



The Something to Crow About RICHMOND ROOSTER

June 2020

Joseph Graham Thibodeau



Joseph Graham Thibodeau died suddenly Saturday, May 2, 2020, at the home of his daughter Katie in Richmond, NH.

The fifth child of Myrtie Belle Lanigan Thibodeau and Edmond S. Thibodeau ("Pete") was born March 19, 1932, in Keene, NH.

Their first child, Gerald, died at three months. Patricia (Patty), Edmond (Sonny), Sally Anne, and "Graham" all attended local St Joseph's School and graduated Keene High School.

Family and friends called him Graham and also Joe. Graduating Keene High School he joined the US Army serving in the Korean Conflict for three years.

His first marriage was to Shirley Lancey Patria. They raised 5 children and divorced in 1969.

After Army service, Joe attended Keene State College receiving his Bachelors (1957) and his Masters (1960) degrees.

His teaching years began in the Monadnock Regional School District at its inception in 1962. Teaching in Troy, Fitzwilliam, Monadnock HS, and Keene HS totaling 35 years in Education. His passion for inspiring a love of learning in children guided his life. He always believed in the rich and abiding worth and potential of every child.

In 1972, Joe and Norma Grasing Brunk married in Troy in a civil ceremony and moved to Richmond, NH with daughters Katie and Wendie. A son, Robert James, was welcomed in 1973 to complete this family.

Retiring from teaching in 1989, Joe then worked for Emil Legere Management Company for several years to retire again to enjoy studying his roots, genealogy, history, and diaspora of the Thibodeau family back to the 1600s.

Enjoyment was ever-present in reading, learning, and collecting information into 16 volumes of data.

Walking, chopping wood, gardening, fishing were favorite forms of exercise.

He loved listening to the radio, and being greeted by many former students with "Hi, Mr. Thibodeau". They would remember together his influence in their lives.

Joe was involved in many civic organizations including State Forest Fire Warden for Richmond, Volunteer Fire Department, Public Library Trustee, Historical Society volunteer for both Richmond and Cheshire County.

Survivors include his wife – Norma C. Thibodeau. Children – Calvin L. Patria, Kenneth W. Patria, Kathleen J Turgeon (Andrew), Wendie M Thibodeau (Gregory Collins), Anna "Katie" Brunk, Robert J Thibodeau, Grandchildren – Tracy Jenkins (Harry IV), Lindsey Dukes (William), Andrew Turgeon (Jacqueline), Joshua W Brunk, Robert A Brunk, Latoshia S Brunk, Daniel T Brunk. Great-grandchildren – Nathan, Nicholas, Harry V, Oliver, Cecelia Son – Michael E Patria (deceased)

In lieu of flowers, donations in the name of Joseph Graham Thibodeau may be made to either of the following organization if you wish:

St Joseph's Indian School
1301 North Main Street
Chamberlain, SD 57325.
1-800-341-2235.

Or to:

WAMC/Northeast Public Radio
318 Central Avenue
Albany, NY. 12206.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a private graveside service was held in the family lot on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at Earl Howard Cemetery in Richmond.

All services are under the care of Cheshire Family Funeral Home and Crematories, 46 South Winchester St. Swanzey, NH. 03446.

HURRAH FOR HUMMINGBIRDS!

Karen O'Brien

It's June, and the jewels of the bird world – hummingbirds – are back. I first spotted one May 4th at one of the feeders I had set up in anticipation of their arrival. I have found it best to have more than one feeder, if you can, as the little devils can be pretty aggressive towards each other as they tend to claim one as their own, chasing the others away. If you do have feeders, be sure to change the sugar water once a week or so. Small insects can get in and foul the water so that it is no longer clean. It's easy enough to make your own hummingbird nectar as needed – no reason to buy the premade stuff. Just take four parts water to one part sugar, bring to a boil for a couple of minutes, then cool before putting it in the feeders. And don't add red food coloring – the feeders usually have red flowers that attract the hummers, and the red dye is not good for them.

Hummingbirds are fascinating birds. John James Audubon, the famous painter of birds, called them “glittering garments of the rainbow.” There are many colorful species, but east of the Great Plains is home to only the Ruby-throated (*Archilochus colubris*). These tiny creatures winter in Mexico, then fly over 600 miles to get to the southern part of the United States. They then fan out and migrate to various parts of the country, as far north as New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. They have great memories, and will return year after year to the same feeding grounds.

Some hummingbird facts:

They are the smallest vertebrates – less than 4 grams

They have more flight patterns than any other bird – up, down, sideways, and backwards

They have the biggest brain, relative to their size, of any bird

They have the fastest wing beat (up to 200 strokes a second); the most rapid heart beat (1250 per minute); and the highest body temperature (105°)

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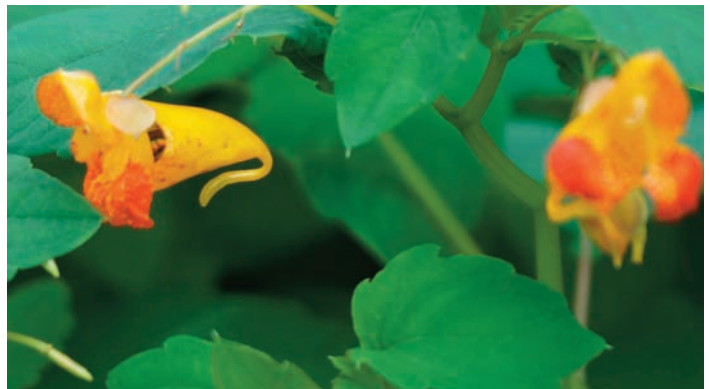
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Hummers need lots of fuel for all this activity. They will visit as many as 1500 flowers a day and can drink up to twice their weight in nectar daily. They even take advantage of the “sap wells” that the sapsuckers make in trees, sipping on the sap and letting the other birds do all the work. So, supplementing their diet with a little sugar water makes sense.



