



The **Something to Crow About** RICHMOND ROOSTER

March 2018

Notes from the Selectboard

Town Elections, March 13, 11 AM – 7 PM

Town Meeting March 17, 9 AM at the Vet's Hall

February in the Selectmen's office is our busiest month. We finalize the proposed budget, draft the Town warrant, hold the pre-warrant budget hearing, prepare the Town Annual Report, make state filings, while conducting the usual business of the town.

The Selectmen thank our Administrative Assistant, Susan Harrington, for her help working overtime, tracking down information, producing reports, organizing, and finalizing a myriad of details and tasks. It all culminates at Town Meeting on March 17, when the town votes on the warrant articles. We hope for a large turnout.

We did not hold a Candidates Night this year because there were no contested elections for the ensuing year.

Town Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town Election will be held at the Veterans Memorial Hall on March 13. The polls will open at 11:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. The Monadnock Regional School District Election will be held at the same time.

If you are not yet a registered Richmond voter, please contact the Town Clerk's office for information. Voter registration laws changed in September 2017 regarding verification of domicile.

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

- Will be absent from the town where the voter is registered to vote;
- Cannot appear in public due to religious reasons;
- Is unable to come to the polls due to a physical disability;
- Or is unable to come to the polls during polling hours because the voter is at work or is in transit to or from work. This includes the care of children and infirm adults, with or without compensation.

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

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

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

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

The business session of the Town Meeting will commence at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 17, at the Veteran's Memorial Hall. All registered voters attending this meeting will have the opportunity to discuss, amend and vote on the town budget and other business on the warrant. If you are not a registered voter and you would like to vote at the business session, please register no later than Election Day, March 13. No voter registration activity will occur on March 17. As always, please call 239-6202 if you have any questions or concerns. Visits are always welcome!

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Vote: March 13, 2018 - 11:00 am-7:00 pm Richmond Veterans Hall

None of the Richmond Town seats are contested in 2018
but we need your support to write in:

Edward Reece(3yr), Jason Macdonald(1yr), and Sheldon Perry

Selectman:	Christen Daugherty
Planning Board (3):	Stacie Maillet Edward Reece (write-in 3yr.) Jason Macdonald (write-in 1yr.)
Trustee of Trust Funds:	Rostislav Eismont
Library Trustee:	Sheldon Perry (write-in)
Cemetery Trustee:	Lynn Davis
Supervisor of the Checklist:	Linda L. Christo
Moderator:	Walden Whitham
Town Clerk:	Annette Tokunaga

Annual Town Meeting: March 17, 2018 9:00 am Richmond Veterans Hall

Please, join us for our annual Town Meeting and support the committees,
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Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

- Mar. 12 OPEN from 4-5 pm to accept absentee ballots
Mar. 13 Town Election
Polls open 11 am-7 pm, Veteran's Hall
Mar. 16 OPEN 3-5 pm to accept applications for
recounts of votes cast at Town Election
for officers
Mar. 17 2nd Session of Town Meeting starts at
9:00 am, Veteran's Hall

Library News

Wendy Obrien

Calendar for March:

- Sat. Mar. 3, 10:30-11:30, Community Coffee Hour,
Knitting Circle
Wed. Mar. 7, 10:00, Storytime: *Giant Jumperee*
Thurs. Mar. 8, 5:00, Teen Pizza Night
Sat. Mar. 10, 10:30-11:30, Knitting Circle
Wed. Mar. 14, 10:00, Storytime: St. Patrick's Day
Sat. Mar. 17, 10:30, Knitting Circle
Wed. Mar. 21, 10:00, Storytime: *Springtime*
Sat. Mar. 24, 10:30, Knitting Circle
Wed. Mar. 28, 10:00, Storytime: *Easter Bunny*
Sat. Mar. 31, 10:30, Knitting Circle

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RPL Board of Trustees Write-In Candidate

Bonnie McCarthy

At the March elections, the Richmond Public Library (RPL) will have an opening for a new member of the Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Librarian Wendy O'Brien, the current member of the Board of Trustees and I, as an ex-officio member, sought an appropriate candidate before the ballot deadline without success. Thankfully, an enthusiastic, perfectly qualified individual appeared after the deadline to have his name



