



Parks and Recreation **Karen Daugherty**

The year is coming to a close. But, first, come on out and celebrate with us as we host the Richmond Christmas Party. It will take place on Saturday, December 4th, from 1 PM to 3 PM at the Veteran's Hall. There will be carols, crafts, cookie decorating, cocoa, and you will get to pick a free gift to take home. It will also be the last event that the current members of Parks and Recreation will put on. Blair, Maureen, and I will be stepping down from the Richmond Parks and Recreation Commission at the end of this year.

Being members of the Parks and Recreation Commission has been fun, and we hope that you all enjoyed the activities and community events which were offered. I joined the Commission in May of 2014. Blair signed on that same summer, and Maureen started in September of 2017. Blair and Maureen have been indispensable in their contributions and roles as Commission members. Blair always helped out by bringing his knowledge and experience of running programs for families. He also gave us a lot of legal information regarding NH water and park regulations. He always provided hot dogs, a popcorn machine, and portable fire pits when needed, just to name a few. He was always willing to do the manual labor part of things, which Maureen and I appreciated. Maureen brought her experience and talents for precision, baking, and creativity. She made sure things looked nice and were properly done, which I appreciated. Her desserts were always done to perfection and made everyone's eyes light up. Her artistic skills were demonstrated on the beautiful signs (four for each occasion) which she made for all of the events. She also took on the task of taking monthly notes and getting them in to the Town Clerk.

So many past Commission members and residents have also contributed in numerous ways. Wendy at the library has been a consistent partner and collaborator with the Parks and Recreation for the benefit of the Town of Richmond. We will miss working with her.

All of that being said, the Town is looking for new members to help maintain the park and beach, and maybe offer a couple of Town events. If you think you might be interested, please contact the selectmen. I thought it would be fitting to remember the days, so here are some pictures starting in August of 2014. Enjoy!

Upcoming event:

December 4th, 1 PM – 3 PM Richmond Town Christmas Party at the Veterans' Hall.



2014 Richmond Horseshoe Tournament



2014 Christmas Cookie Decorating

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2014 Christmas Carols



2015 Easter Egg Hunt



2015 Valentine's Day



2015 Beach Party



2015 Christmas



2016 Roadside Clean up



2017 Snowman Making



2016 Elaine's Homemade Ice Cream at the Summer Kick-off Party



2017 Easter Egg Hunt



2016 Harvest Festival Entertainment



2018 Easter Egg Hunt



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2018 Winter Event



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2020 Back to School Party.



2020 Harvest Festival



2021 Winter Event.

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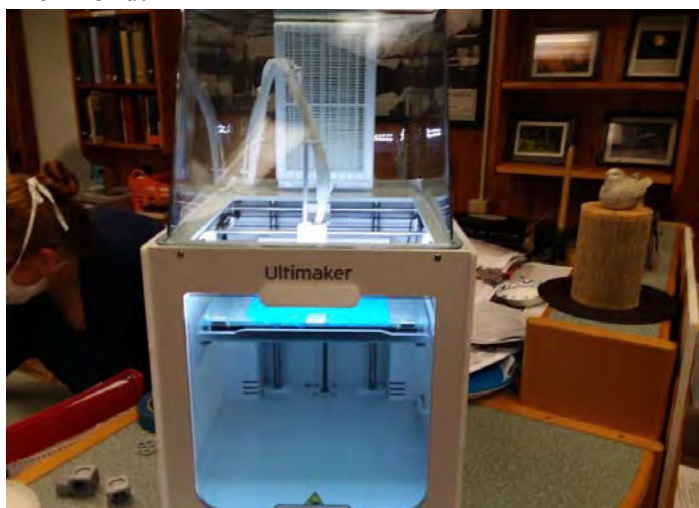
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3D Printer Tech Night at the Library

Fran Heap

[photos by Alan Conklin]

On Thursday, October 21st, my husband, Alan, and I attended a demonstration of the library's new 3D printer. It was so exciting to see this technology in little Richmond!



Ultimaker 3D Printer



Examples of objects printed at the library using pre-existing designs. Alan and I printed a cactus ornament.



A spool of gray plastic rod used as the "ink" to the 3D printer.



