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# Pipe Line –What to do now?

John Boccalini

You may have heard about “**Northeast Energy Direct**” (NED), which is a project in an early exploratory phase. **Kinder Morgan (KM)**, through its subsidiary, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company L.L.C. (TGP) is proposing an alternate path, for the extension of their pipeline, through New Hampshire to Dracut MA.

**The planned route of the pipeline as of December 8, 2014 from TGP shows the pipeline entering Winchester, NH from Warwick MA. along the power lines about halfway between Rte. 10 and Rte. 78. After 1500 feet into New Hampshire, it traverses off the power lines in a NNE direction crossing Old Warwick Rd., Scotland Rd., Pudding Hill Rd., and Route 119 in Winchester.**

**It will then turn to a more northerly direction into Richmond approximately 1800 ft. before the power lines. At that point it will turn easterly and travel some 6.5 miles through Richmond along the power lines. It will cross about 4000 ft. south of the Taylor Newell Lot Town Forest, then cross under Brickyard Brook, then on and along the boundary, for approximately ½ mile, of Yale Forests Goss Woods then through the Bennett Gorge, and under Attleboro Mountain Rd. and Taylor Hill Road. It will then traverse less than 1000 ft. north (up hill) from Sandy Pond Road, cross under Old Homestead Highway and over the main aquifer that provides water for North Richmond and Swanzey. It continues under Rice Brook, Fish Hatchery Rd., and the feed for Tulley Brook. Then through a narrow neck of Troy, and on to the wetlands of Fitzwilliam, Rindge, New Ipswich, Greenville, and through to Londonderry, where it will turn SE and return into MA.**

The reason for this alternative route into NH is because of the difficulty that KM has had with its original plan through Massachusetts. Since May 2014, forty-one New England municipalities have passed resolutions opposing Kinder Morgan’s Northeast Energy Direct project (NED) and other new interstate gas pipelines.

The proposed pipeline will require a swath of clear-cut land 125ft. wide and a trench 4 ft. wide by 6 to 7 ft. deep. It will traverse across Town property, private property, rivers, streams, geological fault lines, and wetlands. It will impact our quietude, our roads, our trees, our stone walls and our wildlife population. It will also impact the air we breathe and the water we drink. It will impact the Millers and the Ashuelot Rivers, as well as

the protected Connecticut River Watershed Basin.

The Construction project also requires lots of big machinery, dynamite, and hauling, all producing lots of noise and lots of pollution to both the air and to the water above and below ground, doing who knows what to our granite infrastructure, and to our wildlife’s homes and their migration patterns. In areas of rugged terrain, permanent trench breakers will be used that will change the flow of the underground water flow. Think of our wells. The construction in Richmond alone could deplete some 100-150 acres of forest, as well as all the life included in that loss.

When the construction is over one would think that all of the noise and pollution would stop. Not necessarily. There is a

need to construct compression stations along the pipeline to keep up the rate of the flow of the gas. They run constantly, 24/7, and need to vent, producing more noise and pollution, for as long as they remain here.

You might think that the economics of natural gas works enough for you to overlook all this hoopla. Well, we will pay for the pipeline during construction as a tariff to our utility bill, even though we get no direct benefit of having all this fuel running through our town. If you are one of the land-owners to have the pipeline running through your property, you will be remunerated for the easement, but you will have restrictions on what you can do with your land over the pipeline and the resale of your land/home could decrease as much as 30-50%. In some cases it may be difficult to sell.

The town will reap some tax revenues from the project, but it will be years before it becomes a reality. There will be a large toll on the Town's infrastructure (roads, bridges etc.).

If you think your rates will go down, think again, they didn't go down with nuclear power and they most likely won't go down with natural gas. Signs indicate that much of the gas flowing through this pipeline will be exported. The U.S. Energy Administration increasing pipeline exports is driving up the cost of natural gas.

### ***What can you do?***

When you are asked if a survey can be done on your property for the pipeline, do your due diligence before you sign any agreements.

Support your feeling about having surveys done for construction of a pipeline on Town-owned land. Let the Town officials know how you feel. Visit: <https://sites.google.com/site/richmondnhpipeline/> for links and discussion. Let your Delegates know how you feel.

#### **NH representatives:**

Ben Tilton – [bostoncarpenters@aol.com](mailto:bostoncarpenters@aol.com)

Jim McConnell – [mcc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcc@mindspring.com)

Andy Sandborn – [andy.sanborn@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:andy.sanborn@leg.state.nh.us)

Governor, Maggie Hassan – [www4.egov.nh.gov/nhgov-ernor/comments.asp](http://www4.egov.nh.gov/nhgov-ernor/comments.asp)

#### **US Senators:**

Jeanne Shaheen – [www.shaheen.senate.gov/contact/](http://www.shaheen.senate.gov/contact/)

Kelly Ayotte – [www.ayotte.senate.gov/](http://www.ayotte.senate.gov/)

**The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – if this agency issues a “certificate of public necessity and convenience,” it will allow KM (a public company rich in assets) to take land by eminent domain. email:customer@ferc.gov**

### **Notes from the Selectmen's Office**

Happy New Year... We hope you enjoyed your holidays and are looking forward to a new year. We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and involvement in making Richmond the kind of community our residents want to live in, a community that welcomes new families, a town with enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers with great ideas, and the wherewithal to take on the challenges to implement these ideas.

