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Photograph by Anne Oversier

CASS POND – OUR LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN

Autumn! Fall! Leaf-Peeping Season! The season of oohs and aahs! The season of slow driving as we look at the leaves on the trees! Whatever we want to call it, it was certainly beautiful this year! It is so amazing what God has brought us in the Monadnock Region and New England! No better place to live and also to observe it! (continued on page 11.)

The Office of the Board of Selectmen – the Selectmen, the Town Administrator and the Administrative Assistant

Your Selectmen are Carol Jameson (Chair, term expiring March 2016), Kathy McWhirk (term expiring March 2017), and Chris Daugherty (term expiring March 2018). Meetings are posted at www.richmond.nh.gov, and are open to the public – usually Mondays at 5:30. Please call ahead at 239-4232 if you want to be put on the agenda.

Our Town Administrator is Heidi Wood. The position of Town Administrator is enormously important to our Town. It is the only permanent management position in our office. Selectmen come and go, we begin with no specific knowledge, but acquire it over time on the job and by research and training sessions. The Town Administrator is our stable source of information on State law requirements, how and when State filings are due, Town practices and procedures, and maintaining contacts with State and County officials. These are just a few of the many responsibilities that accompany the position.

We welcome our new Administrative Assistant Susan Harrington. With Susan's help, we will now be able to expand our office hours. Please say hello to Susan and welcome her when you stop by the Town Hall.

Our Town has no full-time staff positions. Everyone is a part-time employee. This saves the Town money, but posts a real challenge for the staff in our offices. They must accomplish a range of complicated tasks with the same degree of professional competence that a full-time employee is required to do. We are fortunate to have such dedicated staff in all our Town offices.

Capital Improvements

We continue our multi-year project for improvements and maintenance of Town buildings. We contracted for the painting of the exterior of the Town Hall and the Vet's Hall, and the replacement of the second half of the Town Hall roof. Work may not begin until the Spring, depending on weather, in which case we will 'encumber' (reserve) the funds that were approved this past March. The work on Town parking lots and Fay Martin Road is being completed – more on this below. The red house on Old Homestead Highway next to the Veteran's Hall has been purchased by the Town. We have obtained State approval and Planning Board review of the subdivision plan that allows the Town to retain the land immediately next to the Vet's Hall for future expansion. The house is now ready for sale on a little over one acre of land.

North-East Direct (NED) Pipeline

With the help of John Boccalini and many other Town residents, we continue to battle the NED pipeline, and look to protect as much of our Town as we can if the pipeline is ultimately approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FERC is the federal agency in charge of reviewing applications from private companies like Kinder Morgan and Tennessee Gas, seeking permits to build interstate pipelines to transport natural gas. We have joined the New Hampshire Municipal Pipeline Coalition, together with other southern New Hampshire towns that oppose the pipeline. We have submitted comment letters and scoping session comments, attended rallies, coordinated tasks among our groups and departments and with outside groups such as the Cheshire County Commissioners. Our 2016 budget will include a warrant article asking for funding for the costs of our portion of the Coalition's legal costs in opposing the construction of the pipeline in regulatory and court proceedings. It will be up to a vote of the town at Town Meeting in March, whether to approve modify or defeat the expenditure, so please be sure to attend.

The Richmond Highway Department

It has been a busy summer for our road crew. They have accomplished many critically needed improvements for our Town while continuing their regular schedule of Town road maintenance and emergency repairs.

Fay Martin Road

The Fay Martin Road upgrade is on schedule for completion within the court ordered deadline of January 29, 2016. The road has been widened, the stone walls moved and reestablished to allow the widening. It now has a good road base and new surface, together with vastly improved drainage and grading. The worst curve at the bottom of the road has been straightened for better visibility. Trees that shaded the roadway have been removed to better allow the sun to melt snow and ice. On time, within budget, and beautifully done. Our thanks to our Road Agent, Mark Beal, and his crew, Jonathan Beal and Nick Springer, and to Holman Contracting, John Holman and his crew.

