



FEBRUARY 2014

## In His Own Words

This was something Joe wanted to put in the Rooster following his retirement from being the Road Agent in 2007.



Leonard (Joe) R. Davis

“I want to thank all who came to the retirement party at Vet’s Hall. Generally speaking Road Agents don’t fare too well keeping people happy its not an easy job. I done my best and I was thanked for it. Thirty-five years being Road Agent must be nearly a record.

I was born in Richmond in the house across the road from the store on Winchester Road Oct 1, 1925. In 1938 when the hurricane came to town I was living on Athol Road where Sandra Holbrook lives now. The next morning my stepfather and I started cutting blown down trees. Lots of trees down, no power saws back then, just cross cut saws. The pine logs were put into Cass Pond and Sandy Pond. The south end of Sandy Pond and the whole cove at Shir-Roy Campground. Logs were put into water to keep pine borers out.

Back in them days there wasn’t much work in town ... roadwork or at Bill Hinds’ farm. I worked for Bill Hinds who happened to be the Town Road Agent. I remember going out on the roads with Bill. We would put in his car shovels, hoes and a sledge hammer. We would pound off tops of rock sticking up in the roads. Bill was an easy going farmer. He had cows, a team of horses. He cut wood, hay and had a big garden. Made syrup and cider and cut ice. Bill was never in a hurry when we were out with his car. He never got out of second gear. I worked for other Road Agents, Henry Ballou and Grover La-Belle. Then when I became Road Agent, I worked for me.” —Joe

Joe Davis in the plaid shirt in the midst of his family.



## Selectmen’s Notes

**SNOW!** What a winter so far – much of the snow removal budget was spent before it was officially winter! And Mother Nature just keeps on giving... We want to thank Road Agent Mark Beal, John Holman and our dedicated, and now exhausted, highway department personnel for keeping Town

roads in excellent condition during the last two extremely challenging months. The Town does have a winter maintenance policy and it is posted on the website. We encourage you to read it to understand the Town’s responsibility and liability during winter road maintenance.

**Volunteers.** Our volunteers serve as elected and appointed individuals in various committees and enable the Town to improve the community in many ways. They extend and augment the work of paid staff saving taxpayers' dollars.

To celebrate the Town's many accomplishments in 2013 and our truly amazing volunteers, the Selectmen have designated February 2014 as Municipal Employee and Volunteer Recognition Month. Thank you.

**Budget.** With March Town Meeting just around the corner, on the Ides of March this year, we hope you have attended at least one pre-Warrant hearing to provide your input into the budget process. A second pre-warrant hearing will be held on February 13th at 7 PM if required. Please check the calendar on the website or posting at Town Hall. Non-monetary articles will also be presented this year for your vote. Here is a brief summary of some of the new articles you can expect to deliberate.

**Method of compensation.** The 2014 warrant will include articles to determine the method of compensation for the Town Clerk position, per RSA 41:25 and Tax Collector position, per RSA 41:33. The method of compensation for these positions is, by statute, determined by the Town Meeting and our research indicates that method of compensation has never come before the legislative body (Town Meeting) for a vote.

Currently, both positions are compensated by hourly wages plus fees. Selectmen's minutes from 1991 show that the Selectmen agreed that Pam Goodell, as town clerk, was to be paid an hourly wage plus certain fees; old town reports show a variety of compensation methods in the operating budgets, but the method of compensation was never voted by the legislative body, per RSA 41:2, enacted first in 1953, or RSA 41:33, enacted first in 1945.

Until this year, the compensation for the town clerk position has been shown as hourly wages, with fees shown as an expense. Fees are then paid to the town clerk, increasing the income earned. The same is true of the tax collector position.

This year, in the interest of transparency, both the Town Clerk and Tax Collector have declared their fees as 'other compensation' in their budgets.

A recent informal survey of town clerks indicated that of the seventy-two town clerks responding, sixty-one are paid by salary or an hourly rate, with eleven still paid by fees or by fees and a small stipend. A report from the NH Office of Energy and Planning (NH OEP) of positions and wages, indicates that only ¼ of tax collectors in towns with populations between 1000 and

1999 receive fees plus wages, with the remainder compensated by salary.

The Selectmen will recommend that the positions of town clerk and tax collector become salaried positions, in lieu of wages and fees, and in lieu of fees alone. Per statute, the town clerk position sets its own hours and a salary allows greater flexibility. The tax collector position in Richmond is an appointed position and a contract is signed regarding salary and hours. A salaried position provides the financial security of knowing weekly pay exactly, without the fluctuations of fee revenue. All fees will be deposited in the general fund as revenue, as are other revenues.

**Establishment of local fees.** Apparently the Town Meeting (legislative body) has also never voted to authorize the board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a., for the following purposes: issuance of any license of permit which is part of a regulatory program established by a vote of the Town, for instance, a building permit or excavation permit, and for the use or occupancy of a public revenue-producing facility, rental of the Veterans Hall, for instance. Richmond has charged these fees for years. This year the Selectmen will ask the Town Meeting to authorize this action, and note that "prior to the establishment of new fees or amendment of existing fees, the selectmen shall hold a public hearing, properly noticed."

**Wage and classification study.** The Selectmen will ask the Town Meeting to support a wage and classification study conducted by Municipal Resources Inc. This study will research comparable positions and compensations in similar towns. Classification provides for internal equity by measuring responsibility within the municipal context, employee to employee and external equity among comparable towns, position to position. Compensation involves a complicated set of variables; comparing Richmond to a small rural town with big business support or other amenities absent in Richmond is a disfavor to our employees.

The study will be limited to the following positions: Administration, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road Agent, Police Chief and Patrolman. Richmond employees are all part-time and this will probably remain true for some time to come, until the town grows or the complexity of governance and administration dictate otherwise.

The Town has published personnel policies, which give clarity and security to both employer and employee. However, to keep excellent employees, they need to know there is a reli-

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able and stated pathway to advancement through performance, longevity and training avenues. At this time, raises, while based on performance as documented by annual or more frequent evaluations, are arbitrary in amount and do not include promotions to a defined level/grade.

This study will involve most personnel in interviews, including orientation sessions and job description reviews. A classification table with minimum and maximum salary ranges for each grade will be created based on market survey data and comparable positions in selected local governments. It may also provide an objective research database to plan a transition to any necessary full time positions in the future. Conducting this study will not result in changes in pay for anyone on the Town payroll in 2014.

