



The Something to Crow About RICHMOND ROOSTER May 2016

Notes from the Selectmen

Selectman Assignments for coming year – Chris Daugherty as new Chair.

Our three Selectmen reassign responsibilities among themselves every year after the Town election. Chris Daugherty is now Chair. Carol Jameson is Welfare Administrator and Kathy McWhirk is the town representative on the Waste Management Committee.

Also in the Selectmen's Office are Heidi Wood, Town Administrator and Susan Harrington, Administrative Assistant. Our office hours and contact information are posted on the Town website, www.richmond.nh.gov.

Change in Selectmen Meeting Time – once a month, we will meet in the morning.

Meetings will continue to be at 5:30 Monday night for most weeks, except on the first week of every month, when we will meet on Tuesday morning at 9:30 am instead of the preceding Monday night. This accommodates residents who cannot make the usual evening time slot. Any changes in schedule are posted on the town website. The public is welcome to watch and get familiar with what we do. Make an appointment if you have an issue to discuss with us so that we can put you on the agenda, 239-4232.

Richmond hires Rick Van de Poll, certified Wetland Scientist, to do a field-based impact assessment of the proposed NED pipeline.

Richmond has hired a wetland scientist, Rick Van de Poll of Ecosystem Management Consultants, to do an impact assessment on the proposed pipeline route. This information will be used by the Town to apply for state wetland impact mitigation funds available to the Town if the pipeline is built. Although Kinder Morgan also estimates wetland impacts, the data from town-hired experts consistently show a higher area of impact, thereby entitling the Town to more mitigation funds from the state pool.

Since the assessment is field-based, we are asking permission from all land-owners on the proposed pipeline route to allow Rick Van de Poll to walk on their property for the purpose of conducting the assessment.

Please email permission for Rick Van de Poll to walk your property if you are on the pipeline route, sending a simple statement that you give this permission to Heidi Wood, Town Administrator at hwood@richmond.nh.gov. Email Heidi or call Carol Jameson at 917-533-2180 if you would like additional information.

The Latest from the Pipeline

On April 20, Kinder Morgan Inc. (KM) and its subsidiary, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. LLC (TGP) announced that they have “suspended further work and expenditures” on the Northeast Energy Direct pipeline.

According to the *Albany Times Union News* website, Tamara Young-Allen, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) spokeswoman in Washington, D.C., said there is no such status as “suspended” for pipeline applications. Under FERC rules, applications can only be amended or withdrawn, she said. In its media statement KM stated “Given these market conditions, continuing to develop the project is not an acceptable use of shareholder funds.”

This seems to be good news in that it promises the affected land owner a light at the *(continued on p.10)*

Town Clerk's Calendar

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Thu. May 26, 2016 Deadline to license dogs to avoid
late penalty fees
Mon. May 30, 2016 CLOSED for Memorial Day

Property Tax Relief

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

If you are single and earn \$20,000 or less or are married and earn \$40,000 or less, you may qualify for tax relief from the State of NH. The form (DP-8) can be found on the State website, www.revenue.nh.gov. They are also available at the Town Hall for anyone wishing to pick one up. The claim must be postmarked no later than June 30. Please call the clerk's office at 239-6202 for more information.

Library News

Paul Dobbbs

Museum Passes Now Available

The library now has museum passes to the Brattleboro Museum and the Mariposa Museum in Peterborough. Richmond residents can check out the passes for a day or two and they enable adults and children to visit those museums for free.

Mark Your Calendar: June 18

Parks and Recreation Committee will host its Tie-Die Party to Kick off Summer Reading Program, June 18 at 1:00 pm in the Pavilion. Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, and Tie-Dying, and registration for the The Library's Summer Reading Program that will start the following Wednesday.

Visit the Library web site for more details at <https://sites.google.com/a/richmondnh.us/library>

Map Presentation

On April 5, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Camp Takodah, Richmond Historical Society President Jerry Mills and Alice M. Dickinson presented to Camp Takodah a digitally reproduced and enhanced copy of the 1907 Harold Dickinson map of Richmond.

