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April 2018

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Elections and Town Meeting

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Another Town Election. Another nor'easter. The people of Richmond came together on March 13, 2018. Some carpooled. Some walked. One person drove several times to bring a neighbor to vote. Some even came twice, once before the polls opened, mistakenly thinking they could vote before 11:00, and then again, to finally vote. The snowfall was steady throughout Election Day. The roads were a challenge. And yet, 217 ballots were cast that day, 51 more than the previous year.

There were no contested races this year. All candidates on the ballot were voted into office. In addition, there were three positions where no candidate was on the ballot. Following are those offices and the people

who were voted into office, having received the most write-in votes:

One Planning Board for a three-year term –
Edward “Seth” Reece

One Planning Board for a one-year term –
Jason Macdonald

One Library Trustee for a three-year term –
Sheldon Perry

A report of complete Town Election results is on the Town website and posted at the Town Hall.

For the Monadnock Regional School District Election, Richmond voters passed Articles One (Operating Budget), Three (various repairs), and Four (Special Education Fund). Richmond voters did not pass Articles Two (renovations to Mt. Caesar Elementary School), Five (Collective Bargaining Agreement pertaining to the Specialists), Six (Collective Bargaining Agreement pertaining to the Monadnock District Education Association), Seven (Collective Bargaining Agreement pertaining to the Support Staff) and Eight (to change the formula for apportionment of costs). These are the results of how Richmond voted. For the official results for the School Election, refer to the School’s website.

I would like to thank everyone who worked at the polls at the Town Election. The smooth running of the polls would not have been possible without each and every one of you.

And to everyone who braved the elements and voted, I would like to extend a big thank you. For what would Election Day be without voters?

The second session of Richmond’s Town Meeting, sometimes referred to as the Business Session, was held on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Walden Whitham, Moderator, called the meeting to order promptly at 9:00 am and adjourned at 11:45 am. All articles passed with the exception of Article 6. Article 6 was to “raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the construction of a parking lot with plantings on the Town lot known as Four Corners.” The most discussion and time was spent on Article 10, which was requesting additional funding to provide for the position of a full-time police officer

with benefits. This Article ultimately passed by one vote, with votes being conducted by secret ballot upon the written request of eleven voters present.

I would like to thank Walden Whitham, Richmond Moderator, for all your work at both Tuesday's Election Day and Saturday's business meeting. Your thorough knowledge of the role of moderator and your sincere respect for everyone who interacts with you has earned you, I believe, the deepest regard from this community. And thank you to the Selectmen and to Susan Harrington, Administrative Assistant. The four of you dedicated many hours preparing thoroughly for Town meeting.

Correction

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Please note that on the last page of the January, February and March issues of *The Richmond Rooster*, the Town Clerk office hours for Wednesday are INCORRECT. Following is a complete and accurate listing of the Town Clerk office hours:

Monday: 9-noon, 1-4 and 6-8

Wednesday: 9-noon, 1-4

Thursday: 9-noon

Library News

Wendy Obrien

Wed. Apr. 4, 10:00, Storytime: Cluck Cluck—Chickens

Sat. Apr. 7, 10:30-11:30, Community Coffee Hour, Knitting Circle

Wed. Apr. 11, 10:00, Storytime: Sing-a-long Stories

Thurs. Apr. 12, 5:00, Teen Pizza Night

Sat. Apr. 14, 10:30-11:30, Knitting Circle

Wed. Apr. 18, 10:00, Storytime: Earth Day

Sat. Apr. 21, 10:30, Knitting Circle

Wed. Apr. 25, 10:00, Vacation Program: Plant a Seed!

Sat. Apr. 28, 10:30, Knitting Circle

Town History Tales Exhibit Wall: Elizabeth Elnora Randall McCollester and mid-19th century schools in Richmond

Our new exhibit on Elizabeth will be featured on the Town History Tales wall at the Library at the end of April. When cataloging our local history book collection, I came across a small volume entitled, *Memorial of Elizabeth Elnora Randall McCollester*. It turns out that her husband, Mr. S. J. McCollester, D.D., Lit.D., wrote this book, published in 1913, in honor of his wife after her death.



ELIZABETH ELNORA RANDALL MCCOLLESTER

Elizabeth, born in 1837, grew up in Richmond on the Randall homestead by Sandy Pond. Her first teaching position was at Schoolhouse #4. She went on to teach in Waltham, MA and Marlborough, NH. After her marriage, she and her husband traveled extensively within the United States and abroad.

This exhibit will include materials from the Town Archives, including a school register from Schoolhouse #4 from 1858, as well as other mid-19th century school materials. In addition I am working with the Marlborough Historical Society to obtain more information regarding Elizabeth's teaching career there. Elizabeth was a truly remarkable woman and is well deserving of having her story retold. Come by and visit with her!

