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March 2016

Notes from the Selectmen

Town Elections and Town Meeting in March

It is our town – let's make our voices heard. Come to the polls to vote for town officers and land use articles on Tuesday, March 8, and then come to Town Meeting on Saturday, March 12 to vote on the town budget and other warrant articles.

First session of Town Meeting Official Ballot Tuesday, March 8 11-7 am Vet's Hall

Go to the polls to vote on candidates for Town offices and any other matters (such as zoning amendments) that are acted on by official ballot.

All candidates for office this year are running unopposed, and all are incumbents. Candidate's Night has been cancelled for this reason. Your vote is very important, whether you use it to show your support or your protest.

There is one vacancy for the office of Selectmen, a three-year term. The current chair, Carol Jameson, is the only candidate for this office. Other officers up for election are listed on the official ballot available at Town Hall and reprinted in this edition or circulated soon by *The Rooster*.

There is one proposed zoning change on the ballot. This proposal creates a commercial district consisting of the single lot that is the Four Corners property, for the purpose of developing the property as a general store and gas station, according to guidelines that will support the town's rural character.

Highlights Of The 2016 Budget

The proposed appropriations for the 2016 town budget net of mandatory debt payment are lower than for 2015. All the town departments have worked diligently to cut costs while maintaining services and care of town assets. We thank everybody for their efforts.

Operating Budget 2016 = \$810,494
Operating Budget 2015 = \$811,606
2016 Decrease = \$1,112

Non-Operating Budget 2016 = \$210,673
Non-Operating Budget 2015 = \$261,047
2016 Decrease = \$50,374

Combined appropriations 2016 = \$1,021,167
Combined appropriations 2015 = \$1,072,653
2016 Decrease = \$51,486

Mandatory Debt Payments 2016 = \$92,000
Mandatory Debt Payments 2015 = \$0

The Selectmen support this proposal. The Four Corners lot is now owned by the town. The contaminated soil has been removed and we are now able to market the property for sale to a developer that will create a store of a rural character, consistent with the desires of the town as they were expressed at the various town forums and questionnaires. The proposed zoning change is in furtherance of this goal.

Second session of Town Meeting Saturday, March 12, 9 am Vet's Hall

Come to Town Meeting and vote on the rest of the war-

rant, including the operating budget and other appropriations. The Selectmen support the proposed budget and other articles set forth in the warrant.

The proposed budget net of debt payments is lower than last year. See the Highlights of the Budget in the box. In addition to capital reserve warrant articles and other proposed appropriations, there is a warrant article relating to the NED pipeline. This warrant article proposes an appropriation of \$12,500 in funding to allow us to fight the pipeline or, if it is constructed, to mitigate

SAMPLE BALLOT

To vote for a person make an (X) in the box to the right of name

FOR SELECTMAN

For 3 Years

Vote for not more than 1

CAROL JAMESON _____

FOR MODERATOR

For 2 Years

Vote for not more than 1

WALDEN WHITHAM _____

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years

Vote for not more than 1

PETER J MULHALL _____

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years

Vote for not more than 1

TERRI O'RORKE _____

FOR PLANNING BOARD

For 1 Year

Vote for not more than 1

JASON MACDONALD _____

FOR PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years

Vote for not more than 2

NORMA THIBODEAU _____

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years

Vote for not more than 1

WILLIAM COLL JR _____

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

For 6 Years

Vote for not more than 1

TERRI O'RORKE _____

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to create a commercial district consisting solely of Map 201, Lot 56, a .86 acre lot known as the Four Corners Store property, for the purpose of developing this property for commercial use as a new general store and gas station, according to design guidelines that retain and support the town's rural character.

YES

NO

its effects on Richmond. The Selectmen support this warrant article because it is in the best interest of Richmond and it reflects the wishes of our residents as expressed at last year's Town meeting.

Read the budget summary. Call the Selectmen at 239-4232 or come to a Selectboard meeting with questions or comments. Then come to Town Meeting to be heard and to vote.

Operating Budget

The proposed 2016 operating budget of \$810,494 decreased \$1,112 from last year.

Most departments were able to keep their budgets flat, and those that increased did so minimally and for good reason. No employee raises are proposed for 2016. The departments that account for the largest portion of the operating budget – Highway, Police, Executive, and Fire Departments – were able to keep their budgets generally flat.

Budgets for the Moderator and the Supervisors of the Checklist increased due to the larger number of elections this year – four as compared to two in 2015.

Legal expenses are expected to be higher in 2016 due to the additional legal work required in connection with the proposed NED pipeline. There is a separate warrant article in the non-operating appropriations requesting \$12,670 to fight the pipeline or mitigate its effects if it is constructed. We expect to use these funds for the Town's portion of the legal expenses of the Municipal Coalition. In addition, the legal expenses line item in the operating budget increased by \$5,000 – we expect to need these funds to defend the town's separate interests in regard to the proposed pipeline in Richmond.

Our Buildings and Other Improvements line items in the General Government operating budget decreased by \$10,500 because so much work has been done on Town buildings over the last few years.

Increases in the Tax Collector and Rescue budgets are for purchasing necessary supplies – the line items for these departments in the 2015 budget were lower than usual so supplies must be replenished this year. Costs for essential software for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector also increased.

Our Cemetery Trustees were able to pare \$4,000 from their budget while undertaking major care of additional sites such as the Barrus Cemetery.