**Cultural and historical heritage.** Richmond has a rich cultural and historical heritage, some of which is preserved in our archival materials. However, other resources include historical buildings in town, old cemeteries, abandoned quarries and old mills, historic roads and sites of historic events. To preserve, protect and celebrate the Town's cultural heritage the Selectmen will propose a warrant article establishing a Heritage Commission, per RSA 674:44-a, advisory in nature, for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts.

**Parks and recreation.** Recognizing that one of the most important public services a municipality can offer is recreational opportunities for its residents, the Selectmen will propose the creation of a Parks and Recreation Commission to create and administer recreational opportunities and programs that will benefit our residents and economy, attract newcomers, offer places for social interaction, increase health and longevity.

**Richmond municipally owned land.** We have forests and streams and open spaces that invite hiking and x-country skiing; we have children, youth and adults who will benefit from a wide range of recreational and athletic programs. None of this can happen until more people are involved in building a recreation program that encompasses our forests, parks, beach and recreational facilities.

The Selectmen will ask the Town to create a Parks and Recreation Commission per RSA 35, which would combine the functions of the Community Parks Committee, Beach Committee and Recreation Committee. For the past several years these

committees have relied on the support of one or two dedicated volunteers. We thank these tireless volunteers for their commitment to Richmond, and will invite them to participate in a new Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Budget roundup.** These are the new articles you will be asked to deliberate and vote up or down. Some will have an impact on the budget, others not. The Selectmen promise to bring the 2014 operating budget in as close to the 2013 operating budget as possible, but with major repairs necessary this year for two municipal buildings, addressing significant deferred maintenance or faulty construction issues, the General Government budget will increase. As always, articles will be presented to add funding to our various capital reserve funds for the future.

**Fay Martin Road.** As you may recall, the Fay Martin Road upgrade must be completed by January 29, 2016, per court order, with the Town and Saint Benedict Center sharing costs at 67% and 33% respectively. The Town has been raising and appropriating into the Road Reconstruction and Repair capital reserve fund for two years to address this obligation, and a letter of credit for the Saint Benedict Center share is on file. Funds for beginning work on Fay Martin Road in 2014 are in the highway department 2014 operating budget and in the Roads Repair and Reconstruction Fund. Road construction plans are in place, paid for in 2013, in anticipation of highway department work beginning this year.

**Richmond Needs You!** We invite you to become even more involved in your municipal government. If you might be interested in serving on a Board, Committee or Commission, or volunteering in any way, please call 239-4232 or email us through the website. Please vote on Tuesday, March 11 and attend the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday March 15. Thank you for supporting the amazing work that has been done this year. You'll find it summarized in the Selectmen's Town Report.

## Town Meeting

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

This year, the first session of the town meeting, also called the town election, will be on March 11, 2014. Voting by official paper ballot will be conducted at the Veterans Memorial Hall from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

The second session, also called the Town Business Meeting, will be held on March 15, 2014 at the Veterans Memorial Hall. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM. Attending voters will have the opportunity to discuss, amend and vote on the pro-



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posed annual budget and other questions on the warrant. The voting during the second session will occur in a public forum.

For those who will not be able to come to the polls on March 11, 2014, absentee ballots will be available to those qualified to receive them. The conditions under which a voter qualifies for an absentee ballot are:

Will be absent from the town where the voter is registered to vote;

Cannot appear in public due to religious reasons;

Is unable to come to the polls due to a physical disability;

Or is unable to come to the polls during polling hours because the voter is at work or is in transit to or from work.

All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and signed by the voter. Request forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town of Richmond website under the Town Clerk's page. Please call 239-6202 if you have any questions regarding obtaining an absentee ballot.

For those not registered to vote, the last opportunity to register will be March 11, 2014 at the Veterans Memorial Hall during the polling hours. If you are not registered to vote by March 11th, you will not be able to vote at the second session on March 15th.

## February Calendar Dates

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

MON Feb. 17 CLOSED – President's Day

THU Feb. 27 Last day to register to vote with Town Clerk before Town Election

## License Your Dog

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Dog tags are available at the Town Clerk's office. Whether you licensed your dog last year or have recently acquired a new dog, you must license your dog with the Town of Richmond.

If you've added a puppy or dog to your family, you are required to vaccinate it for rabies within thirty days after it reaches three months of age or after acquiring an adult dog. After you have vaccinated the puppy or dog, you will need to license it. Please bring the rabies certificate when you license your puppy or dog. If it is neutered or spayed, please bring documentation to verify that.

Dog fees are relatively inexpensive. For puppies or dogs that have been altered, the fee is \$6.50. Unaltered dogs cost \$9.00. If you, the owner, are 65 years of age or older, you will

pay \$2.00 for your first dog and the regular fees for any additional dogs that you own. Please avoid late fees and/or civil forfeiture fees by licensing your dog on time!

## Richmond Library

Wendy O'Brien

### Save the Date!

Come join us in celebrating Richmond's very own Jonathan Bloom and Shelia Blair (former Trustees of the RPL) with a viewing of their 2012 documentary, *Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World*, on Sunday, March 23 at 2:00 PM at the Veteran's Hall. Originally aired on PBS and narrated by Susan Sarandon, this film introduces the western world to the wonders of Islamic art. Reception to follow.

### Storytimes

Wednesdays with Wendy continues throughout the winter at 10:00 AM. We have tentatively scheduled the following themes:

Feb. 5, Groundhog Day

Feb. 12, Valentine's Day

Feb. 19, President's Day

Feb. 26, Lantern Festival-Chinese New Year

Come enjoy stories, a craft, and a small snack. Children of all ages are welcome.

### Reading with Keeta and Kallie

We have scheduled a visit on Saturday, February 15 at 11:00 AM for a visit with Kate Simmington, Keeta, and Kallie. Kallie and Keeta continue to offer their gentle listening ears for children just learning to read or who wish to be more confident in their reading. Thanks to Monadnock Therapy Pets, we are pleased to offer each child that reads their very own stuffed animal dog. Come by for a story or just a pat-no reservations are needed.

## Fire House News

Melanie Ellis

The Richmond Fire Department urges everyone to be safety conscious, especially during the colder weather months. Cold weather causes a higher fire threat due to increased use of heating sources, such as electrical space heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves.

Fire deaths typically increase during the colder months from November through February, and all too often are the result of improper use of heating systems. The major causes of home fires are from heaters, wood stoves and fireplaces. They are caused by leaving portable or space heaters unattended,



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flaws in the design, installation or use of heaters, placing things that can burn too close to a heat source, and the lack of regular cleaning of chimneys in fireplaces and wood stoves.