New Adult Fiction

The Immortalists, Chloe Benjamin

A Gentleman in Moscow, Amor Towles

The Woman in the Window, A. J. Finn

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Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

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If you licensed your dog last year, that license expires on April 30. You can either come to the Town Clerk's office to license your dog or you can license it online, provided the rabies vaccination is current. Please license your dog(s) today to avoid incurring late penalties and civil forfeiture fees. If you have any questions, please call 239-6202.

Help Wanted Town Of Richmond

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office is seeking a part-time deputy town clerk (10-15 hours per week). Minimum qualifications include strong customer service, computer literacy and accounting skills. Maintaining confidentiality and attention to detail required.

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In 2016, a few years after they relocated to Richmond from the Carolinas, the Groebers expanded their farm by purchasing the 75-acre forest behind their home. Originally, they raised chickens, turkeys and goats under the name Bearded Dog Farm, but replaced the goats with pigs after discovering Cayla was allergic



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to caprine; all sheep and goats. Therefore, in 2017, they revised their business plan. They continued to raise free-range turkeys and egg hens and pasture-raised non-GMO fed meat chickens. The pigs are free to roam in the forest during the growing season. During the winter season all animals receive 100% non-GMO feed and the poultry receive a mix of oats, corn, millet, sunflower seeds and layer pellet as a supplement to any foraging available. To recognize the fundamental change from goats to pigs the farm is now named Crooked Creek Hollow Farm, to honor its unique topography.

The Groeber family takes pride in their commitment to raising wholesome, nutritious food for themselves, their community, and their neighbors while judiciously protecting and nurturing the land that they call home. The pigs are rotated through moveable paddocks, and the meat birds are moved twice a day in chicken tractors to ensure a clean environment and provide fresh pasture. Because this style of farming is labor intensive, they can observe their animals throughout the day and care for their health and well-being. Well cared for, healthy animals who eat 100% non-GMO food and natural vegetation likewise produce healthier, more nutritious eggs and meat for consumers. This means you will find no unpronounceable artificial flavorings or chemically enhanced additives in anything purchased at Crooked Creek Hollow Farm.

The FDA allows 1300 different chemicals in processed meat products that can be labeled with the catchall phrase “artificial flavoring” without specific disclosure. PRETTY SCAREY! Crooked Creek Hollow Farm is a local, family-owned business enterprise whose success depends on on-farm customers as well as off-farm business customers. Their motto is “Small Scale=Big Difference.” On-farm they sell fresh eggs with bright yellow yolks and thick whites. During the season they sell whole chickens and turkeys, which are processed in Milford. If you are looking for live poultry, they can accommodate you as well as give you tips on raising them humanely. Throughout the year they sell numerous flavors of frozen, uncured bacon and sausage and other cuts of pork processed under strict USDA guidelines in Vermont and Massachusetts.

Contacting the Groeber family at Crooked Creek Hollow Farm is easy and the various ways can be found at the end of this article. One of the best ways to keep abreast of the products, prices and specials is to send your email address to Frank, so he can add you to his address list. My husband and I signed up and can personally vouch for the eggs (so much better than even store-bought free range and only \$3/dozen), the sausage (we chose hot Italian flavor) and the pork ribs and tenderloin (yum!). We tried the pork products first and are looking forward to cooking the frozen ground beef that



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February Update

Representative Jim McConnell

Cheshire 12 – Richmond and Swanzey

This year’s legislative session continues to disappoint. The legislative calendar, when the full House meets to consider bills, continues to be unnecessarily compressed into very few days weeks apart. In addition, many bills which should be expeditiously dealt with are scheduled for second, and in some cases third, committees for consideration. Each of these additional committees provides an opportunity to kill a bill and the latitude given to Committee Chairs to call for a vote at any time further increases the obstacles for proposed legislation opposed by the Speaker. I will attempt to ensure that future legislatures adopt rules preventing the most egregious of these policies.

As of this writing, one of my bills has passed, one is still being considered and one was killed this year pending reintroduction next year with the understanding the funds required should be available next year. My other five bills have been defeated. Of my two Resolutions, one passed and the other failed.

HB 1281, establishing an executive order registry, passed the House and will be considered by the Senate. As there was no opposition to this bill, I anticipate favorable action in the Senate and that the Governor will sign it into law.

HB 1610, requiring sellers of real property to dis-

close certain information concerning environmental hazards, is still pending consideration by the full House. This bill faces a difficult future given the strong opposition from the real estate, chemical and home building industries it has faced. If it fails, I’ll reintroduce it with changes I deem necessary next year if, I am re-elected.

HB 1745, making appropriations for costs involved in controlling invasive aquatic species, was introduced recognizing that the funds required would not be available this (non-budget) year but that it none-the-less would be useful to introduce it this year. It passed the House and went to the Finance Committee which, with my acquiescence, killed the bill this year with the understanding funds should be available next year.

HJR 5, that the New Hampshire house of representatives and senate reject hate, bigotry, and violence in all their forms, saw no opposition and will be considered by the Senate.

