



DECEMBER 2014

“Happy Holidays”

Notes from the Selectmen’s Office

The Selectmen set the town tax rate on Monday, November 17, 2014, which resulted in an overall tax rate of \$25.954, less than the 2014 tax rate. You will have received your tax bill by the time you read this and we thank you in advance for paying your tax bill on time.

Just a reminder that any property owners with delinquent taxes as of February 1 will be listed in the town report this year. So many members of the public expressed support for this action that the Selectmen decided to reverse a long standing practice of omitting this list from the annual report. Taxes are due in December but you’ll have an extra month or so to avoid being listed.

By the time you read this article, the Selectmen will have completed their meetings with department heads, committees, commissions and boards regarding their proposed 2015 budgets and updated CIP plans. The proposed budgets we’ve seen so far show little increase in the bottom line, and any increases are well documented as necessary. In the case of the Fire Department, the increase supports outfitting the many new volunteers who joined up in the past year. Richmond is unique in that many fire departments are experiencing a decline in the number of personnel. The Selectmen acknowledge Chief Atkins’ efforts encouraging new people to join the department and thank the amazing fire and rescue volunteers who keep our residents safe.

The Police Department budget is about the same and reflects the need to add one or two officers in 2015. Congratulations to the Police Department for their interior renovation of the former Civil Defense building and for making positive changes to the exterior landscape, including the very attractive new Police Department sign and side entry.

The Highway Department budget reflects the added work and materials required to complete the Fay Martin Road upgrade, at the same time, they continue to repair and replace culverts and maintain town roads. We hope you’ll take a minute to thank the Department for their work this year on all your roads, but especially note the outstanding and artistic work Mark Beal has done in rebuilding the stone walls along Fay



Martin Road. They are visible and beautiful once again.

You can expect to see a warrant article or two and a bond article to appropriate funds to complete work on this road project in 2015. As you know, this project is being done by the town, in conjunction with St. Benedict Center, without state aid. Also, we recently learned that two red-listed bridges eligible for state aid have been moved up in the queue, so saving should continue in the next two years to fund the town portion of these bridge replacements.

The Town Clerk budget increased slightly due to a proposed salary increase. The Tax Collector and Treasurer budgets remain the same. The Tax Collector and Town Clerk are in the process of interviewing for new deputies.

The Library budget increased slightly and their CIP plan outlines the work remaining to be accomplished to complete the effort this year to insure that the building is structurally sound, well insulated, and energy efficient. The Trustees and Librarian have worked tirelessly to safeguard our town’s

archives by digitizing material, making it available for research, conducting informative programs, and moving materials offsite to preserve our fragile historical records.

Again this year, we focused on preservation, repairing historic municipal buildings, and making them energy efficient. The Veteran's Hall basement was renovated, the foundation repointed, and completely insulated so the Hall will be warmer at a fraction of the cost. The old chimney was removed, and rear wall painted, the accessible ramp was secured, power washed and painted with a non-skid surface. Lighting at the Veteran's Hall and Memorial was also upgraded. There are a couple of items remaining on the 'to do' list, but the renovation work is essentially completed.

Interior changes were made to the Selectmen's office. By rearranging administrative space more efficiently, more room is available for the attending public. This building needs a new south-facing roof after insuring structural soundness of the attic trusses. The foundation must be re-pointed and insulated after insuring floor joists are structurally sound. This year we expect to begin the phased exterior painting for the Veteran's Hall and Town Hall buildings. We are planning to renovate the parking lots for both municipal buildings and have estimates from the highway department for this work. Citizen commitment to our town is reflected in the stewardship of our historic municipal buildings.

Pre-Warrant hearings are scheduled for January 22, 2015 and February 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Veteran's Hall. You will hear the rationales for proposed budgets, ask questions, and examine all warrant articles in detail. We hope you will plan to attend both hearings since there will be new information at each – and an informed voting public will make Town Meeting go more smoothly (and quickly). Town Meeting is set for Saturday, March 14th.

As always, if you want to talk with the Selectmen, please call the Town Administrator, Heidi Wood, at 239-4232 for an appointment. And please visit the Town website at www.richmond.nh.gov to read breaking news, the latest posted notices and meeting minutes, and find the applications you need for building and driveway permits, for a variance or special exception, and to catch up with your neighbors at community events.

The General Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

On November 4, 2014, 455 of the 827 registered voters voted. This is a 55% voter turnout, consistent with mid-term general elections for the Town of Richmond. Following are the results of votes received for candidates on the ballot:

Governor:

212 – Maggie Hassan
209 – Walt Havenstein

US Senator:

215 – Jeanne Shaheen
196 – Scott P. Brown

Representative in Congress:

223 – Marilinda Garcia

207 – Ann McLane Kuster

Executive Councilor:

255 – Dave Wheeler
182 – Diane Sheehan

State Senator:

224 – Andy Sanborn
189 – Lee C. Nyquist

State Representative Cheshire District 12:

213 – Jim McConnell
196 – Ben Tilton
187 – Richard Sainsbury
156 – F. Barrett Faulkner

State Representative Cheshire District 15:

217 – Dick Thackston
197 – Bruce L. Tatro

Sheriff:

254 – Earl D. Nelson
184 – Eli Rivera

County Attorney:

270 – D. Chris McLaughlin

County Treasurer:

