



NOVEMBER 2014

Richmond Community Conversation – Part 2 – November 15 at 9:00 a.m.

J. B. Mack

On June 21, 2014 many Richmond residents attended a public meeting to discuss the Four Corners Store property, the future of the property, and the surrounding area making up the center of Richmond. Community attendance and participation were excellent. The objective of the meeting was to gather input and try to understand if there was consensus in the community about what residents would like to see happen in the Four Corners Area. The purpose of the forum was to gather information to create a Vision and Action Plan that could be used as a resource to inform the Master Plan for Richmond as well as work plans of various municipal groups and other local groups like the Richmond Community Development Association.

The meeting was purposely about the larger area extending from the Four Corner's north to the Veterans Hall and south to the Shir-Roy Campground, extending west to Sprague Road and east to Pond Woods Road. Not surprisingly, the Four Corner's Store was a major topic of conversation. There was clear consensus among the community hoping that a new store will open. But there were also some good ideas about other opportunities for the area such as promoting historical and natural resources, improving traffic safety at the corner, creating a trail system, and creating a more useable recreational area.

Since the meeting, Southwest Region Planning Commission has been meeting with a steering committee of Richmond residents to assist them in forming a draft Vision and Action

Plan. On November 15th at 9:00 a.m. the Richmond Community Development Association and the Board of Selectmen will host another public meeting to present the draft plan and take feedback from the community at large. Feedback will inform any changes to the draft document. Community participation is again very important. We hope you can set aside that morning to meet with your neighbors and discuss the document and possibilities for Richmond's future. In the meantime, I will entice you to attend by sharing with you the steering committee's working draft Vision. What do you think, is this an accurate vision for how you would like to see the center of Richmond?

"The Four Corners area is the center of Richmond – literally and figuratively. It is a welcoming, accessible, and safe place for residents and visitors of all ages. It is a place that is designed to foster a sense of community by providing opportunities to support community interaction, communication, and civic pride. Richmond is a place known for its strong volunteerism, social bonds, and support networks, and the Four Corners Area is more often than not where community relationships and leadership are formed and nurtured. Though the Four Corners hosts a core of Richmond's businesses, government, and community-oriented recreation and leisure activities, it is a rural place that has preserved its beautiful forests, open spaces, and historic buildings. These natural and cultural assets are made accessible to the community as much as possible in order to foster community wide appreciation and pride."

Notes from the Selectmen's Office

The Select Board has met with Department heads and municipal Boards, Committees, and Commissions to review their proposed budgets and capital improvement plans for 2015. The pre-warrant (budget) hearing will be scheduled for late January, and another one in early February, if necessary. Please plan to attend the first hearing to learn what is in the proposed 2015 Town budget, ask questions, and share your thoughts.

Each department carefully prepares its budget, keeping in mind the impact on the taxpayer of every item. It is a balancing act, to secure the resources necessary to fulfill annual municipal responsibilities, save for the future needs of the town, and take full advantage of funding opportunities that help defray the cost of improvements, equipment and future plans. Your input is

needed to determine the Town's priorities.

This year there will be public hearings on warrant articles to allow the town to borrow. As you know the deadline for finishing the Fay Martin Road upgrade is January 29, 2016 and while the Town has reserved considerable funds for this purpose already, and a 2015 warrant article will ask to raise and appropriate more funding, those funds will not be sufficient to complete the project by the deadline. A second bond may be necessary to fund the pathways project (TAP grant), should the grant be awarded to the Town. The Town will fund the project and will be reimbursed 80% of the cost.

The Selectmen are reviewing financial control policies to insure that governmental funds are invested conservatively to provide additional income, and that cash is available to meet

all financial obligations in a timely manner. The fund balance policy is to insure that guidance is given on priorities for allocating unreserved funds at the end of the fiscal year. The Department of Revenue Administration recommends maintaining an unreserved/unassigned fund balance of 8-17% of the total appropriations of the community or of the total annual operating expenditures. Unassigned fund balance so maintained mitigates financial risks that can occur from unforeseen revenue fluctuations, unanticipated expenditures, emergencies, and for providing tax relief for the community. Internal control policies insure that proper procedures are followed regarding revenue and expenditures, deposits and withdrawals, management of cash receipts, and to alleviate the potential of fraud. These policies are reviewed, revised and adopted annually.

As you know, the Select Board accepted the tax deed to the Four Corners Store, closed since December 31, 2013. The property has been secured for winter. We hope you will participate in the second Community Forum, to be held on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the Veteran's Hall from 9 a.m. to noon.

This will be your opportunity to provide input to a draft action plan that will guide community development of the entire Four Corners area and to hear a report on the hazardous materials cleanup at the Four Corners store. The first Forum in June 2104 was very well attended and from that gathering a draft action plan was created. We need to fill in the details and make it an action plan for all of us – one that will guide decisions about development, and safeguarding our town's historic resources, natural resources, and human resources. Please join us on the 15th for another thoughtful discussion of our Town's future.

Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Coffee Hour at the Library!

When was the last time you went to the Library? On Saturday, November 1st, please join us anytime between 10:30 and 11:30 for a cup of coffee or tea and yummy treat. This is a great chance to get to know your neighbors, plus a chance to discover all the great things the Library has to offer. We hope to make this a monthly event on the first Saturday of the month. We look forward to seeing you!