Electric heaters, space heaters, portable heaters and kerosene heaters should have automatic safety switches to turn them off if tipped over. Be sure to check cords before plugging in the heater. If frayed, worn or broken, do not use. Either replace the heater or have an electrician replace the cord. Just putting tape on the cord is not enough to prevent overheating and fire. When using kerosene heaters, be sure the room is well ventilated. Opening a door to an adjoining room or area may be enough or slightly open a window in the room. Keep any heater at least three feet away from anything that might burn. This means curtains, walls, furniture, papers, etc. To avoid injury and other mishaps, keep children and pets away from heaters. For best results, direct the heat from a portable heater where you want it. It won't heat an entire room. Focus the heat where you need it – but not so close it can cause fires or burns.

With the very cold weather we have been having, there is always the possibility of pipes freezing. To prevent your pipes from freezing, open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children or pets. Let cold water drip from the faucet. Running water through the pipes, even at a trickle, will help prevent pipes from freezing. If you have pipes that run from your garage, keep the overhead garage doors closed.

If you do experience frozen pipes, keep the faucet open as you treat the frozen pipes. As the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow and running water through the pipe will help melt ice that is left in the pipes. Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the

pipe, hair dryer, portable space heater (kept away from flammable materials) or wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. DO NOT use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove or other open flame device. Check all faucets in your home to see if you have other frozen pipes. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze, too. Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you're unable to locate the frozen area or are unsure of what to do, call a plumber.

### Keep on Shining

Janet Boccalini



Joe Davis was one of the sweetest and kindest people I have ever met. He was a man of few words, yet he said much with his constant smile, positive attitude, deeds and that twinkle in his eye.

Joe stocked our pond with shiners every year. Come winter, he would come down, make a hole in the ice and set a trap with dog food in it to catch his bait for ice fishing. Since he was bound and determined to walk to the pond no matter how deep the snow was, I tried to keep a path for him with my snowshoes.

It has been a number of years since Joe came down for his shiners, much to the pleasure of an otter that makes periodic visits to fish. Although Joe has now passed away from this earth, his shiners will continue to live on as long as that otter doesn't eat all of them!

And I will continue to miss Joe. He had so very much to give, teach, and share just by the way he was, which was beyond words. He has left this world a better place for those of us who knew him at all.

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## Editor's Note

John Boccalini

As of January 1, 2014 the Richmond 4-Corners Store was closed for business. It has been some 75+ years since that has happened outside of holidays. Hopefully *The Rooster* will report about the grand reopening of the store in the future. The 4-Corners Store was the lifetime hub for *The Rooster* since its inception in 1992.

## From the Archives (March 2006)

Norma Thibodeau

For almost two hundred years the 4-Corners Store has been a fixture in Richmond. The following article is a gift of Dick Dickenson to the archives, written by his father Harold J. Dickinson. Permission has been granted for its reprint in *The Rooster*. Harold Dickinson was well known as historian, author, and benefactor of Richmond. Photos courtesy of Rosamond Mills Hoffay archives collections. Thank you Dick for the contribution to conserve Richmond's history.

## The Old 4-Corners Store (March 2006)

H.J.D. (Harold J. Dickinson)

*Before the fire on August 24, 1938.* The year was 1808, just past the haying season, and the day was hot and humid. Several men had gathered under the shade of a wide spreading maple tree for a serious discussion. All were Friends, or Quakers, and members of the Church they had donated money to build in 1790, and which stood a few rods to the north of where they had assembled.

After a few moments of silent meditation, a broad shouldered and pleasant faced man spoke. "Brothers," he said, "we know that th' General Court voted t' allow uh turnpike t' be built from Winchester through Richmond t' Fitzwilliam. It's ben two year sence th' vote wuz made, an' th' surveyors hev ben settin' stakes an' figurin' culverts an' bridges even sence. Yisterdy th' head man showed me whar th' rud 'll go. See thet line uv stakes?" He pointed and all of the men turned to face that direction, and the stake line that faded into the distance, then again faced the speaker as he continued. "Thet line goes right thrue our buryin' ground, an' he said we'd hafter move them as is buried thar afore they starts t'



build th' rud, so I s'pose we'll hafter do it."

The men nodded in solemn agreement, and after setting a day when they would meet again to carry out the requirements of the highway officials, went their several ways to resume work on their respective farms.

At that time the Friends had about four acres of land donated by Jedidiah Buffum on which their Church stood, and embraced an area now occupied by the 4-Corners Store, and across the present road to Winchester to an existing wall, and westerly to the wall beyond the new Fire Station. The open field behind the station was then, and was for many years a forest growth known as "The Quaker Woods."

With the building of the Ashuelot Turnpike, and the resultant increase of travel, a Major Jonas Robinson, recognizing the financial possibilities of a store at the corner of two well traveled roads, had erected in 1815 a two story building, with a well stocked store on the ground floor, and a roomy dwelling above. This store was well patronized for many years, drawing customers from a considerable distance, and remained an important landmark until destroyed by fire the night of August 24, 1938.

In it, also, was the Post Office much of the time until RFD from Fitzwilliam and Winchester made it unnecessary. The new store was built in nearly the same position as the old store had been, but was changed in position and moved away from the corner, and a living apartment added by Mr. Atkins ©1968.

This, then, is the story of the Old Store, brief, and meaningless, to most who pass by, but a cause of nostalgia to the very few who had association with it.

## Four Corners Store (Sept. 2006)

Christine Bryan

What would Richmond be without the 4-Corners Store? It serves as a reliable supply of essential and useful merchandise, our community bulletin board, and a gathering place. A store was first built at that intersection around 1800 and was an important landmark right away. Norma Thibodeau wrote about the history of the old building in the March issue of *The Rooster*. This brief article isn't a complete historical record or even an interview with the current owners. It is just a salute to a local institution, if you will, that means so much to the whole community.

The store has changed quite a bit in the forty-three years that Gerry Brewer had been working there. Pete and Doris Mills had purchased the store from Ralph and Helen Atkins. During

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the eventful year of 1938, the store building survived the hurricane that did so much damage, but was struck by lightning and burned down. Doris escaped with her five children and had the store rebuilt.

Two of her daughters still live in Cheshire County and travel to the South Cemetery every Memorial Day to visit the graves of their parents. They are always pleased when the cemetery looks well cared for. The sisters stop by the store to say hello. They supplied a framed copy of the original store which can be seen hanging on one of the old posts.

The next owners were George and Helen Blais. They lived in the back half of the present store. The staircase to the two rooms above is gone, but the opening in the ceiling is still there, as well as the window in what had been Helen's laundry room. Helen made German dishes and cheese cakes which she sold.