219 – Joseph Bendzinski
185 – Roger T. Zerba

Register of Deeds:

270 – Anna Z. Tilton

Register of Probate:

288 – Susan J. Castor

For a complete list of results, please go to the Town of Richmond website www.richmond.nh.gov, the Town Hall or the Veteran's Memorial Hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked at the polls that day. In particular, I would like to thank Walden Whitham. Walden filled the vacancy created when Peter Majoy moved out of town. This was only Walden's second election as Moderator. Prior to the September Primary, Walden completed the online training offered by the NH Secretary of State. He then attended the Secretary of State's Election Law Training held in Keene on August 28. Walden has brought to his position and to the polls a noticeable degree of professionalism, knowledge, and oversight while treating everyone, whether election worker, voter or guest, with genuine respect and helpfulness. I would also like to thank everyone else who worked that day. Without the help of many, the Town of Richmond would not have received the favorable report that it did from the Inspector sent by the NH Attorney General's office! Election Day is a very long day and your hard work is certainly appreciated by this Town Clerk.

Ballot Recount Results

John Boccalini

James W. McConnell will join Benjamin L. Tilton as a state representative for District 12 in Concord.

McConnell and F. Barrett Faulkner were tied at 1240 votes each following the November 4 election. They were running for the second seat in the district which covers Richmond and

Swanzy. Tilton received the most votes with 1,276, to take the first seat.

Faulkner, requested the recount with the N.H. Secretary of State's Office.

The result of the recount: Tilton (1,272) to take the first seat with four fewer votes, followed by McConnell (1,244) and Faulkner (1,241).

Anticipation of the Town Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The following officers will be elected at the Town Election on March 10, 2015:

One Cemetery Trustee, 3-year term

One Library Trustee, 3-year term

One Moderator, 1-year term

Two Planning Board, 3-year term

One Selectman, 3-year term

One Town Clerk, 3-year term

One Trustee of Trust Funds, 3-year term

If you would like to run for any of the above, please come to the Town Clerk's office during the filing period. The filing period begins January 21, 2015 and ends January 30, 2015. The office will be open on Friday, January 30, 2015 from 3 – 5 pm for declarations of candidacy purposes only. You must be a Richmond resident and a registered voter in order to run for a town office.

Please call 239-6202 or stop by the office with questions.

Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Dec. 24 and 25, 2014 CLOSED for Christmas Break

Jan. 1, 2014 CLOSED for New Year's Day

Fire House News

Lt. Melanie Ellis

It was a great sunny Saturday in October for the Richmond Fire Department Open House. We had a good turn out and had great fun. The kids were able to get inside the fire trucks and look at our equipment. Some got to try their hands at putting out a controlled fire with fire extinguishers. It was a great day and a fun time was had by all. Thank you to all for your continued support of the Richmond Fire Dept.

In early November, the Fire Department was called to help carry out a land surveyor who had injured his ankle out in the woods at the end of Greenwood's Road. Due to the location of the subject, mutual aid was called in from Fitzwilliam, Winchester, Swanzy and Royalston, MA. We would also like to thank members of the public who were there to assist us finding and carrying out the subject.

As the holidays approach, the Fire Department urges you to look for and eliminate potential dangers from holiday lights and decorations that could lead to fires and injuries. Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat thousands of people for injuries such as falls, cuts, and shocks related to holiday lights, decorations, and Christmas trees. In addition, Christmas trees



are involved in hundreds of fires each year, resulting in deaths, injuries, and property loss and damage.

When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green. Needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles. To minimize



risk, water it every day. A well-watered tree is almost impossible to ignite. Keep the tree away from heat sources such as a fireplace or radiator, and out of traffic patterns. Inspect light strings, and throw out any with frayed or cracked wires or broken sockets. When decorating, don't run more than three strings of lights end to end. Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire. When hanging lights outside, avoid using nails or staples, which can damage the wiring and increase the risk of a fire. Instead, use UL-rated clips or hangers. And take lights down when the holidays are over. If you leave them up all year round, animals can chew on them and they could get damaged by weather.

Cooking is the top cause of holiday fires. The most common culprit is food that's left unattended. It's easy to get distracted; with the family visiting and opening gifts. Make sure to keep a kitchen fire extinguisher that's rated for all types of fires and check that smoke detectors are working. If you're planning to deep-fry your holiday turkey, do it outside, on a flat, level surface at least ten feet from the house.

Hopefully with these safety tips, you and your family will be able to enjoy the holidays. Merry Christmas from the Richmond Fire Department.

Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Coffee Hour at the Library!

We had a great time at our first coffee hour in November and we are looking forward to our next one on Saturday, December 6. 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. Thanks go to Sandee Auvil for suggesting and hosting the November get-together.

Wednesdays with Wendy will continue for the first two weeks of December at 10:00 am. On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve we will offer a seasonal craft throughout the morning. Drop in anytime!

Reading with Keeta and Kallie is Back!

We are pleased to welcome Keeta, Kallie, and Kate back on Saturday, December 20 at 11:00 am. 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. Come by for a story or just a pat. No reservations are needed.

Staff Picks and Parent Resource Board

Marie Juhlin, assistant Librarian, has suggested two great initiatives. The first is a "Staff Picks" display where we will feature some great items in our collection that may have been overlooked. The second is a bulletin board in the Children's Room where parents can share information, wants, and needs. We hope to have both available by our first of the month coffee hour.

