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## State Of New Hampshire Monadnock Regional School District Warrant For 2018-2019

### 1/10/2018 Budget Hearing Version DRAFT Deliberative Session Version - February 3rd, 2018

To the inhabitants of the Cooperative School District in the Towns of Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Swanzey, and Troy qualified to vote in the district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Monadnock Regional Middle/High School on Saturday, the 3rd day of February, 2018 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of hearing an explanation of the following subjects and to carry on any discussion or debate with respect thereto, with said subjects to be open to amendment:

**NOTICE:** School District Officers will be elected at the second session of the Annual Meeting of the Monadnock Regional School District on March 13th 2018 in accordance with the statutory election procedures adopted by a vote of the District on March 11, 1996. The School District Warrant for the election of School District Officials will be posted in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 40: 13 in each of the District's member Towns.

The polls will be open to voters in their towns of residence on March 13th, 2018, as follows:

Fitzwilliam- Town Hall, 11am-7pm

Gilsum- Gilsum Community Center, 1pm-7pm

Richmond- Veterans Hall, 11am-7pm

Roxbury- Meeting House, 6pm-8pm (7pm Town meeting)

Swanzey- Christian Life Fellowship Church, 8am-7 pm  
Troy- Samuel E. Paul Community Center 10 am-7pm

**ARTICLE ONE:** Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate in the operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, which will be voted on separately, totaling \$32,293,181 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget will be \$31,944,910 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Monadnock Regional School District by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 40: 13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The School Board supports/does not support this article. The Budget Committee supports/does not support this article. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE TWO:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400,000 for renovations at the Mount Caesar Elementary School. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the maintenance projects are complete or June 30, 2021 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports/does not support this article. (Majority vote required).



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**ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 for the asbestos abatement and flooring at the Middle/High School, Cutler, and Mt. Caesar; replacing a portion of the Gilsum Elementary School Roof; installation of a new well at Emerson School; and updating a handicapped-Draft Warrant 2018 Page 1 of 3

1/10/2018 Budget Hearing Version accessible restroom at Mt. Caesar. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32: 7 and will not lapse until the maintenance projects are complete or June 30, 2021 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports/does not support this article. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE FOUR:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2018 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2018. No new amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports/does not support this article. (Majority vote required).

**ARTICLE FIVE:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the 3-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Monadnock Regional School Board and the Specialists of the Monadnock District for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels. The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year	Estimated Increase
2018/19	\$17,491-Salaries \$4,143 – Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$21.634 - Total – Year 1
2019/20	\$16,489-Salaries \$3,892 – Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$20.381 - Total – Year 2
2020/21	\$16,327-Salaries \$3,852 – Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$20.179 - Total – Year 3

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,634 for the 2018-19 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2017-18 year. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee supports/does not support this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE SIX:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the 1-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Monadnock Regional School Board and the Monadnock District Education Association (MDEA) for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels. The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year	Estimated Increase
2018/19	\$383,585 – Salaries (\$10,000)–Longevity (\$59,000) – Sixth Class Stipend (\$101,010) – Medical Insurance (Driver Change with 82/18 Cost Share) Draft Warrant 2018 Page 2 of 3
1/10/2018 Budget Hearing Version	\$6,500 – Overnight Stipend \$95,935 – Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$316.010 – Total – Year 1

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$316,010 for the 2018-19 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2017-18 year. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee supports/does not support this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE SEVEN:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the 2-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Monadnock Regional School Board and the Monadnock Educational Support Staff Association (MESSA) for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels. The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year	Estimated Increase
2018/19	\$104,357– Salaries \$19,859 – Wage-Driven Benefits(FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$2,050 – Vision Insurance \$126.266 –Total – Year 1
2019/20	<b>\$72,262 – Salaries</b> \$13,752 – Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, New Hampshire Retirement) \$9,150 – Insurance Opt-Out Increase \$95.164 – Total – Year 2

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$126,266 for the 2018-19 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2017-18 year. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee supports/does not support this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE EIGHT:** To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to change the formula for apportionment of operational costs from 25% based on equalized valuation and 75% based on average daily membership to 50% based on equalized valuation and 50% based on average daily membership as of July 1st, 2017 with no change being made in the present formula for apportioning capital expenses. RSAs 197:6, 195:13, 195:8. By petition. The school board has taken no position on this article. The budget committee has taken no position on this article.

**ARTICLE NINE:** To listen to opinions of a purely advisory nature with regards to the conduct of school affairs for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required).

## Democracy – Use It or Lose It

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**Good citizenship requires that every voter come to Town Meeting if they possibly can. Your vote matters and the only votes that count are the ones that are cast at Town Meeting. Last year, less than 100 voters attended on the Saturday deliberative session – meaning that only 50 or so voters could have determined the issues for all of Richmond.**

### Town Meeting

New England still uses the Town Meeting form of local government – a model of true democracy – one person, one vote, and majority rule (although a few issues require a 2/3 vote to pass). Every resident that registers to vote has one vote – but they have to show up at Town Meeting in order to vote

Richmond has two parts to what the law calls ‘Town Meeting.’ We go to the polls on the second Tuesday in March when we vote by ‘official ballot’ for elected Richmond town officials and on any proposed zoning amendments. New Hampshire law specifies which questions have to be voted at the polls on the official ballot, and allows for the Town Clerk to give absentee ballots to voters that cannot make it to the polls.

Then we go to the ‘deliberative session’ of Town Meeting on the following Saturday morning when we vote on all the other articles that are on the Richmond town warrant – such as the operating budget, the additions to the town Capital Reserve Funds, any petitioned warrant articles (meaning they were proposed by residents, not by the Board of Selectmen), and any other special warrant articles. The deliberative session on Saturday morning is what we mean when we talk colloquially about Town Meeting. There are no absentee ballots for this session – you must be there for your vote to be counted.