Harold Dickinson was one of the original incorporators of Camp Takodah who had a lifelong devotion to the Camp and to the Town of Richmond. The map was drawn by Mr. Dickinson at the age of 17 incorporating the natural and man-made features of the Richmond that he knew then.



Shown in the photo is Ryan Reed of Camp Takodah, Jerry Mills of the Richmond Historical Society, and Alice Dickinson.

Harold J. Dickinson was born in West Swanzey and moved to Richmond at the age of seven. Throughout his long life, Mr. Dickinson contributed greatly to the community spirit and advancement of his beloved Richmond. Years later in 1962, he published *Gaskill's Haven*. It is an adoring portrait of the early settlers of Richmond and the lives they led carving the Town of Richmond out of the forest. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of *Gaskill's Haven* can contact Jerry Mills at 239-8807.

This gift from Richard A. and Alice M. Dickinson together with the Richmond Historical Society was presented to Ryan Reed, Camp Director of Camp Takodah. A map was also presented to Carol Jameson, Selectman for the Town of Richmond, to be displayed at the Town Hall at a future date.

Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

I Found a FREE One – Social Worker for Help With Drugs at the High School

One of my volunteer jobs is helping out at Monadnock United Way (MUW). My reward for helping was being invited (along with my wife Elaine) to their annual awards get together on March 31, 2016. By happenstance I met Dr. Gary Barnes, a clinical psychologist who is Executive and Clinical Director of MAPS*.

I provided a link below to the video of an interview with Dr. Barnes explaining MAPS. Anyway, MAPS is an existing mental health resource that is already working in Conval and Conant school systems that are in our

area. There is no charge to the schools. I passed the info to Troy Kennet, our Director of Student Services. Let's hope he makes it happen. MAPS would be so much better than the school district hiring an individual since MAPS has so much more flexibility in its offerings.

Creative Funding Discussion from Superintendent

In MRSD's 2016 Winter Newsletter, Ms. Witte states** "The District's increase in per-pupil (extra punctuation is hers) costs over the last five years is less than half of the overall State's increase (\$759 per student in the District vs. \$1,600 per student in the State)."

That may be true, but let me point out that we are spending \$1,600 more per pupil than the State average. It is as though you see a school bus going by with 20 kids on it, then pretend you see it towing a brand new Lexus behind it. At the end of the year you throw away the Lexus, and buy a new one to tow for the next year.

The number of students declined by 255 in five years; while our school budget increased by \$16,000, not counting the \$1.1million plus a year we put into the schools, subsidized Before and After school programs, etc.

Thanks for reading my article. If you have thoughts, ideas, or questions, you can 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.

*<http://mapsnh.org/about/maps-our-mission-a-video-presentation>

**Page 12, last column of her article. Note: I assumed she measured 2010 to 2015/16 for five years.

*** Population Oct 1, 2010 = 1961students

population Oct 1, 2015 = 1706.

2010 Operating Budget = \$31,694,597;

2015 Operating Budget = \$31,710,655



RCUMC

Pastor Arnie Johnson

Good May to all!

The members of the Richmond Community United Methodist Church, along with many of our friends and neighbors, mourned the loss of one of our most loved members, Richard "Dick" Dickinson. Dick's life was celebrated on March 16 at the Church with Rev. Ann Nelson, a previous minister at the church, and Pastor Arnie Johnson presiding at the service. The church was filled with many who wished to be part of the remembrance. Following the service, Dick's casket was placed on a horse-drawn wagon and took one last trip through YMCA Camp Takodah which was developed by Dick's father, Harold, and others. He will definitely be missed. A well-attended reception at the Camp followed the service.

During the month of March, the Richmond Community Church also celebrated the Holy Days of Lent with services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday.

April 24 brought Gene Gould, guest preacher while Pastor Arnie Johnson was at a UMC school.

We look forward to May with a special Sunday celebration for Mother's Day on the 8th, Lay Leader Bev Hart, guest preacher on the 15th while Pastor Arnie is at

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school, and celebrations of Trinity Sunday on the 22nd and Memorial Sunday on the 29th.

All are welcome at any of our services which start at 9 am on Sundays. Sunday School is available for the young. We are located at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. (Rt. 119) just east of the junction of Routes 32 and 119 in Richmond. You can also find us on FaceBook.

