



SEPTEMBER 2014

## RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION

Bob Weekes

At our Town Meeting last March, voters approved the creation of a Richmond Heritage Commission (RHC) whose purpose would be to recognize and protect our town's historical and cultural resources. RHC is an advisory commission whose members volunteer their time and efforts to identify, research, and help preserve and protect the resources of the town that are valued for their historic and cultural significance. That also includes grant writing and raising funds through private subscription for RHC projects. The goal of this commission's work is not only to safeguard our historic and cultural assets, but to educate residents of their significance and improve their public presentation, thereby building community pride and increasing property values. In short, demonstrating that Richmond is a town that cares about its past as well as its future.

On July 21st, the Select Board appointed Carol Jameson, Hank Hallas, Susan Marsden, Sandy Laughner and Bob Weekes to serve as commissioners. The Commission met two days later on July 23rd and began compiling an inventory of the town's historic assets and features which contribute to its unique culture (an ongoing project). It also marked the starting point of our first project which was included in its initial inventory. This was a result of Dick Drew's keen-eyed observation that a watering trough lay almost completely buried in earth and underbrush on town property next to the southern driveway to the Town Hall! We thought Richmond readers might like to hear what the Commission has "unearthed" about this almost forgotten historic artifact!

Step #1 involved clearing away the brush surrounding the watering trough and digging away the earth that buried most of it. In the process, Commission member Sandy Laughner and volunteer Susan Roney discovered that the front of the buried base of the granite trough bore a decorative escutcheon carved "Lydia Martin Abbott 1903." With that as a starting point, here's where our research has led us in a little over a month.

Lydia Martin was born June 8, 1838, the daughter of Leason Martin, Sr., of the third generation of Martins who ran the mills in Red Hollow. Lydia grew up in her father's house, still standing next to the mill site on Mill Road. On September 1, 1859, she married Joseph P. Abbott, Esq., of Surry, NH. Bassett's *History of Richmond* tells us that during the Civil War,



Carving on Memorial. Photo by Susan Roney

Abbott "served in the sanitary commission four years." We also know from Bassett that following the war, Lydia and her husband lived in Richmond for more than a decade from 1866 to 1878 when he served as selectman for four years. They then moved to Keene where Joseph Abbott served as a county commissioner and, one would assume, both earned further prominence as leading citizens of Keene. Lydia died in 1893 and is buried along with her husband in Keene's Greenlawn Cemetery.



Lydia Martin Abbott, Edith Atkinson Collection, Richmond Archives

During this time the Martin family continued to put its own stamp on the face of Richmond. Louise Hallas' research revealed that as members of this rapidly growing family passed on, the Martin family chose the Middle of Town Cemetery next to the Town Hall as the final resting place of more than 50 of its family members. But, alas, no grave stone remembered Lydia who had been buried in Keene. And that, we hypothesize, concerned Lydia's younger brother, Leason Martin, Jr., who was running the family mills at that time.

His solution ten years after her death? Create a memorial to his sister and place it nearby the resting places of her relatives. And choose an object that would last, and provide a lasting benefit to the town. His choice was very practical – a watering trough



where horses could refresh themselves before and after their arduous climbs up and down the Buffum and Stinson Hills.

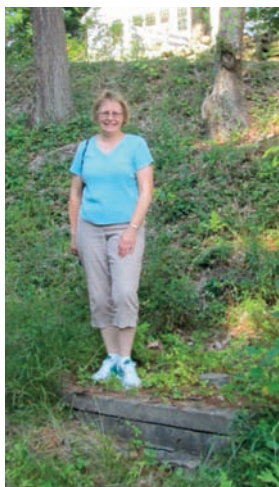


RHC workers Hank and Louise Hallas, Sandy Laughner, Susie Roney, Carol Jameson and Bob Weekes. Photo by Jan Weekes

Study by Commission members showed that the trough today still contains in its base a small section of lead pipe, once either a drain or a connection to a water source. We also learned that the trough once stood next to a hand pump, one which had stopped working a half century ago. In uncovering and subsequently excavating a section of the  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton trough to see if piping lay beneath it, we found the pipe had been crudely severed with no other piping leading away from it. That indicated that the trough had been moved a short distance from its original site at least once (and from what we have learned, perhaps more than once). On an almost daily basis we filled in more pieces of the puzzle...ultimately locating the trough's original water source which lies thirty-five feet to the north, directly abutting the Route 32 roadbed. There we found an old town well, stone lined and now covered with a concrete slab, sitting in the roadside underbrush. Bingo!