Jewelweed

However, you can do lots more to make your yard more attractive to these birds, and it is probably more important, ecologically speaking, to plant those flowers that hummingbirds like. Long, tube-shaped, red flowers are the best way to ensure the appearance of these darling darters. Their arrival usually coincides with the blooming of the wild columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*) though I have had them come sooner, visiting the early rhododendrons. Other early flowering native plants that keep them happy are coral bells (*Heuchera americana*), bleeding heart (*Dicentra eximia*), and Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*). Later in the season, hummers will flock to jewel weed (*Impatiens capensis*), red buckeye (*Aesculus panna*), the bee balms (*Monarda* sp), butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), honeysuckle (*Lonicera canadensis* or *L. sempervirens*), turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*), delphiniums, beardstongue (*Penstemon* sp), cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), and lyre-leaf sage (*Salvia lyrata*).

Butterflies and hummingbirds like the same type of



Bee balm (*Monarda sp*)

flowers and are attracted to those flowers that bees are not necessarily interested in. Most of the flowers they like are inaccessible to bees due to the nature of their shape – long and narrow for that long tongue or beak to get to the nectar, plus lacking in scent, something that bees prefer. So by concentrating on one pollinator, you get a bonus of making a haven for both.

Other plants – not native – are also hummer magnets. Fuchsias, with their tear-drop flowers, nasturtiums, red morning glory, scarlet runner beans, and many *Salvias* are guaranteed to make your space the place to be for hummingbirds. One vine that I especially like is cypress vine (*Ipomoea quamoclit*), an annual climber that has feathery leaves and small red trumpet-shaped flowers. I grew lots of it this year – it seeded easily – and it started blooming in April in my greenhouse. If you'd like to try it, check with me and I might have some plants left for sale, as well as the coral bells and other plants. I have actually had hummers enter my greenhouse to seek out the plants. Hearing that



Fuchsia

drumming of their wings when in close proximity is astonishingly loud!

I found it interesting in researching this article that hummingbirds are more effective pollinators than bees.



Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*)

Their heads, the part that catches the pollen, have a greater surface area and so collect up to ten times more than a bee. Hummers also feed continuously from dawn to dusk – I saw one the other day at 8:00 p.m. They also inhabit forest interiors, whereas bees stick to sunny, open areas. Bees are often sluggish when the day is cloudy or rainy. But the hummingbirds need to get their sugar rush and feed all day long. Encourage them to visit your yard – their fanciful flight from flower to flower and the loud hum of their wings beating is certain to bring a smile to your face.

Town Clerk's Calendar

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

June 2, 2020 Last Day to Change Party Affiliation
Until after the Sept. 8th Primary
June 3, 2020 Filing Period Begins for State Office
June 12, 2020 Filing Period Ends for State Office
(Open 3-5 pm)

If you would like to know your status as a registered voter in Richmond or your party affiliation, you can view this information at sos.nh.gov. You can also call (239-6202) or come to the Town Clerk's office to confirm your voter status and party affiliation.

Property Tax Relief

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

June 30 is the deadline to mail the DP-8, Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief form. You may qualify for tax relief from the State if you were single and earned \$20,000 or less or were married and earned \$40,000 or less in 2019. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and on the State website at www.revenue.nh.gov. The forms must be postmarked by June 30.

The Ongoing Story

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

I would like to thank everyone who has been doing business with my office during these last weeks for

your patience, understanding, and flexibility. On March 19, I suspended my Monday evening hours. The following day, I instituted in-person business by appointment only. I continue to encourage doing vehicles, dogs, and vital records transactions online, through the mail, and with our drop-box service whenever possible. Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 outbreak and the evolving State guidelines, please check the Town of Richmond website or my outgoing phone announcement for my current hours and business practices.

And a word about my deputy, Martine Imon. The last day that Martine worked was March 16. Arriving at the decision that we should not work together was truly difficult. But the information that I was hearing and reading told me that it was not safe for the both of us to work in this space – a small office where we are often shoulder to shoulder, sharing computer equipment, phones, desk calculators, not to mention writing utensils, and work surfaces. No air circulation. At that time, little did I imagine that her absence would be so prolonged.

We live moment by moment, day to day. Thankful if we and those we love and care about are healthy. Hopeful for those who are not. And for those who put their lives at risk daily. And we watch and wait, not knowing what the future will look like.

What About the Dogs?

