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Trading Paradise for a Pipeline

William Rivers Pitt

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For a while now, I've been banging awake around five o'clock in the morning, but I languish for a time in that warm you're-comfy-and-you-know-it zone of semi-sleep, until I eventually grab myself by the face and drag myself out of bed. Before I leave the room, I make sure to crack both of my ankles; the small hallway connecting us to my daughter's bedroom has the acoustic qualities of a finely-crafted orchestra hall, and when those joints decide to thud out there in the pre-dawn gloom, it sounds like a damn car accident. My poor, stupid, oft-broken and oft-sprained ankles have woken my daughter up more times than I can count when they decide to pop on a pivot, so I always try and remember to kick out the jams before I use the door.

Snap crackle pop, then through the door on cat's feet down to the den. It's nice: I used to be a very solitary animal, an only child who lived alone for years, and despite the absolute joy and astonishing privilege of all my baby/wife/etc. responsibilities, a part of me will always be the sibling-less kid building universes in his imagination alone in his room, who still worships the stillness of solitude. I get some of that in my mornings; it is the only time I have to myself before the wife and the girl emerge and the day gets itself well and truly underway.

We live in very rural New Hampshire, and do not have access to town water. My well is almost 400 feet deep and taps an aquifer that roars in the dark beneath a stout granite shelf. We had the water tested to make sure there was nothing harmful to my daughter, and the testers told us they had never, ever come across water as pure and perfect as what comes out of our ground. Before I go to bed each night, I pour a glass and place it on a kitchen windowsill next to a barely-cracked window ... and then, in my mornings, with the first hues of sunrise tickling the mountain, I drink deep of the blood of the Earth cooled to perfection by the breath of the wind and spiced with the ever-growing chorus of the peepers in the woods.

I do most of my writing during those soft, quiet hours – in my head, because I can't actually write at that hour, because I beat on keyboards like a rented mule and would wake the entire house with the hammering. I have watched the sun rise earlier and earlier each morning, I have watched the snow from this utterly brutal winter melt away to reveal dun ground that awaits the greening of the grass. I will watch, very soon now, the flowers grow, and then wither in time, and then disappear under a new season's blanket of white. I sit in the darkling silence, and listen to the hum of nothing in my ears, drink my water, and breathe.

A few days ago, I woke, rose, padded quietly to the kitchen, reached for my glass, and paused. There were five huge wild turkeys in the back yard: four females and one male, and oh, by God and sonny Jesus, was the male putting on a show. Puffed up like a dirigible, fantail fanning behind, strutting strutting, big as life and twice as turkey, The Man, because it's finally mating season, don't cha know ... and the four females could not have disdained him more thoroughly. The poor dude was flat out of luck, but persisted nonetheless, so I raised my precious water glass to him in salute, drank deeply, and thought

to myself, "Yeah, I hated the dating scene, too, brother."

That's life here on the dirt road among the piney woods, the oaks, the maples, and the bright birches. With the snow gone and the ground loosening, the sound of woodpeckers and bird-song is a riot outside my windows. We have hawks the size of fighter planes, owls, white-tail deer, massive moose, and the very occasional nerve-wracking bear. In June, once the sunlight fades, the back yard will glitter with the light of a thousand lightning bugs dancing to the song of the moon. This place is, in its own hard, often-frozen way, the very name of paradise.

A company called Kinder Morgan – basically the dregs of Enron – seeks to despoil all that with a massive natural gas pipeline which would run the product of Pennsylvania fracking across all of southern New Hampshire to a depot near the Massachusetts coastline, from which it will be shipped to the world for a fee. Their original plan for this pipeline had it running across northern Massachusetts to the sea, but the residents of that state rose up righteous and sent Kinder Morgan on their way bag and baggage. Now, Kinder Morgan wants to do it here, their "secondary plan" which is now their primary plan, and the residents of the affected towns are girding for war.

At a recent town meeting in Richmond hosting Kinder Morgan representatives, 88-year-old resident Norm Woodward asked them to help him craft an advertisement for the sale of his home and property. His concerns centered chiefly around the fact that his home falls within the 900-foot radius of what Kinder Morgan describes as the "incineration zone," which is the area that will be utterly obliterated if the pipeline explodes. "Do I not put in 'incineration zone' as full disclosure?" he asked. He was told by a Selectman to sit down; his question, Woodward was told, did not require a response.

There are a great many homes within this "incineration zone" along the pipeline's long path, a fact made all the more troubling when it was revealed that Kinder Morgan intended to use a thinner steel for the pipeline, because it is passing through rural areas, than they would if the pipeline passed through a more heavily-populated area. Chesterfield resident William Manter, who attended the town meeting in Richmond, asked the Kinder Morgan representatives, "Do you value our lives less?" The Kinder Morgan representatives had no reply to this worth mentioning.

One of the more galling aspects of this whole situation is the fact that Kinder Morgan owns more than fifty percent of a company called Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP). What TMP does, in short, is clean up after oil and natural gas spills. They are very busy in Canada, thanks in no small part to the heavily active drilling and pipeline work taking place in the tar sands region. In an expansion application in Canada, TMP stated, "Spill response and clean-up creates business and employment."

I have seen a number of photographs showing what the construction of these pipelines does to the countryside – here's one, here's another, and here's another – and Kinder Morgan's claims of minimal impact fall flat. The length of the proposed pipeline is one thing, but the width of the pathway is another: 175 feet from side to side, through community after community, forest after forest, wetland after wetland, right through people's property rights and home values in the "incineration zone."

Beyond that is the simple truth of water. Rural New Hampshire is a place of wells, wetlands and aquifers, and is a state whose bones are made of granite. That granite means Kinder Morgan will have to do a hell of a lot of blasting in order to lay their pipeline, and blasting has a way of causing previously fertile and generous wells and aquifers to dry up and disappear. Beyond the risk to home and hearth from natural gas explosions, beyond the long rip of damage the installation of the line will do to the environment, there is the very real concern that homestead after homestead from one side of the state to the other run the very real risk of losing access to their water when the dynamite starts going off.

