



APRIL 2014

## Notes from the Selectmen's Office



Elections and Town Meeting are over and the Town begins another year – financially sound with remarkable municipal employees, dedicated elected and appointed officials and our many amazing volunteers working together to safeguard our residents and the Town's precious financial and historical resources, to maintain our many assets, including our roads, buildings and historic places, and to insure the Town's compliance with the nearly overwhelming State regulatory requirements and mandated, time sensitive reports.



Many thanks to Scout Master Blair Heise and Pack 27, Walden Whitham, Bonnie McCarthy, and Allison and Hugh Van Brocklin for making Town Meeting so welcoming again this year. And to Emma Majoy for her delightful presentation of the 250 Elder Cane to Paul Fassett for his mother Eleanor Fassett, who will turn 101 in May.

2014 will see the first work on the Fay Martin Road upgrade as the Highway Department begins to realign the road, making it safer, and create fire pullouts to insure the availability of water suppression for the neighborhood. Also, insulation work will begin on the basements of the Library and Veterans Hall, making useable space for the Library and a more energy efficient Veterans Hall.

Depending on the outcome of Town Meeting, the Select Board may be appointing commissioners for a new Heritage Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission. If these commissions were approved, and if you are interested in serving, please send your letter of interest and experience to the Selectmen as soon as possible. If you'd like to volunteer in any capacity or have a good idea to share, please do not hesitate to let us know – you can use the website, telephone, email or call for an appointment.

The Select Board thanks all of the candidates who ran for office, the Planning Board for their work on zoning ordinance amendments, and our residents for voting and turning out for Town Meeting. We look forward to another good year working together to keep Richmond a wonderful place to live.

### Election Results March 11, 2014

John Bocalini  
Town

Kathryn McWhirk - Selectman 3Y (166)  
Sandra Gillis - Selectman 1Y (145)  
Wes Vaughan – Planning Board (194)  
Lloyd Condon - Planning Board (138)  
Peter Majoy - Town Moderator (96)  
Janice Weekes - Library Trustee 3Y (177)  
Peter Mulhall - Library Trustee 2Y (172)  
Ronda Rajaniemi - Library Trustee 1Y (186)  
Pam Bielunis - Super of the Ck List 6Y (159)  
Roger Perry - Cemetery Trustee 3Y (190)  
Paul Morris - Cemetery Trustee 1Y (161)  
Paula LaVoie - Trustee of Trust Fund 3Y (159)

All the Amendments to the Zoning Ordinances Passed.

### MRSD School District

Bill Hutwelker Moderator 1Y

All the Articles were passed with exception Article 6 (cost included in the Two Year Collective Bargaining agreement) which failed.

Richmond Representative Results

James Carney – School Board 3Y

Cornelius (Neil) Moriarty – Budget Committee 3Y

## Richmond Library

Wendy O'Brien

### The Elaine Moriarty Volunteer of the Year Award

The RPL is pleased to announce that this year's "Elaine Moriarty Volunteer of the Year Award" was given to Bonnie McCarthy. Bonnie's dedication and service to the RPL has been amazing, beginning with serving for five years as a Library



Trustee and spearheading many new projects, including a proposed addition to the Library. Her concern for the safety and well-being of staff and fellow volunteers was of the utmost importance. Even after retiring from the Board in 2013, she continues to be a vital volunteer at the RPL, by helping at our book sale, recycling heavy boxes of books, and being our first volunteer with our new archive scanning project.

This award was presented to Bonnie by Elaine Moriarty at the "The Municipal Employees and Volunteers Recognition Celebration" on Saturday, February 22nd.

The award was named after Elaine Moriarty who is beloved by many children and young adults in Richmond for all of her hard work for the RPL over the years. Thank you Elaine and Bonnie!

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? We need you! Drop by the RPL or give us a call—we have projects ranging from shelving books one day a week to ongoing projects that may interest and challenge you!

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## Storytimes

Wednesdays with Wendy continues throughout the spring at 10:00 a.m. We have tentatively scheduled the following themes:

April 2: Baby Farm Animals

April 9: How do Seeds Grow?

April 16: Easter

April 23: Earth Day

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 April 19th at 11:00 a.m. 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're 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.

## Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

Thank you for the support in the election.