HR 22, urging Congress to amend federal law on the issues of civil and criminal liability for providers and users of computer services carrying advertisements offering sex with sex trafficking victims was defeated. The argument against it centered on the idea that people in the sex industry benefited from internet advertising and that law enforcement worked effectively with internet providers. At the same time, the Kentucky House of Representatives unanimously passed a measure which, if not exactly the same, was based on the one we prepared here in New Hampshire. Since the objective was to get Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky to schedule the legislation pending in the US Senate, and co-sponsored by 65 Senators, I suspect it may have been a worthwhile effort after all.


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



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Exploring Richmond in Mud Season

Carol Jameson

Mud, Ice, Mud

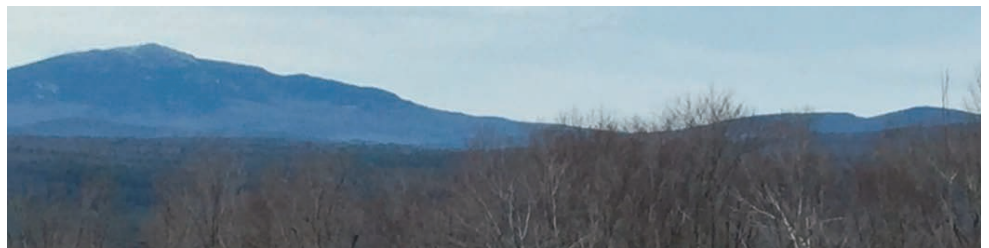
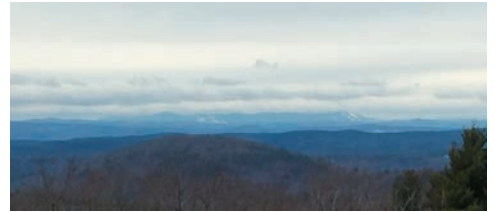
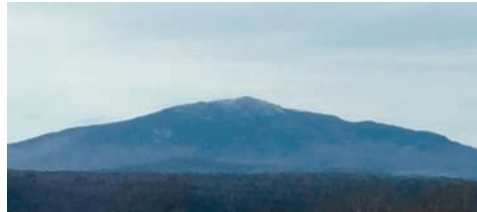
The footing was slippery this March – ice some days, deep mud the next. Some days, both ice and mud. Like having wrinkles and acne. No fair.

If the footing is really impossible, there is always the road at the Keene Airport off of Route 32 near the Keene-Swanzey border. If you park at the end of the airport lot, you will see a paved road that goes for 1 ½ miles to the Keene Waste Treatment Plant. No, it does not smell. And yes, it is always plowed and passable. Views of Mt. Monadnock, dog walkers and (in good weather) families on bicycles. Flat, paved, smooth, no traffic, an easy mile and a half each way. Not as interesting as the woods and hills.

The Beacon on Taylor Hill in the Franconia Range

After days of ice and mud, the sun came out just enough to make some of the trails in the woods passable. Jon Hill and I headed to Taylor Hill Road, to walk up to the FAA beacon that is at the top of a hill in the Franconia Range in Richmond. Although Taylor Hill Road itself can be almost impassible in mud season, there are several good paths up to the beacon and beautiful views from the top when the leaves are off the trees. Eversource, who maintains the road on the powerlines, has just recently poured tons of rock on their road (wish we had their road budget). Many of the logging roads that crisscross the area are relatively well-maintained, and the road to the beacon itself is maintained to service the beacon.

There are several ways to access the beacon. If you drive up Taylor Hill Road from Sandy Pond Rd or Bullock Road, continue past the paved portion of Taylor Hill Road onto the dirt portion a short distance, look for a dirt logging road on the right. There is an open gate and room to park there before the gate without blocking



The beacon off of Taylor Hill Road, in the Franconia Range in Richmond. It is an FAA signal used by airplanes to triangulate their position. The view of the VT ski mountains to the west. The prominent wide ski mountain in the background, just right of center, is Stratton Mountain ski area in Winhall, Vt., near Londonderry. To the left (south) of Stratton is Mt Snow in Dover, Vt. Continuing south, to the left of Mt. Snow is the conical top of Haystack Mountain, located just north of Wilmington Vt. Bromley was visible to the naked eye though it does not show in this photo. Bromley is north of Stratton and is the only ski mountain in the area with south facing ski trails. The mountains in the foreground might be Gunn and Gardiner, since Franklin Mountain with the cell tower on top is off camera to the right. A beautiful view of Monadnock, and a view of Monadnock and Gap Mountain in Troy to the northeast.



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either the logging road or Taylor Hill Road. You walk along this logging road, cross the powerlines and continue on it until it joins another logging road that leads to the access road to the beacon – turn right (uphill) to the beacon. Or continue by car past that logging road and park at the power lines about a quarter mile further on Taylor Hill Road. The driest place to park during mud season is here, at the powerlines, where there is also room to park without blocking the powerline road or Taylor Hill Road.