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on the ballot. Sheldon Perry has lived in Richmond for two years with his wife Carol and their three children. Those of you who know Sheldon most likely know him as the “Computer Guy” because he provides technical support for the Selectmen, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and RPL. Because of his experience in town-wide technical support, he is already familiar with the library and is an ardent supporter of Wendy and her projects. Sheldon has his own IT business for both business and residential clients. In addition to his work in Richmond, he performs IT support for the entire Town of Stoddard and the Hancock Police Department. Before taking the leap into self-employment, he spent many years working for the government, and two years teaching math and computer science at Mount Wachusett Community College. When he is not rooted to a computer, he enjoys hiking local mountains.

Sheldon Perry is an excellent fit to join the outstanding RPL Board of Trustees and assume the duties of Treasurer. Please join me in writing his name in as the next board member. Thank you.

February Update

Representative Jim McConnell

Cheshire 12 – Richmond and Swanzey

The start of this year’s session has differed significantly from those I’ve previously experienced. Unfortunately,



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I haven’t found the changes an improvement. This year’s committee schedules have been largely concentrated in the month of January. This resulted in less consideration for proposed legislation in committee — by reason of shortened time frames and increased assignments of bills to multiple committees — and less floor discussion in the reduced number of sessions scheduled for the full House. The result of these changes is to increase the Speaker’s influence by sending an inordinate number of bills to second, and in some cases, third, committees, each of which, offers the opportunity to amend or kill legislation that either he or the Governor seek to derail. In an effort to forestall some of this, I unsuccessfully sought changes in the rules which would have restricted the Finance Committee’s mandate which currently permits it to overrule policy committees even when there are no adverse financial implications in the bills referred to it.

I will continue to seek to reduce the Speaker’s influence on legislation, regardless of party, believing that the balance between the Speaker and the House membership is frequently a zero sum game.

As of this writing, the fate of only one of my eight bills and one of my two Resolutions has been determined.

HB 1797, my bill adding a 50% charge to all amounts assessed to persons (which also means corpo-

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rations) liable for costs of containment, cleanup, and remediation of water, air, and soil pollution, was defeated by vote of the House. This bill addressed the fact that New Hampshire has lax environmental regulations and enforcement, and sought to ensure that polluting companies considering a location where they could escape penalty would go somewhere else, and that companies currently here would ensure they took the steps necessary to avoid polluting. I will submit this legislation, amending it to counter the objections raised, again next year in the event that I am re-elected.

HJR 5, my Resolution that the New Hampshire House of Representatives and Senate reject hate, bigotry and violence in all their forms, was approved by the House and now moves to the Senate.

My other seven bills and one Resolution are still working their way through committee(s) or awaiting consideration by the full House.

I can be reached at 903-3878, which is my cell phone. 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.

From My Perspective, February 10, 2018

Barry Faulkner

State Representative

Cheshire 12 (Swanzey/Richmond)

The New Hampshire House of Representatives met during the first week of February. Most of the bills acted upon in this session will be going to a second committee in the House for further action – for example, to the Finance Committee to evaluate the cost and fiscal impact of the bill. As a result, a lot can change, and it is in most cases too early to predict what the final outcome may be.

It is worth noting that many of the votes taken at the February 8 session saw members cross party lines to cast a vote based upon their own view of the issues. One example is the vote on a bill (HB 1822) to allow pharmacists to dispense oral contraceptives to women based upon a set of guidelines (a “standing order”), without requiring the women to get an individual prescription from their physician. The cost of the doctor’s appointment is a real obstacle for some, and may be contributing to the fact that more than 40 percent of pregnancies in this state are unintended. The Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee, by a narrow majority, had recommended that this bill be killed, but an overwhelming majority of the full House (265-76) voted to reject this recommendation and pass this bill.

Another vote worth mentioning was on a bill (HB 1797) championed by the other Representative from Cheshire 12 that would have imposed significant new penalties on companies that pollute our land, water, or air. The Resources, Recreation, and Development Committee recommended against this bill for fear that it would discourage new businesses from moving to New Hampshire. As Rep. McConnell argued, if they are coming here because we are making it easier to pollute our state, we don’t want them here. I was happy to join Rep. McConnell in an effort to overturn the negative recommendation, but the full house voted to kill this bill.


