



JUNE 2013

Around the Town

John Boccalini

Notes from the Selectmen's Office

Selectboard

The Selectmen welcomed newly elected Selectman Carol Jameson to the Board and she has attended numerous trainings already, from home on webinars and on location with other newly elected officials. Last month the Board decided on the portfolios each of us would carry for the coming year. Boncal will continue to represent the Selectmen at Planning Board meetings; Jameson is the new Welfare Administrator, working closely with Bev Hart as her administrative assistant. Gillis will represent the Town on the Waste Management Committee and will remain Chairman of the Board for the first six months of the term, passing it off to Boncal in October. Each board member made a personal 'bucket list' of things to accomplish this year. As you might imagine, there was considerable overlap! We each took on additional research or investigative assignments in specific areas of interest to provide in-depth information to the Board as a whole for discussion and debate.

As a Board we have developed a priority plan for upgrading, maintenance and repair of our historic buildings, working with recommendations made by the Municipal Buildings Committee, chaired by Neil Moriarty. Creating new storage and meeting spaces for our many town boards, commissions and committees will be challenging, but again we thank the MBC for doing much of the ground work on which we will rely. Town personnel policies and administrative and fiscal policies will be reviewed this year to insure they are up to date legally and operationally. Working with the Town Treasurer L'Oreal Schmidt, financial reporting will be streamlined and made more user-friendly for employees.

The Selectmen accepted Roberta Fraser's resignation last month with regret, but wish her well in her new position as Town Administrator in New Ipswich. Roberta brought remarkable knowledge and experience to her position in Richmond and we are grateful to her for helping us with the transition to new staff.

The Selectmen welcome Heidi Wood to the position of Assistant to the Selectmen. During the last month Heidi has trained with other staff and board members, putting her tremendous administrative and customer service skills to work for

Richmond. One of her first acts was to call for a meeting of all department supervisors to learn how best to meet their needs as municipal employees. That meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Veterans Hall.

We'd like to remind you that if you want to meet with the Selectmen, it is much more efficient for you to make an appointment since you won't have to wait to see us. Any information or paperwork needed to make the appointment successful can be prepared ahead of time if you call first. Either Bev or Heidi can make an appointment. Simply call 239-4232 anytime. You are welcome to drop in to observe a meeting or ask a quick question anytime. A meeting agenda is posted prior to the meeting so you can see what's going on.

Last month on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. the official ribbon cutting opening of the Fay Martin Bridge was celebrated. Representatives from Quantum Construction Consultants, Cold River Bridges, NH DOT Bridge Aid Program and the Bank of Walpole were on hand to celebrate with us. You and they made this historic achievement possible and we thank you all.



First issue tax bills will be in the mail this month with a due date of July 1, 2013. As of April 8, 2013, there are delinquent taxes due for 2010 and 2011 in the amount of \$87,346 and an additional \$114,351 due for 2102 taxes. While many towns do not allow residents to create payment plans, Richmond tries to help you reduce the impact of the statutory interest rates by paying down your tax bill in ways that work for your budget. Please contact the Tax Collector at 239-6106 to make a payment plan.

Old and New News from Town Clerk

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The town clerk's office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day

If you are single and earned \$20,000 or less or are married and earned \$40,000 or less in 2012, you may qualify for tax relief from the State. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's window and on the State website at www.revenue.nh.gov. The forms must be postmarked by June 30, 2013. Call the clerk's office at 239-6202 for more information or help filling out the forms.

Occasionally, people will come into the town clerk's office after having made a trip to the Keene DMV where they tried to register their vehicle. Once there, they were turned away and told to go to their town. This is true! To register anything on wheels that is driven or pulled on the road, such as: cars, trucks, trailers, motorcycles, motor-homes, you must always come to the town clerk's office first.

Once here, you may choose to do register only the town portion, or both the town and State portions. If you choose to register only the town portion here, you will need to go to Keene to complete the registration process.

If you choose to do both the town and State portions here, you will be charged an additional \$2.50 convenience fee. There are some instances where you cannot register the State portion here and will need to go to either the Keene DMV or Concord.

Vehicle registrations can sometimes be a complicated process. Don't hesitate to call (239-6202) prior to coming into the office with questions. It's our continued goal to assist you in bringing all necessary paperwork so you won't have to make multiple trips and can register your vehicle in one visit.

By the time you read this article, summer will have arrived. I hope that you are soaking up the sunshine and enjoying all of your favorite summer activities!

Selectmen Office Hour Changes

(Effective Tuesday, May 7, 2013)

Monday 9am – 11am; 6 pm – 8pm

Selectmen's meeting 7 pm

Tuesday 8am – 12 noon

Wednesday 8am – noon; 1pm – 5 pm

Thursday 8 am – noon



Heidi Wood

Heidi Wood: Experience, Openness, Organizational Skills

Peter Majoy

Lucky for the Town of Richmond is the arrival of Heidi Wood to take Roberta's place. Heidi has a great deal of experience, is open to learning from the process around her, and has great organizational skills.

Heidi is married to Andy Wood our former Chief of Police. Andy is now the Chief of Police in Hancock, NH while also working parttime with the Richmond Police. Heidi graduated from Keene State College with a major in Mechanical Drawing and Industrial Management. In 2008, she was elected to the Town Clerk position in Fitzwilliam where she and her family lives. Heidi is mother to sixteen-year-old McKenzie and fourteen-year-old Jacob. Both McKenzie and Jacob attend Monadnock Regional High School. McKenzie plays field hockey and Jacob plays baseball and football. He was named to the NH all-star high school football team as a tackle and a guard.

About small town life in southwestern New Hampshire, Heidi says, "I love our little piece of the world. When we first moved to Fitzwilliam our neighbors were instantly welcoming and warm. I like the fact that you know at least a couple people everywhere you go (post office, grocery store, movies) and people take the time to ask how you are." To this, Heidi adds that after traveling around and returning home, she appreciates even more deeply what she has locally.