Going from the power line on Taylor Hill Road – my favorite way - walk up the power lines heading east a short distance and turn left onto the first logging road on the left. You will pass stone walls marking old settlements, even an old stone animal pound on the right. Stay left at the first intersection, always heading gently uphill. The logging road curves, there is a large log pile where the logging road joins the access road to the beacon. Turn right (uphill). The beacon is another 10 or 15 minute walk. You can return via the beacon access road if you don't turn back onto the logging road on your way down. The beacon road joins Taylor Hill Road about a quarter mile past the powerlines where you began the hike. Turn left on Taylor Hill Rd and walk back to the powerlines.

Roundtrip, the walk is about 3 miles with an elevation gain of 250 feet. The beacon itself looks like something from a science fiction movie and there is a

panoramic view when the leaves are down.

Monadnock and Gap Mountain are prominent in the east/northeast quadrant. You can see the gap in Gap Mountain from this angle.

The Swanzey and Winchester hills are visible in the foreground to the west – you can identify Franklin Mountain by the cell tower and what we guess are Gunn Mountain, Rattlesnake Mountain, Gardner, and Willard to the south of Franklin.

In the far background to the west are the Vermont ski mountains, easily identified at this time of year by the ski trails outlined in snow. Stratton Mountain is prominent. Bromley to the north of Stratton (identified by its south-facing ski trails) is just barely visible. Mt. Snow is easily visible just south of Stratton, further south is Haystack Mountain – a near perfect cone on the horizon. With binoculars, you should be able to see the wind farm in Searsburg Vermont, on a ridge just south of Haystack.

Parks and Recreation

Karen Daughterty

Spring is here! By the time you're reading this we will have hosted the annual Richmond Easter Egg Hunt, complete with a field full of eggs, donuts, and hot chocolate! Next month we will be preparing the beach and park for the summer. We plan to have everything out and ready for Memorial Day weekend.

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Come Dine With Us

"...Sitting round a table is so important. It's where we teach our children the manners they need to get along in society. We teach them how to share, to take turns, to argue without fighting and insulting other people. They learn the art of adult conversation. The family meal is the nursery of democracy." —Michael Pollan

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

March 20th was officially the first day of spring in the northeast. But spring comes slowly to NH. I have lived in southern NH since 1977 (a transplant from Long Island, NY) and it still surprises me each year how long it actually takes for the hills in my backyard to begin to turn those soft, lovely, varying shades of green. None the less, the days are longer and warmer and the occurrences of snow much less likely. *Behold the winter is passed. The rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth. The time of singing (of the birds) has come.* —Song of Solomon

There's still no green on the hill but spring IS here and our family has just shared a traditional Easter meal of grilled lamb, veggies and twice baked potatoes

at our son and daughter-in-law, Bryce and Karen's, home –yum! After a meal like that what better thing to do than use the leftovers to make "Lamb Curry a la Daugherty" (with sincere apologies to traditional Indian cooks). – This is a very simple version with lots of accompaniments (the not so simple part) that was passed down from my mother-in-law, Carol Daugherty. Mom moved to heaven in 2009.

Simple Lamb Curry

2 lbs lamb cut in 3/4 inch cubes

1 tsp salt

1/4 tsp black pepper

1 -2 Tb fat (bacon fat, oil, shortening etc but not butter it burns too easily)

1 medium onion, diced

6 C water

1 tsp beef bouillon paste (or a bouillon cube)

2-4 tsp curry powder

6 Tb cornstarch


Cooked rice

Condiments These are piled on top of the curry: crunchy Chinese noodles, toasted coco-nut, black raisins, chopped peanuts, toasted French's Fried Onions, pickle relish, AND the following in about a 1/2 inch chop: 6 hard-boiled eggs, 1/2 lb bacon cooked crispy, tomatoes, 1/4 in. chop celery, onion, green pepper, and olives. Serve with chutney.

In a small stock pot or deep 5-qt. sauté pan heat fat, sprinkle meat with salt and pepper, add to pan, and cook until well browned. I have done this with cooked lamb and it works fine. Remove meat from pan. Reduce heat and sauté onion until translucent, add more fat if needed.

Deglaze the pan with a little of the water (or a good splash of white wine), add remaining water, stir and return meat to pan. Bring to boil, reduce to a soft simmer and cook until the meat is tender, maybe an hour or two. (If you have any lamb bones from dinner you can add them to the simmer, they will impart great flavor to your gravy.)

Once cooked, add curry powder to taste. Make a slurry with the cornstarch and some cold water; slowly add to the broth, stirring well. Bring to a boil and cook for 2 more minutes. Serve over cooked rice with desired condiments. We have eliminated some of them over the years but trust me you have to try this. It is delicious.

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Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

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

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iii. *I think I may have made this recommendation before.* Download the free apt GRAMMARLY. It is a Spell Checker and Thesaurus that is working as you type. It makes recommendations and provides a vehicle to ignore its ideas. You can also just highlight a word to get a definition. I use the free version, which is very satisfactory. By the way, it does not work with my word processor, so I just put what I've typed into my Email and let it do its thing. It does work on Facebook. Give it a try – you can always delete it!