New additions to the collection:

Adult Fiction

Quest, Nelson DeMille

All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr

Gray Mountain, John Grisham

Children Act, Ian McEwan

Blood Magick, Nora Roberts

We Are Not Ourselves, Matthew Thomas

Adult Non-fiction

Boys in a Boat, Daniel Brown

Clean, David Scheff

Audio

Gray Mountain, John Grisham

Deadline, John Sanford

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National Scenic Trail

Russ Provost

There are a number of ways you can get to Long Island Sound from Richmond. One would be to get in your car drive over to Rte 91 and drive south. This will take about three hours. Another way would be to drive to Brattleboro and take the Amtrak train to New Haven. This will take about 5 hours. Or, if you are feeling adventurous, you could put on your hiking boots and walk there. Who knows how long this will take?

The New England National Scenic Trail is a 215 mile trail that starts at the border of Richmond and Royalston and ends on Long Island Sound in Guilford, CT. The NET received federal designation in 2009. Obviously most people aren't going to hike it all at once but you can segment the hike. I've been hiking sections for the past few years and am about half way there. For more information www.newenglandtrail.org or like them on Facebook.

Save the Date

Richmond Beach, Parks, and Rec. Committee
Kids Christmas Party Sunday, December 14
at the Vet's Hall from 1 to 3 pm.

New sign at the Richmond PD

Chief Brendan A. Bosquet

Richmond Police Department

The new Richmond Police Department sign looks great!

On October 25, 2014 Richmond Fire and the Richmond Police Department had an Open House. The turnout was great. About thirty people including kids came into the station. I was assisted by Police Commissioner Kim Mattson. PC Mattson helped organize a local Cub Scout troop pack 297 so I could create ID cards for them through our system. Our goal was to show the residents what we do for them. I brought two dozen donuts and PC Mattson brought home made cookies. Lt. Wood stopped by after providing services for a foot race that was sponsored by YMCA camp Takodah.

It was a fun day for all and I was happy to be there.

Age in Motion

Sandy Holbrook

Age in Motion is still strong in Richmond. Twice a week (Monday and Friday) from 9 – 10 am, approximately nine energetic Richmond residents get together at the Vets Hall for an hour of fun, laughter, and exercise under the leadership of Phyllis

Ramsden, Wellness Nurse (retired) . Winter can be a long season for many who find themselves inside. If that is you, and you want to stay in shape, or get in shape for those warmer days down the road, check out this non strenuous exercise program designed to replace fat with muscle, reverse bone loss, and improve energy and balance! What an opportunity and it's free!

Participants are guided through a series of stretching exercises placing emphasis on correctness to avoid adverse results to muscles, ligaments, and joints. Starting out slowly with ease, allows each person to find his/her own comfort zone from which to work. Weights can be added. Exercising in a social environment gives individuals the incentive to be diligent versus trying to be self-disciplined in a home environment. The group is made up of both men and women over the age of fifty. Don't fret over the extra holiday calories, because you can combat them through the *Age in Motion* exercise program.

Richmond Folks

Ben Tilton

A big Thank-You to all Republicans, Democrats, and Independents for coming out to vote on November 4. People will sometimes say their vote doesn't count or have much of an impact. This election proves that every vote counts! The tally from Swanzey was within a handful of votes. Richmond controlled the outcome of the election for District 12 Richmond/Swanzey State Reps! Thanks Richmond

New Hampshire's Grange Movement

Deb Carroll



Steve Taylor, the Former NH Commissioner for Agriculture, attracted a large crowd at Richmond's Veteran's Hall on Saturday October 25 with his talk about New Hampshire's Grange Movement. He is also a founding member of the Humanities Council which creates and funds programs that explore and celebrate the humanities in New Hampshire. Until this night, I, like many others, had not yet known about the Grange and the remarkable things they did, and what they stand for. All I knew was that everyone kept telling me "you have to listen to Steve Taylor!"

It was a chilly fall evening as people came together among family and friends. The event was sponsored by the Richmond Department of Agriculture to educate the community about significant accomplishments of the Grange, with an emphasis on agricultural issues in New Hampshire.

Taylor explained how the Grange originated in the mid-west farming communities, and was originally founded in 1867 by Oliver Hudson Kelley and a group of others to advocate for agricultural communities across the country.

The Grange was responsible for many great achievements since their inception. They fought legislatures to change the laws when farmers were being charged outrageous rates for railroad freight and did what they could to keep production costs down. The Grange stepped in and formed cooperatives to ensure that costs remained affordable for farmers to profit. Farmers embraced the Grange and stood together. The Grange

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was active in protecting New Hampshire's White Mountains which are now protected forests.

The Grange considered women as equals and played a big part in establishing a woman's right to vote and hold office, something that was not typical of that time, and even allowed members of the Grange as young as fourteen to hold office.

The New Hampshire Grange was founded in 1873, and seventeen local Granges were founded that year. Parts of NH were hit hard by the Civil War, leaving empty farms that were being reclaimed by mother-nature. Communities were shrinking and people were down and out. The Grange knew something had to change and farming had to prevail. If it weren't for the amazing strength of the Grange, farming would possibly have been something that would be found only in history books which in itself is a scary thought.