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The drawing for the first ever Richmond Dog Raffle was held on May 4, 2020. At the inception of the Dog Raffle, I had envisioned the Town Hall staff (five of us) and a few other people present for the drawing. But, due to the health-related precautions in place due to the coronavirus outbreak, there were only Susan Harrington and Jennifer Thompson, both of whom work in the Selectmen's office, witnessing while I picked the tickets out of the vase. Following are the lucky winners: Maureen Daugherty – Dog Lover Refrigerator Magnet. Terry Davis – Chew & Rope Toy. Cathryn Dilello – Kong Football Toy. Ben Purrington – Mug with Pet Toy. David Weisel – Kong Classic with Jar of Peanut Butter. Adria Tolman – Thermo Pet Mat. Nathan Jette – Pet Blanket.

If you haven't yet licensed your dog, you unfortunately missed out on the Dog Raffle. But you are still required to license your dog(s). Please license your

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dog(s) as soon as possible to avoid being served a civil forfeiture. You can do dog licenses online, through the mail, or by dropping off a check at the Town Hall in the drop box.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Contact information can be found in *The Rooster* and online at richmond.nh.gov, the Town of Richmond website. The office phone number is 239-6202.

Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Well, I was overly optimistic to state in last month's article that we would be open in early May. I miss you all terribly! While it has been lonely here at the Library, we are continuing to process new books as they come in and are making home deliveries. Check the new book list below, leave a message at 239-6164, or drop us an email at library@richmondnh.us if you are interested in any of the titles. Check our online catalog at: <https://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/signin.php?library-name=RICHMOND%20PUBLIC>>Library Catalog

New Titles

Camino Winds, John Grisham

Home Work: A Memoir of My Hollywood Years,

Julie Andrews

Walk the Wire, David Baldacci

The Book of Longings, Sue Monk Kidd

Masked Prey, John Sandford

Sunrise on Half Moon Bay, Robyn Carr

Book of Lost Friends, Lisa Wingate

Redhead by the Side of the Road, Ann Tyler

Summer Reading 2020

We are really excited about this year's summer reading program, "Imagine your Story." It's all about fairy tales! Since we are not sure when the Library will be physically open, here is a tentative schedule for June:

June 1st: Labrynth. The most famous labyrinth is from Greek mythology – the Minotaur, a half-man, half bull monster. We won't have a minotaur, but we will have a chalk labyrinth in the Library parking lot for you to



wander through. Pick up a labyrinth kit on the Library's front steps to take home with lots of fun activities.

June 10: Fairy Tale Garden. You've heard of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The Princess and the Pea*, right? Well, come enjoy the Library's beautiful garden and plant your own beans and sweet peas! This week's kit will contain both an art and a science project with beans and seeds.

June 17: Dragons. Dragons have been a part of so many myths in so many different cultures. Drop by and check out our colorful Chinese dragon, as well as pick up a kit to make your very own dragon egg and fire breathing dragon!

June 24: Paul Bunyan and Babe. Join us for the ultimate in American Tall Tales – the huge lumberjack Paul Bunyan and his great blue ox Babe. We will have a science project outside with one of our humongous oak tree stumps-come and guess how old the tree was! There will be a craft take-home-kit as well.

Drop off your child's reading log each week. For every 15 minutes that your child reads, we will add a stone to our castle wall with your child's name on it. We'll post a picture of each week's progress on Facebook. Let's see if we can build a whole castle by the end of the summer!

Richmond Public Library

19 Winchester Road, Richmond, NH 03470
library@richmondnh.us Tel. 239-6164

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Wednesdays 9-noon
Saturdays 10am-2pm

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Monadnock Middle / High school 3rd Quarter Honors
Congradulations Students

Antonio Nicolas Bosonetto	9	Honors
Eva Graciela Bosonetto	7	Honors
Chantal Renee Bouley	8	Honors
Cheyenne Mayleigh Burt	10	Honors
Dylan Alan Cashman	11	Honors
Aderyn Kathleen Daugherty	10	High Honors
Keegan Michael Daugherty	7	Honors
Willow Marie Finley	11	Honors
Oliver Patrick Fougere	9	Honors
Ian James Gauthier	10	Honors
Erin Elizabeth Harrington	7	High Honors
Clayton James Kulczyk	9	Honors
Maria Pilar LaPlume	8	Honors
Sebastian Joseph LaPlume	10	High Honors
Laci Elizabeth LeBlanc	9	Honors
Elizabeth Grace Morton	7	Honors
Caelan Elise Purrington	10	Honors
Alexander Paul Royce	11	Honors
Dean Ryan Rukstela	7	Honors
Gabrielle Elisa Schmidt	10	Honors
Isabelle Enid Schmidt	7	High Honors
Sarina Mercedes Stengle	8	High Honors
Delaney Jenny Swanson	11	High Honors
Nathan Eli Doyle	11	Honors
Anthony James Tomer Jr,	11	Honors