In the Public Works and Highways Committee, we are in the middle of several weeks of testimony and information sessions on the ten-year Transportation Program. The ten-year program is updated every two years, based upon a technical assessment of the investment needs of our highway system and transit services, and upon input from local officials and citizens through a series of meetings and hearings held across the state. Our job in the legislature is to review the priority-setting process and authorize the funding for the next few years



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of the program. The program is funded by federal grant programs and state and local funds. State funds for highways, primarily the gas tax and motor vehicle registrations, have not kept up with the reinvestment needs of the highway system, and a number of measures are being considered to spread the cost fairly to the users of the road system. Stay tuned. fbfaulkner@outlook.com

Editor's Note

John Boccalini

First, if you haven't yet, let me invite you to sign up on our email list that will keep you aware of important Town/local news, Town-related event reminders, lost pets, and the like, which occur between our monthly paper editions. Between our paper issue and our emails, this is the best way to stay in touch with what is happening in the Richmond community. Signing up is free. Just email us at therichmondrooster@yahoo.com.

Also, let me invite you to participate in submitting articles, stories, poems, letters, photos, artwork etc. whenever you like. We all have a story to share, a song to sing, or a picture to show. Our staff can also use a volunteer here and there if you are so inclined. Again contact therichmondrooster@yahoo.com.

Thank you to all who have sent such positive responses to the return of the paper issue of *The Rooster*.

Hiking Roaring Brook and Toad Hollow Road in February

Carol Jameson

Roaring Brook is a beautiful brook in the southwest corner of Richmond. It follows the east side of Whipple Hill Road from above Barrus Cemetery downhill to Route 119, where it turns west towards Winchester on the south side of Route 119. Roaring Brook was featured in a New Hampshire calendar a few years back. This February, it roared when the rains fell hard



early in the month, and dramatic ice jams formed from the rain landing on top of the ice floes. It is always a beautiful walk, but especially so this time.

You can access the trail from Whipple Hill Road, about ¼ of a mile south from the intersection of Whipple Hill Road and Route 119. The trail continues



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on both sides of Whipple Hill Road where the brook runs under the road. At the bridge, look for the trail on both sides of the road.

For this hike, my friend Jon Hill and I hiked the brook on the east side of Whipple Hill Rd. The temperature had climbed to the 30s, much of the snow had melted over the past few days, and it was a glorious day for a hike. We donned our micro spikes and gaiters and were off on an easy winter walk on old town roads and logging roads in the SW corner of Richmond bounded by Whipple Hill Road, Route 119, Colony Hill Road, Roaring Brook, Tilsey Brook, and Sprague Brook.

The path from Whipple Hill Road begins as a wide, level path next to the brook for about a mile. There was snow on the ground and we saw many animal tracks – mice, squirrels, chipmunks, porcupine, bobcat, coyote, deer, and even moose prints. There is a section of the trail where a game trail crosses the walking trail, like a Four Corners for the animal world.

In about half an hour, the trail comes to an intersection of several brooks, where Tilsey Brook and Sprague Brook join Roaring Brook. At this point, the trail is a discontinued town road called Toad Hollow Road. It joins a network of discontinued roads that could take you all the way south to the Barrus Cemetery and even Massachusetts were the bridges still in existence.

Unfortunately, the bridges are no longer there and although the brook is not deep, there is no way to ford

it in winter. In warmer weather, we have crossed the water by wading across, shimmying along fallen trees and walking on the top of beaver dams – not possible this time.

We continued on the trail without crossing the brooks as it curved east, roughly paralleling Route 119 and joining a network of logging roads. A gentle uphill trail heading east and then south brought us back to Route 119 about two miles west of Four Corners on a main logging road through land that had been logged about five years ago. There is a view to the east/north-east of the tip of Little Monadnock and the Taylor's Christmas tree farm from a high point near the end of the walk – a lovely winter walk along a pretty stream.

Come Dine With Us

This article was cut short last month because it was thought that it actually belonged in the upcoming Richmond Recipe Cookbook. It was not the intent of the editors to alter it abitrarily. So, here is the article in its entirety with apologies to Maureen, a wonderful cook.