The Grange wanted to keep the public informed and was responsible for establishing the "Rural Free Delivery," which, allowed country people to receive newspapers delivered to their homes like the folks in bigger cities. They often organized public events such as poetry readings, dinners, and music festivals as a way to bring the community together.

Another accomplishment of the Grange was putting an end to paid library subscriptions because the average resident could not afford the fees associated with private libraries. They also fought so that we could vote with secret ballots.

The Grange was responsible for getting funding for poor school houses that couldn't afford to operate or pay property taxes. They demanded state grants of up to \$20,000!

The Grange knew that road navigation was essential for economical reasons, so they established a network of roads by which we travel today. This is why our roads have numbers today which simplifies travel.

Who could have known that this group of people would accomplish so many monumental things? Steve reminded us how the Grange fought for so much and why we should continue to fight to make better farming communities. The Grange ultimately created an insurance company for farmers called The National Grange Mutual to bridge the insurance gap with farming communities.

Taylor concluded his speech by talking about the most significant achievement of the New Hampshire Grange. It came in 1935 when over 13,000 farmers were without electricity because the electric companies would not service country folks. This meant nine out of ten homes were without electricity.

The companies did not want to run wires in areas that were not densely populated. The Grange was able to get funding for a New Deal program, and NH Electric Coop was founded. Many small communities were finally able to get electricity! Lempster was the first town to receive services. "By 1948, 96% of New Hampshire was wired for electricity," said Taylor.

A good time was had by all. Guests enjoyed gathering with family and friends at the end of the night for a complimentary dessert buffet that followed the speech. Many thanks again to Steve Taylor for a wonderful evening.

Richmond Community UMC

Pastor Arnie Johnson

The results are in from our Holiday Fair, and it was very successful! The traffic through the Veteran's Hall was steady all day. People purchased wonderful home-made crafts and food, and it appears that no one went hungry. Our thanks to all for the participation and attendance!

The month brought the special time of the year when families gather together to feast on turkey and all the trimmings, to give thanks for the blessings accumulated over the years and to enjoy each other's company. Always a wonderful loving time. May each gathering be joyful and memorable.

Plans are continuing to bring the story of the birth of the Christ child on Christmas Eve. As always, everyone is invited to celebrate with us no matter what your religious preference is. It will be a wonderful evening telling the story through scripture and music. Come join us Wednesday, December 24 at 7 pm at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd., Richmond, NH, just east of the junction of Routes 32 and 119.

May you be blessed by this special service.

YMCA News

Linda Dubois

The weather has definitely taken a change for the colder side. The leaves have fallen and camp is taking shape. We have closed all the cabins and have had our last group for the year. And what a group it was. There were Kings and Queens and Knights and tents. It was a royal showing. The group was called "The Barony of Stonemarche." There were over 300 people and they all fell in love with our beloved Camp Takodah.

The cabins with staff still living in them will be decorated for the holidays. Winterizing those cabins is in full force. Soon snow will be upon us. The winter reunion will be in January. Stay warm and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ending Another Year

Judith M. Graves

I don't know how you feel about this, but the end of the year always leaves me with this question, "What did I do with the past twelve months?" The New Year's resolutions will probably have to be renewed next year because I am sure I didn't keep last year's resolutions very long. And the crafts I planned to clear up are still in their baskets. The worst of it is that I still have a bucket list that needs attending to. Those friends that I had planned to get in touch with are still waiting for a call from me. And the closet that had to be cleaned out is still waiting to be done. Oh, my goodness, the year just went too fast.

With all the new gadgets that are supposed to give us more free time, they seem to have taken more of that precious commodity away, at least for me. Remember when answering machines took messages and when you got home, you could catch up on calls? Not today, it takes twenty-four hours of time just checking to see who is calling every few minutes.

Well, seeing that this year is nearly gone by, I will start making some plans for the new year that is ahead and see if I

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can get more on my 'to do' list done. The most important things need to be attended to right away. The cold winter months allow us a bit more time to sit and dream, write some notes, do a year through the Bible, read some books, call a friend, and even pull out that basket of crafts you hoped to have done last year.

Here is my plan: This year's craft holiday fairs snuck up on me so fast that I found myself scrambling to get enough to take to the seven shows I set myself up to do. So next year in the months of January, February, and March I want to fill a bin a month of completed crafts ready to go in November when fairs start. Wow, that would be amazing! I already have a list of the crafts I want to offer in the new year to get a head start. Then between crafting, I have a stack of six books that I hope to get through. That is one book every two weeks. I think I can do that.

My New Year's resolution this year will be to schedule some mini trips to see more local things that I have never taken the time to see. Many take a day or even half a day. Pack a picnic lunch, make an itinerary, dress appropriately, and just go. I have not hiked many of the wonderful trails close to home, so I may start there. I can go at my own pace and see nature along the way. I love to gather cones, moss, and bark as I go, so I'll be sure to take a basket to put them in.

There are theater offerings that I always enjoy and a lovely dinner before or after with friends that is always a worthwhile outing. I miss many because I don't plan in time. Not this year!

I plan on meeting for breakfast with a friend, sharing a good laugh with some elderly folks, and learning some important history that will soon be lost. Also, I want to visit with children, walk through the park with a cold lemonade in hand, shop an afternoon away at an antique or consignment shop. I want to quietly watch a TV show with a hot mug of cocoa stirred with a candy cane, talk with family, and so much more. Age appropriate things that fill your life with joy are abundant.

