

"Tramps" to Visit Richmond Tramp House on Richmond Day, August 29, 2021

John Lewis



Rick Martin & Bill Stroud. Photo by Jay Blain

A troupe of living history reenactors, portraying the difficult lives of early 20th century tramps, will present a program at the Richmond Tramp House during Richmond Day on 29 August 2021, under the sponsorship of the Richmond Historical Society ("RHS"). The Richmond Tramp House, just west of the Four Corners, was built in 1914 and wonderfully restored a century later under the leadership of Bob Weekes and the Richmond Heritage Commission from 2014 to 2017. It remains one of the few surviving tramp houses in New Hampshire; the reenactors, under the leadership of Dennis Picard, are eager to present their program at so historic a tramp house venue.

Dennis has been a museum professional in the living history field for over 40 years, with long associations to Old Sturbridge Village and Hancock Shaker Village, in various capacities as: lead interpreter, researcher, program designer, project coordinator, trade craftsman, grant recipient, script editor and author.

The troupe will establish an "encampment" and encourage Richmond Day visitors to stroll through and engage with the living history reenactors to understand the lives and struggles of early 20th century tramps, and the ways in which towns, such

as Richmond, sought to lighten their burdens. The program will begin at 10 a.m. and run to 2 p.m. and be held in the Lower Garden of the Richmond Public Library. Please join the RHS for a special event reliving a fascinating aspect of Richmond history!

The Richmond Tramp House, which had been freshly repainted in 2021, will be open for inspection, but will be unable to offer overnight accommodations!



SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 21, 2021, 10 AM Dick Drew

Do you want to learn more about Richmond's forests? Come to the Bennett Town Forest on Athol Road. The Richmond Conservation Commission is hosting a presentation by our County Forester:

Forests are constantly changing over time through a process known as forest succession. This event will focus on the basics of forest succession using a combination of lecture and fieldwork. Once we understand some key concepts such as shade tolerance and the role of disturbances, the future condition of a particular woodlot can be predicted with some confidence. Succession is a fundamental concept in forestry and has direct implications for anyone engaged in management decisions.

The Richmond Conservation Commission will provide water and snacks. Please bring your own chairs, sun screen, and your walking shoes.

There will be a walk after the presentation to the Bullock Homestead on the Town Forest Road. This is a distance of about 1.2 miles round trip.

If there is rain or other bad weather, we will meet at the same time at the Veteran's Hall on Old Homestead Highway. There would not be a walk in this case. We believe that the program will end between 1 and 1:30 PM.

Close to Home Liz Ehrman



Dan Greenspan. Photo by Liz Ehrman

Since you are a *Richmond Rooster* reader, you've probably noticed the large, banner ads each month advertising *Dan's Brick Oven Bread*. But, why haven't you seen this bread at *Market Basket* or in *The Shoppers News*? If the baker had his way, these small batches of hand-crafted bread would be delivered to town on the back of a donkey each Sunday. A return to tradition and community is what this bread and baker are all about. Dan Greenspan walks the walk...since he doesn't have a donkey! He is a village baker. In the spirit of Juan Valdez, a character and his mule who advertise Columbian coffee, Dan seeks to be of service to his community in the simplest, most essential way possible. By baking each week and delivering the bread fresh, word of mouth and quality of the bread become the best advertising.

The story began in 2012 when Dan traveled an improvised path from Jazzman to Breadman. A professional jazz bassist, he hired a well-known oven maker to build him a custom 8-foot deep, wood-fired oven on the back wall of his screened-in porch. Dan bakes each Sunday and continues to perform and record jazz the rest of the week.

Dan produces *Dan's Brick Oven Bread*, a Flemish-style loaf called "desem". It's a naturally leavened whole-wheat sourdough created solely from flour, water, and salt. The weekly yield is 100 loaves, 6 different varieties: Raisin, Early Riser (named af-

ter the corn used and flavored with local maple syrup), Rye, Spelt, Original and Sesame. The loaves use grain from a family farm in Pennsylvania, the salt comes from the Brittany coast, and his starter selects yeast and bacteria naturally present in wheat.

"The desem is known for its flavor and leavening power," says the baker. "It's unique among sourdoughs, sour, but not super sour."

Dan began baking this bread at home in 2013. He had been looking for a project. "What kind of a cottage industry can I create here in New Hampshire?" he wondered. He thought about the desem loaf he used to buy that had been made by the former Baldwin Hill Bakery in Massachusetts.

Dan's real education on desem, however, came from the *Laurel's Kitchen Bread Book*, in which an entire chapter is devoted to it. "The chapter was very esoteric and bizarre," he says, "and I had to read it a billion times." He took the plunge, making the starter and, then, the bread. He nailed the recipe on the first try.

The bread met Dan's requirements for simplicity. He says:

Wheat is a grass seed. To think that you can take a grass seed and turn it into something healthy and delicious using nothing more than time and temperature is just amazing. The leaven—the stuff that makes it rise—is two parts flour, one part water. You mix it together, bury it in a bag of freshly milled flour and tend it over a threeweek period. When you're done, what was just a ball of flour and water is now this really alive thing that can lift whole wheat. You add salt, and you could live on this bread. I mean, in the old days, bread and water... you could literally live on it.

One can't live on most commercial bread and water anymore, Modern mechanized farming has taken over, and there's no nutrition left in the grain. Dan's bakery is different. He knows the people who grow

From a friend on Athol Road

his grain. They don't use pesticides or petroleum-derived fertilizers. He mills the grain himself in a beautiful, stone mill that was built by a guy and his son from North Carolina. The millstones are made out of four-inch thick pink granite and spin slowly, so the flour doesn't heat up. It takes two to three hours to mill the 150 pounds of grain he uses each week.

