



The *Something to Crow About* RICHMOND ROOSTER

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Karen O'Brien

*From ghoulies and ghosties
And long-leggedy beasties
And things that go bump in the night,
Good Lord, deliver us! —Scottish Prayer*

Halloween has become for many a favorite holiday, when all the stops are pulled out, and scaring is the name of the game. Costumes, decorations, haunted houses, and parties abound, drawing us in as we celebrate the holiday. But All Hallows' Eve is actually an ancient tradition, when people gathered to honor the dead and prepare for the coming year. Old customs and rites have been altered throughout the ages to become the holiday we now know and enjoy. Superstitions, plants, and rituals have all played a role in defining this former pagan holiday.

The early Celts and Druids noted this date as the beginning of the new year. It is the midpoint between the fall equinox and the winter solstice, and so was celebrated with bonfires lit in honor of the Sun God and with gratitude for an abundant harvest. Also known as *Samhain* (pronounced saw-when), it was the time when

the boundary between the living and the dead was at its thinnest. Samhan, the god of departed souls, called all the wicked together and the common people gathered to invoke the light in the hope that they could counteract the tortured souls and escape their wrath. Lanterns, made from hollowed out turnips and lit with candles, were used to drive away the evil and light the path. This custom, when brought to America, gave rise to the jack-o-lanterns, as pumpkins are way easier to carve than turnips!

Bonfires also helped dispel the gloom and doom of the eve of all souls. Human and animal sacrifice eventually gave way to burning enormous straw effigies, and have filtered down to this day as scarecrows, skulls, and skeletons, symbols of appeasing the dark and dangerous spirits that walked the earth on this night. To honor the dead, people in Shropshire towns made the rounds of the village, chanting:

A Soule cake, a Soule cake

Have Mercy on all Christian soules for a Soule cake.

Or

God have mercy on your soule

Bones and all.

As the singers went house to house, they were treated to the spiced buns as they recited the ditty. Now, we go house to house asking for "treats" without remembering the dearly departed, for which this custom was intended. A recipe for Soul Cakes from Adelma Simmons book *A Witch's Brew*.

SHROPSHIRE SOUL CAKES

Cream together ½ cup of butter and ½ cup of sugar. Crumble or place two dry yeast packets in ½ cup of lukewarm water to which 2 tsp. sugar has been added. In another cup with 2 tbsp. hot water, dissolve a pinch of true saffron. Scald 2 cups of milk and add to the creamed mixture; when cooled add the yeast, saffron,



Elder

and two beaten eggs. Sift 6½ cups of flour with 2 tsp. salt, 4 tsp. cinnamon, and ¼ tsp. allspice. Flour ½ cup of raisins or currants, and mix in 2 tsp. caraway seeds. Add to dry ingredients to make a soft dough. Knead for three minutes, and set to rise in a greased bowl in a warm place. When the dough doubles, shape into small round or oval buns. Bake in 400° oven for 15 minutes, drop temperature to 350° and bake until done. Makes about 24 cakes.



St. John's Wort



Henbane

Many plants were utilized for their efficacy in holding evil spirits at bay. Carried in one's pocket, the root of angelica, *Angelica archangelica* and also known as the Root of the Holy Ghost, had the additional benefit of protection from the plague. Carrying a twig of mountain ash or rowan, *Sorbus americana*, would keep away evil wishes and aid in the prevention of rheumatism. Bay, or *Laurus nobilis*, kept witches, devils, thunder, and lightning away, and was another talisman for the plague. Elderberry, *Sambucus canadensis*, although a symbol of sorrow and death, drew away evil spirits, charmed against lightning, and was an antidote for rheumatism. If you carried a walking stick made of ash – *Fraxus americana* – snakes were guaranteed to be repelled. Juniper *Juniperus* sp. was used as a fumigant in sick rooms, along with rosemary and thyme. If you planted a juniper by your front door, no witch could ever enter, as they were bound to count every needle on the tree and would grow frustrated by such a daunting task and then leave. Michael Drayton penned this:

Trefoil, vervain, johnswort, dill

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The trefoil – possibly clover, oxalis, or *Viola tricolor* – was a symbol of the Trinity and so protected against evil spirits. Vervain, *Verbena officinalis*, was sacred to the Greeks and used to purify their dining tables. It could either attract or repel witches. St. John's wort, *Hypericum perforatum*, with its sunny yellow flowers (yellow being hated by witches) has a long association with warding off evil and protecting against unseen forces. And finally, dill, *Anethum graveolens*, can either destroy or protect against those flying harpies.

Fear of the unknown drove people to gather what they could to defend themselves from things they could not see or understand. Mugwort, tansy, wormwood, parsley, and rue were all considered to be effective against “the evil eye.” With the exception of parsley, these plants all have a level of toxicity, so it made sense that they could combat the forces of evil. Other plants were even more dangerous, such as foxglove (*Digitalis* sp.) – also known as witches gloves or dead mens bells; aconite (*Aconitum napellus*) – wolfsbane or monkshood; hemlock (*Conium maculatum*, not the tree); and henbane (*Hyoscyamus niger*) and were only used by those who had an understanding of their deleterious effects. Of course, these were also plants that were used by the hags who concocted them into their deadly potions and mysterious brews.

So this October, carry your lighted jack-o-lantern to illuminate your path, and remember the souls that have departed from this plain. Remember to carry a piece of elder, rowan, or angelica in your pocket as you traverse the dark hours. It may just save you from things that go BUMP in the night.