Destination Imagination Team Recognized

Neil Moriarty

Monadnock Regional High School's team was recognized with the Torchbearer Award for funds collected and for their efforts in signing up bone marrow donors. Congratulations to Ashley Tomer and her team.

April Update

Jim McConnell – State Representative
Cheshire 12 – Richmond and Swanzey

Concord's been a busy place with House bills going to the Senate and Senate bills coming to the House. I've been busy testifying for my bills and testifying against bills I want to kill.

HB 1181, which I submitted at the request of the Richmond Cemetery Trustees, permits the designation of an Alternate Cemetery Trustee. Having passed the House and passed unanimously out of the Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee, it is on the Consent Calendar and expected to be on its way to the Governor for her signature by the time this is read.

HB 1147, another of my bills which has passed the House and which is of particular interest to Richmond, requires the Department of Resources and Economic Development to annually report on the total federal land holdings within the state and the federal land holdings within individual towns. Since 1935, New Hampshire has placed a cap on federal landholdings to ensure that the state doesn't lose taxable land to the federal govern-

ment at the expense of the remaining residents. This bill ensures that New Hampshire can monitor federal property acquisitions to ensure compliance with RSA 121:6, which limits the federal government's ownership of property in New Hampshire to 2% of the state's land area, excluding the White Mountains National Forest and 5% of any city or town's total assessed valuation. These limitations do not appear to have been enforced for eighty years and many of the towns that have already seen their land taken by the federal government have been unhappy with the resulting tax increases and federal control of their towns.


The Silvio O. Conti National Wildlife Refuge seeks to eventually consist of the entire Connecticut River Watershed, including Richmond. The Fish and Wildlife Service has accumulated numerous properties in the northern part of the state and now seeks to acquire property in the southern part of the state, including either 3,016 or 8,545 acres of Sprague Brook, depending on the acquisition alternative they choose to pursue. These purchases would be only the beginning.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has indicated that it attempts to work with willing sellers. Testimony before the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee, however, to which I'm assigned, has indicated they have landlocked at least one elderly property owner who is now only able to reach his property by boat, which reduces his property's value and facilitates acquisition. Refuge Revenue Sharing Payments, which the Fish and Wildlife Service promises will lessen the economic hardship on towns and counties within the Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge in northern New Hampshire and Maine, are currently funded at levels far below those promised. In FY 2012, for example, payments were at 21% of the full payment level. This hardship inflicted on the towns also decreases property values and facilitates acquisition.

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HB 1148, which requires the Public Utility Commission to determine whether any pipeline capacity contract with a term of more than one year is in the public interest. This bill, while not prohibiting charges to electric rate-payers for the construction of a high pressure gas pipeline with the same certainty as HB 1101, which was Interim Studied, still increases the pressure on the PUC to make the pipeline companies pay for their own pipelines.

The Maplewood Subcommittee has scheduled what many of us hope will be our last meeting before the public hearings, which will be reminiscent of the hearings held by the Green House proponents eighteen months ago. The cost of either refurbishing Maplewood or building a new facility continues to climb. This will be an important decision and public input is important.

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.

NED Pipeline Impact Assessment Project Summary of Need

Rick Van de Poll

The Town of Richmond desires to have an office and field-based impact assessment of the proposed Northeast Direct (NED) pipeline route proposed by Kinder Morgan's Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGL). The stated goals of this project include the following:

- Review the maps filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that indicate the proposed route of the pipeline and determine its location using computer map (GIS) data;
- Review the FERC maps to calculate what TGL estimates to be their impacts to wetlands and surface waters;
- Conduct a map and field-based impact assessment of all proposed temporary and permanent crossings of wetlands and surface waters; and
- Work with the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, and the Planning Board to provide pertinent and timely responses to TGL's proposal both at the state and federal level

The current proposed route of the NED pipeline traverses the north part of Richmond in a "co-location" fashion, that is, it parallels an existing utility right-of-way (ROW) for the entire 6.08 miles. From west to east, this pipeline enters from Winchester near the end of Stone Mountain Road, crosses the northern edge of Yale University's Goss Forest, passes through Taylor Hill Road, crosses Martin Brook Road and then Fish Hatchery Road, and then heads slightly northeasterly as it traverses the northwest corner of Rhododendron State Park before entering Fitzwilliam.

