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# **Something to Crow About** **RICHMOND ROOSTER**

December 2016

## **Richmond Community Forum Part 3 RCDA**

The Richmond Community Development Association (RDCA) invites all Richmond residents to participate in a Visioning Session on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 10 am at the Richmond Veterans Hall to explore the revitalization of a Richmond Village Store. Through Southwest Regional Planning Commission, the Town has received a grant to complete a feasibility study for re-establishing a village store on the site formerly occupied by a village store.

The feasibility study is being conducted on behalf of the Town by Catlin & Petrovick Architects of Keene who have conducted hundreds of similar studies for a variety of public and private project types throughout New England. The goal of this process and the final report is to provide the Town with a strategic plan, including a business plan, to again enjoy a full service village store including fuel, in town.

The purpose of the visioning session is to bring people together to discover the values and vision of the community. The session will look at the community's

# **FOUR CORNERS**

## **A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION**

# **FUTURE**

## **AND PRESENTATION**

## **DEC. 3, 10 AM - NOON**

role in the region, how changes in the region are affecting the community, and more. Based on information gathered at this meeting along with information gathered in past surveys, the architects will prepare a report detailing a viable business plan for establishing a new store in the village center.

## **Notes from the Select Board**

### **New Rooster Column from the Selectmen**

Send in your questions.

### **Tax Rate Set – Taxes due December 7**

Richmond's tax rate has been set at \$28.19 per thousand allocated as follows: local school tax: \$14.67; state education tax: 2.37; county tax: 3.63 and town tax: 7.52.

**Taxes are due on December 7. Please pay on or before the due date – there is a hefty penalty on late payments. Interest starts at 12% and rapidly rises to 18% once the lien process begins.**

This year's rate is less than last year, decreased by 16 cents per thousand.

### **Annual Town Budget Process Underway**

The Selectmen are in the process of putting together the town budget for presentation at Town Meeting in March. There will be a pre-warrant public hearing explaining the budget in January or February. We will announce the date in advance and ask everyone to please plan to attend so that you can be informed and provide meaningful input before you cast your vote in March.

Residents have an opportunity to present petitioned warrant articles for consideration at Town Meeting by following the process outlined in NH state statutes. This process requires that the petitioned article be presented to the selectmen in advance, supported by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters. More on this in next month's issue of the Rooster.

## **The General Election**

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town of Richmond held the NH General Election on November 8, 2016. The morning started out with a line of expectant voters, several of whom registered to vote that day. During that first hour and twenty minutes, over 100 voters cast ballots. If this pace had been maintained throughout the day, about 850 people would have voted by the closing of the polls at 7:00 pm. Instead, the flow of voters slowed somewhat. In the end, turnout

was comparable to the previous two General Elections at which the office of President of the United States was on the ballot. Votes cast were 682, 697, and 693 for 2016, 2012 and 2008, respectively. This translates to a voter turnout of 79%, 82%, and 82%, again for the years 2016, 2012, and 2008 respectively.

Throughout the day, the Election went smoothly. Waiting time was minimal, although voting was interrupted several times from 10:00 am through 1:00 pm while the absentee ballots were processed. I would like to thank those voters who waited during this time. Moderator Walden Whitham did his utmost in exercising judgment to balance the processing of this quantity of ballots while keeping a watchful eye on the number of voters who waited to vote.

A whole lot of preparation, education, and time is dedicated to the running of any election. Everyone who worked at the polls put their best effort into their time spent. To Sandy Laughner and Susan Roney – a huge thank you as this was your first time setting up the polling place and with only a key and a sketch to guide you. For the accuracy of the check-in checklist, I would like to thank the ballot clerks for their diligent work, who, each and every one of them, worked as a team. To the Supervisors of the Checklist, who registered nearly 50 voters that day – the accuracy of your work was confirmed after you spent hours the day after the election entering election activity and cross-checking with my worksheets. To Moderator Walden Whitham, who, as always, oversaw the entire day with knowledge, professionalism, equanimity, and respect for all. To the other poll workers, whose assistance was invaluable. To the Selectmen, who provided nourishment for everyone who worked that day and who were present throughout the election and post-election. And, last, but not least, to the people who counted the 682 ballots. To be focused and attentive, to handle ballot after ballot, to count over and over again, all while the clock ticks away and bedtime has come and gone, Walden and I send out a big thank you.