Town Clerk

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

My mother taught me that I should always respect the rules of the house, be it our house, the classroom, or any other place. And I can say today, the day after the 2020 September State Primary, that I am grateful to

serve as your town clerk. On the whole, people conducted themselves in a manner that spoke of respect for the rules of the house, in this case the polls.

This year presented unique challenges for your moderator, Walden Whitham. With the multitude of effects from the COVID-19 pandemic upon our society and upon our individual responses to it, this fair-minded man found himself tasked with balancing the varying needs of those with divergent and sometimes conflicting perspectives.

One of Walden's challenges was staffing the polls. Some people would not work out of fear of exposure to the virus. Others would not work because they did not want to follow the mandate established by Walden, requiring everyone who worked in the building to wear masks. Nearly every election official and poll worker exhibited conduct that was respectful, professional and impartial.

Another challenge was how to set up the polls in such a way that voters would be able to exercise their constitutional right to vote. Walden succeeded in creating a process that varied little from prior elections. The two main differences were the presence of PPE equipment provided by the NH Secretary of State and voting booths designated for voters wearing masks and for voters not wearing masks. Unlike some municipalities where voters without masks voted in their cars, under tents that were set up outside, or in a trailer, all voters in Richmond were allowed to enter and vote in the main room of the Veterans Memorial Hall, as in years past.

I hope that every voter had a seamless and professional voting experience. From my observations, most voters arrived, received their ballots, voted and left the polling place with no drama or friction. This is a testament to the character of the residents in Richmond.

The November Election is, as of this writing, 55 days away. We anticipate a very busy day with a possible record number of voters. Your patience will certainly

be appreciated. It is impossible to predict the conditions that may have an impact on how that election will be run. But what I do know and trust is that your moderator will do his utmost to create a process by which each and every voter will feel welcomed when they vote.

I also know that you who work at and go to the polls to vote will respect the rules of the house, for you have shown this to be true.

Dates to Remember

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

October 12, 2020	CLOSED for Columbus Day
October 26, 2020	Last day to submit voter registration forms with Town Clerk for the General Election
November 2, 2020	Open 9:00-Noon and 1-4 for business as usual Open until 5:00 pm for absentee ballots only CLOSED 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
November 3, 2020	General Election Day Polling hours: 8 pm – 7 pm at the Veteran's Hall

During the month of October, I plan on being open every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until noon. These hours will be dedicated to absentee balloting business only and will be subject to change. If necessary, I will schedule additional hours. Office hours for absentee balloting

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A Tale of Two Elections

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Richmond held its 2020 State Primary Election on September 8. Of the 844 registered voters, 323 voted. This represents a 38% voter turnout, one of Richmond's higher turnouts. Of those who voted, 189 voted Republican and 134 voted Democratic. Absentee voting was higher than in the previous September Primary held in a Presidential year. Sixty-two voters voted by absentee ballot this year compared to twelve in 2016. Results are posted at the Town Hall, the Veterans Hall and on the Town website.

The General Election will be held on November 3rd from 8:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall. In previous General Elections where the office of US President was on the ballot, average turnout in Richmond was 83%. As much as 700 or more voters could potentially vote at this year's General Election.

I encourage anyone who is considering voting absentee to submit the Application for Absentee Ballot as soon as possible. This form is printed in *The Rooster* for your convenience. It is also available at the Town Clerk's office, on the Town website, and at the NH Secretary of State's website, sos.nh.gov. The Application, once completed and signed, should be mailed to: Town Clerk, 105 Old Homestead Hwy., Richmond, NH 03470. You may also return the completed and signed Application in the Drop Box located at the main entrance of the Town Hall, email it or bring it to my office. I anticipate receiving the absentee ballots in late September or early October. I will mail any absentee ballots as soon as I receive them for all Applications that I have at that time. I will continue to mail absentee ballots the same business day that I receive requests. You may also come to my office if you prefer. Once you have

received and marked your absentee ballot, I encourage you to mail or deliver your ballot as soon as possible. It must be received no later than Election Day at 5:00 p.m. Whether the voter or a delivery agent returns the marked absentee ballot, do not leave the ballot in the drop box or on any shelf. Hand it directly to the Town Clerk.

As always, in-person voting will be occurring during the polling hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Richmond Library News

Wendy O'Brien

At the time of writing, we are open without an appointment. If you see the green "Go" sign on the door, please come in. If the red "Stop" sign is on the door, please wait until the patron currently in the library leaves. Masks are required inside the building. We still offer curbside and delivery options for those who would prefer not to come into the Library. Please contact us to arrange a drop-off time. And remember our WiFi is on 24-7 in the parking lot-the network is "Richmond Public NEW" and there is no password.

The Book Shed

Come visit our new Book Shed! Here you will find gently used books on all sorts of subjects, as well as some great fiction. We would appreciate monetary donations in any amount. The shed will be open during Library hours in good weather. Drop by and see our ever-changing selections! A big thank you to Lauren Reese, Douglass Bartlett, and John and Dan Lewis for all their help in getting the shed ready.

Knitting Circle, Saturdays in October, 10:30 a.m. at the Pavilion

New and experienced knitters as well as other hand-crafters are welcome (with proper personal distancing!).