The woods that gird my home are lovely, dark and deep. My water is as clean as the air that cools it for my pre-dawn morning ceremony. The cedar waxwings have returned to the cherry tree outside my window. My land is my land. From the Vermont border all the way to the Atlantic Ocean, these are simple realities deeply enjoyed by a great many people like me, and Kinder Morgan – the ghost of disgraced Enron – looks to run roughshod over it.

The waxwings deserve better. So do we all.

Original article can be found at <http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/30564-trading-paradise-for-a-pipeline>.

Notes from the Selectmen's Office

Town Purchases 132 Old Homestead Highway

The town closed on the purchase of the land and house adjacent to the Vet's Hall. We finally have land available for more parking at the Vet's Hall and for the expansion of a public building when it is needed. We will be going before the planning board to have the house and approximately one acre divided from the rest of the land so that the house can be sold and the proceeds used to pay down the note, exactly as was discussed and authorized at Town Meeting this March. The house – a charming red historic home on Old Homestead Highway – should be available for sale this summer.

Multiple Unregistered Vehicles in your yard?

Under New Hampshire law, if you have two or more unregistered motor vehicles in your yard, you must keep them out of public view – unless you are operating a licensed junkyard. See NH RSA 236-111 and the subsections following 111.

The town will start enforcing this statute over the summer. We are asking that land owners check their property and, if two or more unregistered vehicles are visible to the public, then please put them in a place on your property that is not in public view. If you think that you may be entitled to operate a junkyard because your use of the property for that purpose predated zoning and statutory restrictions, then your junkyard must be licensed. Come to the Selectmen's office and we can pursue this further

and, if you are ‘grandfathered’ to a full or partial extent, we can help you start the licensing process.

In addition, keeping multiple unregistered vehicles, machine parts or scrap metal and certain other items in your yard also violates town zoning. We will go into more detail on what constitutes too much ‘junk’ in your yard in a later article for the Rooster. In the meantime, please get your unregistered vehicles out of public view, not visible from the road or from other people’s property.

Pipeline Coalition Update

As reported last month, Richmond has joined the NH Municipal Pipeline Coalition, along with about eleven other towns that are affected by the pipeline passing through their town. The Coalition has retained an attorney, Richard Kanoff from the law firm Burns and Levinson, to advise the towns and represent the Coalition in opposing the NED pipeline. Richmond has signed the retainer agreement and agreed to pay \$1,000 towards 2015 legal fees, all that we could commit from our legal fee budget without having had an appropriation passed at last March’s town meeting. Other towns have committed differing amounts – from a high of \$20,000 to a low of \$1,000. The collective amount from all the towns will be adequate to allow the Coalition to fund a significant legal opposition. We thank the many residents who contributed funds to this effort. All donated funds will go to pay Coalition legal expenses.

We anticipate that the legal fees will continue into 2016, and that the towns will expect one another to contribute to the costs on a rational basis, instead of just committing to give what we could without advance planning. We expect to have a separate warrant article in 2016 that will ask town residents whether they want to appropriate an amount for Coalition legal fees. The amount will be based on anticipated costs and a method to fairly divide the costs among the Coalition towns. In any event, it will be more than \$1,000 and we will know the amount in time to have it on the warrant. Another good reason to come to town meeting.

Town Clerk’s Office

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Independence Day falls on a Saturday this year. Consequently, our office hours will not be affected by this holiday, and we will be open every Monday (9-12, 1-4, 6-8), Wednesday (9-12, 1-5) and Thursday (9-12) in July.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun Fourth of July!

Library News

Wendy O’Brien

The Library will be closed on Saturday, July 4th.

Summer Reading – Every Hero Has a Story

We have been having so much fun with this year’s summer reading superhero theme! Thanks go to the Richmond Parks and Recreation Committee and Elaine Moriarty for making our kick-off tie-dye party such a success!

In addition to our traditional T-shirt contest, we will have

a writing contest for different age categories on the topic: **“Who My Hero Is and Why.”** Entries are due by **July 22** and a **\$5 Target gift card** will be awarded to the best entry in each age group at our wrap-up party.

Join us on Wednesdays at 10 am, for the following programs for all ages:

July 1: “Capital Letter Heroes and their lowercase sidekicks” Why do capital letters get all the fun?

July 8: “Community Heroes” Visit with Chief Bosquet from the Richmond Police Department.

July 15: “Unlikely Sidekicks” Who always helps the superhero? Sidekicks, of course!

July 22: “Animal Heroes” Learn about famous animal heroes.

July 29: “Tall Tale Heroes” Cut timber with Paul Bunyan and smash through mountains with John Henry.



Selected new additions to the collection:

Adult Fiction

At the Water’s Edge, Sara Gruen

Girl on the Train, Paula Hawkins

Saint Odd, Dean Koontz

The Fall, John Lescroart

The Enemy Inside, Steve Martini

God Help the Child, Toni Morrison

The Liar, Nora Roberts

Pipeline Information Board

Thanks to the efforts of Susan Wyatt, the Library now has a bulletin board focusing on the progress of the proposed pipeline. This board is updated weekly with information from various sources and contributions by residents, and includes a map of the projected route. Contributions to the board are welcome and can be dropped off at the Library.

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New Assistant Librarian

We are pleased to announce we have a new Assistant Librarian, Susan Wyatt. Marie Juhlin, the Assistant Librarian for three years and a volunteer since 2008, has had to step down. We will miss Marie's friendly manner and her special way with the children of Richmond. We welcome Susan, who has been a volunteer for seven years, to this position, which provides coverage for the Library when Wendy is away.

