



# The Something to Crow About RICHMOND ROOSTER

February 2020

## HERBS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

Karen O'Brien of The Green Woman's Garden

**THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES**, man has looked to plants to cure what ails him, as well as to keep him hale and hearty. As far back as the Babylonians in 4000 BC and the Egyptians in 2000 BC, man has also been interested in retrieving vitality and rejuvenation, and turned to the plant kingdom to restore his youth, and sexual prowess. The search for aphrodisiacs – those agents which stimulate the sexual appetite – has included some exotic herbs, spices, and foods that are supposed to restore vigor and increase libido. Some plants considered aphrodisiacs are downright dangerous, and a smidgeon too much could even kill, rather than inflame. Below is a picture of *damiana*, a southwestern plant believed to increase sexual powers.



Many herbal preparations to restore manhood were simply tonics that would increase well-being and therefore normal functions. The excesses of fine living – dining, drinking, and indolence – often cause difficulties as they interrupt normal conditions of the body. It was frequently royalty and upper classes who were in need of “adjustments” given that their luxurious living, rich diets, and more idleness often led to difficulty in sexual performance.

The *Indian Materia Medica* contains reference to over 90 aphrodisiacs. The dense populations of China

and India seem to indicate a greater need for these cures, and it is interesting to note that the American Indian had very little need for such plants. Their very active lifestyle – as hunter-gatherers – probably kept them in better physical condition and less likely to need assistance in the sexual arena.

Sweet herbs were sought as sexual stimulants. Licorice root was one of the sweet herbs found in the tomb of Tutankhamen. Calamus, skirret, eryngium, and even sugar and honey have made their mark as effective for impotence and restoring virility. Sugar causes a rise in quick energy, and therefore heat in the body. And it tastes good, too, unlike some of the more strange aphrodisiacs like Spanish Fly (ground up beetles) and other nasty treatments.

Jell-like plants – such as okra, mallow, and orchids – were believed to enrich the semen, perhaps because of their gelatinous nature. These plants do actually coat, protect, and lubricate the mucous membranes, allowing healing and the restoration of normal function. Plants high in vitamin E are also essential for reproduction. Potatoes and sweet potatoes from the New World were introduced to Europe as the food of the Incas, and so were considered powerful and magical.

Marco Polo brought strange and new spices to the Europeans, and the exotic nature of nutmeg, mace, cinnamon, and other highly scented spices were quickly embraced as agents to increase desire. Chocolate and vanilla have been used in a similar manner – and you thought they were only good for baking! In fact, in the seventeenth century, monks were forbidden to drink hot chocolate, as it was believed that they would succumb to feelings of lust and lose their vows of celibacy.

The number of dangerous plants that were employed in the pursuit of sexual stimulation is staggering. The *datura* species – most of which contain atropine, hyoscyamine, and scopolamine – were quite often found in use. In the middle ages, the traditional witches brew of *datura*, mandrake, and henbane – all poisons – was used in small amounts as a love potion. Many mushrooms, such as Fly Agaric, *Amanita muscaria* and



Magic Mushroom, *Psilocybe mexicana*, were used as much for their belief to increase sexual prowess as for their hallucinogenic properties. Peyote and San Pedro cactus were similarly employed. Kava kava from the Pacific, khat from Africa, coca from South America, marijuana from China, India, and Africa were all used for the purposes of enjoyment of pleasures of the flesh. All these psycho-active substances most likely reduced inhibitions, and therefore were felt to be of use to create the right frame of mind for a night of passion.

It is often said that the mind is where eroticism lies. If one believed that the ingestion of some of these herbs would increase desire or release inhibitions, then it may be possible to achieve this goal. Please do not try any of the plants I have suggested, as I list them here in a historical sense. A nice cup of vanilla chai or a hot chocolate spiced with cinnamon may do the trick, though, if you believe it can.