Story Time for Little Ones

We are pleased to introduce a new program in the spring for our youngest residents. Beginning in March we will be offering a special story time for infants and toddlers. Come and hear stories, sing songs, and play games with us. It is never too early to start to prepare children to read! Volunteers Elaine and Neil Moriarty are working hard both at the Town and community level to implement this new program at the Library. We hope not only to instill a love of reading in children at an early age, but also assist parents in ways to bring reading into their child's daily lives. Watch for more information in the coming months!

"Babies have short attention spans. Unless your baby really wants to, you don't have to read for more than two to three minutes at a time."—from the 2014 Early Literacy Manual, Collaborative Summer Library Program

Wednesdays with Wendy. A story time for all ages will continue throughout the fall. We have scheduled stories and crafts with the following themes:

November 5: Hug a Bear Day-Bring your favorite teddy bear!

November 12: We Remember Veterans

November 19: America Recycles

November 26: Thanksgiving

Reading with Keeta and Kallie is Back!

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

New additions to the collection:

Adult Fiction

Personal, Lee Child

Lost Key, Catherine Coulter

The Eye of Heaven, Clive Cussler

Edge of Eternity, Ken Follett

Festive in Death, J. D. Robb

Lisette's List, Susan Vreeland

Adult Non-fiction

Jesus on Trial, David Limbaugh

The Afterlife of Billy Fingers, Annie Kagan

Slow Dancing with a Stranger, Meryl Comer

DVD

The Book Thief

Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

November 3	Open until 5:00 p.m. for absentee ballots only
November 4	State General Election Day Polling hours: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall
Nov. 26 & 27,	CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break

The General Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The State General Election will be held on November 4, 2014, at the Veterans Memorial Hall. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For those who will not be able to come to the polls on November 4 and who meet the qualifications to vote by absentee ballot, absentee ballots are available at the town clerk's office. You can view your status as a registered voter in Richmond or the status of your absentee ballot by going to <http://sos.nh.gov/>. Click on "Voter Information Look-up" and follow the instructions.

If you are not registered to vote, you can register on Election Day. It would be helpful but not necessary if you brought a photo ID, such as your driver's license, and either a birth certificate or a US Passport.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
VOTER ID LAW
RSA 659:13

[effective August 13, 2014]

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 clerk of a town, ward or city. 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 clerk of a town, ward or city (not a ballot 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 unless the voter is 65 or older in which case an acceptable photo ID may be used without regard to expiration date. 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, 2014

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
FOR
RICHMOND
STATE GENERAL
ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2014**



Wm. Gardner
SECRETARY OF STATE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To Vote. Make a cross X in the box 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.
2. 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 box to the right of your choice.

Offices	Other Candidates	Republican Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Write-in Candidates
For Governor Vote for not more than 1		Walt Havenstein <input type="checkbox"/>	Maggie Hassan <input type="checkbox"/>	Governor <input type="checkbox"/>
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1		Scott P. Brown <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeanne Shaheen <input type="checkbox"/>	United States Senator <input type="checkbox"/>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1		Marilinda Garcia <input type="checkbox"/>	Ann McLane Kuster <input type="checkbox"/>	Representative in Congress <input type="checkbox"/>
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1		Dave Wheeler <input type="checkbox"/>	Diane Sheehan <input type="checkbox"/>	Executive Councilor <input type="checkbox"/>
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1		Andy Sanborn <input type="checkbox"/>	Lee C. Nyquist <input type="checkbox"/>	State Senator <input type="checkbox"/>
For State Representatives Cheshire District 12 Vote for not more than 2		Richard Sainsbury <input type="checkbox"/> Jim McConnell <input type="checkbox"/>	Ben Tilton <input type="checkbox"/> F. Barrett Faulkner <input type="checkbox"/>	State Representatives Cheshire District 12 <input type="checkbox"/> State Representatives Cheshire District 12 <input type="checkbox"/>
For State Representative Cheshire District 15 Vote for not more than 1		Dick Thackston <input type="checkbox"/>	Bruce L. Tatro <input type="checkbox"/>	State Representative Cheshire District 15 <input type="checkbox"/>
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1		Earl D. Nelson <input type="checkbox"/>	Eli Rivera <input type="checkbox"/>	Sheriff <input type="checkbox"/>
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1			D. Chris McLaughlin <input type="checkbox"/>	County Attorney <input type="checkbox"/>
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1		Joseph Bendzinski <input type="checkbox"/>	Roger T. Zerba <input type="checkbox"/>	County Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/>
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1			Anna Z. Tilton <input type="checkbox"/>	Register of Deeds <input type="checkbox"/>
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1		Susan J. Castor <input type="checkbox"/>		Register of Probate <input type="checkbox"/>

As always, I welcome any questions or concerns that you may have. Please feel free to contact me at 239-6202.

See you at the polls on November 4. Your vote counts!!

Fire House News

Lt. Melanie Ellis

Where has the year gone! It's already November and everyone knows what that means – Pie Sale!!! The Annual Richmond Fire Department's Pie Sale is November 22, starting at 9 a.m. and will go until the last pie is sold. If you would like to donate a pie, please contact Lt. Jon Pratt at 603-762-4067 or Donna Brewer at 603-239-4514. If you would like a pie but can't make it to the Richmond Fire Station, call Donna or Jon to make arrangements to have a pie delivered in town. Back by popular demand, the Fire Chief will be making his famous apple pie, so come early before it and your other favorite pies are sold.