Transforming Our Library Fundraising Campaign

Jan Weekes

The Library Trustees are pleased to announce that the "Transforming Our Library" fundraising campaign has already reached our first funding goal – the renovation of the Children's Room! New flooring will have been installed in June, and will be accented with bright area rugs for story time. Donations are still very welcome as we work towards our second goal of updating the Edith Atkins Room for book browsers and internet users alike. Your gift can either be dropped off at the Library or mailed to 19 Winchester Road. Come join your neighbors in transforming our Library! Email: library@richmondnh.us

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

America Reads – Another Group of Great Kids Move On

June 10, 2015 was my last day with Ms. Frazier's second graders – they move on to Cutler and the third grade. So long and happy memories to: Ava, Avaya, Bree, Brier, Haley D, Haley T, Halle, Jacob, Josiah, Kaliegh, Nina, Matthew, Mckenna, Orion, Shane, Savannah, Storm, and Shalya who joined us for reading a few weeks at the end. These kids attended Ms. Frazier's "Looping Class"; that is, they stay together as a group for both first and second grades.

New Superintendent Announced

Ms. Lisa Witte has been announced as our new superintendent of SAU 93 (Monadnock) effective July 6, 2015. She comes to us from SAU 34. I know you join me in wishing her good luck with the position. She has held progressively higher positions in education from teacher, principal, and head of curriculum in both New Hampshire and Maine. For the sake of both the students and the voters, let's hope she stays on the job for a while; it is no secret that the instability of the education leadership has

been a contributing factor in the decline of our performance in education and the continued increase in cost per pupil.

On another note, Mr. Reuben Duncan, the search committee's other recommended candidate for superintendent, was hired by the Jeffrey-Rindge district as their superintendent. That means that the two candidates recommended by our search committee both received superintendent positions – not bad if I do say so myself!

Gilsum STEAM School Hits Snags

Our State Department of Education (DOE) has rejected the district's bid to create the first in the state within a district Charter School – i.e., Gilsum STEAM. Of thirty-four attributes the DOE decided to measure, they said our school application failed on thirty-three! Dry Pfeifer (our interim superintendent) is trying to get this rejection rescinded. Adding to the problem are the types of contracts that towns enter into with other school districts on supplying education for students; that is, the town will send all its children (that are not home schooled) to the one district. These contracts are multi-year – even Sullivan's current contract is for five years; some last twenty years. How can a new charter school ever get started if these contracts are literally enforced? How can our Gilsum STEAM school expand by attracting students from surrounding towns with these contract conditions? One has to wonder about these monopolies – how would we like it if we had to shop only at Target, but not Kohls?

2015 Monadnock Graduation

Richmond's Mr. Jed Butterfield was the keynote speaker at Monadnock 2015 graduation ceremony. Jed is past principal of the high school and currently teaches science at the high school. Also speaking, using a computer synthesizer (like British Physicist Stephen Hawking you see on TV) was Ms. Ellen Conidia an alum of Monadnock and an Athletic Hall of Fame member. Ms. Conidia was diagnosed with ALS in 2002 and lost her ability to walk and talk.

The following are the 2015 graduation class from Richmond by last name:

Megan Elizabeth Adams (Megan, I remember my days as tax collector when she used to bump her head on my desk as a preschooler)

Chelsea Nicole Amato

Nathan Zachary Bosquet

Chloe Shay Busick

Marilyn Sabrina Monson

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Eliza Fannie Randall
Ryan Alexander Spath,
Branden Joseph Tarbox (an extra *Atta Boy* to Branden who realized the importance of his diploma and finished up in night school.)

Thank you for reading my article, comments are welcome
Email: cmoriarty@ne.rr.com, phone: 603-239-4031; mail: 782 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond. Jim Carnie will assist with school matters at 239-4948.

Grade School Honors and Awards in the Last Trimester

Neil Moriarty

Middle and high school were not available at the cutoff date. If your child's name is not listed and they are eligible then you have a No Release on the child.

Name	Award	School
Hayden Budlike	High Honors	Cutler
Calvin Burdick	High Honors	Cutler
Cheyenne Burt	High Honors	Cutler
Darylie Chandler	Honors	
Dylan Cashman	High Honors	Cutler
Aderyn Daugherty	Principal's List	Cutler
Joseph French	High Honors	Emerson
Nick Goodell	Honors	Cutler
Ivy Love	Principal's List	Cutler
Andrew Pearsall	Honors	Emerson
Caelan Purrington	Principal's List	Cutler
Eli Richardson	Principal's List	Emerson
Dylan Rowland	Honors	Cutler
Gabrielle Schmidt	Honors	Emerson
Delaney Swanson	Music	Cutler
Delaney Swanson	High Honors	Cutler
Bridget VanValzah	Citizenship	Cutler
Bridget VanValzah	Principal's List	Cutler

Degree Awarded to Daniel Tague

Neil Moriarty

Mr. Daniel Tague was awarded an Associates degree from Mt. Washusett Community College. Congratulations Daniel.

June Update

Jim McConnell – State Representative
Cheshire 12 _ Richmond and Swanzey

As this update is written, the House and Senate have adopted revenue estimates which differ by \$11.6 million. Taking into account the size of the biennial budget, in excess of \$11 billion, this small difference suggests that the Conference Committees' work should be manageable and result in a budget which arrives on the Governor's desk in advance of the end of the fiscal year deadline at the end of this month. Assuming the Governor signs the budget, it will take effect on July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Should the Governor veto the budget, which she has threat-

ened to do, the most likely result will be a Continuing Resolution. In that event, and based on what's happened in the past, the Resolution will probably extend the budget for three months and authorize 3/12ths of the Governor's recommended budget.

After completion of the budget, the House's next important dates are September 2 through September 18 at 4 pm when all Legislative Service Requests for bills to be considered next year must enter the drafting process.

At the beginning of the year I found myself busy with Legislative meetings and sessions in Concord and County meetings in Keene almost every Monday through Friday. That began to lighten up in mid-March and has recently tapered off to one or two days most weeks.