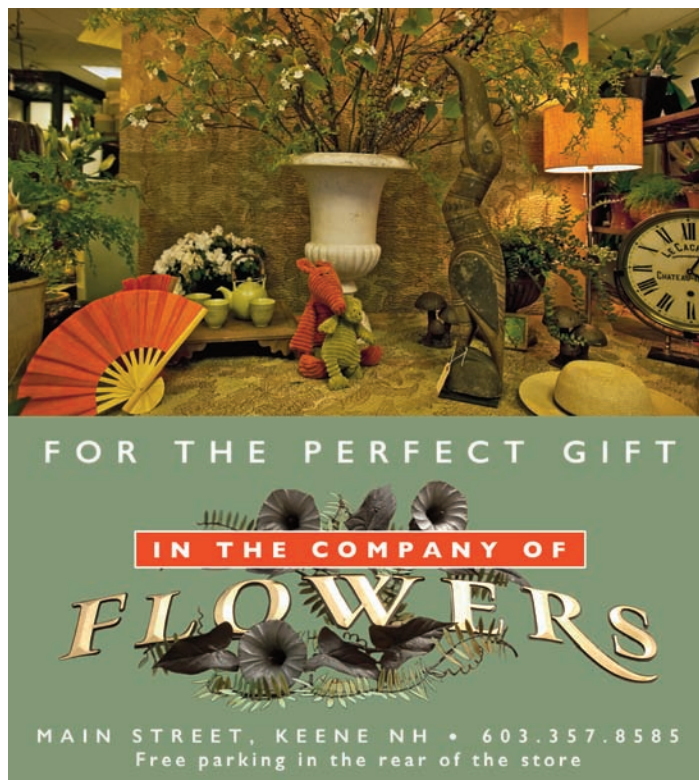
Letter to Governor Sununu

Debora B. Pignatelli

I believe that an elected body needs to keep an eye on Federal Money coming to various groups and people and how this money is being distributed. The Executive Council has been charged with this duty in the State Constitution. We are willing to meet whenever necessary.

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Dear Governor Sununu:

As you know, our State Constitution requires that any spending of public monies be approved by the Executive Council.

I know you are relying on input from your appointed GOFERR and I can appreciate your establishing this advisory committee.

The Council can meet on very short notice. No undue delays will result from our following the usual constitutional process.

May I assume correctly that your plans for distributing all federal monies will be presented to the Executive Council for a vote? I believe it is very important that elected officials have a say and a vote in the distribution of these monies.

Debora B. Pignatelli

Executive Councilor – District 5

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Council Meetings and Info

Debora Pignatelli

Executive Councilor, New Hampshire District 5

I hope you are all feeling well and staying safe. Feel free to contact me at DeboraPignatelli@btine.com with your thoughts, questions, and suggestions.

April 8, 2020 Council Meeting

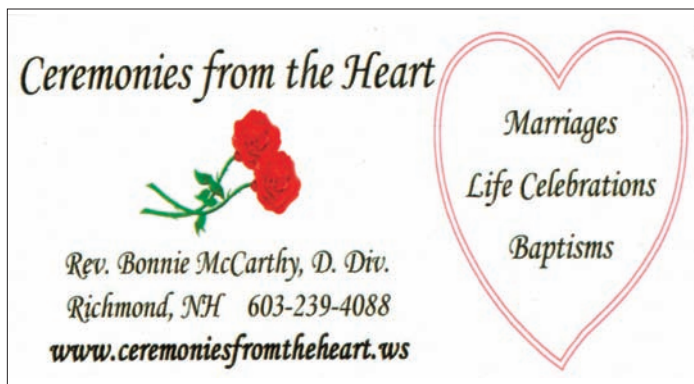
Greetings! The last Governor and Council Meeting was held on April 8, 2020; Meeting Notes are below.

At the previous meeting, I asked that the Secretary of State attend this meeting to detail his plans for Voting by Absentee Ballot in September at our Primary Election and in November at the General Election. The Secretary of State told me that he was happy to attend but would wait to receive an invitation from the Governor. Even though I asked the Governor to have the Secretary there, he refused.

I think it is very important to begin the planning process for our Fall election now if it is to be successful. We should not have to choose between our health and exercising our right to vote. It will be very important for all citizens who want to vote to be able to cast their votes without risking their health. Now is the time to plan, not in August.

The Secretary and the Attorney General have released a memo *Voting by Absentee Ballot During the State of Emergency Related to COVID-19*, which I believe is a good start but will require a lot more thought and planning.

You will see that, when applying for an absentee ballot, you will need to check the reason box “Physically Disabled” to receive your ballot. I am trying to have a box, just for this Fall’s elections, which refers to COVID-19 as a valid reason for requesting a ballot. I will probably not be successful but will keep you all posted.



I also believe that, for this Primary Election in September and General Election this November, ballots should be mailed to ALL registered voters. I know I will not be successful with this but will try because I believe it is the right thing to do in these current circumstances.

I plan to keep pushing this issue until it is settled and we know how voting will work in these COVID-19 times.

Informational Items

Department of Health and Human Services

Financial Services

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-03 Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Health and Human Services to accept a donation from the NH Charitable Foundation on April 17, 2020 in the amount of \$50,000 and deposit the same into 010-095-5676-009-40XXXX (TBD-request in process).

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer general funds in the amount of \$7,193,898 between various class lines, decrease Federal revenues in the amount of \$6,341,837, and decrease related Other revenues in the amount of \$87,770 as detailed in the letter dated April 20, 2020.

Bureau of Mental Health Services

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized: (1) the Division of Behavioral Health to accept and expend funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, entitled Emergency Grants to address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19, in the amount of \$1,964,122; and (2) the Division of Behavioral Health to create one temporary full-time position, a Program Specialist IV (LG 25), for overseeing the implementation of the project activities, internal and external coordination, developing materials, and conducting meetings. 100% Federal Funds.