Tween and Teen Craft Kits

Unfortunately, due to the Library's small size and personal distancing, we are unable to offer our traditional

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programming for older youth this fall. Instead, we will be offering a monthly craft kit for tweens and teens available for pickup at the Library. This month we will offer Halloween Monster Pom Poms. Easy to make, we'll have all the pieces and instructions that you will need. Available after October 1st.

Kids Need a Screen Time Break?

We're pleased to offer some additional materials to borrow to give your kids a break from the screen. Checkout Legos, SnapCircuits, our Sphero Robot (requires your own smartphone), and our Makey Makey kit (requires your own computer). Remember the banana piano we made here at RPL? Make your own at home!

Preschool Craft Kits

Different weekly craft kits will be available for pickup for our youngest friends anytime during Library hours. This month we will have (one each week): Fire Engines (October is Fire Prevention Month!), Apples, Squirrels, and Halloween kits. Grab a book or two, as well—we will have a display for each week.

Book Group: 2 Ways!

We are experimenting with something new—a 2 way book group! We will be meeting in person at the Veterans' Hall at 6:00 p.m. on October 13th. Not comfortable being a group or can't make it that day? We will also have a closed Facebook group for discussion of the book during the month. Contact us via Facebook at library@richmondnh.us or drop us an email and we'll add you in!

Our October title is *The Tuscan Secret*, by Angela Petch. We will have limited copies available to borrow, but some members have offered to share their personal copies. Let us know if you need a copy.

New Titles

Untamed, Glennon Doyle

Deadlock, Catherine Coulter

Now We Shall Be Entirely Free, Andrew Miller

Rules for Visiting, Jessica Francis Kane

All the Devils Are Here, Louise Penny
A Room Called Earth, Madeline Ryan
Memorial Drive, Natasha Trethewey
The English Assassin, Daniel Silva

August 5, 2020 Council Meeting

Debora Pignatelli, Executive Councilor

New Hampshire District 5

Our last Governor and Council Meeting was held on August 5, 2020. I want to briefly let you know about a Public Hearing the Council held in person in Concord a couple of weeks ago. It was for Mr. Scott Mason, who was nominated by the Governor to become the Executive Director of our NH Fish and Game Department. After 4 hours of testimony and many emails and telephone calls, I found that the nominee lacked the basic skills and experience enumerated in the Job Posting.

This was my reasoning:

Mr. Mason has an animal sciences degree, he has no formal education in fisheries, wildlife or natural resources management or conservation law as specified by the job posting;

He has no work experience in fisheries, wildlife, natural resource management or law enforcement, all of which are critical components of the NH Fish and Game Department mission as specified by the job posting; and while he has served in many administrative positions, he has no executive management experience in large diverse organizations of the scope and complexity as NH Fish and Game as specified by the job posting; his only management experience appears to be the management of a 400 head dairy farm – a far cry from a large, complex organization with many diverse stakeholders spread over the entire state.

My vote was No, but Mr. Mason was confirmed by a vote of 3-1. Councilor Volinsky was recused from voting. I thought you should know about this Public Hearing and vote.

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I hope you are all staying safe and healthy. Please feel free to contact me at www.debpignatelli.com.

August 5, 2020, Meeting

This meeting is available at www.debpignatelli.com, Governor & Executive Council section of the New Hampshire Secretary of State website.

Authorized to amend existing contracts with the vendors listed in bold as detailed in letter dated June 28, 2020, for family planning services, by decreasing the total price limitation by \$18,615 from \$6,740,866 to \$6,722,251 with no change to the contract completion dates of June 30, 2021. 100% General Funds.

VOTE: 5-0

Authorized to enter into a sole source contract with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, Nashua, NH, for the provision of Extended Warranty – Security System and Software Support services for the NH Correctional Facility for Women, in the amount of \$224,460. Effective upon G&C approval through July 31, 2023, with the option to renew for successive renewal terms of up to three years. 100% General Funds. **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized to award an Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund grant to the Town of New Boston, in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of replacing four undersized culverts on Lyndeborough Road crossing Meadow Brook to reduce the flood hazard and improve aquatic organism passage. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2026. 100% ARM Funds.

VOTE: 5-0

Authorized consideration of whether the petition of Amy Johnson (age 36) requesting a pardon for the offenses of Hindering Apprehension, Accomplice to Witness Tampering, Conspiracy to Witness Tampering and Falsifying Physical Evidence should be granted. Please be advised that pursuant to RSA 651:5, V and XIV, as the petitioner's crimes involve felony obstruction of justice crimes, she is not eligible for an annul-

ment. **VOTE: 5-0** My vote for this Pardon for Amy Johnson was "yes". The Governor Council held an in-person Hearing. I was impressed by the testimony of the Chief of Police in favor of a Pardon for Ms. Johnson. I am convinced that she has become a positive member of society and has paid the price for something she did while a very young person and is completely rehabilitated.

Authorized the Bureau of Court Facilities to enter into an equipment rental agreement with ENE Systems of NH, Bow, NH, for a 10-ton temporary air conditioner unit at the Hillsborough County Superior Courthouse South, for an amount not to exceed \$13,960. Effective August 5, 2020 through October 31, 2020. 100% Transfer Funds (transfer from AOC, Rent from Other Agencies). **VOTE: 5-0**

Authorized, on behalf of the Department of Environmental Services, to release to the underlying landowner, Poodle Crossing LLC, an unneeded access easement appurtenant to State land located in Milford, NH at the Savage Municipal Water Supply Well Superfund Site along NH Route 101A. **VOTE: 5-0**

Informational Items

Our Governor has approved these items without advice and consent of the Council. I continue to object to what I consider to be an unconstitutional power grab.