Town Hall Parking Lot

The Town Hall parking lot has been expanded as much as the space will allow. Dead and dying trees have been removed and new gravel put down. The widening near the concrete encased well-head will allow parking for one or two additional cars, at a sharp angle so as not to block the handicapped parking spot. Staff may use this and the

dead-end spot in front of the handicapped parking spot on occasion, such as Monday night when the Town Hall is especially busy. This will free up spaces for the public to use, and we've tested to make sure it does not block the handicapped parking spot. However, if you think you may have difficulty exiting the handicapped parking spot, let the Selectmen know and we will move our cars immediately.

Several trees along the Town Hall driveway (south side) have been removed, stopping damage to the cemetery stone wall and grave sites, preventing dying branches from falling on the driveway, and allowing sunlight to help melt the snow and ice on the steep drive. The Town Hall is now visible from the road and it is a pretty sight, looking like a postcard of a typical New England historic town building.

The Heritage Commission has been landscaping along the roadside on Route 32 in front of the Town Hall, around the memorial watering trough and old town well. We will be landscaping around the front of Town Hall this Spring. Our thanks to our neighbors at Thunderfoot Farm for adding compost to the soil.

Other Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements

The parking lot behind the Police Department and firehouse has also been enlarged and improved. Drainage has been dug to direct water to the rear of the property, to ameliorate the long standing problems of rain water and ice in front of the Police station and firehouse. The Highway Department also has plans to improve the drainage at the Town beach parking lot before beach season next summer, so that new sand can be spread without the likelihood of its being washed away in a storm.

Plans are also in place to improve the Veteran's Hall parking lot – probably completed by the time this issue of *The Rooster* goes on line.

Winter Maintenance and Inclement Weather Policy –

It's that time of year again - please review the winter road policy summary in this issue of *The Rooster*. It is important and goes into effect on November 1. The complete policy is on the Town website.

Early Literacy at the Library

Elaine Moriarty

Each Wednesday, 10:00 am to ...

Oct. 28 – Halloween

November Schedules:

Pumpkins on November 4

Monkey Business November 11

Sorry, no classes on November 18.

Thanksgiving Program November 25

Town Clerk's Office

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

WED, November 11 CLOSED for Veterans Day

WED/THU Nov. 25/26 CLOSED for Thanksgiving break

September Update

Jim McConnell – State Representative

Cheshire 12 – Richmond & Swanzy

Most of my time this month has been devoted to ensuring my bills are completed in a manner consistent with their purpose. The last day to approve House legislation for the upcoming session is October 31st and I expect to meet that deadline on all of my bills.

The Maplewood Sub-Committee met October 9th and agreed that, once the report summarizing our options to either replace or repair the existing Maplewood Nursing Home is received, the Sub-Committee will be holding at least two town hall-style meetings to explain our thinking and solicit public comments. As the Sub-Committee is divided, I expect these meetings to be both interesting and informative.

I can be reached at 903-3878, which is my cell phone. I have decided it is much more efficient to use my cell phone as I'm frequently away from my desk and I'd rather take a call than return one. My personal email is mcc@mindspring.com. Please use my personal 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.

Community Quilt

Terri O'Rorke

The Richmond Quilters met again to check the status of our quilt project. It is moving along quite nicely. We were able to get more signatures at the fireman's BarBQ which were then sewn into blocks. At last count, we have about twenty-eight completed blocks. Thanks to all who signed.

Janice was able to rearrange several blocks so the signatures could be read right side up. Never a fun job when ripping and re-sewing is involved, but she fixed them.

Terri picked up several old postcards from resident Dick Dickinson which depict some of the Town buildings from the early 1900s. What a wonderful find! Janice took them to scan onto fabric and we all agreed those blocks will add a richness and visual interest to this project!

Blank muslin pieces of fabric can be found at the library and the Town clerk's office. Please sign one.

Would you like to join us? As they say, many hands make the job light! Contact: Janice 239-6015, Diana 239-7550, Sue 239-4005, Elaine 239-6575, Terri 239-4595.