Division of Economic & Housing Stability

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic and Housing Stability, Bureau of

Child Development and Head Start Collaboration, to accept and expend Child Care Development Program funds under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$6,999,268, effective upon date of his approval through June 30, 2021, and further authorize the allocation of these funds in the accounts as detailed in letter dated April 20, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic and Housing Stability, Bureau of Housing Supports, to accept and expend Emergency Solutions Grants Program funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act in the amount of \$3,209,928, and allocate these funds as detailed in letter dated April 20, 2020.

New Hampshire Hospital

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Hospital, to transfer general funds in the amount of \$520,325 and other funds in the amount of \$658,000 between various class lines as detailed in letter dated April 24, 2020. 44% General, 56% Other Agency Funds.

Department of Transportation

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to accept and expend a grant retroactive to January 20, 2020, in the amount of \$18,652,576 awarded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and administered via the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Boston Urbanized Area Program and Section 5311 Rural Area Program. The CARES Act allocations will support public transportation systems operating in the Boston Urbanized Area and rural areas within New Hampshire. CARES Act funds allow for the reimbursement of eligible expenses that were incurred on or after January 20, 2020, from the date of the Governor's approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

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#G Informational Item – Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to accept and expend a grant retroactive to January 20, 2020, in the amount of \$15,236,432, awarded under the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and administered via the Federal Aviation Administration, to cover operating expense at the State's general aviation airports and the Department's administrative costs, from the date of Governor's approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

New Hampshire Employment Security

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the New Hampshire Employment Security to accept and expend \$4,472,551 in federal funds from the United States Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration, for the purpose of administering the Unemployment Insurance program, and has authorized NHES to establish additional part-time positions in expenditure class 050 – Personal Services-Temporary, for the purpose of supporting the unprecedented increase in unemployment claims volume, effective from the date of the Governor's approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Department of Education

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the New Hampshire Department of Education to accept and expend \$8,891,470 in Federal Funds from the US Department of Education for the purpose of administering the CARES Act Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the New Hampshire Department of Education to accept and expend \$37,641,372 in Federal Funds from the United States Department of Education for the purpose of administering the CARES Act Elementary and Secondary Relief Funds, and has authorized NHDOE to establish a full-time temporary position in expenditure class 059 – Temporary Full-Time, for the purpose of supporting the distribution of these funds to schools and districts in the current challenging environ-

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ment brought about by COVID-19, effective from the date of the Governor's approval through September 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Department of Safety

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to take the following actions: (1) accept and expend Public Assistance Grant Program funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for DR4516 COVID-19, from the date of the Governor's approvals through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds; and (2) create four temporary full time positions, two Program Planner I's (LG 19) and two Program Assistant II's (LG 15), to assist with Public Assistance grant administration, from the Governor's approvals through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

#L Informational Item - Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has authorized the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to take the following action: (1) The Division of State Police to accept a donation of 2,000 surgical masks from Ocean State Job Lots for use by New Hampshire State Police Troopers to help protect them from infection during the COVID-19 response. These masks have an estimated value of \$303. Effective from the date of the Governor's approval through June 30, 2020.

Department of Justice

Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04, Governor Sununu has author-

ized the Department of Justice to accept and expend a grant retroactive to January 20, 2020, in the amount of \$3,454,070, from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus, from the date of the Governor's approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

May 6, 2020 Meeting

Before meetings, I receive a packet of items on our Agenda. This coming meeting's packet had "Informational Items": Monies spent or planned to be spent from the CARES Act, the Federal \$1.25 Billion coming into New Hampshire. You see there an Agenda Item for \$950 million, which includes \$450 million in Federal CARES Act funding.

This Item became contentious when it became clear that a good amount of money – \$400 Million Dollars(!) was to be spent without prior information given to us Councilors. For example, the Commissioner of Education would have sole power to distribute over \$40 Million dollars any way he sees fit with no oversight. This is wrong. We Councilors have a fiduciary and Constitutional duty to spend taxpayer money well.

I plan to find out where all of this money is going. I will have many questions which need to be answered before I am comfortable voting for this item at our next meeting.

For more on this, I encourage you to read this <https://debpignatelli.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=24f99fc3dabea5359899d073c&id=dcee4a9b93&e=d18dda9c8> *InDepthNH* article, by Paula Tracy, an esteemed journalist in New Hampshire.

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

Department of Administrative Services

Authorized to accept and place on file the Report and Findings of Councilor Debora B. Pignatelli with regard to a certain project in participation with Peterborough Retirement Community at Upland Farm Inc., d/b/a RiverMead in Peterborough, NH.

Authorized to enter into a retroactive amendment to existing contracts and exercise a renewal option with the vendors listed in bold as detailed in letter dated April 9, 2020 (originally approved by G&C on 6-20-18, item #27G), for the provision of primary health care services for underserved, low-income and homeless individuals, by increasing the price by \$3,593,746 from \$6,337,786 to \$9,931,532, and by extending the completion date from March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021. 12.95% Federal, 87.05% General Funds. Harbor Homes is one recipient of this funding.

Authorized to enter into a retroactive sole source amendment to an existing contract with the vendors as detailed in a letter dated April 9, 2020 (originally approved by G&C on 6-19-19, item #78E and 9-18-19, item #25), for the provision of Regional Public Health Network services statewide, by increasing the total price by \$165,636 from \$9,144,296 to \$9,309,932. Effective April 1, 2020 through the original completion date of June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds. The city of Nashua and Cheshire County are two of the recipients of this funding.