And finally, in spite of the long and oftentimes tumultuous campaigning leading up to Election Day, the people of Richmond exhibited their better selves on November 8. There were no incidents that required moderator or police intervention. There was no story worth being printed in the newspaper that might have raised eyebrows. There was only the orderly conduct of the NH General Election in the Town of Richmond.

I am thankful and proud to be a part of this community.

### Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

December 26, 2016 CLOSED for Christmas Break

January 1, 2017 OPEN normal hours

### What? Another Election? Already?

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town Election will be upon us before you know it (March 14!). Would you like to participate in your community by running for any of the following offices?

One Cemetery Trustee, 3-year term

One Library Trustee, 1-year term

One Library Trustee, 3-year term

Two Planning Board, 3-year term

One Selectman, 3-year term

One Supervisor of the Checklist, 5-year term

One Trustee of Trust Funds, 3-year term

If your answer is yes, please come to the town clerk's office during the filing period. The filing period begins January 25, 2017 and ends February 3, 2017. The office will be open on Friday, February 3, 2017 from 3 – 5 pm for declarations of candidacy purposes only. You must be a Richmond resident and a registered voter in order to run for a town office.

Please call 239-6202 or stop by the office if you have any questions.

### GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

240	End-of-day registered Republican voters on checklist
153	End-of-day registered Democratic voters on checklist
466	End-of-day registered Undeclared voters on checklist
859	TOTAL voters on checklist
632	Ballots cast by Election Day voters
50	Ballots cast by absentee voters
682	Total ballots cast
79%	of voters voting on Election Day
49	Voters who registered to vote on Election Day

### Candidates for President and Vice President of the United States

357	Donald J Trump, Michael R. Pence (Rep)
269	Hillary Clinton, Tim Kaine (Dem)

34	Gary Johnson, Bill Weld (Lib)
5	Jill Stein, Ajamu Baraka (Green)
0	Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente, Michael Steinberg (American Delta)
3	Write-In: Sanders
2	Write-In: Travis Nichols
2	Write-In: Mike Pence
1	Write-In: Kasich
1	Write-In: John McCain
1	Write-In: Evan McMullen
1	Write-In: Ben Carson
1	Fictional/Non-Existent
5	Over/Under Votes
<b>682</b>	<b>TOTAL Votes</b>

### Candidates for Governor:

324	Chris Sununu (Rep)
268	Colin Van Ostern (Dem)
52	Max Abramson (Lib)
7	Write-In: Edelblut
2	Write-In: Ted Gatsas
1	Write-In: Mike Gill
1	Write-In: Travis Nichols
1	Write-In: Berman
26	Over/Under Votes
<b>682</b>	<b>TOTAL votes</b>

### Candidates for US Senator:

341	Kelly Ayotte (Rep)
279	Maggie Hassan (Dem)
27	Brian Chabot (Lib)
16	Aaron Day (Ind)
2	Write-In: Carbone
1	Write-In: Jim McConnell
1	Write-In: Travis Nichols
15	Over/Under Votes
<b>682</b>	<b>TOTAL votes</b>

### Candidates for Representative in Congress:

327	Jim Lawrence (Rep)
271	Ann McLane Kuster (Dem)
46	John J. Babiarez (Ind)
1	Write-In: Jim McConnell
37	Over/Under Votes
<b>682</b>	<b>TOTAL votes</b>

**Candidates for Executive Councilor:**

360 Dave Wheeler (Rep)  
 252 Dan Weeks (Dem)  
 70 Over/Under Votes  
**682 TOTAL votes**

**Candidates for State Senator:**

344 Andy Sanborn (Rep)  
 275 Lee C. Nyquist (Dem)  
 1 Write-In: Jeanne Dietsch  
 1 Nonexistent/Fictional  
 61 Over/Under Votes  
**682 TOTAL votes**

**Candidates for State Representatives****Cheshire District 12:**

370 Jim McConnell (Rep)  
 303 Richard Sainsbury (Rep)  
 222 Barry Faulkner (Dem)  
 192 Miguel Picanco (Dem)  
 277 Over/Under Votes  
**1364 TOTAL votes**