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

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I have been invited to share some recipes and maybe a thought or two in *The Rooster*. Writing is not my gift and since, in all likelihood, 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.

I love to cook. I love to cook for my family, I love to cook for friends, I love to cook for occasions and special events. I love to cook. That said, after all the cooking, the very best part is enjoying the food and sharing time, conversation, stories and laughter with the people I love ... at the table. The Italians call it “a Tavola!” and that one phrase sums it all up. Come to the table! At the Daugherty house we simply yell, “DIN-NER.”

I often try to have some homemade bread for our Sunday family dinner – not always yeast bread. *Go then, eat your bread in happiness and drink your wine with a cheerful heart ... Ecclesiastes 9:7a*

Cream Scones With Jalapenos And Cheddar

(scone is the Irish/Scottish/British name for biscuits)

2 cups flour

2 teaspoons sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder

1 ¼ teaspoon salt

1 cup extra sharp cheddar cheese in ¼ inch dice

5 tablespoons diced jalapeños – or to taste (jarred works, just drain on paper towels)

1 ¼ cup heavy cream

2 tablespoons butter, melted

¼ cup grated cheddar (optional) or a little coarse salt

- Pre-heat oven to 425 degrees (400 for convection ovens)

- In a large bowl, mix dry ingredients. Add cheese and jalapenos, stir to combine. Stir in cream until the dough starts to form.

- Turn out on lightly floured surface and knead gently just until the dough holds together. Form into a 12 inch

diameter circle and cut into 16 wedges with a sharp knife. (You could also pull off chunks, round them a bit and flatten to about ½ inch or use a biscuit cutter or even a heart shaped cookie cutter for your Valentine.)

- Place about 1 inch apart on an un-greased baking sheet. Brush with melted butter and sprinkle with grated cheddar, if desired, or sprinkle lightly with coarse salt. Bake in pre-heated oven about 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cover cooling rack with a kitchen towel, place scones on top, cover with the other ½ of the towel and cool. Store wrapped in foil at room temperature up to 24 hours. They freeze well.

- You can add lots of things to change these up – bacon, onions, chives, ham – use your imagination OR reduce the salt to ½ tsp and increase the sugar to ¼ cup, add 1 TBL grated lemon or orange rind and 1 cup of chopped apricots, raisins or raisins. I have used fresh raspberries with excellent results. Just sprinkle the sweet scones with coarse sugar or cinnamon sugar, etc. in place of the salt.

“DIN-NER”

I think careful cooking is love, don't you? The loveliest thing you can cook for someone who's close to you is about as nice a valentine as you can give. Julia Child

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.

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-



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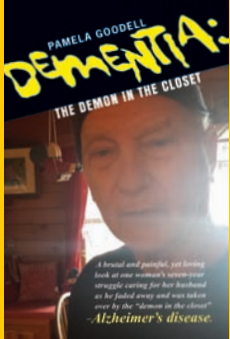
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Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

PLEASE MAKE TIME TO VOTE: TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at the VET'S HALL.

The school warrant articles are on the ballot for your vote, and our town officers will be elected

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. Saying good-by to a dedicated Business Manager Jane Fortson and a friend. Jane also served on both the Budget Committee and School Board. She will be missed and tough to replace. Thanks Jane.

2. Only 12 Students Visit CCC* On Tour

It was very disappointing to hear that only 12 students from our district took advantage of a tour of our trade school facility. 37% of the high school graduates go directly into the workforce – to do what? All students

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should take a tour of CCC – just to see what's out there, if nothing else. I'm trying to get this corrected at MRSD.

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

* **Cheshire Career Center** – the local trade school is located at the Keene High School Campus

2nd Quarter Honor Roll Middle and High School

Neil Moriarty

Thanks to Ms. Sherry Page for putting in the extra effort to get this to *The Rooster* in time for the deadline. As usual, if your child's name is not here and you feel it should be, check to see if you have a "Do not release on the name."