One of the benefits of a lighter schedule is that I could finally hold a Town Hall Meeting on June 10, something I had been planning since the beginning of the year. The meeting was attended by a dozen people and was very worthwhile. I invited Representative Ben Tilton, who shares the District with me, to attend. We answered questions for well over an hour. I plan to periodically hold additional Town Hall Meetings.

I believe it's very important for me to be not only accessible to you, my constituents, but also to appear before you and answer your questions and discuss any issues you wish to bring up. In that regard, you may want to become familiar with the General Court web site which allows you to access my voting record, read the bills under consideration and follow their progress through the Legislature.

The steps to access my voting record and other information are as follows:

- Go to <http://gencourt.state.nh.us>
- Choose Voting Records on the link under State Legislative Dashboard
- Search either Legislative Body by Session Year
- After choosing the Legislative Body and Session Year, you can search by Bill Number, Session Date or Member

This summer I plan to continue working to defeat Kinder Morgan's Pipeline proposal, and also work towards a conclusion regarding the County Nursing Home and on bills for the next legislative session.

I can be reached at 357-7150 or mcc@mindspring.com. Please use this email as my legislative email is inundated from both out of state interest groups and individuals and I'd like to make sure that you, my constituents, can reach me when you want to and not get lost in the shuffle.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Susan Harrington

The Parks and Recreation Commission had our first beach clean up day on May 16. It was an afternoon of trimming, raking, picking up trash and putting out the buoys. We wrapped up the afternoon with delicious Deano's pizza and watermelon. The Parks and Rec would like to thank the volunteers who came to help. Sally and Lizzie Morton, Chris, Sue, and Connor Scott, Aderyn, Keegan, and Abigail Daugherty, Erin and Mason Harrington.

New Steps for the PD

Brendan Bosquet

New stairs were installed for the side door of the Richmond Police Department thanks to Gabriel LaPlume of Sustainable Building and Design.



Calling All Quilters!

Terri O'Rorke

Sue Taylor, Diana Gallagher, Janice Roy, Elaine Laitinen and Terri O'Rorke are moving forward in creating a new 21st century town quilt. Our idea is to create a signature quilt titled "The Town in the Forest" and we need your help!

Our plan is to leave muslin fabrics at the town clerk's office, the selectmen's office and the library. Throughout the year when you visit one of these town properties, please take a moment to sign a piece of muslin fabric. There will be four signature muslin fabric pieces in each block. Perhaps a family would like their names on their own block(s). Or, for instance, members of the various town boards, departments, committees

and commissions could have their signatures and the years served on the muslin fabric which would then be incorporated into blocks. We will have a sample of a finished block on hand. A visual always helps!

We are also looking for other quilters in town to help us with sewing together the finished blocks. We would love to have you join us! If you are interested in helping put together a future heirloom for the town please contact:

Diana Gallagher at 239-7550

Elaine Laitinen at 239-6575

Sue Taylor at 239-4005

Janice Roy at 239-6015

Terri O'Rorke at 239-4595

Tramp House Restoration Update

Bonnie McCarthy

By the time you read this update, either on-line or in print form, the site preparation for the new location of the tramp house across from the Library will be completed and awaiting the start of this historic building's restoration. Our initial work was made possible by the outpouring of generosity from Richmond folks and some of their friends and relatives. As donations continue to come in supporting this town-wide effort (we hope you have already sent yours in), we hope to start restoration in August. It is amazing that word for much needed donations has actually spread as far as Canada. What a treat for our little town to be internationally recognized for its historic preservation efforts.

Not only has this project of the Richmond Heritage Commission been blessed with monetary support, we have also received generous "in kind" donations. Heritage Commission volunteers designed and installed the Harry, the Hobo signage on-site showing our fundraising progress. The Richmond Conservation Commission donated the wattles to protect the abutting town-owned wet lands from the new park boundaries. (Don't know what a wattle is? Ask Jeff Taylor.) Peter Kimball of Richmond Clapboards & Sawmill is donating and milling the wood from trees grown in Richmond to be used to restore the building. We have already arranged with local professional carpenter Dan Simmington, to handle the carpentry adhering strictly to the guidelines required by Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. With the help of volunteers we will prime and paint the clapboards, as well as the interior of the building in its original colors; and landscape a small park,



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Richmond cared then... and I know Richmond still cares now. Won't you please send a check to the Town of Richmond Heritage Commission at 105 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, NH 03470.

With your help we can preserve this important piece of Richmond's history this year, 100 years after I visited your little town! And thanks again,

Harry the Hobo

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with appropriate signage to showcase the finished building.

We will not know whether we will be awarded a New Hampshire Moose Plate Grant until after the July and August *Roosters* are published. Typing with the gentle hands of positive thinking, I promise we will send a special *Rooster* eBlast should the good news arrive! In the meantime, please keep those Tramp House donations coming as our expected costs still far exceed what we have collected thus far. But with your help, we'll have a newly restored piece of Richmond history to celebrate before the year is out!

Family Fun Days Children's Agricultural Fair

Deb Potts

On Sunday, June 7 the Richmond Agricultural Commission hosted its first "Children's Agricultural Fair" at the Richmond Pavilion. Starting at noon, it opened with a raising backyard chickens demonstration presented by Emma Tolman, age 7, of Jardonie Institute in Richmond. Jardonie Institute offers workshops for the public on farming basics. Emma certainly grabbed everyone's attention as she explained how to care for chickens at all stages. When referring to eggs she advised, "You have to put them in the incubator to warm them up until they are ready to hatch." It is amazing how fast the hatchlings grow into fluffy, adorable chicks. She further explained the care of the chicks as they grow into hens. She explained how to use a flashlight under an egg to see if there is actually a chick inside. What I found really interesting is when



Emma explained how to tell if an egg is fresh by floating it in water to tell if it's safe to eat. "If the egg floats, then it's not safe, but it's OK to eat if the egg sinks," she said. Several observers asked questions that the seven-year-old was quick to answer. She did an amazing job!

