



# The Something to Crow About RICHMOND ROOSTER

February 2019

## February – is Spring Stirring?

This is my first full winter in New Hampshire. Though I bought my property here in Richmond last January, there was much to do and loads to pack before I could get up here permanently. So I am interested in seeing the differences in the weather and the seasons from my old home in central MA. Frequently, spring would be starting to show signs of its emergence there by February, with fluffy catkins of willow, swelling of tree buds, and the return of the red-winged blackbirds to my feeders. I wonder how soon these events will occur here in the hills?



One of the first signs of spring that I saw in my daily walk was the emergence of skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*). It is frequently seen in frozen swampy areas in March, and sometimes in February. It is often hard to see, as it generally sends up its purplish hood which blends in with the dark water that surrounds it. It is one of a few plants that can generate heat – causing the air around it to rise between 15 to 30 degrees above the prevailing temperature. Because it is warmer than the surrounding air, a plant part known as the spathe, or hood, and which acts as a shield for the flower inside,

attracts early pollinators such as flies and bees. It emits a foul odor, which also entices insects to its lair. Other names for this plant, such as Hermit of the Bog, Meadow Cabbage, and my favorite, Pole Cat Weed, are apt descriptions of this stinky plant. The large leaves, when they unfurl later, are smelly indeed if they are broken or bruised. The native Americans thought this plant to be a magical talisman, as well as potent medicine. In the 19th century, it was used for respiratory diseases and nervous disorders, among others.

Also occurring in February is the emergence of the groundhog, a weather prognosticator believed by some to predict the end of or continuance of winter. There is a German proverb that says,

*The badger peeps out of his hole on  
Candlemas Day, and, if he finds snow, walks  
abroad; but if he sees the sun shining he draws  
back into his hole.*

Though our groundhog is not the same animal as a badger, it is probably this long held belief that was transferred to a similar critter in America. It is interesting to note, too, that February 2, or Groundhog Day, has its roots in the European tradition of Candlemas, also on February 2. Candlemas was the mid-way date of winter, occurring between the shortest day of the year and the spring equinox. Pre-Christians knew this time as the Feast of Lights, with winter giving way to spring and an increasing of the warmth of the earth from the strengthening of the sun. Light is often perceived as a protection from illness and famine, and this tradition has always been associated with candles, or in earlier times, bonfires. The Romans lit candles at this time of year to ward off evil spirits. Crosses of straw or wheat were also hung to protect the home. In fact, there was a saying associated with Candlemas as hope for spring:

*A farmer should, on Candlemas Day  
Have half his corn and half his hay*

Surviving the winter meant careful rationing of the stores of corn and wheat, using enough to get by but trying to ensure it would last until the earth could be worked again.

Brigid's Day, also on either the 1st or 2nd of February, is an old pagan holiday honoring the Irish goddess of poetry, healing and smithcraft, and was celebrated by the lighting of sacred fires. It was also known as *Imbolc*, which means "in the belly" in the old Irish Neolithic language, referring to pregnant ewes.

Lambs were often birthed in February and March to be ready for slaughter for Easter. The presence of Brigid, who represents the light half of the year, is an important reminder of the power that will bring people from the dark season of winter into spring. Early Christians absorbed these traditions and used the day of February 2 as the day Jesus was presented to the Temple. Jewish custom was for a baby to be presented to the priests 40 days after birth, at which time the mother was also "purified." This date was convenient, as it took into

consideration the old rites of rebirth and coincided with the 40 days after December 25. Thus, it became known as Candlemas, and candles were brought to the churches to be blessed.

Spring will come, whatever the weather or how long it takes. I have been working often in the greenhouse, starting seeds and readying for the upcoming planting season. Snowdrops and other early plants will be venturing out soon, and hopefully we will enjoy more even temperatures as the month goes on. Here's to the groundhog – and the other signs of spring.

Karen O'Brien, Whipple Hill Road, Richmond  
*"The Green Woman's Garden"* [www.greenwomansgarden.com](http://www.greenwomansgarden.com) is located in Richmond, NH. She has unusual herb plants, including medicinals and native herbs, for sale, runs workshops on various herbal adventures, and occasionally participates at farmers markets and fairs. Karen lectures and presents workshops on all aspects of herbs and gardening.

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## News From the Selectboard

Carol Jameson, Doug Bersaw, William Daniels

### Town Forum on Police Options

On Thursday, January 10, more than 70 Richmond residents braved the cold to join the Board of Selectmen for a discussion on options for providing police services to Richmond.

### Background

Chairman Bill Daniels began the discussion by summarizing what had prompted the Selectmen to call the meeting. Residents were circulating petitions to ask the Selectmen to change Richmond's police services. The main complaints were cost and lack of adequate police coverage. Daniels explained that there is a statewide shortage of police, and most towns are short-staffed and looking for candidates. Small towns are unable to compete in this environment as they cannot offer the same salaries as larger towns, and officers do not have opportunities to move up the ranks in a small police force. The cost of maintaining a dedicated police force is prohibitive for a small town – it requires staffing, a PD building, multiple cruisers and other vehicles, safety equipment, uniforms, vests, tasers, guns, and frequent officer training. These factors prompted the Selectmen to research available options. This forum was called to

present the options and get feedback from the public.

The operating budget proposed by the Richmond police department this year is \$159,230, plus an additional \$18,000 from the capital reserve funds (cruiser fund and police safety equipment and radio funds), totaling \$177,230. The 2018 budget was \$161,976 (including the \$18,000 in capital reserve funds). This budget includes a fulltime officer (FTO) at a salary of \$41,600, which would cost the town \$64,896 with benefits added in (state required pension, health, and life insurance). Without a full-time officer, the budget still comes in at \$112,334.