The Pipeline Web Grows

John Boccalini

William J. Clark who is responsible for creating new business opportunities for Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp has given testimony that analyzes “the potential to serve the towns of Rindge, Jaffrey, Swanzey and Winchester, (collectively, “the Southwestern Towns”) through construction of a distribution system from new taps on the proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Pipeline.

He said that “inquiries were made to employees of the Keene Division by potential customers – 19 along Routes 10 and 12. Also, Liberty’s commercial account manager has been contacted by a Walmart representative with a list of locations in New Hampshire.”

Based on the estimated gas load and demographic data, does the potential for towns of Rindge, Jaffrey, Swanzey and Winchester have the customer base, residential density, commercial base and feasibility of construction, to construct new, or extend existing distribution systems to provide gas service to these communities?

These four towns have approximately 8,530 single family and multi-family residential structures combined. The towns also have commercial centers that stretch along Route 119 in Winchester and Rindge, Route 10 in Winchester and Swanzey, Route 12 in Swanzey, and Route 202 in Rindge and Jaffrey.

In Winchester, the initial distribution system will begin along Route 119 in the vicinity of the Plumb Pak Corporation (the exact location is dependent on the final location of the NED Pipeline), proceed west and then turn south onto Main Street. After extending south on Main Street, the distribution system will turn east onto General James Reed Highway.

In Swanzey, the initial distribution system will be located primarily along Routes 10 and 12.

The initial distribution systems for Rindge and Jaffrey will be along Route 202 and Route 119.

The initial distribution system in Winchester will be directly connected to the NED Pipeline by a new station

located in Winchester. That system will then be extended north into Swanzey and connected to the Keene system through an extension of gas mains in Keene along Route 10 and Route 12.

At that time, the Keene Division would be converted to natural gas from propane-air. Liberty is currently evaluating a conversion of the Keene Division to natural gas utilizing LNG and CNG in advance of the Pipeline, as well as a stand-alone option should the NED Pipeline not be constructed. If the economics were to justify such a conversion, Liberty would file an application with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to seek approval of the conversion. Such a conversion could include serving Swanzey and Winchester if it would be economic to do so.

The entire written version of the testimony with maps can be found at <http://app6.websitetonight.com/projects/6/8/5/5/685595/uploads/Liberty.pdf>

News from the Richmond Community Development Association

Four Corners property update. As you know, the Four Corners Store property is in the final stages of decontamination in preparation for redevelopment. State (DES) and Federal (EPA) agencies are involved in this (hopefully final) cleanup made possible through MTBE funding and a significant grant from the Capitol Region Development Council (CRDC). By the time you read this article, the abatement of hazardous materials inside the store will be completed. Demolition of the structure is scheduled to begin on November 2, 2015. The project is estimated to be completed no later than December 20, 2015.

However, the site will not be ready for redevelopment until the remaining structure on the property is removed. This project will be addressed by the Town. Planning is underway to insure this project is complete before the New Year.

Feasibility Study. Funded by a Community Development Block Grant, secured in 2014 from the Community



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As the inclement weather approaches, the Board of Selectmen would like to remind you



- Do not shovel, snowblow or have your driveway plowed into the traveled or cleared portions of the right-of-way of any public street or highway. **This is prohibited by law and can cause a serious hazard.** Revised State Statutes 41:11, 47:17 VII, and 236:20.
- Removing your car from the road at the start of a storm will assure that your road can be cleared and your vehicle will not be plowed in or towed. There is no parking in or on Town streets, way or public parking lot from November 1 to April 1.
- Placement of objects outside of the right-of-way will minimize the risk of being hit by the snow plow wing. Please note that the Town will not be responsible for damages to mail boxes, fences, stone walls, lawns or any other object placed within the right-of-way of any Town road or street, caused by snow removal equipment.

For more information please see the **WINTER AND INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY AND PRIORITIES** on the Town's website www.richmond.nh.gov

Thank you for your cooperation.