Name	Grade if supplied	Honor
Hayden Budlike	9	Honors
Francisco (Joel) Camuso	12	Honors
Dylan Cashman	9	Honors
Aderyn Daugherty	8	High Honors
Heather Doyle	11	Honors
Nathan Doyle	9	Honors
Ian Gauthier	8	High Honors
Daniel Heise	12	Honors
Laci LeBlanc	7	Honors
Ivy Love	9	Honors
Peter Margand	11	Honors
Madison Pearsall	12	Honors
Gabrielle Schmidt	8	Honors
Alicia Thayer	12	High Honors
Bridget VanValzah	8	High Honors

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Elementary Schools Awards

Alexis Bouley is the only Richmond student who received an award for January 2018. It should be noted that the recent snow delays prevented Cutler from handing out the awards prior to *The Rooster* deadline.

Monadnock Regional School District Warrant, March 13, 2018

Neil Moriarty

My opinions:

Yes on Article One. This warrant is down 1+% from last year.

No on Article Two. Why spend \$1.4 million on one school when the School Board is looking to replace all elementary schools? Furthermore, there is no state reimbursement money on this article.

Yes on Article Three. While there is no state reimbursement money, this is average maintenance.

Yes on Article Four. Although not required, the money will be spent only as needed. I am lost on the numbers and can not find a copy of the warrant.

Yes on Specialist. Satisfactory, although we should be getting to an 80/20% split in insurance

No on Teachers. While the teachers deserve this raise after 3 years – they must surrender their claim to the \$345,000 insurance pool.

Note: If you see that the teachers have surrendered their claim to the \$345,000 we would recommend yes.

No on Messa. We do not agree that the employees should be getting paid lunch.

No on Article Eight. Leave the formula as is – several people are looking at what the most equitable formula for Monadnock Regional School District should look like.

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Bonnie McCarthy

Gene White of the Archie D. Jennings Agency, Inc. certainly needs no introduction since he has been a loyal *Rooster* Booster since the very beginning. Gene has only been associated with this personal and business insurance agency since Halloween morning of 1983. It was founded by Archie D. Jennings in 1918. This year marks 100 years of excellent service to the local communities and surrounding towns. To help celebrate this milestone a little history of the agency is in order.

The first five owners of the agency worked out of their respective homes in various locations in Winchester – Ashuelot Street and Parker Street. The office opened at its current location in Kulick's Country Mall in 1972 as one of the original tenants. Archie was the only Jennings to run the agency, but the name has been retained through each change in ownership. Some of you may remember when Katherine McLeod, and later her son Don, were the principles. Don McLeod incorporated the agency in 1990 and Gene became a 50% partner. Upon Don's demise in 2008, Gene took over full ownership. For the past 19 years the Jennings Agency has been part of a cluster of 17 agencies called the Gateway Insurance Group. As of January 1, 2018, Gateway joined the Northern United Agents Alliance, and there are now 34 agencies in that cluster.

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has more companies with which to quote and place insurance contracts to meet the needs of its individual customers. If an agent does not deal directly with a certain type of insurance, the agent has 33 affiliated agents to whom the client can be referred. Sure sounds like a sweet deal to me.

In July 2017, Gene opened a second location of the Archie D. Jennings Agency in Marlborough, NH. It is located with the Talon Agency at 116 Main Street. The Talon Agency specializes in Life Insurance, Financial Planning and Tax Preparation. In effect, this location is one-stop shopping for your insurance/financial needs. Lydia Hannon, an employee of both agencies, is available for half-a-day in each location, so Winchester area clients can also take advantage of all the combined insurance and financial services.

Insuring your personal and business assets through an independent agency rather than directly through an insurance company has many advantages. The obvious advantage is the personal one-on-one service provided by face-to-face contact. You may have policy numbers, but YOU are definitely not a number. Length of service and local knowledge are crucial. Sonja Britton has been with Gene since 1999 and is well known in the area. Richmond's own Deb Coll worked at the agency for 12 years before retiring at the end of June 2017. Gene lived in Swanzey for 35 years where he was active in the Lion's Club, various town committees and was on the

school board for nine years. In short, Gene, Sonja and Lydia provide a small insurance/financial agency in a small town. They know their customers and their needs. They provide excellent service in a friendly, professional atmosphere where your business is attended to quickly and personally.