1. MRSD Business Manager Has Been Hired. The start date and name have not been released. You'll be happy!

2. “What will happen to Students if They Stage a Walkout –Its a Secret!!! I was unable to attend that closed meeting on this (as well as the closed meeting on the new business manager, oh and another closed meeting school safety). As I wasn't there, I can express my opinion. **“Let the Kids Protest.”**

3. Hopefully, *The Rooster* will have space and skip the



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deadline to show the voting on the School Warrant Articles in another section. It will be on the Articles only, there are no Richmond candidates (and the moderator is running unopposed.)

4. Does the MRSD school board have too many closed meetings? Are not we doing the peoples business?

5. I have no news on the CCC* attendance.

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

Cutler Awards for January 2018

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Ben Chase	5	Innovation
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Morton	5	Math
Alex Smith	4	Innovation

Elementary Schools Monthly Awards

Alexis Bouley	January
Andrew Jette	February
Alexandra Potts	February
Isabelle Schmidt	February

“Old Betsey”


Bob Weekes

[Author's Note: *The Repertory* was the name of a short-lived magazine that began publication in Keene, NH in December, 1924. Its stated purpose was to “record in a form suitable for reference historical data and pictures for the benefit of posterity and the entertainment and instruction of the present generation.” After only fifteen issues, *The Repertory* ceased publication, but the well written stories contained in its pages added color to the recorded history of that time. Flash forward to today when I was able to build the following narrative based

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on facts learned from an article that appeared in Vol. 1, #10 published in September, 1925.]

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Today, adults and children are hardly starved for daily entertainment and, indeed, may spend an inordinate amount of time with TV, radio, computers and cell phones in pursuit of it. That was hardly the case a century and a half ago when times were simpler but work was hard and when pleasurable distractions from the daily rigors of pioneer life were few and far between. When the proverbial “circus came to town” it offered respite from daily chores. But few people today realize that years and years before circuses began touring America, a single elephant was a traveling show all by itself! Accompanied by its handler(s), the pachyderm was moved from town to town where its keepers charged residents fees simply for seeing it. These exhibitions were usually held at taverns as they were the gathering places of that time.

The first time that residents of Keene had such an elephant viewing occurred over 200 years ago in 1815. It was advertised quite compellingly as follows:

“Now Or Never”

“A Female elephant to be seen at Capt. Horace Wells tavern in Keene on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, August 5th, 7th and 8th, 1815. The elephant is not only the largest and most sagacious animal in the world, but the peculiar manner in which it takes its food and drink of every kind with its trunk is acknowledged to be the greatest natural curiosity ever offered to the public... Perhaps the present generation may never have the opportunity of seeing an elephant again, as this is the only one in America, and perhaps is the last to visit this place.”

But that would not be the case. Only 6 years later another female elephant, named “Old Betsey,” toured the Monadnock Region. It was trumpeted by the *New*



Hampshire Sentinel, the forerunner of today’s *Keene Sentinel*, as a “speaking elephant.” And crowds flocked to see her handler put an apple in her trunk, watch her eat it and then loudly ask: “Is it good, Bets?” This prompted Bets to make “a noise which was a cross between a locomotive whistle and filing a mill saw,

which the keeper politely informed us was meant for an affirmative.”

That visit to Keene was the fourth stop in a nine day tour that took Old Betsey to eight towns in the Monadnock Region where she repeated her wondrous act, delighting residents of Alstead, Marlow, Surry and Keene...and then on to taverns in Swanzey, Richmond, Fitzwilliam and Troy. Wait a minute, did I say Richmond?

On August 21st, 1821, Old Betsey was exhibited to Richmond residents at Mrs. Howe’s Tavern at the 4 Corners. The old tavern building still stands adjacent to Richmond’s old Town Common. Today it is the home of Ed Atkins and for many years the home of his grandmother, Gerry Brewer, for whom Brewer Park (installed last year by the Richmond Heritage Commission) is named. But old photographs show that 197 years ago a large barn was attached to the north end of the house where dances, concerts and, as I discovered, elephantine events also were staged!

So, although Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey’s Greatest Show on Earth never played here, the next time you drive under the blinking traffic light at the in-

tersection of Routes 32 and 119, reflect on the fact that you are passing the site of, perhaps, “The Greatest Show on Richmond’s Town Common!”

Ten Thousand

Carol Laughner

Monadnock Humane Society (MHS) is pleased to offer the community a new online resource that can help reunite lost pets with their families. Ten Thousand Eyes™ (TTE) is the trade name of an Internet database system designed specifically for locating and reuniting pets and pet owners in the Monadnock Region. It was developed at no cost in collaboration with the staff of MHS for their use by Gary Lee, an area resident who himself has had five cats vanish in 25 years without a trace. The beta site was launched in October of 2017, and it is now ready to be used to capacity. Micro-Volunteers are needed.