**Candidates for State Representative****Cheshire District 15:**

315 Stephen K. Malone (Rep)  
 280 Bruce L. Tatro (Dem)  
 87 Over/Under Votes  
**682 TOTAL votes**

**Candidates for Sheriff:**

376 Earl D. Nelson (Rep)  
 249 Eli Rivera (Dem)  
 1 Write-In: Travis Nichols  
 56 Over/Under Votes  
**682 TOTAL votes**

**Candidates for County Attorney:**

371 D. Chris McLaughlin (Dem)  
 1 Write-In: K Lane  
 310 Over/Under Votes  
**682 TOTAL votes**

**Candidates for County Treasurer:**

329 Joseph W. Bendzinski (Rep)  
 276 John G. Wozmak (Dem)  
 77 Over/Under Votes  
**682 TOTAL votes**

**Candidates for Register of Deeds:**

353 Anna Z. Tilton (Dem)  
 1 Write-In: Harambe  
 328 Over/Under Votes  
**682 TOTAL votes**

**Candidates for Register of Probate:**

360 Susan J. Castor (Rep)  
 242 Jeremy LaPlante (Dem)  
 80 Over/Under Votes  
**682 TOTAL votes**

**Candidates for County Commissioner**

342 Joseph H. Cartwright (Rep)  
 273 Stillman D. Rogers (Dem)  
 67 Over/Undervotes  
**682 TOTAL votes**

**November Update**

Jim McConnell – State Representative  
 Cheshire 12 – Richmond and Swanzey

I would like to thank everyone for reelecting me. I appreciate your vote of confidence and will continue to represent all my constituents to the best of my ability.

Legislative Service Requests (LSRs), which are the legislator's requests to the legislature's drafting attorneys to prepare bills for consideration in the following session, are being submitted. They must all be received by December 2 for consideration in the Legislative Session beginning January 4.

Last year I filed a total of fifteen LSRs, seven of which addressed the proposed Kinder Morgan Pipeline. I believe I filed more pipeline bills than the rest of the legislature combined. Two of my bills were signed into law and two of my pipeline bills became the subject of Interim Studies. One of them, HB 1101, barred electric ratepayers from paying to construct pipelines. The following excerpt from a November 3 *Union Leader* article, discusses that issue in light of decisions made by the Supreme Judicial Council in Massachusetts and the Public Utility Commission in New Hampshire regarding the Access Northeast Pipeline, an expansion of the Algonquin Pipeline in Connecticut and Massachusetts which Eversource seeks to have electric ratepayers pay for with a tariff on their electric rates. Access Northeast has important implications for future projects throughout New England. In the article, <http://www.unionleader.com/Energy/Eversource-says->



pipeline-project-still-on-track-despite-adverse-rulings-11042016 Eversource noted that legislation enabling additional charges to electric ratepayers' bills for pipeline construction has passed in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Maine and may be considered by Massachusetts next year.

Eversource says Pipeline Proposal Still on Track Despite Adverse Rulings, by Dave Solomon

In New Hampshire, the legislation is headed in the other direction. A bill proposed earlier this year, HB1101, would prohibit charges to New Hampshire residents for the construction of high-pressure gas pipelines.

The measure was referred to an interim study committee, which on Oct. 28 issued its report recommending the bill become law by a 15-4 vote.

I have assured the Vice Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, which considered the bill, that I'll be introducing this or similar legislation again this session.

In addition to submitting a bill to follow up on HB 1101, I will be submitting two additional pipeline bills. One is a follow up on HB 1148, the other bill, which went to Interim Study and which has not yet been voted on by the committee considering it. The other seeks a different approach to the Eminent Domain issue. In addition, I'll be filing additional LSRs. One of them will be my House Resolution, defeated last year, calling on the US Senate and US House to consider a Constitutional Amendment barring contributions to federal candidates from anyone ineligible to vote in that candidate's election. I believe that perhaps the biggest problem the country faces is the giant FOR SALE sign over Washington, DC and I intend to do all I can to see it taken down. I'll cover each of my bills in detail in my December update.

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](mailto: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.

## Things and Thoughts from the District –

Neil Moriarty

### Administration Proposes Budget Increase and Warns of Reduced State Funding

On Saturday November 5, 2016 our administration proposed an increase in the budget of \$1,525,968. They also showed where the state's contribution is going down. I doubt the budget committee will accept that number. \$1,525,968 increase may not even survive the school board.