Unless you are one of the few home deliveries Dan makes in a Honda Element, not a donkey, you can find this remarkable product at the Monadonock Co-op (Keene), Grateful Harvest Farmstand (Jaffrey), and the Richmond Farmers' Market 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. Sundays at Four Corners. At the Richmond Farmers' Market, you'll also find local produce, skincare products, native plants, pottery and maple syrup. Come meet Dan and enjoy bread that's made close to home.



Electric Vehicles Susan Opal

[The Richmond Energy Committee has been writing an article for the Rooster each month to share some of the energy efficiency projects going on around Cheshire County and give you ideas for using new efficient Heat Pumps and more! The Richmond Energy Committee was started in 2007 by a small group of renewable energy enthusiasts interested in networking and learning about sustainability and helping Richmond be more energy efficient. If you are interested in joining us, you can email: susanopalwyatt@gmail.com]

Electric vehicles ("EV") are an exciting, more efficient, and much needed technological leap in transportation. When it comes to climate change, transportation consumes about 50% of the energy we use right now. Electric vehicles (EV) are an efficient and impressive



technology. For EVs to take off in our region and beyond, EV charging infrastructure needs to be easily accessible to all. From electric cars and propane vehicles to natural gas-powered buses and trucks that run on biodiesel, today's options for alternative fuel vehicles are vast. Increasing the use of alternative fuels and vehicles will help reduce consumers' fuel costs, minimize pollution and increase the nation's energy security.

Working with universities, private-sector companies and the National Labs (www.energy.gov), the Energy Department supports research and development of alternative fuels and vehicle technologies to provide consumers with cost-effective vehicle choices.

eGallon: the cost to drive an electric vehicle is half that of gasoline. The eGallon price is calculated using the most recently available state by state residential electricity prices.

EV Station & Fast Charge Monadnock: the Monadnock Food Co-op is working on installing a fast charging electric vehicle station. By adding a fast charger, Keene will become an oasis in the NH EV charging desert. Fast chargers are costly, so we are seeking state-managed Volkswagen settlement funds that require a local match. It's not just about increased commerce and being on the EV apps.; we would be supporting regional EV drivers who need to recharge quickly between trips. A fast charger would change the EV landscape in the Monadnock Region and let visitors and residents alike know the future has arrived.

A DC fast charger can provide 80 - 100% charging for electric vehicles parked at the Monadnock Food Coop in under 30 minutes. There would also be a couple of spaces for Level 2 standard EV charging, which is much slower. In the fall of 2019, Fast Charge Monadnock ("FCM") raised funds through the Local Crowd Monadnock, a local crowdfunding site dedicated to supporting local businesses and the economy. FCM raised over 10,000 dollars toward the matching funds required by the State. The funds raised for Fast Charge Monadnock will be applied to the initial project at the Co-op.



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Fun with Bonsai Trees Pam Bielunis, Class Coordinator

On Saturday, June 12, 2021, the Richmond Agricultural Commission hosted a Bonsai Tree Class at the Veterans' Hall. We had 17 attendees who left with their bonsai trees and the knowledge to take care of them. The class was taught by DBMB Bonsai and Saikei from Keene, NH. David and Myrla were wonderful instructors, and a great time was had by all!













Cleanup Coffee Hours Offer Training for Trash Cleanup Volunteers Kathy Urffer, River Steward

Greenfield, MA – The Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) will host three virtual Cleanup Coffee Hour sessions leading up to their 25th annual Source to Sea Cleanup this fall, September 24-26, 2021. The annual Source to Sea Cleanup is a river cleanup coordinated by CRC in all four states of the 410-mile Connecticut River basin (NH, VT, MA, CT). Each fall, thousands of volunteers of all ages and abilities clean trash from the Connecticut River and its tributaries on foot or by boat. Join CRC at these Cleanup Coffee Hours to learn more about how to get involved in the Source to Sea Cleanup:

- Trash Disposal and Tallies: Wednesday, August 11th (4:00 5:00 PM)
- General Q&A: Thursday, September 9th (5:00 6:00 PM)

Additional details and links to register for these online events can be found at www.ctriver.org/events. "These coffee hours will be a fun, informal way to get familiar with this year's Source to Sea Cleanup," says Stacey Lennard, CRC's cleanup coordinator. "Anyone can come with questions about the process,

A Friend On Granite Hill Road



or just come to meet other group leaders and volunteers. The Source to Sea Cleanup strengthens community while cleaning up our rivers and streams. It's an opportunity for you to make a difference."

The Source to Sea Cleanup is one of the largest river cleanups in the country. Thousands of volunteers participate each year to remove trash along rivers, streams, parks, boat launches, trails and more. To learn more about how you can register for the Source to Sea Cleanup, connect with a group, choose a trash site, and tally your trash, tune into any of these three Cleanup Coffee Hours.



Trail Help Requested

The boardwalk on Peterborough's Cranberry Meadow Pond Trail needs some upgrades, and volunteers are needed to make it happen. Join us Saturday, August 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. You can help with carrying lumber and screwing down boards. Please visit the Monadnock Conservancy website at: https://www.monadnockconservancy.org/news/event/volunteertrail-work-day.

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"Two Tramps in Mud Time" Robert Frost

Out of the mud two strangers came
And caught me splitting wood in the yard,
And one of them put me off my aim
By hailing cheerily "Hit them hard!"
I knew pretty well why he dropped behind
And let the other go on a way.
I knew pretty well what he had in mind:
He wanted to take my job for pay.