When the store passed on to Philip and Judith Dodier, sandwiches and other prepared food items made the store more of a stopping place for lunch. Gerry commented that each owner of the store has made changes, always for the better. The two Jacobson brothers and their wives, Bud and Diane, and Paul and Linda, purchased the store next and are fondly remembered by residents.

In the observations of this writer, owning the 4-Corners Store is much different than having a job. For one thing, it is presumed that the store doesn't have a high enough cash flow to provide a sufficient income. So besides being hard work, it becomes more like a gift, a hobby, or a vocation. And running the store, or working there is not particularly exciting or pleasant, although it does have those elements in part. Our hats are off to those folks who have given so much to provide us with the services that add a great deal to the community.

When the Jacobsons moved on, Alan and Linda Stickles ran the store for awhile. The current owners are a mother and daughter, Barbara Shay and Brenda McDonald. They have brought the business into the computer age, which adds a delightful incongruence with the old beams and wooden floor.

The gas prices at the 4-Corners Store were regularly among the lowest in the area. Gerry said there was "always" gas available at the store. Mr. Atkins used to bring gas in fifty-gallon drums and pour it in the tank. Route 119 didn't have so much

traffic back then and there were only four hundred residents.

The store is a busy place these days. People from a fair distance away come to buy their lunch or to pick up food for dinner. It seems that everything is available there – once again, the essentials, like beer and cigarettes and wine, as well as sunglasses, postcards, the coffee that is always ready, and the legendary advice, as is posted on the sign by the road. And, of course, the store had been the drop-off place for *The Richmond Rooster*, instrumental in allowing this publication to function.

## 4-Corner Store Ribs

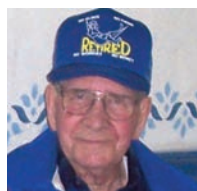
Dave and Chelley Tighe

The Fitzwilliam Inn is pleased to announce that we hope to carry on the tradition of "4-Corner Store Ribs" by this spring. We, as you, were sad to see the store close, but we're honored to keep the tradition alive with the original rotisserie machine and recipe for those delicious ribs! Stay tuned for details.

## Leonard "Joe" Davis

Terri O'Rorke

My family and I met Joe Davis shortly after moving into our home on Whipple Hill Road more than twenty years ago. A kind-eyed, soft-spoken man, we never saw Joe without a smile. We would see him often, working the road but always taking a moment to smile and wave back as we drove by.



Early spring through late fall would find Joe clearing brush, grading and salting roads, clearing culverts, digging out the side ditches and cutting back overhanging tree branches. Sometimes he worked alone, other times he had help, but he always, one could tell, took pride in the work he did to keep Richmond's secondary roads easily accessible to all who travelled them.

One of Richmond's "Old Guard" has now gone home for a well-deserved rest. But if I think and listen hard enough, I can still see his slow smile forming and hear his soft spoken New Hampshire drawl. God bless you, Joe!

## Deliberative Session and Honor Roll Elementary Schools

Neil Moriarty

Don't forget the Deliberative Session at the High School February 8 at 10:00 AM – your vote counts on 70% of your property taxes!

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**Congratulations Students!!!** The fourth grade Honor Roll is not tracked at Emerson. Reminder: elementary schools within the district will have only three reporting periods. No submission from Immaculate Heart of Mary School was received. Do you know of anyone else who should be reported on? If so, please submit them to me. Additionally, you must provide a release to the school for your child's name or the schools will not release the name to me. So if you have blocked names previously, it may be time to release the child's name now. Honor Roll = (H) High Honors = (HH)

Name	Grade	Honor	School
Melody Ayotte	6	(H)	Cutler
Calvin Burdick	4	(H)	Cutler
Cheyenne Burt	4	(H)	Cutler
Dylan Cashman	5	(HH)	Cutler
Darylie Chandler	4	(HH)	Cutler
Cody Cox	6	(H)	Cutler
Aderyn Daugherty	4	(HH)	Cutler
Joseph French	5	(H)	Emerson
Annika Jayne	5	(HH)	Cutler
Isabelle LeBlanc	5	(H)	Cutler
Ivy Love	5	(H)	Cutler
Jared Marques	4	(H)	Cutler
Whitney Maynard	6	(H)	Cutler
Andrew Pearsall	5	(H)	Emerson
Caelan Purrington	4	(H)	Cutler
Cassidy Purrington	6	(H)	Cutler
Dylan Rowland	5	(H)	Cutler
Alex Royce	5	(H)	Emerson
Delaney Swanson	5	(H)	Cutler
Anthony Tomer	5	(HH)	Cutler
Bridget Van Valzah	4	(HH)	Cutler
Liam Yeaton	5	(HH)	Cutler

If you have comments or suggestions, call me at 239-4031 or email [cmoriarty@ne.rr.com](mailto:cmoriarty@ne.rr.com), or call Jim Carnie at 239-4948 who will also assist you with Monadnock Regional School District concerns.

## Past Perfect

Bonnie McCarthy

On January 7, 2014, I started immersing myself in the 1800s thanks to a variety of Richmond history buffs, both past and present. That's the date I started training with Wendy at the Richmond Public Library (RPL) to operate the new Past Perfect

software for scanning archival documents into the new computer system to insure perpetual preservation and retrieval. It is fascinating volunteer work, melding past with present.

Thanks to the years of meticulous and thorough work of such dedicated Richmond history buffs as Edith Atkins, Ruth Flanders, and Norma Thibodeau, a treasure trove of photographs and other original historical documents have been preserved in the Richmond Archives. To protect these precious documents, yet continue to make them available to the public without risking degradation, the RPL Board of Trustees, with library and Archive funds, launched a project to scan selected items into a digital computer program for easy access without having to handle the original documents. A demonstration of the software and the pilot results (The Great Washout) was offered to the public at RPL on Tuesday, January 21 at 6-8 PM. I hope many of *The Rooster* readers attended this presentation to visually experience a part of Richmond's history and see how perfectly the past can be preserved.

After learning the technical aspects of the software classification and system operation, I had time to reflect on the deep appreciation we owe to the countless individuals who had the loving foresight to preserve these family treasures. More importantly, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Edith, Ruth, Norma, and nameless others who so painstakingly and, yes again, lovingly sorted, cataloged, and preserved the family history of past Richmonddites. The current project will in most instances be able to name the "nameless others" by virtue of the many photographs and documents cataloged when the Richmond Archives was created.

The scanning of photos and documents into the eventual virtual history of Richmond will be an on-going, never-ending project as we move from the 1800s through the 2000s. My initial volunteer activity is to begin scanning the many photographs into the Past Perfect software. I feel I have been given an honor to be allowed to view these archival photographs of Richmond buildings, people, and events from the 1800s and, yes, one more time, lovingly bring them forth into modern technology for all to see.