The pipeline will cross three different major watersheds, the Lower Ashuelot, the Middle Ashuelot, and the Lower Millers River. It will cross at least 12 perennial streams, including Brickyard Brook, Tilsey Brook, and Rice Brook. Based on remote data sources, it will also cross 16.95 acres of hydric soils, most of which are forested swamps associated with these drainageways. That said, it does not appear to cross any National Wetland Inventory (NWI) wetlands, and yet there are probably a large number of wetlands – and certainly more than five, that will be impacted by the digging of a 10-foot wide trench and the laying down of a 30-inch diameter steel pipeline.

It is for the latter reason that this project was sponsored by the Richmond Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission, that is, to perform an independent review of the wetland and surface water impacts based on actual, on-the-ground information. Your cooperation in allowing the town to accurately assess the true impacts of this pipeline will help immeasurably in the long-term financial and environmental health of the community.

A Gift of Gab

Sue Merrifield

I have an anecdote about Dick Dickinson illustrating his friendly, outgoing personality and his gift of gab.

A few years ago, before the Dickinsons sold their home in Merrimack, my daughter who lives in Merrimack was shopping in the local Shaws with her toddler in the shopping cart. Dick stopped and remarked how beautiful her baby was and struck up a conversation. Dick mentioned that he was from Richmond and Jen, surprised, told him she grew up in Richmond also and that her parents still live here. Upon comparing notes they both discovered that we were indeed next door neighbors. Jen had moved away after college prior to

the Dickinsons moving back to town, and had never met them. She called me later that day, impressed that a stranger would stop and initiate a conversation in a busy grocery store, and that stranger turned out to be our neighbor!

Cass Farm

Jennifer Carroll

Examine the 1880 probate record of Richmond resident Ahaz Cass and one only has to imagine the daily life of a farmer who was a fifth generation Cass in town. Agricultural outbuildings, tools, and equipment provided Cass with the means to grow corn, potatoes, pumpkins, beets, carrots, turnips, beans, Indian wheat, apples, and hay. His livestock consisted of horses, cows, hogs, hens, and sheep. The variety of equipment he had on hand illustrates the year-round nature of farm life – scythes and sickles, plows and cultivators, stone tools, carpentry tools, sugaring equipment, and a grindstone. Son Lewis Cass would continue the family's farm traditions for the next 43 years. Their agricultural traditions were not unique, but were one story among thousands in the Monadnock region.

Farming in Richmond has changed considerably in the past 300 years. The lasting impression of agriculture in our community is evident in the stone walls, historic barns and outbuildings, and the landscape.

Native Americans farmed the land here for generations before the first European settlers arrived in the 1730s. From the subsistence farms of the 18th century, farmers in Cheshire County eventually specialized in sheep, poultry, tobacco, dairy, organic farming, and a variety of other agricultural undertakings.

The Historical Society of Cheshire County is sharing the story of agricultural pursuits in the region in its current exhibit *In the Far Pasture: 300 Years of Agriculture in Cheshire County*. Hundreds of artifacts, photographs,

and documents are used to tell this fascinating story from its early history to the present day. *In the Far Pasture* will be on view at the Historical Society at 246 Main Street in Keene through Wednesday, June 15th during normal business hours. For more information visit www.hsccnh.org or call 603/352-1895.

Fond memories of Dick

Sandy Holbrook

Our love for horses was a common denominator when our friendship between the Dickinsons began. This friendship grew over the years on many different levels as we became involved in various organizations. But most significant of memories I will cherish of Dick were the countless days sitting on the front porch with Dick and Alice listening tentatively to the many stories of yesterday. I could tell by the twinkle in his eyes that Alice may not have approved of his next story, but it got told anyway.

I feel blessed to have passed Mechanics 101 under his tutelage, and he never missed an opportunity to remind me of how important air, spark and “fuel” are to making an engine run – especially fuel! We had differences on many subjects, but nonetheless the bantering between us was always good natured as that is just who Dick was. Yes, I will miss him greatly, but will always reflect fondly on all the good times I was honored to have shared with him and Alice.