Finally, we took our story to one of our "slightly senior" citizens, someone who would have firsthand knowledge of earlier roadwork in our town. Dana Taylor confirmed our theorizing with recollections drawn from his personal involvement in work on the Town Hall driveway dating back to the 1960s, including discussions he had with residents at the time that the trough

Jan Weekes stands atop the town well. Photo by Bob Weekes.



and its broken pump might possibly be repaired and reconnected to a water supply, a project that was never pursued. Instead, a former Richmond resident planted flowers in it.

The Richmond Heritage Commission is now hoping to move the watering trough a short distance away from its present site where it is in danger of being damaged by a snow plow and is, in fact, a hazard to passing vehicular traffic. Ultimately, we will seek a proper resting place where it can be attractively landscaped, more prominently featured, and identified by signage as an historic Richmond asset. Included in our discussions will be the feasibility of again connecting it to a water source. In the meantime, we hope that the next time you drive past or to the Town Hall, you'll take a look at this Heritage Commission all-volunteer work-in-progress.

## Notes from the Selectmen's Office

**New Administrative Assistant.** The Board of Selectmen are pleased to welcome Sarah Dunton as our new Administrative Assistant. She will work twenty hours a week, enabling us to be open to the public for more hours, overlapping open hours with the Town Clerk's office and the Tax Collector's office for your convenience. Dunton comes highly recommended to Richmond after several years in an administrative position at the Sullivan County Department of Corrections. She lives in Keene with her husband and two children. Dunton is a descendant of the Richmond Ballou's (history buffs take note!) and is excited to be part of the Richmond community again. If you are in the Town Hall and have the opportunity to say hello, please do so.

**Fay Martin Road.** With Planning Board approval per RSA 231:158 Scenic Roads, the Highway Department has begun cutting trees along easement lines on Fay Martin Road. The next few months should see many changes on this road as the Town works to meet its court-ordered deadline of January 29, 2016 for completion of the road upgrade. Once again the Town will ask you to vote to set aside additional funding in 2015 to complete this project. Per the court settlement, the Town pays two-thirds of the cost of the upgrade, and St. Benedict Center pays one-third of the cost. As you may recall, the town's highway crew will do the work to save money. The cost of the upgrade was estimated in the settlement at \$150,000 in 2010, whereas the state estimated \$420,000 in 2013. However, by doing it ourselves, we can reduce this estimate significantly, by eliminating costs associated with the state bid and reporting processes, contractors mark-up and overhead. This reduction brings the estimate to \$378,000, with about \$252,000 paid by the Town.

Unfortunately, the Town was not able to obtain one critical easement due to bank foreclosure delays on the property, and had no choice but to initiate a *takings procedure* based on public safety. The easement in question will allow the road to be realigned, removing a difficult and unsafe curve. The easement involves only 7,553 sqft (0.173 acres), for which the Town would have reimbursed the owner in 2014 and after that by removing the easement area from the tax rolls in perpetuity. The owners of the property were willing to grant the easement but the bank intervened before their signatures could be obtained.

We understand that this road reconstruction work may, at times, inconvenience you, and we ask you to be patient. The result will be worth it in terms of public safety and an unobstructed ride.

**Grant Opportunity.** Following up on input from the Community Conversation forum in June, the Board submitted a letter of interest to the new NH DOT Transportation Alternatives Program, for a grant to begin planning, design, and construction of off-road pathways for pedestrians, bicyclists, horseback riders, and non-drivers for recreation and as a way of connecting neighbors and municipal offices safely and enjoyably, preserving the rural character of our town. The Parks and Recreation Commission, Conservation Commission, Heritage Commission, and Municipal Buildings Committee are all working on this project in their own areas of responsibility and expertise. Members of the emergency response departments are being asked to help identify relevant existing trails, pathways, Class VI, and discontinued roadways that can be used to develop these off-road pathways. If you would like to be involved in this community building project, we encourage you to contact these groups to volunteer your expertise.

*Have you completed a community survey yet? They are available at the library, town hall, police, and fire departments.*

**Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Planning.** It is that time of year again, and the Board is asking all department heads to begin the process by updating their capital improvement plans so resources will be available for future planned purchases, construction, reconstruction, and renovations. For the purpose of the CIP, "capital projects" have been defined as those projects outside normal operations and maintenance, and having the following characteristics: 1) A gross cost of at least \$5,000; 2) A useful life of at least five years; and 3) Is non-recurring (not an annual operating budget item); or 4) Any project requiring bond financing. A CIP is not a wish list, nor does it substitute for the operations budget. It is a planning tool and savings plan. A carefully thought out CIP plan also helps to stabilize the tax rate over the years.

Proposed budgets and updated CIP plans will be discussed with each department at meetings scheduled to begin in October. Together, the annual budget will be developed, conservatively as always, to meet our long- and short-term operational needs and community goals. Pre-warrant budget hearings will be held in January/February 2015. We encourage you to attend

the public meetings as details of departmental budgets are discussed, and to attend the pre-warrant meetings early next year to learn about the annual budget and share your thoughts.