Next, it was time to get down and dirty! To show the progression of seed to plant, Lisa had beans in mason jars to demonstrate the growth progress at different stages. Lisa, assisted by Alexandra Potts, age 6, of Thirty-three Acres Farm & Forest, handed out pots (pun intended) and the soil. Each young farmer got to plant sunflowers, bean seeds, or both in their own little pots to take home and care for! This was a lot of fun for everyone who attended, and it gave everyone a chance to meet other town residents and discuss their own agriculture experiences.

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Last, the children had a chance to express their creativity by decorating a new banner that was specifically created for the Richmond Agriculture Commission. This special banner was printed with a white background allowing the kids to create agriculturally-inspired drawings that we will proudly present at all our future events. The children drew beautiful artwork to represent what agriculture means to them!

We were extremely pleased with the great turnout, and were especially pleased to have Theresa Majoy, former chair of the commission, her husband Peter, and their daughter Emma join us for the event. As many of you know, the Majoy's are very well known for their years of dedicated service to the town. Theresa is a founding member the Richmond Agricultural Commission which was formed in 2011. We were also pleasantly surprised to have Jim McConnel, NH state representative in attendance, who was very impressed with the presentations stating, "I am very interested in agriculture and any events that take place."

Special thanks to the members of the commission who worked hard planning and preparing to make this fun day possible. Thanks to Sandy Holbrook of Rock 'n Horse Farm, Lisa and Matt Hedenberg of Porkeepine Swamp Farm, Adria and Aaron Tolman of Jar-donie Institute, and Debra and Jeff Potts of Thirty-three Acres Farm & Forest. On behalf of all us, we would like to thank all who attended and shared our special day. Our goal is to spread the importance of agriculture in our community, encourage support of local farmers, and develop an appreciation of farming. We dedicated this event to the children because they are our future! For more information on events sponsored by the Richmond Agricultural Commission contact Richmondnhac@gmail.com.

RCUMC

Pastor Arnie Johnson


Well, we're into the month of celebration and fireworks, celebrating the birth of our nation, July 4! It's a wonderful time of year when people get together and celebrate shooting off fireworks, having a family gathering and picnic, or just relaxing.

At the Richmond Community UMC we are planning our Second Annual Weiner Wednesdays. The first one, last August, was such a success and fun that we decided to do it again! The dates are August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 5-7pm at the Church. It's a drive-through/around. You never have to get out of your vehicle unless you want to. We're looking for good weather and lots of fun. Y'all come! We'll list the menu in next month's *Rooster*!

Following that is the always fun RCUMC Yard Sale, Saturday, September 5 from 8 am-2 pm. There are some great treasures just calling your name. The purchase is by donation. Pay what you think the item(s) is/are worth. There are usually some great baked goods to which my waistline can attest. The church ladies always make some wonderful goodies!

On Wednesday, September 9 come watch and listen to The Kempters, a family gospel singing group that performed last year at the Richmond church. This year they will be performing at the West Rindge United Methodist Church on Mountain Road just west of the intersection of Mountain Road and US Route 202 in West Rindge. The performance starts at 6:30 pm. Come and listen to some wonderful gospel music, voices, and instruments. This is an item that you really need to put on your calendar. More about the family and their music ministry can

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Just Thinking!!!

Jean Tandy

I worked up some figures for a (potential) 71 mile "Inter-town" Super Highway along the southern NH /MA border, should the KM/TN pipeline go through, then die after a brief life of pumping fracked-gas through our NH pristine ecosystem. NH businesses have griped for years about the lack of an East/West highway to open business possibilities from the Connecticut River to the Atlantic Ocean. My thoughts are a scary projection, but possible.

The Project:

Would be to build a 71 mile corridor beginning in Winchester, NH ending in Dracut, MA. The width – 150 ft.+/- – would cut through seventeen NH towns. One mile = 5280 ft. x (150 ft. (width of corridor) would equal 792,000 square ft. per mile. Since one acre = 43,560 sq. ft., it follows that one mile of corridor would contain 18.18 acres. Richmond is about 6 miles wide, therefore we would lose approximately 109.09 acres to the KM corridor...(including power line land). The entire 71 mile corridor would be a loss of NH land to KM, of about 1,290.78 acres. That would create an open corridor, open to NH elements, including high winds...ordinarily west winds. But Nor'easters carry a pretty good punch as well.

My house is 1301 ft. above sea level and sits on the Warwick Fault...high ledges and open to high winds. We've clocked winds at 80 to 90 mph throughout the years. That velocity is not uncommon up here on Whipple Hill.

We are aware that the proposed corridor would be vulnerable to explosions, due to thin metal pipes pumping high pressure gas, through 36 in. pipes at a constant 24/7 time rate.

The guarantee of explosions, along an open corridor, surrounded by heavily forested lands, ponds, aquifers, villages, and private homes, would eventually be involved with the resulting effects of high winds racing through such broad open space for

71 miles. Imagine the logical results of this scenario.

A recent fire in May in Brattleboro, VT was visible from my Richmond, NH home. It was reported that 50 acres had burned in a period of drought and high winds.

Five area towns joined the battle to squelch the spreading fire, with fire equipment and volunteer fire departments. Just think of the man/woman power called up to battle a raging inferno created in these conditions; with no assistance of manpower or equipment from Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Co. When I asked them at three different presentations about fires, their response was "Well, we will gladly provide firefighting techniques to your small town fire departments." That was it!

This is only one of my concerns regarding KM's insane pipeline project for southern New Hampshire.

Thanks

Kevin Gardner

To the Richmond Historical Society about the "Discovering New England Rock Walls" presentation on May 15, I just wanted to say thanks once more for a terrific evening last night. You did a magnificent job getting that large crowd into the building, and they were such a pleasure to talk to! Giving the program is so much more fun with an audience as welcoming and attentive as yours. I had a great time!

Anyway, thanks again so much for inviting me, and enjoy this little spring rain! All the best, Kevin Gardner

Letters to the Editor

Responses to *The Richmond Rooster's* 24th birthday.