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### Preparation and Presentation of the Town Budget Before it Appears on the Warrant

The Selectmen prepare a draft of the proposed town budget and present it to the Town at a public hearing that is held at least 25 days before the Town Meeting. **This the Pre-warrant Public Hearing and is tremendously important to attend if you want to understand the reasons for the individual items included in the budget. It will be held on Friday, February 16 at 7 pm at the Vet's Hall.** This is when the voters can drill down on details about the budget, ask questions about specific items, and recommend changes to the budget for consideration by the Selectboard. If the Selectboard makes any changes to the budget amounts as a result of the Pre-warrant Public Hearing or otherwise, it will hold a second public budget hearing to present the changes to the public. Our second public budget hearing, if required, will be held on February 23 at 7 pm at the Vet's Hall. Any and all warrant articles that involve an expenditure of money must first be presented at a public hearing if they are to be voted on at Town Meeting.

### The Town Warrant

The Selectmen prepare the town warrant which includes all the warrant articles to be voted on at Town Meeting, including the operating budget, warrant article for ad-



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ditions to Capital Reserve Funds, or to authorize other expenditures, any petitioned warrant articles, or other special warrant articles. They will post the warrant on or before February 26, which is at least 2 weeks before the Town Meeting. You can prepare for Town Meeting by reading the warrant in advance of the meeting.

Then comes Town Meeting – the session at the polls on Tuesday, and the deliberative session on Saturday morning. At the deliberative session of Town Meeting, warrant articles are presented individually for discussion and vote. The Moderator runs the meeting. Voters may amend articles, make budget amounts higher or lower, but no new subject matter that was not previously included on the warrant can be presented.

### Important Dates for Richmond Voters in 2018

**Tuesday, February 6** – Last day for voters to submit a petitioned warrant article to the Selectboard, Check the Town website for the Selectmen's office hours.

**Friday, February 16, at 7 pm at the Veteran's Hall** – Pre-warrant Budget Hearing, to go over the proposed budget and all expenditures that will be voted upon at Town Meeting.

**Friday, February 23, at 7 pm at the Veteran's Hall** – If any changes in expenditures are proposed to the Town budget, a second Pre-warrant Budget Hearing will be held on this date and time. Check the Town web-



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site to see if this is being held or not. We will also send out a *Rooster* email blast, and will post it on the bulletin board at Town Hall.

**Monday, February 26** – Last day by which the Selectmen will post the Town warrant.

**Tuesday, March 13** – Voting at the polls for town officers and any proposed zoning amendments.

**Saturday, March 17** – Deliberative Session of Town Meeting, for discussion and voting on all other warrant articles – operating budget, capital expenditures, petitioned warrant articles, and other special warrant articles that will be presented to the voters as set forth in the Warrant that was previously posted.

### Moderator's Message

Walden Whitham

First, I would like to congratulate all the people who have attended our Town Meetings in the past and for the respectful way they have conducted themselves. I believe one of our country's great strengths has been its ability to absorb diversity of cultures and thought, and arrive at a common goal. Despite the philosophical divisions that exist on the national and even the state level, I applaud the way Richmond residents, who primarily hold strong to their independent natures, have been able to work together. It is my goal and hope that our meetings continue to demonstrate mutual respect.

Second, you all have undoubtedly noticed the election workers at Town Meeting and state and national elections. These events would not take place without these workers. They check residency, count votes, and assist in the flow of the meetings. Although the town and school district offer a minimal fee for their services, many choose to volunteer. Please show them the respect of which they are worthy, as they do their jobs to insure a legal election. However, some of our election workers are no longer able to perform their duties for a variety of reasons. We can use additional Democrats, Republi-

cans, and Independent voters to add to our ranks. It usually involves about 2 hours of your time on the days of elections. If you would consider being added to our list of available election workers, (not all would be needed for every election), please contact Walden Whitham, Town Moderator at 239-4652. Thank You

### Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Feb. 2, 2018 Last day of filing period for Town Offices (3-5 pm Only)

Feb. 19, 2018 CLOSED – President's Day

### Town Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town Election will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Veterans Memorial Hall. Polling hours are from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm. The Monadnock Regional School District Election will also be held at this time.

If you are not yet a registered Richmond voter, you can still register to vote. You may complete the voter registration forms at my office during my regular office hours up through March 1. You may register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist final session prior to the Town Election. This will be on March 3 from 11:00 – 11:30 am at the Veterans Memorial Hall. And finally, it is possible to register to vote on Election Day. Please contact the Town Clerk's office for information, as the law regarding voter registration changed in late 2017.

Absentee ballots can be obtained through the Town Clerk's office. In order to receive an absentee ballot, the request must be in writing and signed by the voter. Request forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website. For more details about who qualifies to receive an absentee ballot and how to return the ballot, please contact the Town Clerk's office.


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## License Your Dog

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Dog tags are available at the Town Clerk's office. If you licensed your dog last year or have acquired a new dog, you need to license your dog with the Town of Richmond. In either case, the rabies vaccination must be current in order for you to license your dog. If you've added a puppy or dog to your family, you are required to vaccinate it for rabies within 30 days after it reaches 3 months of age or after acquiring an adult dog. Once you've vaccinated your puppy or dog, you can then license it. Please bring the rabies certificate with you when you come to the office to license your puppy or dog. If it is neutered or spayed, please bring documentation to verify that.

If you licensed your dog in Richmond last year, you can now request the 2018 dog tag online. Go to the town website at [www.richmond.nh.gov](http://www.richmond.nh.gov) and go to the Town Clerk's page found under the Town Department tab.

Following are the licensing fees. For puppies (up to 6 months of age) or dogs that have been altered (spayed or neutered), the fee is \$6.50. Unaltered dogs cost \$9.00. If you, the owner, are 65 years of age or older, you will pay \$2.00 for your first dog and the regular fees for any additional dogs that you own.