### Warrant Voting Results for the Entire District

Article 1. Operating Budget: Passed

2. High school Building Upgrades: Passed

3. Health and Safety: Passed

4. Add to SPED Fund: Passed

5. Before and After school: Passed

6. Union Contract\*\*: Failed

7. Security Officer: Passed

8. and 9 motherhood (both Passed)

10. Close Gilsum school: Passed (YES 941 and NO 527)

11. Reduce budget to state average cost per pupil: Passed (YES 916 and NO 599).

Thanks for your support of my voting recommendations, we were all correct on the YES items, but only won on the contract (item 6) on the NO items. There is enough support for warrants 10 and 11 to see some positive results in our school taxes in the future. Closing the Gilsum school may not happen in 2014; however, given we don't see some major improvement in finances there, it will close in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

It is too bad that it took a couple of petition warrant articles to get things going on realistic budgets within the district.

**Extended Budget Reductions** The administration is mak-



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ing some further reductions in personnel beyond what they said was required for the budget for 2014-2015. Any saving will not show up in your taxes until December 2015. Furthermore, they are eliminating some positions and creating new ones to enhance our school district.

I received another unsigned comment letter which I feel was generally positive. The sender knew more about the proposed renovations to the middle/high school than I did. He or she complained about some renovations being done over again because of the move of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent from the SAU 93 building to the high school. The logistics of this move will require changes to modifications already done to the building. I can only say that Dr. Corriveau wants to make the move and some of the previous changes pre-date his arrival. He and Karen Craig both feel that the move will be positive for our district. One hopes that they took the changes into consideration when they planned the move. We have a professional maintenance staff to review these change requirements. One can argue whether or not to move at all, but I doubt it could have been planned better.

Another subject of the letter was that we have both Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent positions. There has always been an Assistant Superintendent for Monadnock, even under the SAU 38 format. One might make a case that the decline in student population may make the Assistant Superintendent expendable. I assure you that she does work very hard. I would hope that the above at least reduces the secretary/clerical staff by at least one or two people.

**Basic District Fact:** Our district covers the towns of Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Swanzey, and Troy. I have added this area to my writings based on questions I receive.

Thanks for reading my article. As always if you have ideas, concerns, or questions, call me 239-4031 or email at cmoriarty@ne.rr.com. I guess unsigned letters are OK, too. Jim Carney at 239-4948 will assist with district issues as well.

\*\* Specialist is a new union within Monadnock Regional School District

## Volunteerism

Elaine Moriarty

Since I am passionate about volunteering, along with other residents who serve our town, I decided to hopefully raise awareness on the importance of giving back to your town.

When you volunteer you become a role model, make new friends, and inspire others, as well as being an asset to the Town



of Richmond. A donation of your time is what matters, be it one hour or many hours. *You Can Make A Difference.* In addition to the long-term, obvious volunteers to the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Library, various committees, and commissions, there are one-day opportunities such as the roadside and beach cleanup days.

Some long-term, and perhaps not as widely known volunteers are *The Rooster* staff, Editor John Boccalini, along with Jeani and Rosti Eismont, (who design this newsletter), the proofreaders, and advertising staff. Phyllis Ramsden is another involved resident. She leads a free exercise and balance class each Monday and Friday 9:00 a.m. at the Veterans Hall.

The newest opportunities include: RideShare, Meals on Wheels, and a recently established Preschool Play Group which meets on Friday mornings 10 to 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Hall. If you have any expertise with these age groups and wish to share, I'm sure they'd love to have you join them.

You could think outside the box. In 2006 Evie Pogorzelski and I painted African animals on the walls of the children's room at the library to make it more appealing for young readers.

Perhaps gardening inspires you. Beautifying and maintaining the areas around the town buildings and the small park next to the Veterans Hall could even involve children and make it a learning experience for them.



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I hope this inspires residents how rewarding volunteering can be, and step up to serve.

## Takodah News

Linda DuBois

This winter has found Camp Takodah very busy. There has been a Takodah Friendship Circles for families to visit and experience camp in the winter which brought out seven families. In April there will be another Friendship Circles for more families to experience camp when it is not in session. Outdoor Education has had Lawrence Academy in for two weeks to experience camp in the winter.

Maintenance is very busy getting camp ready for the summer and it is only three months away from having camp bustling with children. Looking at all the snow still around camp, one could wonder how, in only three months, camp will be in session and in two months, it will be the Spring clean up. There will be a large cleanup to be done once the snow starts to melt. Our new Camping Services Director has been busy acquainting himself with the area. He also met with the Richmond group that holds their monthly meeting at the Alumni House. Spring can't come soon enough, and hopefully the snow melts so the Easter Bunny can hide lots of Easter Eggs. Happy Easter everyone!!!!!!