To my talented neighbors and deported friends,

Well, the years have stitched a 24-year quilt of "words, wit, warnings, and wisdom." Quilted by all of you. As a Richmond "reader" of these outpourings, just "A Big Thanks" for your wonderful humor and generous "inquiring spirits" through the years. There would be no *Richmond Rooster* without all of you. Keep writing...and keep on havin' fun! Jean Tandy, a neighbor.

Wow!! 24 years, huh?? Who'da thunk it? It's been a great ride, my friends. Terri O'Rourke

Congratulations to *The Rooster's* background staff for keeping *The Rooster* a viable newspaper. We have seen some changes over these many years that have kept the paper viable and informative.

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While sometimes the paper can be very bias on topics; i.e., the pipeline comes to mind, it nevertheless presents the issues and news about the town of Richmond that you can't get anywhere else.

My special thanks, and hope you join me, goes to John Boccalini who takes all the heat on the first of the month when things go wrong (and they will go wrong) for keeping our *Richmond Rooster* going for all these years. Here's to another 24! Neil Moriarty

Editor's comment – Thanks for your comments. Neil brings up a interesting point when he notes that “the paper can be very bias on topics: i.e., the pipeline comes to mind.” Since the *Rooster's* beginning, no topic has been more of a community concern than the proposed pipeline through our town. Also no conversation has ever been as one-sided as the opposition to the pipeline. This is not a result of *The Rooster's* bias, but a result of our Richmond Community's reaction to the pipeline. *The Rooster* has not gotten one article in favor of the pipeline. All the town meetings and town resolutions concerning the pipeline have indicated an overwhelming opposition to the pipeline.

The Story of the Fourth of July

Pastor Arnie Johnson

The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776 as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence. That was on July 2, 1776.



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It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either. That had happened back in April 1775.

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence. That was in June 1776. Or was it the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain. That didn't happen until November 1776. Or the date it was signed. That was August 2, 1776. So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2 and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776 became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, DC). It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17 of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2 of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday? For the first fifteen or twenty years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies.

By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on, and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941. Go to www.constitutionfacts.com/us-declaration-of-independence/fourth-of-july/

Correction

Rural Preservation Committee

In last month's *Rooster*, a flyer was included asking property owners to fill out the "Denying Access" form to Kinder Morgan. Unfortunately the incorrect house number was given for the return receipt. The CORRECT number is 457 Old Homestead Hwy. Thank you to everyone who has participated in working to keep our town safe and incineration free!

Discover Local: Dan's Brick Oven Bread

Mary Veerkamp

Marketing Department on May 15, 2015 in Co-op Updates, Discover Local
(Printed with Permission)

Imagine chopping the wood for your wood-fired stove, which takes half a day to reach baking temperature. Imagine sourcing your whole grains for purity, then stone-milling them yourself before hand-shaping each loaf of bread with care.

This is how Dan Greenspan does bread. Making very small batches, Dan creates his *Dan's Brick Oven Bread* with only the purest ingredients – never using monoculture bread yeasts, processed flours, GMO ingredients, dough conditioners or preservatives. Because of his commitment to quality over quantity, this bread is a unique, delicious sourdough unlike any other



bread you're likely to find on store shelves.

Due to the nature of this bread, it lives on Monadnock Food Co-op's shelves for only a very short time – hand delivered from Dan's bakery in Richmond, NH on Tuesday afternoons and available only until store closing on Thursdays.

Try a loaf of Desem Wheat Rye or Early Riser — really, no matter which variety you try, you won't be disappointed.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Veterans Hall, 150 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, NH

Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Town of Richmond, Richmond Community Development Association (RCDA) and the Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC) will conduct a Public Meeting on proposed Brownfields Cleanup of the former Four Corners Store located at 3 Winchester Road in Richmond, NH. Richmond has been awarded a subgrant in the amount of \$113,145 from CRDC's United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). These funds will be used to abate hazardous building materials and demolish the Four Corner Store to allow for the removal of underlying petroleum-contaminated soils. An Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) and Conceptual Remedial Action Plan (RAP) will be presented in the meeting.

We invite you to attend and hear directly from the Project Consultants about the process and timeline, ask questions, make comments, and have a say in the future property redevelopment. Snacks and beverages will be available to tide you over. Additional information and the locations of documents that will be available for public review prior to the meeting, and confirma-

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tion of the meeting date will be presented in a forthcoming public advertisement to be placed in the *Keene Sentinel*. This information will also be available prior to the meeting on the Town website at www.Richmond.nh.gov. See you there.

Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rourke

"The United States is not a nation based upon race, creed or religion. We are a nation based upon our loyalty and allegiance to our country and her principles."

Jim Ryun, 1968 Olympic Games
Silver Medal winner, track and field

A Hike to the Monument with the RHS

Sandy Holbrook

It seems like just yesterday we had a packed house for the Stone Wall presentation. We hope to do it again, only this time we will be outside with lots of space. On Sunday, July 19, the Richmond Historical Society invites you and your family to enjoy a "history walk in the woods." Plan to meet us at the Vets Hall parking lot at 11 am, and we'll decide then on which end of the Monument Road to begin our trek to the monument of Eliza Ballou. Will it be over the Devil's Staircase or from Rte. 119? Maybe we will go in two groups – each group approaching our final destination from opposite ends. In any event, the suspense will remain until that day, and we hope you will join us. Pack a small lunch if you want, bring plenty of water and some bug dope! Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended, and possibly a walking stick for navigating the Devil's Staircase. Depending on which route is taken, the walk will be easy to moderate with some climbing. Please RSVP to either Jerry

Mills at 239-8807 or mills16@ne.rr.com, or Sandy Holbrook at 239-4628 or rocknhorsefarm@hotmail.com, so we will have an idea of head count. Looking forward to seeing you July 19 at 11 am at the Vets Hall.