## Twenty Years Ago

Frank Behrens

What makes an even number "even"? When we want to "even" something out, we remove all the bumps. To spread icing evenly on a cake, every point on the surface of the icing is the same

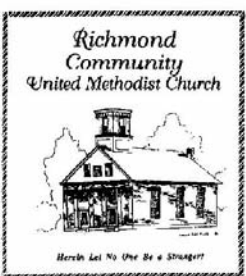


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distance from the surface of the cake. And that is the clue to what makes a number even!

Let us recall that any number can be represented by a string of \*'s. You know: 1 = \*, 2 = \*\*, 3 = \*\*\*, and so on forever. So let us see what can be done with even numbers that cannot be done with odd ones:

Evens:	*	**	***	****	*****	*****
	*	**	***	****	*****	*****
	2	4	6	8	10	12
Odds	**	***	****	*****	*****	*****
	*	**	***	****	*****	*****
	3	5	7	9	11	13

Get it? The odds have bumps! An even number can be matched point-to-point if you break it in half. An odd number can be matched point-to-point but always have one point left over. (Get the Point? ed.)

In fact, don't we use the word "odd" with the meaning "not fitting the regular pattern" or "sticking out like a sore thumb"?

So make believe you have a box filled with discs and each disc has an even number printed on it: 2, 4, 6, 8, and so on (make believe) for ever. Now reach in and pull any two of them. Add up the numbers you see. It makes no difference which two you pull out: the answer will always be even. It will always be on some disc in that box.

In the language of mathematics, we say that even numbers are closed to addition. That is a fancy way of saying "the answer will always be in the box."

In fact, take out any number of discs and add them up. The answer will still be even.

Now take out any number of discs and multiply the numbers. Again the answer will always be even, it will always be in the box. So even numbers are closed to multiplication.

If you have discs for negative evens, such as -4 and -28, then even numbers are closed to subtraction since subtracting any even from an even gives an even answer.

But go ahead and try dividing. Eight into 16 goes 2 and 2 is nice and even. Eight into 24 goes 3 and 3 is nice and odd! Well that breaks what looked like a nice pattern. Evens are not closed to division: the answer is not always in the box.

Oh well!

The oddest thing about evens is that two odds will always add up to an even! Think about that.

If you add 5 and 7 you get 12 which is even. How come?

This is where the bumps come in.

***	***	*****
	+	=
**	****	*****

Each "bump" fits into the empty space of the other number and things "even out."

Now if life could only be like that.

## A Moment in Road Time [A Poetic Salute to Leonard (Joe) R. Davis]

Pete Majoy

Always the roads everywhere  
in conditions great, good, and needy  
waiting, always waiting for the man  
whose care for them was never greedy.

Butterflies and bears stood-by  
waiting as nature's off-road vehicles  
for the smile he wore in rain and snow  
as he performed his on-road miracles.

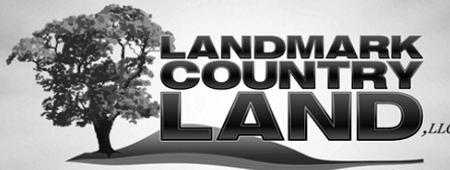
For us folk who waved at him  
and his friendly helpers working true  
there was a deep felt sense of thanks  
that rose within for all that he would do.

Our memories of his road-time  
shall never ever hide away or lay so low  
for the lasting impression that it made  
is the bonding with our beloved Joe.

## Joe Davis

Marie and Paul Knowlton

Has there ever been a man as kind, gentle, considerate and dedicated as our former Road Agent and friend Joe Davis? He was a remarkable person who exuded goodness and caring in all that he did. His smile was demure and spread to anyone in his



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Joe Davis and his wife, Betty.

presence; one couldn't help smile when Joe Davis had a grin on his face. With simple elegance he worked around the clock keeping our roads smooth in the summer and plowed in the winter. He accepted calls gracefully at all hours of the day and handled situations in the most pleasant and appealing way. He treated everyone equally, fairly and with respect. It

is sad to see a great man leave this world but Joe Davis stands up as one of the major influences that makes Richmond shine. He truly was an exceptional person who lives forever in my Richmond Hall of Fame.

## Northern Pass

Bob Weekes

What is Northern Pass? A new high voltage electric transmission line that would involve the erection of 2300 new or relocated towers up to 155 feet high passing through unspoiled New Hampshire lands from the Canadian border to Franklin, NH (and beyond). The location of these towers will visually impact 95,000 acres of the state including areas of Franconia Notch (White Mountain National Forest) through which the proposed transmission line would run (see the Appalachian Mountain Club's website, [www.outdoors.org](http://www.outdoors.org) and search for Northern Pass Flyover).

Northern Pass is being proposed, funded and expensively lobbied by Hydro-Quebec and its US customer, PSNH, which stands to make money on this project since some of its own transmission lines would also be used. Hydro-Quebec is a privately-owned, for-profit Canadian power company which has excess power to sell. It freely admits that it makes a greater profit on power it sells to New England than on power it sells in Canada. It also admits that the power to be transported via Northern Pass is not intended to serve New Hampshire's needs (PSNH already produces more power than NH can use). Instead it is power generated in Canada that it hopes to sell at higher margins to southern New England.

No environmental organization has endorsed this project. The Conservation Law Foundation, Appalachian Mountain Club, NH Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests actively oppose Northern Pass. Of the thirty-one communities through which

the Northern Pass transmission line would pass, thirty have voted to oppose it. And a lot of folks in the rest of the state are largely unaware of it.

Environmentalists have proposed that Hydro-Quebec bury the transmission lines rather than building enormous and terrain scarifying above-ground towers through our scenic areas. H-Q maintains that is not economically feasible...period! *While underground lines certainly would be more expensive, power companies in other states have found a way to do it!* Meanwhile H-Q is offering rural dwellers in northern NH huge sums of money to allow it to buy their land or pass through it, and has mounted a very expensive PR and advertising campaign extolling Northern Pass as a wonderful way to stimulate New Hampshire's flagging economy (yes, H-Q would have to hire some New Hampshire folks to clear the land and build its towers).

Many of us have chosen the Monadnock Region as our place to live, "place" being today's operative word denoting quality of life. Northern Pass isn't directly threatening our backyard...our lifestyle, but it is threatening special New Hampshire places we travel to, recreate in and cherish north and east of the Monadnock Region. I hope we will not accept Northern Pass as inevitable. I say this witnessing the campaign H-Q is waging in Concord in its attempt to grease the skids for its venture.