As for the skills necessary in the roll of Select Board Assistant, Heidi focuses on the need to be a good listener "not just to the Selectmen but to the residents". Heidi asserts that communication and organizational skills go hand-in-hand. She handles many things simultaneously, prioritizing and multi-tasking in order to do the best job possible. She understands that it takes time to get things lined up so that all one's ducks are in a row.

Since her husband had been Chief of Police in Richmond since 1998, Heidi is no stranger to our town. Because she knows enough about Richmond, she felt qualified to apply for the Assistant job and that she would be able to take the necessary time to settle in and do what the job required of her.

For sure Heidi Wood has experience, is open to learning the various tasks the job entails, and has organizational skills

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necessary for a municipal role she now holds here. Welcome, Heidi. We are grateful for your choice to become the Selectboard's Assistant.

Roberta Fraser who was the former Selectboard Assistant has moved on to a more full time position in the Town of New Ipswich. She is missed.

Land Use Boards Alternate Positions Open.

Kandace Mattson

The Richmond Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustments each have an alternate seat opening on their board. This volunteer position is a wonderful, low-commitment way to get involved in our Town.

The Richmond Planning Board meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Civil Defense Building on Rt. 119 just past the Four Corners store.

The Zoning Board of Adjustments meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Civil Defense Building or when needed, usually less than twelve times a year. An occasional site walk may be required on an additional night or weekend for both boards.

If interested or if you have questions, please contact the Land Use Assistant at the Richmond Town Hall at 239-4232.

Richmond Library

Wendy O'Brien

Story times

Wednesdays with Wendy continues at 10:00 a.m. throughout June until the Summer Reading Program "Dig into Reading!" begins. There are themed stories, crafts, and a small snack for the kids, and social time with other parents. Come join us!

Dig into Reading! Summer Reading begins!



Children are invited to join this summer's reading program, "Dig into Reading" at the RPL. This summer's theme is about the wonders under our feet – root vegetables, buried treasure, evidence of ancient civilizations, insects, dinosaur bones, and more.

This program is a fun way to include reading and related activities in summer family time, as well as helping children maintain and improve reading skills.

This year our program sign-ups will begin June 22. Each Wednesday we will have a different theme and activity beginning at 10:00 a.m.

June 26 – "The Dirt on Dirt"

July 3 – "Gnome, Sweet Gnome"

July 10 – "Dirt Movers"

July 17 – "Digging For Treasure"

July 24 – "Let's Get to the Root of the Library"

July 31 – "Dig into the Past"

Aug. 7 – "Digging Up Trouble"

We will also have a Mock Archaeological Dig on Saturday, July 20 at 11:00 a.m. I bet you didn't know that Wendy has a B.A. in archaeology and classical civilizations! Come find out how archaeologists work, see photos from digs, and dig up some of your own treasure!

Our Finale Ice Cream Social will be Saturday, August 10 at 1:00 p.m. Reading Certificates and T-shirts will be given out along with yummy ice cream sundaes!



Local Author Showcase

The RPL is pleased to announce that we will have our first local author showcase on Saturday, June 1 at 1:00 p. m. Joe Boulay, author of *If This Car Could Talk*, will present his concise, engaging and friendly guide to purchasing a used car. In addition, from sale of each copy from the RPL, Joe is donating \$2 to the RPL to purchase new materials. Stillman Rogers, author of *It Happened in NH*, will present his new second edition with additional chapters focusing on the 1944 Monetary Conference at Bretton Woods, as well as a petition to the NH legislature in 1779 to end slavery. Judith Graves will present her three newest works: *Organizing Everything*, *Have You Lost a Child?* and *Speaking to Others*. These books focus on the challenges that each of us may face in our lives. Each author will give a short talk about their books, and will sell signed copies. Refreshments will be available. Please join us!

Final Computer Class at RPL

Don't forget to bring your eReader or tablet to the RPL to see some fun things that you can do and learn about the NH Downloadable Books Consortium on Monday, June 3 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Bring your questions and devices!

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Bridge over Tully Brook

John Boccalini

The new Fay Martin Road Bridge is complete and was dedicated/celebrated with a ribbon cutting on May 13, 2013. April 22 was the first day that the bridge was open to traffic and the old bridge was removed the next day. On May 7, the bridge passed its final inspection.

Some 50 people came to the dedication, which included the naming of the new bridge as the Nancy Mayville Bridge. Nancy Mayville is the Municipal Highway Engineer whom



Nancy Mayville, the Municipal Highway Engineer



Selectboard member Sandra Gillis cited during the dedication. That "without her steadfast support for the Town of Richmond's application for State bridge aid, without her advocacy for moving the bridge building schedule forward to meet our court imposed deadline, and without her guidance through the maze of State rules, regulations and reporting, this amazing bridge could not have been built." Ms. Gillis thanked all those involved in with the funding, design engineering, and construction of the bridge. Selectman Carol Jameson and Ms. Gills cut the ribbon to officially dedicate the bridge after which one of the Town's Fire trucks traveled over it for the first time.

Editor's Note

John Boccalini

Last month a series of advertisements appeared in *The Rooster* from anonymous individuals showing support for the volunteers in town. These ads will continue throughout the next year. It is a positive display of appreciation for an important group of people that is the backbone that keeps Richmond alive and well. *The Rooster* supports this initiative in its entirety.

Fire House News

Melanie Ellis

As of the writing of this article, we are patiently waiting for rain. Due to the lack of rain, the fire department has stopped issuing burn permits. A burn permit is needed for all open burning. Burning is only allowed between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. The fire must be attended at all times until the fire is completely extinguished. There are only certain items that you are allowed to burn. Brush and wood cannot exceed five inches in diameter. It is illegal to burn household trash and items such as beds, dressers, etc., plastics, rubber, and painted or treated wood. Anyone found violating the permit laws could face a fine up to \$2,000, a year in jail or both. You could also be held liable for the payment to the town or state of all expenses that were incurred in the extinguishing of the fire.



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Last month an illegal brush fire in town kept Richmond firefighters and firefighters from three other towns very busy. Later that same day, Richmond was called for Mutual Aid to Royalston, MA for a ten-acre brush fire that included the loss of a chicken coup and a shed. Richmond firefighters arrived on the north side of the fire and were able to keep the fire from spreading to another building.