Department of Health and Human Services

Authorized the Office of the Commissioner to enter into a retroactive sole source contract with Mako Medical Laboratories LLC, Raleigh, NC, in the amount of \$6,000,000 to provide COVID-19 testing to residents and staff of long-term care and other residential facilities overseen by the Department. Effective June 3, 2020, through December 31, 2020, with the option to renew for up to two additional years. 100% Federal Funds. to amend an existing sole source contract with Giri Dover 200 Inc. d/b/a The Garrison Hotel, Dover, NH,



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to provide twenty-one hotel rooms to the Department that will be used for quarantine services for individuals experiencing homelessness who may have contracted COVID-19, by increasing the price by \$55,000 from \$100,800 to \$155,800 with no change to the completion date of July 22, 2020. 100% General Funds.

— to enter into a retroactive sole source amendment to an existing agreement with Capital Hotel Company (dba The Courtyard by Marriott Hotel & Grappone Conference Center), Concord, NH, to provide office space for the Division of Public Health COVID-19 Operations Center, by exercising a contract renewal option and increasing the price by \$555,674 from \$453,599 to \$1,009,273 and by extending the completion date from August 31, 2020 to September 30, 2020. The original contract was approved by Governor Sununu on May 11, 2020. 51% Federal, 49% General Funds.

Authorized the Division of Economic and Housing Stability

— to enter into a retroactive sole source amendment to an existing contract with Merrimack Valley Assistance Program Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 4-17-19, item #12), to provide supportive services during the COVID-19 pandemic to low income persons and their families living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, by increasing the price by \$81,795 from \$719,178 to \$800,973. Effective retroactive to April 3, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

— to enter into a retroactive sole source amendment to an existing contract with Merrimack Valley Assistance Program Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 2-21-18, item #12), to provide supportive services during the COVID-19 pandemic to low income persons and their families living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, by increasing the price by \$107,819 from \$940,530 to \$1,048,349. Effective retroactive to April

3, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

— to enter into retroactive sole source grant agreements with the Grantees as detailed in letter dated July 20, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 shared price limitation, to develop and administer the Housing Stabilization program that targets individuals financially impacted by COVID-19. Effective July 1, 2020, through December 30, 2020. 100% Other Funds (Coronavirus Aid Relieve, and Economic Security).

—to enter into retroactive sole source amendments to existing agreement with the vendors as detailed in letter dated June 30, 2020 (originally approved by G&C on 2-20-19, item #23), for the provision of community based services and anti-poverty programs through the Community Services Block Grant to ensure critically needed resources are available to meet local low-income community needs in response to COVID-19, by increasing the total price limitation by \$1,303,871 from \$16,048,850 to \$17,352,721 with no change to the contract completion dates of September 30, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.

Authorized the Division of Public Health Services

— to enter into a retroactive sole source agreement with Quest Diagnostics LLC, Marlborough, MA, in the amount of \$700,000 for COVID-19 specimen testing. Effective April 29, 2020, through December 31, 2020, with the option to renew for up to two additional years. 100% Federal Funds. (2) Pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, and Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, and 2020-14, Governor Sununu Authorized the Division of Public Health Services to enter into a sole source amendment to the existing contract with Quest Diagnostics LLC, Marlborough, MA, for COVID-19 specimen testing, by increasing the price by \$300,000 from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000, with no change to the completion date of December 31, 2020. 100% Federal Funds.

From
A Friend
on Athol Road

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Another Friend
on Athol Road

Authorized to amend existing contracts with the vendors as detailed in letter dated July 13, 2020, for the Women, Infants and Children Special Supplemental Nutrition Program and Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program services to low-income women and children, by increasing the total price limitation by \$68,950 from \$11,854,653 to \$11,923,603 with no change to the completion dates of June 30, 2021. Effective July 1, 2020, or upon Governor approval, whichever is later. 100% Federal Funds.

Department of Transportation

Governor Sununu **Authorized** to award a grant to the City of Nashua/Nashua Airport Authority, for Coronavirus Aid, and Economic Security Act funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for Boire Field, in the amount of \$69,000. Effective through May 25, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

Governor Sununu **Authorized** to award a grant to the Town of Whitefield, for Coronavirus Aid, and Economic Security Act funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport, in the amount of \$30,000. Effective through May 25, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

Governor Sununu **Authorized** to award a grant to the Pease Development Authority, for Coronavirus Aid, and Economic Security Act funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the Skyhaven Airport, in the amount of \$30,000. Effective through May 25, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

Governor Sununu **Authorized** to award a grant to the Town of Newport, for Coronavirus Aid, and Economic Security Act funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the Parlin Field, in the amount of \$30,000. Effective through May 25, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

#M. Pursuant to RSA 4:45, RSA 21-P:43, and Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, and 2020-14, and suspend the Manual of Procedures 150 V., A., 5., requirement, Governor Sununu Authorized to

award a grant to the City of Belin, for Coronavirus Aid, and Economic Security Act funding to offset a decline in revenues arising from diminished airport operations and activities as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the Berlin Regional Airport, in the amount of \$30,000. Effective through May 25, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

Department of Information Technology

Governor Sununu **Authorized** to enter into a sole source Cooperative Project Agreement with University of NH, University System of NH, Durham, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$23,400, for the purpose of providing Wide Area Network backup internet services. Effective upon approval through June 30, 2021. DoIT (Statewide Telecommunications Revolving Funds).