In addition to the issue of expense, we have been unable to get police coverage even as budgeted. The full-time officer we had hired after town meeting in 2018, Cameron Prior, left Richmond and went to work in Hancock at higher pay. The next proposed full-time candidate would have had to go to the Police Academy for training, a sixteen-week period ending this Spring, during which he would be paid by Richmond but unable to work while attending the program. There is no certainty that the officer would stay in Richmond after the training – police hires frequently change jobs to work for higher pay and better opportunity elsewhere. We were not presented with any part-time candidates, although one Richmond resident stated he had applied




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but not gotten the position. When asked, he said that he is now an officer with the Hancock PD.

Being unable to obtain and retain adequate police staffing for the last six months, we have averaged about 10 hours police patrol coverage per week.

### Richmond Police Options

The options the Selectmen researched were contracting with the Cheshire County Sheriff department or contracting to share police with another town. The Selectmen approached Winchester about sharing their police department, and they were unable to do so at this time because they are short-staffed. We approached Sheriff Rivera, who currently provides police service to both Sullivan and Gilsum, each of which are very pleased with the Sheriff’s services. The Selectmen discussed this option with Sheriff Rivera and concluded that this was the best option to pursue.


The Selectmen presented four options at the forum – two with contracting the Sheriff’s department for either 30 or 40 patrol hours of coverage, and two with retaining the RPD, either with a full-time officer, or staffed only by part-time personnel. The Selectmen favor contracting with the Sheriff for a 30-patrol-hour week, but also presented a 40-patrol-hour option to provide a cost comparison to the RPD. The costs of the two options with the Sheriff’s department were obtained

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from the Sheriff. The cost of the RPD options were obtained from the budget proposed by Richmond Officer-in-Charge Andy Wood. In addition to patrol for the specified patrol hours, all options include customary ancillary police services such as criminal investigations, prosecution, special events, and associated administrative services. As is the case now, the State police cover when there are no police on duty in Richmond, be it the RPD or the Sheriff’s department.

	Opt 1	Opt 1A	Opt 2	Opt 3
	County Sheriff	County Sheriff	RPD FTO+PTO	RPD PTO only
Cost	\$71,760	\$95,680	\$177,230	\$112,334
Patrol Hrs/Week	30	40	40	12
Cost/hour	\$46	\$46	\$85.20	\$180.02

Sheriff Rivera was at the forum to answer questions and talk about the service his department would provide. It would take a few months to transition. NH State Police Lt. Michael Kokowski was also there to talk about the function and operations of the State Police, who provide coverage for small towns when there are no police on duty.

After an hour and a half of questions, comments, and discussion, Chairman Daniels asked for a straw poll

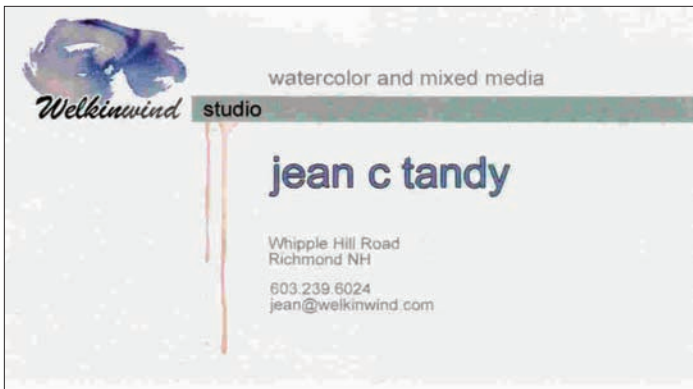


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on the residents' response, by a show of hands. Nearly every hand went up to support contracting with the County Sheriff.

The Selectmen expect to recommend this option for the 2019 police budget presented at Town meeting in March. This will represent about a \$100,000 budget savings, which roughly equates to \$1/\$1,000 valuation – or about a \$200 saving for a house assessed at \$200,000. It will likely be presented as a separate warrant article, allowing the town to discuss it again and vote on it at town meeting.

Please come so that your vote can be counted.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR TOWN MEETING IN 2019. Attend the Prewarrant Budget Hearing on Thursday, February 7 at the Vet's Hall.**

This is when the Selectmen present the proposed budget in detail. Department heads will be in attendance. Questions and comments are welcome. Your opinions matter and we want to hear them

**Candidates Night.** If there are multiple candidates running for several positions, we will hold a Candidates Night on a date to be announced. This is an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates. Each will give a short introduction and the public is encouraged to ask questions. Some of the candidates may be relatively



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new to town. This is your opportunity to meet them if you have not already had the chance.

**Town Elections and Town Meeting.** Town elections are held on Tuesday, March 12, at the polls set up in the Vet's Hall. Town Meeting for approval of the budget and other matters will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 9 am. Please attend. Democracy requires public participation. **CHECK THE TOWN WEBSITE FOR IMPORTANT DATES.**

**Dates to Remember**

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Feb. 1, 2019 Last Day of Filing Period for Town Offices (3-5 pm Only)

Feb. 18, 2019 CLOSED – President's Day

**The Town Election March 2019**

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town and School Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Veterans Memorial Hall. Polling hours are from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm.

If you are not yet a registered Richmond voter, you can still register to vote. You may complete the voter registration forms at my office during my regular office hours up through February 28. You may register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist final session prior

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to the Town Election. This will be on March 2 from 11:00 – 11:30 am at the Veterans Memorial Hall. And finally, it is possible to register to vote on Election Day.

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

Emails: [richmondtownclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:richmondtownclerk@yahoo.com), phone calls: 239-6202, and visits are always welcome!

## License Your Dog

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Dog tags are available at the Town Clerk's office.

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

If you licensed your dog in Richmond last year, you can now request the 2019 dog tag online. Go to the Town website at [www.richmond.nh.gov](http://www.richmond.nh.gov) and go to the Town Clerk's page under the Town Department tab.