I encourage those who have a dog to avoid late fees and/or civil forfeiture fees by licensing your dog now!

## Hiking Mt. Caesar in January

Carol Jameson

Mt. Caesar in Swanzey is an easy hike with beautiful views from the top. The trailhead is on Rte. 32 at the rear of the cemetery across from the Swanzey Town Hall. There is a small parking lot between the cemetery and the nursing home. Drive through the narrow cemetery gate, or from the nursing home driveway, or you can park at Swanzey Town Hall and walk across Rte.



32 to the trailhead. There is a choice of two trails to the summit, so you can make it a loop hike if you like. One trail is a very gradual logging road that starts at the right side of the rear of the cemetery. It is about a mile to the summit and an elevation gain of about 450 feet. The other trail leaves from the center of the rear of the cemetery with a shorter, but steeper ascent.



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The views from the top were as beautiful as always. This view is to the south over Swanzey and Richmond. There is also a view of Monadnock to the east from just below the summit on the east side of the hill. With a round trip distance under 2 miles, and an elevation gain of only 450 feet, it is a great hike when you don't have time or the inclination for a hard climb.

### MRSD Budget Committee Report – January 2018

Douglas Bersaw

This has been my first year serving on the Monadnock School District Budget Committee as the representative for Richmond taxpayers, having succeeded Neil Moriarty in this position, who moved to the School Board replacing Jim Carnie who retired after many years of

service to Richmond in that capacity. I would love to tell the taxpayers that I have been wildly successful in helping to lower your school taxes for the coming year, but my role is somewhat limited both because of a new member's learning curve and because to roll back taxes is, as you all must know, a gargantuan task that requires educated voters and a persistent effort.

The budget committee has worked hard to convince the Administration and the School Board to see the wisdom of trying to keep the operating budget for the district essentially flat in these difficult economic times. Thus far, we have been somewhat successful, but the battle is not over. The next step in the process is up to you, the voters of the district. Your task is two-fold: 1. to show up at the deliberative session at the High School on Saturday, February 3rd at 10 am, and 2. to vote on Tuesday, March 13th at the Veteran's Hall between the hours of 11 am and 7 pm for the final ballot. Remember, school taxes are, by far, the MAJOR portion of what is taken from you each year by our town. That is where we can make the largest impact on the total tax bite. Taxes for town services are only 25% of the total, while **local school taxes are well over 50%**.

Last year the default budget was set at \$31,776,272. The default budget is the one we must use if the proposed operating budget is rejected by the voters. Last

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year the default was higher than the proposed operating budget, but, at the deliberative session a large number of interested parties attended and mustered enough votes to RAISE the proposed budget to the exact same figure as the default, thus denying the voters any choice in the matter and effectively ramming the higher taxes down our throats. This year the budget committee was successful not only in keeping the proposed budget relatively flat from that proposed last year (only \$141,000 more), but it is also almost half-a-million less than was actually appropriated last year.

This year the proposed operating budget set by the Budget Committee is \$31,323,181 while the Committee set the default budget at \$30,974,910 or \$348,900 less than the proposed budget.

The default budget cannot be altered by the voters, but the newly proposed operating budget however can be raised by as much as 10% (over 3 million dollars) by interested parties at the deliberative session, like they did last year, in a move that effectively negates all of the hard work done by the Budget Committee in trying to hold the line on tax increases. You must show up at the deliberative session to protect the work that the Budget Committee has done so far.

There are also six other money articles on the warrant beside the yearly operating budget. Those six articles, if all passed, will add another \$2,110,500 to the tax total for the 2019-20 tax year. The School Board has already recommended voting yes on all of these money articles. The Budget committee tentatively recommends some, but not all, and their final recommendations will depend upon the outcome of the voting at the deliberative session on February 3rd. The major articles proposed are: \$1.4 million to tear down the temporary classrooms at Mt. Caesar Elementary and replace them, new contracts for 155 teachers, 108 various support staff, and 11 specialists (therapists, occupational and



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speech etc.), plus some overdue maintenance and facilities safety issues that need to be taken care of.

The Administration and Business Manager have done a good job this past year in keeping the actual expenditures of the district to a minimum. In addition to finding new sources of revenue, the budget that was appropriated last year was underspent, resulting in a financial balance of \$1.5 million dollars at the end of the 2016-17 fiscal year that ended in July. That money will be returned to the taxpayers in the form of a reduction in the amount that needs to be raised by the towns this year (2017-18).

Speaking as a taxpayer and as your budget committee representative, there are 2 major ongoing issues that need to be attended to next year. The first is that there is no long range plan for the district and its facilities, nor is there a capital improvements plan in the works. For too long, the district has been "winging it" regarding repairs and or replacement of our ageing facilities, and this must stop. The district has lost 2 member towns and could lose more if the district does not appear to give member towns any sense of certainty about the future. The second issue is that as a district we spend \$17,764 per pupil, much higher than many schools in the area and \$2,454 per year per pupil MORE THAN THE STATE AVERAGE. We do not appear to be cost-effective with the dollars we spend. We need to see if



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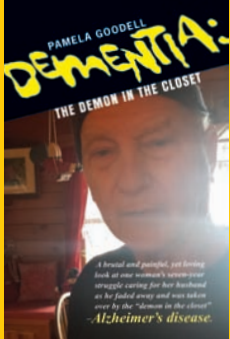
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there is anything that can be done about this disparity.

Article Eight is a petitioned article to change the apportionment formula from 75%ADM/25% equalized valuation for the district back to the 50/50 formula we used to operate under.

## MRSD Budget Committee Report – February 2018

Douglas Bersaw

Since the Monadnock Cooperative School District, of which Richmond is a part, is a government entity just like a town or city with its own taxing and governing powers, it operates much like a town in some respects.