Out and About

John Boccalini

Fri, July 3, 7 – 9 pm. Tattoo, Rindge Town Common.

Fri, July 3, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The Monument Square Brass, Potash Bowl 624 Old Homestead Hwy. Route 32, Swanzeey.

Sun. July 5, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Westmoreland Town Band, Town Green, Walpole.

Wed, July 08, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Tax Bills Due

Wednesday, July 8- 6:30 pm. Historical Society of Cheshire County. Double Feature of two short films: The New England Story set in Exeter, NH, 1948 and Keene, NH, 1919. Discussion with film historian Larry Benaquist and Historical Society Director Alan Rumrill to follow. 246 Main St., Keene.

Thurs. July 9 to Sun. July 12, 11 am -11 pm. 27th Annual Hillsborough Balloon Fest & Fair. Fireworks, amusement rides and hot air balloon rides! 29 Preston Street, Hillsborough. Parking is \$5.00 per vehicle.

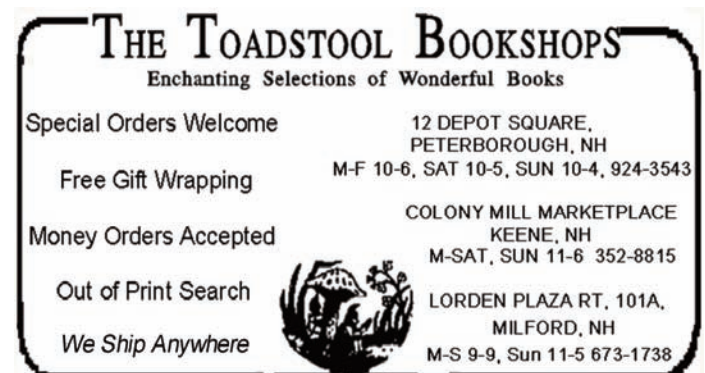
Fri, July 10, 7:30 pm. Complete Beethoven, Symphonies Year 1. (Symphony #1 and Symphony #3), Peterborough Town House, 1 Grove Street, P'borough. Tickets: \$30.



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Sun, July 12, 3 pm. Live Monadnock Music Concert Series, Monadnock Music Piano Trio Grace Park, violin Rafael Popper-Keizer, cello Elizabeth Schumann, piano Music of Sergei Rachmaninoff, Joan Tower, Franz Schubert. Congregation Ahavas Achim, 84 Hastings Ave, Keene. Voluntary donations.

Sun. July 12, 6:30 – 8 pm. Keene American Legion Band, Gazebo at the Town Green, Walpole, NH, 03608

Fri. July 17, 6 – 7:30 pm. Pati Cloutier & Ivychum Band. Depot Park, 18 Depot St. P'borough.

Sat. July 18, 7:30 pm. Monadnock Music: American Masters, Boston Modern Orchestra Project, Peterborough Town House, 1 Grove Street, P'borough. Tickets: \$30

Sat. July 18, 9am – 3 pm. Fitzwilliam Historical Society 40th Annual Antique Show. Fitzwilliam Common.

Sun. July 19, 11am. A Hike to the Monument with the RHS. Meet at the Vets' Hall in Richmond.

Sun. July 19, 6:30 – 8 pm. East Bay Ensemble. Gazebo at the Town Green, Walpole.

Tues. July 21, 6:00 pm. PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE at VETS HALL, 150 OLD HOMESTEAD HIGHWAY, RICHMOND, NH

Wed. July 22, 7 pm. Historical Society of Cheshire County, Presentation by Ryan Owens of the Monadnock Conservancy on the connection between conservation and community needs. 246 Main St., Keene.

Fri. July 24, 7:30 pm. Monadnock Music. Christopher O'Reilly, piano. Peterborough Town House, 1 Grove Street, P'borough. Tickets \$30.

Fri. July 24 – Sat July 25. Troy Bicentennial Celebration. Fri. 5 pm. B-B-Q; 7 pm. Concert on the Common; Sat. Road Race registration at 8 am. Races start 8:30 am; 9 am. Craft Fair 10 am; Parade 11 am. Nelson Town Band; 11:30 Firemens' Cookout.

Sat. July 25, 6 pm. Northern Stone, Jaffrey Common Bandstand. Main Street, Jaffrey.

Sat. July 25, 7:30 pm. Monadnock Music Reunion. Nelson Community Church, Center Pond Rd. Nelson. Voluntary donations.

Sun. July 26, 7 pm. Krishna Das Kirsten. Colonial Theater, 95 Main St. Keene. Ticket's \$55.50 at the door. \$46.50 in advance.

Thurs. July 30, 7:30 pm. Monadnock Saxophone Quartet. Jaffrey Center Meeting House, Jaffrey Center. Donations.

Fri. July 31, 6 – 7:30 pm, The Longhorns. 18 Depot St. P'borough, NH. Featuring fiddler Dave Reiner, joined by Diane Kordas on bass, Bob Kordas on Dobro and banjo, and Johnny Harper on guitar. The band delivers an energetic show of Bluegrass and Texas Swing. In case of rain, the concert will be held at Twelve Pine. www.monadnotes.com/music-in-depot-park/

Fitzwilliam Inn

July 17, 8-10 pm. The Definite Maybes Rock and Originals. \$5 cover.

July 25, 8:30-11 pm. Reggae with the Heirloom Seeds.

August 29, 8:30-11 pm. Bluegrass with Blackjack Crossing, \$5 cover

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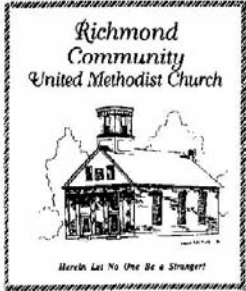
No cover charge. Tips appreciated. Reservations recommended!