Development Finance Authority, the redevelopment process is underway to solicit a qualified consultant to conduct a study to:

- Evaluate economic feasibility to determine the suggested store size, configuration, services offered, and degree of being economically viable;
- Create an estimate of the number of employees needed to staff the store, types of employees, pay, and benefits of jobs that would be available to low-and-moderate income persons;
- Develop preliminary architectural and engineering plans for the store configuration selected;
- Determine cost estimates to develop the site based on the preliminary plans;
- Present the findings to the Town during a public hearing.

This study will result in a document to inform prospective buyers of the property about the redevelopment goals of the Town, based on input from the Community Forums held last year.

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. The Town has nominated the four corners property for a Phase I assessment when the current clean-up project is completed. If accepted, the SWRPC Brownfields Program would cover the costs of this Phase I Assessment, estimated to be between \$3,000 – \$5,000.

The purpose of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) is to provide a “bona fide prospective purchaser” (i.e. the person who would purchase the property from the Town of Richmond) protection from federal liability. According to federal law, in order to be eligible for this protection, a landowner (in this case, the Town) would have to conduct “all appropriate inquiries” to understand the property’s conditions. The Phase I ESA fulfills the purpose of conducting “all appropriate inquiries.” In order for the report to be used by the prospective purchaser, it must be “current” within 180 days of transfer of the property.

A Phase I Assessment was not done prior to the Town tax deeding the property because considerable documentation on file regarding the contamination on site and the clean-up and monitoring efforts that had been conducted over the past 40 years. The Town had to wait until the property was clean before doing a Phase I Assessment.

Proposed zoning amendment. Many residents and RCDA members have expressed concern about how to protect the new store development, once built to the Town’s specifications, from unwanted changes in use or aesthetics if/when, as a private property, it changes hands in the future. The RCDA evaluated a number of options and we’re now ready to present our recommendation to the Planning Board to propose an amendment to the zoning ordinance for the 2016 ballot.

The proposed ordinance would designate the store property (Map 201, Lot 56, .86 acres) as commercial with design review requirements. It would not include any other property in town. This corner has been used commercially since the late 1800s, but since it is in Richmond’s rural/residential zone there exists the potential for the use to be changed in the future. The first buyer must adhere to the Design Review guideline and so must succeeding buyers. We urge you to attend the public hearing on the proposed ordinance when it is scheduled by the Planning Board.

Letter to FERC

Richmond Conservation Commission

Re: Comments relative to the proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project, Tennessee Gas Pipeline, LLC, Docket No. PF14-22-000.

Dear Secretary Bose,

Richmond, a small, rural town located in the hilly region of southwest NH is unique as we do not have the usual expected modern conveniences such as a post office, stores, gas stations, or restaurants.

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ponds, and abundant wildlife. This magnificent landscape offers us peace, security, and a "sense of place" an escape from the pressure of urbanization.

The majority of the residents of Richmond have expressed their sincere concerns and fear that the Northeast Energy Direct Project, Tennessee Gas Pipeline, LLC, Docket No. PF14-22-000, poses an unreasonable threat to their quality of life and the natural resources and rural character of Richmond. The people of Richmond feel they have to sacrifice their comfort, security, and sense of place without any benefit from the proposed project.

The Richmond Conservation Commission has been extremely frustrated with the lack of detail provided for the exact location of the proposed pipeline and other alternative routes in Richmond that have been mentioned at public meetings. This lack of transparency by Kinder Morgan has made it difficult for this commission to assess the potential impacts on the towns' natural resources.

The Richmond Conservation Commission clearly understands the concerns and opposition to this proposed project expressed by the majority of our residents and wishes to present the additional following comments to FERC.

The commission is very concerned about the potential negative impacts to the following important resource areas within the alleged pipeline route:

- Headwater streams and tributaries of Tilsey, Brickyard, Sprague, Roaring, Rice, and Tully Brooks which support naturally reproducing Eastern Brook Trout.
- Sandy Pond and its unnamed tributary
- Stratified drift aquifer between Old Homestead Highway and Fish Hatchery Road
- The possible taking of land protected by conservation easements such as the Quint Preserve, and Little Monadnock Family Trust.
- Invasive Plants - strong potential to introduce and spread from construction vehicles and moving of soil infested with seed.
- Stabilization of rocky, steep slopes during and after construction regarding soil erosion and possible stream

sedimentation.