### Other Warrant Articles with Dollar Value

**NOTE: THESE ARE ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

- **Phase III of Mount Caesar \$1,400,000** that includes demolition of the wood buildings at the East end. I just can't see doing a demolition project without state funding which used to cover 57% of the cost.
- **Health and Safety** which includes removal of asbestos tiles can be covered legally, but I get tired of arguing this – no amount supplied.
- **\$50,000 for Special Education trust fund**
- **ACES 93** Before-and-After School programs – no amount supplied
- **Teachers' Contracts** not yet settled – no amount supplied
- **\$510,000 Teachers' Insurance Pool** – No news as of *The Rooster* deadline
- **FREE BREAKFAST** for all elementary students

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\$88,000. The principals may want to add to this.

- **FREE BREAKFAST** for all middle and high students \$77,000. The principal may want to add to this. *Every student regardless of need would receive free lunch on you the taxpayer!*

### Only at Monadnock!

I thought this might be worth repeating: *Every student regardless of need would receive free lunch on you the taxpayer!*

**This month's Item 1** is a change in policy where Board members can now accept paid positions within the district. Although argued in 2015-16, the policy was not changed and Board members could not receive pay for other Monadnock Regional School District work. Now, while he had an application in for a substitute teacher, he went to the policy committee and the policy committee, in turn recommended, and the Board approved, that, in fact, Board members can accept paid jobs within the district! And he voted to accept the change in policy, without disclosing that he was, in fact, in violation of the conflict of interest policy. Only at Monadnock! I (and others) have queried other districts, and cannot find one where a board member can accept a paid job in the district!

### This month's Item 2

Background from last month's article. In 2005, *You, the Voters, Voted to have the Town Selectmen Appoint School Board and Budget Committee Replacements*. If someone (School Board or Budget committee member) resigns between elections, you, the voters, said that the Selectmen of the affected town should appoint the replacement(s). This was mainly for the towns that would have no representation (but all towns voted for it and are impacted by Selectperson appointments) on a board or committee if someone resigned; for example,

Richmond. This appointment lasts only until the next election. Your School Board has said, that the added paragraph to the RSA, makes the statement in the original paragraph: (quoted here)... "unless there is another way, (the other way being what you voted on in 2005)."

Well, your School Board made their replacement appointment *before the November 2016 meeting* and had the moderator swear-in the new member. Then, during the meeting, changed the policy and the new member voted for the change!!! **Only at Monadnock! Please also see my comments On STEAM in Gilsum**

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

## STEAM in Gilsum

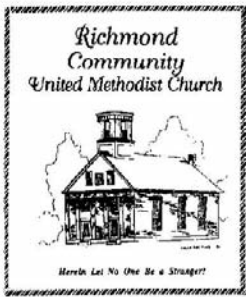
Neil Moriarty

### Background

At the November meeting of the Budget Committee we recommended that the School Board close STEAM in Gilsum for a savings of \$750,000. I voted YES.

- STEAM is the first letters of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.
- The budget committee is only responsible for dollars, not where the dollars are spent. Four of the 59 students (Fiscal Year 2016-2017) at Gilsum STEAM are from Richmond.
- My background is in STEM (dropping the A for Art) – I built submarines for 38 years – a vehicle responsible for 100 plus lives, and today makes sure that no one will attack our USA. YOU CAN'T JUST PULL OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD IF THINGS GO WRONG!

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**Pastor Arnold Johnson**

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## WHY I voted the way I did.

I was on the original STEM subcommittee – the “A” for Art was added later. As adding ART might help in recruiting students, I voted yes to add it – I do not agree that ART can compete with any other area of STEAM in education and or future jobs. We were given a bill of goods that a) Gilsum would become a charter school and receive additional funding, b) we would receive \$450,000 in grants,\* and c) would be recruiting from outside the district. Never happened, nor will happen. Our Business Administrator warned that it would not happen. To add to the hype, the “keep it open for five years” warrant passed based largely on the two funding hypes and the ability to recruit into a declining enrollment district.

We now have a school that is as remote as possible within the district with half the students there because they are from Gilsum and half traveling there for STEAM or the very small class sizes (they may not admit the latter). We now have a reading teacher in Gilsum; that does bode well for kids struggling to read in a high tech environment. I know a little about struggling to read – I have been with America Reads at Mt. Caesar going on nine years.