Direct Assistance decreased by \$5,000 based on reduced costs over the last two years.

Non-operating Budget: Non-operating appropriations in individual warrant articles and requests from community organizations

The proposed 2016 non-operating budget of \$210,673 decreased by \$50,374 from last year.

We are requesting only \$22,500 to add to the three municipal building trust funds (Construction and Renovation, Maintenance and Repairs, and Energy Retrofits) as compared to \$70,000 last year. We are able to lower the amount this year because we have been saving aggressively for these funds in recent years while still accomplishing numerous repairs and improvements. The buildings are in much better shape now and there are sufficient reserves in these funds for emergency repairs.

Planned and emergency repairs/renovations made in 2015 included new floor and insulation in part of the Town Hall; new ceiling; lighting and interior work in the library; a new roof over the kitchen in the Vet's Hall; painting a portion of the Vet's Hall; and improvements to the parking lots at Town Hall and the Fire Department. Emergency repairs in other years cost approximately \$20,000. The trust funds are currently sufficiently funded to cover these costs.

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of replacing the floor in the Vet's Hall, and suggesting a \$5,000 appropriation into this fund. The floor cannot be sanded and refinished again due to its age and, because of its size, replacement will be expensive. We recommend that we begin saving for the expense now.

We are requesting the same appropriation into the Road Reconstruction and Maintenance trust fund as last year – \$60,000. We are increasing the appropriation into the Bridge Improvement Fund from \$20,000 to \$40,000 to reserve for expensive repairs we will face in 2020 and 2021 (currently estimated at \$269,000 and \$130,000, respectively).

Appropriations into the Police Vehicle Fund (\$20,000) and the Fire Truck Fund (\$20,000) will enable us to have enough saved for the replacement and major repairs we will need for these emergency vehicles in 2016/2017.

As mentioned earlier, we are proposing a separate warrant amount of \$12,670 in connection with the pipeline. We anticipate using these funds to cover our portion of the Municipal Coalition legal expenses.

Requests from community organizations that provide essential services to Richmond residents (\$7,723) are a small part of the non-operating budget. This is a slight decrease from last year. These are requested by non-profit organizations such as The Community Kitchen, Home Health Care and Hospice, and Monadnock Family Services, to fund a small portion of the cost of specific services they provide to our residents. Each year they document the amount and type of services they have provided.

Mandatory Debt Payments in 2016

The town will have debt payments of approximately \$92,000 due in 2016 to repay amounts borrowed under 2015 warrant articles that authorized borrowing to fund the purchase of the property at 132 Old Homestead

Highway which is adjacent to the Vet's Hall and part of the cost of the final improvements to Fay Martin Road. Borrowings totaled approximately \$259,000: \$144,000 for the completion of Fay Martin Road, and \$115,000 for the purchase of 132 Old Homestead Highway. The proceeds from the sale of the house and subdivided parcel at 132 Old Homestead Highway will go toward reducing this debt. The notes mature in 2017/2018. There are no prepayment penalties and we will repay them earlier if revenues allow.

Summary

We finished 2015 on sound financial footing, with Town highway and building infrastructure improved and maintained for future generations.

Total 2016 proposed appropriations of \$1,021,167 net of debt service represent a reduction of \$51,486 from 2015. Debt service for 2016 is expected to be \$92,000, and we will pay off additional principal if revenues allow.

We thank the Town's officials, staff, and many volunteers for their commitment to Richmond and their help in making Richmond such a wonderful place to live.

Town Meeting

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town Election will be at the Veterans Memorial Hall on March 8. The polls will open at 11:00 am and close at 7:00 pm The Monadnock Regional School District election will be held at the same time.


If you are unable to come to the polls on Election Day, you can request an absentee ballot. You must meet one of the following conditions in order to receive an absentee ballot:

- Will be absent from the town where the voter is registered to vote;

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- Cannot appear in public due to religious reasons;
- Is unable to come to the polls due to a physical disability;
- Or is unable to come to the polls during polling hours because the voter is at work or is in transit to or from work.

In order to obtain an absentee ballot, you must first complete the application for Official Town and School Absentee Ballots. It is available at the town clerk's office and at www.richmond.nh.gov, the Town of Richmond website. If you return the completed application via email to richmondtownclerk@yahoo.com, please remember that you need to email a scanned copy of the SIGNED and completed application.

Once you have received and marked your absentee ballot, you may return it by mail or in person. If you, the voter, returns the absentee ballot, you must return the ballot to the town clerk or to the deputy town clerk no later than 5:00 pm on the day before Election Day.

The voter's spouse, parent, sibling or child may now deliver the absentee ballot for the voter. The ballot must be delivered no later than 5:00 pm on Election Day and the qualified person delivering the ballot must provide proof of identification either with a government-issued photo ID or with verification by the town clerk. I recommend that if you are the qualified person returning an absentee ballot for a voter, bring a government-issued photo ID. This way, you're not relying on the town clerk/deputy to remember who you are.

Whether you are the voter or the person returning the absentee ballot for the voter, you must always hand the absentee ballot directly to the town clerk or the deputy town clerk. Do not leave the ballot in any receptacle, on a counter (even the town clerk's counter) or with someone other than the town clerk or deputy town clerk.