We'd like to remind you that you can access town information at any time by going to the Town website at [www.richmond.nh.gov](http://www.richmond.nh.gov). You'll find a calendar of events and meetings, minutes of meetings, links to local sites, a list of local business owners, frequently asked questions, applications for many of the projects the state or town require to be permitted, and timely notifications of any changes you may need to know.

## Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

September 1, 2014	CLOSED for Labor Day
September 9, 2014	State Primary Election See you at the polls!
September 30, 2014	Transfer Station stickers expire Purchase new ones at the Town Clerk's office. \$20 for the first one, \$1 for additional stickers

Please call 239-6202 if you have any questions.

## Voting at the State Primary

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The State Primary Election will be on September 9, at the Veteran's Hall from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

If you are not yet registered to vote, you may do so at the Supervisors of the Checklist session on September 2, from 7:00 to 7:30 pm at the Veterans Hall or on Election Day.

Voters registered as Undeclared may receive either a Democratic or Republican ballot on Election Day by first stating their party preference to the check-in clerks. Voters wishing to return to Undeclared status should go to the Supervisors of the Checklist table after voting. Voters registered as Republican or Democrat will only be given the ballot of the party to which they're affiliated. The last day to change party affiliation before the State Primary was June 3.

If you are not able to come to the polls on Election Day, contact the Town Clerk's office to obtain an absentee ballot. The absentee ballot can be personally returned to the Town Clerk's office, and only by the voter, no later than 5:00 pm on September 8. If the absentee ballot is mailed back, it must be received no later than 5:00 pm on September 9.

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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
VOTER ID LAW  
RSA 659:13**

[effective July 24, 2013]

**EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT**

During the 2013 legislative session the legislature made changes to the “Voter ID Law” (RSA 659:13). This explanatory document is required under RSA 652:26 to help educate the public about the law’s requirements and application and outlines the law’s requirements.

**What type of ID will I need to vote?**

- Driver’s license issued by any state or federal government;
- Non-driver ID card issued by NH DMV or motor vehicle agency of another state;
- Photo ID card for “voting identification only” issued by NH DMV (RSA 260:21);
- United States armed services identification card;
- United States passport or passcard;
- NH student ID card (see more information below);
- A photo ID not mentioned above, but determined to be legitimate by the moderator, supervisors of the checklist, or town or city clerk. If any person authorized to challenge a voter does so under this provision, the voter shall be required to fill out a challenged voter affidavit before obtaining a ballot.
- Verification of the voter’s identity by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or the town or city clerk. If any person authorized to challenge a voter does so under this provision, the voter shall be required to fill out a challenged voter affidavit before obtaining a ballot.

An acceptable photo ID must have an expiration date or date of issuance. The ID will remain valid 5 years beyond the expiration date or date of issuance unless the voter is 65 or older in which case the expiration date can be exceeded beyond 5 years. The name on the ID shall substantially conform to the name on the checklist.

**More on student ID cards:**

Acceptable student photo ID cards must be issued by:

- A college, university, or career school approved or licensed to operate in New Hampshire
- A public high school in New Hampshire
- A non-public high school in New Hampshire accredited by a private school accrediting agency that is recognized by the NH Department of Education.
- Dartmouth College
- A college or university operated by the university system of New Hampshire or the community college system of New Hampshire

Beginning in 2014 all colleges or universities operated by the university system or community college system of New Hampshire must include the date of issuance on the student ID card. Student ID cards without a date of issuance will be accepted until September 1, 2018. Each August the Commissioner of the Department of Education will provide to the Secretary of State a list of all approved, licensed, and accredited schools from which a student ID is acceptable.

**What if I do not have an approved photo ID?**

Any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a “challenged voter affidavit”. A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

**Is there any post-election action required by me after I vote without an approved photo ID?**

If you filled out a “challenged voter affidavit” in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State requesting confirmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

**Where can I get more information?**

Your town or city clerk or the Secretary of State.

August, 2013



ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR  
**RICHMOND  
REPUBLICAN**  
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION  
September 09, 2014

*Wm. Barber*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

**To Vote:** Make a cross (X) in the square to the right of your choice. For each office, vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than \_\_\_\_." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

**To Vote by Write-in:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Make a cross (X) in the square to the right of your choice.