I heard the husband and wife (from Richmond) at the November 5 budget meeting saying how their child loves Gilsum, and I’m sure she/he does. Many kids love school for many reasons. The other two families present were just as robust in support of Gilsum. I heard Karen Wheeler (Gilsum School Board) defending her school.

The bottom line is it costs too much and is limiting the growth of STEM (STEAM if you must) by having it in the most remote school in the district. If it were located in the southern region, we could easily recruit full class sizes in the 1st through 6th grades and beyond – and at less cost! No, it won’t be perfect class sizes, and there may need to be some merging and some waiting lists. It does not all have to be in Swanzey either; class or classes in Troy and/or Fitzwilliam would be fine. It will be a lot better than 10 kids per grade – some there because of where they live; not because of STEAM.

\* *Sentinel* editorial 11/15/16 did not mention this at all. I hope the School Board listens. Let me know what you think at [cmoriarty@ne.rr.com](mailto:cmoriarty@ne.rr.com), 239-4031, or 782 Old Homestead Hwy.

## Developing Goals

As a member of the Monadnock Regional School District community, your input is critical as we engage in developing goals that support the District Mission and Vision. We have created a quick survey that you can access by clicking here.

<https://goo.gl/forms/nzJRuomxdWLtxLw2>

We have also created a quick survey that you can access by scanning this QR code or by visiting the website provided.



Please share this link with other community members who would like to contribute. Our goal is to hear from as many stakeholders as possible. Thank you for participating in this important work!

## To Richmond Voters

Joe Cartwright

Thank you for electing me on November 8 as your District 3 County Commissioner. I will do my best to develop a budget that meets the county needs while addressing the concerns of taxpayers. Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions at 756-3781 or at [joecartwrightaa@gmail.com](mailto:joecartwrightaa@gmail.com).

## IF

From Lew Whittum’s Email

If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they’d eventually find me attractive.

*I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they’re flashing behind you.*

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.

*I changed my password to “incorrect,” so whenever I forget it the computer will say, “Your password is incorrect.”*

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity. *I hate it when people use big words just to make themselves sound perspicacious.*

Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they’re at home when you wish they were.

*Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.*

Ever stop to think and forget to start again?

*When I married Miss Right, I had no idea her first name was Always.*

There may be no excuse for laziness, but I’m still looking for it.



<p>\$</p> <p>\$</p> <p>\$</p>	<p><b>WANTED TO BUY</b></p> <p>Toys Pottery Frames Cameras</p> <p><b>Danny Wahl</b></p>	<p>Vintage Photographs and Clothing Blue Decorated Stoneware Musical Instruments</p> <p>We are currently looking to purchase many different items, including but not limited to these items</p>	<p>Tools Old Radios Old Telephones Old Electric Fans</p> <p><b>603-239-7200</b></p>	<p>\$</p> <p>\$</p> <p>\$</p>
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*Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.*

*Is it wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly?*


*Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.*

*The grass may be greener on the other side, but at least you don't have to mow it.*

*I like long walks, especially when they're taken by people who annoy me.*

*If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.*

*Sometimes I wake up grumpy, other times I let her sleep.*



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## Richmond Four Corners Store Survey Results

The following are the results of the recent survey regarding the a possible Four Corners Store.

### 1. How often would you expect to stop/shop at the new Four Corners General Store?

<input type="checkbox"/> Once a day	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Twice a day	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Once a week	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Twice a week	13
<input type="checkbox"/> Once a month	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Twice a month	1
<input type="checkbox"/> More Often	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Never	0

### 2. What kind of products would you like the store to carry? (Check as many boxes that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Groceries	34
<input type="checkbox"/> Hardware	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Fresh foods/vegetables	31
<input type="checkbox"/> Gas	32
<input type="checkbox"/> Beverages	27
<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream	23
<input type="checkbox"/> Wine/Beer	20
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	17

#### Comments:

1. Limited Groceries
2. Batteries/Light Bulbs
3. Small things
4. Impractical but I'd love to see an old fashion General Store

### 3. What other services would you like to see at a general store? (check as many boxes that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast	15
<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee	27
<input type="checkbox"/> Deli and take-out	31
<input type="checkbox"/> Prepared meals	21
<input type="checkbox"/> Freshly baked products	25
<input type="checkbox"/> Sit down cafe	13
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet	11
<input type="checkbox"/> In-season farmers market	28