The business session of the Town Meeting will commence at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 12, at the Veteran's Memorial Hall. All registered voters attending this meeting will have the opportunity to discuss, amend, and vote on the town budget and other business on the warrant. If you are not a registered voter and you would like to vote at the business session, please register no later than Election Day, March 8. No voter registration activity will occur on March 12.

As always, please call 239-6202 if you have any questions or concerns.

Town Clerk's Calendar

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

- March 7 OPEN from 4-5 pm to accept absentee ballots
- March 8 Town Election
Polls open 11 am-7 pm, Veteran's Hall
- March 11 OPEN 3-5 pm to accept applications for recounts of votes cast at Town Election for officers
- March 12 Second Session of Town Meeting starts at 9:00 am, Veteran's Hall
- March 15 OPEN 3-5 pm to accept applications for recounts on any question printed on the official ballot at Town Election

The NH Presidential Primary in Richmond

Annette Tokunaga

The NH Presidential Primary was held on February 9, 2016. The Town of Richmond saw a 57% voter turnout. This included 31 people who registered to vote that day. Of the 480 ballots cast, 251 were Republican and 229 were Democratic. Following are the results:

Republican

- 95 Donald J. Trump
- 38 Ted Cruz
- 24 Marco Rubio
- 23 John R. Kasich

- 19 Jeb Bush
- 18 Carly Fiorina

- 16 Ben Carson
- 6 Chris Christie
- 5 Rand Paul
- 1 Tim Cook
- 1 J. Daniel Dyas, Sr.
- 1 Lindsey Graham
- 2 Write-In: Ron Paul
- 2 Over/Under Votes

Democratic

- 156 Bernie Sanders
- 68 Hillary Clinton
- 1 Martin J. O'Malley
- 2 Write-In: Donald J. Trump
- 1 Write-In: Ted Cruz
- 1 Write-In: Carly Fiorina

I would like to thank everyone who worked at the Presidential Primary. It was a long day, frequently requiring detailed knowledge of the task at hand. If interested in working at future elections, please contact the moderator Walden Whitham who is responsible for running the election. Any questions about any upcoming elections, please contact me. I am more than happy to be of help.

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

Voting March 8, 2016, Vet's Hall, 11 am to 7 pm
Warrant Articles. PLEASE VOTE!

Is it time to send a message to your School Board and vote NO on ALL Articles? Maybe not that bad. However, consider voting NO on articles: One(1), Seven (7), and Eight (8).

Well, you did send one more taxpayer to the deliberative session – not enough! If we had had the 25 people who showed up to Richmond's Prewarrant, we could have reduced the district tax bill over \$1.1 million.

Summary of Warrant Articles (with Funding): The full Warrant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 will be on the District Website.

Note: Your School Board supports all articles.

One– Operating budget revised upward to \$32,153,183 (\$970,000 food program) the default budget will be \$31,945,801 (also \$970,000 for food).

Your Budget committee no longer supports Article One

Two– Mt Caesar Building Upgrade \$1.1 million. I tried unsuccessfully to reduce this to what they need before the next vote in 2017. Cost to district taxpayers \$500,000!

Three– Asbestos Abatement High School – \$50,000.

Four– Before and After School Program – \$89,500.

Five– Given an end of year surplus in Fiscal Year 2016-17, put \$50,000 into the Fuel Trust.

Six– No cost, closes old Capital Reserve and moves money to modern Trust – reworded to send the money to the taxpayers in lieu of moving it to another trust. Taxpayers saved \$,1400.

Seven– Teacher Contract – Your teaching staff wants to pay only 5% of the basic insurance and we pay 95%.

Additionally cost FY 2016-2017 = \$274,695, will increase to \$363,862 in the first year. Additionally, I tried to get you our money back \$510,000 in 2016. Cost to district taxpayers \$510,000 in this year. The second and third years also increased: FY2017 – 2018 and FY 2018- 2019. **The Budget Committee recommends a NO vote here**

Eight– Add another officer part time at Middle/High School \$59,645. There was a call to reduce this to \$1.00 – it failed. Cost to district taxpayers \$59,644. **The Budget Committee recommends a NO vote here**

Thanks for reading my article – if you have thoughts, ideas, or questions, contact me at: 239 4031; cmoriarty@ne.rr.com; or 782 Old Homestead Hwy Richmond. Jim Carnie will also help with district items at 239 4948. See you Saturday!!!

Monadnock Budget Committee Positions on
March 8, 2016, Vet's Hall, 11:AM to 7 pm

Warrant Articles **From Your Budget Committee** submitted by Neil Moriarty

Your Budget Committee Supports Warrant Articles
Please vote YES on these:
Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, and Nine.

Your Budget Committee does not support the following Warrant Articles: Please vote NO on these:
One (default budget will kick in), Seven, and Eight

At the primary only 57% from Richmond voted.

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Middle and High School Honors Second Quarter

Neil Moriarty

Remember if your name belongs here and is not here, remind your parents to remove your name from the *do not disclose* list.