The TTE model focuses on a relatively small geographic area (44 towns in the Monadnock Region – listed on TTE and MHS websites) where people who lose pets are not far from the people who will find them. The differentiating factors TTE uses include all existing and available human resources in the service area. TTE is administered by MHS, a trusted and reputable animal welfare organization, and focuses on their service area of the Monadnock Region. TTE reaches out to local police and animal control officers in those areas, and it uses the power of people to make it run (a team of volunteers who monitor missing and stray pet information on a regular basis – “Micro-Volunteers”).

TTE provides easy 24/7 reporting and information access to all lost animal information in the region and is a central database created by the pet owners and stray spotters themselves. Using a smartphone, tablet or

desktop computer, reporting a lost pet or a found stray animal gets the word out to the entire Monadnock Region in 3-4 minutes, including a pet’s photograph and key descriptive information.

Micro-Volunteers are the driving force behind this initiative. The more people involved, the greater the likelihood that lost pets will be found. We call these volunteers “micro” because it is a job that will not take a lot of time, but can make a huge difference.

Being a Micro-Volunteer involves:

- Completing the simple online questionnaire. (This gives us permission to send an email to the Micro-Volunteers whenever somebody reports a missing pet.)
- Clicking on the link to the new post when an email is received
- Reviewing the post and noting where the animal was lost.
- Sharing this information on social media or in an email to get family, friends and colleagues involved too. The more people who see these posts, the more likely lost pets will be helped.

Emily Kerylow, MHS Director of Operations, is excited to offer this service to the community. “MHS is known throughout the Monadnock Region as a resource for pets. Using technology for this initiative will not only create much-needed efficiencies for our staff who have handled these inquiries manually for many years, but will increase the likelihood of pets being reunited with their families.” Kerylow added that having lots of Micro-Volunteers is what will make TTE successful. “We’re thankful to live in such a supportive, compassionate community, and I’m confident we’ll see many people get involved!”

Please consider becoming a Micro-Volunteer today.



Visit monadnockhumanesociety.org for more information, or go to tenthousandeyes.org and click on the "Micro-Volunteer" button on the homepage, and follow the easy instructions.

Monadnock Humane Society is a private, nonprofit organization that serves the Monadnock Region, which includes 44 towns. MHS cares for an average of 1,400 animals each year with a staff of 28 and the help of over 800 volunteers. Its mission is to foster a compassionate community by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals. MHS promises to honor, respect and celebrate the mutually beneficial relationship between people and their pets. MHS receives no state or federal funding, and is not affiliated with any other agency or organization. It is supported solely by the generosity of those in our community.

Getting to Know Your Advertisers

Submitted by Bart Cushing

Cushing and Sons have been working on water wells and systems since 1972 in Richmond. We have been fortunate to gain the confidence throughout the community and do installations and maintenance for many residences in town.

Our company dates its roots to my grandfather who drilled wells in Charleston, Maine in the 1940s. After the hay business to lumber camps for the horses petered out, he started drilling wells. My father, Larry, bought out one of my uncles who operated out of Milford, NH and Brattleboro, VT in 1972. We moved to Walpole, NH in the early 1970s, moving to the Keene/Surry line in 1985 where we operate our office and shops. Today my brother Jeff and I operate the company. We have a couple of our children entering into the business. They will be the fourth generation of our family in the well drilling field.


Our work territory is from Belchertown, MA to White River Junction, VT, from Hollis, NH to Stratton,

VT, but Cheshire County is our main source of residential work. We employ 23 full-time people; all but one lives in Cheshire County, and the average length of employ with the company is 18 years. This stable workforce has been very important to our continued operations. Our drillers know the area and how to construct a well given our combined knowledge of the area. Besides well drilling, we install the pumping systems and our sister company, AquaAid Systems, installs and services water conditioning equipment.

Problems we see in water in some Richmond water supplies is high iron, normally on the eastern side of town, high radon which comes out of some of the granite formations in parts of town, and low pH, this occurs in some of the northern areas of town, as evidenced by blue stains in the shower. Hard water is common in most of the town as the water comes from granite bedrock formations. At the junction of Rt. 119 and 32, petroleum residue shows up in some wells and proper well construction can minimize this occurrence from our experience. Where TPH (total petroleum hydrocarbons) is present, carbon filters can clean this up for potable use.

Some areas along the state roads have had road salt problems, but modern construction practices of setting and sealing casing deeper into bedrock have minimized these impacts. Our drilling and water conditioning people solve these problems daily.

On average, wells in Richmond range from 80 ft. to 800 ft., the average in town is 260 ft. to obtain sufficient water. The depths to bedrock average 35 ft. in town. Well yields can be as low as 1 gpm (gallon per minute) up to 150+ gpm with an average of 7 gpm for the town in our experience. The really high volume wells seem to be on Fish Hatchery Road, there is a major fault zone that goes from there up to East Swanzey in real hard quartz. Each area in town is unique, and the above is a generalization. We keep



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detailed files on the wells we have constructed which helps in cost estimating.

We have good memories working in town. For years we had a sign on the 4 Corner Store and got a lot of business from that sign. Our best display advertising ever.