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

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

## Library News

Wendy O'Brien

**Every Saturday, 10:30, Knitting Circle**

**Every Wednesday, 10:00, Story Hour**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 2, 10:30-11:30, Community Coffee Hour

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6:00 Book Group, *Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker

Thursday, Feb. 14, 5:00, Teen Pizza Night

Wednesday, Feb. 27, School Vacation Aloha Party

## Book Group

"It's never the disasters you see coming that finally come to pass – it's the ones you don't expect at all," says Julia, in this spellbinding novel of catastrophe and survival by a superb new writer. Luminous, suspenseful, unforgettable, *The Age of Miracles* tells the haunting and beautiful story of Julia and her family as they struggle to live in a time of extraordinary change." – Good Reads. Join us at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 12 for a lively book discussion with your neighbors. Copies are available at the Library. Pick one up today!

## School Vacation Aloha Party

Feeling cold and blue? Join us for a fun family day in Hawaii! We will have engaging activities, games and snacks available for all ages starting at 10:00 am on Wednesday, February 27. Limbo anyone?

## Library Email Newsletter

Interested in what's currently happening at the Library? Subscribe to our new email newsletter! Drop Wendy an email at [library@richmondnh.us](mailto:library@richmondnh.us) and she will add you to the list.

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## Grant from the Success by Six Committee of the Keene Rotary Club

We are pleased to announce that we recently received a grant of \$149 from the Keene Rotary Club for our new *Richmond Reads Right from the Start* reading program! We will use these funds to give books, free-of-charge, to new babies and their older siblings who live in Richmond. The goal of the *Success by Six Committee* is to help young children start school ready to learn. We are pleased to be a part of this program and want to thank Dixie Gurian for her help in writing the grant.

## New Titles

*Tom Clancy's Oath of Office*, Marc Cameron  
*Nine Perfect Strangers*, Liane Moriarty  
*Becoming*, Michelle Obama  
*The Perfect Nanny*, Leila Slimani  
*An American Marriage*, Tayari Jones  
*Educated: a Memoir*, Tara Westover  
*Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know*, Calm Tóibín  
*My Favorite Half-night Stand*, Christina Lauren  
*Everything Under*, Daisy Johnson

## Selectman – Three Year Term

Marcus Beauregard

Hi, my name is Marcus (Mark) Beauregard. I would like to announce I'll be running for the Selectman's po-

sition for the 3-year term and I'm asking for your vote.

I'm a US Army Veteran and have been a resident of Richmond for 24 years. During that time I have been a volunteer in our Town government serving at different levels. I believe my volunteer background will be an asset to the Selectman's position.

2005: Alternated to the Planning Board

09/05: Asked by the Board to take Dick Drew's seat after his resignation and served until 2008

2008-2011: Elected to the Planning Board serving one year as Vice Chairman.

2008-2011: Health Officer three-year term.

2011-2014: Filled in for Lori Scanlan as Health Officer after her resignation.

2011-2014: Served on the Community Park Committee.

2014: Served on Parks & Rec Committee (Est. 3.25.14)

2014/2015: Served as Chairman of the Parks & Rec Committee.

2012-2013: Alternate on Zoning Board of Adjustment  
2013 to present: Served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a full member.

2017-2018: Serving as the Zoning Board Chairman.

2005-2017: I have taken all OEP (Office of Energy Planning) and NHMA land-use seminars that have been offered.

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I will ask for your vote on March 12, 2019 at the Town elections held at the Veterans Hall. I look forward to serving the residents of the Town of Richmond.

Thank you Marcus Beauregard

### Selectman – Two Year Term

Don Merwin

I am announcing that I will be a candidate for the two-year vacancy on the Board of Selectmen. I have been a Richmond resident since 2017.

Previous to my 2016 retirement, I was a labor relations specialist for the Hawaii State Department of Education, representing the state superintendent in labor-management disputes, as well as handling employee suitability issues for the Department. I also served as both an elementary and middle school principal in Hawaii for eleven years. Before entering school administration, I coordinated provision of services for special needs students in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. In previous positions, I represented public employees in California and Massachusetts.

I currently hold a teaching certificate in English and masters in Educational Administration and have a JD degree in law and am a member of the Massachusetts, California, and Hawaii bars.

### Things and Thoughts from the District

Neil Moriarty

Saturday, Feb 2, 2019 10:00 am

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTEND THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. Have a say in how 70% of your property taxes are spent!**

i. If you have a problem that you can't seem to solve – **Try calling 211**, which will put you in touch with a host of resources that provide assistance.

#### **1. The Judge Rules in Favor of District/Taxpayers on Insurance Pool Money**

The teachers have asked the judge to reconsider. That means that besides an increase in pay, they are still looking to share your property taxes, of about \$390,000, between about 105 people!

#### **2. The Monadnock Marching Band Does Great at the Outback Bowl – CONGRATULATIONS**

Our band scored: **Marching Band 1st Place; Field Performance 1st Place; Honors Jazz 1st Place (our older kids); Variety Jazz 2nd Place (our younger kids)**. Those are great performances; note especially those Jazz awards – it takes a lot of dedication by both the kids and the instructors (Rob Skrock director) to perform at that level. Monadnock competed with 12 other schools. Plus, schools could compete at more than one level within a school – as noted above on the awards they earned.

**Richmond members in the band are:**

**Gabriel Doyle**

**Heather Doyle, the leader of the marching band and received an extensive write up in the Keene Sentinel (December 22, 2018)**

**Sebastian LaPlume**

**Patrick Myers**

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Monadnock Regional Middle/High School on **Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 2019 at 10:00 O'clock** in the forenoon for the purpose of hearing an explanation of the following subjects and to carry on any discussion or debate with respect thereto, with said subjects to be open to amendment:

NOTICE: School District Officers will be elected at the second session of the Annual Meeting of the Monadnock Regional School District on March 12, 2019 in accordance with the statutory election procedures adopted by a vote of the District on March 11, 1996. The School District Warrant for the election of School District Officials will be posted in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 40: 13 in each of the District's member Towns.