Name	Grade	Honor
Olivia Berman	12	Honors
Hayden Budzik	7	Honors
Olivia Budzik	9	Honors
Janaina Camuso	12	Honors
Dylan Cashman	7	High Honors
Jake Fitzgerald	8	Honors
Daniel Heise	10	Honors
Alexis Hillock	12	Honors
Annika Jayne	8	High Honors
Tarali Kelly	11	Honors
Isabelle LaBlanc	7	Honor
Whitney Maynard	8	High Honors
Johnathan Monson	11	Honors
Olivia Patch	12	Honors
Andrew Pearsall	7	Honors
Aurora Perry	7	Honors
Cassidy Purrington	8	High Honors
Breanne Swanson	10	Honors
Delaney Swanson	7	High Honors
Kirsten Thayer	12	Honors
Ashlyn Tomer	11	Honors
Anthony Tomer Jr	7	High Honors

February Update

Jim McConnell – State Representative

While there's a great deal going on in Concord, there isn't anything to report on final passage or defeat of any of the bills I've sponsored as none have thus far reached the House floor. Since our next Session is March 9th, it'll be that way until then.

Committees have, however, been considering many of the bills and there are some results to report. For example, the Science, Technology and Energy Committee considered thirteen bills on February 3rd, six of which were pipeline bills. All thirteen were deemed Inexpedient to Legislate. The closest to passing was HB 1148 Relative to pipeline capacity contracts – requires the public utility commission to determine whether any pipeline capacity contract is in the public interest which was defeated on an 11 to 10 vote. This bill will be debated on the House floor and I think there is a reasonable chance it will pass and be sent to the Senate. The other bills, which covered everything from insurance requirements to putting pipelines below the frost line were defeated by wider margins and are thus more difficult to pursue as the more lopsided the committee vote the less chance it has before the full House. As these votes are quite recent, I have not decided which, if any, of these other bills I will take to the floor.

In my view, the most important pipeline bill is HB 1101 Prohibiting charges to New Hampshire residents for the construction of a high pressure gas pipeline – prohibits the imposition of any tariff, tax, or fee on any state resident for the construction of a high pressure gas pipeline. This bill, regardless of how it comes out of the Ways & Means Committee, will be debated on the House floor and will result in a Roll Call vote.

The Maplewood Committee met recently for the first of two briefings on our options for either upgrading the existing Maplewood Nursing Home or building a replacement. A second briefing will answer questions resulting from the first briefing and update the cost estimates. This second briefing will, it is hoped, enable the Committee to hold public meetings around the County to afford everyone an opportunity to ask questions and ensure everyone understands our options.

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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.

RCDA News

Zoning Amendment. The Richmond Community Development Association (RCDA), in its efforts to insure the Four Corners property is developed as a general store and gas station with the design and features preferred by Town residents, proposed a zoning ordinance amendment for 2016 that designates the Four Corners Store property as a commercial district, with future changes of ownership guided by design standards unique to this site. This ordinance was vetted and approved by the Planning Board and is on the land use ballot for March 8, 2016. The property has been used for commercial enterprise since the late 1800s. However, that grandfathered commercial use was abandoned on December 31, 2013. The use has been abandoned for more than one year and Richmond zoning states that a use is no longer grandfathered if it has been aban-

doned for more than a year. To insure the property can be used commercially as a general store and gas station in the future, the following zoning amendment is recommended by the RCDA.

Article 2. *To see if the Town will vote to create a commercial district consisting solely of Map 201, Lot 56, a .86 acre lot known as the Four Corners Store property, for the purpose of developing this property for commercial use as a new general store and gas station, according to design guidelines that retain and support the Town's rural character.*

Thank you for your vote in support of this ordinance amendment on March 8, 2016.

Update: The property is CLEAN! Reports of the decontamination and demolition project completed in 2015 will be available soon on the Town website and in hard copy at Town Hall. The Phase I Environmental Site Assessment determined the property is now able to be redeveloped without the liability of contamination.

The RCDA continues to work with Southwest Region Planning Commission and the New Jersey Technical Institute, with grant funding by EPA and CDBG, to develop an initial test market promotion of



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the potential development opportunity provided by the Four Corners property and to engage interested parties and work with the NH Small Business Development Center in consultation with trade organizations, local interested parties and brokers/developers to determine the feasibility of non-franchise development. Questions or comments, please contact the RCDA at 239-6492.

Early Literacy Program at the Library

Paul Dobbs

Please join us for books, games, snacks, and crafts, Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am.

March 2	<i>Fea's Sneeze</i>
March 9	<i>Ladybug Girl</i>
March 16	<i>Tea Party Rules and Saint Patrick's Day</i>
March 23	<i>And Then It's Spring!</i>
March 30	<i>In the Garden</i>

New Books at the Library

Visit the library to check out the books in person and take a couple home for a week or two!

Non-Fiction:

Reading *Lolita in Tehran*: a memoir in books by Ajar Nafisi. Described by *The New York Times* as, "Brilliant ...an eloquent brief on the transformative power of fiction."

Too Dumb to Fail: How the GOP Betrayed the Reagan Revolution to Win Elections (and How It Can Reclaim Its Conservative Roots) is a lively analysis by Matt K. Lewis, a rising star among conservative journalists.

Our Kids: the American Dream in Crisis demonstrates that current gaps in wealth and income make it truly impossible for the majority of American youth to compete with the sons and daughters of the elite. Author Robert Putnam wrote the famous study *Bowling Alone: the Collapse and Revival of American Community*. You can hear him interviewed by NPR's Scott Simon.

Why the Right Went Wrong: American Conservatism – from Goldwater to the Tea Party and Beyond is a liberal's approach to answering a similar question as that in Lewis's book. Both books, Lewis's and this one by E. J. Dionne are reviewed together in *The New York Times Sunday Book Review*.

