



The **Something to Crow About** **RICHMOND ROOSTER** January 2017

Lori Scanlan

Sandra Gillis



Former Selectman Lori Laughlin Scanlan died on November 30, 2016 after a determined fight with aggressive lung cancer. She was a very strong woman who shared her many skills and opinions with us as a Selectman. Her candidate statement in 2011 says it all: “My goal as a Selectman is

to bring openness and fairness to the Town government so we are all working together for the benefit of all our residents. This is OUR Town, OUR community and together we can make it better.”

Lori spearheaded the renovations of the Town Hall and Veterans Hall, using her many skills in construction and as a designer. I remember her coming into Town Hall with paint brushes, paint and putty, and a bevy of her friends, with step ladders and painting gear. Together, with Roger and Sandy Perry, they made short work of the refurbishing, bringing kudos from everyone who visited the buildings after they were finished. Lori defied gravity when she alone was brave enough to climb the incredibly rickety (and tall) wooden ladder in the Vets Hall to change a light bulb – none of us was brave enough to do it – so we watched in awe as this small fearless woman who dismissed the concept of danger or failure, climb to the highest point to change the bulb. I held the ladder for her, and the look she gave me was priceless – complete disdain for my fearful whining to hold on and be careful. This was Lori.

As a construction project manager, Lori oversaw the Fay Martin Bridge project in Richmond, bringing it to completion, on time and under budget. This was Lori. One day she found a fox in her yard. The next morning

it was still hanging around and she brought it an egg to eat. For months afterwards, she brought an egg every morning and the fox would take it from her outstretched hand. This was Lori.

She walked her big black dog Oreo all over the town forest, reveling in its beauty and history. One day as we both walked our dogs, Oreo took off ahead of us. Lori called a couple of times, but got no response. She told me that usually when she walks Oreo all she has to do to get him to return is fire her gun into the air and he comes running. I was surprised that she carried a gun. I asked if she had her gun with her. She said yes, but because I (implying “the wimp”) was with her she wouldn’t shoot it. This was Lori.

Lori’s passion in life was being an equestrian and caring for her horses. She often told funny stories of a childhood on the farm, and her sister told me that one day Lori brought her horse into the house much to her mother’s chagrin. This was Lori.

She was funny, had a wonderfully positive outlook on life, and took on all kinds of excellent adventures, including being a Selectman. She served for two and a half years before moving back to Massachusetts as a Project Manager at Powell Sand and Gravel construction Company.

It was an honor to know her, an honor to serve with her and an honor to have been her friend.

Calendar Dates 2017 **Richmond Town Clerk’s Office**

Mon Jan. 2	CLOSED – New Year’s Day (Observed)
Wed Jan. 4	Dog Licenses Available
Mon Jan. 16	CLOSED – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Wed Jan. 25	First Day of Filing Period for Town Offices
Fri Feb. 3	Last Day of Filing Period for Town Offices (3-5 pm Only)
Tue Feb. 7	Warrant Article Deadline
Mon Feb. 20	CLOSED – Presidents’ Day
Mon Feb. 27	Last Day for Selectmen to Post Warrant

Thu Mar. 2 Last Day to Register to Vote with Town Clerk
 Tue Mar. 14 Town Meeting, 1st Session (Election)
 Town Clerk's Office CLOSED
 Sat Mar. 18(?) Town Meeting, 2nd Session (Business)
 Sun Apr. 30 Dog Licenses Expire (Closed)
 Mon May 29 CLOSED – Memorial Day
 Wed May 31 Deadline for Late Dog Licenses
 Tue July 4 CLOSED-Independence Day (Normally Closed)
 Mon Sept. 4 CLOSED – Labor Day
 Sat Sept. 30 Transfer Station Stickers Expire (Closed)
 Mon Oct. 9 CLOSED – Columbus Day
 Sat Nov. 11 CLOSED – Veterans Day (Normally Closed)
 Wed/Thu Nov. 22, 23 CLOSED – Thanksgiving Break
 Mon Dec. 25 CLOSED – Christmas

Thinking of Getting Involved?

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The following officers will be elected at the Town election on March 14, 2017:

- 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 you would like to run for any of the above, please come to the Town Clerk's office during the filing period to fill out the Declaration for Candidacy form. 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.

If it is difficult for you to come to the office to pick up and/or complete the Declaration of Candidacy, someone may pick up the form for you. I would also be happy to mail/email it to you. Once you have completed the Declaration of Candidacy, you may personally bring it back to the Town Clerk's office, have someone return it for you, or you may mail it. Any filings for candidacy must be done IN PERSON on the last day. I cannot accept a Declaration of Candidacy by mail or from someone other than the candidate on the last day.

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

Renew Your Dog License Online

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

You can renew online the license for your dog if you licensed it last year with the Town of Richmond. Go to the Town website, www.richmond.nh.gov, and then go to the Town Clerk's page. You will see a link that will enable you to request the dog license renewal. To locate your dog information, enter "16-" followed by the number on the metal dog tag that was issued to you in 2016.