Fitzwilliam Garden Club Looking For New Members

Terri Robbitts

Do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to start a garden but don't know where to start? Or do you want to make changes to your existing gardens but don't know what to do? You do not need to live in Fitzwilliam to join.

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There is always something new to learn about gardening, new people to meet and plants to share and buy to support our programs.

If you are interested, please contact Terri at 585-6510 or Diane at 242-6061. We look forward to talking with you to answer any questions you might have.

Dick Dickenson, Gardening Mentor

Theresa Majoy

When Dick and I met, we were enjoying a lovely dinner at the JEF Craig Dining Hall at Camp Takodah. We were there because we volunteered on a Camp Takodah Board but had not previously met.

During the evening we were getting to know more about each other and discovered that we both liked gardening, raising animals, and being outdoors. My gardening experience was limited and my knowledge minimal. Dick gave me a few rules to garden by. One was that “it is time to plant the potatoes when the leaves on the maple trees are the size of a mouse’s ears.” I have used that rule with astonishing success for many years now.

Another Dick gardening rule is that a “real New Englander has peas by the Fourth of July.” This rule became our talking point at every subsequent encounter. In fact, as time went on, it became my nickname. “Hi, Dick and Alice, it’s me, Peas By The Fourth of July.” We measured my success at achieving that goal annually. At some point, I began planting the peas in the fall when garlic is planted and, with a heavy mulch, we had peas by Father’s Day. Dick was delighted.

Undoubtedly Dick and Alice would be glad to know that the garden wisdom is still used today, and that it has been passed along to *Rooster* readers.

Dick’s legacy is, no doubt, much deeper and broader than this little anecdote, but I think he must have built it one person at a time. I’m thankful to have been one of the people enlightened by Dick’s experience and knowledge.

You Need Help With Something?

Neil Moriarty

Dialing 211 on your phone will connect you to someone who will help you locate an agency that will help with

your problem. Your problem can be anything from tax problems to help with getting furniture. Want to find the help yourself? Going to the website www.211nh.org lists just about anything you could possibly want in the area of assistance provided in New Hampshire.

A Best Friend

Pat and Joe Tonweber

Our fondest memories of Dick are embraced with his gift of infectious laughter. A consummate storyteller and jokester, there was never a dull moment in our times shared with him. Dick was a man to be admired for his love and devotion to his beautiful wife Alice, a family of heritage, horses and dogs, church, God and country, creatures of nature, his fellow man, and homemade blueberry pie. His business acumen was much appreciated when called upon for advice with power equipment and tools. Whether sharing a church pew or take-out meal from a baked bean supper, conversation was always easy and good natured.

The friendship we’ve shared with Dick and Alice has vastly enriched our lives. Dick used to say he couldn’t carry a tune in a bucket, but we know for sure that, in his heavenly home, he’s acquired the voice of an angel. We treasure the memories.

Non-Violent Direct Action Training

Winchester Town Hall Saturday, May 7th

We hope to gather as many local pipeline opponents as possible who are interested in active participation.

- Participate in upcoming No Pipeline and Democracy demonstrations.
- Interactive group training for actions: Basic tenets of civil disobedience, non-violent direct action, practice scenarios, de-escalating hostilities, purpose and role of affinity groups and consensus decision making.
- You can be active without risking arrest. For those who may choose to risk arrest, we discuss possible legal outcomes.

Thanks to the Sugar Shack Alliance for sending trainers! Manuals and handouts are given at the training.

The workshop is free, but a donation for the time of the two trainers and their gasoline is appreciated.

Just sign up online and show up! Limited space available. We're already more than 1/2 full! REGISTER NOW!

Annual Richmond Egg Hunt

Karen Daugherty

The Easter Egg Hunt was divided into two different areas this year. One area for kids up to age 4, and the other, for kids ages 5 and up. The younger tots took their time and selected eggs at their own pace, while the older group raced to see how many they could get in the shortest amount of time. When all the eggs had been snatched



up, everyone headed over to the Pavilion for donuts and hot chocolate. As residents socialized and snacked, volunteers put out more eggs. Much to the children's surprise and delight, there was a bonus round! Thanks to everyone who helped out and participated!