- Concerns for wetland impacts, remediation, and mitigation.

Please give serious consideration to the aforementioned potential impacts and concerns to Richmond's natural resources. Should this project be approved the Richmond Conservation Commission respectfully requests, that a third party, State of New Hampshire qualified environmental professional, be present on site during construction activities to monitor compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local permits.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M Taylor, Chairman Richmond Conservation Commission

Cc: Carol Jameson, Chair, Board of Selectmen


A Piece Of History

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Imagine a time when candidates and political organizations printed ballots. Imagine these same distinguishable ballots being distributed to voters, who, in turn, marked these ballots without the benefit of voting booths. Imagine the coercion, the manipulation and corruption that were possible in such an election.

This was the situation until 1891, when the NH State Legislature passed a law requiring secret ballots be used in elections. To implement this new law, the Secretary of State was required to print and distribute ballots and to provide ballot boxes to all voting places. The law also required "marking shelves or private compartments" (voting booths) as well as guardrails.

Ballot boxes were distributed to all of the 272 NH voting places for use in the November 8, 1892 presidential general election. These ballot boxes were constructed of wood and had a device, complete with a hand crank and bell, that counted each ballot as it was inserted into the ballot box.



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The Town of Richmond has its original box, although the counter, hand crank and bell are missing (see photographs). I checked with former town clerk, Pamela Goodell, who knows of no other ballot box in existence for the Town of Richmond. Thus, she and I believe that this very same ballot box has been continuously used since that day in November 1892.



If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the inner workings of this ballot box, please contact me (603-239-6202 or richmondtownclerk@yahoo.com).

Happy Autumn!!

Betsy Pearsall

Where has this summer gone!? I should be straight out training, and I will be, tallying up between 30 and 40 miles a week from here on out. Most of those miles will be on the weekends, but I will be getting some done early mornings before I go to work.

Thanks to all of you, I was able to fly right on past my minimum of \$2300 and exceed my personal goal of \$3000. To date we are at \$3130. There are still some outstanding pledges and promises, and un-redeemed cans and bottles, so I hope to see another \$400 at least.

There are several other ways you can support me, and my teammates, while we're on the trail. Please consider one of them!!

I LOVE CAMP MAIL... (and who doesn't). Please send a note or card of encouragement! These make all the

difference between a good day's walking and a FANTASTIC day's walking!!

Susan G. Komen 3-Day Camp Mail
ATTN: (INSERT NAME OF PARTICIPANT)
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Carlsbad, CA 92008

Mail must be postmarked no later than November 10. Envelopes only, please. Here is the roster for this year's "Sistahood of the Travelin' Ta-tas": Betsy Pearsall, Meghann Pearsall, Caterina Hall-Richards, Rochelle Misner, Teresa Hirschauer, and Terry Ann Winder. Three of us are from NH, one from MA, one from IN, and one from CA!

If you'd like to send multiple cards/notes, they can all be sent in one large envelope. Please be sure to alphabetize them by last name and note on the outside of the envelope – "Please distribute at camp." The Camp Services Crew will love you if you do this!!

Mmmmm... Chocolate!! Want to show some extra support to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day® participant in your life? You can send her or him sweet dreams with a personal note and a treat. For a \$10 donation, the Komen 3-Day will put together a note-card with your personal message, along with a custom 3-Day® chocolate medalion from Edward Marc Chocolatier, for the participant to pick up at the 3-Day Lounge in camp. This is only available for a limited time, so please note the availability dates and the link below. And, yes, the crew can get treats, too!!

Richmond Food Pantry

Alison VanBrocklin

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

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also have received generous support through the Scouting for Food Program and the Thrift Shop at St. James Episcopal Church in Keene, and the summer reading program here in Richmond.

If a holiday food box would be helpful to your family, please call Hugh at 239-4494. Thanks for your support!