Governor Sununu **Authorized**, the Department of Information Technology, on behalf of the Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles, to enter into a sole source contract with Q-Matic Corporation, Duluth, GA, in the amount of \$208,920.92 to provide a hosted scheduling and queuing system to the DMV to allow for appointment-only customer services at DMV locations. Effective upon approval through June 20, 2025. 100% Other (Agency Class 27) funds: the Agency Class 027 used by the Department of Safety to reimburse DoIT is 100% Agency Income (Cost of Collections) funds.

Governor Sununu **Authorized** the Department of Information Technology, on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic and Housing Stability, to retroactively amend an existing sole source contract with Deloitte Consulting LLP, Harrisburg, PA, by increasing the price by \$1,910,280 from \$97,633,677 to \$99,543,957 to implement several necessary enhancements and continued maintenance and operations of the New HEIGHTS system to include COVID-19 services, with no change to the contract completion date of September 30, 2022, effective March 18, 2020. 66% Federal, 32% General, 2% Other Funds from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery.

New Hampshire Employment Security

Governor Sununu **Authorized** to enter into a sole source contract with Maximus Health Services Inc., Reston, VA, with a price limitation not to exceed \$4,317,395 for call center delivery and support services to individuals calling the unemployment compensation hotline. Effective July 1, 2020, through December 31,

2020. 100% Other Funds.

Governor Sununu **Authorized** to accept and expend \$3,560,300 in federal funds from the US Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration, for the purpose of developing and implementing system modifications necessary to administer the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance programs through June 30, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

Department of Corrections

Governor Sununu **Authorized** to accept and expend a sub grant in the amount of \$65,491 for the NH Department of Justice, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Effective retroactive to January 20, 2020, through January 20, 2022. 100% Federal Revenue received from another State Agency.

Department of Safety

Governor Sununu **Authorized** the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Loudon to purchase and install equipment to support and enhance the community's Emergency Operations Center for a total amount of \$79,500. Effective July 17, 2020 through December 26, 2021. 100% Federal Funds.

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

Mark G. Bodanza, Hillsborough, NH to the Higher Education Commission

Nicole Lavoie, Nashua, NH to the Physical Therapy Governing Board

Matthew Plante, Nashua, NH to the Police Commission, Nashua

Selectmen's Minutes

August 17, 2020, Meeting

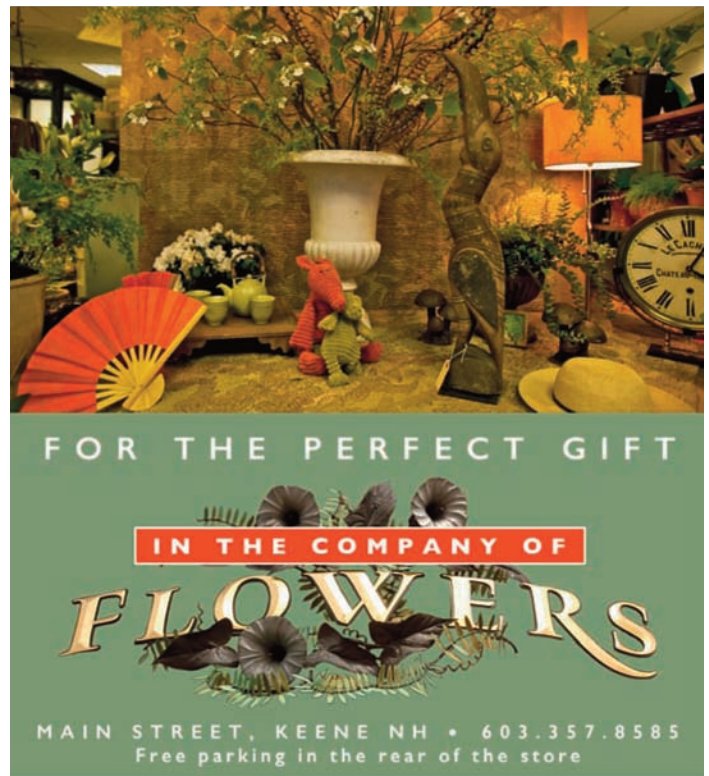
Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw, and Andrew Wallace

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; the Board voted to approve the manifest dated August 17, 2020, for payroll/accounts payable in the amount of \$ 130,960.49 for the week of August 7, 2020-August 13, 2020.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to reappoint William Daniels as Chairman.



Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board approved the following appointments:

Karen O'Brien to the Agricultural Commission Term to expire March 2022.

Douglas Bersaw as an Inspector of the Election. Term to expire July 2022.

Pam Bielunis as the Welfare Administrator. Term to expire on March 2021.

Letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services reference notice of acceptance of permit application for Map 407 Lot 074. Read.

Letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services reference Map 408 Lots 094, 094-01 and Map 407 Lot 001 Confirmation of Complete Forestry Statutory Permit-by-Notification (RSA482-A). Read.

Letter from the City of Keene regarding Extended



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Police Authority Agreement Among the Municipal Police Departments of Cheshire County, N.H. pursuant to RSA 53-A:4. Read.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board approved Veteran's Memorial Hall rental for Friday, August 21, 2020.