Since last year was a long cold winter and the Almanac is saying that this winter may be as long and cold, it would be a great idea to check the condition of your chimney before you start using your wood stove or fire place. Dirty chimneys can cause chimney fires, which damage structures and could cause a house fire. Chimney fires can be caused by the build-up of creosote along the chimney lining. This build-up is caused by the unburned materials in the smoke accumulating along the chimney walls and creating a sticky substance that can easily catch fire.

Knowing how to identify the warning signs is a great way to prevent a chimney fire from getting out of control. Dark smoke will often billow out of the chimney top and those inside the home may be frightened to hear what sounds like a train or airplane flying close by. These fires are often described as producing a loud sucking noise, or rattling pipes. Although many chimney fires cause a disturbance, you may also have a chimney fire and never know it. Slow burning fires can also take place within the chimney walls and you may never know these fires are going on. These fires may burn silently, but their silence is no indication of the harm they may cause. Slow burning fires burn at incredibly high temperatures and can cause serious structural damage to the chimney as well as nearby walls.

If you think you are having a chimney fire, call the Fire Department right away and evacuate the building until they arrive. After a chimney fire it is important to get a professional's opinion of the cause of the fire and ways to prevent it from hap-

pening again. Never relight a fire after a chimney fire has taken place without having your chimney inspected first.

The fire department would like to give a big thank you to Jon and Mark Beal for all their work on 25-Squad 1.

Richmond Cemetery Database

Bill Coll, Cemetery Trustee (2015)

It was in the 2013 calendar year that the then Cemetery Trustees thought that our Town Cemetery records needed attention, and it would be best to have them computerized. I was assigned the task of determining the best and most cost-effective way to accomplish this.

My first obstacle was replacing the Trustees' existing computer which was in disrepair, since fixing it would just about be the cost of a new laptop with up-to-date operating software. Once this was done, I purchased *Access* (a database software), also used by the Fitzwilliam Cemetery Trustees.

Now, how to proceed, hmmm. I needed to decide: how will it be used? How can it be used easily? How to search? Do I enter our data into individual cemetery files or as a single combined file? What about reports? What else?


After much deliberation and conferring with a Fitzwilliam trustee, I decided to create a single database that contains all of the information located on the index card files I was in charge of. A daunting task!

It's been about ten months since the computer purchase and I'm very happy to say that all the data entry is complete along with recent cemetery activity. I must also give credit to the help received from my wife Deb, without whose help, I'd still be doing data input.

There are currently 1,381 records in the database. They include all the previously recorded burials in the following cemeteries: Aldrich, Barrus, Benson, Earl Howard – sections I, II and III, Middletown – sections A, B and C, Old South, New South, Quaker and a smattering of recent private burials.


Four cemetery-specific index reports showing last name, first name, and location within, have just recently been added to the Town of Richmond website under: Town departments/cemetery.

The Trustees have begun using a new form to record as much information about the deceased and burial arrangements as possible in the population of the database. I will soon be



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adding this form to the Town site as well. If you have a relative buried in Richmond and wish to add additional information to the database, print the form, complete it, and mail to the Town Office, Attn: Cemetery Trustees.

As time permits, I am working on adding the balance of the index reports to the Town site, creating a Veterans' listing and then a search/report function that can provide all information available on a specific individual in a separate database. More information on that later.

As you might guess, a significant amount of time has been spent to this point and more is required to reach the level of completeness that I believe will satisfy most interested people.

Things and Thoughts From the District

Neil Moriarty

New Superintendent Search

For better or worse, I was elected chair of this committee. For the first time in my memory, the district has decided to hire New England School Development Council ((NESDEC) to assist with this search. Additionally, the school board has also voted to hire an interim superintendent – this takes the pressure off our committee to hire a new person rapidly.

The School Board Votes to Close Gilsum Elementary in June 2015

At the October 7, 2014 meeting, the board voted to close this small school (43 kids with nine coming from outside of Gilsum but within our school district.) There were some caveats in the motion about looking at alternatives to simply moving the children to either Mount Caesar (up to second grade) or Cutler (grades three to six). I am not going to get into the alternatives/caveats unless they materialize.

This represents about \$806,000 (the business administrator puts it at close to \$1 million) annual savings to the district. *The Keene Sentinel*, in its usual way, was negative about the closing including the picture (see *Sentinel* editorial 10/10/14). Nothing in the editorial mentioned that we are \$3,000 per student above the state average. Nor did they mention that the two towns that withdrew from Monadnock never opened their schools (no school in Surry, no school in Sullivan). Surry and Sullivan did not open their schools because it would be too expensive!!!

Budget Committee Work

With the closing of Gilsum Elementary (above) the budget committee's work on obtaining a budget closer to the state average, at least for this year, is almost done. (You, the voters, asked for us to get closer by \$500 per year.) I was charged with coming up with some charts on enrollment and staff size. However, Dan Coffman, budget committee member from Swanzy volunteered to help and has come up with a very clear picture of where we are. I will also ask the committee to look at reducing the huge annual surplus we collect each year. That surplus comes back to taxpayers in offsetting the tax bill in the winter, but the district holds it (at least some of it) for up to a year.

Where Are We?

The student population has fallen again to 1,752. Dr. Leo Coriveau has predicted that we will eventually fall to about 1,400

students. This will require constant monitoring of the budget.

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 782 Old Homestead Hwy, Richmond NH 03470. Jim Carnie will assist with school matters 603 239 4948.