If you previously provided an email address to the Town Clerk, you should receive an email notification in January reminding you to license your dog.

November Update

Jim McConnell – State Representative
 Cheshire 12 – Richmond and Swanzy

Activity in Concord this month has centered on Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) which, once completed by drafting attorneys and approved by their sponsors, are assigned resolution or bill numbers and scheduled for hearings in the upcoming session.

This year I have filed seven LSRs. Two will be assigned resolution numbers and five will be assigned bill numbers.

My first LSR, a House Resolution, calls on the United States Senate and House of Representatives 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 am setting up a web site to support my effort and am calling my proposal the Real Reform Amendment. If the New Hampshire House of Representatives passes my resolution, I believe it will be considered by other legislatures around the country.

My second LSR, a Concurrent (House and Senate) Resolution, seeks to rescind all applications by the New Hampshire legislature for a federal constitutional convention and urges other states to withdraw similar requests. While I recognize the appeal of seeking a constitutional convention, I believe any such convention cannot be limited in scope and has the potential to recommend changes to our Constitution that could greatly limit the freedoms we enjoy.

Three of my LSRs are pipeline related. The first, a follow up of my effort last year (HB 1101) states that: No tariff, tax, or other fee may be levied upon any electric ratepayer for the purpose of partially or wholly financing the construction of a high pressure gas pipeline. The second, a follow up of last year's similar effort (HB 1148) seeks to define the public interest in a manner which, among other things, ensures that pipeline capacity contracts protect ratepayers from stranded or other costs. The third addresses the issue of eminent domain and provides that: No site shall be considered for a high pressure gas pipeline unless the application provides that:

All affected residential property owners shall receive just compensation for eminent domain proceedings. Compensation shall include:

- (a) Payment of the full fair market value of all residential property taken by the applicant.
- (b) Reasonable relocation expenses not to exceed \$10,000.
- (c) The cost of one real estate appraisal requested by the owner.
- (d) Reasonable attorneys' fees and legal costs incurred by the owner.

The applicant has established that 75 percent or more of the gas transmitted into New Hampshire as a result of such high pressure gas pipeline shall be distributed within New Hampshire.

My next LSR requires social media companies to remove or block subscriber information at the subscriber's request. Social media companies, having an incentive to keep their membership as high as possible, make it extremely difficult for subscribers who wish to be removed from their systems to actually be removed. As we have been unable to find similar legislation anywhere else, this bill may be the first of its kind.

Finally, I have an LSR which addresses lawn care pesticide use where children play or go to school. This LSR restricts the use of lawn care pesticides on the grounds of schools, child day care agencies, community playgrounds and community athletic fields unless alternative methods have been exhausted and an imminent threat to public health is determined by a designated authority. In addition, the LSR provides for advance public notice whenever lawn care pesticides are used. A number of states have adopted similar laws

which have proven very successful.

This term I will again be on the County Delegation's Executive Committee.

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.

Things and Thoughts from the District –

Neil Moriarty

New Hampshire Pension Plan in Debt for \$4 Billion
Quote from the *The Keene Sentinel*, Jim McGauley, December 4, 2016: "Last week, in a *Sentinel* story by staff writer Isaac Stein, it was noted that the state of New Hampshire is \$4 billion – billion, mind you – short of being able to fund its own public pension fund."

Adding to this issue is a teacher contract proposal (see below teacher contract) to promote ten teachers to join those retired teachers by having the district continue paying their health insurance via the MRSD contract! ONLY IN MONADNOCK!

Adding to this problem, the state is pushing the problem of the \$4 million down to the property taxpayers. Fortunately, Richmond's portion of the school tax decreased by 3% in the latest bill – in contrast Troy's portion increased by 17%.

Update: Administration Proposes Budget Increase and Warns of Reduced State Funding Per request of the Budget Committee (we asked for one proposal – reduce by 10%) the administration put together eight (8) funding reduction proposals.

Linwood Patnode Resigns as Our Football Coach.
We have lost a great coach. *The Keene Sentinel* commented that he is looking at the Keene job which would be Division I (MRSD is Division III). Linwood is a graduate of MRHS – so I hope that's not true. It is not a money issue, Mr. Patnode is a very successful business man.

No News on the \$510,000 Teacher's Insurance Pool
This should have been resolved as part of the teacher

contract. When I was a union president an issue of this size would have been resolved as part of the negotiations. I guess that's not important enough to this Board or our lawyer.

**Update: Other Warrant Articles with Dollar value
NOTE: THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE:**

I. Budget – to be determined

- 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 which 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 contract is settled and will be on the warrant**
- **FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS \$88,000 AND THE PRINCIPALS MAY WANT TO ADD TO THIS**
- **School Board backed off on this one – FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL MIDDLE & HIGH STUDENTS \$77,000**

ONLY IN MONADNOCK!

Two School Board Members from Swanzey are now on the District Payroll – Can you find this happening anywhere else in New Hampshire?

This months item is a change in the School Board policy where Board members can now accept paid positions within the district. Well, once passed it didn't take long for Board members to sign up for paid jobs – your chair Mike Blair (Swanzey) is now a paid ref. Eric Stanley (Swanzey) is also on the sports payroll.