When it comes to how taxes are collected, there is a formula by which each town is assessed its share of taxes that need to be raised to support the district. In a town like Richmond the Department of Revenue Administration computes the entire assessed value of all the property in town and divides the amount of money that needs to be raised by the total valuation of the town. That results in a tax rate which is usually stated as a per-thousand rate. That is for example, a tax of \$28.63 per thousand dollars of property value. The entire tax bill for Richmond residents is broken down into 4 components. They are the rate for the Town of Richmond taxes, the County taxes, the NH schools tax (that usually gets reimbursed back to Richmond), and the local school district tax. This year the rate was \$28.19

per thousand total with the following rates going toward each portion: Town \$7.52; County \$3.63; State school \$2.37; Local school \$14.67. As you can see, the local school costs represent more than 50% of our tax bill.

In school districts like ours, which consist of several towns, each town is assessed according to a formula. The Monadnock town assessment formula is currently 75% of its share according to how many students from that town actually attend the schools, and 25% of its share according to the assessed valuation of the property in that town in relationship to the valuation of all of the property in the entire district. This sometimes results in real or perceived inequities among the towns of the district. The reason for the differences in what each town is assessed depends on whether your town is “property rich” or “student rich.”

Every 5 years the voters of each district may choose what apportionment formula to follow. This year there is a petitioned article to change the formula from 75% – 25% back to 50% – 50%. This will mean that some towns will pay more in their school taxes and some will pay less. Here is a chart that shows approximately how each town was taxed per pupil several years ago under the current formula.

### COST PER PUPIL

#### Monadnock District Analysis – 2014-15

TOWN	# of pupils	Total PP Costs before NH & Fed reimbursement	PPC actual Town payments
Swansey	915	17,165	10,088
Troy	288	15,462	7,664
Gilsum	73	18,661	10,190
Richmond	137	17,865	10,125
Fitzwilliam	252	20,525	15,650
Roxbury	20	22,134	16,212

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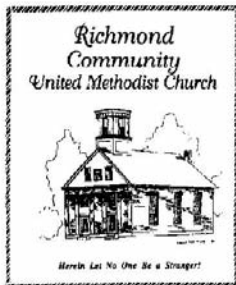
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Under a formula that increases the property valuation portion, towns with higher assessed property values (such as under the new formula proposed) get taxed more, while towns with a higher student population average get taxed less. For example, the towns of Richmond, Gilsum, Roxbury, and Fitzwilliam will pay more of the share of district taxes while Swanzey and Troy will pay less. Here is an estimate of what per pupil costs to each town would look like under the new formula.

### COST PER PUPIL –

Monadnock District Estimate – 2019-20

ADM		PPC per actual Town payments
Troy	288 pupils	\$ 5,685 PPC
Swanzey	915 pupils	\$ 9,678 PPC
Richmond	137 pupils	\$ 10,365 PPC
Gilsum	73 pupils	\$ 11,245 PPC
Fitzwilliam	252 pupils	\$ 18,454 PPC
Roxbury	20 pupils	\$ 20,487 PPC

If you vote YES on ARTICLE EIGHT, you get the tax increase noted above. Voting NO keeps the apportionment formula as it is currently.

## Library News

Wendy O'Brien

### Noon Year's Day Party

Our first annual Noon Year's Day party was a great success with snacks, crafts, and a scavenger hunt. The computer countdown to noon culminated in a balloon drop and lots of tweeting of noise makers! Thanks to Bob Packard for installing hooks for the balloon drop, Trish Newton for her assistance, Elaine Moriarty for snacks, and Noah Raymond for providing music.



Photographs by Trish Newton



### Visiting 3D Printer

The NH State Library has made a traveling 3D printer available to libraries throughout the state. Our turn to host the printer is this month! If you want to see what a

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3D printer looks like, stop by our open house on Tues. Feb. 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Wendy will demonstrate at 7:00 to show how it works, as well as the open source design software. On Wed. Feb. 28 at 10:00 am kids will get their turn with the printer during our February Vacation Makerspace program. Join us for 3D printing, Lego challenges, and a Makey Makey banana piano!

### Library calendar

**Sat. Feb. 3, 10:30-11:30**, Community Coffee Hour, Knitting Circle

**Wed. Feb. 7, 10:00**, Storytime: Vroom Vroom

**Thurs. Feb. 8, 5:00 pm**, Teen Pizza Night

**Sat. Feb. 10, 10:30-11:30**, Knitting Circle

**Wed. Feb. 14, 10:00**, Storytime: Valentine's Day

**Sat. Feb. 17, 10:30**, Knitting Circle

**Tues. Feb. 20, 6:00-8:00**, 3D Printer Open House

**Wed. Feb. 21, 10:00**, Storytime: Chinese New Year

**Sat. Feb. 24, 10:30**, Knitting Circle

**Wed. Feb. 28, 10:00**, Vacation Program Makerspace with 3D Printer

### New Adult Fiction

*The Wanted*, Robert Crais

*The Sleepwalker*, Chris Bohjalian

*The Roanoke Girls*, Amy Engel

### DVDs

*Poldark, First Season*

*Signed, Sealed, Delivered, The Series*

*Nut Job 2*

## Richmond Heritage Commission

Bonnie McCarthy

During these frigid days, the members of the Richmond Heritage Commission are thinking about warmer weather and pending projects. We are currently researching the archives for information on the Telephone Building and the Town Pound. If anyone has information, or knows anyone who may have information, please contact me. We are especially interested in who built the Telephone Building and what equipment was housed in it. The dates and people involved are extremely important in order to accurately reflect our town history. I can be contacted at 603-239-4088 or by email at [ceremonies.heart@yahoo.com](mailto:ceremonies.heart@yahoo.com).

As always, we thank *The Rooster* readers for their information, community involvement, and support of all things Richmond.

## Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

**PLEASE MAKE TIME SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 2018 @ 10:00AM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION.** An hour of your time could save millions in taxes. If you want to go home after ARTICLE FIVE, fine.