Librarian Wendy O'Brien demo'd the design software. You can create your own design online at home, save your computer file, and bring it into the library to be printed.

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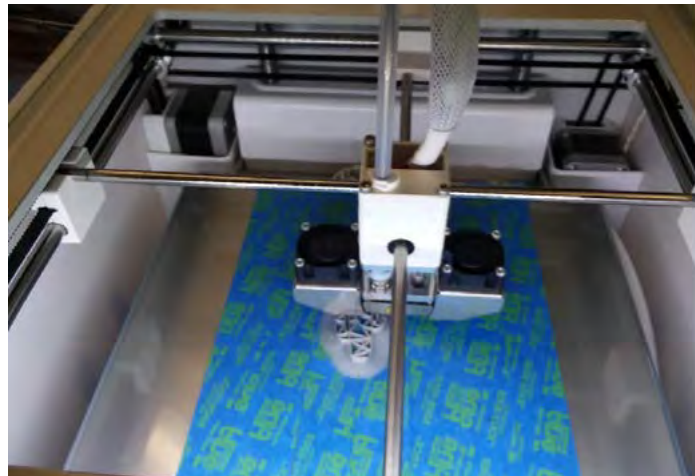
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Pretty amazing, right? Thanks for the demo, Wendy!

A Friend On Granite Hill Road

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A Trip to Sicily - via the Library Barbara Radcliffe Rogers

Browsing the fiction shelves at the Richmond Public Library a few days ago made me realize what a trip around the world was contained in those rows of books. Traditional travel books and guides are handy for planning trips or deciding where to go, but fictional characters and plots can take us almost instantly to exotic locales or take us back to places we've been.

Not all books transport readers to their setting. Sometimes, the location is almost incidental to the plot and characters, like a painted stage set. But, in the best of them, not only the setting, but the characters themselves and their lives are vivid portrayals, bringing a city or region and its culture to life.

Perhaps because they lend themselves well to atmosphere and attention to details, mysteries are a genre I find especially rich with a sense of place.

In Andrea Camilleri's series set in Sicily, readers feel the heat of an August afternoon and the cool sands on the beach at night, see the fiery glow of Mt. Etna on the horizon, feel the despair of refugees from North Africa arriving in Lampedusa, hear the staccato cadences of an argument between Sicilian neighbors, and taste the fresh-caught sea bass at Inspector Montalbano's favorite trattoria.

Montalbano is a dedicated, honest and resourceful police officer, beleaguered by officious superiors, who are more concerned with the press they're getting, than with actually solving the crimes or catching the guilty. Each case is bedeviled by a sphere of intrigue, organized

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crime, cover-ups, family ties and outright corruption that the inspector navigates with the help – or not – of a cast of memorable and often wickedly funny characters.

Their foibles, the volatility of their temperaments, the mores and traditions of Sicily, the landscapes, the weather, Italian politics and the intensity of Sicilian passions about everything from food to foreigners, shine through each volume in the 28-book series.

Be prepared that reading these books will make you hungry, as Montalbano loves good food and his meals are described in mouthwatering detail. Those meals are what most bring back my own travels in Sicily, perhaps because Montalbano's tastes, like mine, run to fresh seafood. I'm happy to say that my travels in Sicily did not involve either the police or the Mafia.

If reading about Montalbano's adventures in law enforcement in an unlawful place spark an interest in reading more about this enigmatic island, *Midnight in Sicily* by Peter Robb is a blend of history and travelogue which examines the island's legacy of political corruption and organized crime.

Note that books not in the library's collection (you'll find several, but not all the series there) can usually be ordered through interlibrary loan. Or, Toadstool Bookstore in Keene stocks several Camilleri works and can order any current title if you prefer reading your own books.

[Editor's Note: Barbara Rogers, with her husband, Stillman, is the co-author of more than two dozen travel books on New England, Eastern Canada, Italy and Portugal.]