Good blocks of beech it was I split,
As large around as the chopping block;
And every piece I squarely hit
Fell splinterless as a cloven rock.
The blows that a life of self-control
Spares to strike for the common good
That day, giving a loose to my soul,
I spent on the unimportant wood.

The sun was warm but the wind was chill.

You know how it is with an April day
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You're one month on in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,
A wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you're two months back in the middle of March.

A bluebird comes tenderly up to alight
And fronts the wind to unruffle a plume
His song so pitched as not to excite
A single flower as yet to bloom.
It is snowing a flake: and he half knew
Winter was only playing possum.
Except in color he isn't blue,
But he wouldn't advise a thing to blossom.

Richmond Historical Society

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The water for which we may have to look
In summertime with a witching wand,
In every wheel rut's now a brook,
In every print of a hoof a pond.
Be glad of water, but don't forget
The lurking frost in the earth beneath
That will steal forth after the sun is set
And show on the water its crystal teeth.

The time when most I loved my task
These two must make me love it more
By coming with what they came to ask.
You'd think I never had felt before
The weight of an axhead poised aloft,
The grip on earth of outspread feet.
The life of muscles rocking soft
And smooth and moist in vernal heat.

Out of the woods two hulking tramps
(From sleeping God knows where last night,
But not long since in the lumber camps.)
They thought all chopping was theirs of right.
Men of the woods and lumberjacks,
They judged me by their appropriate tool.
Except as a fellow handled an ax,
They had no way of knowing a fool.

Nothing on either side was said.

They knew they had but to stay their stay
And all their logic would fill my head:
As that I had no right to play
With what was another man's work for gain.
My right might be love but theirs was need.
And where the two exist in twain
Theirs was the better right — agreed.

But yield who will to their separation,
My object in living is to unite
My avocation and my vocation
As my two eyes make one in sight.
Only where love and need are one,
And the work is play for mortal stakes,
Is the deed ever really done
For heaven and the future's sakes.

[Submitted by John Lewis]



The Richmond Heritage Commission

The Richmond Heritage Commission (2014-2021), founded and mentored by Bob Weekes, thanks the town residents and many friends for their generous support.



105 Old Homestead Hwy www.richmond.nh.gov

Library News Wendy O'Brien

Richmond Day Book Sale and Raffle

Join us on Sunday, August 29th, for the Library's Annual Used Book Sale and Raffle from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. After you have finished eating yummy barbeque behind the Fire Station, drop by and check out our sale and great raffle items! Looking to donate some books or DVDs for the sale? Donations can be dropped off during library hours or contact us; we will come to you for pick-up.



Tails and Tales: Summer Reading for Kids

It's been a great summer so far. We have so many great young readers in Richmond! Join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 at the Library:

August 4: It's a jungle out there! Come learn about what is in your own backyard, create a nature journal, and make leaf prints.

August 11: Explore how a marine biologist works with all sorts of sea creatures. Don't forget your snorkel!

August 18: You may know them as water bears-come play with some tardigrades!

Sat., August 21 at 10 a.m. - Little Red Riding Hood CSI Back to School Party - Who really ate Granny? Come solve the mystery and pick up some free back to school supplies courtesy of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Knitting Circle is Back!

Looking for some help on your latest project? Come visit us at the **Library on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.** New and experienced handcrafters of all kinds are welcome.

Richmond Public Library

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-7pm Wednesdays 9-noon Saturdays 10am-2pm

Catalog:

opac.libraryworld.com/ opac/home.php. Library name: Richmond Public. No password required.



Book Club is Back!

Join us on **August 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Library** to discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson:

The Major leads a quiet life valuing the proper things that Englishmen have lived by for generations: honor, duty, decorum, and a properly brewed cup of tea. But then his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Drawn together by their shared love of literature and the loss of their respective spouses, the Major and Mrs. Ali soon find their friendship blossoming into something more. But village society insists on embracing him as the quintessential local and her as the permanent foreigner. Can their relationship survive the risks one takes when pursuing happiness in the face of culture and tradition? — GoodReads.com. Copies are available at the Library.

New Titles

The Orphan's Guilt, Archer Mayor
The Third Grave, Lisa Jackson
The Nature of Fragile Things, Susan Meissner
Golden Girl, Erin Hilderbrand
Cheated, Andy Martino
This is Your Mind on Plants, Michael Pollan

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER From the Supervisors of the Checklist Pam Bielunis, Chair

The 10 Year Voter Checklist Update (purge) for every town in the State of New Hampshire is in progress. On May 1, 2021, letters were mailed out to anyone who had NOT voted in any election in the past four years. We have held two meetings for anyone who received a letter and would like to re-register. Our last meeting before the new Alpha Voter Checklist is certified with

the State of New Hampshire is Saturday, August 21, 2021, at 10-11 a.m. at the Veterans' Hall. To re-register, please bring proof of ID, age, citizenship, and domicile (Ex: driver's license, passport, birth certificate, bill, or proof that you live in Richmond). In addition, for any voter, we will make changes in address, name, party, etc. at this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Bielunis at (603) 239-6498.

REQUEST FROM THE TOWN'S SELECTMEN

Forming the Richmond Broadband Committee The Town of Richmond is seeking a group of volunteers who are interested in seeing improved broadband internet access in town. The town currently has fiber running along Old Homestead Highway and Fitzwilliam Road, but there is limited access to Richmond residents. The goal of this committee would be developing a strategy to expand residential access to the existing fiber optic network and building out the network to unserved areas of town. If you are interested in serving the community by participating in this process, please contact the Selectmen's Office by calling 603-239-4232 or emailing:

susan.harrington.richmond@gmail.com.