The polls will be open to voters in their towns of residence on March 12, 2019, as follows:

Fitzwilliam- Town Hall, 11 am - 7 pm  
Gilsum- Gilsum Community Center, 1 pm - 7 pm  
Richmond- Veterans Hall, 11 am - 7 pm  
Roxbury- Meeting House, 6 pm - 8 pm (7 pm town meeting)  
Swanzey- Christian Life Fellowship Church, 8 am - 7 pm  
Troy- Samuel E. Paul Community Center 10 am - 7pm

ARTICLE ONE: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, totaling \$32,444,093 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget will be \$31,828,779 (\$970,000 is required for federal grants and nutrition grants that are funded by separate State and Federal revenues) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Monadnock Regional School District by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40: 13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850,000 for renovations at Monadnock Regional Middle High School. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the renovation projects are complete or June 30, 2022 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee does not support this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$296,000 for maintenance and repair work at all of the District's schools, to include asbestos abatement and flooring at Monadnock Regional Middle High School and Mt Caesar; roof replacement at Cutler, Emerson and the maintenance building; fire alarm system replacement at Cutler and Troy; and exterior painting at Gilsum. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32:3 VI. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32: 7 and will not lapse until



ARTICLE THREE CONT'D:

the maintenance projects are complete or June 30, 2022 whichever is earlier. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for the purchase and/or replacement of District vans. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the June 30, 2019 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2019. No new amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board supports this article. The Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

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

Year	Estimated Increase
2019/20	\$180,943 – Salaries
	<u>\$ 46,050 – Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, NHRS)</u>
	\$226,993 – Total – Year 1
2020/21	\$193,638 – Salaries
	<u>\$ 49,281 – Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, NHRS)</u>
	\$242,919 – Total – Year 2

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$226,993 for the 2019-20 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2018-19 year. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

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

Year	Estimated Increase
2019/20	\$120,878 – Salaries
	<u>\$ 22,749 – Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, NHRS)</u>
	<u>\$ 2,214 – Vision Insurance</u>
	\$145,841 – Total – Year 1
2020/21	\$ 88,184 – Salaries
	<u>\$ 16,596 – Wage-Driven Benefits (FICA, NHRS)</u>
	\$104,780 – Total – Year 2

ARTICLE SEVEN CONT'D:

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,841 for the 2019-20 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2018-19 year. The School Board supports this appropriation. The Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the cooperative Monadnock Regional School District will vote to rescind the powers of the official budget committee pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Budget Act (NH RSA Chapter 32:14). By petition.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Monadnock Regional School District will vote to change the formula for apportionment of operational costs from 25% based on equalized valuation and 75% based on average daily membership to 50% based on equalized valuation and 50% based on average daily membership with no change being made in the present formula for apportioning capital expenses. RSAs 197:6, 195:7, 195:8. By petition.

ARTICLE TEN: Shall the Monadnock Regional School District receive and approve the reports of the agents, auditors, committees and officers chosen as printed and distributed in the Annual Report? (Majority vote required).

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

Monadnock. The band has 75 members, plus a Color Guard consisting of 10 members. The jazz band has 38 members (they can be both jazz and the regular band)

### 3. No change in status: **Keene School Board (KSB) Approves a Later Start Time – Impact on Cheshire Career Center (CCC) Not Decided**

The impact on CCC by KSB early-start time was not yet decided at a recent meeting of CCC leadership and Monadnock administrators.

Thanks for reading my article. If you have suggestions, comments, or news you wish me to include, contact me at: [cmoriarty@ne.rr.com](mailto:cmoriarty@ne.rr.com), Ph: 603-239-4031, or Mail to: 782 Old Homestead Hwy, Richmond NH 03470. This document represents the opinion of Neil Moriarty, and may not represent the opinions of the Monadnock Regional School District school board.

## Legislative Update

Cheshire 12 – Jennie Gomarlo

It's gearing up at the State house. We officially started on January 2 with a house session mainly establishing rules for the house to follow. January 3 was inauguration day for the governor and the executive council. It was a very nice ceremony. Although we are from different parties, I agree with many points he made in his speech. I particularly liked his focus on communication with our constituents and saying that policy should evolve from knowledge of what people want and need.

I know Richmond is a very conservative community, and many of you will not be pleased with my voting to change the house rule to not allow weapons in the hall and gallery. Number one, I want school administrations to feel that kids will be safe while touring the State house. Number two, I have faith in the security at the capitol to do their job without help. I do not have confidence in the benefit of multiple representatives involved should an incident happen. I also worry about their safety if a gun is drawn and security is not sure who the assailant is yet. I also think the issues of where to store the weapons and the availability of escorts to the parking areas in the dark were adequately addressed. I don't want to take guns away from anyone and I don't want anyone taking mine. There is a place for weapons, but it is not the State house.

My committee assignment is *Ways and Means*, literally analyzing the ways and means with which the government will be funded. The amount of data on all



the different taxes and fees is astonishing and interesting. You can find many spreadsheets and reports online from the DRA and other departments. Our main job is to estimate incoming revenue for the two-year budget cycle. I will be learning a lot and will report back.

The bills are coming fast and furiously for some committees. Our bills in Ways and Means need fiscal notes from the budget office so they take longer to get to committee.

These four committees, in particular, have many hearings of bills this week and next: House Criminal Justice and Public Safety; House Judiciary; House Executive Departments; and Administration. You can go to this website to get times and places of hearings.