For Governor Vote for not more than 1:	For State Senator Vote for not more than 1:	For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1:
Andrew Hemingway <input type="checkbox"/>	Andy Sanborn <input type="checkbox"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>
Jonathan Smolin <input type="checkbox"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>	For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1:
Daniel J. Greene <input type="checkbox"/>	For State Representatives Cheshire District 12 Vote for not more than 2:	WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>
Walt Havenstein <input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Sainsbury <input type="checkbox"/>	For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1:
WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>	Jim McConnell <input type="checkbox"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1:	WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>	For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1:
Bob Smith <input type="checkbox"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>	Susan J. Castor <input type="checkbox"/>
Gerard Beloin <input type="checkbox"/>	For State Representative Cheshire District 15 Vote for not more than 1:	WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>
Scott P. Brown <input type="checkbox"/>	Dick Thackston <input type="checkbox"/>	For Delegate to the State Convention Vote for not more than 1:
Robert D'Arcy <input type="checkbox"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>	Douglas Bersaw <input type="checkbox"/>
Miro Dziedzic <input type="checkbox"/>	For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1:	WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>
Mark W. Farnham <input type="checkbox"/>	Earl D. Nelson <input type="checkbox"/>	
Bob Heghmann <input type="checkbox"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>	
Walter W. Kelly <input type="checkbox"/>		
Andy Martin <input type="checkbox"/>		
Jim Rubens <input type="checkbox"/>		
WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>		
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1:		
Marilinda Garcia <input type="checkbox"/>		
Gary Lambert <input type="checkbox"/>		
Jim Lawrence <input type="checkbox"/>		
Mike Little <input type="checkbox"/>		
WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>		
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1:		
Steve Hattamer <input type="checkbox"/>		
Dave Wheeler <input type="checkbox"/>		
WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>		

FOR  
INFORMATION ONLY

**Public Notice  
Town of Richmond**

The Richmond Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 from 7-7:30 PM, at the Veterans Hall building, to process voter registrations and make corrections to the voter checklist in preparation for the State Primary Election. The Veterans Hall is located on Route 32 just north of Bullock Road.

Richmond Supervisors of the Checklist





**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR  
RICHMOND  
DEMOCRATIC  
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION  
September 09, 2014**

*Wendy O'Brien*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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<p><b>For Governor</b> Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Maggie Hassan <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Clecia Terrio <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Ian Freeman <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><b>For United States Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Jeanne Shaheen <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><b>For Representative in Congress</b> Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Ann McLane Kuster <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><b>For Executive Councilor</b> Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Jennifer Daler <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Diane Sheehan <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>For State Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Lee C. Nyquist <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><b>For State Representatives Cheshire District 12</b> Vote for not more than 2:</p> <p>Ben Tilton <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>F. Barrett Faulkner <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><b>For State Representative Cheshire District 15</b> Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Bruce L. Tatro <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>For Sheriff</b> Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Eli Rivera <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><b>For County Attorney</b> Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>D. Chris McLaughlin <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><b>For County Treasurer</b> Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Roger T. Zerba <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><b>For Register of Deeds</b> Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>Anna Z. Tilton <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><b>For Register of Probate</b> Vote for not more than 1:</p> <p>WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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You can view your status as a registered voter in Richmond, your party affiliation, or the status of your absentee ballot by going to <http://sos.nh.gov/>. Click on "Voter Information Look-up" and follow the instructions.

Please call 239-6202 if you have any questions.

**Library News**

Wendy O'Brien

**Storytimes: Wednesdays with Wendy** will continue throughout the fall. We have scheduled stories and crafts with the following themes:

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Sept. 3: Squirrels and Acorns

Sept. 10: Harvest

Sept. 17: Apples

Sept. 24: Leaves

### Summer Reading Program Success!

We are pleased to report that kids throughout Richmond read 11,610 minutes during the summer for our "Fizz Boom Read!" program. This is twice as much as last year—great job! We had fun with weekly programming on Wednesdays with a yummy ice cream social finale. We hope that everyone had fun and that we helped to keep reading skills sharp for the start of school this fall. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with making this program such a success: Brendan Bosquet, Hayden and Patty Budzik, Marie Juhlin, Trish Newton, Breanne Swanson, Susan Wyatt, and all the wonderful parents who stepped in to help.

### Used Book Sale and Raffle

We are eagerly awaiting our Book Sale and Raffle on August 24. But we would like to thank the donors to our raffle: Bagel Works; Colonial Theatre; Toadstool Bookshop; Wind-swept Christmas Tree Farm; Terri O'Rorke, Jan Weekes, Carol Jameson, Peter Mulhall, Ronna Rajaniemi, and Bonnie McCarthy.



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## Things and Thoughts From the District

Neil Moriarty

### Fiscal year 2013—2014 Surplus is \$1 Million

Jane Fortson, SAU 93 business administrator, has announced that the surplus for the prior school year ending June 2014 was about one million dollars. This is yet another extremely large surplus. While we are better with a surplus than a deficit, it is probably time for us to look at getting down a little closer to our actual needs when setting these budgets. The surplus will be used to offset your December 2014 tax bill.

### Who is the Monadnock United?

A fairly new group, Monadnock United, has formed with the majority being union members of the three Monadnock School District unions. Some members are parents.