Cinnamon Snaps Terri O'Rorke

3/4 C. shortening
1 C. packed brown sugar
1 egg
1/4 C. molasses
2 1/4 C. flour
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsps. baking soda
2 tsps. ground cinnamon
Additional sugar



In a large bowl, cream together shortening and brown sugar. Add egg and molasses. Combine the dry ingredients, gradually adding to the creamed mixture. Roll into 1" balls, then roll in the additional sugar. Place 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheets and bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until cookies are set and tops are cracked. Cool on wire racks. Makes about 4 1/2 dozen.



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Richmond's Got Talent!

[Editor's Note: Readers, we hope you like our new feature to assist residents of the Town of Richmond who are talented in the arts. Performers, musicians, and artists, submit your event information no later than the 10th of the prior month, and we will add you to our Richmond's Got Talent schedule.]



Richmond's own Lenny Solomon at the Sunapee Community Coffeehouse on October 29, 2021. (Photo by Alan Conklin)

Saturday, December 11, 2021 – 7 PM

Susan Lanen (vocals), as part of the Keene Chorale, performs in Handel's Messiah (Parts I–III) at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey. Proof of vaccination and masks required at this venue. Tickets sold online at: shorturl.at/xGKNQ

Sunday, December 12, 2021 – 2 PM

Susan Lanen (vocals), as part of the Keene Chorale, performs in Handel's Messiah (Parts I – III) at the St. Bernard Church in Keene. Proof of vaccination and masks required at this venue. Please email Susan regarding tickets at: sueytnht@hotmail.com

Library News Wendy O'Brien

Library Calendar for December

Every Saturday, 10 AM – Noon: Drop-in Knitting Circle

Every Wednesday, 10 AM: Storytime

Special Events

December 2nd - 14th: Handcrafts Raffle

Tues., December 14th, 6 PM: Book Group, *Me Before You*

Sat., December 25th: CLOSED for Christmas Day

Sat., January 1st: CLOSED for New Year's Day

Handcrafts Raffle

Handcrafters from around Richmond have contributed some beautiful items that we will be raffling off during December. Looking for some holiday gifts? Stop by and see our wonderful array of handcrafted items including jewelry, sweaters, and holiday decorations. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5, and the items will be on display from December 2nd through the 14th. We will pull the winners at 12 PM noon sharp on the 15th, so be sure to get your tickets in!

Book Donations

We are temporarily unable to accept book donations at this time. However, please stop by our Book Shed (open during Library hours in good weather) for great bargains on used books. New this month: a wide selection of children's and teen books.

Book Club

Join us on December 14th at 6 PM to discuss *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes:

Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl living an exceedingly ordinary life—steady boyfriend, close family—who has barely been farther afield than their tiny village. She takes a badly needed job working for ex-Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair bound after an accident. Will has always lived a huge life—big deals, extreme sports, world-wide travel—and now he's pretty sure he cannot live the way he is...a heartbreakingly romantic novel that asks, "What do you do when making the person you love happy also means breaking your own heart?" — Goodreads.com

Copies are available at the Library.

New Titles

Lincoln Highway, Amor Towles

Deacon King Kong, James McBride

Going There, Katie Couric

Over My Dead Body, Jeffrey Archer

Game On, Janet Evanovich

Better Off Dead, Lee Child

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Town Clerk Tidbits

Karen O'Brien

The year is drawing to a close, and we all have high hopes that the new year will be a positive one in many ways. The Clerk's office is usually busy, but I do have brief moments of calm, and those keep me sane. Thanks to everyone who registered their dogs this past year. We do have dogs unlicensed, still, and I have made it a priority to ensure that, next year, people will be more proactive in getting their dogs vaccinated against rabies and then licensed. Veterinarians are required by law to send vaccination certificates to the Town Clerk. So, we know who you are, and what dogs you have. Dog licenses expire April 30th, so please look at your pet's rabies tag and make that appointment well in advance. If I am able to connect with a veterinary service, I will try to hold a rabies clinic in town. If you know of a vet you can approach, please let me know. There are vaccinations held at Tractor Supply and Petco; call the individual location for hours and times.

If you have a boat, you will need to find another town which can register it for you. Right now, there is no training available to me so that I can add that service back to the Town Clerk's office. The State is working on trying to have boats online for registration, but I don't have any updated information.