Between the World and Me is a memoir by Ta-Nehisi Coates in the form of letters to his teenage son. Coates has been called today's best writer on race in America. The book was highly recommended by Omar Barbour, president of the National Alumni Association of the Black Panther Party, when he spoke in Peterborough last month after the premier of the film *The Black Panthers, Vanguard of the Revolution*. You can hear Coates interviewed by Terri Gross.

Chicken Tractor: The Permaculture Guide to Happy Hens and Healthy Soil by Andy Lee and Patricia Foreman, is brand-new edition of the classic 1998 book about why and how to keep your chickens moving.

Dark money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right, by Jane Mayer, is a thoroughly researched account of the careers of the Koch family and their influence on our government.

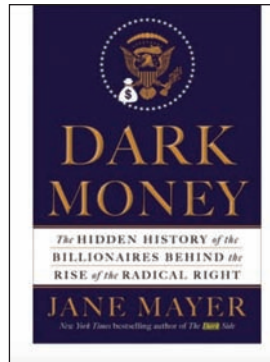
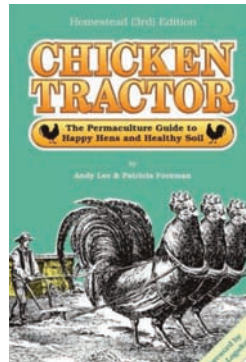
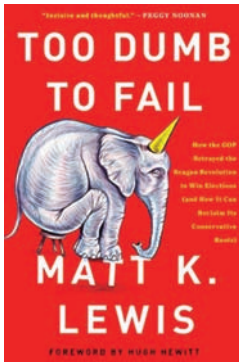
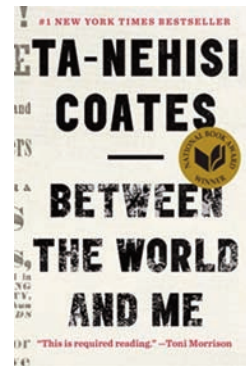
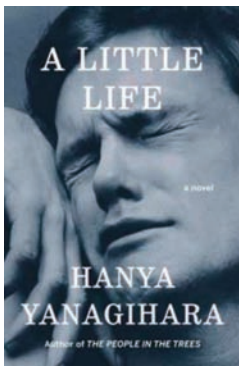
Coming Apart: The State of White America 1960-2010 by Charles Murray.

H is for Hawk is Englishwoman Helen MacDonald's profound description of her experiences and thoughts raising a young goshawk. *The New York Times* review begins with a quote from our neighbor Sy Montgomery.

Republic Lost: Version 2.0 by law professor Lawrence Lessig documents how the campaign finance system completely occupies the time, attention, and motivations of our Senators and Representatives, sabotaging the government that was intended by the founding fathers.

Fiction:

A Little Life by Yanagihara, Hanya
In Sunlight and in Shadow by Mark Helprin
My Brilliant Friend: Book One: Childhood, Adolescence by Elena Ferrante
Depraved Heart, a Scarpetta novel by Patricia Cornwell
Pretty Girls, a novel by Karen Slaughter
Under the Wide and Starry Sky, a novel by Nancy Horan
The Education of Little Tree by Forrest Carter
The Solomon Curse by Clive Cussler
Ashley Bell, a novel by Dean Koontz



Radiant Angel by Nelson DeMille
Wicked Prey by John Sandford

Fiction for Young Adults:

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians) by Rick Riordan
Con Academy by Joe Schreiber
Hello, Goodbye, and Everything In Between by Jennifer E. Smith

Children's Books:

Seeking the Wolf Tree by Natalie Cleavitt
Two White Rabbits by Jairo Buitrago
Alphabet School by Stephen T. Johnson
The X'ed-out X-ray by Ron Roy
We Forgot Brock! by Carter Goodrich

The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower, or John Howland's True Story by P. J. Lynch
The Fun Book of Scary Stuff by Emily Jenkins
Firefly Hollow by Alison McGhee

Community Quilt

Terri O'Rorke

The Richmond Quilters took a hiatus for a couple of months during the holiday season, but returned in February ready and invigorated to continue work on the community quilt.

We brought our 46 finished blocks. Janice showed us the additional 10 blocks she created using pictures of town buildings from antique post cards. She transferred them onto muslin fabric, which resulted in a delightful uniqueness to the finished project.

Next up, we need to get the correct dimensions of the wall space in the Veteran's Hall before we can

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actually plan the placement of the finished blocks. We are still leaning more towards long panels to be hung in between the windows, but that will depend on how many blocks we eventually end up with.

Contact any of the quilters if you would like to help; Janice 239-6015; Elaine 239-6575; Diana 239-4851; Louise 239-3353; Terri 239-4595; Sue 239-4005

RCUMC News

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Greeting to all from the Richmond Community United Methodist Church!

We are in the Lenten Season of 2016 which leads to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. It began with the Ash Wednesday service on February 10. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Special days during Lent include each Sunday leading up to Easter. Each of those Sundays is considered mini-Easters. On March 20 at 9 am, we will celebrate

Palm Sunday – the traditional day when Jesus entered Bethany on the outskirts of Jerusalem. People along the road laid down their garments and palm branches and celebrated that He was royalty, just like a king. We, too, will welcome Jesus on this special Sunday by parading with palm branches waving, celebrating His arrival, and welcoming Jesus into our hearts.