Please also read my article on Budget Committee representative.

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

**Richmond Needs at Least a Candidate for
Monadnock Budget Committee**

Neil Moriarty

Over these many years you have relied on Jim Carney for your School Board representative and Neil Moriarty for your Budget Committee representative – that ends now; thank you for your support.

Jim Carnie has decided to step down and I will be running for his position as School Board representative. That leaves us without a Budget Committee representative (the law says you can't be on both groups). I will assist anyone who wants it with budget committee information. You need to be a registered voter in Richmond to apply. The filing period (for either position) is January 25 to February 3, 2017 at the SAU 93 building.

The Town of Richmond should join me in thanking Jim Carney for his many years of tireless service. Additionally, I hope you will support me for Richmond School Board Representative. I feel I am the most qualified for the position.

**Monadnock Regional School District
First Trimester Honor Roll**

Neil Moriarty

For those not familiar, the fourth through six grades at Monadnock Regional School District (MRD), use a trimester system for honor roll. Parents can also set up "Do Not Release" on their child's name. There was no Honor roll at Cutler for the first trimester.

Name	Honor	School
Izaak Cooke	November Award Excellence in Citizenship	Cutler
Caitlyn Jette	October Award	Emerson
Casey Jette	November Award	Emerson
Sylvan Love	December Excellence in Mathematics	Cutler
Myana O'Brien	October Award – Excellence in Citizenship	Cutler

Hello!

Wendy O'Brien

Thank you for such a nice welcome back message in the December *Rooster*. It meant so much to me!

Best wishes,
Wendy

Fitzwilliam Inn News

Jan 1-18 Closed for vacation.

Jan. 21 Bennett and Perkins – acoustic guitar 7:30-10
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Chelley

Pipeline Battles Wage On

Terri O'Rorke

And the pipeline battles wage on! While we were successful here in the northeast, there are still battles being waged in favor of pipelines elsewhere throughout this great nation. The one that immediately comes to mind is the Dakota Access Pipeline which would run from North Dakota on through to Illinois.

This proposed pipeline will be funded by banks both here and abroad. If you feel strongly about not doing business with a bank who is involved in the project loan for this proposed pipeline (DAPL) you could learn more about moving your money out of DAPL banks by searching here: <http://www.defunddapl.org>

The following banks are involved with the project loan:

ABN Amor Capital, Bank of America, Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ, Barclays, Bayern LB, BBVA Securities, BNP Paribas, Citibank, Citigroup, Citizens Bank, Comerica Bank, Community Trust, Compass Bank, Credit Agricole, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, DNB Capital ASA, Goldman Sachs, HSBC Bank, ICBC London, ING, Intesa Sanpaolo, JP

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An alternative would be to switch to local or community development banks or credit unions who invest in local projects rather than dirty, international dealings. **Also, since 1986, pipelines have spilled more than three million gallons of oil and gas per year.** Perhaps those aforementioned banking institutions need a message about supporting clean, renewable energy rather than something that leaks and blows up!

QUOTABLE QUOTE

Terri O'Rorke

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word."

— Goran Persson, Prime Minister of Sweden,
1996-2006

Happy 2017, Richmond!!

Richmond Winter Event

Richmond Parks and Recreation Commission
Join us for the Richmond Winter Event Saturday, January 21 from 12 to 2pm behind the fire station. Build a snowman with friends and family, partake of the free hot chocolate bar, snacks, hot dogs, and s'mores! Just bring your warm winter clothes and friends to join you. See you there!

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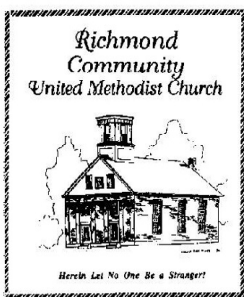
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## Some Great Roads and Philosophies of Life

sent from Lew Whittum

### Great Truths That Little Children Have Learned

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is your Grandma's lap.

### Great Truths That Adults Have Learned

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

### Great Truths About Growing Old

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

### The Four Stages Of Life

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

### Success

At age 4 success is . . . Not peeing in your pants.

At age 12 success is . . . Having friends.

At age 17 success is . . . Having a driver's license.

At age 35 success is . . . Having money.

At age 50 success is . . . Having money.

At age 70 success is . . . Having a driver's license.

At age 75 success is . . . Having friends.

At age 80 success is . . . Not peeing in your pants.

Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way; BUT NEVER forget the blessings that come each day.

Have a GREAT day with many "Smiles"!

### A thought about knowledge and wisdom:

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit

Wisdom is not using it in a fruit salad.

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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

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**Town Clerk:** Annette Tokunaga

**Deputy Town Clerk:** Jennifer S. Thompson

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

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**Deputy Tax Collector:** Kerry A. Boscarino

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Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

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

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, 392-2027

**Selectmen –** 239-4232

**Town Clerk –** 239-6202

**Tax Collector –** 239-6106

**Road Agent:** Mark Beal – 903-2184

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