Authorized the Bureau of Highway Maintenance to enter into an agreement with WSP USA Inc., Merrimack, NH, for on-call engineering/technical services for various Bureau of Highway Maintenance, Bridge Maintenance, Mechanical Services, Traffic, Turnpikes, and TSMO projects statewide, for an amount not to exceed \$750,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023.

Authorized the State Council on the Arts to enter into a contract with artist Gordon Carlisle, Eliot, ME, in the amount of \$18,225 for creation of artwork for the Milford District Court in Milford, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2020. 100% Other Funds (Agency Income).

Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the entities as detailed in a letter dated March 16, 2020, totaling \$86,106, to fund exotic aquatic plant control activities. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2020. Merrimack's Horseshoe Pond and Naticook Lake are included. Also, the Nashua River.

Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the entities as detailed in a letter dated March 16, 2020, totaling \$23,125, to fund exotic aquatic plant control activities. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2020. 100% Lake Restoration Funds. Lake Potanipo and Lake Melendy in Brookline are included.

Authorized to enter into a contract with Impact Fire Services Inc., Hudson, NH, to provide Sprinkler System Upgrades and Repairs, in the amount of \$30,120. Effective upon G&C approval through December 30, 2020. 100% General Funds.

Authorized the Bureau of Career Development to enter into a sole source contract with Awato LLC, New Ipswich, NH, to provide an online career assessment platform for NH students in adherence to SB276, in the amount not to exceed \$1,100,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2024, with the option to renew for two additional extended terms through June 30, 2028. 30% Other, 70% Federal FY20; and 50% Other, 50% Federal FY21-24 Funds.

Authorized a Working Capital Warrant in the amount of \$950,000,000 to cover the payment of expenditures for the month of June 2020.

Usually, these Working Capital Warrants pass without too much discussion. This Agenda Item became contentious when a good amount of money, \$400 Million Dollars(!) was to be spent without prior information given to us Councilors. For example, the Commissioner of Education would have sole power to distribute over \$40 Million dollars any way he sees fit, with no oversight. This is wrong. We Councilors have a fiduciary duty to spend taxpayer money well. I plan to find out where all of this money is going. I will have many questions which need to be answered before I am comfortable voting for this item at our next meeting.

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

Laurie Ortolano, Nashua, NH to the Assessing Standards Board

Nicole Plante, Peterborough, NH to the New Hampshire Correctional Facility for Women Warden

The Executive Council confirmed the following individual from District 5 to serve on various Boards and Commissions

Robert E. Martel, Dunbarton, NH to the Advisory Council on the Unemployment compensation

VISITORS

Pam Goodell

Someone once asked me who the most interesting visitor to my home was. Living in the country as I do, I have a lot of interesting visitors, most of them wild and wooly. I live more than a half hour from the nearest city on a bumpy dirt road, so I don't have many two-legged visitors. I live where I do because I really enjoy nature and all it has to offer, or almost all. However, I don't enjoy the ticks or the lady bugs.

When we were first looking for a place to build a house, we were concentrating on land closer to the outskirts of Keene. As the realtor got more of a feel for the privacy we wanted, she asked us to bear with her and look at a particular piece in the neighboring countryside. We did, and she was right. We fell in love with the 30 acre plot in Richmond. It was a forested lot surrounding a five acre beaver pond, complete with beaver dam and lodge.

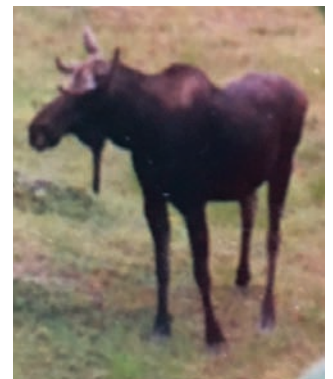
As soon as the papers were signed, we spent our first night as owners sleeping there in a tent. Appropriately enough, we were awoken the next morning by several slaps of a beaver's tail. Though my daughter Kim did not enjoy the temporary, primitive living conditions, we knew we had made a wise choice of location.

I have now lived here in our self-built log house for over 30 years. I continue to see beavers periodically, and in my mind they have become my mascots. They seemed to like showing themselves when we would be out in the canoe. They would swim up behind us and slap their tails. Though it is said they slap tails to warn their fellow beavers that danger is near, my experience says they slap to scare us away. They would surface



several times and slap before finally swimming off.

One time we were able to watch from a close vantage point at the edge of the pond as they worked on their dam. They knew exactly where they needed to swim to get the necessary mud, and where to get the leaves, and where to get the sticks. Sticks they carried in their mouths, mud and leaves in their hands, held in



place under their chins. The sticks were pushed straight into the dam at varying angles. The mud and leaves were inserted in the holes between the sticks. We tried numerous times to lower the water level to suit us humans by pulling out the sticks and taking the dam apart. Eventually we gave up because what we tore apart in the evening, they would have repaired by morning.



Boyd was not too pleased, however, when he came home one day to find they had chewed down his favorite tamarack tree. All that was left was a trail of twigs from the stump to the pond.