Winchester-Richmond Weekly Pipeline Vigils

Sundays, 12:00-1:30 pm, beginning May 1.

With the warmer temperatures, we're ready to resume our weekly vigil. We meet with our signs at the corner of Routes 119 and 10 in front of the Winchester Town Hall. See you there!

Winchester's bi-monthly drop in sessions are every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 5:00 -7:00 pm at the Winchester Town Hall. Have questions? Come by!

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Mr. Dickinson

Terri O'Rorke

Dick Dickinson was full of stories. Not the made up kind, but stories about his life in Richmond, in Merrimack, then back in Richmond. A full circle. These stories were always told with a twinkle in his eyes and a slight smile as he awaited a reaction. And he always got an unexpected reaction from me! "C'mon," I'd goad him, "that can't be true." And we'd go back and forth for awhile, just enjoying a moment in time – he, telling his stories and me, delighted to hear every word.

A lot of his stories were about Richmond, the town he loved. I shall miss those historical stories, that twinkle, and always, a good laugh! I feel fortunate to have walked, however briefly, through the path of Dick's life journey.

Request

Sandee Auvil and Noah Raymond

Noah would like to request Richmond residents look through any of their old magazines before recycling them. Noah would be interested in any of the following magazines: Oprah, Real Simple, and, or Food Network magazines. The magazines are very important to Noah. The magazines help Noah to regulate his sensory needs. Noah has always needed to have something to hold, but magazines provide feedback that other objects do not provide.

Currently we go to the various libraries and request their old magazines, but they do not always have old magazines to donate.

If you do have those magazines, please drop them off at the library for Noah. He would appreciate you taking the time to recycle them. Thank you so much.

Troy-Fitzwilliam Weekly Pipeline Vigils

Volunteers are needed to organize a 1- or 2-hour weekly vigil in Fitzwilliam and Troy at the corner of Routes 119 and 12, at the Troy Common (circle), or alternating between both. Suggested times are 10-12 or 10-11 am on Saturday mornings! We can help you organize!

Smile of Forever

Love, Pete Majoy

Our life as residents of Richmond for close to thirty years was filled with so many wonderful blessings, one of which was Dick Dickinson.

Of all the terrific memories we have of him, one stands out that filled my heart and soul with a sense of peace and thankfulness. It was his smile, one that I still see within my mind's eye. Dick's friendly smile communicated a loving embrace of our family and I know of many others, too. As I look within my heart space and gaze simultaneously at the world around me, I respond to his continued presence with a smile of forever.

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Pipeline (continued from page.1) end of the tunnel.

According to KM spokesman, Richard Wheatly, KM was “not planning to proceed with the project as currently configured” and it was “unlikely” the suspension would be lifted. However, he said, the company will “continue to work with customers to explore alternative solutions to address their needs.”

Note all Richmond residents: After an application is withdrawn, a new application can still be filed. Vigilance must be maintained until Kinder Morgan withdraws its application from the (FERC) completely.

It also seems to be good news for all those vehemently involved in the grassroots pipeline opposition giving those organizations some time, a chance to rest, take a breath, reflect on what’s happened so far and what to do next. Hopefully their efforts will continue and will be ready should KM and TGP decide to pick

up where they left off.

The Municipal Coalition still has intervener status in several hearings and is involved with various legal fronts and will continue to develop steps that can be taken to move the “suspension” to a more complete ending of the pipeline project.

The suspension will allow pipeline opponents to keep political pressure on our Federal and NH House and Senate representatives, our Governor, and agencies that make decisions on project impacts. Since this is an election year we now have more time to vet those seeking those elected positions as to their stance and concerns about the NED project.