## Why Do I Want To Grow Chives??

Judith M. Graves

*Chives: a jewel among vegetables, sacred to friendship.*

*An old rhyme: "Two for the cutworm, One for the crow,  
One for the beetle, and Four to grow."*

*Folklore: ...and such gardens are not made, by singing:  
"Oh how beautiful! And sitting in the shade."*

A little information on Chives: Chives grow from 6 to 10 inches and is a perennial herb. It is the smallest and mildest of all the onion family. Pretty ball flowers in a mauve to white color are best divided every three to four years.

William Byrd (1674-1744) of Virginia listed herbs, which were common in gardens of his day. Among them were Chives, Dill Fennel, Garlic, Marjoram, Burnet, Borage, and Sorrel. *Webster's* 1855 dictionary defines herbs as 'all the grasses, and numerous plants used for culinary purposes'.

Without herbs, a cook is like a pianist when the soft petal sticks. Martha Washington, as well as thousands of unknown

women, would plant and tend "knot gardens" of herbs and small vegetables. Usually in tiny plots near the kitchen to provide herbs for 'physic, fragrance, and flavor.' Chives look like clumps of thick grass. Leaves have a delicate onion-y flavor, and the flowers are crunchy with a milder onion-y taste. Chives help the memories, and 'causeth good and gladdeth to all who use it.'

A bit of a KITCHEN CHART for Chives: Meats: fish dishes, stuffing's. Vegetables: glazed carrots, potatoes, raw or cooked tomatoes. Cheese: Cream cheese, all cheese dishes. Herb Butter and Vinegars: for the flavor of mild onion. Salads/ Soups: Light sauces, tartar sauce, sprinkle over soup in the bowls at the table, and over salads.

Chive flowers are edible and add punch to a salad, top a deviled egg, and they freeze well.

Split a baked potato and pile on sour cream mixed with chopped chives. Add to Shepard's Pie and mashed potato. No salad is complete without chives. Mix with cream cheese for a sandwich, add tomato and hard-boiled egg. Blend cream cheese, chopped ham, moisten with a little mayonnaise, add finely minced celery and chives. Spread on crackers. Top with two to three chive leaves cut one-inch. Add a few chopped chives on top of a mug of tomato soup. Sprinkle chive flowers in a salad for color and a mild onion-y flavor.

Some gift ideas: Chive flowers dry beautifully. Gather long stems when the bud is just beginning to open, bunch with elastic. Hang upside down to dry and buds will open. Cluster small bunches and add to the top of a gift package, place on holiday tree or add to a wreath. Give a potted chive to a friend or hostess with some recipes. Set the pot into a paper bag and tie with twine to present as a kitchen gift.

Periwinkle Cottage Studios has FREE packages of chopped CHIVES to the first twenty-five people that come by to get them in the month of May. Periwinkle Cottage Studios at 230 Bullock Road, Richmond is a great local shop to find Antiques, Vintage, Nature Designs, and a NEW collection of all natural beautifully-boxed 'SACHETS by Judith.' Call before coming to be sure we are not out looking for new items for the studios. 239-8005 pestudios19@myfairpoint.net. Happy Spring!

## Richmond Town Playgroup

My name is Katie Eliopoulos, I am a parent who has lived in Richmond for the past five and a half years. I am married and have two children, six-year-old Thespian is my daughter and three-year-old Yanni is my son. Raising children in a small

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community has its benefits, including lots of open space to explore and run around, a librarian who knows you by name and the idea that you will know your neighbors.

About two and a half years ago I didn't know a single Richmond resident, but that all changed when I started attending Mrs. Wendy's Storytime and Craft at the Richmond library. A few of the moms started going behind the library afterward and extending the playtime out on the play structure. We began to

about starting the playgroup. She spoke to Sandra Gillis about the idea, and this past January she turned the project over to me to pursue.

I set up a meeting with the Selectmen and they seemed to love the idea. So far we have had four playgroups and four parents other than myself show up. The kids have a lot of fun playing with balls and doing crafts in the kitchen area.

My wish for this group is that more parents get involved and as a community, grow more of a neighborly connection to one another. Find us on Facebook at "Richmond Town Playgroup." The group meets every Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the Richmond Veterans Hall.

## Come and Play!!

What!?: This will be a weekly playgroup happening on Fridays. Let's build a stronger community and Connect our children.



\*\*Please bring inside shoes or wear socks so we can keep the space clean and dry.

When: Friday's 10 – 11 a.m.