A Deeply Cherished Moment in Time

Pete Majoy

Our lives were profoundly enriched as residents of Richmond, N.H. for almost thirty years. When we sold our home and land at 49 Morgan Road to a most wonderful couple, Jeff and Debra Potts and their precious 5 1/2 year-old daughter, Alexandra, we had traveled full circle in our efforts to honor our life there by being blessed by a family that embraced it with the same affection and pride which we had.

When we first sighted and explored the possibility of buying the house which sat on nearly thirty-four acres, trees and bushes grew within several feet of the old, yet wonderfully spirited, two-story abode with attached barn. Several horses also spent quite a bit of time there eating the grass and galloping around the beautifully enchanted landscape.

When we purchased this wonderland of possibilities, there lived across the road from us a loving, friendly, and still hard working older couple in their early seventies, Alan and Marsha Robinson with whom we became the best of friends. They helped make our gradual transition one of warmth and a deepening awareness of the environment which we grew to even more deeply respect and treat with organic kindness. Before their passing, they were always very kind and caring toward our children. This experience set the stage for extraordinarily delightful, moving, and loving relationships with many individuals and families in the whole Town of Richmond.

Of course, it did not take long to be drawn to the 4 Corner Store and the famous "To the Border and Back" walk/run that we all became part of. In the process, we met more town folk and increased our awareness and knowledge of this great town of Richmond, NH. This event became for us a powerful metaphor for life in Richmond on many levels – both within, as well as beyond many various and always interesting and sometimes challenging borders and relational rhythms which always deepened my love and respect for the people of such an historical and dedicated community.

Eventually, we became one of the folk who became involved in town planning, developing visions of sustainable energy use, helping the multi-agricultural hopes and dreams so wonderfully demonstrated by many beautiful and special gardens across much of Richmond, and by offering time and energy helping with various voting dates and the Annual Town Meeting. As a result, we experienced the organizational generosity of so many more people across the whole town whose efforts kept the heart of our political, cultural, and community centered landscape ticking.

Through the years, we always looked forward to the monthly edition of *The Richmond Rooster* whose articles both historical and timely in nature, helped broaden the knowledge

and communication base across streets, corners, driveways, and landscapes within and often beyond town boundary lines. We were always deeply thankful for the commitment made by Marie Knowlton and Dr. Boccalini for the continuation of this informational heartbeat which allowed us all to feel the pulse of town life whose beat projected all the good as well as controversial, the serious as well as comedic, and the tragic as well as celebratory.

Some months after our decision was made to sell our home and the precious property on which it sat, Theresa wrote a letter to our dwelling and the edenic land which blessed us with so much. It reads as follows:

“Dearest Home, all other buildings on this property, all flora, fauna, soil and rocks. We, Peter, Theresa and Emma seek your guidance, protection and assistance. We love you dearly and have tended you with dignity, respect and our best intentions. We have received no less from you. We believe it is time to move on. We want to have better access to Emma’s school and we want to live in a space with fewer demands on our resources. We recognize also the need to be safe during these changing times. We believe that all of you can help and guide us if we are moving in the right direction. If we are, we ask your guidance, protection and assistance to make the change: (1)it must be best for all of us; (2)we must find the best caregivers/owners for you; (3)we must receive the maximum value for this space; (4)we must find our next property meets our combined needs and desires. All this we ask with love, respect, open hearts and open minds.”

Not too long after Theresa expressed these feelings of gratitude and need for assistance from our dwelling, both home and landscape, we sold the house to the wonderful folk revealed in the opening paragraph.

On July 11, 2014, we moved into our new home in Keene. On Sunday, July 20, 2014, the day before closure on the sale of 49 Morgan Road, we made a final check on what we might have forgotten to do to maximize its readiness for the new owners. After doing this, we took our last walk around the property. Both smiles and tears flowed from ourselves, a mixture of thankfulness and grief. As we drove away, it took awhile for those emotions to come to rest, as we were very happy that Theresa’s wish had become a reality, and the residence which blessed us for so many years would be passed on to a couple and their daughter who would nourish and nurture the house and the land while also being a gift to the Town of Richmond where we spent such a deeply cherished moment in time.

Richmond Holiday Fair

Alison VanBocklin

The Annual Holiday Fair will be held at the Richmond Veterans Hall, Rte 32 on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Anyone who has been to the Holiday Fair in past years will attest that it is a unique experience featuring local artisans offering a variety of hand-crafted gifts and confections!

Talented artists will present quilted wall hangings and pillows that will compliment any country home décor. Exquisite

work includes jewelry, cross-stitched items, and traditional knit and crocheted keepsakes. Decorative gifts for the upcoming holidays will include freshly-made wreaths and dried flowers. Many shoppers are drawn to traditional German baked goods or delightful leaded-glass creations.

The Richmond Community UM Church is delighted to sponsor the Holiday Fair. Church members will offer a bake sale with proceeds to support local outreach. A luncheon is planned from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The menu includes sandwiches, chili, corn chowder, and apple crisp. For more information, please call Alison, 239-4494.

Fay Martin Road Update

John Boccalini

The upgrading of the Fay Martin Road project has begun. Trees are in the process of being cut and stumped, and the rock wall is being moved to allow for the widening. The care taken in moving and rebuilding the wall pays homage to residents, who years ago, marked and detailed our town roads. “Kudos” to road agent, Mark Beal, for preserving that tradition.