*i. Disclaimer: This document represents input from Neil Moriarty – and may not represent the opinions of the SAU 93 School Board.*

*ii. Do you have an issue or problem and need some help – try calling 211. This will connect you with a variety of help services.*

1. School Budget Warrant. The full warrant appears in another portion of *The Rooster*. Additionally, Doug Bersaw is providing the Budget Committee input.



I will be voting NO on the Budget (#1) too much money; NO on Mt. Caesar Construction – No state money is forthcoming, which should cover 58% of the \$1.4 million; NO on the teachers contract (#6) because the \$345,000 insurance dispute should have been resolved. Ms Witte’s statement that it is the courts doesn’t hold water – the teachers could have pulled it out of the courts and resolved by negotiation; NO on the MESSA contract (#7) – still paying for lunch for these employees.

2. My Censure by the School Board – I was censured by our school on December 19, 2017. They said I disclosed information from a meeting that was voted to be closed data. Additionally, the motion was made by our Chair Lisa Steadman who did so without giving up the chairmanship. To do so – is illegal. I got my information from a separate source and didn’t need the information from the closed meeting. However, I don’t have the money to sue them.

Thanks for reading my article. Any comments, suggestions, or questions about the article or the district are welcome; [cmoriarty@ne.rr.com](mailto:cmoriarty@ne.rr.com); 603-239-4031; 782 Old Homestead Hwy, Richmond, NH 03470.

## Cutler Award for December

Neil Moriarty

4th Grade: Myana O’Brien for Citizenship

## December Update

Representative Jim McConnell

Cheshire 12 - Richmond and Swanzey


The only item of particular note to report this month was the Speaker’s race. The resignation of the Speaker to accept the Governor’s nomination to be Commissioner of Agriculture created an unusual situation in that the selection of a Speaker is very rarely something occurring in the middle of a two-year term.

Seven candidates sought to replace him, a Democrat and six Republicans. The Democrats, over the objections of a number of Democratic Representatives, determined that their rules obliged them to again nominate the candidate who the Democratic Caucus nominated a year ago at the beginning of this two-year session. The Republicans determined that the Republican Caucus would decide who their nominee would be.

Among the rules adopted by the Republican Party was a requirement that any candidate seeking the Republican nomination agree to support the winner of the Caucus’ vote. This is how they’ve always done it. Anticipating this, I objected to this procedure early in my candidacy. I did so for a number of reasons. I do not believe the political parties, whichever one has the majority, should empower a faction of a faction to rule the House. This has been the case for the last three years and it has led to unnecessary acrimony and, arguably, heavy handedness disguised as efficiency. I find the argument that “we have always done it this way, or that Washington, DC does it this way” unpersuasive. Finally, I was unimpressed with the other candidates and anticipated the nomination of the Deputy Speaker, a candidate I could not support. For further explanation, see <http://www.unionleader.com/Old-school-Chandler-is-back-on-top>.

Having concluded that I would not seek the Republican Caucus’ nomination, I had the option of being nominated from the floor or accepting the Libertarian Caucus’ nomination, which I did. The Libertarian Caucus consists of only three members, but I like, and frequently agree with them. Accepting their nomination precluded my having to be nominated by individual members of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Given party discipline, my candidacy, to have a realistic chance, would have had to go to a fifth or sixth ballot which made it a long-shot under any circum-



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stances. I also made it clear I would not make any promises to advance anyone in return for their support and, correctly believing everyone had a sense of me anyway, sent out only two emails on my candidacy to the entire House. I also made it clear I would answer anyone's questions, and spoke and answered questions at all three of the forums held, one by the Freedom Caucus, one by the Progressive Caucus, and the other a closed forum for Republicans.

Running for Speaker was a worthwhile experience and, if re-elected, is something I would to do again.

### January Update

Representative Jim McConnell

Cheshire 12 – Richmond and Swanzey

January is always a busy time in Concord as each of the bills and resolutions proposed begins its process through its assigned committee(s). This is an interesting process and something I believe should be more accessible to our constituents through both live streaming and digital recording. Currently, if you want to see what happens in a committee or other house hearings, you have to go to the Capitol and physically attend the hearing(s). If my bill, HB 1557, becomes law you can see as many hearings as you'd like from your computer whenever you find it convenient. There is significant support, and opposition for this idea. I consider the opposition, in my opinion, largely centered in leadership – which seems entirely happy with the way things are now – something those of us in support can overcome. The only substantive argument against the proposal is the one-time cost of \$112,000 to wire and provide cameras and microphones to the Legislative Office Building and the cost of an audio-visual technician and expansion of our computer services at an ongoing annual cost of another \$185,000. This, bear in mind, is in a \$12 billion biennial budget.

There is little else to report. All of my eight bills

and two resolutions are in the process of being heard by their respective committees, and I expect a number of them to be considered at the next House Session on February 7th.

For a complete list of the bills and resolutions I have sponsored (where I am listed first) or co-sponsored, go to <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/default.htm> and select 2018 Bill Requests (LSRs) from the salmon colored heading State Legislation Dash Board. Once there, select my name and click on the Bill Number (in bold) to see the text of the bill from the resulting list.

I can be reached on my cell at 903-3878. 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. I'd like to make sure that you, my constituents, reach me when you want to, and not get lost in the shuffle.

### From My Perspective, December 14, 2017

Representative Barry Faulkner

Cheshire 12 (Richmond and Swanzey)

Since my last report, the New Hampshire House has met to elect a new Speaker to replace Shawn Jasper, who left to take the job of state Commissioner of Agriculture. We elected Gene Chandler, Representative from Bartlett and a former Speaker of the House, as our new Speaker. Representative Chandler was nominated by his fellow Republicans in a closed caucus, and by agreement, none of the Representatives seeking the Republican nomination challenged Chandler when the vote came to the floor for a vote by the full House membership. There were a few "protest" votes on the first ballot, but Rep. Chandler received a majority of votes on the second ballot.