## Shorter Days

Judith M. Graves

As the days get shorter your home craves natural light. We passed December 21, the shortest day of the year, so each day we get seconds more light. But until we get more daylight hours, here are a few ways to trick Mother Nature.

1. Remove clutter. Unnecessary odds and ends absorb light.
2. Select brighter linens for the bedroom and bath.
3. Replace worn rugs or give your hardwood floors a spiffy clean and show off their natural splendor.
4. Keep bushy green house plants to a minimum.
5. Employ candles and votives to cast soft, romantic rays.
6. Lighten up your window treatments and select ones that can be easily drawn open.
7. Swap dark lampshades for creamy varieties in soft tones.
8. Refresh walls with a new coat of paint or refresh trimmings with white paint.
9. Add lamps or candelabras to the corners of a room.
10. Bring in sun-catching accessories, like mirrors, or clear glass.

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The winter months can either be something that you dislike or something that you enjoy. As I get older the winter becomes a favorite season. I love that I don't have to go out and drive in it if I do not need to. That alone is one major thing that allows me to just fall in love with the season. A crock pot of corn chowder heating up to eat with the corn muffins baking in the oven; a snowfall outside the many windows in the office as I work at the desk; the pile going down of books that are set up for reading; the crafts that I work on when I am inside long enough to sit at the sewing machine, or sit in my favorite chair with my feet up and the light over my shoulder; the quiet; birds that we are privileged to feed at our feeders; and no mosquitoes or ticks to contend with. I really relish this season more and more.

The month of February starts a whole new list of 'to-do's' for many. The seed catalogues start coming and we settle down to dream of spring when we can dig with a hoe and start rows of fresh vegetables, or plant some new flowers, herbs, or fruit trees. Ahhh to dream.

The holiday is put away and all the gifts have been put to use. The cards are cut for tags for later and the list of who we need to send cards out to put down on paper. Lots of notes written of thanks and comments on photos we received.

This is the time for making resolutions that we really plan to keep up this year. My thought is to make resolutions that are doable and not ones that are so hard that they will be stopped in a week. The most popular one is to lose weight. But we make it way too hard on ourselves. Try saying you will lose 5% of your weight in this year. That is just stop drinking soda, or eating some sweets, and not punishing yourself with a strict loss of foods. One resolution that many use is to exercise this year. We'll work five minutes, five times a day, like walking fast, going up and down stairs, stretching, using the tread mill. Five minutes goes fast and doesn't make you feel that you need to go to a gym for hours. Take a break before you eat, or get out of the chair and take a walk around and around the house. Set the timer, I do!!

Then there is a really easy resolution that will change attitudes and put a smile on your face called positive-ness. (is that a real word?) Doing something helpful for someone, saying a nice word of encouragement to someone, hugging someone going through a difficult time and basically just being kind. It doesn't take much to turn the corners of your mouth up, instead of down. Doing this daily changes your own feeling of worth, as well as helping someone else in the process.

Make this 2014 a year of new beginnings. Start by putting God first in your life. Know that He is always in control. Think spring, but don't miss this wonderful season called winter.

## Out and About

John Boccalini

**Sat. Feb. 1, 6 PM. Monadnock Arts Live Auction.** Shattuck Golf Club, 53 Dublin Road, Jaffrey

**Sun. Feb. 2, 2 PM. The Monadnock Flutes** perform "Music For a Winter's Afternoon" at the Fitzwilliam Community Church Fitzwilliam. Suggested donation of \$10.

**Feb. 8, 10 AM. Monadnock Regional High School Deliberative Session.** MRHS Auditorium, Swanzey.

**Feb. 8, 10 AM. – 4 PM. The Keene Ice & Snow Festival,** Central Square, Keene

**Feb. 8, 1 PM. Met Live in HD Rusalka Dvorak.** Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$25 adult, \$22 members, \$15 student

**Fri. Feb. 14, 8:30 – 11. "Northern Stone,"** \$10 cover charge. Packages including dinner and overnight stay are also available – Call the Fitzwilliam Inn for details (603) 585-9000.

**Sat. Feb. 15, 8 PM. Rhythm of the Dance,** National Dance Company of Ireland. Colonial Theatre, Keene. \$47.50, \$43.50, \$33.50

**Wed. Feb 19, 7 PM. Moved and Seconded: Town Meeting in New Hampshire,** Rebecca Rule, Antrim Town Hall, 66 Main St., Antrim

**Keene Lions Club presents Seussical**

**Friday, Feb. 21, 7:30 PM.**

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 1:00 and 7:30 PM.**

**Sunday, Feb. 23, 1:00 PM.**

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**Sun. Feb. 23, 11 AM. – 3:30 PM. Country Bridals 12th Annual Bridal Fair.** Hidden Hills Banquet Facility, Lisa Drive, Rindge NH. Free

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**Sun Feb 2** – Brunch Michael Blake on guitar

**Fri Feb 7** – Dinner Mike Wakefield, jazz

**Sun Feb 9** – Brunch Bob Pettegrew piano

**Fri Feb 14** – Valentine's Day Dinner – Romantic music with John Cucchi guitar and vocals

**Sat Feb 15** – Dinner Wendy Keith, Jim Gordon vocals, guitar

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**Fri Feb 21** – Dinner Walden Whitham harp, guitar, flute, sax, vocals

**Sun Feb 23** – Brunch. Michael Blake guitar

**Fri Feb 28** – Dinner Jt Lawrence

#### **Ongoing:**

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

**Tuesdays 7 PM. Celtic Music Night**, Harlow's Pub, P'borough.

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

**Thursday, 9 PM. Bluegrass Jam**, Harlow's Pub, P'borough.

**First Friday 8 PM. CJ the DJ Karaoke**, Dragon Palace, 7 Marlboro Rd., Troy.

### **Grandfather's Ax**

Pete Tandy

Take a look at this beautiful old axe; it was Grandpa's. Just look at that straight-grained ash helve, and look how, when you place the axe with its cutting edge on the kitchen table, how everything lines up just so. The blade touches the tabletop just a little bit back from center, the leading edge raised just a mite higher than the trailing edge. The plane of the blade is in perfect alignment with the helve.

Oh, and I have to caution you, don't call the wooden part "the handle," at least not when Grandpa's around. The part of the axe that meets the hands is the helve. The corresponding part of the scythe is called the snathe, and don't you forget it.