On March 24 at 7 pm we will celebrate Maundy Thursday with an evening service. Maundy Thursday, also known as "Holy Thursday," is the Thursday of Passion Week, one day before Good Friday (the Friday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday. First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples, and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper, also called Communion. Some Christian churches observe a special Communion service on Maundy Thursday in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. Second, Jesus washed the feet of the disciples as an act of humility and service, setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility.

Good Friday which is celebrated on March 25 as the day that Jesus was given up by one of His disciples. He was tried by the Sanhedrin, then taken to Pontius Pilate for judgment. Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial in the tomb followed. Many Christians spend this day in fasting, prayer, repentance, and meditation on the



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agony and suffering of Christ on the cross, as well as contemplating their own mortality.

Last, but certainly not the least of our Lenten journey, we will celebrate Easter on March 27 at 9 am at the Church. Easter is the festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by Romans at Calvary. Easter is the foundation of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the powerful Son of God.

Come join us at any or all of these special celebrations at 11 Fitzwilliam Road, just east of the Four Corners (junction of Routes 32 and 119). Come be blessed!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Parks and Recreation Commission

Join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, and enjoy free hot chocolate and donuts! Meet behind the Richmond Fire Station at 12 pm sharp Saturday March 19. We hope to see everyone there.

A Night to Remember, Honor and Celebrate

Kimberly Diemond

The 6th Annual Snow Ball Cancer Benefit will be held March 5 at The Marlborough House in Marlborough, New Hampshire.

A fun, inspiring event to remember, honor and celebrate all who have been affected by cancer. All proceeds benefit cancer patients and their families in the Monadnock Region. Dinner will be catered by Free Range Chick and Charcoal Charlie. Music by CJ the DJ; photography by Scott Hussey Photography; flowers by Embellish Floral Studio; light show by Robert Stark Lighting. Cash bar, raffles, and valet parking available. \$60 per person or book a table of 8 for \$450. Tickets can be purchased online at www.joysnetwork.org.

Joy's Network, a volunteer organization incorporated on January 20, 2010, honors the life and work of longtime Keene resident Joy Diamond Herrick. We provide care packages and financial assistance to cancer patients who are undergoing treatment, recovering from treatments, or receiving hospice care. We are 100% funded by the generous donations of local individuals and businesses. For more information contact Kimberley at 603-762-1800.

Out and About

John Boccalini

AREA MUSIC See **ONLINE Calendar at:** <http://www.monadnotes.com/calendar-of-events/>
Library: Weds. 10 am, Stories, finger-plays, snacks, crafts.

Tues. March 1, 1 pm: Spartacus presented by the Bolshoi Ballet. Peterborough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough. \$15 – 20.

Fri. March 4, 7 pm, Master dancer Neola Zareen will present Indian classical dance in the Kuchipudi tradition. Mariposa Museum and World Culture Center, 26 Main St. P'borough. \$5 – 10.

Sat. March 5, 1 pm, Met Live in HD: Manon Lescaut. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$15 – 25.

Sat. March 5, 1 pm, Met Live in HD: Manon Lescaut. Peterborough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Rd. P'borough. \$20 – 25

Sat. March 5, 5:30 – 10 pm, 6th Annual Snow Ball Cancer Benefit. The Marlborough House in Marlborough. Reservations www.joysnetwork.org.

Sat. March 5, 8 pm, Fran Santos, hypnotist. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$25

Sat. March 5, 8 pm, Music: Trout Fishing in America. Peterborough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Rd. P'borough. \$25/in advance; \$28/day of.

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Tues. March 8, 11 am – 7 pm, TOWN MEETING (1st Session). Elections of Town Officials and other ballot issues. Vet's Hall, Richmond. (See Selectmen's notes on page one.)

Thurs. Fri. and Sat. March 10, 11, and 12, 7:30 pm and Sat. March 12 at 2 pm Mary Poppins. Monadnock Regional High School, Swanzey. \$10.00.

Fri. March 11, 8 pm, Women of Ireland. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$38 – 52

Sat. March 12, 9 am, TOWN MEETING (2nd Session). Voting on the warrant, including the operating budget and other appropriations. (See Selectmen's notes on page one.)

Sun. March 13, 2 am, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. Set clock ahead one hour.

Fri. March 18, 8 pm, Garnet Rogers and Cattie Curtis presented by the Peterborough Folk Music Society. Peterborough Players Theater, 55 Hadley Rd. P'borough. \$22/in advance; \$25/day of.

Sat. March 19, noon, Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Richmond Fire Station

Sat. March 19, 8 pm, Big Voodoo Daddy. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$45-59

Tues March 22, 11 am – 1 pm, Cooking Class – Sunflowers Restaurant, 21 Main St. Jaffrey. \$57

Tues. March 22, 7 pm, Romeo and Juliet presented by Aquila Theater. Keene State College Redfern Arts Center, Wyman Way, Keene. 15-25

Fri March 25, 8 pm, Livingston Taylor, Tom Chapin and EVA. Colonial Theater, Keene. \$26-39

Fitzwilliam Inn


Spring Hours: Open Wednesday- Saturday at 4pm.

Wednesday is Pub Menu and Open Mic night.

Open Sundays for Brunch 10:30am-2pm.