[www.gencourt.state.nh.us/schedule/dailyschedule.aspx](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/schedule/dailyschedule.aspx)

I attended a meeting of the Economic Justice Caucus which targets bills that, well, you guessed it, promote economic justice! They will then educate and advocate for legislation that will help equalize economic status. I'll try to attend their meetings when I can. I don't think our youth have the opportunities that was available thirty plus years ago. I also think our elderly are feeling the pinch of economic inequality in many ways; property taxes and healthcare in particular.

Contact me at: 100 Cram Hill Rd, Swanzey 03446; 352-9282; or [jennie.gomarlo@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:jennie.gomarlo@leg.state.nh.us).



## From My Perspective

Bary Faulkner

I want to thank all of the voters of Swanzey and Richmond for helping to re-elect me to another two-year term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. This is a responsibility that I take very seriously, and I look forward to serving our district in Concord.

I welcome Jennie Gomarlo as our new Representative from District 12 and congratulate her for being the top vote-getter in the district. I'd also like to thank Jim McConnell for his four years representing this district. Voters across the state opted for a change in direction for our state legislature. Swanzey and Richmond were part of this change, a change that I believe will mean a greater emphasis on the needs and aspirations of the average resident of New Hampshire, instead of out-of-state corporations and narrow interest groups.

As you may know, it was a close race for the second seat in our district between Jim McConnell and me, and the election went to a manual recount. I gained a few votes in the recount process, so there was no change in the outcome. Even with these extra votes, the margin was still only 43 out of more than 3000 ballots cast. This was the second recount Jim and I have been involved in (he won four years ago by three votes). A couple of observations:


In New Hampshire, recounts are done in an extremely efficient, open manner. Two officials from the Secretary of State's office examine each paper ballot and agree on how it should be counted, based on how the voter intended his or her vote. Observers for candidates may challenge any ballot, and the Secretary of State, or his designee, makes a ruling. Observing a recount will give you faith in the fairness and thoroughness of the vote count in our state.

The recount produced the exact same result in Richmond as the hand count done there on election day

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(kudos to the counters there). In Swanzey, however, the recount picked up a number of votes that the machine tally on election day didn't count. Many of these were ballots where the voter had filled in too many ovals – voting for three candidates in our two-candidate race, for example – then tried to cross out one or more of the votes. The machine reads this as an “overvote” and does not credit any candidate for that particular office. On the paper ballot, it is clear what the voter intended, so in the recount, the vote is credited to the candidates whose names were not crossed out. The lesson here is to mark your ballot carefully. If you make a mistake or change your mind in the voting booth, you may request a fresh ballot, and your previous ballot will be marked

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Our first order of business this term was to elect a new Speaker of the House. We chose Steve Shurtleff, who has served as the minority leader for the last four years. Steve has proven himself to be a fair and dedicated leader, and I welcome his new role. The House also reelected our Clerk Paul Smith and Sergeant-at-Arms Walter Sword, and the Senate reelected, the Secretary of State and State Treasurer. Bill Gardner faced a challenge in the race for Secretary of State. Many of us were concerned about his support for certain voter suppression efforts and his interference with the authority of moderators over Town Meeting, but the majority felt that Secretary Gardner deserved another term based upon his 42 years of good and faithful service. The Secretary of State has a very important role in keeping our elections fair, registering businesses and other organizations, maintaining state records, and helping to preserve documents and artifacts that are important to our history.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns about our State government, or if you just want to tell me how you feel about what is happening. I'll do my best to address your concerns or put you in touch with someone who can help. Email works best [fbfaulkner@outlook.com](mailto:fbfaulkner@outlook.com) or call me at 352-2729.

## Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center

Nicole Henry

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking for caring individuals to join their team of local volunteers this upcoming tax season to offer free tax-filing help to those who need it most. There is no experience necessary to volunteer; training and continued support will be provided in a welcoming environment.

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**Speak a second language?** You're urgently needed!

Get that great feeling from helping your neighbors in need by joining your local volunteer team today!

A quick call or email is all it takes to get the process started. To find out more about AARP Tax-Aide, contact the Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center at 603-357-6893 or send an email to [rsvp@mfs.org](mailto:rsvp@mfs.org). Monadnock RSVP is a program of Monadnock Family Services, a Monadnock United Way Agency.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in conjunction with the IRS.

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## A Walk at the Old Warwick Prison Camp

Jon Hill and Carol Jameson

It was the day after New Year's Day, dry, sunny, not too cold. It had been three weeks since Carol's hip replacement – time to take the new hip out for a test drive. The Warwick prison camp grounds was just the ticket. There is a loop walk of a little over a mile through the old prison camp site on old Warwick town roads, with even footing, little elevation change, and many side trails.




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We started the walk at the prison camp entrance on Richmond Road in Warwick, the continuation of Whipple Hill Road when it crosses into Massachusetts. The prison entrance is impossible to miss. There are two white stone pillars on the left side of the road and a large place to park just inside the pillars. There are several gigantic bull pines around the space where we parked. When you venture into the camp area, you can see some stands of younger white pines that look to be about 26 years old, judging by the branch growth. This corresponds roughly to the date the prison camp closed.

The walk begins on an old paved prison road. Go around the red steel gate – notice the old tall street lamp that once illuminated this area. You will soon see a softball backstop still standing in the brush and trees on the left. Jon remembers seeing the inmates playing softball there in the late 80s- early 90s. There is a parking lot soon after the backstop, with lines for parking spaces



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still showing. If you search around this old parking lot, you will find a basketball court in the brush on the left, and concrete pads where buildings and other structures once stood. Still on the paved road, there is a structure



that was once part of the water system for the camp – perhaps an overflow or monitoring device. There was an extensive system of fire hydrants in the camp, many of which are still standing today although no longer used.