The first time I met Lenny Lawrence was on one of my early working days on the rig in Richmond in the late 1970s. Our rig was stuck, big time, in the mud, and he got us out, and prepared the site. He was a legend even back then, he could prepare any rough site for us to get our equipment in to drill the well. Ditto for John Holman; we have long relationships with these folks who know the digging in this town. We still work with them to this day. Some of the sites we access for drilling are on steep slopes, navigating surficial boulders, and wetlands. Proper site preparation is important to get that 75,000 pound rig to and from the drill location.

When the old NH State fish hatchery property got split up, it generated a lot of well work from the new house lots that were developed. A recent memorable Richmond job was to hook up water for a remote camp used year round. They wanted it drainable and usable all year. With no road to the house, the men had to pack in supplies as the camp was across a brook and up on a hill.

We have done water system work for both Camp Takodah (Cheshire County) and Camp Wiyaka (Athol YMCA). Work was done to bring their systems up to then current regulations besides routine repairs. More than one summer weekend we have been on site for emergency out-of-water calls to get the water running again. Once it was from an aboveground water main break caused by a beaver who thought the 2 in. black poly line was a tree limb and chewed right through it.

We support *The Richmond Rooster* as it is special to have a local town-based paper keeping the residents informed and helping to keep it a community. However, I still miss the old sign we had on the store!

Happy Easter! As we have celebrated Lent, the time leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is sometimes difficult to “celebrate” when we think of all the pain that Jesus suffered. But, as Christians, we celebrate because Jesus defied all laws of physics by being raised from the dead by God, the Father. The Mission of Jesus on earth had been accomplished. Then, as now, was, and is the time for all to continue to spread God’s Words of Love on this earth.

We are very happy to once again host NH Teen Challenge to our Church on April 29. A bit of background on this vital ministry is that Teen Challenge New England & New Jersey was one of the first Teen Challenge ministries founded in the United States. Ministry throughout New England emanated from the first center located in Boston established in 1964. A strategic expansion from 1999 to 2007 established sites in all six states of New England and in New Jersey. Life-changing residential recovery programs provide a faith-filled approach for helping drug addicts and alcoholics transform their lives. Vibrant outreach ministry into jails, prisons, and needy communities are conducted year round. Drug prevention programs are available for public and private schools. The Teen Challenge New England and New Jersey Choirs can be found ministering hope, healing and encouragement in area churches each week.

Teen Challenge is not just for teens as the name suggests. The members I have been in contact with are adults, people who have gone through tough times. They are supported by us, you and me, and people like us in other locations. Their teams and choirs minister to others by traveling to locations such as our church to tell their first-hand stories and testimonies as to their previous addictions and how they have recovered and what those

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recoveries mean to them and their families now. RCUMC invites you to come and be part of this great ministry Sunday, April 29 at 10 am.

We are located at 11 Fitzwilliam Rd. (Route 119), just east of the Four Corners of Routes 32 and 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 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 favorite from another cookbook, just reference it in your letter. Let's make this something we **ALL** participate in and can be proud of.

Upon My Re-election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

I am deeply grateful and honored to have been elected to another three-year term as your Richmond Town Clerk. From the first week that I took over after Pamela Goodell retired from the position in 2008, I was surprised at how much I loved the work. This was not something that I had anticipated. After all, the actual tasks that I was doing had not changed substantially from when I had been deputy town clerk. Or so I

thought. But there was a vital difference. And that difference was the responsibility and commitment involved in being Town Clerk.

To this day, I continue to love being your town clerk. The work is challenging. The laws ever-changing. I learn something every day.

One of the things that I particularly find enriching is getting to know the residents of Richmond. I enjoy hearing about how you are doing, whether that be your happiness or your sorrow. You are my neighbors.

I have and will continue to strive to be a better Town Clerk. I believe that I can always be better. Thus, I welcome your feedback. Especially when you are not happy with your experience at the Town Clerk's office. Especially when you are not happy with me. Not too long ago someone was quite angry with me for something that I had done. I didn't like this person being angry with me. Who does? But I listened. And I learned. And, in the end, I changed how I conduct business in that particular circumstance. This person helped me to better serve all of you.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who voted in favor of my request for a raise. I am deeply grateful. And to those who said, "Nay," at the Saturday meeting, I hold the greatest respect for your vote, your decision. As I said at the meeting, it is your money that funds my salary. This is something that I do not take lightly.

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Brief Description of School District UNOFFICIAL Warrants and Results

Neil Moriarty

To my knowledge this is the first time that the higher Operation Budget value has been accepted by the voters. Twenty-eight percent of the eligible voters voted, ranking Richmond 4th (of 6 towns) in percent voter turnout.