Parks and RecreationKaren Daugherty

We have a few more weeks of summer before the kids head back to school. By the time you're reading this, we should have started working on landscaping the front of the pavilion. We hope to have it looking fresh and improved by this fall. Come on over for the collaborative Back to School Supply Party and Summer Reading Wrap-up on Saturday, August 21st at 10 a.m. at the Pavilion. Join us in October as we host our Harvest Festival. A Richmond Talent Show is in the works for December 4, 2021. Sign up in the library today!

August 21, 2021, 10 a.m. "Back to School" Party and Summer Reading Wrap-up at the pavilion

October 2021 Collaborative Event with Harvest Festival

<u>December 4, 2021, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m</u>. Talent Show at the Veteran's Hall

January 2022 Winter Event

February/March 2022 Annual Winter Event

FROM THE RICHMOND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Too Little Knowledge Can Complicate Things Karen O'Brien

I am constantly amazed at the intricacies of registering and titling vehicles in NH. It seems that every day I am faced with a new wrinkle, odd situation, or earnest request – at least I can say I am never bored in the position of Town Clerk! I do strive to make each encounter as quick and accurate as possible. I do appreciate those of you who have had patience with me as I learn this rather complicated job.

One thing I have learned is that, when dealing with new vehicle registrations and titles, more information is better. If you are buying a vehicle from out of state – MA, VT, etc., there are often snags, as NH requires certain information to process both titles and registrations, some of which are not found in the paperwork for your new (or used) vehicle. It often requires some detective work to sort out those items that are necessary. This can even occur with NH dealers, so let's give you an overview of what you will need to have the process go smoothly.

The State of NH bases its fees for registration on the Gross Vehicle Weight ("GVW"). This is sometimes, but not always, included in the Certificate of Title ("CTA") that NH (and some out-of-state dealers) will prepare for you. This CTA will give the buyer the Vehicle Identification Number ("VIN"), make, model, year, color, owner(s), any lease information, and any lien holders. But, the CTA almost never gives the GVW. If the vehicle is a NH vehicle, that information will often come up when we start to process the title and registration. But, to be sure, look inside the driver side door and copy the GVW down.

Towns base their fee, though, on the list price of the vehicle. That is NOT necessarily what you paid for the vehicle. It is the "sticker price", and I have yet to see this information on a CTA unless you have purchased a brand new vehicle and paid full price. If the list price doesn't come up in the system, we can look it up in one of the car guides (Blue Book, Red Book, etc). But, often, there are numerous types with the same model and make; some of the packages which came with the car originally change the list price. And, this information is usually not on any Bill of Sale or CTA. Sometimes, we have to just make an educated guess.

If you do have a CTA, the dealer should have given you two copies: one for the owner and one for the



town clerk. These are often blue in color, but not always. If it is an out-of- state vehicle, you might get a Certificate of Origin or Bill of Sale, hopefully listing all those things we need to go forward. All owners must be listed on this form. You cannot decide later to add a spouse or anyone else. You need to be especially mindful of this if you are transferring a registration you already have. It must be exactly the same (same owners; one listed as primary) to make the switch.

One SNAFU I have encountered a few times is not having your current registration when you want to transfer plates, etc. Some dealers insist you surrender it to them if you are trading in your old vehicle. NEVER allow them to keep the registration! It belongs to you, and, if you don't have it, you will be required to pay for a duplicate registration. Let the dealer make a copy while you keep the original. I have spoken with the DMV; DMV tells me the dealers know better, but some do this anyway. You have credit available if your registration hasn't expired; the credit reduces the fees on your new purchase.

So, to sum up, come to the town hall with as much information as you can. It will ease the process for both you and me and make the experience more pleasurable – and faster – for us all. Thanks for your support. Please remember I will answer your calls when I can, but, certainly within a reasonable time frame.



Richmond Town Clerk Hours

Monday & Wednesday.: 9 a.m. - noon & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday: 8 a.m. - noon

SELECTMEN MINUTES June 28, 2021 Meeting

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Public present: Kathryn McWhirk, Dana Willhoit **Non-Board member present:** Susan Harrington Meeting opened at 5:34 pm

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approved the manifest dated June 28, 2021, for week of June 18, 2021-June 24, 2021, in the amount of: \$20,739.84 for payroll/accounts payable.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved Tax Abatement in the amount of \$ 3,077.16. A revised timber tax bill has been issued, the \$3,077.16 due from the original bill must be abated.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Daniels signed revised Twin Bridge Services contract for 2021.

Email from Karen Daugherty of Richmond Parks and Recreation regarding a boat that has been left on the beach since 06-21-21.

Board reviewed Zoning Violations for Map 405 Lot 125-3 Mill Road.

A surface water analysis report from EAI Analytical Labs received. EAI tested Cass Pond on June 14, 2021. The test results are 18 colo-



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nies (per 100mL) of E. coli bacteria present. The recommended limit is 88 colonies per 100 mL.

Email from Doug Smith regarding the participation in the Broadband Committee.

Board reviewed 2021 budgets: Executive, General Buildings/General Government, and Highway.

Board reviewed Zoning Compliance Officer Report on Map 409 Lot 029-120 Whipple Hill Road.