Representative Chandler (now Speaker Chandler) was Chair of the committee that I sit on, Public Works and Highways. I have found Speaker Chandler easy to work with, fair and willing to listen, and our committee

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has a strong record of working together in a bipartisan manner. I am hopeful that this spirit continues with his work as Speaker.

As you may know, Jim McConnell, the other Representative from the Cheshire 12 District, ran for Speaker, and was nominated by the Libertarian Caucus. He was criticized by some other Republicans for refusing to accept the conditions imposed on candidates by the Republican Caucus, and for pursuing this office against such long odds. Jim and I differ on a number of policy issues, but I want to applaud him for one principle that he stood for – that critical decisions should be made by the entire House with full opportunity for debate, and not decided by one group in secret or closed meetings. There are a few issues where Jim and I find common ground: environmental protection; reducing the influence of big money on our elections; and transparency in the legislative process. And we share a concern for how state actions, or inaction, affect the people of our district, even if we have different ideas on the best way to address these concerns.

The legislative session starts again in early January, and we expect an early vote on a proposal to provide vouchers of almost \$4,000 per child to families to send their children to private or parochial schools, or to home-school them. This proposal would divert funding that could be used for our public schools, and I will not be supporting this bill. Our public schools are vital to pro-



viding our kids with the skills they need to compete in today's economy and to become productive citizens.

A major task of the Public Works and Highways Committee this session will be updates and revisions to the roads and highway program. I am looking forward to a busy and productive session.

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### From My Perspective, January 15, 2018

Representative Barry Faulkner

Cheshire 12 (Richmond and Swanzey)

The New Hampshire House of Representatives met this month to vote on bills from 2017 that had been retained for further study. Some of the highlights:

HB 656: This bill legalizes, under state law, the possession and private use of small amounts (3/4 ounce) of marijuana by adults 21 or older, and permits adults to grow their own marijuana plants at home. The bill does not permit the commercial growing or sale of marijuana, but a commission is currently studying this issue and is expected to report this autumn. The bill passed the House by a strong, bipartisan majority (207-139), but requires further action by the Senate and Governor before becoming law. The war on pot has caused untold damage to our economy, to our law enforcement priorities, and to the lives of many young people, and it is time to move on to more important things.

HB 485: This bill aims to reduce contaminants in

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our drinking water by clearly establishing the responsibility in the Department of Environmental Services for determining standards and for testing, and providing appropriate staff to carry out this responsibility. This passed on a voice vote (again, additional steps are necessary before this becomes law).

SB 247: This bill addresses the problem of lead poisoning in children by establishing new, lower lead levels in blood, requiring testing of children at critical ages, and supporting lead removal work in rental housing. This bill passed easily with amended language, so further action with the Senate will be required.

HB 559 and 592: These bills would have radically changed our state's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI, pronounce "Reggie"), an agreement among a number of northeastern states to control or reduce carbon emissions from power plants. The Science, Technology and Energy Committee narrowly (11-10 vote) recommended that our participation in RGGI be repealed (HB 592), and recommended against using RGGI revenue for energy efficiency projects (HB 559). Fortunately, the full House voted against the Committee's recommendation.

SB 193: This bill, called the "School Voucher Bill" takes state tax money, that would otherwise go to support public schools, and diverts it to families to pay for private or parochial schools, or to support home schooling. As I indicated earlier, this is a bad bill, with the potential to seriously undercut our public schools. It passed, as amended, on a hugely partisan vote, 184-162, with only 4 Democrats voting in favor. This bill still has a couple of steps before it becomes law.

HB 587 and SB 224: These two similar bills would prohibit "conversion therapy" for minors – efforts to change a child's sexual orientation – by counseling professionals and commercial enterprises. While there is no evidence that coercive and abusive conversion techniques (such as electric shocks or isolation treatments) are widespread in this state, the professional consensus is that any such therapy is ineffective and potentially damaging to the child. The vote on the floor for each bill was tied (a rare event), and the Speaker cast the deciding vote in each case to kill the bills.

HB 628: This bill establishes a family and medical leave insurance program. Under the program, each employee (unless he or she opts out of the program) would contribute an average of \$5 per week to go into an in-

surance pool administered by the state. The pool would pay out about 60% of a worker's salary when the worker must take an extended leave (up to 12 weeks) to deal with an illness, childbirth or adoption, or to care for a family member who is ill. This benefit is important to attracting to New Hampshire a workforce of childbearing age and to retain experienced workers who have aging parents that require care. While there is some question whether the premium (set at ½ of 1 percent of wages) would be sufficient to support the program, I voted with the majority to get this program started.

My committee, Public Works and Highways is holding hearings on new bills related to the state's infrastructure, and is receiving information that we will need to evaluate the Governor's recommended highway program, which we expect to receive in February. This program will set bridge and highway priorities over the next ten years. We will have a series of hearings on how this program deals with our needs. The full House is scheduled to meet in February to deal with the bills that have made it through the committee hearing process.

Finally, I have hesitated to use these reports to comment on national politics, but recent comments from Washington, disparaging people from certain countries and certain religions, demand a response. I am appalled and saddened that some of our national leaders would choose to divide us based upon race, religion, or national origin, instead of uniting us to work on our common goals. This is a nation of immigrants and their descendants, founded on the principle that we are all created equal; that justice is there for all; that we do not discriminate based on the circumstances of our birth or faith. We have not always lived up to these founding principles, but we have been marching steadily in the right direction. New Hampshire has long been a leader in this fight for fairness and justice, and this is no time to lose our resolve.