Remember that your car registration ends in your birth month. We do send out either an email or a snail mail about a month before to each person whose registration is expiring. If you are just renewing, you can either go online through EB2Gov or send your checks through the mail. Of course, you can always stop in – the candy dish is always full! Also, please note that we DO NOT take credit or debit cards.

Have a safe and happy holiday and a cheerful new year!



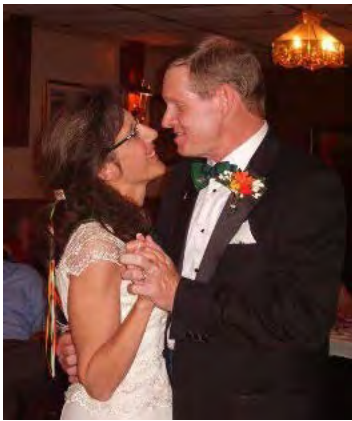
A Word from the Supervisors of the Checklist

Pam Bielunis

The last meeting of 2021 for the Supervisors of the Checklist will take place on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 7 PM in the Veterans' Hall kitchen. Anyone who would like to register to vote is asked to bring proof of citizenship (passport or birth certificate/naturalization papers), proof of domicile in Richmond, and picture ID. Also, name, address, and/or party changes can be made at this meeting.

We will have a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors in 2022. This is a paid elected position. Anyone interested in running for this job is encouraged to talk to a supervisor about duties and see the Town Clerk in January to be put on the ballot. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Bielunis at (603) 239-6498.

We Grieve the Passing Jillson/Pearsall Family



[Editor's note: The Richmond Rooster respectfully expresses its sympathy to the families and friends of Jen Hamre.]

On November 6th, 2021, Jennifer "Jen" Hamre, loving mother, sister, aunt, friend, and passionate advocate for veterans and their families, passed away at the age of 57, surrounded by love at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, MA.

Jen was born in Danbury, CT in 1963, and was the youngest of three children. In 1968, the family moved to Richmond, NH, where she grew up and graduated from Monadnock Regional High School in 1981. She had a love for the local landscape, particularly Mount Monadnock, and lived in the area for some time. She spent most of her career working in a variety of roles at Peerless Insurance in Keene, NH, where she pursued many different certifications and built lifelong friendships. For several years, she lived in Marlborough, NH, where she was a consistent fixture in the local Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and youth sports programs.

Even when her son, Alan, was not out on the field, she could be found cheering on the local children and families and was always there to give them a pat on the back or to "keep them in line", if necessary.

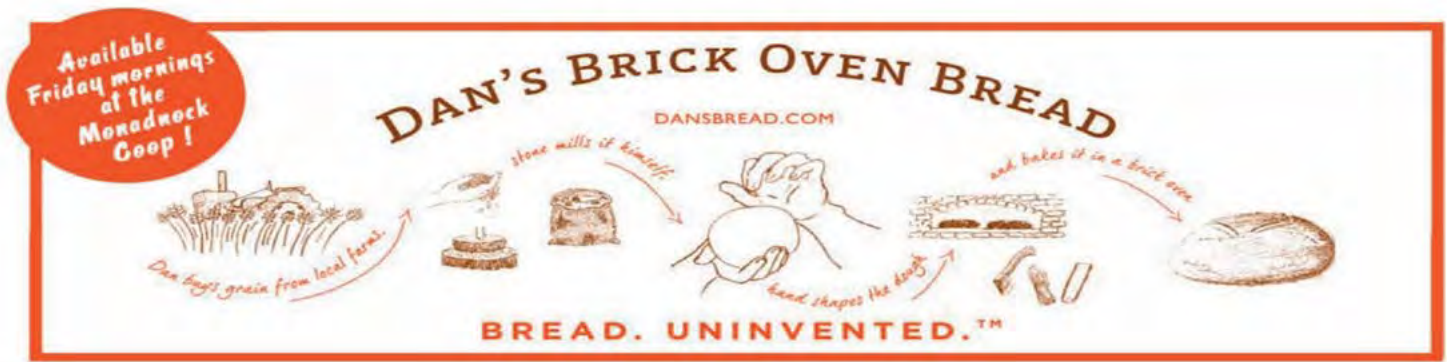
On November 1st, 2009, she married her late husband, Daniel Hamre, in Springfield, MA, where they had already begun to build a life together full of love, laughs, travel, family, and community. She quickly found "home" in Springfield, not just because of the city, but because of the family she gained there. It wasn't long before Jen and Dan's shared passion for community and volunteering became simply a way of life for the two of them, and she carried this tradition on with unwavering dedication after Dan passed away in 2012. She was a proud member of The American Legion Auxiliary, as well as the Springfield Veteran's Activities Committee, and even while fighting a long health battle, she was determined to give all she could to promote service over self, to advocate for veterans and their families, and to share all the love she had with her family. She truly viewed everyone in her life as a blessing, even in their most challenging moments, and she never loved with anything less than all of her heart.