Start thinking now about next year, so that when December 2015 comes around, you aren't saying "What did I do that was fulfilling and enjoyed this past year?"

PS: Stay warm, wrap yourself in lots of wonderful things that bring a smile to your face. Kick to the curb anything that takes joy out of what you are doing. There's a saying that I keep in my head, "Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." Happy New Year, Merry Christmas and God bless you all.

2014 Year-end Report

Richmond Agricultural Commission

Members of the Richmond Agricultural Commission are pleased to report a very successful year. Activities included:

Another successful Garden Tour featuring early blooms of June. We thank the following homesteaders for opening their gardens and sharing their love of labor: Carol Jameson and Peter Mulhall, Albert Karevy and Patti Harville, Sandy Holbrook, Rosti and Jeani Eismont, and Jan and Bob Weekes.

This year's event brought new faces to the tour. Next year we look forward to adding new gardeners and increasing the

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number of attendees with perhaps a tour late summer.

Together with two other town committees (Conservation Commission and the Richmond Historical Society), the RAC was pleased to participate in the second Annual Family Farm Day held at Windswept Mountain View Christmas Tree Farm, owned and operated by Jeff and Susan Taylor. Bill Vogeley of Chesterfield was the RAC's key speaker at this event. Following his presentation on bee keeping, Q&A's continued on as more adventuresome visitors braved the raindrops for the ride up the mountainside. We understand the view from the top was left to each one's imagination.

The final event of the year was split into two parts – a potluck dinner at Camp Takodah followed by a dessert social at the Vets' Hall. Sponsored through the NH Humanities Council with local support of Richmond's Agricultural Commission, Conservation Commission and Historical Society, keynote speaker Steve Taylor of Meriden Village, NH presented the history of the NH Grange Movement – its rise, triumph, and decline. While many older folks in the audience were familiar with the Grange, the younger generation was surprised at the important impact the Grange had in formulating life in NH as we know it today.

Four members of RAC attended a Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition Forum at Stonewall Farm to learn about its goals and mission and to become familiar with what is going on at the State level concerning agricultural/farming issues. Depending on locations of future forums, we hope to continue our participation so we in turn can keep you abreast of changes.

It is with sadness we bid farewell to Theresa Majoy who played a major role in getting the RAC up and running, but we are pleased to welcome Debra Potts onto the board. Debra brings to the Board not only special skills and talent, but an abundance of enthusiasm and energy. In closing, we all look forward to continuing to serve our Richmond community. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm at the Veteran's Hall starting in February 2015. We welcome your input, questions and concerns as we move forward, and above all we appreciate your continued support of programs and events we sponsor.

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NASA

Volunteer Energy Committee – Jean Tandy
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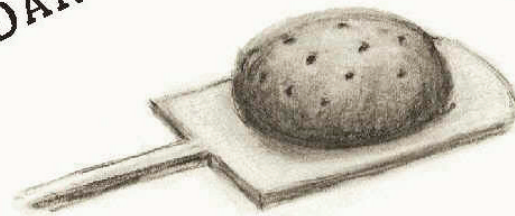
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A link can be found at <http://energy.gov/eere/articles/leveraging-veteran-talent-opportunity-clean-energy-industry>.

Out and About

John Boccalini

Wed. Dec. 3, 6:30 pm, Movie: The Servant. Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main St. Jaffrey. Free.

Sat. Dec. 6, 7:30 pm, Animaterra Concert. Unitarian Universalist Church, 69 Washington St., Keene. Suggested donation: \$10, \$6 seniors and children.

Sun. Dec. 7, 1 pm, Film: BOLSHOI: La Bayadere. P'borough Players. 55 Hadley Road, P'borough. \$20.

Sun. Dec. 7, 4 pm, Animaterra Concert. Union Congregational Church, 33 Concord St., P'borough. Suggested donation: \$10, \$6 seniors and children.

Wed. Dec. 10, 6:30 pm, Movie: King and Company. Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main St. Jaffrey. Free.

Fri. – Sat. Dec. 12 – 13, 7:30 pm, Frost Heaves. P'borough Players. 55 Hadley Road, P'borough. \$18.

Sat. Dec. 13, 3 pm, Monadnock Chorus: Tidings of Joy. P'borough Town House 1 Grove St. P'borough

Sat. Dec. 13, 12 – 7 pm, The Met Live in HD: Wagner's Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg. P'borough Players. 55 Hadley Road, P'borough. \$25.

Sun. Dec. 14, 2 pm, Frost Heaves. P'borough Players. 55 Hadley Road, P'borough. \$18.

Sun. Dec. 14, 7:30 pm, Monadnock Chorus: Tidings of Joy. P'borough Town House, 1 Grove St. P'borough.

Tues. Dec 16 – Hanukkah Begins.

Wed. Dec. 17, 6:30 pm, Movie: Home of the Brave. Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main St. Jaffrey. Free.

Sat. Dec. 20, 8 pm, Susan Burke and David Surette. Del Rossi's Trattoria, 73 Brush Brook Rd (Rt 137), Dublin

Sun. Dec. 21, – Winter Begins.

Sun. Dec. 21, 1 pm, Film: BOLSHOI: The Nutcracker. P'borough Players. 55 Hadley Road, P'borough. \$20.