Summer is here, and families and friends are getting "fired up" for BBQs, campfires and other fun seasonal outdoor activities. While these are all great ways to bring folks together, safety needs to remain the number one priority. Always use your grill outdoors, keeping it away from siding and deck railing. Wait until your grill cools completely before putting it away, especially if you use a grill cover. Keep kids and pets away from campfires, fireworks, and hot grills. Avoid playing games with flying objects like baseballs, basketballs or plastic discs anywhere around the grill or campfire.

Miscellaneous Musings

Bob Weekes

People...well maybe only my wife...have asked why we share our local zip code 03470 with our neighbor to the west. While we enjoy truly great postal service, she wonders why Richmond does not have its own zip code (or post office as we did almost a century ago when it was located in North Richmond at the Martin Mills)...but shares Winchester's. So I did some fact checking knowing there would be a logical answer.

I looked first at population. Richmond's population is approximately 1163 compared to Winchester's 4350. Curiously

Ashuelot, an unincorporated village within the boundaries of Winchester (Ashuelot has 395 residents, all included in Winchester's population total noted above) has its own post office and its own zip code. Go figure! Also, it seems Harrisville, Gilsom, Marlow, Nelson and Sullivan each have populations less than Richmond's and far less than Richmond's-plus-Winchester's...yet each of those towns has its own zip code! Then I wondered if this phenomenon might be a function of geographic size.

The largest municipality in the state of New Hampshire is Pittsburg with 282 square miles. That's pretty big! Yet it gets by with only one zip code. But then I learned Pittsburg boasts more moose than people, moose that communicate with each other via guttural grunts rather than snail mail. And then there is New Castle over on the coast which is the smallest town in New Hampshire in terms of geographic area with a mere 0.8 square miles! Yet its 967 residents all have their very own zip code. So it seems size doesn't matter either. At least when it comes to zip codes. Now you and my wife know and I hope that clears things up.

And then I wondered about so-called "official" state designations? New Hampshire is the only state out of fifty in the union that has claimed the white birch as its official state tree and the purple lilac as its official state flower. I'm not sure what impact that will have on our lives but it seems a proper fit since we have seen lots of birches and purple lilacs around Richmond. As enthusiastic as states have been about botanical issues, only forty-six states have seen fit to designate an "official" state bug. Not to be left out, New Hampshire in 1977 officially adopted the ladybug. However I found that the ladybug is also officially claimed by Delaware, Massachusetts, New

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York, Ohio and Tennessee. That strikes me as our being less than original...and as I think of our home here in Richmond...perhaps misdirected. One has to wonder if the Black Fly was somehow overlooked.

Then I discovered that the "official" state beverage of Nebraska is Kool-Aid. That's because it was invented by Edward Perkins who lived in Hastings, NB. And Maine's official soft drink is Moxie because its creator, Dr. Augustin Thompson, invented it while living in Union, ME. It didn't bother Mainers that he bottled it exclusively in Massachusetts. Yet Massachusetts, in what must have been a lively state house debate, chose to overlook this landmark achievement by naming cranberry juice as its official state drink. Which leads me to May of 2010, when the NH Senate voted to name apple cider as our official state drink. Why do I pass this on to *Rooster* readers? Because it is incontrovertible evidence that our elected officials can, in fact, reach agreement on big New Hampshire issues.

Roadside Cleanup

Russ Provost

The Spring Richmond Roadside Cleanup was conducted from April 18 through 21. Over 2100 pounds of garbage was picked up. My thanks to the many volunteers who did the pickup and a special thanks to Chip Adams and C&L Disposal for providing the dumpster and hauling it to the Keene Recycling Center

Past Energy Resources

A continuation of "Past Energy Resources in the Town of Richmond" from Harold Dickinson's original history, written in the 1970s.

Early mills built circa 1760s-1790s, shortly after Richmond was incorporated in 1752, were reported in the May 2013 issue of *The Richmond Rooster*. To continue the story...Martin's Mill was built by John Martin in 1764-1765 and operated by his descendants until 1910, except for ownership from 1784 to 1805 by Robert Works, and from 1805 to 1813 owned by Darling Sabin, when it was returned to Martin ownership.

This was originally a grist and saw mill, located on both sides of Rice Brook, just below the present residence of Charles Gilman. The gristmill was removed and a shop erected for the production of bailed buckets, and later, steel hooped pails in various sizes, and...the power, which til now had been water from Rice Brook with two holding dams, changed to steam which was also used to dry the pail stock.

Various types of chair stock was also produced, including plain and fancy turned dowels and posts, and stretchers. Lumber of various dimensions came from the saw mill across the brook.

As products changed, the number of employees increased, so that about thirty people were on the payroll when the plant was destroyed by fire in 1910. This was replaced by a new mill located a short distance to the east where there was more yard room. This plant was sold to the C.L. Lane Company in 1938, and operated by them until the plant burned in 1964.

Norwood's or Bill Putney's Mill was located on Norwood's or (Roaring Brook) which supplied the power. This was built by Francis Norwood before 1770, as he sold to Laban Thornton that year, and it was operated by Thornton until his death, then unused and went into decay, but was rebuilt by Augustus Arnold in 1848 and sold to Joseph N. Brown in 1864. William C. Putney then became the owner and operated it until 1920. This mill produced lumber only and employed only a small number of men. (See more about William C. Putney on p. 14.)

Hewes Mill on Norwoods Brook (Roaring Brook) was above Norwood's Mill which was at the foot of Whipple Hill Road. No record of builder. Erected quite early after the settlement and produced scythes and hoes. In later years, when it was owned by Fred Prescott, it was used mostly as a cider mill, using the water power to grind the apples.

Mill stones are still visible in Roaring Brook.

RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

The Richmond Community United Methodist Church has had having an amazing month in May with more to come in June! May 5 brought Dan and Linda Schall of Dan Schall Ministries to our Sunday service. Dan ministered to us in word and gospel music. All in attendance were blessed and are looking forward to Dan and Linda returning in the future.