March 12, 8 – 10 pm: Russ Knifing and Hailey Magee. Acoustic Classical Guitar and Originals. No Cover

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March 17, 7 – 9 pm: Paint and Take Third Thursday with Skylark- Paint a Celtic Welcome Sign \$30 All Materials included.

March 24, 6:30 – 9 pm: Reservations Required: Beer Pairing Dinner with the Able Ebenezer Brewing Company. 5 Course Dinner \$55 per person all inclusive.

March 26, 6 – 9 pm: Banish Misfortune – Traditional Irish Music. \$7cover, kids 1/2 price

Sunflowers Restaurant

21B Main St. Jaffrey – No cover, tips appreciated, reservations recommended!

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

Dinner (D) – Friday beginning at 6 pm

Fri Mar 4 (D): Walden Whitham, guitar, harp, flute, vocals

Sun Mar 6 (B): Ted Mann, guitar

Fri Mar 11 (D): Diane Ammons, piano

Sun Mar 13 (B): John Cucchi, guitar & vocals

Fri Mar 18 (D): The Grumbling Rustics, banjo, guitar

Sun Mar 20 (B): Judy Blake, Ken Hamshaw, guitar, vocals

Ongoing:

Tues 7:30 pm, Celtic Music. Harlow's Pub, P'borough

Wed. 7 pm, Open-Mic Night At The Fitzwilliam Inn.

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

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

“Dearest Enemy” Retells Revolutionary Legend

Frank Behrens

My deep thanks yet again to Video Artists International (VAI) for preserving on DVD musical comedies that were seen on television back in the 1950s. Since they

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remain in their catalogue, I should repeat my original reviews at least once a year for the sake of new readers.

Looking at the VAI website, I see that there is Cole Porter's "Kiss Me, Kate" from 1958, historically as well as entertainingly important thanks to Alfred Drake and Patricia Morrison in their original roles. There is Rodgers and Hart's "A Connecticut Yankee" from 1955 with Eddie Albert and Janet Blair. This was "live" television, mistakes and all. My favorite is the time when a knight's beaver kept falling over his eyes and he could barely open it on the third closing. I have been reporting on new entries in this series as they appear.

The most recent entries form a neat contrast to how the originals were handled. First of all, each show was allowed 77 minutes for the musical itself and a good deal of cutting had to be made. That is acceptable. Second, the picture and sound are obviously 1950-ish, far from the state of the art features of today's technology. That adds to the charm of watching these videos.

"Dearest Enemy" is a 1925 early effort by Rodgers and Hart that contained only one song that outlasted the original run, "Here in Your Arms," but the rest of the score is by no means inferior to most musicals of the times; and Larry Hart's clever rhymes show the promise of even cleverer ones to come. It was shown in 1955.

The cast has Cornelia Otis Skinner as Mrs. Murray, who became a legend when she delayed General Howe



from surprising George Washington by throwing a party; and Anne Jeffreys as Betsy, who distracted his second in command (played by Robert Sterling). Cyril Ritchard steals most of his scenes as a jolly and prancing Howe. The party is history, the rest is Broadway.

It is helpful that Jeffrey's operatic voice was nicely matched by Sterling, whose voice is strong enough to keep up with hers.

From what I could research, this television version seems very faithful to the original play, except (I suspect) for the framing device of having Howe and three other generals look back years later at how a bunch of lovely colonists lost the war for Britain.

And of course one can see the future hit tunes of Rodgers and Hart developing in this early collaboration, although it is still a far cry from their tradition-breaking "Pal Joey."



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A Short Story About a Little Porcupine

Jean Tandy

It was late September 2015 when I watched a small porcupine clamber up the small maple down slope south of my house. I watched it climb higher, higher, then curl into a two limb crotch to settle in. It may have been the one that stirred my cat into a rage one night near midnight.

A screaming cat, clawing at my glass door brought me running ...and there under light ...standing beneath my metal porcupine sculpture... guardian of my house through NH winds and nights, stood a very real small porcupine. Merely staring at the metal thing, it stood there, but it drove my cat quite mad. It was that meeting of cat and porcupine that raised my curiosity about these fascinating creatures that live among us in Richmond.

I found an amazing book. *Porcupines: The Animal Answer Guide* by Uldis Roze. This author's stories take us around the world meeting variations of our native porcupine. We're informed that baby porcupines are called porcupettes for female babies, and males will be called a porcupet – terms specific to porcupines like kitten is to cat, fawn to deer, or foal to the horse.

North American male porcupines do not live with nor care for their infant offspring nor do they live with the family group. The mother is the only caretaker of the young.

During fall mating season “a porcupine’s scream can slice like a siren through the night” or they will produce squawks at a high pitch when irritated or forced to share a winter den.

An African Folk Tale tells this tale...

“Friend porcupine,” rumbled the hippo, “I am worn out struggling with you while you don’t have a quill out of place. You are stronger than you look. Let us be friends!”

Forever after, the porcupine was happy to know that, despite his small size, the big animals respected him.

Porcupines exist around the world from South Africa to Tanzania and Congo River, North Africa, Italy, Turkey, Syria, Israel east to Kazakhstan, India, Sri Lanka, Southern China, and beyond, around Earth.