The road is being upgraded and widened as the result of Court ordered “Conditions” in the settlement between the Town of Richmond and the Saint Benedict Center. The road is to be upgraded some 3000 feet to the Brothers residence and must be completed by January 29, 2016.

Policy 201

Debra Carroll

Advocating For and Implementing Policy Supportive of Agriculture

The Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition met at Stonewall Farm in Keene for its regional meeting on September 30. Hosted by Elm City Brewery and Monadnock Food Coop, guests enjoyed a variety of foods including soups, salads, sandwiches and even dessert! It was a full house with both committee members and guests in attendance, including many new comers. Richmond was well represented with Jeani and Rosti Eismont, Sandy Holbrook, and Deb Carroll attending. We absorbed an abundant amount of information pertaining to our current and changing local agricultural laws and legislation. We have lost much of the traditional way of farming in our state due to high costs associated with regulations, among many other obstacles. As a result, many farmers have all but given up on this traditional way of life and sustenance. The mission of the coalition is to build a community that supports local agri-

culture and promotes good health.

Being new to farming myself, it is incredibly reassuring to know there are great numbers of people, who are fighting to protect farmers' right-to-farm and be profitable.

Growing our own food is a privilege and a universal right, not to mention a historical way of life that is both honorable and true to the land. I have to admit I was probably the most excited person there since I waited my whole life to attain "my proverbial land, the land on which I intend to farm."

New Hampshire has the resources to become more agriculturally self-sufficient with its vast potential. Many states depend on farming for economic growth and stability. Having access to quality organically-grown food is vital to building healthier communities, and contributes to the local economy. Not only are we forming an alliance, but as a whole, we are spreading awareness toward a healthier way of life.

Educating people of all ages, including children, by getting them involved in what food they put into their bodies, is the key to ensuring this mission. When buying food from most supermarket chains, you can't be sure what you are getting which is why local farming is such a hot topic these days.

Speakers were from both the local and state levels.

- Forming Local Policy: Challenges and Lessons Learned
Speaker: Ian McSweeney, Executive Director
Russell Farm & Forest Conservation Foundation
- Legislative updates and NH Right-to-Farm Law
Speaker: NH State Representative, Tara Sad
Chair, Environment & Agriculture Committee
- Translating State Legislation into Local Policy
Speaker: Rob Johnson
New Hampshire Farm Bureau
- Keene's two-year zoning revision process: What impact could it have on the Farmers Market? Community Gardens? Backyard Farming?
Speakers: Rhett Lamb, Keene Planning Director;
Karen Purinton, Planner; Mark Florenz,
Keene Ag Commissioner
- Report: The New Hampshire Food Strategy: How does it benefit us?
Speaker: Jessica Boynton, NH Food Strategy

Quite a few milestones were reached indicating the strength in the numbers of people who are committed to this great cause. Previously, New Hampshire state law allowed home food manufactured product sales at a residence or farm stand not to exceed \$10K annually. Recently this law was amended to increase the amount to \$20K annually! This is great news for small farmers and the people who support them!

NH State law now allows chickens to be sold from farmers to restaurants without being FDA inspected (which costs \$5.00 per chicken!). This is great news for local farmers and restaurants alike. People want to promote a "farm-to-table" policy. You can help your favorite restaurants by spreading the news.

As you may know, Keene offers a great farmers' market weekly and is currently scouting for a new location – a location

that has ample parking and is convenient to walkers. The city of Keene wants to maintain that "downtown market" atmosphere which is economically sensible.

Getting involved is important. We all have a responsibility for making good choices. Supporting our local agricultural committee is a good start. Remember, "buy local" and join this movement towards a healthier life for you and your family.

For information go to www.nhfoodstrategy.weebly.com

RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Many wonderful things have been happening at the Richmond Community United Methodist Church, and more to come! October 16 brought us the wonderful Kempter Family Gospel Singers (www.thekempters.com) from Alabama with a great Pot Luck Dinner. And who can forget the wonderful Hymn-Sing on the October 12 during the Sunday Service. Lots of wonderful voices raised the rafters in the Old Brick Church.

And, by the way, the repair and renovation of the belfry has been completed which should make it last another hundred years or so! Drive by and take a look! Our thanks to those who spent so much time and energy in making it happen!

November 8, once again, brings us our Annual Holiday Fair at the Veteran's Hall. This is one of my favorite events of the year where I can gather up some hand-crafted articles to be placed under or hung on the Christmas Tree for loved ones.

These items are not just for Christmas, but for year-round! Do all your yearly gift shopping in one place! And, it's not all crafts! You will also find some scrumptious, edible delights to satisfy the taste buds, whether they be yours or some lucky recipient's. And, if you are in the need of a tasty lunch, you will find it there as well. Come and join us at this fun event!

Plans are already in the works for another wonderful Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24 at 7 p.m. Come and be blessed as we remember the reason for the Christmas season on this earth. Come and hear, participate and rejoice as we relive the story of the conception and birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May all be blessed as we remember and celebrate.

The doors of the Richmond Community UMC are always open, rain or shine to all, every Sunday at 9 a.m., just east of the 4-Corner store, at the junction of Routes 32 and 119. Come and be blessed in word and song! Also find us on FaceBook with daily scripture readings, thoughts, and notices of events.