And for all of you who would like to get even more involved with your town government, please note that the filing period for declarations of candidacy runs from Wednesday, January 21 to Friday, January 30 at 5 PM. Qualifications for open seats vary, but in general, a commitment to good governance, a desire to serve your community, and the willingness to use your valuable time to make your town the best it can be is all that is required.

For residents interested in learning more about the Northeast Energy Direct natural gas pipeline proposed by Kinder Morgan, the Selectmen are planning a public meeting with Kinder Morgan representatives in the Veterans Hall. Please check the Town website for date and time. As of this writing Kinder Morgan was checking its schedule to confirm the date we suggested.

It being that time of year again, the selectmen have scheduled public hearings for pre-warrant meetings to give you an opportunity to participate in the budget preparation process prior to voting on it in March. The first public hearing is Thursday, January 22 at 7 PM in the Veterans Hall. We will discuss the budget warrant and two proposed bond articles.

The second public hearing was rescheduled to Thursday, February 19 at 7 PM in the Veterans Hall. To meet RSA required deadlines, this meeting was rescheduled so we can discuss creating a special revenue fund, which requires a public hearing no more than 30 days from voting day. The Selectmen recommend creating this Special Revenue Fund to accept revenue produced through the sale of dump stickers. This revenue will be earmarked to reduce the amount to be raised by property taxes for waste management costs. We will also discuss the budget and bond articles at this time.

The Annual Report will be in large format again this year, and will be full of detailed information about Richmond, its finances, and its remarkable achievements. Please note that a list of property owners with delinquent taxes will be included this year. [If your taxes are paid in full by February 1, you will not be on this list.]

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](http://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.

### **Selectmen's Office Temporary Closure**

Heidi Wood

As you may be aware, the Selectmen's office sustained some water damage and are in the process of having it repaired. Consequently the office is being **temporarily re-located** to the kitchen at the Vet's Hall. The move is scheduled to take place on Friday, December 19. We will be there for 3-5 weeks. Our number will be 239-8535. The Board will NOT meet on December 22, but will reopen in the Vets' Hall on December 29.

For those departments/committees that use the Vet's Hall

for their meetings, you will be able to continue, however we ask that you move into the main hall as the kitchen will be rather full!

Also, Senator Ayotte will be hosting a Town Hall meeting at the Vet's Hall Monday, January 5. Doors open to the public at 2 pm, meeting to begin at 2:30. Her camp is promoting this and I am still waiting for language from them to post on the website, but thought I'd pass that along as well.

If you have any questions, I am always available via email.

## 2015 Calendar Dates Richmond Town Clerk's Office

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

WED	Dec. 31	CLOSING One Hour Early for New Year's Eve Office Hours: 9-12, 1-4
THU	Jan. 1	CLOSED – New Year's Day
MON	Jan. 5	Dog Licenses Available
MON	Jan. 19	CLOSED – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
WED	Jan. 21	First Day of Filing Period for Town Offices
FRI	Jan. 30	Last Day of Filing Period for Town Offices (3-5 pm Only)
MON	Feb. 16	CLOSED – President's Day
THU	Feb. 26	Last Day to Register to Vote with Town Clerk
TUE	Mar. 10	Town Meeting, 1st Session (Election) Town Clerk's Office CLOSED
SAT	Mar. 14	Town Meeting, 2nd Session (Business)
THU	Apr. 30	Dog Licenses Expire
MON	May 25	CLOSED – Memorial Day
THU	May 28	Deadline for Late Dog Licenses
MON	Sept. 7	CLOSED – Labor Day
WED	Sept. 30	Transfer Station Stickers Expire
MON	Oct. 12	CLOSED – Columbus Day
WED	Nov. 11	CLOSED – Veterans Day
W/TH	Nov. 25,26	CLOSED – Thanksgiving Break
TH	Dec. 24	CLOSED – Christmas Break

## Before Town Meeting

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 and ends January 30. The office will be open on Friday, January 30 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 if you have any questions.

## Library News

Wendy O'Brien

### Coffee Hour at the Library!

Even though the weather was bad during our December coffee hour, many people still dropped by and had a hot drink and goodie. Our next neighborhood social hour will be on Saturday, January 3. Please join us anytime between 10:30 and 11:30 for a cup of coffee or tea and yummy treat. Thanks to Joan Bernier for sharing some delicious gluten-free cookies.

**Wednesdays with Wendy** will continue throughout the winter at 10:00 a.m. We will be offering stories and crafts with the following themes:

January 7: Penguins

January 14: Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 21: Snow-people

January 28: Jan Brett's The Mitten

### Reading with Keeta and Kallie is Back!

We are pleased to welcome Keeta, Kallie, and Kate on Saturday, January 17 at 10:30 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.

### New additions to the collection:

#### Adult Fiction

*Home Place*, Carrie La Seur

*Proof Positive*, Archer Mayor

*Keep Quiet*, Lisa Scottoline

*Pegasus*, Danielle Steel

In addition, we recently received a large donation of many new paperbacks of popular authors that we do not normally purchase. Come by and see what we have – your suggestions will help us with future selections!

## The Changing Face of Richmond

Richmond Heritage Commission

Bob Weekes

Please mark your calendars for a special evening at the Vets Hall on Wednesday, January 28, at 6:30 pm. The Richmond Heritage Commission, in collaboration with the Richmond Public Library, will present an entertaining and informative program entitled, "The Changing Face of Richmond." This first time presentation will utilize old photographs from the Town Archives that have been digitally reproduced as a part of the Library's ongoing project of computerizing our town's archival records. Many of these photos have been digitally enhanced by the Richmond Heritage Commission, creator and producer of this program, to improve their quality and clarity. More recent photos combined with historical research have been added to complete the story. And, of course, the "Changing Face of Richmond" will be presented on the big screen.