Maybe, if you’re lucky, you may hear a baby porcupette, or porcupet produce a soft “mmm” sound, calling for its mother, but should she fail to appear, in growing distress, it may cry like a human infant. But

in a “happier way” during nursing, the mother and baby porcupines will “sing” to each other, responding, “mother to infant.”

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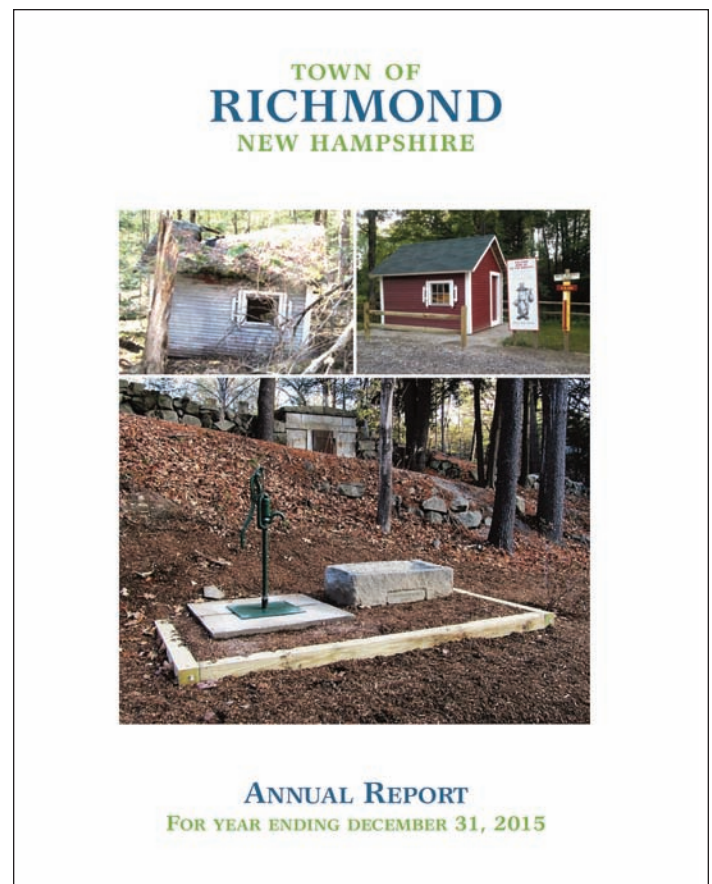
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An Irish Blessing

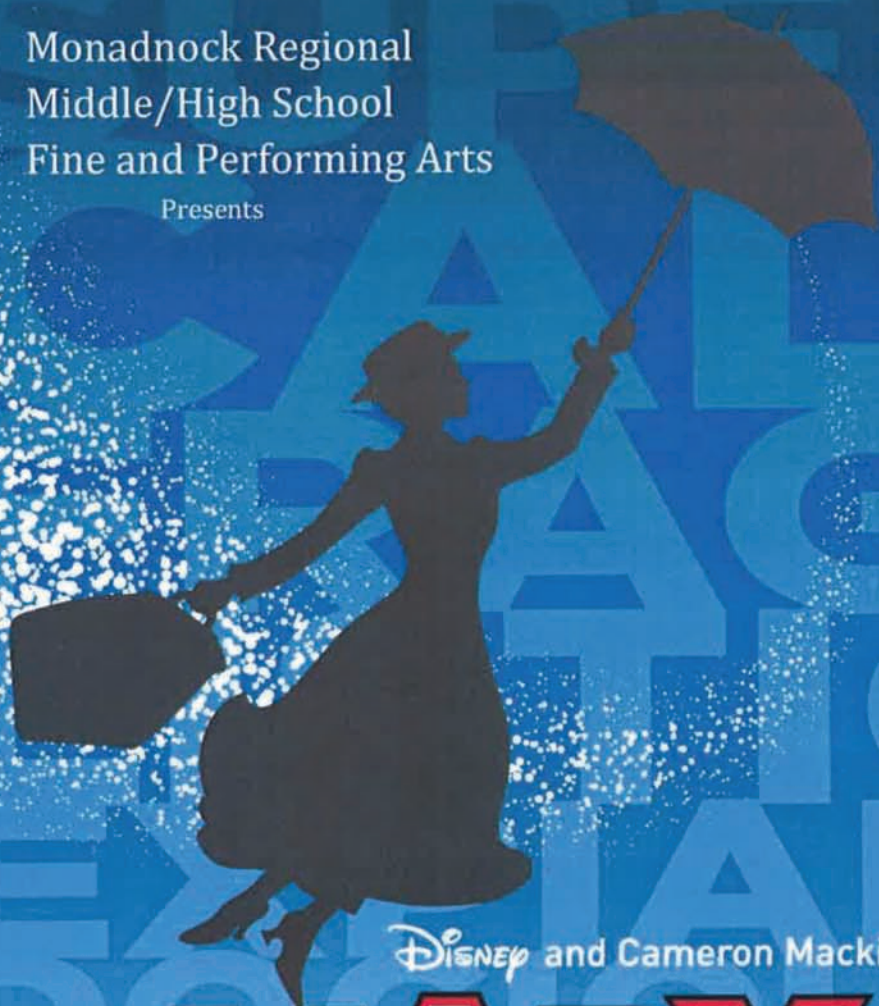
May luck be our companion
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May history remind us all
Of Ireland’s faith and pride.
May God bless us with happiness
May love and faith abide.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day,
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