Where: @ the Town of Richmond's newly renovated Veterans Hall

get to know one another and started sharing parenting tips – for example, who is your family dentist? How do you like them? Do you plan on preschool? Where are you looking?

I want to tell you how much these relationships have grown into solid friendships and helped me as a parent. It's been such a positive experience that I wanted to do more to expand this group and invite more Richmond parents into this circle of friendship and community.

While attending a Wednesday story time, local resident A'ine DeDanaan leaned over and said something like "I'm thinking about starting a playgroup and was wondering if you would like to help with it?" My answer was an immediate "Yes!" I began thinking about it and talking to other parents about it. A'ine and I had several conversations on Facebook

## Rooster Tales

Herb Steinberg Biff Mahoney

*The Only Person to Have Resided at All Four Corners*

News of the closing of the Four Corners Store was saddening. Having left Richmond in 1996, I am not familiar with the circumstances leading to the store's closure.

Over the quarter-century I lived in Richmond, I probably spent a small fortune for groceries, gas, kerosene, newspapers and magazines, all worthwhile because its mere convenience meant I did not have to drive to neighboring towns for whatever.

When I moved to Richmond in 1969, George and Helen Blais were proprietors of the store. George was also my first landlord because he and Dick Fadden co-owned the Southwick house (built by Dr. Southwick c1830s) directly across Route 119 into which I moved my family the afternoon of February 28. The arrival of myself, my wife Jackie and daughter Bridget rounded up Richmond's population to an even 300, about a quarter of its present number. Living above us were Roger and Mary Carrier and their four children.

The store and the Southwick house shared more in com-

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mon than just ownership; both were also homes to Herbert Steinberg. Herb is thought to be the only person to have lived at all four corners, and he did so in clockwise rotation, starting with the southeast corner.

Herb was a likeable gentleman of Jewish heritage who retired to Richmond sometime in the 1960s, renting the Wakefield Tavern from Louis Frongillo. Herb was a wealth of anecdotes and jokes, always told with a tasteful Yiddish bent that often bordered on the risqué, yet presented with tasteful humor and an approving smile or wink.

Herb ran a casual inn that was never what one would call overbooked. He also sold antiques, his main means of supplemental income, out of a shop at the east end of the front porch. His source of merchandise was the numerous auctions throughout the area, especially Ed Stevens Auctions in Rindge and Miller Brothers Auctions in Northfield, MA. A shrewd bidder, he was highly regarded in the auction world. Attentive to values he never got involved in a bidding war. He also would buy choice items for friends, telling other antique dealers of his intention, knowing they would honor his request and not bid up the price. Whatever he bought at auction for his store was always reasonably priced for resale, his philosophy being that his retirement income provided for most of his necessities and little was needed in the way of extras.

When Frongillo sold the inn to Fred and Madge Gilbert, Herb was forced to find new quarters. But luck was with him. Jackie and I had jumped at an opportunity to rent Porcupine Hill Farm on Taylor Hill Road and notified George Blais we were moving at the end of May. Herb got wind of our intent and opted to take our apartment.

Traditional Memorial Day fell on Saturday in 1970. With the day off, the pickup trucks rolled between Four Corners and Taylor Hill Road, and between Gilbert's house adjacent to the State Line on Route 32 and Wakefield Tavern. Herb liquidated his antiques and called in some markers to get his remaining belongings toted across Route 32 to his new quarters on the ground floor of the Southwick House. That Memorial Day became known as "the day of musical houses." By Sunday everyone was settled into new accommodations.

Herb had been a frequent visitor while we lived at Four Corners and inevitably fell asleep in an over-stuffed winged high-back chair which Jackie had reupholstered. He spent many an overnight snoring in that chair, preferring tea to coffee when he awoke. Lauding the comfort that the wingback provided,

Jackie offered it to him when we moved. Herb accepted the chair with gracious thanks. It became his favorite place to catch seven winks.

No favor or good deed done for Herb ever went unnoticed. Whether it was for a ride to an auction, a book to read, an invite to dinner – no matter what – Herb always found some form of kindness to acknowledge his appreciation.

From the profile Herb resembled a pigeon, his hooked nose and receded forehead prominent features. I recall one evening taking Herb to the Northfield Drive-in. During intermission, when returning from the men's room, he walked in front of the projector resulting in his head profile being silhouetted on the wide screen. A roar of laughter emitted from the assemblage of vehicles along with a refrain of car horns as Herb's head bobbed along the bottom of the screen. Herb had no idea his shadow was the basis of the raucous din until I told him when he got back into the car. He took it in good stride.