Sleep Is A Good Thing

Judith M. Graves

I notice as I grow older my sleep pattern changes drastically. The days of waiting for the alarm clocks to go off are over and I can now get up when I want to. The dogs are usually the alarm clocks for me now. This is called retirement. So now I fall asleep in the chair and doze off and on, go to bed, and find my eyes are wide open and I am not even tired. Get up in the middle of the night to read, or get a cup of tea. *Doesn't matter when you sleep when you are retired!*

This said, eating habits change as well. I no longer have set times to eat meals, perhaps only eat snacks when I am hungry. Not working so hard as I once did, I just do not require so much food nor do I want hardy meals. A cup of soup and crackers substitutes the big meat, potato, vegetables once needed to keep going. *Doesn't matter when you eat when you are retired.*

Going out now is best done in the middle of the week in the afternoon. Gathered friends prefer not driving now in the dark, and we get tired when the sun goes down. We now set up times in the week to meet and have a lunch and play games. *Doesn't matter when you gather with friends when you are retired.*

This gave me a thought on how to approach the winter months being retired. HA! Well, I say each chair now needs a lap robe to have at hand when that chair is chosen. Stacks of notebooks, magazines, catalogues are now piled by each chair for easy reading. Of course there needs to be a table nearby to set your water bottle or cup of chosen beverage on, and notepaper and pencils to jot down things you want to remember.

Over the years I've researched remedies and spoken to experts with the hope of being able to get a good night's sleep again. Some of these tricks have included eye masks, fans with the right rhythmic hum, pillows with certain grade of feathers, Italian scented soaps, and propping perfume samples beside my nose. There have been so many pills and varieties of herbal teas to choose from but none seem to work.

I found one or two solutions that seem to work for me. One is to create a "relaxing bedroom" so I can drift off to sleep dreaming of something special that I am looking forward to, in my case, setting up the décor for the new house we are building. This "relaxing bedroom" has no electronics or outside stimulation and is decorated with beautiful linens and a calming color palette.

The second solution is to place a "sleep pillow" that emits a calming fragrance under my pillow or to hang it on the bedpost. My choice is the calming herb lavender.

I am now working on a line of "dream pillows" to go with the sachets that I make in four scents in over twenty-five designs. These pillows have combinations of herbs and spices that have been known to give you dreams of your future, to dream of the person you will marry, and to allow you to dream many dreams. The sachets I am making are all natural and can be hung on a hanger under a garment, on the car mirror, put in a drawer or cupboard, tucked into a purse, gym bag, shoes, or put in sofa cushions to emit a natural scent. Sachets and "dream pillows" are crafts from hundreds of years ago. My favorite crafts are ones that can be revived from our ancestors that are filling my tables at six craft fairs this year. Come by and see them and make it a great gift choice for all those on your list.

Having a wedding or shower, or party and need little gifts to share? Email me for a list of craft fairs where I can be found this year. I look forward to seeing you all again and sharing some new/old craft gifts with you.

Here is another note: If you are not retired, take heed that this sleeping, eating, and meeting with friends in the middle of

the week is coming to you so prepare. This is a rolling pattern of life and we need to just embrace it and enjoy the ride. Find joy in every hour of every day.

Just one more note: driving today, there was a scattering of leaves falling down in droves like snow. A short moment of joy that put a smile on my face. Fall is a delicious season in New England. Enjoy it because the need for lap robes on each chair is coming...

Richmond Food Pantry

Hugh VanBrocklin

The Richmond Food Pantry has been providing support for families in our community since it was started by the Richmond Community UM Church Youth Group in 1988. The shelves are located at the Town Hall and are available whenever the Town Hall is open. There are no forms to fill out and no eligibility requirements for those who are in need of food. We are fortunate to receive continued support through the Church and private individuals with monetary and food donations. Some residents designate their United Way contribution to the Food Pantry. We have also received generous support through the Scouting for Food Program and the Thrift Shop at St. James Episcopal Church in Keene.

Over the holidays the Food Pantry works with the Keene Community Kitchen to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes. If you or someone you know could use a little extra help with food, please call Hugh at 239-4494. Thanks for all your support!

Building Strategic Partnerships

Michelle Connor

Building Strategic Partnerships can be the cornerstone of your success. These partnerships are one of the most effective and inexpensive ways to generate clients. It can be a time-consuming strategy but it just takes patience and planning. Start by developing a list of prospective Strategic Partners:

What businesses serve the same demographics as you?

Who adds value to your offerings?

What businesses do you compliment with your products/services?

Who can create new opportunities for you?

Who is open to new ideas?

Look for these businesses at Chamber events, BNI Chapters, Expos etc. then start setting up face-to-face meetings with the potential partners on your list. The desired outcome of the first meeting is to get the prospective Strategic Partner to come to one of your events or your place of business to get to know you better...build the relationship.

Once that happens, start developing a whole team of Strategic Partners and plan events together or share marketing tools. Always debrief after the events to be sure of the best practices and next steps (next practices) for future events. This can also tie into creating Fusion Marketing campaigns together...shared costs; mutual benefit!

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Out and About

John Boccalini

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Sat. Nov 1, and Nov 8, 8 p.m. – Old Radio Daze Murder Mystery. Branch River Theater, 180 Main St., Marlborough. \$15, seniors, \$12.

Sun. Nov 2 and Nov 9, 2 p.m. – Old Radio Daze Murder Mystery. Branch River Theater, 180 Main St., Marlborough. \$15, seniors, \$12.

Sun. Nov 2, 5-7:30 p.m. NH Growers Dinner with live fiddle music: East Hills Farm 460 Monadnock St. Troy. A BYOB event. \$26.45: 16-adult, \$12.95: 5-15, \$7.50: 2-4.