Richmond has a great deal of history, perhaps more history than most residents are aware of...and history every Richmond resident should be proud of. For an hour, let us take you on a visual and virtual tour covering not only the center of Rich-





mond but its last century and a half as well. The Heritage Commission and Library are offering a look backward at the same geographic area that is the forward focus of the Richmond Community Development Association. It should be required entertainment for every Richmond homeowner and resident, not only because it is about our past...but our present and our future as well.

Refreshments will also be served. Be a time traveler...and bring the kids. History belongs to all of us.

### **What's Happening with the Richmond Archives?**

Peter Mulhall, Library Trustee

I'd like to report on some of the great work that has and is being done both on and with the Richmond Archives. Much has been accomplished since a year ago, when the bulk of the archive materials were sent for safe and proper storage to Keene, and the beginnings of the Archive Database Project. To begin building the computer database last year, we chose the industry standard *PastPerfect* database software and archive materials dealing with "The Great Washout of 1920" as our pilot project. After the reorganization of these materials and putting them into the proper physical storage units, we entered the first 50 records into the Richmond Archive Database, which we used to give a presentation of the Washout event and the research capabilities of the database.

As expected, a lot was learned about the database software and the work involved both conceptual and physical efforts to prepare these materials for entry as records into the database. We were then ready to begin building the database in earnest. We chose the Edith Atkins photo collection as the first major data entry project. Today, with the completion of that project, the archive database contains a little over 500 records thanks to the work of the project volunteers, Bonnie McCarthy, Susan Marsden and Neil Moriarty. This wonderful collection of historic photos of the landscapes, homes, and people of long ago Richmond are now available to be searched and viewed using the powerful and flexible tools offered by the database software.

In the process of collecting, organizing and shipping the

archive materials to Keene, we developed a high-level list of the contents of all the boxes in storage. This Excel list is available on the Library page of the Richmond Town website and is searchable by any key word of interest. As we wait for our detailed database records to grow, we continue to make more complete information concerning the contents of the archive boxes available for researchers. For many years, Norma Thibodeau and Ruth Flanders created more detailed lists of the contents of the some of the boxes of materials they worked on as Town and Assistant Town Archivists. These paper based lists have been scanned and by using optical character recognition software, they will be converted into Microsoft WORD documents. They will now be searchable by any keyword of interest.

In November, we moved thirty additional boxes of archival materials from the Library basement to the Keene facility and The Richmond Historical Society removed their materials from the basement as well. By February, we should have all the Town's historic archival materials such as documents, photos, maps, and paintings safely stored in Keene. With the recent sealing and insulation work done in the basement and the continued use of a dehumidifier to keep things as dry as possible, the basement will be suitable for the long term storage of large physical items which would be impractical or too expensive to be stored in Keene. Among those items are an early 19th century spinning wheel, a Victorian era perambulator (baby carriage), and the large old schoolhouse bell which once hung over the library building when it was Schoolhouse #6.

But perhaps the most exciting news is how the archives and the growing database are being used to help bring Richmond's past to our town. The next data entry project will be "The Old Homes of Richmond." Again, over the years, Norma Thibodeau and others have collected wonderful materials on the subject. These include historic documents, maps, and photos. They are now collected in binders much as the Washout materials were. The materials are being properly rehoused prior to their return to the storage facility in Keene. They will then be ready for entry into the database and eventual resubmission in Keene. This project will make a significant contribution to the usefulness of the database for researchers.

In fact, this increased usefulness is already happening. Both the Edith Atkins and the Old Homes Collections are being used, in part, by the researchers working on the upcoming "Changing Face of Richmond" presentation sponsored jointly by the Library and the newly formed Heritage Commission. The "Changing Face of Richmond" presentation will focus on the history of the Four Corners area in the heart of town and is scheduled for January 28 at 6:30 pm at the Vet's Hall. The researchers will also adapt some of these materials for a future History Wall exhibit at the library.

The Library trustees have three goals in all these endeavors. The first is to ensure the safe protection of the valuable historic archives of Richmond. The second is to make the contents of the archives publicly available. And the third is to make the actual materials and information contained in the archives accessible to researchers. We see the History Wall project within

the Library and the increased availability of the archive materials for projects like the "Changing Face of Richmond" as evidence that we are moving in the right direction.

## Fire House News

Lt. Melanie Ellis

Winter has arrived in New England! According to the Center for Disease Control, January has the highest number of carbon monoxide poisonings and less than one-third of American homes have a carbon monoxide detector. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas. It is toxic to humans and animals when encountered in higher concentrations. Because carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless it is not always evident when it has become a problem. Often people who have a mild to moderate problem will find they feel sick while they spend time at home. They might feel a little better outside in the fresh air, but will have re-occurring symptoms shortly after returning home. If other members of the family have re-occurring bouts with flu-like symptoms while fuel-burning appliances are being used, it may be time to have the house checked. If you think you are having a problem with Carbon Monoxide, please call 911 and get out of the home.

As a reminder, if you have an emergency, please do not call the fire station directly. The members of the Richmond Fire Department are volunteers and we are not always at the fire station. If you leave a message on the answering machine at the station, we may not get it for days. If you have an emergency, the best thing to do is dial 911 or 352-1100. That number goes directly to our dispatch center located in Keene.