Now take a closer look at the helve. See that little groove set into the wood just a hand's breadth forward of the end? It's exactly two feet from the forward edge of the axe head. Just lay it out twice on the tree you've felled, and that's where to cut for a four-foot bolt. Pile those four-footers up four feet high and eight feet long, and you've got an honest cord. Don't count the chips which, if you're using only an axe, will amount to a twelfth of the length of the log.

While you're at it, take a good squint at the end of the helve, where it swells out to fill your hand and where the final end is cut at a pleasing angle to the line of the helve. That's the "deer-foot," and you'd better cut off its very tip. If you don't, then every time you tunk the end down on a stump to seat the head, you'll start the process of splaying the fibers, inviting both splitting and the derision of all the folks who know better.

Kinda tricky business, hanging an axe and doing it right.

When Grandpa needed to re-hang his, he went up into the loft over the wagon shed and picked out a nice straight-grained bolt of ash or hickory that'd been seasoning up there for years, waiting to be needed. Then he'd get out his draw-knife and wood rasp and shape the helve to the pattern his grandfather's grandfather had left hanging up there over the workbench. He'd finish the job by scraping with a curve of broken glass, topped with endless rubbings with a rag and linseed oil.

Now get on up to the other end of the helve. If the blacksmith had done his job right, the eye of the blade was asymmetrical, a tad wider at the front than at the back. "Cut 'n' try, cut 'n' try," Grandpa would say, until the interior of the eye would be at last in full contact with the helve. An inch or so of the helve would be left sticking out at the front of the eye. After the alignment was checked again for the umpteenth time, the part of the helve to be contained in the eye would be carefully split. Workmen less sure of themselves would resort to using a thin-bladed saw, but risked contempt if caught at it.

Grandpa would now reach down into the bucket underneath the bench and bring up a finely tapered wedge of rock maple, one of maybe two dozen he had sawed out years ago, "just to have some on hand." Don't even think of letting Grandpa find out that you went to "the hahdwayah stoah" and bought some of those little metal wedges they sell. Why, any fool could see they'd squash the fibers of the helve, and who'd be fool enough to think that metal would be able to absorb moisture to swell and keep the helve on tight the way a maple wedge was bound to? "Godfrey-Mighty, boy, use your head for somethin' more'n a hat-rack!"

The maple wedge would be smacked home with a wooden mallet, everyone back then knowing enough not to try to properly drive wood with a metal hammer. Once the wedge would go no further, the wood remaining at the front of the eye would be trimmed off tight and the job was done. And, as with any job well-done with pride and skill, it would yield enduring pleasure.

I still have Grandpa's axe. I've replaced the helve twice and the head once. But it's still my Grandpa's axe. At least within my heart. The end.

### **Joe Davis**

Jake Coll

I worked for Joe for a number of years when I was young. Bright and early every Saturday morning, we loaded into an old

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box truck and drove around Richmond picking up the weeks rubbish from many houses.

I'm not sure Joe ever made a dime while doing it for \$2 a customer, but he always seemed to enjoy telling me about what the town used to be like when he was growing

up while we traveled all the back roads, and I enjoyed it too!

I learned quite a lot from his easy going nature. Work hard, work till it's done and take things as they come.

Once, even if it's something as unexpected as your truck catching fire while you head down the road (which it did), and having your helper take off his shirt to so you could smother the fire and save the truck.

While I didn't know Joe for long, I would like to think I learned a lot. I'll miss you, old friend.

## Monadnock Flutes

Denise Nolan



Monadnock Flutes will perform Music For a Winter's Afternoon on Sunday, February 2, 2014 at the Fitzwilliam Community Church at 2 PM. They will perform works from a wide variety of

composers and styles, from Bach to McMichael, and from classical to jazz and folk. Something for everyone.

Under the direction of Denise Nolan, this quartet is comprised of professionally trained flutists who have a passion for playing. They perform on instruments in the flute family, including piccolo, c-flute, alto and bass flutes.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door to benefit Monadnock Flutes and their programs. For more information, contact Denise Nolan by phone at 603-242-3482, or by email at [denise@denisenolanmusic.com](mailto:denise@denisenolanmusic.com). We invite you to follow us on Facebook and "like" us!

## Joe Davis

John Boccalini

The Davis family was one of the first families I met when I moved to Richmond in 1978. Joe was 52 years wise back then. He had been Highway Agent since 1975, a position he held for 32 years until 2007 at the even wiser age of 82.

Joe was a quiet and humble man. Being born in Richmond he was a wealth of information about the Town's history as well as its many citizens. A conversation with him could last for

hours and leave you yearning for more.

Joe was a kind man. He seemed to always have a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face as if he enjoyed everything he did. Very rarely did he have anything unkind to say about someone but when he did you knew that they deserved the harsh criticism.

Joe was an honest man. You could trust Joe to his word. He gave 100% to his family, friends and work. To the end, as the highway agent, he worked side by side with his crew to keep our roads safe and passible.

Joe was a lover. Joe loved life and lived life to the fullest. When one project was done, off he was onto the next. His life was exemplary of the passion of how one should live. As I got to know him more, I realized that Joe just somehow "knew" what it was all about. Thanks, Joe.

## Richmond, Meals on Wheels

Joe and Pat Tonweber

December 5, 2013 Minutes

The following persons were in attendance: Susan Ashworth, Carol Jameson, Jonathan Bloom, Jean Tandy, Jim Smith, Joe and Pat Tonweber, Mary Jane Jones, Don and Lois Ray, Arnie Johnson.

The following persons were not in attendance but are interested in helping with the program: Sheila Blair, Vicki Smith, Lewis Whittum.

Meals-On-Wheels is part of Home Health Care, Hospice and Community Services (HCS), a United Way agency. Meals-On-Wheels has been in operation since 1974 and presently serves in the neighborhood of 100,000 meals per year throughout 15 towns in Cheshire County.

The meals are picked up at 8 AM and delivered to selected locations by "hot shot trucks." Food is then delivered by volunteers to families in need. The volunteers also become the eyes and ears as to the condition of the families. If help is needed they report back to HCS.

There are two options for the meals-on-wheels program, a five-day-a-week program and a three-day-a-week program. It was decided that the Richmond program should start as a three-day-a-week program. This provides three hot meals a week and four frozen meals a week to needy residents of Richmond.

Determination of the need is a two-step process. Persons need to ask for help or be recommended by friends or families. Their eligibility will be determined by social workers from

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HCS, but is based on medical need and inability to prepare a nutritious meal for themselves and no one in the household is able to prepare a meal.

The program was announced in the January *Rooster* describing the startup of the proposed program. Interested persons are asked to contact Joe and Pat Tonweber or Susan Ashworth.