"A Family Affair" at Sunflowers Restaurant. *New exhibit of paintings and drawings by Jeani, Rosti, and Jordan Eis-mont of Richmond, NH. June 17 through July 21. Opening reception July 21, 3-5 pm.*

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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 pm. Bluegrass Jam. Harlow's Pub, P'borough,

A Vintage TV Version

Frank Behrens

After an initial run of 567 performances in 1943, "One Touch of Venus" more or less faded into semi-obscurity. With a score by Kurt Weill, a book by S.J. Perelman and Ogden Nash, and lyrics by Nash, it tells the tale of a statue of the goddess Venus coming to life and falling in love with a barber when he jokingly slips a ring around her finger.

Other than for "Speak low," I was utterly unfamiliar with this show until dear old VAI added it to its DVD collection of televised Broadway musicals from the 1950s; and it represents the only fairly complete video version of "One Touch of Venus" to date. (The 1948 film with Ava Gardner keeps very few of the original songs, while this 1955 telecast keeps ten of them plus two ballet sequences – and all in 73 minutes.) I read that bits of dialogue have been updated to 1955, but on the whole, this performance seems to be a faithful abridgement of the original production.

In the role created by Mary Martin, Janet Blair makes a lovely Venus with a singing voice not heard very much, if at all, in her films. George Gaynes as Whitelaw Savory is a wooden actor but not a bad vocalist, while the nerdy barber Rodney Hatch is more than adequately played by Russell Nye.

Others in the cast are two comic figures Taxi Black and Stanley (Mort Marshall and Iggy Wolfington), Hatch's bad tempered fiancée Gloria (Mildred Trares), and Whitelaw's faithful secretary Molly (Laurel Shelby). No, none of these names, other than Blair's, are familiar to me – and I was an



ardent TV viewer back then. But these VAI restorations are living history as well as superior entertainment.

Now truth to tell, I was never much of an admirer of Weill's music, and I don't think much of his score for this show ("Speak low" excepted). But Nash's lyrics are clever and often intelligent (this was his only

shot at a Broadway musical), and the book he created with Perelman is amusing at best without being believable at any moment.

The picture on this VAI DVD is quite good and a bonus feature shows the original commercials – if that is one's idea of a good time.

Other musicals in this VAI series are "Kiss Me Kate," "A Connecticut Yankee," "Dearest Enemy," and "Bloomer Girl." See www.vaimusic.com for a complete list.

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You walked too close. You trod on it.
You dropped a piece of sod on it.
You hoed it down. You weeded it.
You planted it the wrong way up.
You grew it in a yogurt cup
But you forgot to make a hole;
The soggy compost took its toll.
September storm. November drought.
It heaved in March, the roots popped out.
You watered it with herbicide.
You scattered bonemeal far and wide.
Attracting local omnivores,
Who ate your plant and stayed for more.
You left it baking in the sun
While you departed at a run
To find a spade, perhaps a trowel,
Meanwhile the plant threw in the towel.
You planted it with crown too high;
The soil washed off, that explains why.
Too high pH. It hated lime.
Alas it needs a gentler clime.
You left the root ball wrapped in plastic.
You broke the roots. They're not elastic.
You walked too close. You trod on it.
You dropped a piece of sod on it.
You splashed the plant with mower oil.
You should do something to your soil.
Too rich. Too poor. Such wretched tilth.
Your soil is clay. Your soil is filth.
Your plant was eaten by a slug.
The growing point contained a bug.
These aphids are controlled by ants,
Who milk the juice, it kills the plants.
In early spring your garden's mud.
You walked around! That's not much good.
With heat and light you hurried it.
You worried it. You buried it.
The poor plant missed the mountain air:
No heat, no summer muggs up there.
You overfed it 10-10-10.
Forgot to water it again.
You hit it sharply with the hose.
You used a can without a rose.
Perhaps you sprinkled from above.
You should have talked to it with love.
The nursery mailed it without roots.
You killed it with those gardening boots.
You walked too close. You trod on it.
You dropped a piece of sod on it.

Morning Thoughts from "Pete" Tandy

"This morning, between the dark
and the daylight, and for just a
frozen eyeblink, I realized I could
hear and understand The
Guardian's song and feel the
fierce responsibilities he bears as
monarch of the garden. Let me
introduce him: LORD OF THE WINGS

Alfred's Morning Song

En garde! EN Garde! The sun has risen
Bringing light to night's cold prison.
Warming needles, warming leaves,
Waking the garden nectar thieves.

All my feathered sipping cousins
Strop their beaks and by the dozens
Feint and dodge in battle dance
To fluster my defensive stance.

To arms! To arms! The white faced hot tails,
Wield deadly poison but their courage fails.
Together now...the field of honor pleads:
Arise! Arise! Lord Albert leads.!

Alfred of Welkinwind by "Pete" Tandy

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Board of Selectmen:

Chris Daugherty, Carol Jameson, Kathy McWhirk
Mon. 9 AM – 7 PM (Selectmen meet at 5:30 – 7 for business
7 PM – ? for public concerns) Wed. 9 AM – 5 PM
Thurs. 9 AM – 12 NOON (unless otherwise posted)

Town Administrator: Heidi Wood

Administrative Assistant: Sarah Dunton

Town Clerk: Annette Tokunaga

Deputy Town Clerk: Jennifer S. Thompson

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

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

Tax Collector: Steve Boscarino

Deputy Tax Collector: Kerry A. Boscarino

Mon. 6 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 2 PM – 5 PM

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

Planning Board: Dick Drew, Chairperson

Meetings held at Veterans Hall.

4th Tues. of the month – 7:30 PM

and 2nd Tues. if needed

Transfer Station and Recycling Facility: 239-8136

Tues. 8 AM – 4 PM, Thurs. 8 AM – 7 PM

Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

Town Library: 239-6164. Wendy O'Brien, Librarian

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

Thurs. 4 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

Police (Non Emergency): 239-6007

Fire/Rescue (Non Emergency): 239-4466

Fire Warden: Ed Atkins, 239-6337

Selectmen – 239-4232

Town Clerk – 239-6202

Tax Collector – 239-6106

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