The paved road ends at the first of three wells or spring houses, with outflow pipes, suggesting the prison may have had a gravity-flow water system. Cross the seasonal brook here and continue on the unpaved path through a forest dominated by white pine, red maple, sugar maple, and red oak. This path ends at an old dis-



continued town road named as “First Road Athol to Winchester 1735” on Warwick maps. There is a tree stump with a spoon sticking up out of it. We went right (south) on the old town road. Had we gone left, we would have crossed the power lines and come to the junction of the New England Trail (formerly called the M&M Trail) before joining Richmond Road to the north of where we parked. Going south, as we did, there are stone walls on the right and a large stand of red maples. Soon stone walls appear on both sides of the lane and many stone walls in the woods – evidence of a settlement in this area many years ago. Coming to a

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turn off to the right (this one marked by an old blue pot standing on a stump on the left), there is a cellar hole on the right at the turn off, and an old locust tree on the left. We could see ax marks on the locust tree where someone had tried to cut it down but had wisely given up the attempt. We took the right turn and spotted the cellar hole for the barn that likely went with the house cellar hole at the corner.

The trail goes downhill for a long stretch, and the mixed hard wood forest transitions to softwood, mostly pine, hemlock, and young beech. The trail levels out, past marked trees showing boundaries of the state forest and some private lots on the left side of the lane. There is a numbered lot in the state forest on the left – the trees are numbered in a smallish area. We think this is for forestry management, to identify an area and monitor changes within that area over time. Soon after that, we came to a spruce and red pine plantation on the right. The lane continues to another red steel gate and Richmond Road. Before the gate, there is a large stack of abandoned cement culverts, very strange. Turn right on Richmond Road back to the parking area. The loop is about one and a half miles, all on state forest land.

We added on a short walk on a trail across the road from where we came out on Richmond Road. The trail is marked in blue. It goes to the reservoir that is across the road from the prison camp. The walk around the reservoir is a very pretty walk of two to three miles. Jon has fished for trout in the overflow from the reservoir. We walked as far as a road that looks like it could be used to launch boats into the reservoir. We went right on that road and came back to our car.

### The Site of the Old Warwick Prison Camp

The site was first built and used in 1934 as a “Transient Camp,” to house vagrant men who had no fixed address or employment. It accommodated 200 men, staffed with army reserve officers. Unlike WPA and Civilian Con-





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ervation (CC) projects of the time, there were no civic projects associated with the housing. The Transient Camp closed in 1937, then was briefly used as a base for engineers working on the federal geodetic maps.

After the Hurricane of 1938, the camp was used for a time to house about 100 men from a CC camp in Pittsfield who were brought in to help clean up the hurricane damage. The timber industry in Warwick was in crisis – all the trees that had been blown down in the hurricane had to be harvested before they rotted on the ground. The federal government created the New England Timber Administration and several sawmills were brought into the Warwick area.

It was opened as a forestry work camp for minimum security prisoners in 1964 and became a pre-release center in 1972. It housed 85 inmates with a ratio of one guard for each four prisoners. Jon remembers that there was a near-by sawmill associated with the prison camp. It may have been in the maintenance area to the north of the prison – the concrete pads for large structures visible from the Richmond Road just north of the prison entrance.

Mr. A. George Day, Jr. a retired Warwick Fire Chief, wrote a letter to the Greenfield Recorder in 2016 in which he states that, in the 1970s, the state installed a

system of a dozen or so fire hydrants in the prison camp fed from a near-by pond by a large pump. There is a large concrete pad at Richmond Reservoir off the blue trail around the reservoir that looks like it may have housed this pump. The Warwick Fire Department used these hydrants to put out local fires and for training on their use when responding with mutual aid in a town that used fire hydrants. The system was closed when the prison camp closed in 1992.

Although there were periodic escapes from the prison camp (it had no fences), there were no records of violence by prisoners in the local area. One local resident joked that the prison camp was touted as a place for nonviolent prisoners, and yet, when one escaped, there was a massive manhunt for the escapee.

Richmond residents expressed concern about the number of escapees from the fenceless camp in a warrant article passed at Town Meeting in 1984 (article 41). A Richmond resident was appointed as a member of the Warwick Advisory board for the Prison. The Selectmen sent a letter on January 14, 1985 expressing concerns of residents “prompted by the increasing numbers of walkaways and escapees from the Warwick facility in recent years. We have had at least two cars stolen from Richmond residents by walkaways. A recent attempted murder was committed by a walkaway.” Mary Scofield on Whipple Hill Road, not far from the prison, remembers that the brouhaha about the prison lasted only a short time. She remembers thinking that any walkaways would want to get as far away as possible, as soon as possible. In any event, the town concerns soon faded.

In the late 1980s, the Massachusetts Department of Corrections considered a plan to double the size of the prison camp. In the process of reviewing this, Warwick discovered that the prison camp had been dumping raw



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sewage into the near-by reservoir. A law suit followed, and the prison was closed in 1992, likely due to the cost of installing a proper sewage system in the camp. The state proposed reopening the site as a juvenile boot camp in 2000. This was defeated by the town, leaving the buildings vacant. The buildings were often vandalized, sometimes by intentional fires. As a consequence, the state bulldozed the site in 2006. There is a wonderful YouTube video by Adventureswithme called “The Forgotten Prison Camps of Western Massachusetts.” Much of the information about the camp comes from this video.

If you google Warwick Prison Camp, there are references to another prison in Warwick, not as interesting, and to a prison in Warwick, England. The prison on Cape Road, Warwick, England opened in the 1860s, was used for a time for confining “Conscientious Objectors and Uncontrollable Girls.” That prison closed in 1916 during WWI.

### **Jean Tandy’s Story About the Warwick Prison Camp**

“Actually, Pete and I had an incident with escaped prisoners, who we later heard were heading (escaping) to Alaska...or as far north as possible.