One day Janice, Herb's wife, showed up from Burlington, VT driving a 1949 Lincoln. She parked the sedan by the front door of the Southwick house where it stayed for a very long time. She, too, stayed, but not as long as the Lincoln, before returning to the Green Mountains. Those of us who met Janice were taken aback by her striking likeness to Sally Kellerman, the actress who played Hot Lips Houlihan in the 1970 movie *MASH*. Herb seldom talked of his marriage, saying only that they preferred to live separately and for her wellbeing Janice favored the healthy air wafting off Lake Champlain. Herb eventually sold the Lincoln.

Although not big on community service, Herb did accept a position on the Committee for a Richmond Historical Society in 1972.

When George and Helen Blais sold the store to Philip and Judith Dodier sometime in the 1970s, Herb was offered the apartment adjoining the store where the Blais family had once lived. Again there was a flurry of furniture crossing Route 119; Herb's cherished wingback among the items.

I don't recall how long Herb lived next to the store, but recollection tells me when the Jacobson brothers and wives, Bud and Diane, Paul and Linda, purchased the business they needed more space for upright coolers and expanded the store into the apartment; Herb had to go. Once more Herb was forced to move, this time back across Route 32 to the upstairs apartment of Gerry Brewer's home at the northeast corner. With him went the wingback chair.

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**Wes Vaughan**

Gerry, too, had a connection to the Four Corners Store, having been a fixture tending the checkout counter for the twenty-five years I lived in Richmond – plus before and after.

Herb resided at Gerry's, the fourth and final corner of Richmond's Four Corners, until his death at age 91 in 1988.

## Richmond Community UMC

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Greeting from the Richmond Community United Methodist Church! We had another wonderful month full of blessings. We celebrated Ash Wednesday on March 5th in a joint service at 7 p.m. with members from the West Rindge UMC. Guest ministers, speaking and administering the ashes, were Rev. Mary Johnson and Rev. Elizabeth Davis. Also during the month, we completed a well-attended seven-session Bible study called "The Way: Following the Footsteps of Jesus" utilizing the materials from Adam Hamilton.

We invite all to attend our special services in April. On the 13th is Palm Sunday at 9 a.m.; the 17th is Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m.; and the 20th is Easter Sunday at 9 a.m.

An Easter Egg Hunt for the young is held following the main service. We will also be having a special service on Sunday, the 27th at 9 a.m. when the Middle River Gospel Band will once again bless us with their music ministry. They have been well received several times a year in the past which included our outdoor service in the Pavilion on the same August Sunday as the Annual Richmond Volunteer Fire Department Chicken BBQ. Come and be blessed by these wonderful Christians as they minister in music and word to all.

Upcoming on May 18th is a visit by our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. David Abbott, as he presents the word from the pulpit while Pastor Arnie and family are on vacation. Come and hear the Word from this wonderful man of God.

The Food Pantry is still available at the Town Hall during normal business hours. All healthy non-perishable food donations are accepted. This food is provided free to those in need.

The Church is located just east of the intersection of Rt. 32 and Rt. 119. Our normal Sunday service starts at 9 a.m. with Sunday school starting after the Children's Message. All are welcome to enjoy each other's fellowship and worshipping together. I attest to the fact that the homemade refreshments, following the service and during the fellowship time, are simply wonderful. Come join us! Shalom to all!

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## Reminiscing with Eleanor...

Sandy Holbrook

The March air was clear, crisp and cold, but it was warm and cozy in Eleanor's apartment. It did not take long for me to discover what makes this person so special. After a few questions, we connected immediately. We commented on what a small world it is even though we just met for the first time. She mentioned she grew up in Colebrook, NH, the middle girl of three graduating from the Colebrook Academy. Colebrook – really? My college roommate was from Colebrook. Eleanor knew my roommate's family name along with other names of people I had met from that area. One point of interest took us to another – the Balsams, Diamond Pond, etc.

Her childhood days in Colebrook were before electricity, cars, telephone and the only means of transportation from that area was by train. The house was heated with coal, and oil lamps provided light. She remembers on the first day electricity was

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put into the house, her father ran his hands along the walls to be sure they were not hot. The first family car was a Model-T Ford which was not used in the winter. She walked to and from school, and I didn't ask "how deep the snow was?" She did recall the thermometer did not move from -40° for three days. Washing, done by hand, was hung on clotheslines in a systematic fashion so that sheets and towels hid more personal items from the neighbors' view. Washing was always done on Mondays and early in the day. In fact, it was a contest to see which neighbor had the washing hung out first! Ironing was done on Tuesdays. When her mother was away for three weeks helping her oldest daughter with a new baby, Eleanor was left in charge to make sure washing, ironing, cooking, etc. continued in her mother's absence. She recalled making baked beans the way her mother did, but somehow they did not come out right, and to this day she does not know why! She was about twenty when her family got a radio.