The Richmond Fire Department would like to congratulate Dallas Crowell and Brandon Tarbox for passing their SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) class. With the passing of this class, these young men learned the proper and safe way to put on their gear and breathing apparatus so they can safely go into a burning building. Welcome aboard, guys!!!



## Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

Happy New Year! What a month (December) I took off from reporting!

**The school board rescinded their vote to close Gilsum Elementary:** They created an Ad Hoc committee to look at the STEAM\* philosophy for our district (not just for Gilsum). Further complicating the school board's position is that their Finance Committee took the position that if the Budget Committee eliminated funding for Gilsum, the Finance committee would support the Budget Committee decision. For those unaware of the process, the Budget Committee does not specify (nor can they specify) where money can be spent or where cuts are to be made. In setting the Operating Budget, the Budget Committee does talk in terms of specific items in their deliberation. However, where money is actually spent belongs to the school board and the voter (voter at the deliberative session). I have been appointed to the STEAM Ad Hoc committee. \*Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics (STEM), Art was dropped.

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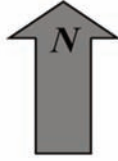


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**New Superintendent:** The school board appointed Dr. Keith Pfiefer as our acting superintendent. Dr. Keith is an experienced superintendent and volunteered to assist in hiring a new superintendent. We have also switched to the New Hampshire Superintendent's Association to give us assistance with the search.

**Budget Committee Work:** With the change in position of Gilsun Elementary, the Budget Committee is back to square one. We have to develop a budget that meets the voter's position on reducing the budget by \$500 per student (with even fewer students); and, the voters also said to close Gilsun. Moreover, the state no longer reimburses a portion of our major building items (the last reimbursement was at the rate of 57% or about \$770,000 that came off the district's tax bill). The current proposal is to spend \$1.1 million on Mt Caesar with no reimbursement – which means we have to make up that \$700,000 or so, or increase our cost per pupil even further.

Thank you for reading my article, comments are welcome. Email: [cmoriarty@ne.rr.com](mailto:cmoriarty@ne.rr.com), or phone: 603 239 4031. Mail: 782 Old Homestead Hwy, Richmond. Jim Carnie will assist with school matters at 239 4948.

## Richmond's Monadnock Honor Roll and Recognitions

Neil Moriarty

1. The Principal's List means the student got all As – Richmond proudly has four of those in this report.
2. Only the middle and high school use the four-quarter reporting system. Elementary grades use a three reports a year system.
3. If there is a person left off (and there is one) who wants their name published, you must contact the school and remove the do not publish marker.
4. Several students received the monthly recognition award. Congratulations to our honors and recognition students.

Name	Grade	Honor
Adams, Megan Elizabeth	12	Honors
Ayotte, Melody Lynn	7	High Honors
Budzik, Olivia Megan	8	Honors
Burdick, Calvin	5	High Honors
Budzik, Hayden	6	Honors
Burt, Cheyenne	5	Honors
Busick, Chloe Shay	12	Honors
Camuso, Janaina Briel	11	Honors
Cashman, Dylan	6	High Honors
Chandler, Darylie	5	Honors
Daugherty, Aderyn	5	Principal's List
French, Joe		High honors October
Heise, Daniel Blair	9	Honors
Hughes, Ethan Peter	10	High Honors
Hillock, Kylee Ann	7	Honors
Hulett, Molly Jeanette	8	High Honors
Jette, Andrew		October
Jette, Casey		November
Kelly, Tarali Rose	10	High Honors

Love, Ivy	6	Principal's List
Mathewson, Lily		September
Maynard, Riley Arthur	10	Honors
Maynard, Whitney Elaine	7	High Honors
Pearsall, Andrew		Honors
		October
Purrington, Caelan	5	Honors
Purrington, Cassidy Lian	7	High Honors
Randall, Eliza Fannie	12	High Honors
Randall, Lydia Hannah	10	Honors
Richardson, Eli		Principal's List
Rowland, Dylan	6	High Honors
Royce, Alex		November
Schmidt, Gabrielle		Honors
		September
Schmidt, Isabelle		September
Swanson, Breanne Lynn	9	High Honors
Swanson, Delaney	6	Honors
Tomer, Anthony	6	Honors
Tomer, Ashlyn Ann	10	Honors
Van Valzah, Bridget	5	Principal's List

## New Early Literacy Program

Wendy O'Brien, Elaine and Neil Moriarty

In the spring the Richmond Library will be starting a new program on Early Literacy: "Everything children need to know about reading and writing before they actually learn to read."

Objective: Early literacy: Why is it important? It provides a larger vocabulary, better language skills, a greater interest in books, and children are more likely to want to learn to read.

The program will be led by Wendy O'Brien, Elaine and Neil Moriarty. Here is a sample of the programming: A welcoming song with each child's name, fingerplay/rhymes, book reading I, a movement activity, book reading II, fingerplay/rhymes, a closing song, snack, and free playtime. The regular preschool reading program will continue as established in its normal time period. It is proven there is much to be gained, even by infants and toddlers, from these programs.

Stay tuned. More details in the next issue of *The Rooster*.

## Monthly Update

Jim McConnell – NH Representative – Cheshire 12  
(Richmond/Swanzey)

As most of you know, election night ended with the race for NH Representative in a tie which was finally settled by a recount November 13. My winning margin was only three votes and serves as an example of why every vote counts. Thanks to all those who studied the issues, considered the candidates, and voted November 4.

The time between our swearing in on December 3 and the legislature convening January 7 consists of orientation and organization. The orientation sessions are pretty well over at this point, but organizing has just begun. So far, we've elected a Speaker and Clerk but committee assignments are still pending.