Board reviewed email in reference to a multi-town Zoning Compliance Officer. Read.

Board discussed town owned properties.

Board discussed town policies and completed the grant agreement for the COVID-19 reimbursements.

Appointments

Town Clerk Annette Tokunaga met with the Board to discuss an RSA 91: A-Right to Know request that was received. Tokunaga stated she was advised by New Hampshire Municipal Association to contact the town attorney. Tokunaga also submitted paperwork for the CARES ACT for the absentee ballots. Chairman Daniels signed the documents for the CARES ACT.

Road Agent, Buddy Blood met with the Board to provide an update.

Land Use Assistant, Kim Mattson met with the Board to request police coverage and the town attorney for the next public hearing to be held on September 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion. Also asked Board permission for ZBA to meet with the town attorney. Board agreed. Mattson will contact attorney. Harrington to contact the police and town attorney for coverage of public hearing.

Walk In

Amanda Grinstead met with the Board to submit a Right to Know request. Harrington

Billy Doubleday met with the Board to request the status of Lorrie Howard Road. The Town Meeting in 1972 Warrant Article 34:J states the Lorrie Howard Road is subject to gates and bars if it has not already

been discontinued.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Harrington

August 24, 2020 Meeting

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw

Selectmen absent: Andrew Wallace

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; the Board voted to approve the manifest dated August 24, 2020, for payroll/accounts payable in the amount of \$ 16,957.92 for the week of August 13, 2020-August 20, 2020. This amount includes the monthly stipend payroll.

Board discussed denied driveway permit on Map 412 Lot 018. Bersaw to follow up.

Building permit received for Map 414 Lot 021. A Selectman will visit the property and report back to the Board.

Demolition permit received for Map 402 Lot 025 received. A Selectman will visit the property and report back to the Board.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board approved abatement in the amount of \$393.93 Map 202 Lot 027 Sub 033.

Daniels signed approval of authority letter for the Richmond Public Library to Savings Bank of Walpole.

Cheshire County Sheriff's Log for the month of July received. Read.

Letter from Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. stating due to COVID there will be no interior inspections for the year of 2020. Avitar will resume interior inspections during the 2021 cyclical interior inspections.

Appointments

Amanda Grinstead met with the Board to request

information regarding cell towers in town.

Gaulang Patel (George) met with the Board to discuss the purchase of the 4-corner property Map 202 Lot 056. Board requests to have business plan submitted Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Harrington

August 31, 2020 Meeting

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw, and Andrew Wallace

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington and Antoinette Cincotta

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; the Board voted to approve the manifest dated August 31, 2020, for pay-roll/accounts payable in the amount of \$ 24,402.95 for the week of August 21, 2020-August 27, 2020.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board approved Building permit received for Map 414 Lot 021.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved Demolition permit received for Map 402 Lot 025

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board approved Occupancy Permit received for Map 407 Lot 040.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board signed MS-1. Harrington to forward to Avitar for reporting.

Letter from the Southwest Regional Planning Commission regarding the 2023-2032 Ten Year Plan, Transportation Improvement Projects. Read.

Town Clerk Annette Tokunaga submitted Dog Warrant Results.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board approved the following appointments:

Susan Harrington to Selectmen Pro Tem. Term to be for the day of September 9, 2020. Jennifer Thompson to Selectmen Pro Tem. Term to be for the day of September 9, 2020. Wendy O'Brien to the Joint Loss Safety Committee. Term to expire March 2023. William Daniels to the Joint Loss Safety Commission. Term to expire March 2022. William Daniels to Winchester Waste Mgmt. Rep. Term to expire March 2021.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved the appointment of Douglas Bersaw as the Planning Board Ex Officio. Term to expire on March, 2021.

Board reviewed drug policy templates. Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted to adopt an employee drug policy. An employee drug policy is necessary in order to apply for government grants.

Appointments

Richmond Moderator, Walden Whitham, met with the Board to discuss election procedures. The Veteran's Memorial Hall will be set up according to COVID-19 guidelines. There will be masks available, sanitation stations, shields for stationary workers, one way entering and exiting the building and the floor will be marked with 6 feet distancing.

Road Agent Buddy Blood met with the Board to discuss Morgan Road. Mitchell Sand and Gravel will start reclaiming the pavement on Friday, September 4th and will start paving on Tuesday, September 8th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Harrington

SOUR CREAM PUMPKIN COFFEE CAKE

Terri O'Rorke

1/2 C. softened butter	1 C. sour cream
3/4 C. sugar	1 3/4 C. pumpkin
1 tsp. vanilla extract	1/3 C. sugar
3 eggs	1 slightly, beaten egg
2 C. flour	1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1 tsp. each baking powder and soda	

Cream together butter, sugar, and vanilla. Add 3 eggs, beating well. Combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Add dry ingredients to butter mixture alternately with sour cream. In a separate bowl, combine pumpkin, beaten egg, 1/3 C. sugar, and pie spice.

Spoon half the batter into a 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Sprinkle half the streusel over batter. Spread pumpkin mixture over streusel. Carefully spread remaining batter over pumpkin mixture. Sprinkle remaining streusel over top. Serves 12.