*Here's to romance, Karen*

## The Quint Preserve in Richmond

Carol Jameson and Jon Hill

The Quint Preserve is a conservation parcel of 280 acres located off of Lang Road in the southwest part of Richmond. The parcel extends from Lang Road, northward up along the west side of the old Attleboro Mountain Road (discontinued), west toward Scott Mountain and south toward Turnpike Road. Much of the parcel is land-locked, although most of the abutting properties are not posted and access is available off of Attleboro Mountain Road. Parking is available on a pull-out off

of Lang Road, where Lang Road curves east and Attleboro Mountain Road forks up to the north. The Quint Preserve is managed by The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and a sign to this effect clearly marks an entry to the parcel at the junction of Lang Road and the old Attleboro Mountain Road.

The Quint Preserve was donated by John D. (Jack) Quint, who lived on Turnpike Road until his death in 2001. The Society manages the land for wood harvesting and logs it periodically. It is a beautiful place to hike if you are comfortable navigating off-trail. It has several cellar holes; two sets of double cellar foundations are of particular interest. Both double cellar holes discussed are vestiges of the homesteads of two of Richmond's first settlers. Both are located on the high ground of the Quint Preserve, close to its eastern boundary.

*Richmond's First Settlers*



Richmond was first permanently settled by grant in 1752. By 1761, there were five families in Richmond. By the first town meeting in March 1765, there were recorded to be 60 freeholders owning land and voting, plus others in attendance (women, children, and those not yet having acquired land). There were two mills in town by 1765 – one, built by David Cass on Sprague Brook, was a lumber and grist mill that supplied this southwest section of town. Many other mills came soon after, and by the 1800s there were seventeen mills in town. Bricks were supplied by the Grindall Thayer brickyard nearby on Turnpike Road and the Brickyard Brook.

Most of the first settlers in Richmond came from





towns in Rhode Island or Massachusetts, likely moving to the unpopulated forests of New Hampshire for available land free of the religious and political restrictions characteristic of the Puritan settlements in Massachusetts. Many arrived with large families – as many as eight to twelve children. Some were adults at the time of their arrival with their parent or parents, and some arrived as widowers, or siblings. Many of those from Rhode Island were Quakers.

Richmond grew rapidly in the late 1700s. By the first census in 1773, there were a total of 745 people. There were 1,380 by the 1790 census, while the population stayed above 1,300 until the 1840 census.

### *The Isquire Whipple/Zimri Ingalls Cellar Hole*

We parked at the pull-out on Lang Road just south of the Quint Preserve sign where several large boulders bar vehicle entry to an old logging access. The first more southern cellar hole is about 500 feet in on this blocked logging road. Where the logging road opens up to a large clearing that was used for the log landing and

chipping operation, look ahead and slightly toward the right for a small stand of old trees – a huge bull pine and several large white birch. The double cellar hole is in this small group of large old trees.

Thanks to the research done by Norma Thibodeau, we identified this cellar hole as the first settlement of Isquire Whipple. According to the Richmond history written by William Bassett, Isquire Whipple was born in Cumberland, Rhode Island in 1745. He moved here with his father Nathaniel and his eight siblings in 1767, when he would have been 22 years old. This homestead was his first settlement. He later moved out to live with his son Charles.

Edmond Ingalls, also a Richmond first settler from Cumberland, then lived here from 1783 until his death in 1816. His son Zimri lived here until 1837, when he moved out to live with his son. The property was abandoned at some time before the 1850 and 1858 maps were drawn. Bassett does not list any families living on the homestead after Zimri moved out in 1837. Another Ingalls from Cumberland, Henry Ingalls, was elected

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Richmond's Town Clerk in 1766, an office he held for more than twenty years in a row.

### *The Taft Cellar Hole*

The second cellar hole is further into the Preserve, and is located on an especially beautiful site. It is approached by walking north up Attleboro Mountain Road for about one quarter mile. This is a discontinued road that is still passable with four-wheel drive in this section. After one quarter mile on Attleboro Mountain Road, there are white rectangular signs tacked on the trees on the right, marking the corner of the Yale Forest lot. Turn left here off the road and head gently downhill on a rough old country lane now overgrown with brush, young alder, and black birch saplings.