We had wonderful attendance for our Mother's Day service and celebration on May 12! All women were recognized, and flowers were provided to all the women whether mothers or not. Holy Communion was also celebrated.

Young people who have been attending our Sunday school will be recognized on June 2. The Middle River Gospel Band, a wonderful spirit-filled fun-loving blessed musical group is back by popular demand on June 9! We're working on having them again for the Fire Department's Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q

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Wes Vaughan

just like last year. We'll let you know, but one way or another, we plan on having an outdoor service in the Pavilion sometime this summer.

An upcoming event to put on your calendar is our highly attended Salad Supper and Auction on July 13 at the Vet's Hall. Great salads and desserts will be there for your eating pleasure, and eye-popping deals will be made on the auctioned items. The RCUMC Yard Sale which has been a very popular event for many years, will be held on August 31. More updates on these events and others will be in future issues of *The Rooster*!

Join us every Sunday at 9 a.m. at 11 Fitzwilliam Road (Rt.119) in Richmond, just a hundred yards or so east of the Four Corner store. Come and be blessed! And when you come, bring a friend!

Retraction

Elaine Moriarty

In the May issue of *The Rooster* I was not the author of, nor did I give permission for the person to use my name, regarding the article MRSD RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR. The last paragraph was what I submitted and only that.

Richmond's Centurian

Jill Wharton

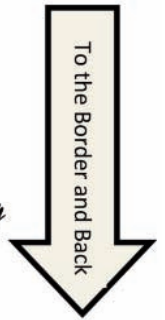
Eleanor Fassett, Richmond's oldest, born May 11, 1913, celebrated her 100th birthday at The Pub restaurant with family and friends.



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Staying motivated!

Michelle Connor

With so much happening around us, how can you stay motivated and not let outside events effect you? Here are five ways!
Avoid negatives.

Studies have shown that positive and negative thoughts can't occupy your mind at once. You can't get too much of a good thing; absorb all the positive information you can.

Accept that there will be problems.

Life has problems, so you will encounter problems. While you don't want to dwell on what problems could arise; be prepared by accepting that you will run into them. Problems either stop you, or you stop them.

Have a support system.

You have to have people that you can talk to both in good or bad times. It's important to have someone that is positive; will listen to you and help you improve bad days. Join a mastermind group, have mentors; have someone who will hold you accountable for your goals.

Have a powerful WHY.

If you know where you are headed in life; you have powerful reasons WHY to get there, nothing will stop you. If you don't know why you do what you do, then you go through the motions.

Take responsibility for your life.

You must take responsibility for your health, your business, everything! Bottom-line: Do you show up and do what needs to be done regardless of what is happening around you?

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Fitzwilliam Antique Show

Rick Hoyt

The Fitzwilliam Historical Society will hold its 38th Annual Antiques Show & Sale on Saturday, July 20 on the Fitzwilliam Common, rain or shine, and will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission to the Show is \$6.00 and refreshments will be available. A special exhibit featuring historic maps of the area will be held in the Amos J. Blake House Museum during the Show. Admission to the exhibit is free. All proceeds will benefit the Fitzwilliam Historical Society and Museum.

Open House

Debra Howland

The Winchester Learning Center invites you to our open house to celebrate the opening of our new building. Come see our new space, hear about all the new wonderful opportunities happening in our center, and enjoy the music and light refreshments.

The celebration will take place on June 9 at 109 Keene Road, Winchester NH, from 1-4 p.m.

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there! To RSVP please contact the WLC at 603.239.7347 or email roycewlc@gmail.com

The 2013 Gary Beaman Memorial Golf Tournament

Debra Howland

The 2013 Gary Beaman Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 22, at the Oak Ridge Golf Club on West Gill Rd in Gill, MA with a 8:00 a.m. tee-off. If you or your com-

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pany would like to become a "hole-sponsor" for this memorable event please contact Roberta Royce at 603-239-7347 or visit the www.garybeamanmemorial.com. Proceeds from this event go to supporting the work of the Winchester Learning Center, a non-profit child care and preschool located in downtown Winchester, NH. The Winchester Learning Center is a Monadnock United Way Agency.

Yard Sale for a Cure!!

Betsy Pearsall

Where: 79 Winchester Road, Richmond, NH

When: July 13 & 14, 2013. 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each day, rain or shine!!

Why: For the past seven years, I have walked in the "Komen 3Day for the Cure" Breast Cancer walks in Seattle, Boston, Washington DC, Dallas, San Diego, Phoenix and San Francisco. This August 2, 3 and 4, I will be walking in Cleveland, OH. On July 13 and 14, I will be holding our Annual Fundraising Yard Sale. This is the only organized community event that I use for my fundraising.

I would greatly appreciate your support. Please stop by to say hello and browse through the yard sale! Come early for a cup of coffee and a doughnut!! All monies raised through this effort will go directly toward my minimum fundraising goal of \$2300. This is the amount I must raise in order to participate in the Walk. Many of you have stopped by to browse and have made some very generous donations in the past. For this I am extremely grateful.

In the spirit of full disclosure, I need to inform those who



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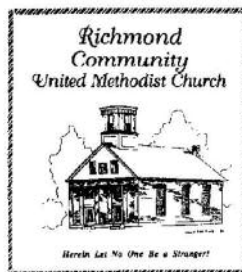
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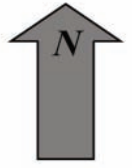
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Old Homestead Highway*

may have questions, that no monies raised through my efforts support my personal travel when I do these Walks. Any personal expenses that are incurred in order to take part in these Walks are just that – my personal responsibility. All funds raised are sent directly to the Komen 3Day Walk for a Cure in Dallas, TX. For those of you with questions regarding funding, here's what I found out from my research: 25% of all monies raised for each 3-Day Walk stay with the local SKG affiliate. The remaining 75% goes to the National organization. From there, 84% of the funds are targeted for research and programming; 8% for fundraising; and 8% for administrative expenses. So for a \$100 donation, \$25 stays local; \$75 goes to national. From there, \$63 goes to programs and research; \$6 to fundraising; and \$6 to administrative costs. \$88 of your \$100 donation goes right back into services and work for a cure.