#### Comments:

1. Simple Breakfast

### 4. Which of these services would you use?

<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/hunting licenses	13
<input type="checkbox"/> Post office	23
<input type="checkbox"/> ATM or bank	16

### 5. How many miles do you currently travel from home to buy groceries, necessities or gas?

Miles	0-4	5-10	11-20	21-30	31-50
	2	13	22	6	0

### 6. How often do you buy groceries, gas or other necessities that you could buy at a local general store?

	1 Time	2-5 Times	6-10 Times	Never
Number of times a day	7	2	0	2
Number of times per week	5	24	4	0
Number of times per month	2	5	7	0

### 7. How often do you pass the four corners property?

<input type="checkbox"/> Always pass	23
<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally pass	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Do not pass that direction	1

### 8. Might you be interested in working at this General Store and Gas Station?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	8
<input type="checkbox"/> No	26

### 9. Might you be interested in owning/operating a General Store and Gas Station at the Four Corners? If yes, please contact Heidi at Richmond Town Hall at 603-239-4232

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	2
<input type="checkbox"/> No	33

#### Comments:

1. Sell shares to build store

Thank you for filling out the survey.

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## The General Honor Roll

Neil Moriarty

Congratulations to our honor roll students. Some names are omitted per "Do Not Release" decisions of the parent.

Name	Grade
Dylan Cashman	7
Daniel Heise	11
Tarali Kelly	12
Peter Margand	9
Whitney Maynard	9
Madison Pearsall	11
Caelan Elise Purrington	7
Cassity Purrington, Cass	9
Anthony James Tomer Jr	8
Ashlyn Tomer	12
Bridget Van Valzah	7

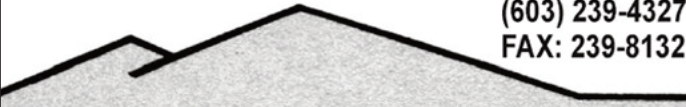


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## Richmond Fire Department 70 Years Ago

Bob Weekes

Old Annual Reports of Richmond sometimes provide colorful vignettes of life like long before most of our residents were born or moved here. Then, as now, our Fire Department was an entirely volunteer corps. Now, as then, the volunteers serve unselfishly, without pay to train themselves, raise extra funds to maintain and improve equipment, and answer calls day and night to help keep us safe. To appreciate the distance this loyal band of brothers and sisters has come, and the values that still persist, we thought you'd enjoy the following report submitted by the then Chief of the Fire Department Arthur E. Stinson (of Stinson Hill fame), posted February 11, 1946 chronicling the progress made by the Richmond Fire Department during the prior year.

"During the past year we have made a few changes which we hope will benefit all of us should the occasion arise. We have moved the siren onto the fire house. This can be controlled either from the firehouse or from the fire box at the Four Corners.

"The firemen are still holding dances and from these proceeds they have purchased thirty feet of larger suction hose, a combination light and siren for the truck, a spotlight which is mounted on the truck, some electric lanterns, and a strainer. The Town has purchased 500 more feet of new hose which makes a total of 1500 feet.

"A committee has been appointed and locations picked for water holes and contracts signed for some of the locations. We hope to get this work started in the early spring.

"There is a blackboard in the firehouse for the purpose of telling where the fire truck is at all times. Also we have made a rack to care for the hose and dry it.

"We are still waiting for the telephone which the New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. promised us for the box at the Corners. This I feel sure we will have as soon as they can possibly do so.

"Besides the regular tryouts we have made, the apparatus has been out for one big fire and three chimney fires.

"We have had a couple of donations which were greatly appreciated. I wish to thank all who have helped in any way, especially the firemen and their wives."

Respectfully submitted, Arthur E. Stinson, Chief

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## Richmond Holiday Fair

Alison Van Brocklin

The Annual Richmond Holiday Fair sponsored by the Richmond Community United Methodist Church was held on November 12 at the Vets Hall. Artisans presented wares and seasonal gifts. Lunch of soups, chili, sandwiches, dessert, and beverages was sold in our Holly Café.



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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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

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Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

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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

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**Selectmen –** 239-4232

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