I've submitted two bills, both of which are being drafted

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and will be considered in the upcoming session. The first reduces the allowable limit of MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether), a known animal carcinogen, in drinking water to 0 micrograms per liter from the state's current limit of 13 micrograms per liter. The second directs the state's University system to conduct a study of long-term human exposure to MTBE. During the campaign, I made it clear these bills would be my first priority.

NH Representatives also have significant duties within the county. The County Delegation approves the budget, authorizes borrowing and other significant county decisions. I have agreed to serve on the County Delegation Executive Committee and the Delegation's Maplewood Committee.

Among the contentious issues facing us this year are the future of Maplewood Nursing Home and the proposed natural gas pipeline. I've attended meetings on Maplewood beginning early this past summer and have toured Maplewood with the Director and Maintenance Supervisor. While I'm keeping an open mind, my strong inclination is to provide the repairs and upgrades necessary to continue to use the current facility in Westmoreland and to *not* approve the building of a new facility in Keene. The pipeline is a more recent development and I've had no meetings on the subject. While I'm certainly supportive of bringing natural gas to northern New England, I intend to be guided by the community and selectmen and will not, in any way, undermine the community's negotiations with Kinder Morgan, the pipeline company. My telephone number is 357-7150 and my email address is [mcc@mindspring.com](mailto:mcc@mindspring.com)

I prefer to communicate by telephone, as responding to emails is a much slower process. If you choose to send me a lengthy email, I'm happy to respond, but it'll almost certainly be by telephone, so please include your telephone number.

Once the session begins, I hope to have Town Hall meetings on a regular basis in both Richmond and Swanzey. Regardless of location, they will be open to residents of either town.

## RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Greetings to all in this new year of 2015 from the Richmond Community United Methodist Church. We pray that all have made their New year's Resolutions and started resolving them.

We at RCUMC have had a wonderful year with our church family, community, and friends, both near and far. As we reflect, 2014 has been another year of growth and outreach in the love of our fellowman. Noteworthy events this past year have been the celebration of our Boy and Girl Scouts with a special recognition service in February; an eight-week Bible Study leading up to the celebration of Holy Week with Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services in April followed by the Middle River Gospel Band worshipping with us again at the end of the month. We were honored with the ministering of two wonderful ministers, Rev. Elizabeth Davis and Rev. Dr. David Abbott (NH District Superintendent), while the pastor and family were on vacation in May.

The summer was pretty quiet with no special events until

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August when all sorts of good things started happening. First was the first year of August Wiener Wednesdays – the drive-through service of hotdogs with all the trimmings between 5 and 7 PM. It was a rousing success with many attendees looking forward to it happening again in 2015. The Middle River Gospel Band once again ministered at our Annual Outdoor Service in the Richmond Pavilion and continued to provide musical entertainment during the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department Annual Chicken BBQ which followed the service. August ended on a high note with our ever popular and very successful Yard and Bake Sale.

September brought an evening service of the very popular singing ministry of Dan Schall. In October, “The Kempters,” a home-grown family singing group from Alabama that travels throughout the United States, brought beautiful family harmonies and musical instrumentation. Even before the concert was completed, those in attendance started asking when The Kempters (<http://www.thekempters.com/>) would return. They wanted to tell friends and neighbors all about them and what they had missed. We are praying that we will be able to have The Kempters return in 2015, probably in September. One Sunday in September and October brought us the highly regarded and very popular Rev. Allen Humes to the pulpit since Pastor Arnie was away at school.

Our ever-popular Holiday Fair was highly successful once again in November. The lunch was yummy, and the crafts were just the thing for Christmas gifts! Also in attendance for a book signing of their recently published book *Following the Angel Trail: In the Footsteps of Jesus* were the co-authors Rev. Dr. Mary and Pastor Arnie Johnson.

The highlight of December, of course, was the great celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas Eve was once again filled with the story of the birth of Jesus Christ in a humble stable in Bethlehem to Mary and Joseph.

Many participated in the evening service by reading scriptures of the story, singing songs, and portraying the Holy Family, the final lighting of candles of the Advent wreath signifying hope, love, joy, peace, and the Jesus Candle. At the end of the service, the interior lights were turned down. The sanctuary was lit by individual candles held by the attendees signifying Christ, the light of the world, while singing Silent Night, Holy Night. All were moved and blessed by this meaningful service.

An ongoing event, that continues month after month without any special mention, is our sponsorship of the Food Pantry in the Richmond Town Hall. We are blessed to be able to provide non-perishable food goods to those in need, and we thank all who help by donating to this service. The need is great, so we appreciate what others can do to help us.

We are located in the Old Brick Church at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd., Richmond, just east of the junction of Routes 32 and 119. Our Sunday service starts at 9 AM. Sunday school is provided for the youngsters. All are welcome. Come join us in worshiping together as we continue to celebrate the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Come and be blessed! Shalom.



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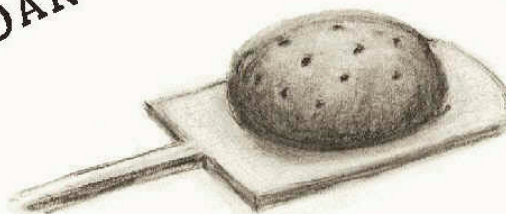
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### “Well Done!”