Until a few months ago, if three people attended a school board meeting that was a lot. You could count on Betty Tatro until she was elected to the board, Wayne Lechlinder chair of the budget committee, and that was it. The school principals come, but, they are not exactly the general public. I attended board meetings at the high school until they were televised live (no longer live TV), then I stopped going – unless I had something

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to say. Now we have about 75 people at the meeting, some from outside of our district. These new people booed Mr. Tom Matson (chair of the Troy Select Board) when he spoke defending his citizens against the increased school taxes. Now, here is a situation where an elected official within our district is hooted by people who are not even voters in the district!

This group of unions decided it was going to vote “no confidence” in our (SAU 93) administration. This no confidence is surprising in that both the superintendent (January 2015) and the assistant superintendent (June 2015) have declared they are leaving. Is this union vote designed to speed these retirements? **Public comments at your District Board meetings challenged – Troubling for Monadnock Regional School District Residents**

By Board policy, public speakers at School Board meetings are to be residents of the Monadnock School District. If a person from outside the district wishes to speak, he/she must obtain permission from the Board via a (weighted) vote. Some Swanze members are advocating that policy be changed to the first person(s) in line to sign up, resident of the district or not. That could result in people from Peterborough, Keene, or better yet, have their visiting cousin from Miami sign up to discuss Labron James leaving South Beach (there are no topic rules, except personal attacks), consuming all of the public speaking minutes.

A statement in the *Keene Sentinel* by Barry Faulkner,\* “I am particularly troubled by the idea that we expect to hear first from people of a certain opinion, *taxpayers* (my highlight), and not from staff.” Hey, Barry, who put you on the Board? Who puts up the money for you to spend \$16,000 per student, while the average student in the state is \$13,000 per student? Or was it the teacher from Peterborough who spoke the longest because she wouldn't take the time to condense her speech? Barry, do you think she speaks at Peterborough School Board meetings?

Folks you have to ask yourself what exactly is the Public Comments portion of the meeting for? And is this proposed change in policy an overreaction to a situation that will certainly go away in a short time?

Thanks for reading my article. If you have comments, suggestions, or what have you, contact me at cmoriarty@ne.rr.com or 603 239 4031, or if you really want, 782 Old Homestead Hwy, Richmond NH 03470. Jim Carnie will assist with school matters at 603 239 4948.

\*Swanzy Board member.

## 4 Corner Store Clean Up

John Boccalini

The 4 Corner Store clean up began early in the morning on July 21, 2014.

The Brownsfield's Project grant received through the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, allowed for the removal of the gas tank in the front of the store. Fencing was put up, equipment brought in, and the site was prepared for the removal of the tank and the rest of the remediation process.

By day two of the project, the tank was out and the remediation effort could commence, paid for as a result of the multi-



Ready for removal.

million dollar lawsuit won by the State of NH against twenty-two oil companies. GeoInsight, an environmental strategy and engineering company out of Manchester, NH oversaw the entire project at the 4 Corner Store.

On July 23, The Richmond Fire Department and Richmond Police Department responded to a flash over incident due to a spark igniting the fuel contamination igniting the ground.

For the next week a hole sixteen feet deep was dug from the edge of Rte. 119 to the edge of the 4 Corner Store's porch, and the entire width of the parking lot area was rid of contaminated soil. Soil was also removed from the basement of the store. All the soils were sent for testing.

By the end of the day on July 31, the hole was ready to be refilled with clean fill. The excavator was positioned inside the

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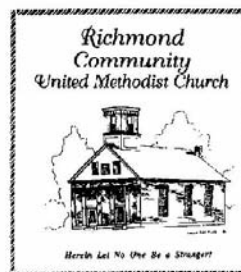
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hole for part of the filling event. Gravel was added and smoothed out with a bulldozer. By Thursday August 7, the hole was filled and some off the equipment began to disappear.

On Friday, August 15, an environmental consultant went into the building to perform some air vapor testing, as well as an examination/inventory of hazardous materials.

Some final Facts: 1000 tons of contaminated soil were removed (400 tons more than originally estimated.) They ran into 15,000 gallons of contaminated ground water which they treated. They did discover contaminated soil in the basement, on the wall near the former tanks, facing Rte. 119).

They excavated by hand as much as they could, but discovered that excavating additional soil under the building was not feasible. It will need to be addressed with a different reme-



Water in the hole.

diation technique, or it can be removed if the building is moved or demolished. They don't have an estimate of how much contaminated soil is left under the building now, but should have a calculation in the next few weeks from their contractor. I also learned that *some contamination extends under Rte. 119 which will also need some remediation.*

When NH DES completes its report it will make some decisions about reconstructing some new groundwater test wells and determining remediation alternatives for under the building and Rte. 119.