Thurs. Dec 25, – Christmas

Fri. Dec 26, – Kwanzaa begins
Wed. Dec 31, – New Year's Eve

The Richmond Library

Sat. Dec. 6, 10:30 – 11:30 for coffee or tea and yummy treats.

Fitzwilliam Inn

Sat. Dec. 6, Banish Misfortune, Traditional Irish Music 8:30-11, \$8 cover.

Sat. Dec. 13, Currier and Ives Cookie Tour. See website for details.

Sat. Dec. 20, Town Meeting, Indie Folk Rock, no cover.

Wed. Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Party with Melanie and the Blue Shots, \$20pp.

Sunflowers Restaurant, 21B Main St. Jaffrey

No cover charge. Tips appreciated. Reservations recommended!

Music at Brunch (B) – Sunday 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Dinner (D) – Friday beginning at 6 pm

Fri. Dec. 5, Dinner – Ted Mann, guitar

Sun. Dec. 7, Brunch – Bob Arpin, guitar

Fri. Dec. 12, Dinner – John Cucchi, guitar, vocals
Sun. Dec. 14, Brunch – Judy Blake and Ken Hamshaw, vocals and guitar
Fri. Dec. 19, Dinner – Mike Wakefield, sax
Sun. Dec. 21, Brunch – John Cucchi, guitar and vocals
Fri. Dec 26, Dinner – Diane Ammons
Sun. Dec. 28, Brunch – Mike Wakefield, sax
Wed. Dec 31, New Year's Eve – Diane and Rick Ammons

Ongoing:

Sun. 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. 7 – 9 pm, Open-Mic Night at the Fitzwilliam Inn
Wed. 3–6 pm, Farmers Market, P'borough Community Group, 25 Elm St. P'borough
Wed. 9:30 pm, Open Mic Night, Harlow's Pub, P'borough
Thurs. 8 p.m. Bluegrass Jam, Harlow's Pub, P'borough

Winchester Learning Center

Donna Lake

On November 10, 2014 The Winchester Learning Center Board of Directors were awarded the Spirit of NH Volunteer Champion Award by Volunteer NH. The Board of Directors was recognized at The Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord NH.

Their dedication and hard work completing a seven-year capital campaign culminated with the purchase and renovation of a new childcare facility at 109 Keene Road in Winchester, NH. Board members recognized were Harold Bigelow, Board President, John Smith, Vice President, Richard Skeels, Treasurer, Ann Goodrich-Bazan, Secretary, Sandy Allen, Roberta Fraser, Theodore Whippie, and Luther Durgin. The Winchester Learning Center is a United Way Agency.

**A Police Series with
a Good Sense of Humor**

Frank Behrens

At last, a police show that is pleasantly different from any other in its own special way! Not that the plots are any different. That would be asking too much. And to be fair, just how many variations can be wrung on police plots? Nor is there a gimmick such as the sleuth being an ex-cop (Jack Taylor) or an antique dealer (Lovejoy), or a nosey old woman from a small English village (Jane Marple), or even a deviser of magic tricks (Johnathan Creek). Or, on this side of the Atlantic, a cop that acts like a bumbler (Columbo) or an overweight detective (Frank Canon, if you remember him). You see, "Murder in Suburbia, Complete Collection," now out as an Acorn Media 4-DVD set, has two very special stars.

There is Caroline Catz (yes, Doc Martin's beloved) as the black haired DI Kate Ashurst and there is Lisa Faulkner as the blonde DC Emma Scribbins, both forming the detective team of the Middleford Criminal Investigative Department. They operate under their superior DCI Sullivan, played by handsome

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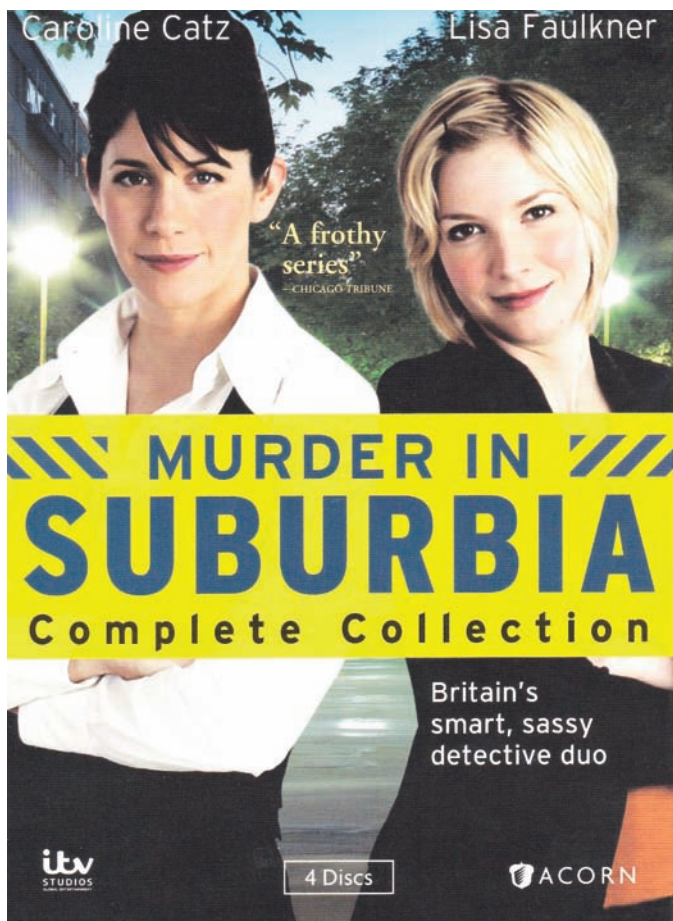
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Jeremy Sheffield. Ashurst is the analytical one, always quoting rules that good policing should always follow; Scribbins works more on instinct; both are very concerned with finding the right man in their lives as much as finding the killer.