Tues. Nov. 4, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. The State General Election, Veterans Memorial Hall. Polls open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wed Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. The Basement Tapes Project. Keene State College Redfern Arts Center Keene. \$25-\$20

Thurs. Nov 6 – 10, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Sun. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.) Round Robin Holiday Shop Tour. (See ad pg.11)

Thurs. Nov 6, 7:30 p.m. – Lyle Lovett. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$85/81/69

Fri Nov. 7, 7 p.m. – Sumner Knight Series: Tracy Grammar with Mark Mandeville and Rained Richards. West Lawn Cemetery: Chapel Drive. Keene.

Fri Nov. 7, 8 p.m. – Old Radio Daze Murder Mystery. Branch River Theater, 180 Main St., Marlborough. Adults \$15, seniors, \$12.

Fri Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m. – Rally Round the Flag: The American Civil War Through Folksong. Horatio Colony House Museum, 199 Main St., Keene. Free

Sat. Nov 8, 1 p.m. The Met: Live in HD. – Carmen. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25/22/15

Sat – Sun Nov 8 – 9. Keene Art Tour. 18 Main Street, Keene Map (<http://keenearttour.com/>). Free

Sat. Nov 8, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Holiday Fair. Vets Hall, Rt. 32, Richmond

Sat. Nov 8, 1 p.m. The Met: Live in HD. – Carmen. P'borough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Road P'borough, Adults \$25, \$20 students

Sat. Nov 8, 1 p.m. – Saturday Night Theater. Fundraiser, Colonial Theater, Keene. \$40

Sat. Nov 8, 7 p.m. – Ugandan Orphans Choir. Mariposa Museum, 26 Main St. P'borough. \$15.

Sun. Nov. 9, 7 p.m. – Kristallnacht Commemoration. Colonial Theater, Keene. Free

Fri. Nov 14, 8 p.m. Jive Talkin (recreate the Bee Gees). Colonial Theater, Keene. \$42/38/28.

Sat. Nov. 15, 9 a.m. – Richmond Conversation – Part 2 Vets' Hall, Richmond

Sat. Nov. 15, 11:00 a.m. Kallie and Keeta. Richmond Library

Sat. Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. – Lissa Schneckenburger. Monadnock Center for H & C, 19 Grove St. P'borough. \$15

Sat. Nov. 15, 8 p.m. – Juston McKinney. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25.50.

Sun. Nov. 16, 1 p.m. Skylight. P'borough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Road P'borough, Adults \$20; \$15/students

Fri. Nov. 21, 1 p.m. The Pharoah's Daughter. P'borough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Road, P'borough, \$20; \$15/students

Fri. Nov. 21, 4 – 7 p.m. 14th Annual Farm Fare. Stonewall Farm, 242 Chesterfield Rd, Keene.

Sat. Nov. 22, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 14th Annual Farm Fare. Stonewall Farm, 242 Chesterfield Rd, Keene.

Sat. Nov 22, 1 p.m. The Met: Live in HD. – Il Barbiere di Siviglia (Rossini). Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25/22/15

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Sun Nov 16, (B) – Walden Whitham, guitar, harp, flute, vocals

Fri Nov 21, (D) – The Grumbling Rustics, Steve Jones, banjo and Tim Mowry, guitar

Sun Nov 23, (B) – **Scott Mullett**, sax
Nov 28, (D) – **Mike Wakefield**, sax

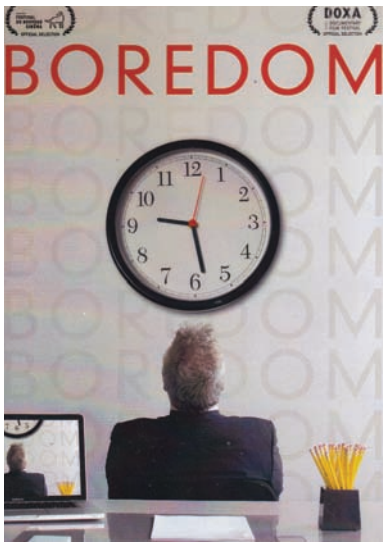
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A Stimulating Look at Being Bored

Frank Behrens



The most boring thing to me is a graduation ceremony in which people I don't know drone on forever, one after the other, saying things I have heard too many times before, to young people who couldn't care less. Close to that is a guest who talks of nothing but himself and/or of some topic that is not of the least interest to me.

Of course, there are people and events that have interest for you, but you are getting tired of the same person or thing all the time. Here is a paradox of becoming bored with something that does interest you. I love seafood, shall we say...but not every night.

Well, "Boredom" is both the title and the subject of a fascinating DVD on the Disinformation label. Directed by Albert Nerenberg, it "suggests boredom is likely a state of stress... [that] may also be killing you" (from the back cover of the jewel case). The part that shook me up the most was how schools are specifically designed to bore students into inattention at the best and outright revolt at the worst.

It points out that children, naturally brimming with energy, are forced to sit quietly, pay close attention, and be punished for the slightest infraction of the rules. As a teacher, I was hit hard by seeing what I already knew and could only try in my classroom to make my lessons attention-grabbing. Alas!

Those who do well are rewarded with jobs that may be equally boring. Be it turning the same two nuts on an assembly line (as did Charlie Chaplin in "Modern Times") or sitting before a computer in a tiny cubicle to make the CEO even richer, the mind rebels and substitutes dreams of more money and what it will bring, killing the boss, or whatever brings mental relief.