## Richmond Community UMC

Pastor Arnie Johnson

The Richmond Community United Methodist Church has had a fun-filled, action-packed August with Wiener Wednesdays, our Third Annual Outdoor Worship Service with the Middle River Gospel Band, the Yard and Bake Sale, and the addition of two new members to our Church family. We thank all the community who supported us during the Wiener Wednesdays fund raising events. We had fun putting it all together, and we hope that all who attended enjoyed their "supper(s)"! The Yard and Bake Sale is always a great time to bring our community and "treasures" together. Our thanks for the support!

September once again brings us Dan Schall in concert. Instead of Dan performing during our Sunday Service, he will



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be ministering to all on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:30 pm at the Old Brick Church. Everybody is welcome to enjoy this moving experience. Admission is free! [www.danschall.org/](http://www.danschall.org/)

A group, new to us and New Hampshire, will be coming to Richmond in October. The Kempter Family from Alabama will be performing and ministering to us Thursday, October 16 at 6:30 pm. The performance will be preceded by a potluck supper at 5. Come and enjoy eating, conversation, and a great musical evening. You will be blessed! [www.thekempters.com/](http://www.thekempters.com/)

November brings our Annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 8 at the Veteran's Hall. More information to come. If you have questions or would like to be part of this great event, please contact Alison VanBrocklin at 239-4494.

Don't forget our Community Food Pantry at Town Hall. We're finding that there is a great need for this effort. Help us support this endeavor. Drop off donations of canned or boxed, non-perishable, nutritious foods at the Food Pantry during Town Hall hours or at Church on Sunday between 9 and 10:30.

All are welcome to join us every Sunday morning at 9 am at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd., about 100 yards east of the intersection of Routes 32 and 119, the 4 Corners. Come and be blessed with God's Word and fellowship! You can find us on Facebook.

## Learners Preschool and Daycare

Mrs. Catie and Little Learners Preschool and Daycare are excited to begin enrolling! A home-based preschool and daycare, Little Learners offers before-and-after school care, as well as infant, toddler, and half- or full-day preschool. The children's schedule allows for free time as well as scheduled teacher guided activities. Activities include music, dance, art, math, reading, and always include outdoor play.

Little Learners has begun putting together potential field trips including trips to the library and toddler yoga! Mrs. Catie has a B.M. from Keene State College in education and music. She is teacher certified in Early Education and Care and has taught early education for three years. She has experience in early education, teaching public middle school, in day care and nannying. Mrs. Catie is first aid/CPR certified and has experience creating developmentally appropriate activities for your children!

Visit us on the web at [www.littlelearnersdaycare.org](http://www.littlelearnersdaycare.org) or call 585-3001 for more information.

## The Richmond Rooster Update

John Boccalini

*The Richmond Rooster* has applied for and has been accepted as a nonprofit, voluntary corporation formed under New Hampshire law, RSA 292.

Our first meeting was held in late July and our Board of Directors was selected, bylaws were passed and our Officers



Richmond Rooster Board of Directors..

were elected. Officers include John Boccalini, President, Jeani Eismont, Vice President, Terri O'Rorke, Secretary, and Debra Coll, Treasurer. Board members include Marie Knowlton, Kathy McWhirk, Terri O'Rorke, Jeani Eismont and John Boccalini.

## Granddaughters On Top

Neil and Elaine Moriarty

Gayle Moriarty graduated (May 2014) from Central Connecticut University Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 and the Presidents list recognition in the final quarter, while Katryna Pierce obtained the Dean's List at SUNY Fredonia, a small town outside of Buffalo NY, and a long drive for Katryna's dad). Congratulations to these hard working young ladies!

## The Future is in Self Sufficiency

Michelle Connor

According to articles posted on business sites discussing job trends of the future, tomorrow's employers will put a premium on skilled and semi-skilled workers, especially in computers, health care, science and technology. These information-driven industries provide opportunity for some, but may limit the career options of many other skilled workers today.

In the future, skills in this New Career Economy will require many to become extremely good at fending for themselves if they're going to survive in the job market of the future. Why??

- Careers are no longer uninterrupted and seamless due to companies merging and downsizing
- Career income streams are being interrupted with long

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- Long term security will no longer be assured as the job market continues to change
- Retirement funds will be drastically reduced and for some, even eliminated.

Keep in mind that a business is simply a vehicle to take folks to the next level of success, meeting the goals they have set for themselves and their families. For people in career transition, spend some time researching business ownership as an option. Although the economy can be seen as a dark cloud over a career these days, business ownership can be the silver lining that gives people more control over their future and financial security.

## Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rourke

*Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.* —Malcolm S. Forbes, 1919-1990

## The 45th August Trail Ride

John Boccalini

During the month of August, a Richmond resident hosted the Cross State Trail Riders (CSTR) largest event of the year. It was a nine-day event hosting 125 people and 100 horses (it is limited to 100 horses.)