When we walked this trail two days before Christ-

mas, there were scads of noisy robins still here, feasting on winterberry. We also spotted a pileated woodpecker and many chickadees. There were tracks from deer, man, dog, and turkey in the snow. Returning in early January, the robins had departed, but there were fresh and day-old tracks from many deer, coyote, turkey, and squirrel. We saw nuthatch climbing the trees and making raucous calls to one another. There was a pair of junks jumping ahead of us on the lane and numerous chickadees and blue jays calling in the trees.

Continue downhill on this narrow lane. The footing is a bit uneven, frequently wet, and there are a few small downed trees and branches to step over. Walking in winter is easier, when the snow keeps your footing above the uneven ground. In about a quarter mile, the lane curves left through a wet section, and there is a

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short section of a high stone wall on your right. The lane now heads southwest, and you'll soon see several well-made stone walls converging in the area. You are standing close to what is probably the foundation stones from a large barn, but the stones may be hidden by the snow and the site is generally easier to see if you continue the short distance southwest to the house cellar hole first. There is a large downed maple that you will have to go under or around. The cellar hole is just beyond it, to the southwest. If you look ahead on the rough lane from the downed maple, there is a large downed birch. The cellar hole is on a knoll to the right between the downed maple and the downed birch. Scott Mountain is visible to the southwest in the winter landscape, obscured by trees in summer. There are ash trees in the cellar hole, and large yellow birch and oak immediately next to it.

Once we reach the general area, we find this home site every time by looking around for the most beautiful site on which to build a home – a knoll in the woods with views of Scott Mountain and beautiful sunsets to the south and west; warm sun even when the sun is at its lowest point; not too much ledge; and ravine by New Hampshire standards. Some family, more than two centuries ago, put massive effort into taming this place. There are deep foundations of a major structure that

must have been a large home, and multiple more shallow foundations for outbuildings – one, likely a large barn with numerous stone walls or lanes leading to it, perhaps paddocks, lanes to particular paddocks, or garden plots. The well is deep and still holds water. There







are several cut stones, including a square cut stone with a center hole surrounding the deep well. There are remnants of bricks that look to be the type that were made just down the slope at Brickyard Brook. One cellar foundation is long and narrow – perhaps twelve feet by thirty feet. The adjacent cellar foundation is a more conventional rectangle of a larger size, both having cut granite at parts of the foundation and probably being part of the foundation of a single large home.

Bassett, in his *History of the Town of Richmond*, refers to a homestead in this area as ‘the Peleg Taft place,’ and it looks to be this cellar hole as identified on a map from 1858. According to Bassett, this was a farm first settled by Silas Taft, a Quaker who came to Richmond from Uxbridge, Rhode Island and died in Richmond in 1811. Peleg Taft, Silas’s son, was a child when he came to Richmond with his father and he lived at the farm until his death in 1855. The homestead was sometimes used to house the Quaker schoolhouse, which was located at either Peleg Taft’s in this west side of town, or a homestead owned by Paul Jillson in the east side of town, until the Quakers built their Richmond meeting house in 1790. According to Bassett, by the time of his writing his book, the buildings were gone and the land was used for pasture and growing wood. Silas Taft’s cousin, Nathaniel, also moved to Richmond from Uxbridge. Bassett names both Silas and Nathaniel Taft as voters at the first Richmond Town

Meeting in 1765, and he credits them as being prominent members of the Richmond Society of Friends in the late 1700s/early 1800s.

Old maps show a Taft family cemetery close to Lang Road, just south of where we parked. We have never been able to locate the cemetery. The Tafts were Quakers, so they may not have used headstones. The logging of the land throughout the years has caused disruption to the surface that may also have hidden the graves. Or the graves, dating back to the early or maybe mid-1800s, may simply have given up all sign.

### *Walking the Quint Preserve*


You can walk the preserve if you are comfortable navigating by GPS or compass and map, but there are no marked trails. If you do walk off-trail, there are numerous landmarks that will help you navigate if you study old maps first. There are several long straight boundary walls that mark old parcels; Scott Mountain is usually visible in winter off the southwest corner of the parcel; most of the logging roads in the portion of the preserve near Lang Road all lead to the landing at Lang Road; logging roads in the north portion usually lead to the landing on Attleboro Mountain Road; there is a stream that runs roughly east-west into north-south Brickyard Brook; the valley formed by Brickyard Brook is a fairly steep drop-off from the eastern high ground next to Attleboro Mountain Road to the low ground in the west.