I look forward to seeing you all there!! I am accepting any and all donations of saleable goods (no clothing or large furniture, please!) that you would care to donate. If you need more information, contact me at 239-7478 or parallax@ne.rr.com. If you want to donate directly to my efforts, please go to my website at www.the3day.org/goto/betsynh.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Busting Common Garden Myths

Richmond Agricultural Commission

According to a 2012 Weekly Market Bulletin, there may be gardening myths that are now no longer accurate. Is grandma's advice really accurate? The National Garden Bureau did facts check on some of the common myths and here are the results:

Myth: Pinch the seed pod off if the onion goes to seed.

Busted: Years ago that was a common practice because older (heirloom) varieties were prone to bolting. Today with newer hybrids, if you pinch the seed pod off immediately it will keep the center core of the onion from growing and the end result is a smaller onion that will not store well. And, if you knock over the top of the onion that will stop the bulbing process and thus I make the onion more likely to grow during storage.

Myth: For sweeter tomatoes, add sugar to the planting hole.

Busted: Tomato plants can't absorb sugar in the soil. Sugar is produced through photosynthesis. The sugar content of a variety is predetermined in the plant's genetics.

Myth: Perennials won't bloom the first year, especially bare-root.


Half Busted: With modern breeding and growing techniques, this is no longer true. You can plant bare root and potted perennials now and enjoy those blooms the first year assuming you don't plant them past the time they would naturally bloom. However, if you buy a potted perennial that requires overwintering, then you will have to wait through the first winter to get the desired blooms.

Myth: Plant peas and potatoes on St. Patrick's Day.

Half Busted: This can't possibly be true for all climate zones. Best to refer to the updated USDA hardiness zone maps and plant according to the local last frost dates as recommended by local gardening experts. Grandma may have lived her whole life in the same zone.

Myth: Pinch off all blooms of annuals before planting.

Busted: In many cases pinching is no longer an absolute must because today's commonly available bedding plants are bred to be more compact with continuous blooms.



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Myth: Planting tomatoes in a trench or up to the first true leaves promotes a sturdier plant.

Half Busted: This one is still true for seed propagated heirlooms and hybrids. Planting deeply does help elongate the rooting area since any point on the stem that comes into contact with the soil will root. The exception is when planting grafted tomatoes, because if the scion takes root it will negate the benefits of the grated rootstock. So, never plant a grafted tomato too deeply.

Myth: Use tuna fish cans around transplanted stems to thwart cut worms.

Not Busted: Yes, grandma was correct and frugal with this tip. When both ends of the can are removed and placed around the plant, it acts as a barrier to keep natural soil crawlers from reaching the plant until the stem has thickened and past the tender stage.

Myth: Add chalk or egg shells to the planting soil.

Not Busted: Both these items will help prevent blossom end rot in tomatoes since they provide calcium to the fruit. Also, egg shells provide a deterrent for slugs as they do not like to crawl over the jagged edges.

Myth: Beer traps for slugs.

Not Busted: Yes, they really do work and research shows they refer the light beers over the darker ales and lagers. After a rain or watering, replace the beer as slugs will avoid the watered down stuff.

Information from the Weekly Market Bulletin July 2012.

P.S. Don't forget to mark your calendar for June 27 and look for the signs at the intersection of Rt. 32 and 119. Maps will be available at the Pavilion. We had high marks on last year's tour and we hope this year will be even better.

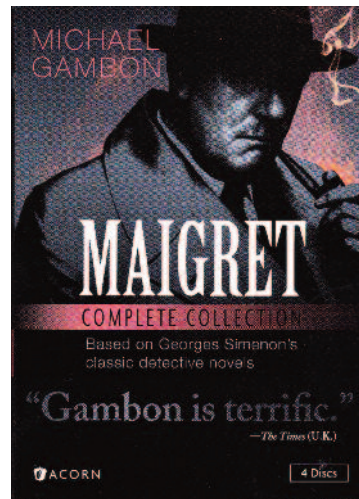
Old "Maigret" Returns

Frank Behrens

As I keep saying in my articles, I can watch over and over the older episodes of Hercule Poirot with David Suchet (before they took all the fun out of his character) and of Miss Marple with Joan Hickson. But I never mentioned a third favorite, which has not suffered any remakes since its original showings in 1992-93. "Maigret" has now been reissued in a boxed set of four DVDs holding the twelve episodes that comprise Series 1 and 2 of this wonderful police drama.

Jules Maigret is the creation of French writer Georges Simenon and played here by an all-British cast led by Michael Gambon in the title role. The directors wisely chose to have all the characters speak without French accents. The outdoor scenes are mostly shot in "Paris" (actually Budapest). The pictures behind the opening titles perfectly establish the time and place. Gambon is ably assisted by an equally good cast, which includes Ciaran Madden (Series 1) and Barbara Flynn (Series 2) as his loving wife; Geoffrey Hutchings as his assistant, Sgt. Lucas; and John Moffatt, as his obstructive superior, M. Comeliau.

The guest stars who do exemplary jobs include Cheryl Campbell, Edward Petherbridge, Brenda Blethyn (the current



lead in "Vera"), Minnie Driver (in a very strong role) and even Jane Wymark (the wife of Tom Barnaby in "Midsomer Murders, Series 1-20). Kudos to Campbell and Driver for playing two very tough women who are a match for Maigret himself.

Gambon plays Maigret not as a "character," as are Poirot or Marple, but as a serious policeman who looks into the characters of his suspects before coming to conclusions. His sense of wry humor does much to make this series quite enjoyable.

Out of the twelve episodes, my favorite is "Maigret Sets a Trap" (Series 1, episode 6). Here a sex killer is terrorizing Paris and the story starts in media res with Maigret bringing someone into the station but refusing to say anything about him to reporters. There is a touch of *Psycho* in a certain mother-son relationship and more than a little painful suspense as a policewoman is put in harm's way to lure the killer.

Yes, "Maigret" provides 645 minutes of intelligent and enjoyable police drama. And subtitles and a booklet are included to further enhance one's enjoyment of this set.