Family Farm Day 2015 – BIG Success!

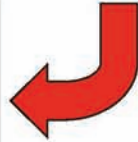
Sandy Holbrook

They say a picture says 1,000 words, and these pictures say it all. Many thanks to the those who made a perfect day possible: Susan and Jeff Taylor; their staff for hosting the event for a third year; Judith LaPlume for sharing her incredible knowledge on backyard herbs; Rosti Eismont for bringing appreciation once again to pottery making; Jerry Mills for creating a clever means of challenging the apple throwing skills toward the target of choice; and Richmond's RAC, RCC, and RHS for coming up with a great program. THANK YOU, everybody!



The Richmond Tramp House

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- **Restored in 2015**



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RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Autumn! Fall! Leaf-Peeping Season! The season of oohs and aahs! The season of slow driving as we look at the leaves on the trees! Whatever we want to call it, it was certainly beautiful this year! It is so amazing what God has brought us in the Monadnock Region and New England! No better place to live and also to observe it!

It's also wonderful as we consider all the Fall/Winter events that crop up. Certainly one of the best is the yearly Richmond Community Church Holiday Fair which will once again take place Saturday, November 14 at the Richmond Veteran's Hall on Route 32. It's one of those events that one never gets tired of attending. So many wonderful crafts are displayed for purchase. And, it's more than crafts! If you like homemade jams, jellies, cookies, cakes, pies, etc., which I do, a person cannot go wrong by acquiring some of those goodies! There's plenty of free parking, as well as handicapped parking and entry at the Vet's Hall, so stop by and enjoy!

It's also the time of year to consider that there are many in our area who are less fortunate than ourselves and need a helping hand. The Church supports the Food Pantry in the Town Hall for those in need. We thank our friends and neighbors for assisting us in this endeavor by donating nutritional non-perishable food goods.

The Richmond Community United Methodist Church welcomes all to its service on Sunday at 9 am. We are con-

veniently located at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. (Rt. 119) just east of the junction of Routes 32 and 119. We offer a Sunday School for the young ones. Come join us and be blessed as we worship together. All are welcome!.

A Stroll through a Quiet Peaceful Era

RHS/Sandy Holbrook

What common threads do the following individuals have here in Richmond? Lydia and John Colburn, Amy and Otis Whipple, Hannah and John Harkness, Candace and Jarvis Weeks, Esq., Willard and Cyrene Randall, Sylvia and Thomas Boyce, and Joanna and Richard Bowen.

Answer: They all lived in Richmond in the 1800s, all were Quakers, and all are buried in the Quaker Cemetery in Richmond. Most of them lived well into their 70s and 80s. What was noteworthy in wandering among the headstones was the time of year people died. It led me to realize winters in the 1800s were probably quite harsh and medical technology was lacking as most died between November and March. By cross referencing names of roads in town with names on the headstones, one could guess with some sense of accuracy where these folks homesteaded.

How old is the Quaker Cemetery? The Quaker Cemetery has been in existence since the 1780s. The Richmond Conservation Commission was given a trust fund to maintain the cemetery and did so for many years. Around 2000 the care and custodial upkeep passed to the Richmond Historical Society. Since that time much work and main-



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tenance had been done, including tree removal, stone repairs, mowing, trimming, etc. under the guidance of the RHS. However, with limited volunteer help, the cemetery slowly was overtaken with brambles, scrub trees, raspberry vines, etc.

Who made a difference? This past year a group of dedicated volunteers put in well over 50 – 60 hours of manual labor to reclaim the cemetery grounds and to make visible, once again, the headstones and markers of the Quaker Cemetery. The Quaker Cemetery signage was redone in keeping with the original design. All of this was done by a hardworking and dedicated group of people. Thanks to Nick Puopolo, who worked solo and diligently for several years, Hank and Nancy Lescynski, Kitty Picotte, Norma and Joe Thibodeau, Sandy Holbrook, and

especially to John Lewis and Jerry Mills. Also, we want to recognize and thank the Richmond Highway Department for removing trees along the boundary of the cemetery. This type of community effort continues to enrich our town – THANK YOU everyone!