The home base was located on a large field at the residence of Kitty Picotte. This was the second time the event was held



at this same location. The first event was in 2008. Trail Rides have taken place in all of the New England States.

Planning for the event started over six months ago when trails were mapped, getting permission from private land owners for riders to use their property and for the arrangement for water, food, and waste needs (for both people and horses), as well as to prepare for information packages to be sent to the riders.

Participants brought horses, fencing, trailers, tents, and the like for the nine-day event. Most came from the New England/New York area, but some from as far away as Virginia.

## Holiday Fair

Alison VanBrocklin

We are looking ahead to the Annual Holiday Fair, this year scheduled for Saturday, November 8 at the Veterans Hall in Richmond. If you would like to join other local artisans in a traditional craft fair, please contact Alison at 239-4494 for more information. The Holiday Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Community Church.

## Second Annual Family Farm Day

Sandy Holbrook

We had such a favorable response to last year's Richmond Family Farm Day that we're really excited about this year's event. The Second Annual Family Farm Day will be held on September 13 from 1 – 4 pm at Windswept Mountain View Christmas Tree Farm (home of Susan and Jeff Taylor) on Rte. 119 in Richmond. Guest speakers are tops in their areas of expertise and are sure to spark the interest of all ages.

William Vogeley of Chesterfield will share his stories and experience in bee keeping. He started out with three pounds of bees delivered through the US Postal Service and at the height of his career he had over thirty hives. After forty-eight years of working with bees as a hobby, he is considered a leading expert in bees in the area. He taught bee keeping classes at Stonewall Farm for over ten years before retiring. Some topics he will cover include: keeping your fruit and vegetables pollinated; how to maintain and keep a hive healthy; how to prevent swarming; production and extraction of honey; and the jobs of drones and queens. He and his wife Carole, worked together for thirty years building up the Bee Tree Farm. This wholesale and retail business was sold four years ago to NH Honey Bee in Gilsum.

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The next speaker is one many of you know as Richmond's town historian and archivist. Norma Thibodeau has dedicated forty years to learning about, collecting, and recording Richmond town history. She will share with you historical tidbits on one-room schools in Richmond. You'll be amazed at the number of schools that were located in neighborhoods throughout Richmond at one time or another. Your children might be fascinated at the teaching methods used in days gone by compared to what we use today.

Invasive plant species! We have all seen them, wondered what they are, where they came from, and how to get rid of them. Jeff Taylor, ISA and State of NH Certified Arborist, as well as Chairman of the five-member Richmond Conservation Commission, will speak on invasive plant species in NH, how to recognize them, which ones cannot be transported from one area to another, and what can be done to control or eliminate these plants. Jeff works with invasive plant species on a daily basis, and no doubt we'll be fascinated at his display samples.

Last year's wagon tour through the apple orchard and Christmas trees was a BIG hit, so we'll include that ride again along with the popular plant swap. There will be refreshments as well. Save this date for an outing the entire family will enjoy!

Richmond Family Farm Day is made possible through the combined efforts of the Richmond Agricultural Commission, Richmond Conservation Commission and the Richmond Historical Society. Please show your support and join us for a fun and informative day. Thank you.

## October Potluck Supper

Sandy Holbrook

We also had a wonderful response to last Fall's Potluck Supper at Camp Takodah. So we've planned yet another event to be

held on October 4 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Camp Takodah.

We're pleased to welcome back to Richmond guest speaker Steve Taylor, an independent scholar, farmer, journalist and long-time public official. Steve comes to us through a grant offered through the NH Humanities Council. He will speak about *New Hampshire's Grange Movement: It's Rise, Triumph and Decline*. As you may know, the Vets Hall was at one time a Grange Hall.

With his sons, Steve Taylor operates a dairy, maple syrup, and cheese making enterprise in Meriden Village. He has been a newspaper reporter, editor, and served for twenty-five years as NH's Commissioner of Agriculture. He is the founding executive director of the NH Humanities Council and is a life-long student of the state's rural culture. Steve is no stranger to Richmond. Some of you may remember when he spoke to us about the days when sheep farming was big in the area and especially in Richmond.

The Potluck dinner will start shortly after 5:00 with Mr. Taylor's presentation beginning at 6:30. We invite you to bring your favorite dish to share with others, take the opportunity to meet new friends, get caught up on news with neighbors, and sit back to enjoy an evening.

This event is made possible through the combined efforts of the Richmond Agricultural Commission, Richmond Conservation Commission and the Richmond Historical Society. Please show your support and join us for a fun and informative evening. Thank you.

