Clerk: Annette Tokunaga

Deputy: Pamela Goodell

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Wed. 9 a.m. – noon, 1 – 5 p.m.

Thurs. 9 a.m. – noon

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Mon. 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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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.

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