The Quaker Cemetery is one of Richmond's unique scenic areas to visit. For those who are relatively new in town, the Quaker Cemetery is located behind the Police Station and 4-Corners Store

Parking is available behind the Fire Station. Take a stroll through the grounds and become captivated by the simplicity of the Quaker Society. You may even increase your vocabulary with words like "relict."



Holiday Fair

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Richmond Holiday Fair

Alison VanBrocklin

The Annual Richmond Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 14, at the Veterans Hall, Route 32, Richmond, NH. Shopping hours are from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, with luncheon served from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Start your holiday season with a trip to the Holiday Fair! We have local artisans presenting a variety of wares including hand-knit and crocheted treasures, traditional German baking, jewelry, trinket boxes, quilted items, and a variety of seasonal gifts. Local authors will be signing books, and Richmond's own Windswept Mountain Tree Farm will offer fresh holiday wreaths.

The Holiday Fair is sponsored by the Richmond Community United Methodist Church. The luncheon menu includes corn chowder, chili, split pea soup, and freshly made sandwiches. All Church bake sale proceeds will be donated to "Giving Care 24/7" a local branch of the Alzheimer's Association, in memory of Boyd Goodell.

Join us for a unique shopping experience! For information, please call Alison at 239-4494. (At the time of this writing there are still a couple of spaces available to rent. Please call if you are interested.)

Just for Kids! Holiday Fair Offerings

Maureen and Karen Daugherty

We would like everyone to know that we will be "hosting" a vender's table at the Annual RCUMC Holiday Fair that will predominantly offer gift items only for children to

purchase. Prices will be ridiculously low in order for the kids to get a great "bang for their buck." Prices range from under a dollar to no more than 3 or 4 dollars. Some items we hope to include are ribbon bookmarks, origami bookmarks, natural hot/cold therapy packs in several sizes, eye/headache aroma therapy masks, recycled tee shirt tote bags, key chains, beard oil, and anything else we can come up with before November 14.

For a higher price we'll be offering bottles of "Daughter Pure Madagascar Vanilla Extract" in 2oz and 5oz sizes. The Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Vet's Hall. We hope this new table idea will encourage you to bring your children to the Fair for a little Christmas shopping.

Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

"Ah! on Thanksgiving day....When the care-wearied man seeks his mother once more, And the worn matron smiles where the girl smiled before. What moistens the lips and what brightens the eye? What calls back the past, like the rich pumpkin pie?" – John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-1892

An Exciting "Pirates of Penzance"

Frank Behrens

After watching the mutilated "Gondoliers" as performed by Opera Australia, in which neither Gilbert's lyrics nor dialogue was spared updating by those concerned, I was most reluctant to watch their 2007 "The Pirates of Pen-

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zance” on the Kultur label. So I ordered it through Netflix...and I loved every moment of it! Now I have my own copy and will use it to play for friends and in my lectures.

For starters, it does not change any of the lyrics or dialogue, except for a few harmless ad libs. Although it is heavily influenced by the Joseph Papp rock version, the orchestration here is Sullivan’s. Costuming the Pirate King (Anthony Warlow) to closely resemble Johnny Depp in “Pirates of the Caribbean” is a joke that wears out quickly but also does no harm. But he does adopt a body language that is often curiously effeminate, perhaps not intentionally.

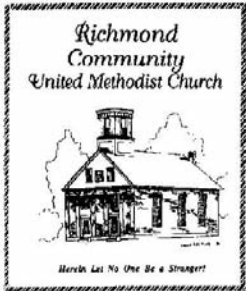
John Bolton Wood’s Major-General Stanley first appears in kilts and gives his patter entrance song at a fast clip. Only at the very end of the opera does he appear in his proper uniform. David Hobson’s Frederic looks a little older than a 21-year-old (or 5.25, if we go by birthdays!), but sings well and has a good sense of humor. His Mabel (Taryn Firebug) gets a good deal of comedy into her “Poor wand’ring one” without making it silly.