## Out and About

John Boccalini

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**Sat. Sept. 9, 8 am - 7 pm, State Primary Elections. Veterans Hall, Richmond**

**Sat. Sept. 13, 1 - 4 pm, Richmond Family Farm Day** at Windswept Mountain View Christmas Tree Farm (home of Susan and Jeff Taylor) on Rte. 119, Richmond.

**Sat. Sept. 13, 7 pm, Sumner Knight Series:** Ian Fitzgerald & Haunt the House, Westlaw Cemetery, 0 Chapel Drive, Keene.

**Tues. Sept. 16, 9:30 pm, Celtic Night**, Harlows, 3 School St. Peterborough, NH 03458

**Wed.- Sat. Sept 17-20, 8 pm, "All in good Fun":** Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, \$37 (Sat. \$39).

**Wed. Sept. 17, 6:30 pm, Dan Schall** will be ministering to all at the Old Brick Church.

**Sat. Sept 20, 9:30 am, "Colonial New Hampshire,"** New Hampshire Humanities Council. Monadnock Ctr. for History & Culture, 19 Grove St., Peterborough (Free)

**Tues. Sept. 23, 7 pm, "New Hampshire Cemeteries and Gravestones,"** New Hampshire Humanities Council. Marlborough Community House, 160 Main St., Marlborough (Free)

**Thur. Sept. 25, 9:30 pm, Bluegrass Jam**, Harlows, 3 School Street, Peterborough, NH 03458

#### **The Richmond Library**

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**Sept. 10: Harvest**

**Sept. 17: Apples**

**Sept. 24: Leaves**

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**Sun. Sept. 7, B - Alan Perlman, solo jazz piano**

**Fri. Sept. 12, D - John Cucchi, guitar & vocals**

**Sun. Sept. 14, B - Wendy Keith, guitar & vocals**

**Fri. Sept. 19, D - Mike Wakefield, jazz**

**Sun. Sept. 21, B - Walden Whitham music & vocals**

**Fri. Sept. 26, D - The Grumbling Rustics, banjo & guitar**

**Sun. Sept. 28, B - John Cucchi, guitar & vocals**

#### **Ongoing:**

**Sundays Noon to 2 pm, Music with Brunch**, Waterhouse Restaurant, Depot Square, Peterborough,

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

**Wed. 9:30 pm. Open Mic.** Harlow's Pub, P'borough

#### **Camp is Over**

Linda DuBois

It has been a very busy summer at Camp Takodah. The campers were able to enjoy many new items at the waterfront

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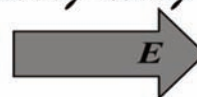


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like the new trampoline and the new tower, both were enjoyed by many. The waterfront steps built over the winter also saw a lot of use. We saw many of our campers pre register for next year. because in doing that, they received a lovely pair of Tako-dah mittens. Family Camp has ended and we are now moving into our off season. August saw many Richmond children come to camp for our Richmond swim days. Many of our staff have moved back home or gone back to college or back to their teaching jobs. We have a few that are helping out with our fall programs. Even though the leaves have started to change color, brave souls are still swimming in beautiful Cass pond. Hope everyone had a great Labor day.

## Old “Maigret” Series Returns

Frank Behrens



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

of Series 1 and 2 of this wonderful police drama.

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

The guest stars who do exemplary jobs include Cheryl Campbell, Edward Petherbridge, Brenda Blethyn (the current lead in “Vera”), Minnie Driver (in a very strong role) and even Jane Wymark (the wife of Tom Barnaby in “Midsomer Murders, Series 1-20). And kudos to Campbell and Driver for playing two tough women who are a match for Maigret himself.

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

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

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

## What a Fabulous Morning

Elaine Moriarty

On August 16, approximately twenty children enjoyed the sun and fun annual beach party. A variety of games were played, prizes won and themed cookies and juice rounded out the day,

An added highlight was provided with song entertainment by Lizzie Morton(left) and Bridget Van Valzah(right).



The hugs and “thank yous” I received at the end of the party were very rewarding. My heartfelt thanks go out to all the adults

who assisted me throughout the morning – Katie Eliopoulos, Karen Daugherty, Susan Harrington, Sally Morton and Bill Ayotte. I hope I didn’t overlook anyone.



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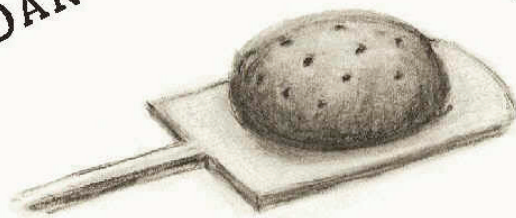
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**Police (Non Emergency): 239-6007**

**Fire/Rescue (Non Emergency): 239-4466**

**Fire Warden:** Ed Atkins, 239-6337

**Selectmen – 239-4232**

**Town Clerk – 239-6202**

**Tax Collector – 239-6106**

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