Independent agencies represent many different companies and can provide a wide variety of insurance products and price comparisons. There can be hundreds of dollars of difference for the same coverage among companies. If you need specialized insurance, an independent agent has many markets in which to shop for your needs. When you stop in be sure to mention that you "Read it in *The Rooster*."

Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugerty

This year's Winter Event was hosted at the Pavilion with a little snow, mild weather, and fire pits blazing. It was a lovely day for moseying, enjoying good food, and talking with neighbors. There was a hot chocolate bar, steamed or roasted hot dogs, and s'mores. There wasn't a lot of snow, but we did have an adventurous tyke attempt to make a snow castle that came out really cute! There were plentiful games of mother-may-I, Frisbee, and plenty of flying snowballs! Thank you to all





the attendees and the Parks and Recreation members.

For something new and different this winter, we teamed up with Camp Takodah to host an event featuring the movie “Balto.” What a great movie! What a great venue! We popped popcorn and enjoyed sweet treats and drinks while watching the film on a large pull-down movie screen. During the movie, some preferred to color pictures of Balto at the craft table. There was plenty of room and something for everyone. Thank you to Camp Takodah and Ryan Reed for coordinating this event with us, providing the function room, movie equipment, coffee, and hot chocolate! Thank you to all the Parks and Recreation members for their time and energy in making the day a success. We look forward to organizing another movie event!



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


PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE OF THE EASTER EGG HUNT.

- **Saturday, March 24th at 10 am sharp at Amidon Park for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.** Young and old, come enjoy donuts and hot chocolate. Bring your own basket for the Egg Hunt or we will provide bags.
- **Spring Roadside Clean-up** is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th.
- **The annual Summer Reading Kick-off, Tie-Dye, and BBQ** is scheduled for June 16th at 11 am. This year’s theme is “Libraries Rock.”

Historical Tours of Richmond for 2018

Jerry Mills

The football season is over, the Lazy Boy is looking for a break, and removing snow and ice isn’t as much fun as it used to be. If you agree with these thoughts, maybe you would consider a walk in the fresh outdoors. A walk that doesn’t require operating a remote, trying to stay awake during another commercial, or landing on very hard surfaces.



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So if you can, set aside an hour or two this year and join our group planning to venture outdoors in Richmond to visit the following:

1. Mid May, assuming mud or snow isn't a factor, a hike of approximately one mile to view the trail on Monument Rd. off Rt. 119. Points of interest will include old growth forest dating back 100+ years that guard old cellar holes of early Richmond residents, the high end of Devil's Stair Hill where canons were pulled on their way for battles to the west, and Eliza Ballou's monument. Eliza was President Garfield's mother and the monument marks the site of her early years.

If the spirit is willing and the legs still work, bring water, a walking stick if needed, bug spray if the black flies are visiting, and wear comfortable shoes or boots.

2. A tour of the Quaker Cemetery located behind the Richmond Police station is planned for July. Parking will be at the old Four Corners Store site. The land for the cemetery was donated by Jedediah Buffum and wife Sarah in 1789 to the Quakers "in consideration of love and good will."

3. In the fall, a tour of the Richmond Town Pound is planned with parking at the Vet's Hall. The Pound is approximately 200 feet north of the Hall and just across Rt. 32. Pounds were built by the early settlers to hold stray farm animals. A farmer could reclaim the animal by paying a fee to the Pound Keeper for its care and feeding.

For those who would rather hike on their own schedule, the following information is provided for a visit to Monument Road which is part of the marked trail system in NH. The trees along the hiking path are clearly painted with 2-3in. white dots. If you have access to a TOPO map of SE Richmond you will find that Monument Rd. intersects with Greenwoods Rd. The monument itself is about 3/8 of a mile north of Greenwoods. However, this approach can be wet and is steep

at the start. If you choose to hike it from the Rt. 119 end and park where Monument Rd. narrows to one lane, the trail is flatter, dryer, but about 3 times longer. The only 90° turn in the trail comes at the crest of a hill where an old logging landing is located. Turn south to head towards the monument.

Should you head west at this point, you are on Devil's Stair Hill. Although still marked with white dots on the trees every 50 feet the path narrows, becomes steep, and is based on solid rock for several hundred feet. This can be slippery at times, so caution is advised. This section of the trail continues west for 400-500 yards. At that point, the markings lead you south along a ridge. To continue west at this turning point, the path gets very swampy.