There are now six or seven lodges on the pond. I wonder if some of them might belong to the resident otters. The otters didn't like us on their pond either, and hissed at us once when we apparently startled them. They don't show themselves very often, but a few times I have seen them floating on their backs while holding their food in their paws. I could even hear the crunching of the fish bones as they ate.

During our first spring at Mud Pond, the Canada Geese moved in. How majestic they are! We thought it would be great to get a closer look, so we began leaving pieces of bread for them to eat. Closer and closer to the house we lured them, until we noticed what they were leaving us. We never noticed their droppings when they were in the field, but when we had to be vigilant where we walked on the lawn and in the driveway, we realized the error we had made. The only way we could correct the problem was for Boyd to shoot behind them with his BB gun to chase them back to the pond. It took most of the summer to retrain them. No more bread for them.

I'd say we have had almost every animal native to New Hampshire visit us, from the smallest to the largest. The field mice, moles, porcupines, woodchuck, chipmunks, flying squirrels, snapping turtles, fox, coyotes, and even bobcats are among the small ones who have made appearances. Many of them like to spend some time under our porch.

Twenty-nine flying squirrels thought our attic was a comfy place to live. They might still be there if they didn't decide to enter our bedroom. "No, Boyd, that is not a mouse. It just FLEW over my head," I said in the middle of one night. Boyd put a towel over his hand and was able to catch the squirrel and throw it outside.

Silly squirrel caused us to declare war by returning the very next night. This time Boyd didn't know what to do with it. He couldn't shoot it because he was holding it in his hand. So he tried to flush it down the toilet. It was too big. Now Boyd had a very WET squirrel in his hand. Though it may seem cruel, Boyd's only recourse was to drown him. Remember, this was war, and the squirrel had started the invasion.

One of my favorite small visitors is the bobcat. I looked out the window one day and saw one sitting contentedly on the stonewall sunning himself. Another time queen kitty appeared with three little kittens following behind her. The little tufts of fur on the tips of their ears are so adorable!

Among the larger animals that have visited are deer, moose, and bear. It is from living around the water that I saw momma deer teach her new fawn how to swim across the pond. Sadly, one day I witnessed the predator/prey cycle play out as a coyote nabbed a fawn just as it was exiting the water. We also found a bloodied deer carcass once near our house that was surrounded by numerous coyote tracks.

Several moose have been among our visitors. One was eating water plants in the pond. One poked his head in our garage, and one scared Boyd as it ran down our hill right in Boyd's direction.

Mama bear brought her two cubs visiting when they were no bigger than puppies. I was sitting on the porch writing a letter when something caught my eye on the grass in front of me, and I looked up. "Oh, it's a bear," I thought. A BEAR? YIKES!" I jumped up, ran in the house, and locked the door. As I ran, I remember thinking they say not to run. However, I was closer to the door than she was, and there was no way I was letting her get there first. I'm not sure what good locking the door would do. My sudden motion didn't disturb mama bear one bit. I watched from the safety of the house as



she lifted the bird feeder off its hook, used one single, huge claw to remove the feeder cover, and then dumped the seed onto the ground. The babies lay down in the grass and quietly ate their meal. Mama pulled suet off the hook, bending the pole as she did so, and ate her fill. Later they all just ambled away.

By far the most exciting visit of all was the time papa bear came knocking on our door. Well, it was not exactly our door, but that's what we thought at first when we heard the noise. As we headed to the door to see who was there, we passed the picture window and stopped in shock. There, staring us eye to eye with only the glass between us, was a humongous papa bear. He was standing on his hind legs, and his front paws with their huge claws were flat against the glass just below the roof line. He was at least six feet tall. With his mouth and nose he was trying to extract the sweet mixture in the hummingbird feeder that was hanging there. Each time he jostled the feeder, it banged against the glass. Though we were moving around right in front of him, he paid no attention to us.

It was exciting and exhilarating, but also terribly frightening being that close to something that big and powerful. I was so scared that he was going to break the glass and tumble into the house. I could picture broken glass, blood and an attack on us. Surprisingly, I noticed some strange details in the midst of all this – like the dirt under his claws and the wetness of his nose. Though we tried to shoo him away, he took his sweet time before sauntering off.

I wouldn't trade where I live for anything. Nature has provided me with all the visitors I could ever ask for. They are my enjoyment and my entertainment.

Food Still Available

Hugh VanBrocklin

The Richmond Food Pantry continues to provide non-perishable supplementary food to community residents. Folks can call the Selectmen's office and will be admitted to the Town Hall to make their selections from the pantry shelves or home delivery can be arranged by calling Hugh at 239-4494.

During these challenging times, we have received generous support and the pantry is well stocked. We want to express our grateful thanks to be part of such a giving community!

BUTTERMILK CLOVE CAKE

Terri O'Rorke

3 C. flour	2 tsps. ground cloves
1 tsp. cinnamon	1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ground allspice	1 C. butter, softened
2 eggs	1 egg yolk
1 1/2 C. buttermilk	
1 1/2 C. packed light brown sugar	

In a large bowl, beat together butter, eggs, and yolk at high speed. Mix together the dry ingredients. At low speed, alternately add to butter mixture, dry ingredients and buttermilk. Pour batter into greased and floured 9" round layer pans. Bake at 350° for about 25-30 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes, then remove and cool.