Streusel

1 C. brown sugar	1/3 C. butter
2 tsp. cinnamon	1 C. chopped nuts

With a fork mix together sugar, butter, and cinnamon until blended. Stir in nuts. Bake at 325 degrees for 50-60 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

We saw some old and new faces at the Back-to-School Party in August. I hope everyone got what they needed for the beginning of school. We are excited to announce that we will have our Harvest Festival in October this year. It will be in conjunction with the Agricultural Fair



on October 10th. The Harvest Festival will run from 12-2pm. We will have free hot soup, rolls, drinks, and lawn games. Come enjoy the Festival and the Fair!

Oct. 10, 2020, 12 – 2 p.m. Harvest Festival at the pavilion
 Dec., 2020, Movie Time at Takodah
 Jan., 2021, Winter Event
 Feb., 2021, Movie Time at Takodah



Morgan road gets a Facelift.

The Edge Ensemble Presents Three Online Theatrical Productions For Fall

Catherine Behrens

The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company is excited to announce our Fall 2020, productions starting in September! The Edge has cancelled all live performances for the remainder of 2020, but we are presenting three on-line performances. The first is *The Diaries of Adam and Eve* by Mark Twain, which will be available online at The Edge's website and on YouTube from September 25 to October 18. This show, directed by Kim Dupuis, will feature Mark DiPietro as Adam and Charlotte Traas as Eve, the first human beings on earth. It is a delightful take on what those primitive sensibilities might have looked like, in the inimitable Mark Twain style. A raffle of a \$400 gift certificate to the Monadnock Food Co-Op will be held on October 18.

Founding Artistic Director Kim Dupuis notes that this new format is an exhilarating challenge for a the-

atre company that typically delivers live productions in front of a live audience. "Filming is an entirely new animal, requiring a new way of thinking, and the experience has stimulated my imagination and inspired new methods of direction."

The Edge's second production, *Spooky Tales of Edgar Allan Poe*, will also be available online at The Edge's website and on YouTube, from October 16 to October 31. The third show will feature an original play by Jon and Cynthia Austin, *As He Is*, and will be available from November 20 through December 31.

To view any or all of these productions, go to www.edgeensemble.org/videos during the above listed show dates. View on your computer or your television.

The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company and the Monadnock Food Co-Op are working together to help ease some of the financial stress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The drawing for the raffle winner of a gift certificate to the Monadnock Food Co-Op will be held on the final day of each show's run in the amount of \$400. You will be able to view the raffle drawing on The Edge's website. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased by mailing a check to The Edge Ensemble, P.O. Box 1815, Keene, NH 03431. Tickets may also be purchased through PayPal for \$5.42. Raffle tickets must be purchased one week before the drawing date.

Information about the raffle, visit our website at www.edgeensemble.org/raffles.

There is no admission to view online productions, so come and enjoy the productions. Tell all your friends. Our costs are high and our budgets are low so please know that your donations will be greatly appreciated!

Call THE EDGE at 603-352-5657 or email TheEdgeEnsemble@aol.com. Visit our website, www.EdgeEnsemble.org, or Facebook page.

Michael Monroe Bush

October 26, 1988 – September 11, 2020

Michael Monroe Bush 31, of Church Street, Keene, NH, passed away at his home in Keene on Friday, September 11, 2020, following a long battle with mental illness.

His parents, Christopher N. and Diane L. (Braun) Bush, welcomed their son into the world on October 26, 1988 in Onondaga, New York. Michael grew up in Richmond, NH and was the salutatorian for the class of 2007 at the Monadnock Regional High School in Swanzey, NH. Michael attended SUNY Binghamton in

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New York, earning a Bachelor Degree in Bio-engineering. While in high school, Michael was a member of the jazz band and the marching band, lending his musical talent on the trombone. He was a runner on the school's cross-country track team, and loved the outdoors. Michael was a member of the Interact Club at the high school,

traveling to El Salvador to volunteer in the building of houses there.

Michael loved to travel and was an avid bicyclist. His many adventures found him bicycling cross-country, and traveling twice to Israel.

He was a quiet person with a gentle soul. He was also a spiritual person, growing up in Judaism, lending his knowledge through teaching at the Congregation Ahavas Achim Synagogue in Keene. He regularly attended support groups in the area.

Michael was a gifted writer and an accomplished musician, who was a self-taught guitarist, performing for students in area elementary schools.

While residing in Keene for the past five years, Michael worked at the Keene Public Library and also at Bed Bath and Beyond.

He will be greatly missed by many, especially his parents of Richmond; his siblings, Aaron Bush and his wife, Erica, of Framingham, MA, Elizabeth Zurawski and her husband, Christopher, of Albany, NY, Hannah Bush of Shanghai, China; his niece and nephew, Lillian and Charles Bush; his paternal grandmother, Janet Bush of Victor, NY; and many cousins and extended family members. Michael was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Bernice and Alfred Braun, and his paternal grandfather, Walter M. Bush.

A graveside service was on Friday, September 18, 2020 at 11:00am in the Monadnock View Cemetery, Park Avenue, Keene.

For those who wish, donations may be made in Michael's memory to the Sierra Club (<https://www.sierraclub.org>) for online donations, or to the NH Sierra Club, 40 North Main Street, 2nd Floor, Concord, NH 03301.

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- You are concerned that registering or voting in person will expose you or others to COVID-19.