A final note: Wildlife abounds in this part of Richmond. While you may enjoy your hike, coyotes may be watching you. Plan accordingly, as this territory is home to creatures that are faster and perhaps hungrier than you.

More info will be forthcoming on hikes to the Quaker Cemetery and the Town Pound. The internet, the Town Library, and USGS maps can help you with additional information to these historic sites.

**Richmond Community
United Methodist Church**

Pastor Arnie Johnson

As we enter into the month of March, we are part-way into the Lenten season of the church. Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), began on Ash Wednesday, February 14; and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter, Saturday, March 31.

During Lent, we are in a season of preparation, self-reflection, and repentance when we seek to literally "turn around" and realign our lives and focus toward

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The Easter Season, also known as Eastertide or the Great Fifty Days, begins on Easter Sunday, April 1 and ends on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Focusing on Christ's resurrection and ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), Eastertide is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. We celebrate the good news that in Christ's death and resurrection, we and all creation are continually being made new by God's love and saving grace.

We at Richmond Community Church invite all, no matter what your religious persuasion, to join us in celebration. Special dates to remember during this joyous time are March 25, Palm Sunday, the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem; March 29, Maundy Thursday, commemorating Jesus Christ's last supper; March 30, Good Friday, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary; and April 1, Easter Sunday, the day Jesus rose from the dead. Come join us during this wonderful time!

We are located at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. (Route 119), just east of the Four Corners of Routes 32 & 119 in Richmond, NH. Our Sunday services start at 10 am with Communion celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each

month. All those who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to celebrate Communion with us.

Richmond Community Development Association: Four Corners Store Update

Sandra Gillis

The RCDA continues to implement plans to promote the rebuilding of the Four Corners General Store, to serve all Richmond's residents and visitors. This project can become a reality if the community is committed, enthusiastic and involved in its creation. The RCDA welcomes your support of our mission to promote the growth and prosperity of the Town of Richmond by encouraging active citizen involvement, promoting local economic development, preserving historic places and buildings and supporting local recreational and athletic opportunities.

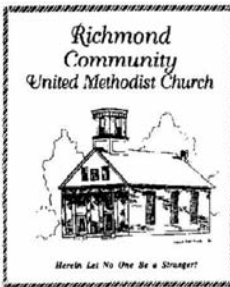
As you may recall, in 2017 a grant-funded economic feasibility study was completed and the Town reached out to potential store developers/owners, seeking their input and interest in developing a general store in Richmond. Developers who responded to our request had committed to other projects and were not interested.

2018 A New Direction

The RCDA initially sought USDA Rural Economic Development grant funding to develop the four corners

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property as a general store. However, the RCDA and the Selectmen now agree that it would be more beneficial to the Town to list the property for sale for development as a general store and gas station.

Based on input from Town residents following the public presentation of the Economic Feasibility Study in June 2017, the store plans presented in the study have been revised to reduce the scale and costs anticipated in the study, to mimic the scale and rural feel of the former general store.

You may recall that the town voted in 2016 to zone the property as commercial with design guidelines that support the Town's wishes regarding preservation of the historic heritage of the Richmond Four Corners area.

The Town owns the four corners property, which was rehabilitated and deemed free of MTBE contaminants in 2015. This effort was funded by NH DES and US EPA via the Brownfields Program sponsored by Southwest Region Planning Commission. The property is now available for development and town surveys have shown that residents want to have a general store and gas station at the Four Corners.

Until the property is sold, it may be used by the town for various town and community related projects. The Town and the RCDA welcomes your comments, and encourages anyone who envisions building and/or

running a general store to contact us and join in our efforts to bring a general store back to Richmond.

Highlights Of The 2018 Budget

Selectman

The proposed appropriations for the 2018 town budget that are recommended by the Selectmen are lower than for 2017. All town departments have worked diligently to cut costs while maintaining services and care of town assets. We thank everybody for their efforts.