I was delighted to see that the Police are costumed in accurate uniforms without any clownish additions and no rubber-leg dancing. Also Richard Alexander’s basso is just right for the Police Sergeant. Suzanne Johnston makes a sympathetic Ruth in Act I, looking really older than 47. But in Act II, in a pirate costume and lipstick, she looks sexy and 100% piratical.

The scenery is minimal, with such items as the pirate vessel, trees, and tombstones being wheeled on by the cast. It all works beautifully, at one point to the accompaniment of an orchestral vamp.

A short introduction is given instead of the overture. But the full finale, which Gilbert wrote for the New York opening, using a reprise of the Major-General song followed by “Poor wand’ring one,” makes a great ending. So, kudos to stage director Stuart Maunder and conductor Andrew Greene for the best “Pirates” on video yet.

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The running time is 112 minutes, the picture is widescreen format, but alas no subtitles.

Note: I have collected some reviews and many essays about things musical in my new website. Please visit franklinbehrens.com and leave a comment if you will.

Out and About

John Bocalini

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Sun. Nov. 1, 2 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm, Mon. Nov. 2, – Wed. Nov. 4, – 7 pm. Pawn Sacrifice. Colonial Theater, Keene. Adult \$8.50; Senior or with a student ID \$6.50; Member admission \$5.50.

<http://thecolonial.org/event/pawn-sacrifice/>

Thurs. Nov 5, 7:30 pm. Warren Millers Chasing Shadows. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25

Fri. Nov. 6, 7 pm. The Great Sheep Boom and Its Enduring Legacy on the New Hampshire Landscape (NH Humanities Council). Colony Mill Market Place, Island St. and Gilbo Ave., Keene. FREE.

Fri. Nov. 6, 7 pm. Cello and Dulcimer Concert. Monadnock Waldorf School, 98 South Lincoln St. Keene. Tickets: <http://www.keenewaldorf.org/> or 357-4442. \$15; \$30/families

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Mon. Nov. 9, 7 pm. – Kristallnacht Remembrance. Colonial Theater, Keene. FREE

Tues. Nov. 10, 7:30 pm. – Mavis Staples and Joan Osborne: Solid Soul Tour. Colonial, Keene. \$38 – 52.

Thurs. Nov. 12, 7 pm. – Benedict Arnold: Patriot and Traitor? (NH Humanities Council). VFW Post 3968, 35 Main St., Winchester. FREE.

Fri. Nov. 13–14 and 18–22, 7:30 pm. (Sun. Nov. 22 at 2 pm). The Crucible, The Edge Ensemble presents a production of Arthur Miller's play. Heberton Hall, Keene Library Annex, 76 Winter St. Keene. Tickets at TheEdgeEnsemble@aol.com or call 603-352-5657.

Sat. Nov. 14, 9 am – 2:00 pm, RICHMOND HOLIDAY FAIR at the Veterans Hall, Route 32, Richmond, NH. Shopping from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm with luncheon.

Sat. Nov. 14, 9 am – 2:00 pm Just for Kids! Holiday Fair Offerings at the Richmond Holiday Fair.

Sat. Nov. 14, 8 pm. – Le Vent di Nord. Peterborough Players Theater, 555 Hadley Rd. Peterborough. \$22/in advance; \$25/day. Cash at the door. Tickets: Toadstool Bookshops or <http://www.pfmsconcerts.org/>

Sat. Nov. 14, 6:30 pm. Dancing Through the Decades. Colonial Theater, Keene \$45.

Sat. Nov. 21, 12:30 pm. – Lulu. Colonial Theater, Keene. Tickets \$25, students \$20. Cash at the door.

Sat. Nov. 21, 12:30 pm. – Lulu. Peterborough Players Theater, 555 Hadley Rd. Peterborough. \$25, students \$20. Tickets: Toadstool Bookshops or <http://www.pfmsconcerts.org/> Cash at the door.

Sat. Nov. 21, 8 pm. – Juston McKinney. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25.50.

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