Article	Description	Richmond		District		Pass or Fail
		Yes	No	Yes	No	
1	Operating Budget	119	94	1529	997	PASS
2	Mt. Caesar Work	92	119	1329	1208	PASS
3	Asbestos Abatement	134	78	1803	735	PASS
4	Add to \$1 to Trust	148	64	1888	635	PASS
5	Specialist Contract	105	109	1545	1003	PASS
6	Teacher's Contract	84	128	1378	1181	PASS
7	Support Staff Contract	70	140	1202	1323	FAIL
8	Change Tax Formula to 50 50	34	178	1126	1505	FAIL
9	Receive Reports and Opinions	147	56	1897	531	PASS

What is a ROAD

Jean Tandy

The dictionary says it is a long, narrow stretch of smoothed surface, made for travel between two or more points. But a road can be many other things:

- a quietly beautiful interlude with nature
- a raw wound, ugly to see and slow to heal
- a thing of beauty in itself
- an invitation to speed unseeingly by
- a bottleneck, a speedway, a strip-dump
- a parkway, a deathtrap
- a cool shaded tunnel

The following were some notes found from concerned Citizens of Richmond who were on the staff of the *Richmond Community Newsletter* in 1973.

"At Town Meeting (Richmond, NH) it was voted that all of Richmond's roads, except for Routes 32 and 119, would henceforth be designated as Scenic Highways.

Under the laws of New Hampshire this designation

gives our Planning Board, representing the voters, the right to determine precisely the nature and scope of any changes to our roads, specifically including any road-work supported by state funds.

Regardless of how you think our roads should be, you are urgently requested to attend the hearing on the Bullock Road to be held by your Planning Board in the Town Hall on next Wednesday, 8/22/73, at 7:30 pm.

This hearing is being held to allow you to hear what is being proposed and to allow you to express your own convictions.

Since this is one of the first instances where the wishes of the voters will affect the specifications of a town road, it will likely establish a precedent which could affect the future of all other Richmond roads – and perhaps similar roads throughout the state.

We, therefore, strongly urge that you attend this important hearing, to let your Planning Board hear your views – whatever they are."

Some Wonderful Reminders of the Past Snowfall.

Left to right: Al Karevy's Red-cape snowman; Robin Dunn's tropical snowman; Sawyer's first snowman; Camp Takodah's snowman. Bottom: Magnificent horse and rider(unknown), inset: Big snowskate(unknown)





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of black requiems long buried
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This ledge is now both morgue . . .
and cradle where I have found
my passage stone edging toward
this . . . slipping over stones
beyond shadows . . .

Where stars are drowned . . .
. . . as carnelian light rises . . .
now in the smoke of leaving . . .
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. . . life's centrifuge unwinds . . .

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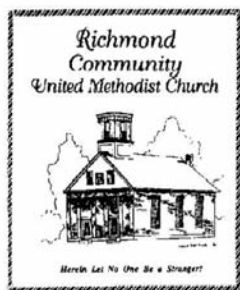
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March 5, 2018 Meeting

Selectmen present:

**Christin Daugherty, Carol Jameson
and William Daniels Absent:**

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

*****Approve Manifest**

Jameson moved; Daugherty 2n ; the Board voted to approved the manifest dated March 5, 2018, for the week of Feb.26-March 1, 2018, in the amount of \$6,561.61 for accounts payable/payroll.

Letter from New Hampshire Department of Transportation; reference OSOW (Oversize, Overweight) permitting software. Town and city participation is not required. Read.

Letter from County of Cheshire reference Foreign Trade Zones. Read.

Letter from New Hampshire Department of Transportation; reference Highway Maintenance District 4 Proposed Resurfacing Program Construction Year 2018. Read.

Letter from Eversource reference maintenance work on town right of way near NH Route 12N in Fitzwilliam. Read.

Board approved Veteran's Tax Credit per Avitar Associates of New England's recommendation. Reference Map 414 Lot 14.

Daugherty moved; Jameson 2n. Board voted to

approve Intent to Cut reference Map 409 Lot 3 and Map 410 Lot 8.

Daugherty moved; Jameson 2n. Board voted to approve Occupancy Permit for Map 407 Lot 94.

Daugherty moved; Jameson 2n. Board voted to approve Veteran's Memorial Hall rental reference Mason, May 12, 2018.

Daugherty moved; Jameson 2n. Board voted to approve Yield Tax reference Map 202 Lot 31.

Public Appointments

Mary Silver reference food truck on old 4-Corner Lot. Resident and Board will research further and meet again later in the month to discuss findings.

Walden Whitham reference review of 2018 Town Warrant prior to 2018 Town Meeting. Pam Goodell reference inquiry of plans for future maintenance for town roads.

Billy Hillock and Sherri Reynolds reference notification to the Board of heavy trucks on Whipple Hill Road. Trucks will be taking vehicles from property. Also reference Zoning at Town Lot known as 4-Corner Lot.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted, Susan Harrington

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7 PM – ? for public concerns)

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appointment if you have an item for the agenda.

Town Administrator: Susan Harrington

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Police (Non Emergency): 239-6007

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Fire Warden: Ed Atkins, 392-2027

Selectmen – 239-4232

Town Clerk – 239-6202

Tax Collector – 239-6106

Road Agent: Mark Beal – 903-2184

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