Board discussed letter they submitted to Lauren Shearer in regard to a summary of the discussion had between the Board and Lauren Shearer at the June 21, 2021, meeting. The Board requests that Mr. Shearer withdraw his petition to Layout Bowker Road. The summary includes the conditions that must be met to obtain a building permit. The Selectmen have the authority per RSA 674:41 to issue building permits on either Class VI or a private road. Board received letter from Lauren Shearer Map 415 Lot 005. Mr. Shearer would like to proceed with his petition to Layout Bowker Road. Board would like to withdraw their letter per Mr. Shearer's request to proceed with the Layout Petition.

Harrington advised Board that Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC has mailed abutter letters regarding the Public Informational Meeting/Hearing to advise of the replacement of Richmond #298055 Whipple Hill Road over Roaring Brook BR. #065/083 and Richmond #29056, Tully Brook Road over Tully Brook BR. #155/066. Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 150 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond, NH 03470.

Harrington advised she received an email from William Pearson, Financial Assistant, Cheshire County. Email includes links and directions regarding the American Rescue Plan Act's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Harrington will follow up.

Selectmen discussed creating the Broadband Committee.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted to hire a surveyor to identify boundary lines for Map 409 Lot 031-town owned property. Board issuing Cease and Desist Order for Map 409 Lot 029 and Map 409 Lot 030.

Appointments

Zoning Compliance Officer, Richard Drew met with the Board to discuss Zoning Violations on Map 409 Lot 029-120 Whipple Hill Road and Map 409 Lot 030-Toad Hollow Road. Mr.Drew submitted pictures and a report. Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd Board will issue Cease and Desist. Mr. Drew also discussed Map 405 Lot 016-160 Sandy Pond Road. Letter received from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services stating the Land Resources Management File #2021-01509 160 Sandy Pond Road Tax Map 405 Lot 016. Property owner will need to apply for a variance. Harrington will issue letter. The Selectmen requested that Mr. Drew review property at 255 Athol Road-Map 411 Lot 030. Harrington will contact Sheriff Department to accompany Mr. Drew to 255 Athol Road. The property renter will be notified prior to ZCO visit.

Dana Willhoit met with the Board to request a home inspection by the Fire Department and the Health Officer. Harrington will contact Fire Chief Ed Atkins and Health Officer, CarolAnn Rocheleau. Ms. Willhoit also asked questions regarding zoning ordinances, the Board referred her to the Zoning Compliance Officer, Richard Drew. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Harrington



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Selectmen's Minutes July 12, 2021 Meeting

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw

and Andrew Wallace

Public Present: Fran Heap

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:34 pm

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest, dated July 12, 2021, for week of July 2, 2021-July 8, 2021, in the amount \$13,069.23 for payroll/accounts payable.

As a member, Wallace requested Harrington to research if the Town is part of the Public Works Mutual Aid for the purpose of updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Letter of resignation from Douglas Bartlett as Library Trustee received with regret. Read. Clerk. Karen O'Brien. Town submitted an updated list of dogs in civil forfeitures.

Compliance Zoning Officer. Richard Drew, submitted ZCO reports for Map 411 Lot 030 and Map 409 Lot 035. Board reviewed.

Board signed letter to the Richmond Zoning Board of Adjustments stating Shannon Hogan at 580 Whipple Hill Road will need to appear before the Richmond ZBA for a proposed Special Exception: Article 4 Residential District, under 403 Uses Permitted by Special Exception and 403.4 Home Occupations.

Board signed letter to the Richmond Zoning Board of Adjustments stating Peter J. Guertin, representative

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for Dorene McCobb (property owner), will need to appear before the Richmond ZBA for a proposed Variance: Article 6: Wetland Conservation District, under 604.2 (erection of a structure) more specifically, 602.

Daniels signed Pistol Permit # R 699684. Board reviewed costs incurred from selling Map 407 Lot 075 Sub 004. The invoices included, but are not limited to, legal invoices, postage, and advertising.

Board reviewed 2021 Budget Overview for the Highway, General Government and Executive Budgets.

Harrington advised Board of two volunteers for the Broadband Committee. Harrington advised the Board the Parks and Recreation would like permission to cut the tree and shrubs by the Pavilion. They will replace the shrubs with new shrubs/bushes and replace the pine tree with a deciduous tree. Harrington advised Board there is no Occupancy Permit on file for Map 409 Lot 004.

The Select Board will be holding a Public Hearing/Informational Meeting on July 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in regard to the replacement of the Whipple Hill Road Bridge and Tully Brook Road Bridge that are on the NHDOT's Municipal Red List due to structural integrity. The Veteran's Memorial Hall is located at 150 Old Homestead Hwy. in Richmond, N.H. 03470.

The Select Board will be holding a Public Hearing on July 26, 2021, at 5:00 PM in the Selectmen's Office in the Richmond Town Hall at 105 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond, N.H. 03470. The purpose of this hearing is to inform the public that the MS-636 budget form was not posted in accordance with RSA 32:5 and RSA 39:5. Pursuit to RSA 31:5-b, a Special Defect Meeting will need to be held to correct the error. Board signed Warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on August 16, 2021, at 5:00 PM at the Selectmen's Office in the Richmond Town Hall at 105 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond, N.H. 03470. The Warrant has one article: to see if the Town will ratify the results of the April 10, 2021 Annual Meeting, even though the posting requirements were not met. Board discussed documents received by the Law Offices of Joseph Hoppock. **Appointments**

Tax Collector, Steven Boscarino, met with the Board to submit tax deeding paperwork. There is a camper at Shir-Roy Campground who is ready to be tax deeded. Notifications were sent, but were returned. Harrington to contact NHMA for procedural guidance.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; the Board voted to enter into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect



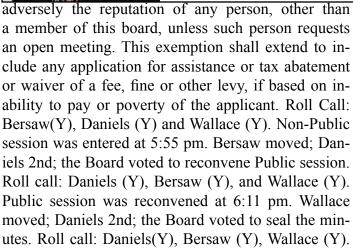
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Mary Ann Lauretti met with the Board to discuss the Richmond Talent Show hosted by the Richmond Public Library and Parks and Recreation. She would like clarification as to what can be given for prizes that would not constitute gambling. Mary Ann also asked the Selectmen if they would like to be judges. Bersaw and Daniels agreed, Wallace will get back to her. Harrington to contact NHMA and get back to Mary Ann. Road Agent Buddy Blood met with the Board to provide an update on the Highway Department. Buddy requested for the Board's signature on the Allstate Contract to shim from the power lines to Rte. 32 before it can be paved. Buddy has been working on ditching Bullock Road and cutting back brush on Honey Hill Road. Street signs from Bullock Road and Sandy Pond Road have been stolen. Bersaw moved: Daniels 2nd; Board voted to go with the bid the Allstate Contract of \$87,300. Harrington will advise Road Agent.

Sheri Reynolds and Billy Hillock met with the Board to see what they can do to bring their properties back into compliance: Map 409 Lot 023-120 Whipple Hill Road and Map 410 Lot 018—158 Whipple Hill Road. The Selectmen stated everything must be cleaned up behind the berms and fence at 120 Whipple Hill Road. Selectmen also suggested they install more fencing. Reynolds/Hillock stated they are working on the property, but will need a little more time. Billy also

requested for a culvert on Whipple Hill Road to divert water from running down into his property at 120 Whipple Hill Road. Board advised the issue would be corrected when the Whipple Hill Road Bridge is replaced. Board will separately visit the property to be prepared to discuss next Monday, July 19, 2021. Walk in Appointments

Blair Heise met with the Board to discuss the tax deeding of a camper. Call in Appointments

Land Use Assistant, Kim Mattson, called the Board to discuss two recommendations she submitted to the Selectmen that need their denial to proceed with a Special Exception and Variance. Board signed letters. Also, asked about hearing on Bowker Road. Board advised it will be at least 60-90 days. Kim informed the Board that a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments had complaints regarding the posting of the Public Hearing for the 580 Whipple Hill Road Home Occupation. Board advised to contact Attorney Hoppock to verify if postings were correct and, if they are, proceed with the Public Hearing on July 14, 2021. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Harrington

SUMMER SHINE Karen O'Brien

This year has been full of weather quirks. Summer is reaching its peak, with temperatures in the 80s and high humidity. We have had extremely high temperatures, followed by very low temperatures; periods of dryness, then, periods of tropical humidity. It looks as if we may be having some success in easing the drought here with some much-needed rain, though some places are still not back to where they should be. Recent rains have been welcome, but we do need some sun to have our gardens flourish!

I am encouraged enough by the conditions to plant some roses, which I have missed being up here where there were none planted. My former garden had lots of

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hardy, old-fashioned roses, and I missed having their intense fragrance and gorgeous blooms. I use the roses for making liquors, rose jam, rose vinegar, rose sugar and honey, and lots more. Thanks to a tip by Stillman Rogers, I had the chance to venture all the way to Alfred, ME to the gardens of Raymond Graber of Old Sheeps Meadow Nursery. He is 83 years young and has been gardening and growing roses on their own roots for over 60 years. I spent a lot of money, but, best of all, some time at his place. I missed the peak bloom by a couple of weeks, but you could tell his roses were spectacular. So, I know I have to plan a trip up there next year just to experience it. It was well worth the trip, and if you are looking for hardy, strongly scented roses that will grow in the northeast, you need to pay him a visit. He won't let you leave without a tutorial on how best to grow his roses, and his advice is invaluable.



Fire Cider mix

Another concoction I will be putting up soon is my annual Fire Cider. This vinegar, infused with horseradish, garlic, ginger, onions, hot pepper, and turmeric, is a great way to stay healthy throughout the winter months. Now that I have a food processor (thank you, Mike!), it's a snap to shred the horseradish and other herbs and spices and whip up a batch. I love the colors in the jar, and it really gives you a kick to take

a shot each morning. My recipe is adapted from Andrea Reisen's which was featured in the *Herb of the Year*TM 2011 Book on Horseradish. Although it is early enough in the year, you may wish to think ahead to when you want remedies for winter ailments, be it the flu, colds, or even just warming brews. Fire Cider is guaranteed to warm you up and just may possibly help with warding off upper respiratory infections. With many of us now not wearing masks, this brew may help in keeping you healthy in the near future.

FIRE CIDER

1 large horseradish root, peeled

5 - 6 fresh turmeric roots

2 small onions

4 heads of garlic, peeled

3 medium size fresh ginger roots

5 - 10 small hot peppers

Apple cider vinegar

Grate horseradish in food processor and place in large bowl. Shred the turmeric, onions, garlic, ginger and hot peppers and add to bowl. Mix well. Place ingredients into 2 large (2 quart) canning jars and cover with apple cider vinegar - the best kind to use is one that has the "mother". I used 2 1/2 quarts of vinegar, being sure I covered the shredded roots. If you don't have the large jars, you can use any extra large wide mouthed jar or several smaller ones. Place in a dark place for four to eight weeks, shake frequently, then strain and re-bottle.