She married Lester Bassett on October 7, 1939, and after a couple of years they left the family farm to move to Keene as Lester was not excited about farming. He went to work at Kingsbury Tool while she raised their two children, Judy and Paul. Eleanor did a lot of babysitting as a young girl, so when it came time to raise her own family she had a pretty good idea of what to do and what NOT to do. She was a proud mother who enjoyed making clothes, and felt it was important to send the kids to school in smart looking clothes – especially on the first day of school! The more she chatted the more her strong family values came through.

Judy and her husband, Charlie Gilman, lived on the Mill Road in Richmond. They wanted Eleanor and Lester to move closer to them, and it was agreed to build an addition onto their

home. Charlie drew up the plans which included two "must haves" for Eleanor – a bay window and a double stainless steel sink. Charlie built the addition with Lester's help, and Eleanor and Lester moved in.

I complimented Eleanor on her longevity (it apparently runs in the family) and the fact she does not look her age! As you know she has the honor, once again, of receiving the Richmond Bicentennial Cane. She feels she's had it long enough and that it should go to someone else. I told her that the only way we want that to happen is if she can find someone in Richmond who is a "bit" older than she is! If you ever have the privilege of meeting Eleanor, I'm sure you'll agree she is a gem! Thank you, Eleanor, for sharing a delightful afternoon reminiscing with me.

## Garden Tour 2014

### Agricultural Commission

Greetings, Richmond folks. The Agricultural Commission is announcing the Third Garden Tour. The 2014 Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We know that you will enjoy seeing the beauty and skill of your neighbors' gardens. The complete list of gardens open this year will be published soon. If you have a garden which you want to open for viewing and haven't done so yet, we encourage you to contact *The Rooster*. Plan now to stroll through some magnificent surprises right here at home in Richmond.

## Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

*The list of Irish saints is past counting; but in it all no other figure is so human, friendly, and lovable as St. Patrick – who was an Irishman only by adoption.*

–Stephen Gwynn, 1864 – 1950, Irish journalist, biographer, author, poet

## Dog Licenses

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Do you have a dog or puppy? If you licensed your dog last year and have not licensed it this year, the 2013 dog tag expires on April 30, 2014. If you have recently added a dog to your family, you need to license it. Please bring to the town clerk's office the rabies certificate and any documentation verifying if the dog has been spayed or neutered.

If you have any questions, please call 239-6202. I am always happy to help.

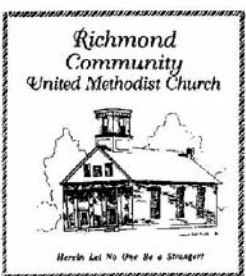


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## Out and About

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**Tues. April 1, 4: 30 p.m. The Islamic Book** from Paper to Calligraphy by Jonathan Bloom and Shelia Blair. Centennial Hall Alumni Center, Keene State College. Free

**Fri. April 4, 8 p.m. Jim Belushi & The Chicago Board of Comedy.** Colonial Theater, Keene. \$59/\$55/\$45

**Sat. April 5, 1 p.m. The Met: Live in HD. Pucini opera La Boheme.** Peterborough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Road Peterborough, NH and The Colonial Theater. \$25; \$20/students

**Thurs. April 10, 7 p.m. 12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State.** New Hampshire Humanities Council. Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main St., Jaffrey. Free

**Thurs. April 10 to Sat. April 12, Monadnock International Film Festival:** on compelling stories

The festival, which will be held at the Colonial Theatre in Keene and Keene State College's Putnam Theater and Redfern Arts Center, will also feature nine short films and two panel discussions. The schedule can be seen at

<http://www.moniff.org/moniff-schedule-films-panels-events>

**Fri., April 18, 8 p.m. Linda Eder.** Comedy Colonial Theater, Keene. \$65/\$61/\$49

**Sat. Apr. 19, 8 p.m. Hotel California:** A Salute to The Eagles, Comedy Colonial Theater, Keene. \$39/\$35/\$25

**Wed. April 23, 21 p.m. Made of Thunder, Made of Glass.** New Hampshire Humanities Council. Mariposa Museum, 26 Main St., Peterborough. Free.