Briefly, our car was ‘absent’ from our driveway early one heavy-rainy morning...so we contacted both NH and MA police. The MA police tracked it to Boston, just in time to stop it from being ripped apart for parts. Our daughter Kris was working in Boston, so we called her to pick up the car at ‘this Police station,’ and there she met a British ‘traveler,’ looking for a specific place in Boston. The upshot! Kris drove him to his destination, eventually married him, and happily, their son Joshua was the lovely result of “the Great Warwick Prison Escape of 1986.”

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### **Black Forest Chocolate Chips**

Terri O’Rorke

1 12oz. package semisweet chocolate chips

2 Tbsps. black cherry preserves

1/2c. milk chocolate chips

1/4c. confectioners sugar

red food coloring

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## Don't Fall for the 90# Telephone Scam

Submitted by Neil Moriarty

*Editor's note: This article has been verified by the FCC.*

A legacy phone scam using the 90# buttons on business landline telephones is still around, targeting phones served by a private branch exchange (PBX) or private automatic branch exchange (PABX).

### How this scam occurs

You receive a call at your office from someone claiming to be a telephone company employee investigating technical problems with your line, or checking up on calls supposedly placed to other states or countries from your line. The caller asks you to aid the investigation by either dialing 90# or by transferring the call to an outside line before hanging up. By doing this, you may be enabling the caller to place calls that are billed to your office telephone number.

### What you should know

- Telephone company employees checking for technical and other types of telephone service or billing problems would not call and ask a subscriber to dial a specific series of numbers before hanging up.
- Telephone company employees would not request subscribers to connect the caller to an outside line.
- These types of calls are used to trick subscribers into taking actions that will enable the caller to place fraudulent calls.

### What you can do

If your place of business uses either a PBX or a PABX, your company telecommunications manager should contact the equipment manufacturer and the telephone companies that provide you with local and long distance service and ask for information about security systems available to protect your telephone system from toll fraud. You should also consider asking about any monitoring services that help detect unusual telephone system usage.

To avoid becoming a victim of this scam, educate yourself and other employees. Take the following steps if you think that a telephone call is fraudulent or is part of this scam:

- Ask the caller for their name and telephone number.
- Tell the caller you are going to call the telephone com-

pany immediately to determine whether or not there is a problem with the line.

- Immediately hang up the receiver; do not dial any numbers or transfer the caller to an outside line before hanging up.
- Find the telephone number for your telephone service provider and/or its security office and report the suspicious phone call. Be prepared to provide details of the call to the telephone company representative.
- Contact your local law enforcement officials.

For information on consumer issues, visit the FCC's Consumer Help Center at [www.fcc.gov/consumer](http://www.fcc.gov/consumer).

## Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

Winter is in full swing. Since the weather has turned cold, we have hosted an event featuring "The Polar Express" movie with snacks and crafts. By the time you're reading this, we will have had our first "Ladies Game Night" (which hopefully will be occurring one Friday a month) and organized the Winter Event at the end of January. Next is movie time at Camp Takodah, featuring "Beauty and the Beast" with refreshments. Remember to mark your calendars for:

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**April 2019** The Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**Spring 2019** The town Roadside Clean-up

**June 2019** The Annual Summer Picnic & Tie Dye party

**July 2019** The Annual Beach Party

**August 2019** Our "Back to School" Party

## Kathleen T. Picotte

Kathleen T. "Kitty" Picotte, 79, of Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, passed away surrounded in the love of her family at her home on Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

Her parents, John R. and Marion T. (Gralenski) Goodhind, proudly welcomed their daughter into the world on October 3, 1939 in Northampton, MA.

Kitty grew up in Amherst, MA., and was a 1957 graduate of Amherst Regional High School. She attended Western Massachusetts Hospital School for Practical Nurses, graduating in 1959 as a licensed practical nurse. She continued to quench her thirst for learning, attending Greenfield Community College, as well as completing courses in crisis intervention, CPR, basic cardiac life support and pharmacology.

A person with a huge heart, Kitty loved caring for people of all ages. Her work career found her caring for others as an obstetrical nurse at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton; as a staff nurse at UMass; as an office nurse with the Fairbanks (Alaska) Drug Treatment Center; and perhaps her most favorite job, that of a nurse in the orthopedic department at the Keene Clinic for 27 years.

Kitty and her husband Roger built their home in Richmond in 1984. There she enjoyed being active in town, participating on the Richmond Rescue Squad, the Richmond Historical Society, as well as the Richmond exercise group. Her homestead gave Kitty great solace, enjoying many walks on trails in the woods surrounding her home.

A breast cancer survivor, Kitty recognized the value of the simple things in life. She was a selfless woman, caring more about others than herself. She saw good in everyone and was always willing to help others with her huge, kind heart. Family meant the world to her, and her grandchildren reflected that she was like a mother to them, helping to shape their individual lives.

Kitty also enjoyed gardening, spending quality time with her family, dancing with her companion, traveling, and had a passion for digging up and collecting antique bottles.

She will be greatly missed by many, especially her children, James R. Picotte of Dublin and Michele Kelly of Keene; two grandchildren, Samantha N. Kelly of Rindge and Dylan J. Smith of Keene; two great-grandchildren, Aaliyah Baldinelli and Jaiden Baldinelli; two sisters, Barbara Stockwell and her husband, Tom, of Pelham, MA, and Terry Goodhind of Belchertown, MA; a son-in-law, Robert C. Kelly of Richmond; her companion Brad Pratt of Stoddard; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Roger Picotte on February 12, 2004; a great-grandson, Kahlan Baldinelli; and a brother, Michael John Goodhind.

A memorial service and celebration of her life was held on Friday, December 21, at the Next Level Church, 570 Park Ave., Keene. Rev. Corey Graves officiated. Burial will be in the spring in the Mountain View Cemetery, Swanzey.

In lieu of flowers, for those who wish, donations may be made in Mrs. Picotte's memory to the Castle Center, P.O. Box 564, Keene, NH 03431-0564; or to the Kingsbury Center for Cancer Care, 580 Court St.,

Keene, NH 03431; or to your local *Relay for Life* event.