By no means should we feel the fight is over. KM has merely called for a one-sided cease fire and can come back at any time. On April 22, 2016 TGP sent a



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filing to FERC in which it explained: “The Application remains pending before the Commission. As a result of inadequate capacity commitments from prospective customers and a determination that the Project is uneconomic, Kinder Morgan, Inc. Tennessee’s parent company, announced on April 20, 2016 that the company would suspend further work and expenditures on the Project. At this time, Tennessee is in the process of determining how best to proceed consistent with existing contracts. As a result, Tennessee respectfully requests that the Commission not take any further action in processing the Application, pending Tennessee submitting a status report to the Commission no later than May 26, 2016.”

Keep your “no pipeline” road signs up to remind KM they should have shown the same respect for all those affected by the pipeline, as they did for its share holders, when they first saw that New Hampshire, New York, and Massachusetts felt the project “was not an acceptable use of resident’s funds” or the negative impact it would have on the environment around the pipeline.

The battle is far from over. Until Kinder Morgan formally “withdraws” its application for the pipeline, our efforts must continue. Keep your “no pipeline” road signs up and work with the multi-town coalition to keep the pressure on Kinder Morgan and FERC. We’ve seen how devious are the tactics of the pro-pipeline forces and we should not delude ourselves that the end we seek is yet in sight.





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Neil Moriarty

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Name	Award	School
Rebecca Adams	Mar. Recogn. Award	Emerson
Abigail Daugherty	Dec. Recogn. Award	Emerson
Aderyn Daugherty	Principal's List	Cutler
Casey Jette	Dec. Recogn. Award	Emerson
Alexandra Potts	Feb. Recogn. Award	Emerson
Eli Richardson	Dec. Recogn. Award	Emerson
Eli Richardson	2nd Principal's List	Emerson
Gabrielle Schmidt	Honor Roll 2nd Tri.	Emerson
Bridget Van Valzah	Principal's List	Cutler

Congratulations to one and all!

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Fitzwilliam Inn

Sat. May 7, 8-10pm Evan Foisy Acoustic Guitar.

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Sun. May 8, 11am-2pm Mother's Day Brunch.

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Sat. May 14, 12:30-2:30pm Medium Bonnie Page.

\$20 Reservations requested

Sat. May 21, 7:30-9pm Chris Ekblom Songwriter/Storyteller. No cover

Sun. May 22, 3pm Beer, Bands and BBQ Kickoff

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Richmond's Middle/High School Third Quarter Honors

Neil Moriarty

These students made honors at Monadnock.

Name	Honor	School
Melody Ayotte	Honors	Middle
Hayden Budzik	Honors	Middle
Jamia Camuso	Honors	High
Dylan Cashman	Honors	Middle
Annika Jayne	Honors	Middle
Whitney Maynard	HIGH Honors	Middle
Johnathan Monson	Honors	High
Madison Pearsall	Honors	High
Aurora Perry	Honors	Middle
Cassidy Purrington	HIGH Honors	Middle
Noah Raymond	Honors	High
Breanne Swanson	HIGH Honors	High
Delaney Swanson	HIGH Honors	Middle
Alicia Thayer	Honors	High
Anthony Tomer	Honors	Middle

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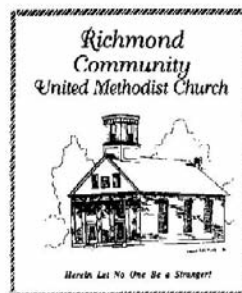
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Terri O'Rorke

"God could not be everywhere and therefore He made mothers."
— Rudyard Kipling 1865 – 1936

Happy Mother's Day all you Richmond moms!

Town Business Hours

105 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond NH 03470

Board of Selectmen:

Chris Daugherty, Carol Jameson, Kathy McWhirk

Mon. 9 AM – 12 PM, 3 – 7 PM, 5:30 – 7 PM for business
7 PM – ? for public concerns)

Tues. 9-12 (Selectmen meet first Tuesday ONLY)

Wed. 9 AM – 1 PM, Thurs. 9 AM – 1 PM (unless posted)

Town Administrator: Heidi Wood

Assistant Town Administrator: Susan Harrington

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. 9 AM – 12 NOON

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

Planning Board:

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. Paul Dobbs, Librarian

Tues. 3 PM – 7 PM, Wed. 9 AM – 12 NOON

Thurs. 3 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

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Town Clerk – 239-6202

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Road Agent: Mark Beal – 903-2184

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