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There was a huge controversy in the herbal community when three herbalists were sued for marketing their own version of this blend, which they had been selling for years. Rosemary Gladstar had coined the phrase in one of her books back in the 80s; lots of herbalists had been making some version of it for decades. A company had trademarked the term, "Fire Cider", and went after these herbalists in order to protect its investment. After a long trial, it was determined that the words were indeed a generic term and could not be trademarked. See the following article on their fight in court: https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2019/10/20/herbalists-defended-their-brew-courtthey-won/r94hvWnBghLvdwsnw7W7JN/story.html. The article is a fascinating look at herbal traditions versus mainstream marketing of goods.

Made with apple cider vinegar, preferably with the "mother", Fire Cider is sure to wake you up and wow your taste buds. I like it straight, but many add a spoonful of honey to "help the medicine go down." You can add or subtract to the recipe as you see fit and you can find many versions on-line.

So, use this summer time to create your own herbal "magic." Use your garden bounty or visit a local farm or garden center to purchase those elements which will make your summer shine.

BLUEBERRY STREUSEL COBBLER

A wonderful summertime blueberry dessert! Terri O'Rorke

1 pint blueberries

1 can condensed milk

2 tsp. grated lemon rind

14 Tbsp. cold butter

2 C. biscuit baking mix

1/2 C. firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 C. chopped nuts

In bowl, combine berries, condensed milk and rind. In large bowl, cut in 12 Tbsp. butter into 1 1/2 C. baking mix until crumbly; add berry mixture. Spread in greased 9" square pan. In bowl, mix remaining biscuit mix, sugar and remaining butter until crumbly; add nuts. Sprinkle over top. Bake at 325 degrees F for 70 minutes.

Blueberry Sauce

In saucepan, combine 1/2 C. sugar, 1 Tbsp cornstarch, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg and 1/2 C. water. Cook and stir until thick. Add 1 pint blueberries, cook until hot. Serve on top of the cobbler.

July 8, 2021: A Walk on Martin Cook Road Carol Jameson and Jennie Gomarlo

Douglass Bartlett wrote a fascinating article last month about the history of the hamlet that was once called "Guinea" and is called "North Richmond" today. This walk takes us northward on the discontinued portion of Martin Cook Road, which was once, back in the day, a major thoroughfare in Guinea.



Martin Cook Road

There are several ways to walk this route, depending on how far you want to walk. It is an easy walk using any of these routes. It can be an out-and-back walk of about three miles on the discontinued portion of Martin Cook Road in Richmond, north to the town marker at the Richmond/Swanzey town line. It can also be a walk of under two miles on discontinued Martin Cook Road onto its continuation as Westbrook Court in Swanzey as far as Carroll Hill, with parking for two cars: one parked at each end. Another route is about four miles, if you do an in-and-out walk from discontinued Martin Cook Road to Carroll Hill on Westbrook Court in Swanzey. There are cellar holes, many stone walls, and remnants of the Newell Farm on the discontinued road in Richmond and wildflowers on the Swanzey side. Wildlife and birds abound.

Driving Directions from Four Corners: Drive north on Route 32 for 2.7 miles, then turn left on Martin Cook Road for approximately .4 miles, past the last



house (an old white house on the right with a new-style porch) where the town-maintained road ends. There is room to pull off the road and park soon after the white house, where the discontinued portion of Martin Cook Road curves to the left. If you are parking a second car on Westbrook Court in Swanzey, park in the Carroll Hill parking area in the large field on the right side of Westbrook Road (see driving directions in the earlier Carroll Hill hike article).



Newell Farm Cellar Hole

We walked Martin Cook Road in late June. It was expected to be another hot day so we started early. We began our walk on the discontinued portion of Martin Cook Road, heading north to the Swanzey town line. According to research done by Douglass Bartlett, this road was originally laid out in 1770 as the main road to Keene. In 1784, a new road laid next to Martin Cook Road became the main route to Keene (now Route 32) and Martin Cook Road became a side loop off the main highway. This would explain the wide right-ofway on the road, much wider than was needed for a town road were it not a major thoroughfare between towns. The road was not called "Martin Cook Road" until sometime in the 1900s. Google Maps currently calls it, "Johnson Road." The Johnsons owned the land at some point early on, ancestors of Mike Johnson in Swanzey.





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The road is quiet, and the mixed hardwood forest is beautiful. There are a few wet spots on the road, but a well-worn path leads around them. There were faint tracks from dogs, people, horses and ATVs, though we have never come across anyone on this road in the many times we have walked it. We did see a salamander crossing the road, but that was it for travelers on the road today.

In a little more than a third of a mile, we came to a clearing on the left and extensive stone walls on the right, remnants of what was once a large working farm. The cellar hole for the house is on the left side of the road. Walk up into the clearing a short way and you will see it on the right side of the clearing. This was the house originally built by Rev. Artemis Aldritch. According to William Bassett's History of Richmond, NH, Aldritch had 10 children and left town in 1791. The next owner was Joseph Newell, who had married an Aldritch and moved into the house in 1792. Newells continued to live in the house until at least 1882 (the date of Bassett's book): first, Joseph; then, his son, Joseph; then, his son, Joseph 3rd; then, Joseph's widow, Harriet. A map from 1858 shows "J Newell" as the owner and an 1877 map shows "Mrs. H Newell" as the owner, consistent with Bassett's account. Bassett also reports that Joseph Newell 3rd and his twin brother, Benjamin, were both prosperous farmers.

Across the road, on the right, there are many well-built stone walls, some of which are about four feet high,





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and what looks to be a stone animal enclosure. It all looks very much like the remains of an extensive, well-built farm. We explored the area and walked a short distance on a few old rough lanes heading up the hill to the left.