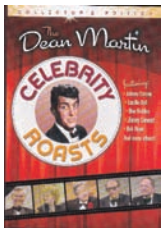
This program may be started up with funding from HCS or other local sources but will eventually need to be supported by the Town. At present, out of pocket expenses for towns amount to 60¢ per meal.

Volunteers will require some preparation. Including a TB test, flu shot and physical along with a criminal background check and training in confidentiality. Volunteers will be given badges for identification.

We should have some idea of the interest and need for the program in Richmond by the end of January. We will keep all interested parties informed of any progress that is being made.

## Roasting Show People Can Be Fun

Frank Behrens



If one is in need of about twenty-five laughs a minute, I can recommend nothing better than a 25-DVD set of over forty hours, titled “The Dean Martin Celebrity Roasts: Complete Collection” on the StarVista label.

There are three sets holding twenty discs in all, devoted to the Roasts, one set with a single DVD with more of the same, and one with two discs with “Bonus Features.” The sixth has two discs of “The Best of The Dean Martin Variety Show,” not as funny as the rest but not exactly Greek tragedy! And there is a booklet showing pictures of many of the participants.

For those who don’t know, a Roast is a line-up of celebrities each of whom gets a turn at insulting the Roastee. But of course, you must have a taste for this sort of humor. In these telecasts, Dean himself is Emcee – except when he is the Guest of (dis)Honor.

Among the frequent guest stars are Milton Berle, Redd Foxx, George Burns, Jack Klugman, Foster Brooks (always drunk), and Don Rickles (who sounds as if he means the insults). My favorite is Henny Youngman, whose specialty is telling short jokes having nothing to do with the format of the show and only occasionally with the Roastee.

Among others who appear are Bob Hope, Carol Burnett,

John Wayne, Ruth Buzzi, Ed Asner, Shirley Jones, and so many others that our current crop of teenagers would be hard put to identify. (Well, maybe John Wayne.)

An example of a typical comment to a guest of honor, Phyllis Diller says about the sexy Joan Collins, “She was twenty-one before she discovered that cars had front seats.” Or Dean Martin about George Burns: “George sings like he makes love – slow start and no finish.” Or Ted Knight on Kirk Douglas: “Kirk didn’t just get to be a bad actor overnight. He struggled at it.” Or Howard Cosell on Muhammad Ali: “What other fighter has a heartbeat of fifty-per-minute and a mouthbeat of 280?”

There are plenty of bonus materials, including eleven newly produced featurettes such as “Legends of the Roasts,” “The Art of the Roasts,” “The History of the Roast,” and “Behind-the-Scenes.”

So where a sad clown must “laugh though his heart be breaking,” “The Dean Martin Roasts” will make you laugh until you break from shaking – with mirth, that is.

## Growing your business in 2014

Michelle Connor

Do you want to grow your business this year? You survived those difficult years and now you feel stuck. You know that everyone on the team has tried everything. So, what needs to be done to get to that next level? It’s not about doing more of what you’re already doing, but rather finding out what’s getting in your way. You and your team are doing all you can to increase sales and gain more deals. Start assessing your overall business. The first step to growth is actually taking a step back. Ask yourself and your team these questions:

What are three reasons why people aren’t buying from us?

Do you understand your customers?

How can we change our customers’ experience in a way they’ll tell others?

These are important questions. The hard part is hearing the answers. Pushing for action may seem easy but as a leader, only you can change the direction of your business. Look for innovation from your team, all you need to do is ask! “The business will grow not by making it grow, but finding out why it’s not.”

## Quotable Quote

Terri O’Rorke


In honor of President's Day Feb. 17, 2014.

“About the time we can make the ends meet, somebody moves the ends.” —Herbert Hoover, Aug. 10, 1874 – Oct. 20, 1964”

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# AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Note: This is a Draft copy of proposed changes.

To rewrite and reorganize 405.6.1. The purpose of Amendment #1 is to edit language so that the section is in conformance with State Standards.

## PRESENT ZONING ORDINANCE

- 405.6 Dimensional Requirements for Septic Systems and Wells
- 405.6.1 Septic systems may not be closer than 75 feet from a well or from the Wetland Conservation District, or 37.5 feet from an abutter's property line and 50 feet from the edge of the public right-of-way.

## PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE

- 405.6 Dimensional Requirements for Septic Systems and Wells
- 405.6.1 Septic systems may not be closer than 75 feet from a well or wetlands, or 37.5 feet from an abutter's property line and 50 feet from the edge of the public right-of-way.

To rewrite and reorganize 502.2. The purpose of Amendment #2 is to edit language so that the section conforms to present Zoning setbacks.

## PRESENT ZONING ORDINANCE

- 502 Frontage and yard requirements:
- 502.2 Yard Requirements
- No building shall be located nearer than twenty-five (25) feet to an abutter's property line and eighty-three (83) feet from the center of the public road and one hundred fifty (150) feet from the reference line, except septic systems and wells which must be thirty-seven and one half (37.5) feet from an abutter's property line and eighty-three (83) feet from the center line of the road.

## PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE

- 502 Frontage and yard requirements:
- 502.2 Yard Requirements
- No building shall be located nearer than twenty-five (25) feet to an abutter's property line and fifty feet (50) from the edge of the public right-of-way and one hundred fifty (150) feet from the reference line, except septic systems and wells which must be thirty-seven and one half (37.5) feet from an abutter's property line and fifty feet (50) from the edge of the public right-of-way.

To rewrite and reorganize 605. The purpose of Amendment #3 is to edit language so that the section conforms to present Zoning setbacks.

## PRESENT ZONING ORDINANCE

- 605 Special Provisions
- Uplands must constitute at least 50 percent of the minimum lot requirements, and no septic tank or leach field may be located closer than one hundred (100) feet to any wetlands.

## PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE

- 605 Special Provisions
- Uplands must constitute at least 50 percent of the minimum lot requirements, and no septic tank or leach field may be located closer than seventy-five (75) feet to any wetlands.

The purpose of Amendment #4 is to: provide clarity regarding the uses that are permitted Earth Excavations by right vs. those which are required to apply for through a permitting process.

## PRESENT ZONING ORDINANCE

- 302 Sand and Gravel
- In accordance with the provisions of RSA 155-E, a permit shall be obtained from the Planning Board for all earth excavations, as defined by RSA 155-E, except in the Lakeside District. No permits will be issued for the Lakeside District.

## PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE

- 302 Sand and Gravel
- A permit shall be obtained from the Planning Board for all earth excavations as defined by RSA 155E in excess of 1000 cubic yards, except in the Lakeside District. No permits will be issued for the Lakeside District.

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