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They wonder, in the first half of the episodes, about Sullivan's sexual leanings ("If he's gay, I'll shoot myself," says one of them) and Ashurst is forever saying compromising things in his hearing. When on a stakeout, the two take cover with a thirteen-second kiss that becomes the talk of the station. Catz' comic reactions here are a gem.

Indeed, it is the banter between them that makes this show, an otherwise serious one, such fun to HEAR as well as to watch. Even their insults are given in the right spirit and quotations from these scripts could fill a small volume titled "The Wit and Wisdom of Ash and Scribbs" (as they are called by their peers). You will find many of them on the IMDb website.

Richmond Four Corner Survey Results

Richmond Community Development Association

On Saturday, November 15, townspeople gathered at the Vets Hall to hear from J.B.Mack and two geologists on the results of the excavation of the gasoline tanks and the survey that was taken about the proposed improvements to the Four Corners Store and area. Fewer residents attended this meeting than had attended the first "discovery" meeting in June. The following is a compilation of the survey conducted by *The Richmond Rooster* and Southwest Regional Planning Board. Thank you for your participation.



GOAL 1: Promote institutions and places that provide opportunities for community interaction, communication, and civic

Welcome to the Richmond Community Church

Richmond Community United Methodist Church

Pastor Arnold Johnson

Sunday Worship Services
9:00 a.m.

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We champion the simple worth of all people.*

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Heaven Let My One Be a Stranger

pride in the Four Corners Area.

Objective 1.1: Encourage the formation of a new independently-owned Four Corners store, preferably with a community-minded owner.

Objective 1.2: Encourage the formation of a new recreational area that hosts sports activities, as well as other community outdoor activities.

Objective 1.3: Develop a solution to make an in-town facility available to house Richmond historical resources and artifacts accessible to the public for research, interpretation, and educational programming.

Objective 1.4: Develop a plan for reusing Amidon Field and improving access and parking for visitors to the town library, pavilion, playgrounds, police and fire stations, and Quaker Cemetery.

Objective 1.5: Continue to promote Veteran's Hall as a location for hosting indoor community gatherings including civic events and entertainment.

Objective 1.6: Examine the benefits and costs of developing and maintaining an information kiosk at Four Corners. Consider other physical space alternatives for advertising community events and activities occurring in Richmond to residents and visitors.

Objective 1.7: Educate the community about the historic significance of the 100 year old Tramp House and study the costs of rehabilitating it.

GOAL 2: Improve options for individuals of all ages to travel safely and conveniently in town and to regional destinations.

Objective 2.1: Work with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDO) to encourage them to make improvements to shoulders and drainage ditches on NH 32 and NH 119 to provide safe accommodation for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Objective 2.2: Create a system of off-road trails (ie. emerald necklace) that connect commercial and civic buildings located near the intersection of NH 32 and NH 119 with the town beach, Veteran's Hall, Town Hall, Allen Lot and other important locations.

Objective 2.3: Create/formalize a vehicle entrance with parking to the Allen Lot.

Objective 2.4: Study the feasibility and make engineering, enforcement, maintenance or other recommendations to improve safety at the intersection of NH 32 and NH 119.

Objective 2.5: Study the feasibility of connecting trails in the Four Corner's Area to regional hiking and snowmobiling trails such as the Metacomet-Monadnock Trail.

Objective 2.6: Examine opportunities to improve connections between the former Four Corner's Store property with adjacent properties through the site plan review process.

Objective 2.7: Study opportunities for linking existing Richmond volunteer drivers with the American Red Cross volunteer driver program to help those that cannot drive to reach medical appointments, jobs, grocery stores and other important destinations.

GOAL 3: Develop sustainable programs that build community pride, leadership, and relationships.

Objective 3.1: Organize a sign program to reduce NHDO sign clutter on NH 32 and NH 119, install village gateway signs, and examine opportunities /or navigational /directional signs.

Objective 3.2: Develop a new interpretive plaque program and map pamphlet that teaches Richmond history about places of historical significance.

Objective 3.3: Develop new programming that brings multiple generations of Richmond residents together, particularly programming activities that attract young families and children.

Objective 3.4: Continue to support *The Richmond Rooster* and examine ways to expand readership.

Objective 3.5: Develop a beautification and maintenance plan for the Town Hall and Veterans Hall.

GOAL 4: Proactively support rural small businesses.

Objective 4.1: Study the feasibility and make recommendations of how to expand broadband to businesses where not currently available.

Objective 4.2: Study the feasibility of a post office or centrally located mail drop box to pick up and drop off mail packages.

Objective 4.3: Examine potential barriers in land use regulations on small rural economy-based businesses and plan a course of action to remove any impractical barriers.