**Wed. – Sat. April 23 – 26 7:30 An Evening of Dance.** Keene State College, Redfern Art Center, Wyman Way. \$10; \$8/seniors; 17 and under; \$6/KSC students.

**Fri. April 25, 8 p.m. Tom Rush in Concert.** Peterborough Players Playhouse, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough. \$45

**Fri., April 18, 8 p.m. Bob Marley (the comedian)** Comedy Colonial Theater, Keene.

**Sat. Apr. 26, 1 p.m. The Met: Live in HD. Mozart opera. Così Fan Tutte.** Peterborough Players Playhouse, 55 Hadley Road Peterborough. and The Colonial Theater. \$25; \$20/students

**Sun. April 27, 3 p.m. The Apple Hill String Quartet.** The

Monadnock Center, 19 Grove St., PO Box 58, Peterborough NH. \$15/12

**Sun. April 27, 3 p.m. Keene Pops Choir.** The Colonial Theater. \$12

**Tues. Apr. 29, 7 p.m. Daniel Webster.** New Hampshire's First Favorite Son, New Hampshire Humanities Council. Community House, 160 Main St., Marlborough. Free

### Fitzwilliam Inn

**Sat. April 5** – Music by Legacy 8:30 – 11 p.m. \$5 cover

**Sat. April 12** – Music By J-Bob and Lefty 8:30 – 11 p.m. \$5 cover

**Sun. April 20** – Easter Dinner At The Inn! Seatings Hourly 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$42 per person. Four-course meal featuring tableside-carved lamb and ham and an Easter Egg Hunt on the Common. Call now for reservations!

### Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St. Jaffrey

Music at brunch 11:30 AM. – 1:30 PM.

Dinner Sunday and Friday beginning at 6 PM.

*No cover charge. Tips appreciated. Reservations recommended!*

**Fri April 4 Dinner** – Rich Hamilton, bluegrass

**Sun April 6 Brunch** – Bob Pettegrew, piano

**Fri April 11 Dinner** – Rick and the Redhead, guitar and vocals

**Sun April 13 Brunch** – Michael Blake, guitar

**Fri April 18 Dinner** – Chaz Beaulieu and Eric Blackmer, flute and guitar

**Fri April 25 Dinner** – Mike Wakefield, jazz

**Sun April 27 Brunch** – Bob Arpin, guitar

### Other happenings at Sunflowers:

**Tues April 1** – Whole Food Nutrition Cooking Class with Jennifer Beauregard 6 – 8:30 pm \$45

**Tues April 15** – Italian Cooking Class 6 – 8:30 pm \$40 with Star Kachadoorian

**Wed April 16** – Ladies Night: Cocktails, Happy Apps, Prizes and 50/50 Raffle to benefit Con-toocook Valley Transportation

## Got Questions? Get Answers.

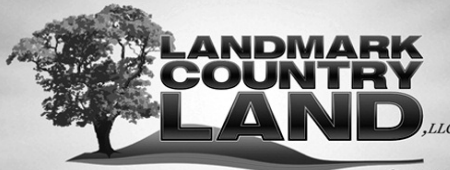
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**Sun April 27** – Reception for Lynne Brown, artist 3:30 - 5pm

**Tues April 29** – Art Night 6 – 9pm \$50 includes materials

#### 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, 6:30 p.m. Free movies,**

**Spring Jaffrey Public Library.**

**April 2** – *Gentlemen's Agreement*

**April 9** – *The Man Who Wasn't There*

**April 16** – *Cimarron*

**April 23** – *Cabin in the Sky*

**April 30** – *The Life of Emile Zola*

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

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

### Statistics for the Year 1910

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Only 14% of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was ten mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average US wage in 1910 was twenty-two cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year.

A dentist could earn \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year,

A mechanical engineer could earn about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95% of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

There was no such thing as under-arm deodorant or tooth paste.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza

2. Tuberculosis

3. Diarrhea

4. Heart disease

5. Stroke

The American flag had forty-five stars.

The population of Las Vegas was only thirty.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea had not yet been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every ten adults couldn't read or write and only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

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## Town and School Election Results

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

This year, the Town Election returned to the main hall of the Veterans Memorial Hall.

For many years, this was where the voting occurred. Then sometime after 2005, the voting was moved into the kitchen. JC Boudreau, a Selectman at that time, relocated the voting from the main hall to the kitchen in an effort to maximize the seating capacity for the second (business) session. At that time, the second session was held on the same day, immediately after the polls closed at 7:00 p.m. By voting in the kitchen, this freed up the space for seating that had been occupied by the voting booths. In 2011, the Town Meeting was held on two separate days. This was authorized by a vote taken at the preceding year's Town Meeting during the first (election) session.