The Foley Funeral Home of Keene assisted the family with arrangements. To offer online condolences or to share memories, visit [www.foleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.foleyfuneralhome.com).

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- That those so corrected by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith have persisted in their obstinacy (Cf. *CIC* 1983 canons, 750, 751),
- That scandal in the Church continues (*CCC* 1997, nos. 2284-2287),

Brother André Marie VILLARRUBIA, representative of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Saint Benedict Center, Inc. and the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, as a result of a process initiated when you wrote directly to His Eminence Gerhard Cardinal MÜLLER, then Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and dated 21 March 2016, at the direction of that same Congregation, you, the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (in their three levels and self-described as orders,) and all those associated with the Saint Benedict Center, Saint Benedict Center, Inc., and the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, located in Richmond, New Hampshire, are placed under the following precepts as of 7 January 2019:

- Prohibition from referring to itself (or themselves,) or present itself (or themselves,) as an association of the faithful in the Roman Catholic Church, whether “*de facto*” or otherwise. (Cf. *CIC* 1983, canons 298-311),
- Prohibition from using the name “Catholic” in any way or manner that implies a relationship of authenticity or legitimacy with the Roman Catholic Church. This prohibition applies to the Saint Benedict Center, the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, along with any of their written publications, internet postings, social media postings or blogs and audio recordings and/or broadcastings (Cf. *CIC* 1983 canons: 209; 216; 223; 804; 805; 823-827; 829),
- Prohibition from selling any written publication, audio recording and/or broadcasting, internet posting, including websites, blogs or any electronic social media platform, which address Catholic Church teachings, without prior approbation from the local Ordinary (Cf. *CIC* 1983, Canons: 823 §1; 824 §1; 825; 826 §3; 827; 829; 831 §1 and 838 §3),
- Prohibition from claiming to represent the Catholic Church in any fashion,
- Prohibition from having any sacramental celebrations at the Saint Benedict Center property, including the current space used for the offering of Mass. Only the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick for a person in danger of physical death by an approved priest will be allowed,
- Prohibition from reserving the Sacred Eucharist at any location of the Saint Benedict Center or any location associated with it (Cf. *CIC* 1983, canon 934 §1, 2º.),

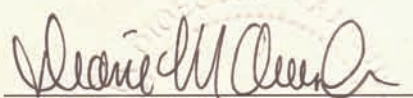


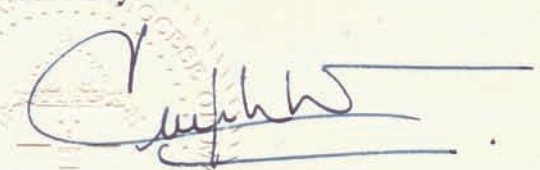
- Prohibition from raising monies, and any other forms of funds, in the name of any Catholic entity (CIC 1983, canon 1265),
- Prohibition from teaching, presenting or interpreting Roman Catholic Church teachings by the Saint Benedict Center, the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and their associates (CIC 1983, canons 774 §1; 780; *Catechesi Tradendae*, 1979, §19; *General Directory for Catechesis*, 1997, §284; *Ad Petri Cathedram*, 1959, §8-§11),
- Obligation to submit to the teachings of the authentic Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church as interpreted by the Roman Catholic Church, especially as regards to the principle “*Extra Ecclesiam Nulla Salus*” (CIC 1983, canon 209),
- Obligation to amend the Articles of Agreement of the Saint Benedict Center, Inc., as submitted to the New Hampshire Secretary of State on August 24, 2001, to reflect the prohibition from presenting itself as “Catholic” association or organization, and to submit the amendments to the Secretary of State for the State of New Hampshire,
- Obligation to amend and communicate the same as regards the Immaculate Heart of Mary School,
- Obligation to do the same as regards the Internal Revenue Service, in compliance with the terms establishing Tax Exempt Status of a 501 c 3 organization, for both the Saint Benedict Center and the Immaculate Heart of Mary School,
- Obligation to publish these precepts on the websites [www.catholicism.org](http://www.catholicism.org), and [www.ihmsnh.org](http://www.ihmsnh.org),
- Prohibition from having a priest celebrate Mass, private or public, at the Saint Benedict Center property,
- No priest will validly hear Confession and impart Absolution at the Saint Benedict Center property, with the sole exception of the case of a penitent in imminent danger of physical death,

Given the official written statement of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith dated April 15, 2016, October 20, 2016 and October 21, 2016, the documents signed by the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on April 15, 2009 and on July 20, 2009, are null and void. The Athanasian Creed was never approved by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for one making a formal Profession of Faith according to CIC 1983 canon 833. Therefore, the affirmations of faith using the Athanasian Creed signed by the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are invalid.

The Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Saint Benedict Center, and those affiliated and associated with them are given until midnight 30 June 2019 to observe, in every manner, the above stated precepts, at which time, after consultation with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, these precepts may be reviewed.

Any perceived or real disobedience will be interpreted as obstinacy.

  
 Mrs. Diane Murphy QUINLAN  
 Chancellor  
 Diocese of Manchester

  
 Very Reverend Georges de LAIRE, J.C.L.  
 Episcopal Vicar for Canonical Affairs  
 Diocese of Manchester

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Carol Jameson, William Daniels, Doug Bersaw

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7 PM – ? for public concerns)

Wed. 9 AM – NOON, 1 – 4 PM

Thurs. 9 AM – 12 PM (unless posted)

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**Town Administrator:** Susan Harrington

**Administrative Assistant:** Vacant

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

Wed. 9 – 12 noon, 1 – 4 PM, Thurs. 9 AM – 12 NOON

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**Deputy Tax Collector:** Joanne Cote

Mon. 6 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 9 AM – 12 NOON

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and 3rd Tues. if needed

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Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

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