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## Getting to Know Your Advertisers

Bonnie McCarthy

**Gomarlo's Shop 'n Save** on Route 10 in Swanzey is more than a grocery store; it is an extended family enterprise comprised of owners Jerry and Kate Gomarlo, their sons, Jerry's father and uncle, and Kate's mother. The family further extends into many long-term employees whose familiar faces have served customers

with a smile as ownership has been handed down from father to son to cousin. It all started in 1939 when Steve Gomarło opened **Gomarło's Food and Circus** on Main Street in Swanzeý near the covered bridge. He sold groceries and just about anything else including clothing, hunting supplies, and sundries. The idea of "Circus" came from Picadilly Circus according to Jennie Gomarło. I always wondered and had to ask. In the '40s grandpa Eddie returned from the service and operated a similar Gomarło's store on Main Street in Winchester until the mid-1980s. Steve's son Mike eventually took over that store, and in 1985 moved it to its current location on Route 10.

Mike's cousin Jerry and his wife Kate took over the store on March 31, 2016, and further modernized the operation by purchasing the bulk foods from Hannaford Super Market. This provided them with the buying leverage of a much larger store and allowed them to price their groceries at competitive prices without additional supply-side mark up. All of their meats are purchased from outside sources and butchered on premises. Their meatballs, sausage, and deli salads are all homemade. In the warmer months most of their produce is sourced locally in-season from the same large farms in western Massachusetts that they have patronized since the 1950s.

Gomarło's today is a full service, personalized grocery operation that reminds me of the Richmond Four Corner Store when it was owned and operated by the loving hands of the two Jacobson families. Need something special? Just ask. Jerry Gomarło goes one step further and offers home delivery of your phoned in grocery order of \$50 or more. He's even been known to put your groceries away in a pinch. Like the Jacobson's, the Gomarło's are avid community supporters. They sponsor two Swanzeý Little League teams and one Keene Little League team. They donate to Gert's Pantry and support the Swanzeý Public Library. Recently, they sponsored the Red Hat Run to honor the family of the late Calvin Lancey of Richmond. And speaking of Richmond ties, Jerry Gomarło shows up at the Richmond Fire Department at 6:00 am on the Sunday of the annual Fire Department Barbecue to deliver the chickens and the "makin's of the fixin's."

Fair warning...get out your bibs! The following are just some of the meals that can be enjoyed from Gomarło's. The specials are posted daily on their Facebook

page – *gomarłos shop 'n save* in the search function on Facebook. Not a Facebook user? Just call the store at 354-3409, and ask what the daily specials are. Made-to-order grinders or ready-made grinders called Grampa Eddie's Grinders and a daily crockpot special are at the deli counter. Want pizza? Gomarło's supports other local businesses offering Angie's Pizza by the slice. The last Friday of each month they make a delicious seafood chowder. Every Saturday they have their famous family baked beans. If you crave a more substantial meal, Gomarło's offers the following on a rotating basis: meatloaf, mac and cheese, spaghetti and meatballs, BBQ chicken, shepherd's pie, and lasagna. Friday's belong to The Prime Rib starting at 4:00 pm. Be forewarned ! Best to call ahead to order the famous 12 oz. prime rib with homemade au jus, twice baked potato and vegetable special for \$13.99 plus tax. It always sells out.

So, who's hungry? Who would like to take advantage of Keene, big store prices in a family atmosphere for a short trip to Swanzeý? Who understands the need to support our loyal *Richmond Rooster* advertisers? Please let the friendly folks at Gomarło's know that you "Read it in *The Rooster*" on your next visit.

## **Parks and Recreations**

Karen Daugherty

By the time you're reading this we will have had our January Winter Event behind the fire station with snowman making, s'mores, and hot dogs! Our next events will be:

**Saturday, February 10 at 1 pm** at Camp Takodah for "Balto," a family movie, and snacks.

**NOTE: THE DATE CHANGE for EASTER EGG HUNT.** Saturday, March 24 at 10 am sharp at Amidon Park. Come enjoy donuts and hot chocolate. Bring a basket for the Egg Hunt, or we'll provide bags.

Keep an eye out for the Spring Roadside Clean-up and in June for the annual Summer Reading Kick-off and Tie-Dye BBQ.

Please refer to the Parks and Recreation webpage on the town website for past and upcoming events. If you can't make the events because of date or time, but are interested in another event of the same kind, email us so we can continue to plan events that Richmond residents are interested in. Thank you!

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We meet from about 9 am – 10 am on Mondays and Fridays at the Veterans Hall in Richmond. If you have questions, call Phillis Ramsden at 239-6682.

## Come Dine With Us

An Invitation to the Table

Maureen Daugherty

“Sharing tables is one of the most uniquely human things we do. No other creature consumes its food at a table. And sharing tables with other people reminds us that there’s more to food than fuel. We don’t eat only for sustenance.” —Barry D Jones

I was invited to share some recipes and maybe a thought or two in *The Rooster*. Writing is not my gift and since I spend at least 50% of my time in the kitchen, I decided to stay with a topic I know, and am passionate about, and hope that makes up for it.

So please follow my lead and submit a favorite recipe for *The Richmond Recipe Book*. See my recipe for Cream Scones with Jalapenos and Cheddar when it is finally published.

## Richmond Recipe Book

Jeani Eismont

*The Richmond Recipe Book* is moving along, but I need many more recipes from **EVERYONE** in Richmond. These recipes should reflect **ALL** of our efforts, not just a few.

If each cook has at least one favorite, please send it to me at 70 Whipple Hill Road, Richmond, NH 03470 or email me at [jeani@eismont.com](mailto:jeani@eismont.com).

We would like to use this as a fundraiser for the 4-Corners development. I have received several desert recipes. How about special salads or soups and stews, meat, chicken, fish, or an appetizer? If you get your fa-

vorite from another cookbook, just reference it in your letter. Let’s make this something we **ALL** participate in and can be proud of.