On Monday, March 3, 2014, the Selectboard discussed holding the voting in the main hall, and indeed the voting was held there. With the second session being held on the following Saturday, this allowed sufficient time to break down the voting booths and set up for the business meeting.

The voter turnout was 29%, with 234 of the 808 registered voters voting. This was a low turnout when compared to the previous fourteen years. Of the twelve seats, eleven were uncontested races and those candidates won.

Results follow:

Selectman for 3 years: 166 votes for Kathryn McWhirk  
15 votes for Bill Daniels, write-in  
Selectman for 1 year: 145 votes for Sandra Gillis  
25 votes for Bill Daniels, write-in  
Planning Board, 2 for 3 years: 194 votes for Wes Vaughan  
138 votes for Lloyd Condon  
Moderator for 2 years: 96 votes for Peter Majoy, write-in  
29 votes for Doug Bersaw, write-in  
Library Trustee for 3 years: 177 votes for Janice Weekes  
Library Trustee for 2 years: 172 votes for Peter J Mulhall  
Library Trustee for 1 year: 186 votes for Ronna Rajaniemi  
Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years:  
190 votes for Pamela Bielunis  
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years: 163 votes for Roger Perry  
Cemetery Trustee for 1 year: 161 votes for Paul R Morris  
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: 159 votes for Paula A Lavoie

Results for Questions on the ballot:

Question 1: 189 yes; 43 no  
Question 2: 171 yes; 57 no  
Question 3: 162 yes; 54 no  
Question 4: 173 yes; 44 no

Following are the results for the Monadnock Regional School District Election, only Richmond votes:

Moderator: 146 votes for Bill Hutwelker  
School Board: 150 votes for James Carnie  
Budget Committee: 163 votes for Cornelius Moriarty  
Article 1 Passed: 176 yes; 43 no  
Article 2 Passed: 174 yes; 44 no  
Article 3 Passed: 186 yes; 33 no  
Article 4 Failed: 105 yes; 116 no  
Article 5 Failed: 100 yes; 121 no  
Article 6 Failed: 81 yes; 137 no  
Article 7 Failed: 111 yes; 112 no  
Article 8 Passed: 171 yes; 39 no  
Article 9 Passed: 171 yes; 38 no  
Article 10 Passed: 140 yes; 60 no  
Article 11 Passed: 144 yes; 71 no

For a complete listing of the voting results for both the Town and School Elections, please come to the town clerk's office or see the postings at the Town Hall and the Veterans Hall.



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### TOWN MEETING 2014



#### Business Session of the Town Meeting

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The second (business) session of the Richmond Town Meeting was held on March 15. Of the 808 registered voters, 92 attended. It lasted four hours. Discussion was, at times, lively, at other times, lengthy. In the end, those in attendance voted and decisions were made that will have an impact on the running of town government for the coming year.

Article 6 passed, changing the town clerk's method of compensation from hourly wage plus fees to salary. Prior to the vote, I recommended a yes vote. Article 7 was defeated, thus keeping the tax collector's method of compensation as stipend plus fees. Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector, spoke to this article prior to the vote, requesting it be defeated. Article 8, the Executive Salaries and Expenses budget was amended to \$54,900, a decrease of \$4,646. Article 9, the Election, Registration and Vital Statistics budget was amended to \$41,878, an increase of \$68. Article 18, the Police Department budget was amended to



\$101,800, an increase of \$2,544. Included in the approved amended article was the wording, "with the intention of giving the police chief a raise so his hourly wage would be \$25.30 per hour." The Library budget was amended to \$34,776, an increase of \$1,268. Included in this approved amended article was the wording, "to increase the librarian's salary by \$1,268. The request to raise and appropriate \$4,300 to conduct a wage and classification study was amended to \$0 (zero) and approved as amended. Article 58, to become "committed as best as possible to energy and resource conservation..." passed with an amendment, "in an advisory role only."

All other articles passed with no changes.

#### Glove Found

John Bocalini

A lone gray left handed glove was found at Town meeting. Please call 239-6696 for more information.

## The Islamic Book *from Paper to Calligraphy*

Art historians Jonathan Bloom and Sheila Blair, professors of Islamic and Asian Art at Boston College, will collaborate on a joint presentation.

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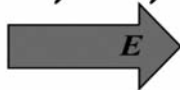
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