Jen was preceded in death by the love of her life, Daniel Hamre; her father, Francis Jillson; and her mother, Jane Jillson Rice. She is survived by her son, Alan Lowe of West Hartford, CT; her sister, Elizabeth "Betsy" Pearsall and husband Bill of Richmond, NH; her brother, Michael Jillson and his wife Tracey of Winchester, NH; and several nieces and nephews, including Meghann Bergmann, Gregory Tasker, Tanner Jillson, Melissa Hamre, Joshua Hamre, James Maloney, Jared Hamre, Lucas Gallant, Moira Mihalak, Taylor Masters, Ashton Hamre, Sydney Hamre, Bradley Hamre, Lindsey Christoffersen, Gregory Burroughs, Quinton Donohue, and Joshua Donohue. She is also survived by her many "adopted" children and grandchildren from her marriage with Dan whom she loved dearly and deeply, including Megan, Katherine, Lauren, Patrick, RD, Kevin Aiden, Konnor, Natalie, Jaxon, Cameron, Kaiden, and Marcel.

Jen will be deeply missed, not only by her relatives and friends, but, also, by the family and community of which she was proudly a part. Funeral services will be private, and she will be laid to rest at the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, MA alongside her love, Dan.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in memory of Jennifer J. Hamre to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit of which she was so proud to be a part:

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New Nature Park Opens in Winchester Monadnock Conservancy

Posted Wednesday, November 10, 2021 to:
<https://www.monadnockconservancy.org/news/post/new-nature-park-open>



Thanks to generous community support, the Winchester Learning Center Community Nature Park is now open to the public. The 3.5-acre property, at the corner of Route 10 and Lawrence Street in Winchester, New Hampshire, is owned by the Winchester Learning Center, a United Way-funded agency that provides family resources, after-school programs, pre-school, and childcare for ages 6 weeks to 7 years old.

Unstructured Play

Roberta Royce, executive director of the Winchester Learning Center, has long dreamt of an outdoor space for unstructured play to benefit both the center's children and the community. Her idea took root about four years ago, when Steve Gehlbach, a former Conservancy board president, connected Roberta with the land trust. A partnership was born.

The center already owned the land, but it lacked the skills needed to turn it into a park. At the same time, the Monadnock Conservancy was searching

for ways to bring nature closer to people, especially kids, but it lacked a suitable site. Together, the two groups accomplished what neither could do alone. The Conservancy's expertise in fundraising and trail building, paired with Roberta's vision and expertise in early childhood development, made the perfect combination.

Go Out-and-Back

A boardwalk, which crosses a wetland and connects the center's play yard to the park, was built last fall by the Conservancy's land manager, Rick Brackett, and Lew Shelley of SnowHawk LLC, a Walpole-based trail design and construction company.

The trail was built this summer by two crews from the Student Conservation Association — a national nonprofit that sends young people to improve public land and parks — under the guidance of Roberta's son-in-law, Matt Coughlan, owner of Maine-based Recon Trail Design, and in partnership with the Conservancy. The crews also installed two series of tree stumps for children to play on and smaller dirt paths branching off the main trail to further explore the woods.

The gravel section of the path is passable in a wheelchair, and future improvements will make the trail universally accessible from end to end. Right now, with a little help on and off the boardwalk, a stroller can be pushed the full distance.

The center's teachers and kids have already been out there many times. They are eager to visit the nature park over and over again — whether running along the path, collecting seed pods, or looking for animal tracks. It's a place that invites the freedom to explore.

Thank You!