Social Hour

Pam Goodell

The May social hour went well. The weather cooperated. We opened the doors and some people sat outside on the ramp to enjoy the sunshine. Thanks to Maureen Daugherty for bringing snacks. Feel free to bring anything, any time. The next social hour will be Monday June 3 at the Vet's Hall from 10 to 11 a.m.

Writing Contest

John Bocalini

The Rooster has extended its deadline for the writing contest with the title, "Why Richmond is a Wonderful Town." The contest is open to all residents or all ages, with the exception of *The Richmond Rooster* staff and their immediate family members, and should be limited to 300 words.

The winner will receive \$20.00 prize. Submission is due by June 30, 2013 and the winner will be announced in our September issue. All submission imply permission to allow *The Richmond Rooster* the use of the submission as an article in its publication. Thank you.

Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

"We must protect the forests for our children, grandchildren and children yet to be born. We must protect the forests for those who can't speak for themselves such as the birds, animals, fish and trees."
— Qwatsinas, Nuxalk Nation

Third Quarter Honor Roll

Neil Moriarty

Congratulations to our students. Sorted in last name sequence.

Note: No input from Immaculate Heart of Mary

MRHS = Monadnock Regional High School; MRMS = Monadnock Regional Middle School.

Melody Ayotte	5	High Honors	Cutler
Cameron Barth	11	Honors	MRHMS
Olivia Berman	9	Honors	MRHMS
Olivia Budzick	6	High Honors	Cutler
Andrew Boncal	12	Honors	MRHMS
Hannah Bush	12	High Honors	MRHMS
Chloe Busick	10	Honors	MRHMS
Colt Busick	12	Honors	MRHMS
Cody Cox	5	High Honors	Cutler
Madison Daniels	9	Honors	MRHS
Molly Hulett	6	High Honors	Cutler
Tarali Kelly	8	Honors	MRHMS
Autumn Love	6	High Honors	Cutler
Phoenix Lutz	5	High Honors	Cutler
Jacob Mathewson	3	Honors	Emerson
Robert C. Morton	8	Honors	MRHMS
Courtney Mountford	12	Honors	MRHS
Madison Pearsall	7	High Honors	MRHMS
Cassidy Purrington	5	High Honors	Cutler
Aqila Putri	12	Honors	MRHMS
Lydia Randall	8	Honors	MRHMS
Breanne Swanson	7	High Honors	MRHMS
Kirsten Thayer	9	Honors	MRHMS

Cutler: Latest Awards – Congratulations to our students!
Citizenship Award for April 2013

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Cassidy Purrington

Whitney Maynard

Young Author Award for April 2013

Andrew Buckley

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Volunteer Energy Committee of Richmond

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Concert

Janet Boccalini

Animaterra will be holding their Spring Concert on Saturday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Keene Unitarian Universalist Church, 69 Washington Street, Keene, NH and Sunday, June 9 at 4:00 p.m. at the Union Congregational Church, 33 Concord Street, Peterborough, NH.

Animaterra is a Monadnock Region women's chorus formed to communicate the world's traditions through music.

A large portion of the proceeds go to Miracles in Motion of Keene, a group whose vision is to provide the "miracle" of therapeutic horseback riding to improve the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social lives of individuals with special needs.

Out and About

John Boccalini

Sat. June 1, 1 p.m. Richmond – Local Authors, Richmond Town Library

Sat. June 1, 8 p.m. Keene Jazz Orchestra, Alumni Recital Hall; Redfern Arts Center

Sat. – Sun. June 1 – 2, all day. Monadnock Up In Smoke BBQ Festival Cheshire Fair Grounds, Rt. 12 south, Swanzey

Mon. June 3, 10 -11 a.m. Social Hour, Vet's Hall, Richmond

Fri. June 7, 7 – 10 p.m. Acoustic Jam, The Listening Room, 29 Main St. Jaffrey

Sat. June 8, 7:30 p.m. Animators Spring Concert, Keene Unitarian Universalist Church, 69 Washington St., Keene

Sat. June 8, 8 p.m. Weird Al, Apocalypse Tour, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$39.50-54.50

Sun., June 9, 2013, 1-4 p.m. Winchester Learning Center Open House, 109 Keene Road, Winchester

Sun., June 9, 2013, 4:00 p.m. Animators Spring Concert, Union Congregational Church, 33 Concord St., Peterborough.

Fri. Jun 14, 7:30 p.m. Skip Gorma. 19 Grove Street, Bass Hall, Peterborough. \$15

Sat. June 15, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Gigantic Flea Market, Cheshire Fair Grounds, Swanzey

Fri. June 21, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Gary Davis BBQ and Music, Cheshire Fair Grounds, Swanzey

Sat. June 22, 8 a.m. Gary Beaman Memorial Golf Tournament, Oak Ridge Golf Club on West Gill Rd in Gill, Mass (Proceeds supporting the work of the Winchester Learning Center.)

Sat. – Sun. June 22-23, all day. Gilsum Rock Swap and Mineral Show. Gilsum Elementary School, 640 Route 10, Gilsum

Wed. – Sun. June 26, - June31, 8 p.m. 'Say Goodnight Gracie.' Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough

Thurs. June 27, 7 p.m. Exhibition Munch 150, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$8.50-10.50

Thurs. June 27, 4 – 7 p.m. Richmond Garden Tour, Seven gardens on display throughout Richmond

Fri. – Sat. June 29, 10 a.m. Snow White. Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough

Ongoing:

Sunflowers Restaurant , 21B Main St. Jaffrey

Music at brunch 11:30 – 1:30, Dinner beginning at 6pm

Sun June 2, 11:30 a.m. – Ted Mann guitar

Sun June 2, 6 p.m. – Walt Sayre piano

Fri. June 7, 6 p.m. – Chas Beaulieu & Eric Blackmer flute and guitar

Sun June 9, 11:30 a.m. – Bob Arpin guitar

Sun June 9, 6 p.m. – Rick and the Redhead, Diane Kellner

vocals and Rick Ammons guitar

Fri. June14, 6 p.m. – Michael Blake guitar

Sun. June16, 11:30 a.m. Brunch Father's Day – TBD

Sun. June16, 6 p.m. – JT Lawrence mandolin & guitar

Fri. June 21, 6 p.m. Dinner – John Cache guitar & vocals

Sun. June 23, 11:30 a.m. – Michael Blake guitar

Sun. June 23, 6 p.m. – Chas Beaulieu & Eric Blackmer flute & guitar

Fri. June 28, 6 p.m. - Scott Mullet sax

Sun. June 30, 11:30 a.m. – Bob Pettegrew piano

Sun. June 30, 6 p.m – Ted Mann guitar

No cover charge. Tips appreciated. Reservations recommended!