Boredom, then, can be defined as being trapped in an event that has no meaning to you – or no longer has a meaning to you – and having your mind filled with substitute thoughts of escape. The film runs just over an hour and it is not boring at

all, although the narrator acts silly every now and then. To ward off his boredom?

A strange bonus is given in which the entire film is shown in 48 minutes with no effect on the speaking voices! This DVD might not set the world aright, but at least it will show you that you are not alone.

Myths of Natural Gas

Richmond VEC

The Myths of Natural Gas/by MASIERRA, tackles our current issue of climate change and (continue in their wording) "the myth that natural gas promises to be cleaner and cheaper."

Both appear to be a myth. The economic myth of price containment: Methane gas leaks are a local and a national hazard and are neither good for our physical health nor for the climate.

Here is a place to begin educating yourself on what is being written and researched by varying groups in the context of natural gas, our economy and energy, the problem of dependence on varying sources of energy, and more. It is well worth reading. www.sierraclubmass.org/wp/?p=1065

If you don't have a computer, find this essential information at Richmond's library.

Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rourke

Heap high the board with plenteous cheer and gather to the feast, And toast the sturdy Pilgrim band whose courage never ceased.

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Richmond Four Corner Survey Results

John Boccacini

The following is a compilation of the survey conducted by *The Richmond Rooster*
and Southwest Regional Planning Board. Thank you for your participation.

	Not Important	Low Importance	Medium Importance	High Importance	Responses
Indicate the relative importance of maintaining the following features in the Four Corners area to keep it a special place?					
Having a rural feel	4.59%	3.67%	25.69%	66.05%	109
Historical properties	6.54%	8.41%	25.23%	59.82%	107
Open spaces	12.62%	11.65%	23.30%	52.43%	103
Small businesses	5.56%	10.19%	41.67%	42.58%	108
Local govt builds/services					
(police, fire rescue town clerk)	12.63%	10.53%	25.26%	51.58%	107
Community gathering places					
(pavilion, Vets hall)	11.22%	5.61%	22.42%	60.75%	107
Places for recreation					
(playground, ball field etc.)	15.24%	8.57%	34.28%	41.91%	105
Mix of housing for seniors, young families, others	24.53%	26.41%	30.19%	18.87%	106
Indicate the relative importance of introducing the following features in order to strengthen the Four Corner Area.					
A general store	5.00%	3.00%	18.00%	74.00%	100
A sit down restaurant	13.68%	23.16%	38.95%	24.21%	95
Improve walking/biking safety	9.28%	13.40%	45.36%	31.96%	97
A place for indoor lodging	42.71%	31.24%	22.92%	3.13%	96
More local shopping places	27.27%	29.09%	31.82%	11.82%	110
Place for local entertainment	25.00%	23.86%	36.36%	14.78%	98
More jobs	17.71%	22.91%	34.38%	25.00%	96
A gas station	10.10%	9.09%	22.22%	58.59%	99
A place for youth activities	11.34%	23.71%	37.11%	27.84%	97
A place for senior activities	14.58%	23.96%	34.38%	27.08%	96
Additional housing for seniors, young families, others	43.18%	28.41%	21.59%	6.82%	88



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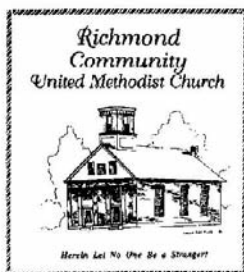
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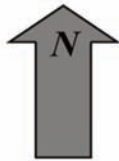
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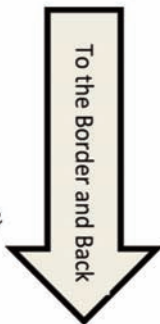
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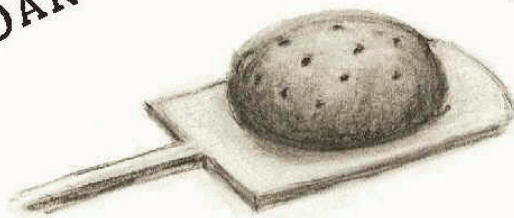
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Board of Selectmen:

Sandra Gillis, Carol Jameson, Kathy McWhirk

Mon. 9 AM – 7 PM (Selectmen meet at 5:30 – 7 for business
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Thurs. 9 AM – 12 NOON (unless otherwise posted)

Town Administrator: Heidi Wood

Administrative Assistant: Sarah Dunton

Town Clerk: Annette Tokunaga

Deputy Town Clerk: Larry Richardson

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

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

Tax Collector: Steve Boscarino

Deputy Tax Collector: Denise Nolan

Mon. 6 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 2 PM – 5 PM

Tues. 2 PM – 5 PM in the week taxes are due

Planning Board: Dick Drew, Chairperson

Meetings held at Veterans Hall.

4th Tues. of the month – 7:30 PM

and 2nd Tues. if needed

Transfer Station & Recycling Facility:

239-8136

Tues. 8 AM – 4 PM, Thurs. 8 AM – 7 PM

Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

Town Library: Wendy O'Brien, Librarian

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

Thurs. 4 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

Police (Non Emergency): 239-6007

Fire/Rescue (Non Emergency): 239-4466

Fire Warden: Ed Atkins, 239-6337

Selectmen – 239-4232

Town Clerk – 239-6202

Tax Collector – 239-6106

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