Nut filling:

1/2 C. sugar	1/2 C. water
1 1/2 C. ground walnuts	1 tsp. vanilla extract

In small saucepan combine sugar and water. Bring to a boil until sugar is dissolved. Stir in walnuts. Cook 5 minutes just until mixture thickens slightly. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Cool completely, then spread between cake layers.

Butter Frosting:

1/2 C. butter	1 tsp. vanilla extract
3 C. confectioner's sugar	4 Tblsps. cream or evaporated milk

Cream butter. Add remaining ingredients and continue beating until mixture is well blended and fluffy.

Hi Neighbors

Pam Bielunis

I have a contact with a company who used to deliver to schools and restaurants and now delivers to towns. My in-laws who live in Hatfield, MA have been using this service and are very happy with the quality, freshness, etc of the items. The company is out of western Massachusetts and will buy fresh from the farms when available. They used to deliver to Gomarlos before they used Hannafords. Presently, they only deliver as far north as Greenfield, but if we have the interest in this area, they

will deliver to Richmond. It could be as often as once a week, but 1-2 times per month is what I plan to do. So I am putting the information out there. Let me know if you are interested. It can be paid by contacting them directly and paying by credit card or paying cash. The box is approximately \$55 each – you may choose to split it with another, or keep it for yourself. Use it regularly or only once. Here is a sample list and the website to check it out:

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Letter from the Keene Sentinel

April 29th, 2020
Richmond Rooster
c/o Debra Coll

I write to express the thanks of *The Keene Sentinel* for your business during this difficult time. Like most local companies, we've seen a dramatic impact on our

operation. It's been traumatic to witness the effects of the COVTD-19 crisis hit close to home and create such local hardship. We hope you, your family, and friends are safe.

Unprecedented times like these, cause all of us to reflect on the importance of community, on personal and business relationships and, of course, on the uncertainty ahead. We want you to know we are thinking of you.

We want to be supportive. If you have a need for which you think we can provide help, please let us know. We are running free listings in *The Sentinel* and on www.sentinelsource.com each day keeping people aware of what businesses are open and closed. On *The Sentinel's* Facebook page, we run The Monadnock Regional Community Help group, which connects people with problem-solvers; it has nearly 4,000 community-minded members. If you have the need to promote your business at this time, we are offering, during this crisis, deeply discounted ad buys, both in print and online. If you want to suggest an idea or let us know how we may be of more help to you, or if you need specific assistance, we hope you'll contact your sales representative or me. Our mutual success depends on our collective resiliency. Please stay in touch with us, but more importantly, please stay safe. *Local Matters*.

Sincerely,

Terrence L. Williams

President and COO

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Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

Thank you to everyone who helped out with Roadside clean up! The roadsides that my family and I cleaned up had a lot less trash than years before. Thank you also to our road agent Buddy for picking up the trash bags for us. We are rescheduling our collaborative picnic and tie-dye event with the library for August. We hope to get back to our regularly scheduled events soon. For now, we have Ladies Game Night scheduled in June, but we will keep you posted if things change.

June 12, 2020 at 6pm Ladies Game Night at the Veteran's Hall

July 10, 2020 Ladies Game Night at the Veteran's Hall

August 15, 2020 at 11am "How to Train a Knight" col-

laborative event with the library.

August 2020 Ladies Game Night

September 2020 Harvest Festival and Potluck

September 2020 Ladies Game Night

October 2020 Ladies Game Night

November 2020 Ladies Game Night

December 2020 Movie Time at Takodah

January 2021 Winter Event

February 2021 Movie Time at Takodah

Town Clerk

Annette Tokunaga

May 22, 2020

The deadline for changing political party affiliation relative to the September 8, 2020 NH State Primary Election is Tuesday, June 2, 2020. You can change your party affiliation in one of two ways. You can go to the Supervisors of the Checklist meeting on June 2nd. They will be in session at The Veteran's Memorial Hall from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Or you can complete the Application to Change Party Affiliation form and return it to the Town Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on June 2nd. This form is available on the Town of Richmond website, on the NH Secretary of State website, or from the Town Clerk's office.

Prior to changing your party affiliation, please confirm your current status. This information can be found by going to the NH Secretary of State website, <https://app.sos.nh.gov>, or by contacting the Town Clerk.

Respectfully,

Annette Tokunaga

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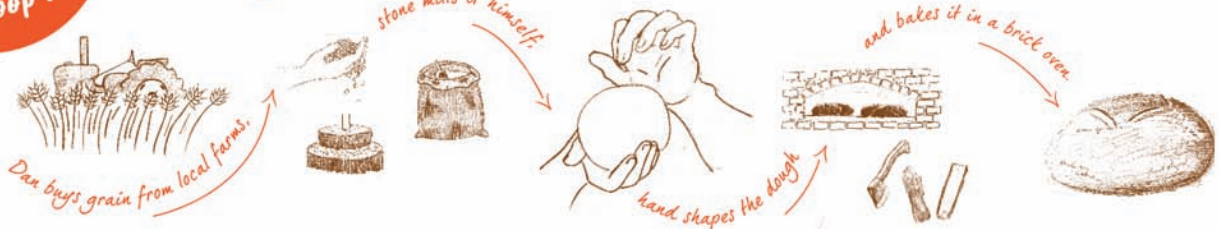
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Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Thompson

Town Clerk: Annette Tokunaga

Deputy Town Clerk: Martine Imon

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

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