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

Tuesdays 7 p.m. Celtic Music Night. Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Every Tuesday night from 8-11 p.m. CJ the DJ hosts karaoke at his hometown bar, Ed's Crossroads Pizza & Subs.

Wednesday, 9:30 – 11 p.m. Open Mic Night – Acoustic only please. Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

Thursday, 9 p.m. Bluegrass Jam, Harlow's Pub, Peterborough.

First Friday/month 8.p.m. CJ the DJ Karaoke, Dragon Palace, 7 Marlboro Rd., Troy.

Richmond Garden Tour

Thursday – June 27, 2013 4 – 7 pm

The 2013 Richmond Garden Tour will take place June 27 from 4-7 p.m. We expect most of last year's gardens to be available with earlier seasonal bloom and some new gardens will be on view. If you have gardens you would like to share, please contact us. We will offer maps and brief descriptions of available gardens prior to this event.

Barbara and Stillman Rogers, 686 Old Homestead Highway:

An excellent example of food production and ornamental plantings. The large food garden is fertilized with composted cow manure and watered with an underground water conservation system. The Rogers produce and preserve enough food on their 40'x60' vegetable bed to feed two families through the winter. There are also some recently renovated ornamental beds to view. Come see and discover more at this outstanding example of sustainability and beauty.



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Fox Call Farm, Bob and Jan Weekes, 34-Quaker Lane: Plantings that create a park-like setting for a pre-Revolutionary War house. Garden design (which includes an "Inner Child Garden") presents surprises that reveal the owners' love not just of gardening but also of whimsy.

Carol Jameson and Peter Mulhall, 420 Winchester Road: This is a young garden, begun in the fall of 2010 on land that had not been gardened before. The two island beds with specimen plantings were added last year, with professional help. The other areas are a mix of shrubs, perennials, ground covers, annuals and vegetables. It is a work in progress for a retired couple, new to gardening and loving it.

The Rock 'n Horse Farm, Sandy Holbrook, 237 Athol Road: Gardens contain little bit of this and a little bit of that with a whole lot of love scattered throughout. Many of my perennials came from the gardens of dear family and friends. Some of the annuals I've wintered over year after year...again from my friends. Many of the earlier flowering bushes came from my family homestead. I'm a beginner gardener learning through trial and error but it's been fun and I look forward to sharing this venture with you.

Welkinwind Ledges, Jean Tandy, 539 Whipple Hill Road: Open to sky and winds, plants coaxed to endure on granite, rock rising over the Warwick Fault, where one sees hills receding far into Vermont. The garden is more chance than formal in plan, growing plant gifts from family and neighbors, and adoptees from draft trips to nurseries. Weeds and woods plants are contented here, as are deer and porcupine.

Rosti and Jeani Eismont, 70 Whipple Hill Road: Started as a nursery/experimental garden to see what would grow in our climate and a place to plant unusual plants for use in gardens which Rosti designed. To the glacial moraine of enormous boulders, the surprise of early Spring wild-flowering bloodroot, and the existing old roses surrounding the old cape, we added nursery beds of perennials, additional own-root old-fashioned roses, common and uncommon shrubs, dwarf or weeping trees, spring and fall flowering bulbs, irises, hostas, day lillies, and alpine plants. Slow growers, fast growers, vines, weeds, self-sowers, biennials, and more in a Richmond wild garden.

Patti Harville and Al Karevy, Old Homestead Highway: This is an informal cottage-style garden developed over many years. Patti and Al's garden features a wonderful old yew hedge, fruit trees, and vegetable garden as major framing devices. Perennials occupy the spaces between and each year newly planted perennials, herbs and shrubs are added as the garden continues to develop and grow. One of Richmond's quiet treasures!



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Historical Society Of Cheshire County

An attempt to confirm the location of
Robert Strong Woodward's painting
"Mr. Franklin's House"
by Randy Frazier
with the assistance of Norma Thibodeau
of the Richmond Archives
8/14/2010

It has been six or seven weeks since Alan Rumrill came into the Wright Room at the Historical Society of Cheshire County, NH and handed me an email request from Edward Jenest of Asheville, NC. Mr. Jenest was looking for information on the location of a house in Richmond that was the subject of the painting he and his wife own by Robert Strong Woodward titled "Mr. Franklin's House." The painting was done in 1929 or 1930 and was originally owned by Louis and Tina Rosenzweig of Greenfield, MA. It then passed to their daughter Gerda and later to Gerda's daughter Vicki, Ed Jenest's wife.

There was another larger painting of the same subject titled "Out of New England Soil." The artist, in his will, left this painting to his friend, F. Earl Williams who then presented the painting to the Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, MA in 1957. It hangs in a study room of the library at Deerfield Academy.

The project has been a great pleasure to me. I've learned about a genuinely heroic artist who was painting scenes from our backyard. And I've met many interesting people and been exposed to great original artwork. I've also learned a lot about a small corner of Richmond on Whipple Hill Road.

Jenest was hoping we could confirm that Edson Franklin had owned the house in question that fit the description the artist gave of "over back of Warwick toward Fitzwilliam's Road." He mentioned that the historian in Richmond believed it was the house at 70 Whipple Hill Rd and he said it did look like his painting.