Objective 4.4: Develop a resource guide and map advertising businesses, natural resource areas and historic features for tourists and visitors.

Objective 4.5: Examine development of "buy local" campaign to ensure that local residents and businesses are contributing to the sustainability of the local economy.

Objective 4.6: Establish non-profit status for the Richmond Community Development Association, increase membership, and begin economic development support initiatives.

2014 Property Tax Bill

Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector

The 2nd Issue of 2014 Property Tax Bill are due by Monday, December 22, 2014.

Bills can be paid at the Town Hall, 105 Old Homestead Hwy, Richmond NH 03470 on Mondays from 6-8 pm, Wednesdays 2-5 pm and Tuesday December 16, 2-5 pm.

Bills can be viewed and also paid at the Richmond Tax Kiosk located at <http://www.nhtaxkiosk.com/>

The 2014-2 tax rate has been set and approved by the DRA. The new rate is \$25.95: \$6.98 Town, \$13.24 Local School, \$2.49 State School, \$3.24 County.

If you have any questions, please call Steve Boscarino, at 239-6101 or go online richtaxoffice@yahoo.com.

Change Is For The Better

Deb Carroll

New Year's Resolution Reality Check

Each new year is a chance for you to wipe the slate clean as you look forward to re-evaluating your goals and getting your priorities in order. Remember to praise yourself for last year's accomplishments however great or small, and don't be too hard on yourself for the things you didn't get around to. Every day is a chance to start over. So it is important to reflect on your resolutions and think about the things you had hoped to accomplish this year.

What Did You Hope To Accomplish?

A lot of people had the typical resolutions such as vowing to lose weight, exercise or finding a better job. Your intentions are always sincere while you're writing that list of goals.

At the beginning of the year you feel a new sense of confidence and you really believe you can make positive changes in your life! And the good news is that you really can! But before we go any further let's give ourselves a reality check. And by that I mean...did you accomplish any of your goals? What about last year's goals? Or the year before that? Do you really have what it takes? Of course you do!

Get Up And Out

No matter what your goal list has in store for you, there is one thing that almost anyone can do right away to improve their health and that is to get up and go for a walk! Better yet take the dog with you! Most of you do not even realize that your dog is the perfect walking partner and it is much safer to walk with a dog. If you have weight to lose chances are your dog does too. It is a matter of lifestyle. Recent studies show that obesity will soon surpass smoking as the leading cause of death in America. So put your health at the top of the list.

Self Confidence

The sad reality is that most people do not have enough confidence in themselves to make that change. By no means do I claim to be a boot-camp instructor, but I firmly believe that many of you really need a little push. You can sit around

thinking "I can't lose weight," or "I've tried everything," but the truth is that if you followed a healthy diet you wouldn't be overweight. Having confidence will set off a chain reaction of positive events that will change your life and give you the life you've always dreamed of. Reward yourself for the little things. Keep "goal lists" and learn that glorious feeling of crossing each one off!

On Your Way To A Better You

One thing you can do is to find some type of support system. If you are a writer and need to find more time to write then join a writers group. If you are trying to lose weight join a fitness class. If you wish to spend more time with loved ones then pencil them in. Believe it or not making lists can be a great way to keep your-self organized, instead of making excuses why you can never go out or why you don't exercise.

Make a commitment to yourself that you will. Isn't it time to get serious? I used to tell my mom "my dogs have more discipline than you" because she was always unhappy with her weight, but her urge to "nibble" was much stronger than her desire to lose weight. I would tell her "you are a human being and therefore have self-control."

For some people change is easier when you have a buddy system because you don't want to let other people down. I believe support systems are great, but at the same time I know that only you can make changes in your own life. I've lived it and I know. Many of you blame others for why you can't make changes and you simply can't blame other people for your unhappiness.

Having a strong mind doesn't come easy for anyone, but it is something you must work on if you hope to take control of the things you want to change. Many people are weak in the mind and don't believe they can change. I am here to tell you how wrong you are. Only you have the "power" to change your life.

Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

I heard the bells on Christmas Day

Their old, familiar carols play,

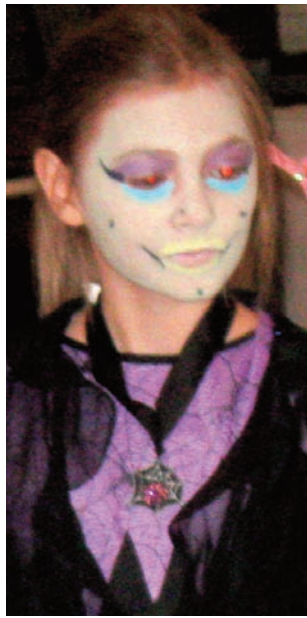
And wild and sweet

The words repeat

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1807-1882.

Merry
Christmas
everybody!!



Halloween Party

Richmond Beach, Parks, and Recreation, Committee
Elaine Moriarty

On Sunday, October 26, the spirit of Halloween arrived at the Veteran's Hall with Richmond's youngsters in an array of costumes. Games were played, refreshments served, and a fun day ended with many smiles. I wish to thank those adults and especially the two teenagers who assisted me throughout the afternoon. A special thanks to Thespina and Yanni for helping to prepare the pizza and ice cream at my home.

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<https://overview.mail.yahoo.com?.src=iOS>

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