Total

Recommended appropriations 2018 = \$1,173,948

Recommended appropriations 2017 = \$1,188,949

2018 Combined Budget Decrease = \$15,001

Operating

Recommended Operating Budget 2018 = \$882,448

Operating Budget 2017 = \$907,749

**2018 Recommended Operating Budget
Decrease = \$25,301**

Non-operating

Non-Operating Budget 2018 = \$291,500

Non-Operating Budget 2017 = \$281,200

2018 Non-Operating Budget Increase = \$10,300

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Operating Budget

The recommended 2018 operating budget of \$882,448 decreased \$15,000 from last year. In particular, allocations for the following areas declined significantly: General Government – Buildings, decreased \$12,000; Emergency Management – decreased \$3,000; Health and Welfare Town Direct Assistance – decreased \$3,000. The decrease in costs for town buildings is because so much work has been done in prior years. The

decrease in the Emergency Management budget is related to the closing of Vermont Yankee, and the town welfare budget is decreased because actual costs having decreased consistently over the last several years.

The Police budget recommended by the Selectmen also decreased by approximately \$3,000. However, this budget will represent an increase of \$23,487 if the town votes to hire a full-time police officer, as requested by the Police Department. The Selectmen do not recommend this increase to the operating budget and are leaving this issue for the voters of the town to decide by putting the increase as a separate warrant article. If approved, this will increase the operating budget by \$23,487 in this and future years.

Similarly, the Town Clerk has requested an increase of \$1,533, or 6%, in the stipend paid to the Town Clerk, representing a cost of living increase of 2% over the last 3 years. The Selectmen do not recommend this increase to the operating budget and are leaving it in a separate warrant article for the voters to decide. If approved, this will increase the operating budget of the town by \$1,533 in this and future years.

Non-operating Budget: Non-operating appropriations in individual warrant articles

The proposed 2018 non-operating budget of \$291,500 increased by \$10,300 from last year, principally because of a significant increase in the amount requested for major road projects – \$123,000 in 2018 as compared to \$85,000 in 2017. This will fund road paving and repair of most of Fish Hatchery Road, with the remainder of the road to be proposed for completion in 2019. Other 2018 non-operating costs are generally lower than 2017.

We are requesting \$10,000 to add to a municipal building trust fund (Municipal Building Maintenance and Repairs), as compared to \$20,000 last year (in which we also requested a \$10,000 addition to the Municipal Building Construction and Renovation Fund in 2017). We are able to lower the amount this year because we have been saving aggressively for these funds in recent years while still accomplishing numerous repairs and improvements. The buildings are in much better shape now and there are sufficient reserves in these funds for emergency repairs and other work.

We are not requesting any additions to the Vet's Hall Floor Fund because there is a sufficient balance in

the fund (\$10,000) given the years that we expect it have to save for the expenditure.

We are requesting the same appropriation into the Road Reconstruction and Maintenance trust fund as last year, \$20,000 and into the Bridge Improvement Fund, \$50,000. Requests for the other Expendable Trust/Capital Reserve Funds are consistent with last year, except that the request for the Police Safety Equipment Fund is lower (\$3,000 this year as compared to \$5,000 last year).

Mandatory Debt Payments in 2018

The town will have debt payments of approximately \$49,650 due in 2018 to repay amounts borrowed to fund a part of the cost of the court-ordered improvements to Fay Martin Road. This note matures in December 2018. There are no debt payments due in 2019.

Unrestricted Fund Balance Increased in 2018 and Decrease in Tax Rate

Unrestricted fund balance can be thought of as our reserves that are available to the town if unexpectedly needed. The town increased the amount of its unrestricted fund balance in 2017 and it is now within the amounts recommended by the NH Department of Revenue, for the first time in many years. The fund balance going into 2018 is \$296,410, as compared to \$56,350 going into 2017. The increase is primary due to the receipt of revenues from sale of town-owned property and from logging town owned land. In addition, legal costs have stayed lower recently than in prior years and we have not incurred other significant unanticipated expenses.

The tax rate set in December 2017 decreased from \$28.19 (2016 rate) to \$27.01 (2017 rate). This is primarily due to the decrease in the town portion of the tax rate, from \$7.52 to 6.52. The decrease in the town portion of the tax rate is due to an increase in non-tax revenue and a decrease in budgeted expenditures.

Summary

We finished 2017 on sound financial footing, in better financial condition than in many years prior.

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