### **Historical Sources available in the Richmond Public Library**

*The History of the Town of Richmond, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, From its First Settlement to 1882* by William Bassett 1884, C.W. Calkins & Co, (referred to as “Bassett”)

*The Town in The Forest, Life Story of Richmond, New Hampshire* by Neith Boyce 1992, Richmond Archives  
Original research on Richmond’s First Settlers com-

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plied by Norma Thibodeau, available in the Richmond Archives through the Richmond Public Library US Census data from 1790 on.

### Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Feb. 11, 2020 CLOSED – Presidential Primary  
Election Day

Feb. 17, 2020 CLOSED – President's Day

### Town Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town and School Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 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 27. You may register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist final session prior to the Town Election. This will be on February 29 at the Veterans Memorial Hall at a time to be determined by the Supervisors. 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 603-239-6202, and visits are always welcome!

### License Your Dog

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

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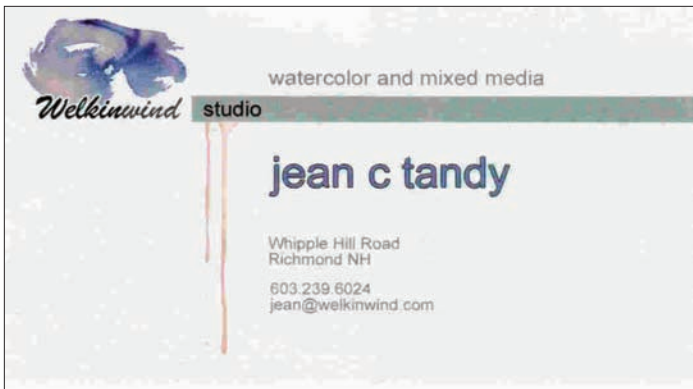
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Following are the licensing fees. For puppies (up to six months of age) or dogs that have been altered (spayed or neutered), the fee is \$6.50. Unaltered dogs cost \$9.00. If you, the owner, are 65 years of age or older, you will pay \$2.00 for your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

### The Presidential Primary

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The NH Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Voting will take place at the Veterans Memorial Hall from 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

On Election Day, you the voter, will receive a Democratic ballot if you are registered as a Democrat, or a Republican ballot if you are registered as a Republican. If registered as "Undeclared," you will be able to announce which ballot you wish to receive when you check in to vote. It is no longer possible for you to change your party affiliation prior to the Presidential Primary. If you are not certain of your party affiliation, please call or come to the town clerk's office. You can also find your party affiliation at <https://app.sos.nh.gov>.

If you are not registered to vote, you can register 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, at the Town's website and at the NH Secretary of State's website, <http://sos.nh.gov>.

The completed absentee ballot may be returned by mail or in person. If the voter returns the absentee ballot, the voter must return the ballot to the town clerk or to the deputy town clerk no later than 5:00 PM on the day before Election Day. If mailed, the ballot must be received by 5:00 PM on Election Day.

Someone, other than the voter, may now deliver the absentee ballot for the voter. These persons are listed on the instructions enclosed with your absentee ballot. The ballot must be delivered no later than 5:00 PM on Election Day and the qualified person delivering the ballot must provide proof of identification either with a government-issued photo ID or with verification by the town clerk. I recommend, if you are the qualified person returning an absentee ballot for a voter, that you bring a government-issued photo ID. In this way, you are not relying on the town clerk/deputy to remember who you are.

You must always hand the absentee ballot directly





to the town clerk or the deputy town clerk. Do not leave the ballot in any receptacle, on a counter (even the town clerk's counter) or with someone other than the town clerk or deputy town clerk.

Please call 239-6202 if you have any questions.