Bob Weekes

Driving through town over the holidays, you probably noticed the restoration of the Town Well and Pump and the Abbott Memorial Watering Trough in front of the Town Hall. Following up on an earlier *Rooster* article, this was a project undertaken by the Richmond Heritage Commission during the fall. The first project addressed its mission of preserving and improving the



showcasing of the historic and cultural assets of Richmond.

The project began with the excavation of a century-old granite watering trough which lay buried alongside the southern driveway to the Town Hall. In the process, it was discovered that the trough was a memorial to an early town resident, Lydia Martin Abbott, and that the trough had been moved in the past from its original location near a water source when it was given to the town in 1903. We soon found its original resting place... the Town Well, 40 yards away, which also lay buried in the underbrush along Route 32. We are indebted to Lynn Adams for the third and final discovery – the missing link in our research. Lynn discovered in the collections of her father, Joe Davis, the iron pump that once stood atop the well, the source of water for the trough. It had sat for years among Joe's possessions, a rusty but intended target for restoration if and when parts could be found.

In November, the pump was restored to its original appearance by the Heritage Commission. A new steel base was fabricated and the pump was reinstalled atop the well cover. During this same time, Road Agent, Mark Beal, and his crew, with additional help from John Holman, moved the ¾ ton trough back to its original location. They cleared, and with members of the

Heritage Commission, reworked the site to help create a mini-park to feature these historic artifacts. Planting has already begun and will be completed in the spring when historic signage will be added.

All told, we now have a nice piece of forgotten history to spruce up the entrance to our historic Town Hall. It's a holiday gift from the Heritage Commission, an all-volunteer project from start to finish. We hope you'll agree when we say, "well done!" And please stay tuned...there's much more to come!

### Camp Takoda News

Linda Dubois

Well, Thanksgiving turned out to be very interesting for all of the year-round folks at camp. Days without power and generators running. Is this what winter is going to be like, the residents are wondering? Even with all the problems the winter brings, camp is turned into a winter wonderland. Names have been pouring in for the winter reunion on January 3 when Alumni come for fun and games inside and out. We always want to remind families to make sure that they are all outfitted for the weather conditions. This year we will provide food and drinks, one less item for parents to remember. Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Hope everyone had wonderful holidays with the family and that 2015 brings happiness and joy to everyone.

Lets make 2015 a year to remember!!!

### Two Shining Stars

Elaine Moriarty

Two of Richmond's youngest residents earned accolades for their accomplishments in the MRSD schools they attend.

Lizzie Morton, a second grader at Mt Caesar, was the only elementary school student in the entire district to perform at our high school Holiday Festival of Music. She was chosen to sing "Blue Christmas." All summer long she graced us at the beach with her singing voice, never knowing it would lead to this December honor.

Bridget Van Valzah, a fifth grader at Cutler, attended the Youth Leadership Summit in Concord for two days in November 2014. On November 4 and 5, she participated in the Seventh Northeast Delta Dental







Conference representing Cutler school and our district. She was chosen to attend for her outstanding effort in reading. At the conference, in a judged presentation, students presented two ideas on how to better Cutler School; thus demonstrating excellence as leaders for the future.

Deepest congratulations to both of these young ladies.

## NO FRACKIN' WAY!

Terri O'Rorke

My fellow Richmondites, do you enjoy drinking, cooking and bathing with pure, clean well water?

Do you enjoy living with the quiet beauty of nature? Swimming and fishing in Cass Pond?

How do you feel about "eminent domain?"

These are issues that will be coming to a Selectmen's office near you in the form of a request to run a natural gas pipeline through parts of Richmond.

A brief background: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company is a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan. This company is looking to run a pipeline through New Hampshire towns, Richmond being one of them. This company has met with huge opposition in Massachusetts, their original planned route. Kinder Morgan is the fourth largest in North America. According to its website, [www.KinderMorgan.com](http://www.KinderMorgan.com), they have been involved in 180 accidents, which include explosions, spills, and fires to name a few. This company **DOES NOT** have a good safety record.

Now they are looking to enter the southern part of our state to run a pipeline which **WILL NOT** bring any benefit to the towns they plan to blast through. This New Hampshire route is proposed to pass through 155 wetlands and 116 bodies of water, 18 of which are rivers. Also about 8 miles of state parks.

Kinder Morgan **DOES NOT** financially aid towns in emergency preparedness. That would include accidents such as leaks, explosions, fires. Could Richmond even afford an accident such as an explosion? Compressor stations (which can affect air, water and soil quality), evaporation centers, and pumping stations would eventually be brought in. They are placed every 16-22 miles along the pipeline route, are noisy and run 24/7. Property will be devalued, insurance costs will rise, while some may find it difficult to obtain a mortgage on a pipeline property. It is possible Kinder Morgan can take property by eminent domain. Who would help that property owner? If an unknown leak occurred, what happens to private wells, Richmond's aquifer, the environment? Who would tell the people?

There is so much more information about this proposed project, there is just no room to list it here. However, I urge you to follow the Town website for local information concerning upcoming meetings and/or visit [nhpipelineawariness.org](http://nhpipelineawariness.org). For more information about pipelines in general, <http://pstrust.org>

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## Richmond RideShare

Lew Whittum for VEC

About a year ago there was an article in *The Richmond Rooster* inviting residents to call me, Lewis Whittum @ 239-4327 if in need of a ride to an appointment or to have someone run an errand – a quart of milk, picking up a prescription or...? There have only been four requests. Of these, two were for medical appointments which were handled by The Red Cross.