The term “disability” in the election law extends to these circumstances. Even if you do not consider yourself a person with disability in other circumstances, this term applies for registering to vote and voting in 2020. The opportunity to register and vote absentee due to disability from COVID-19 will apply in 2020, regardless of the future development of the public health crisis. You must sign the “disability” affidavit on the forms for absentee registration and absentee voting.

REGISTERING ABSENTEE (BY MAIL)

You may request absentee voter registration forms and instructions from your clerk before requesting an absentee ballot. Supervisors of the Checklist must review and approve your application. They are required to meet on a date 6 to 13 days before the September 8, 2020 primary and again before the November 3, 2020 general election. Unless the supervisors hold voluntary sessions before then, the supervisors will review your application at that meeting. You are registered to vote when the supervisors approve the application.

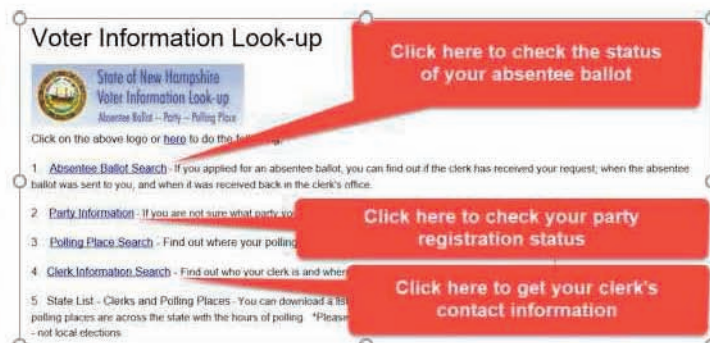
If you request an absentee ballot and are not registered, the clerk will send you both your absentee ballot and your absentee voter registration forms and instructions.

VOTING ABSENTEE (BY MAIL)

Request your absentee ballot from your town/city clerk as early as possible. An Absentee Ballot Application can be downloaded from: <http://sos.nh.gov/ElecForms2.aspx> See below for how to obtain your Clerk’s contact information.

If you are returning your completed absentee ballot by US Mail, the clerk must receive it by 5:00 p.m. on election day. To increase the likelihood the absentee ballot arrives on time and assist with an expected high volume of absentee ballots, we recommend mailing it at least two weeks before the election. After 5 days, check the Voter Information lookup, Absentee Ballot link, to see if your clerk has received the ballot. Contact your clerk if your ballot has not been received. You may also deliver it to the clerk’s office in-person or by a delivery agent until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. A delivery agent may deliver it to the clerk at the polling place until 5 p.m. on election day. Family members, nursing home and elder care facility administrators, and a person assisting a voter with a disability who signs the absentee ballot affidavit (limited to delivering ballots for 4 voters) may be a delivery agent. See RSA 657:17: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXIII/657/657-17.htm>

Find your clerk’s contact information, your party membership status, or the status of your absentee ballot request here: <http://sos.nh.gov/>



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I. I hereby declare that (check one):

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- ☐ I am absent from the town/city where I am domiciled and will be until after the next election, or I am unable to register in person due to a disability or concern for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), and request that the forms necessary for absentee voter registration be sent to me with the absentee ballot.

II. I will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot because (check one):

- ☐ I plan to be absent on the day of the election from the city, town, or unincorporated place where I am domiciled.
- ☐ I cannot appear in public on election day because of observance of a religious commitment.
- ☐ I am unable to vote in person due to a disability.
- ☐ I am unable to vote in person due to concern for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
- ☐ I cannot appear at any time during polling hours at my polling place because of an employment obligation. For the purposes of this application, the term "employment" shall include the care of children and infirm adults, with or without compensation.

Any person who votes or attempts to vote using an absentee ballot who is not entitled to vote by absentee ballot shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. RSA 657:24

III. I am requesting an official absentee ballot for the following election(s):

- ☐ *State Primary Election to be held on September 8, 2020.
- ☐ State General Election to be held on November 3, 2020

***For primary elections, I am a member of or I am now declaring my affiliation with the (check one):**

- ☐ Republican Party
- ☐ Democratic Party

and am requesting a ballot for that party's primary.

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IV. Applicant's Name (Please Print):

Last Name First Name Middle Name (Jr., Sr., II,III)

Applicant's Voting Domicile (**home**) Address:

Street Number Street Name Apt/Unit City/Town Ward Zip Code

Mail the ballot to me at this address (**if different than the above home address**)

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Applicant's Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____
(Cell phone or number where you can be contacted prior to and on election day is preferred.)

Applicant's Email Address: _____@_____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

The applicant must sign this form to receive an absentee ballot. Any person who witnesses and assists a voter with a disability in executing this form shall print and sign his or her name in the space provided on the application form.

I attest that I assisted the applicant in executing this form because he/she has a disability.

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Mail/fax/or hand deliver this completed form to your local City/Town Clerk.

For local clerk addresses and fax numbers: <https://app.sos.nh.gov> – Click on “Clerk Information Search” tab.

Visit the web site: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/AbsenteeBallot.aspx> to track your absentee ballot. You may verify receipt of your application, obtain the date when your absentee ballot was mailed to you, the date the clerk receives your completed absentee ballot, and after the election learn if your absentee ballot was rejected/not counted and why. Contact your clerk if you have questions regarding the information on the “Voter Information Look-up / Absentee Ballot Search” site.

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Wed. 9 AM – 1 PM

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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

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Deputy Town Clerk: vacant

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