## NH Study On Wind Power

Susan Opal

In 2014, the NH State legislature initiated a study on the potential of offshore wind. The study involved several experts in the fields of energy and engineering, in addition to state legislators, and it concluded that the wind resource off of New Hampshire’s coast has real potential to generate significant amounts of electricity. This potential is even greater if we consider collaborating with the neighboring states of Maine and Massachusetts.

**THE NEXT STEP:** Towns like Richmond are making their voices heard. We are currently focused on gathering municipal resolutions in support of an intergovernmental task force and stakeholder process to determine the feasibility and best locations for offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine.

Offshore wind is the largest potential component for a safe, secure, and sustainable energy future in New Hampshire, free of the economic, environmental, and public health threats posed by fossil fuel and nuclear power pollution.

An alliance of local and statewide groups promoting offshore wind is a critical component of a sustainable energy future for Maine and New Hampshire. As a part of this effort, some local organizations are currently working with local folks on town meeting warrant article initiatives in Rye, Exeter, Hampton, Lee, and all over New Hampshire. As residents of Richmond, we especially need your help in speaking up as the resolution goes before your town/city council this March. We are inviting all NH towns to propose a resolution in support of offshore wind. This is an opportunity to speak as an entire town to tell the State of New Hampshire to move forward on Offshore Wind. It is clear that our neighbors to the north and the south are making serious efforts to develop the offshore wind industry. Massachusetts is one of the leaders in the country at the moment in this regard.

It, therefore, behooves New Hampshire to become more involved in this potentially significant area of economic growth, even with our limited coastline. From the report of the committee to study Offshore Wind Energy, this would make significant opportunities for

bringing back the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for it is necessary to construct the windmills in very deep water and then Float them out to sea. Also, the decommissioned Seabrook Nuclear Plant will provide an electrical grid central point for distribution of the substantial electrical power produced.

The NED Pipeline is still a potential problem for Richmond and all along the New Hampshire, Massachusetts border. This is a positive way of providing a very substantial clean energy source for the future of most of New England. Yes, the offshore wind farm would be a major source of electricity for us all in the New England Region. I want to encourage everyone to support this town meeting warrant article initiative. I have been involved in this effort and others through the Monadnock Citizens Climate Lobby (MCCL) which is supporting this nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy work. The Monadnock Chapter of CCL also works for the passage of Carbon Fee and Dividend, the climate change solution economists and climate scientists alike say is the best first step to preventing the worst impacts of a warming world. If you would like to do more for your earth, we meet once a month with a keynote speaker, always on an interesting topic. Our meetings take place in public locations and in private homes, usually alternating between the vicinity of Peterborough and the vicinity of Keene. We communicate with each other by e-mail. Our primary activities are writing letters to our members of Congress, writing letters and op-eds about Carbon Fee and Dividend in local and regional newspapers, tabling at climate- and energy-related events, and making presentations at business and social organizations. Please join us even if you have only limited free time because everyone can help!! Join our Chapter!

## **Hello Richmond Voters**

Joseph Cartwright  
County Commissioner

I have been your county commissioner just about a year now and thank you for the privilege. I want to bring your attention to some of what has been happening in the county.

The county recently launched a new web site with lots of information on county business. I encourage you to go to <http://www.co.cheshire.nh.us> and check it out!

The “Old Cheshire County Court House Renovation Project” is currently seeking donations to raise

matching funds for an LCHIP Grant to restore the courthouse windows. If you want more info, please contact Cindy Rodenhauser Stewart at 603-313-5624, or visit the county website. Donations small or large are greatly appreciated.

The Maplewood Nursing Home Project is moving right along. The county secured the \$34,681,366 Bond in November at an interest rate of 2.58%. Our construction team, led by Steve Horton, has been very busy going over plans and working out every detail. We are now preparing a request for proposals and are planning to break ground on the new wing in mid April 2018. It will be a busy and exciting year!

The old “Jail” has been torn down. The debris will be dealt with in the spring.

The Commissioners submitted their 2018 budget to the County Delegation on Dec.11. The County Delegation will go through the budget and make adjustments as they wish. The process must be completed by March 31, 2018.

The Commissioners budget is \$50,552,358.00 – an increase of 10% from 2017. Taxes to be raised are proposed at \$28,197,998, an increase of \$3,916,982 (16.13%) from 2017. Of the budget increases, the first bond payment represents \$2,849,209 (11.73%), employee normal wage adjustments \$416,500 (1.72%), expenses for County residents needing Medicaid Assistance for nursing homes and home based care up by \$168,000 (.69%) and health insurance costs of \$523,000 (2.15%). Furthermore the commissioners have included \$142,000 (.58%) to fund half of the impact of a wage and classification study, the first study to have been completed since 2003.

Outside of the increase due to the bonding, I think this budget recognizes the pressure to minimize the impact on the taxpayer while meeting our obligations to provide necessary and essential services to County residents while fulfilling our obligations to the County’s hardworking employees.

As I promised when you elected me last year, I have worked hard on your behalf to improve and keep the nursing home in Westmoreland. Part of the reason for the budget increase is because \$500,000 of the proshare funds (federal government sharing cost of nursing home) was used to reduce Bond principal, instead of returning the money to tax payers, because this reduces the cost of nursing to the taxpayer.

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Chris Daugherty, Carol Jameson, William Daniels

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

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:**

Mon. 9 AM – 12 NOON, 1 – 4 PM, 6 – 8 PM

Wed. 1 – 4 PM, Thurs. 9 AM – 12 NOON

**Tax Collector:** Steve Boscarino

#### **Deputy Tax Collector:**

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.

1st Tues. of the month – 7:30 PM

and 3rd 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:** 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

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past familiar houses on her old road  
past spring's green unfolding ferns

As the white car winds its way it climbs  
slow – careful up unforgotten slopes  
as west winds blow with unusual shear

When an adult daughter returns home  
needing comfort the house knows  
she belongs here on this granite fault

Burnt sun floods Vermont's Green Mountains  
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