It is wonderful that most people in town do not have issues with transportation. However, I feel that either people are not getting the word that this service is available or they are afraid of the cost and privacy issues. The fact is that Richmond RideShare is a **no cost service**. Someone from my house goes to Keene or Winchester at least three times a week, and there are other people who have offered to provide rides or run errands if they are available. So, if you need something, call me or tell a neighbor if you think they need a ride or pickup.

Also the Red Cross in Keene offers rides to medical appointments and they serve Richmond. Call 352-3210 ext. 120 and speak with Gary Welch to schedule a ride. The drivers are volunteers and the round trip ride is free. However, gasoline reimbursement is appreciated.

It occurs to me that there could be some carpooling opportunities. If you commute out of town to a job and would like to carpool, give me a call and we will publish your particulars in *The Rooster* and see what happens.

## A Place To Take Rest

Judith M. Graves

A New Year! A place to take rest in a new start, a time to reflect in the year just past. The hustle and bustle of the holidays, the overeating, the over spending is now in the past, and now we can rethink over the year just gone by. Now is the time to go over the memories that were created that will linger, and a place to revisit for its pleasant and not so pleasant thoughts. Hold the space in your memory for the cherished family heirlooms created, and make a list of what you will want to create in the new year ahead.

January is a long cold month in New England and offers the warmth of a fire, hot soups and crusty breads, cuddles under a blanket with a good book, and sipping on hot chocolate. A time to call and chat with old friends, to write a card to someone wishing them well, and to fight the weather when we go out.

Remembering the years of teaching school and how long January was for a teacher. It was the one month that we could pack learning into the students once the holidays were over. Actually, I believe that January is the best month for learning.

Pleasant thoughts of the past year all rolled into one month. A year ahead to plan out, and keeping notes of what we hope to accomplish. A new start, a new year, so use this time as a place to take rest. I wish for you all a Blessed New Year and keep God in your heart. Happy New Year.

## Out and About

John Boccalini

**Mon. Jan. 5, 2:30 pm – Senator Ayotte will be hosting a Town Hall meeting at the Vet's Hall.**

**Fri. Jan. 16, 8 pm – Apple Hill String Quartet.** Colonial Theater, Keene. \$37 Adults; \$29 Students/Youth

**Sat. Jan. 17, 1 – 4 pm – The Met Live in HD: Lehar's The Merry Widow.** Peterborough Players, P.O. Box 118, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough \$25

**Sat. Jan. 17, 1 – 4 pm – The Met Live in HD: Lehar's The Merry Widow.** Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25 Adults; \$22 Members; \$21 Students/Youth

**Wed. Jan. 21, 7 pm – Rally Round the Flag: The American Civil War Through Folksong** presented by the NH Humanities Council, Historical Society of Cheshire County, 246 Main St., Keene. Free

**Thurs. Jan. 22, 7:00 pm – Three Public Hearings: Pre-war-rant budget hearing, and Two Bond hearings.** Vets Hall, Richmond.

**Fri. Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. Music in Bass Hall: The Tara Greenblatt Band,** 19 Grove St, Peterborough. \$12/15

**Sat. Jan. 24, 8 p.m. – North Shore Comedy.** Colonial Theater, Keene. \$23 Adults; \$21 Students and youth

**Sun. Jan. 25, 1 – 4 pm – Bolshoi: Swan Lake.** Peterborough Players, P.O. Box 118, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough \$20

**Wed. Jan. 28, 6:30 pm – “The Changing Face of Richmond.”** The Richmond Heritage Commission, in collaboration with the Richmond Public Library, will present an entertaining and informative program on Richmond history, Vets' Hall.

**Sat. Jan. 31, 1 – 5 pm – The Met Live in HD Offenbach's Les Contes d'Hoffmann.** Peterborough Players, P.O. Box 118, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough \$25

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Dinner (D) – Friday beginning at 6 pm

**Thurs Jan 1** Brunch

**Fri Jan 2** Dinner: Scott Mullett, sax

**Sun Jan 4** Brunch: Walden Whitham, harp, guitar, flute, sax

**Fri Jan 9** Dinner: Mike Wakefield, sax

**Sun Dec 11** Brunch: John Cucchi, guitar, vocals

**Fri Jan 16** Dinner: Grumbling Rustics, Steve Jones banjo, Tim Mowry guitar

**Sun Dec 18** Brunch: Judy Blake, Ken Hamshaw, vocals, guitar

**Fri Jan 23** Dinner: Walden Whitham, harp, guitar, flute, sax

**Dec 25** Brunch: Mike Wakefield, sax

**Fri Jan 30** Dinner: Bill Thomas flute and Carey Bluhm fiddle  
No cover charge. Tips appreciated. Reservations recommended!

### 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, Peterborough Community Group, 25 Elm St., Peterborough

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

**Thurs. 8 pm** – Bluegrass Jam Harlow's Pub, P'borough

## Press Release

Catherine Behrens

The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company is looking for actors, stage managers, and backstage crew for two 2015 productions. *On Golden Pond* by Ernest Thompson

Needed: Stage manager and backstage crew

Performance dates: February 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22

*The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

Needed: 10 men, ages 30-75

4 women, ages 30-75

1 African-American woman

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All performances will be at Heberton Hall, Keene Public Library Annex, 76 Winter St., Keene, NH. Contact Kim Dupuis at (603) 352-5657 or email her at theedgeensemble@aol.com.