## Library News

Wendy O'Brien

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### Calendar for February:

Every Saturday, 10:30 AM, Knitting Circle

Every Wednesday, 10:00 AM, Storytimes

### Special Events

Sat. Feb. 1, 10:30-11:30 AM, Community Coffee Hour (weather permitting)

Tues. Feb. 11, 6:00 PM, Book Club, *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner

Thurs. Feb. 13, 5:00 PM, Teen Pizza Night

Tues. Feb. 25, 3:00-6:00 PM, CPR Class

Wed. Feb. 26, 10:00 AM, Kids Vacation Program: Technology Camp

### Technology Camp for Kids

Join us on Wednesday, February 26 at 10:00 for technology fun! We will have lots of great things to experiment with, including a Sphero mini-robot, 3D-Doodler pen, Magformers, Gears Gears Gears, and Snap Circuits. Not sure what these things are? Come and find out!



### CPR & First Aid Classes

Sandee Auvil, certified instructor, will be holding CPR and First Aid courses over the next 3 months. Pre-registration is required and each class has a maximum of 6 people. The cost is \$30 and includes a book and certification card. Please contact the Library to sign up. The dates for the classes are:

Feb. 25, 3-6 PM, CPR

Mar. 24, 3-6 PM, First Aid

Apr. 21, 5-8 PM, CPR

**Book Group:** *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner  
"September 1911. On Ellis Island in New York Harbor, nurse Clara Wood cannot face returning to Manhattan, where the man she loved fell to his death in the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire...September 2011. On Manhattan's Upper West Side, widow Taryn Michaels has convinced herself that she is living fully, working in a charming specialty fabric store and raising her daughter alone. Will a chance reconnection and a century-old scarf open Taryn's eyes to the larger forces at work in her life?" —GoodReads. Join us at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, Feb. 11 for a lively book discussion with your neighbors. Copies are available at the Library. Pick one up today!

### New Titles

*Lost and Wanted*, Nell Freudenberger

*Fleishman is in Trouble*, Taffy Brodesser-Akner

*Downton Abbey* (DVD)

*A Minute to Midnight*, David Baldacci

*Trust Exercise*, Susan Choi

## Things and Thoughts From the District

Neil Moriarty

**Given *The Rooster* publishes before FEBRUARY 1 PLEASE ATTEND the DELIBERATIVE SESSION — FEBRUARY 1, 2020, at the High School 10:00 AM in the auditorium. Be a participant in how 70% of tax dollars are spent**

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## Monadnock Regional School District Sues\* Keene District Over School Start Times Change to CCC\*\*

The judge decided not to intervene at this time (January 8, 2020), so it continues to go to arbitration.

### Add Resource Officer Proposal

I obtained enough signatures to get a separate warrant article for you the voters to express your opinion at the March 2020 vote. Thanks to those that signed the petition and the people who helped collect the signatures from most towns in the district.

### Congratulations to our football team for winning NH Football Officials Sportsmanship Award.

NHFOA will be sending a \$1,000 scholarship to MRSD!

Thanks for reading my article, if you have a topic you wish me to cover, a comment on a previous article, or whatever, contact me at: 603-239-4031, by mail at 782 Old Homestead Hwy, or [cmoriarty@ne.rr.com](mailto:cmoriarty@ne.rr.com).

\*VERIFIED PETITION FOR INJUNCTIVE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF AND COMPLAINT AT LAW

\*\*Cheshire Career Center is a State school, not a Keene school

### Deans List

Neil Moriarty

Breanne Swanson made Dean's List at Keene State

### Elementary Awards –December 2019

Name	Grade	Honor	School
Jacob Dirth	3	Math	Cutler
Kamden Duffy	6	Wild Card	Cutler
		Creativity Post	

## Legislative News

Jennie Gomarlo

Of course these things are not set in stone and need to go through the process. Similar bills were vetoed by Governor Sununu already. These are votes on retained bills. Next week we start committee hearings on new bills.