Mr. Jenest had done his homework. He provided us with lots of historical references for Edson and Emma Franklin. I downloaded all his referenced records and made a trip to the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds that Friday. On that visit I found only the property Edson and Emma had bought in Chesterfield, NH. The next day I stopped in to see Norma Thibodeau, the Richmond historian. I found that Mr. Jenest had



Dr. Mark Purinton and his wife.

also contacted her and she was already working on the project. She had been looking at Town Reports and could find no reference to Edson Franklin's ownership of the property. She then remembered that she had been visited by a Dr. Purinton years before asking the same question. She remembered identifying 70 Whipple Hill Road (the Putney House) at that time. But neither of us had a photo of the painting to compare it to.

Coincidentally, Norma and I (and her grandson Robert) had worked together on a PowerPoint presentation of "Old Richmond Houses" that featured the Putney Place (among others) just last summer.

I emailed Ed Jenest to have him send a photo of the painting. I received two emails. One from Ed, but another from Dr. Mark Purinton. Both provided me with links to the painting on the website: robertstrongwoodward.com. It was immediately apparent that this was probably the Putney house.

But the website captivated me. I started exploring it (I'm still exploring it and haven't seen it all) looking first at the sister painting to "Mr. Franklin's House," "Out of New England Soil" that hangs in the Library at Deerfield Academy in Old Deerfield, MA. After viewing a lot of the paintings, I started poking around in other corners of the website and found that Dr. Purinton had a close relationship with Robert Strong Woodward and had been the major beneficiary of his estate. And I found that the website was Dr. Purinton's monument to his great friend. And the story of RSW triumphing over so much adversity, I found truly moving. Robert Strong Woodward was paralyzed from the waist down at a young age and overcame that obstacle to become a renowned and revered artist.

Dr. Purinton worked hard to gather every detail about each of RSW's paintings, so I really wanted to help.

On another trip to the Registry of Deeds I did find Edson's wife Emma Franklin buying property in Richmond in 1876. Unfortunately, the farm she bought was a mile or so from the Putney house and did not fit the location given for the painting. Also, the painting was done around 1930 and Emma sold their

farm in 1882 to Mirick Burgess. The Franklin's then moved to Chesterfield.

So, I stopped to see Norma again to tell her I could find no connection between Edson Franklin and the Putney house. She was still certain the painting was of the Putney house.

She had been working with the vital records and had found Edson's death in 1932 in the Richmond vitals. The record gave his mother's maiden name as Elvira Nash and that she was from Chesterfield. So Norma had her husband Joe Thibodeau, who also volunteers at HSCC, make a copy of the Nash genealogy from the Chesterfield Town History.

We were looking at this genealogy and read that though Elmira (not Elvira) was first married to Edson's father, Stephen Franklin of Winchester, she was secondly married to Mirach (Mirick) Burgess. We poured over the various Richmond town maps and found E.A. Franklin on the 1877 map as Ed had told us (at the Old Turnpike Rd. house) but down where the Putney house should be, was the name N. Burgess. Could this be a misprint for Mirick or maybe a relative of his? It was only later at home, while reviewing all the records that I noticed the 1870 census entry for Edson said he was living with a Mirick Burgess and Almira F. and that he was a farm laborer.

I had looked at this census before, but not knowing Edson's mother's name, I had thought he was out on his own and living where he was employed. Then I remembered that Emma had sold her Richmond farm to a Mirick Burgess. Another trip to the Registry of Deeds was in order.

This time, I did my search on Mirick Burgess's holdings and was able to confirm that Mirick did indeed own the Putney house along with three or four adjacent parcels. He bought his first parcel in 1875 from Omer Brown, one year before his daughter-in-law Emma bought her Richmond farm.

But all of these, he sold parcel by parcel before 1921. He died in Winchester on September 7, 1921. He sold the last parcel on May 4, 1921 to Pliny Jewell, a rich investment banker from Concord, MA.

This lead me to a search on Pliny Jewell's holdings and I found that he had also bought each parcel of Whipple Hill Road properties that Mirick had sold to others. These others were Fred Prescott, Alfred Saben and William C. Putney. By 1924, Pliny owned all of Mirick's Whipple Hill Rd. property.

During the time the painting was made, Edson's stepfather and mother's former Richmond home was owned by an absentee landlord. Maybe Pliny and his family spent some time in



Robert Strong Woodward painting from his touring Nash.



"Out of New England Soil." The Putney Place bought by the Eismonts in 1984.

Richmond at one of the houses, but there were two houses on the property, and it makes sense that he would want someone there to keep an eye on his estate.

It seems likely that Edson was Pliny's caretaker and was given use of the Putney house (Edson was listed as a caretaker for a private estate on the 1930 census).

Robert Strong Woodward showed up in his open touring Nash, probably driven by his hired man Fabian Stone. I'm not surprised that Mr. Franklin felt no need to explain the ownership of his house to the artist. To RSW, it was Mr. Franklin's House.

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Selectmen's Assistant: Heidi Wood

Town Secretary: Beverly Hart

Mon. 9 AM – 11 AM, 6 PM – 8 PM

Tues. 8 AM – 12 noon

Wed. 8 AM – 12 noon, 1:00 PM – 5 PM

Thurs. 8 AM – 12 noon

Town Clerk: Annette Tokunaga

Deputy Clerk: Pamela Goodell

Mon. 9 AM – 12 noon, 1 – 4 PM, 6 – 8 PM

Wed. 9 AM – noon, 1 – 5 PM, Thurs. 9 AM – 12 noon

Tax Collector: Steve Boscarino

Deputy Tax Collector: Denise Nolan

Mon. 7 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 2 PM – 4 PM

Planning Board: Richard Drew, Chairperson

Meetings held at Civil Defense Building
1st and 3rd Tues. of the month – 7:30 PM

Transfer Station & Recycling Facility:

Tues. 8 AM – 4 PM, Thurs. 8 AM – 7 PM

Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

Town Library: Wendy O'Brien, Librarian

Tues. 4 PM – 7 PM, Wed. 9 AM – 12 noon

Thurs. 4 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

Police (Non Emergency): 239-6007

Fire/ Rescue (Non Emergency): 239-4466

Fire Warden: Ed Atkins, 239-6337

Selectmen – 239-4232

Town Clerk – 239-6202

Tax Collector – 239-6106

Road Agent: Mark Beal 903-2184

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