## “Heidi” Makes a Pleasant TV Musical

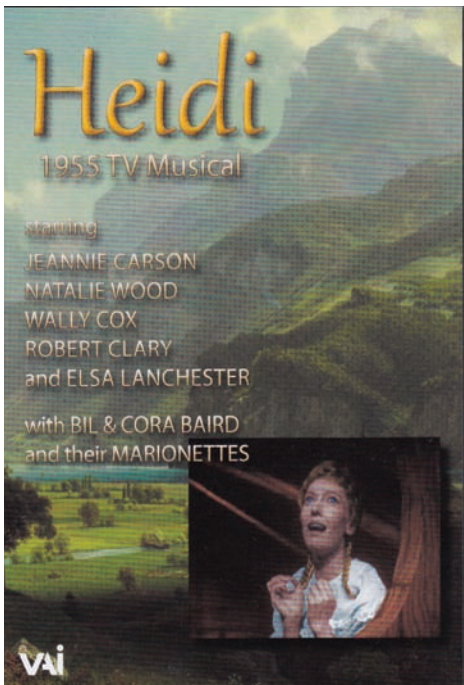
Frank Behrens

I am not too sure how many youngsters were reading *Heidi* when I was first reading *Bomba the Jungle Boy*, but I am sure that the number of fans of Johanna Spyri's 1880 novel today cannot be too great. But it has appeared on film quite often; and in 1955, it was made into one of several versions for television.

This production is now part of the wonderful VAI series of vintage musicals shown on TV in the middle of the last century; and it makes for some very entertaining viewing – with a very interesting cast.

Here is the story of the little girl, Heidi (Jeannie Carson), brought by her mean old Aunt Dete (Jo Van Fleet) to live at the top of the Alps with Heidi's reclusive Grandfather (Richard Eastham), whose antisocial behavior begins to thaw through Heidi's goodness. She also spends the time with a shepherd named Peter (Wally Cox). Dete finds a job for Heidi as a companion for a crippled girl, Klara (Natalie Wood) in Frankfurt,





and the two become fast friends, despite the hostility of Klara's housemaid Frau Rottenmeier, (Elsa Lanchester).

When found walking in her sleep, Heidi is sent back to her Grandfather, but Klara is sent to Heidi, where she is cured. Of course, some might consider this work today as one of appalling sentimentality; but that's the way many novels were back then.

Considering what passes for literature today, I say we could use some of that sentimentality back with us.

The music is "based on the themes of Robert Schumann" by Clay Warnick, who also composed original music for the dance sequences (if I read the credits correctly). Yes, "Traumerei" is much used, here called "Greener Pastures." The lyrics are by Carolyn Leigh and the script is by William Friedberg and Neil Simon. Max Liebman was producer and director for this series of original musicals and adaptations of stage plays.

While Carson and Wood look too old for their parts, they are at least sincere if not great actresses. Cox is simply mild. But Lanchester is as always a hoot, while Eastham is an excellent basso who was Ezio Pinza's standby in the original run of "South Pacific." The "Yodelling Song" and "Yodel-dee Hi" that open the first and third act respectively are musical lyrics at their worst; and indeed most of the lyrics are Broadway-generic.

But the 80 minutes pass by genially, if one puts oneself into a 1955 frame of mind. Thanks again, VAI.

## Your Logo Isn't Your Brand

Michelle Connor

A designer can't create a brand for you. Neither can the person that you put in charge of your marketing. Your brand is something so much deeper than that. It's what your employees need to embrace in order to do their job well. Your brand drives them, not the other way around. Building a brand is actually about your leadership. It's for you and the key people on your team to clearly define – you need to identify what your businesses' Unique Selling Proposition is; something that you offer that no other business can declare. You could say that *your values are the heart of your business and your brand is its soul*. Your brand is actually your values in action! It's what keeps your business and your team focused on the right goals and all headed in the

same direction. When you begin to see it this way, you'll find that branding really isn't about your logo, colors, fonts or marketing tactics. It's all about customers' experience – how you create each moment, through every interaction, from the most noticeable transaction to the least visible, with the unique essence that defines your business...That's Your Brand!

## PUBLIC HEARING – VET'S HALL

Thurs. Jan. 22, 7:00 p.m. Public Hearings:

**Public Hearing 1: Pre-warrant budget hearing**, per RSA 32:5, to discuss proposed 2015 municipal budget. A second hearing will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015, if necessary.

**Public Hearing 2: Bond hearing to discuss proposed municipal bond in the amount of \$670,000**, per RSA 33:8-a., 80% of which will be reimbursed by a federal grant. This bond covers the entire cost of the proposed Pathways Project Transportation Alternatives Grant. It will be withdrawn if the Town does not receive the grant.

**Public Hearing 3: Bond hearing to discuss proposed municipal bond in the amount of \$350,000**, per RSA 33:8-a, to complete the Fay Martin Road upgrade by January 29, 2016 under a 2010 court ordered settlement.

## Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

*I've had some lovely extraordinary experiences on New Year's Eve.* – Debbie Harry

Let's make 2015 a lovely extraordinary experience!  
Happy New Year, everybody!







## Children's Christmas Party

Elaine Moriarty

The weather may have been dreary outside, but the Veteran's Hall was alive with children at the Christmas Party. We started the fun afternoon singing Christmas songs accompanied by Bryce Daugherty on his guitar.

We played the infamous Left/Right game with a variety of Christmas prizes. Then, the children decorated their own gin-

gerbread men and participated in making a "Twelve Days of Christmas" craft to take home.

A highlight of the afternoon was a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, straight from the North Pole.

Refreshments of oranges, grapes, apples, popcorn and hot chocolate were enjoyed by all.

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