### *Nine Things House Democrats Did This Week!*

(January 8&9)

1. We ensured that no person will have to choose between going to work or caring for a loved one by passing HB 712 which creates a paid family medical leave program in New Hampshire.
2. We passed independent redistricting reform ensuring that next time our districts are drawn, it will be the voters who pick their politicians and not the other way around. For too long politicians have been silencing the voices of those who disagree with them.
3. We took important action in working to reduce gun deaths in New Hampshire by passing Extreme Risk Protections Orders which save lives by empowering family members and law enforcement to ask the courts for help when they see signs of crisis.
4. We passed the most comprehensive enhancement of crime victims' rights in a generation by creating expanding and strengthening domestic violence victims' protections and increasing the cap on assistance for victims of crime.
5. We voted to ensure no Granite Stater unjustifiably loses their healthcare due to stringent work requirements.
6. We raised the minimum wage so that every Granite Stater can receive a fair wage for their hard work.
7. We allowed cities and towns to choose to regulate single-use plastics to help to fight the climate crisis.
8. We took steps to reduce energy usage by increasing funding for energy efficiency.

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## Executive Council Minutes

Debora Pignatelli, Executive Councilor,  
NHDistrict 5

### December 18, 2019 Council Meeting

I know it is a good year for Merrimack residents. Since joining the Council in 2004, I have been working on helping Merrimack with an unfair toll system. At this last meeting of the year, I was able to advance a proposal to set the tolls at Exit 11 in Merrimack at \$0.00! Setting the toll rates for the state Turnpikes is one of the duties of the Executive Council. I'm glad I am finally able to cross this off my bucket list.

The next Governor and Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber at the State House in Concord, NH. Our meetings are always open to the public. Please let me know if you would like to attend so that I may greet you personally. [www.debpignatelli.com](http://www.debpignatelli.com)

Here are notes of items I think of interest to Council District 5. Items may have a link to documents with more information.

Authorized the confirmation of Lieutenant Colonel James H. Kelly, Hollis, NH, to the rank of Colonel, NH Army National Guard. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized to enter into a no-cost extension to a contract with Turnstone Corporation, Milford, NH (originally approved by G&C on 9-18-19, item #49), for the purpose of extending the completion date from December 31, 2019 to March 31, 2020. 100% Federal Funds. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized to amend an Aquatic Resource Mitiga-

tion grant to the Francestown Land Trust, Francestown, NH (originally approved by G&C on 2-6-19, item #43), by extending the completion date to December 31, 2020 from December 31, 2019. No Additional Funding. 100% Aquatic Resource Mitigation Funds. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized the Bureau of Highway Design to amend a contract with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc., (originally approved by G&C on 2-1-17, item #26), for preliminary design of improvements to US 202 at its intersection with NH 124 and NH 137 in the Town of Jaffrey, by extending the completion date from December 31, 2019 to April 30, 2020. No Additional Funding. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized to enter into a sole-source amendment to an existing agreement with Waypoint (a/k/a Child and Family Services of NH) Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12-20-17, item #13B), to provide services to assist in closing child protection assessments more timely by increasing the price by \$560,000 from \$573,844 to \$1,133,844, and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2020. 100% General Funds. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized to exercise a renewal option with Bethany Christian Services of Northern New England, Candia, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10-11-17, item #11) to provide a Community and Faith-Based Initiative for the support of foster, relative, and adoptive families, by increasing the price by \$100,000 from \$100,000 to \$200,000, and by extending the completion date from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2021. 100% Federal Funds. **VOTE: 3-2** (Volinsky, Pignatelli)

A word about this contract and my reason for a negative vote: This vendor discriminates against same sex couples who may want to become Foster Parents. I believe it is wrong to spend government money on a contract whose vendor operates in this fashion. I had a conversation with the state contact for this vendor and asked about how same sex couples are treated. I was




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told that if a same sex couple approached them, they would refer the couple to another agency. I respect individuals who serve as Foster Parents and consider what they do as a gift to children who cannot be with their biological parents. But, I do not condone discrimination using government funds to do it.

Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with B.U.R Construction LLC, Newport, NH, for construction of a three-legged single land roundabout in Swanzey, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,431,812.25. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$100,226.86 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 30, 2020. 100% Federal Funds. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized to repurpose funds already Authorized for expenditures from the Public School Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$1,092,032 for infrastructure projects with public elementary and secondary schools. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2021. 100% General Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on December 13, 2019. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized the State Council on the Arts to award a Public Value Partnership Grant to Peterborough Players Inc., Peterborough, NH, in the amount of \$13,500 to strengthen their capacity for affordable diverse arts programs to NH residents and visitors. Effective upon

G&C approval through June 30, 2020. 100% General Funds. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized the Division of Historical Resources to award a Conservation Number Plate (Moose Plate) Grant to the Town of Mason, NH, in the amount of \$10,000 for replacement of the Sunny Valley Schoolhouse's roof. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2021. 100% Other Funds (Agency Income). **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized to award a grant to The Monadnock Conservancy, Keene, NH, in the amount of \$35,000 to acquire a conservation easement on 64 acres of land in the Towns of Jaffrey and Rindge to protect drinking water supply. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2020. 100% Drinking Water/Groundwater Trust Fund. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Milford, for a total amount of \$9,999.75 to update their local hazard mitigation plan. Effective upon G&C approval through April 1, 2022. 100% Federal Funds. **VOTE: 5-0**

The Governor nominated the following individuals to serve on State Boards and Commissions:

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The Council Confirmed the following individuals to serve on State Boards and Commissions

Vicki Irwin, Brookline, NH to the Board of Acupuncture Licensing

Steven Roberge, Peterborough, NH to the Board of Foresters

Donald Ware, Merrimack, NH to the Rivers Management Advisory Committee

## Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty



The weather was perfect for the Winter Fun Fest! There were sled rides, snow painting, hot dogs, s'mores, and a hot chocolate bar. Please join us for these upcoming events:



**February 21**, 6 PM Veteran's Hall Ladies Game Night

**February 22**, 1-3 PM movie time at Camp Takodah

**March 13**, 6 PM Veteran's Hall Ladies Game Night

**April 17**, 6PM Veteran's Hall Ladies Game Night

## Double Chocolate Walnut Bars

Terri O'Rorke

1 1/2 C. flour

3/4 C. confectioner's sugar

1/3 C. plus 1/4 C. unsweetened cocoa

1/4 tsp. salt

3/4 C. melted butter

2 eggs

1 can condensed milk

2 tsps. vanilla extract

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1 6oz. package semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 C. chopped walnuts

In a medium bowl, combine 1 1/4 C. flour, sugar, 1/3 C. cocoa and salt. Stir in butter and 1 egg, mix well. Spread on bottom of greased 13" x 9" baking pan. In mixing bowl combine condensed milk, remaining flour, cocoa, egg, vanilla extract and baking powder, mixing well. Spoon evenly over crust; top with chocolate and walnuts. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Cool before cutting into bars. Makes 24-36 bars.

## Jaffrey Civic Center to Host an Art Exhibit of Rosti and Jeani Eismont of Richmond

The opening of this two-person show will be from **5 to 7 on Saturday, February 15**. The exhibit will feature paintings and ceramics by Rosti and watercolors by Jeani and run for a month. The JCC is located on Main St. and is open 9 to 5 pm daily. Come celebrate with us.

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

Wed. 9 AM – 1 PM

Thurs. 9 AM – 12 NOON (unless posted)

Public is welcome to attend. Please call for an appointment if you have an item for the agenda.

**Town Administrator:** Susan Harrington

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Thompson

**Town Clerk:** Annette Tokunaga

**Deputy Town Clerk:** Martine Imon

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

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

**Tax Collector:** Steve Boscarino

**Deputy Tax Collector:** Ann Dea Whippen

Mon. 6 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 9 AM – 12 NOON

#### **Planning Board:**

Meetings held at Veterans Hall.

1st Tues. of the month – 7:30 PM

and 3rd Tues. if needed

**Transfer Station and Recycling Facility:** 239-8136

Tues. 8 AM – 4 PM, Thurs. 8 AM – 7 PM

Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

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

Tues. 3 PM – 7 PM, Wed. 9 AM – 12 NOON

Thurs. 3 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

**Police (Non Emergency): 355-2000**

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**Fire Warden:** Ed Atkins, 392-2027

**Selectmen – 239-4232**

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