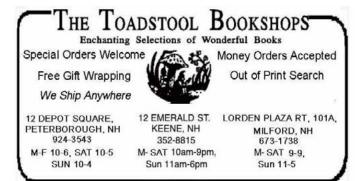
Heading north on the road again, we soon saw a porcupine in a tree on the left side of the road, eating leaves and paying us no heed. We continued north on the road and, in about a half mile, we came upon another large cellar hole on the right. The 1858 and 1877

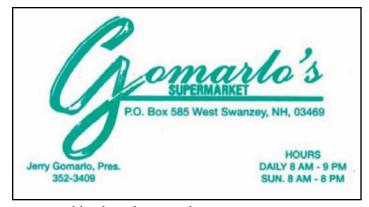


Stone Wall At Newell Farm

maps show this as the house of D. Twitchell. Bassett says it was originally a public house owned by Samuel Curtis until the Twitchell's owned it.

In about two-thirds of a mile, we arrived at the Swanzey town line marker on the right. On this walk,





we turned back and retraced our steps to our car.

We returned on July 5th, a few days after a massive storm swept through our area, causing many power outages and downed trees. There were large old trees downed on the discontinued portion of Martin Cook Road, especially at the beginning of the hike. Many were completely uprooted; others had the top portion snapped or twisted off. Many trees blocked the road, but we were able, with some difficulty, to walk around or through them. We expect they will be cleared at some point by the hunters or snowmobilers or ATVs that use this road.

This time, we parked a second car at Carroll Hill on Westbrook Court in Swanzey. The walk from discontinued Martin Cook Road to Carroll Hill was under two miles. We began at the same spot on Martin Cook Road in Richmond. We walked past the ruins of the Newell farm, the Curtis/Twitchell cellar hole, and the Richmond/Swanzey town marker, continuing on Westbrook Court in Swanzey for approximately a third of a mile to the Carroll Hill parking area. There were many wildflowers on the Swanzey side: common milkweed, foxglove, evening primrose, self-heal, oxeye daisy and purple flowering raspberry.



Richmond Yard & Bake Sale

Mark your calendar for the Annual Yard & Bake Sale at the Old Brick Church, 11 Fitzwilliam Road, Richmond, on Saturday, August 28th. The sale starts at 8:00 AM and continues until 2:00 PM. Come early for the best bargains! All proceeds to benefit the ministries of the Richmond Community United Methodist Church.

Donations to the sale are welcomed, and drop-off at the church can be arranged. Please call Alison at (603) 239-4494 for more information.





Annual Fire Department Chicken Barbecue Ren Doyle

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All proceeds benefit the Richmond Fire Department to support our continued service to Richmond and our surrounding communities.

Our Town's Meals on Wheels Program Pam Bielunis,

Meals on Wheels Coordinator for Richmond

We would like to thank all our volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers. This program started in Richmond on February 1, 2021. A week of meals is delivered to the Veterans' Hall every Monday at noon for the "Grab and Go" program. For those who are unable to come

to the Veterans' Hall to pick up their meals, we utilize our volunteer drivers. Each driver delivers to one to two residents



We are looking for a few more drivers so we can continue to rotate them, and each driver will deliver one to two times per month. Please contact Pam Bielunis if you are interested at (603) 239-6498 or pjb327@ msn.com.

Appreciation for Community GenerosityPam Bielunis, Welfare Administrator

A special thank you to the following who have enhanced our giving community spirit in Richmond. Their goods are shared with our Meals on Wheels recipients, volunteers, and other residents. *Bill's Hens:* Thank you for the many dozens of fresh eggs you have supplied and continue to share. Most weeks, his hens supply us with five to 10 dozen washed and cleaned eggs. Such a generous gift! Thank you. *Dan's Breads:* Thank you to Dan Greenspan for the donation of fresh homemade, delicious breads for us to share.

Cheshire Floral Farm: Thank you to Andy and Gwen Powers (and Andy's dad) for the donation of many garden plants that we were able to share with 10 families! In addition, the harvest of many of these plants will be shared with our residents at no charge.









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To the Editor:

Every town should file an "amicus brief" supporting Francestown vs the state's unconstitutional "Housing Appeals Board".

The HAB has had a devastating effect on Francestown. They have ruled in favor of a developer, overriding the wishes of the people regarding Francestown's historical district.

The HAB is made up of only three very compromised individuals with potentially serious conflicts of interest. The HAB has total control over any board in your town and the right to overturn any decision that has been made in compliance with a town meeting vote. This means a total loss of local control when it comes to having a say in the way you want your town to develop.

The mistake that "social justice warriors" make when they seek to have the "state" overturn local rules is thinking the town is imposing zoning and planning laws when it's the people who voted for those laws. This is the purest form of democracy — the popular vote — and governance that is closest to the people. It should be respected.

Ask your town select boards, councils, planning boards and zoning boards if they are aware of this situation and ask what they will do about it. Demand Governor Sununu immediately sign an executive order to repeal this tyrannical state board that was secretly created within a previous budget because it failed to pass a vote of the legislature about 3 times. Otherwise, Sununu's legacy will be that he knowingly set out to destroy the New Hampshire Advantage.

Jane Aitken - Bedford Residents Association



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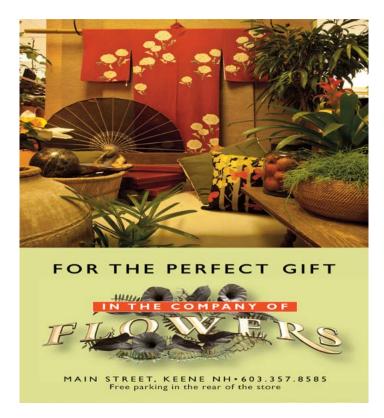
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