Heartfelt thanks for the connections and support from four lead funders: C&S Wholesale Grocers, Mascoma Bank, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and the Winchester Conservation Commission.

Gratitude for these key partners: ArborClimb, Recon Trail Design, SnowHawk LLC, and the Student Conservation Association.

Thank you to the many individuals in the Winchester community and beyond who made this park a success!

**Monadnock Humane Society Appoints
Jacques Du Preez as
Director of Development and Marketing**
Carol Laughner,
Marketing Communications Manager



Swansey, NH - Monadnock Humane Society (MHS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jacques Du Preez in the newly created role of Director of Development and Marketing. He brings over 20 years of experience in business development and marketing, and has worked within the nonprofit sector exclusively since 2016. Jacques has worked in both development and marketing communications which includes collaborating with individuals, businesses, foundations, government agencies, and nonprofit partners. Jacques comes to MHS from his position at the Essex County Habitat for Humanity in Massachusetts, serving as the Director of Marketing and Communications. He also worked as a consultant in marketing, fundraising, and development for the High Country Humane Society in Arizona. Prior to that, he was the Marketing and Donor Database Manager at the Santa Maria Valley

Humane Society in California and also was the Digital Marketing Manager and Donor Relations Manager for Second Chance Center for Animals in Arizona. In addition, he founded ROOISPRESSO, The Organic Rooibos Tea Company, and launched multiple brands of the product both nationally and internationally. Executive Director, Kathy Collinworth said, "Having someone with Jacques' experience and talent is exactly what MHS needs at this time. Our newly created Strategic Plan (which will soon be available to the public) includes a core focus on the marketing communications and development work that will be needed to support the new programs and services we will be bringing to the community." She added that, "Jacques also comes to the table with a strong background in technology, which will play a significant role in the success of this Plan and the future of the organization. We couldn't be happier or more excited to have him join our team!" In this new role, Jacques will be overseeing all marketing, communications, community relations, fundraising and development for the organization, and is excited about combining his passion for animal welfare and helping people. Jacques said, "I believe through education and community engagement, we can work together to help future generations understand the importance of making our world a better place for people and the animals we have been tasked to protect." Jacques studied Marketing and Business Management, and is also certified in Creative Conferencing and Event Management from Damelin College in Cape Town, South Africa. He lives in Orange, MA with his wife, daughter, two dogs, three cats, eight chickens and a gecko.

Holly Days
Karen O'Brien

Holiday decorations are springing up everywhere. It seems that it begins earlier and earlier each year. Most of us take pleasure in decorating our homes, especially with wonderfully scented evergreens. In doing so, we are keeping alive ancient traditions and ensuring that only good spirits will share our space.

Holly is an herb of the Winter Solstice, the time when daylight is precious. Druids considered holly

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to be one of the sacred plants, as its evergreen nature transcended the darkness of the season and promised that the earth would again flourish. Pliny the Elder (23 - 79 A.D.) exclaimed in his writings that holly repelled poison. Holly flowers, small white flowers that are followed by red berries, were believed to cause water to freeze. And, he described its use as a wild animal deterrent, explaining that if one threw a holly branch at a vicious creature, it would cause it to lay down beside the stick. Handy, I'm sure, for those dark and foreboding forests where all manner of frightening beasts lurked.

Originally, festooning rooms with holly, especially around doorways, windows, and chimneys, was felt to be an effective deterrent to witches coming through these openings. Medieval monks called it "Holy Tree" and believed it to keep away evil spirits and protect against lightning. The ancient Romans used it during their festival of Saturnalia, as a token of good will and the emblem of eternal life. Traditionally, the holly tree is highly sacred in Celtic mythology and symbolizes peace and goodwill. Due to its resistance to lightning, it is associated with the Celtic and Norse gods of thunder, Taranis and Thor, and so was planted near dwellings to protect people from lightning strikes.

The herbalist Nicholas Culpepper (1616-1654) counted several medicinal uses for holly. Leaves were used for broken bones and "members that are out of joint". The berries were felt to expel and purge, as well they might, and it is advisable not to ever ingest them. Water infused with holly leaves was sprinkled on newborns to protect them. And, if you gathered, in silence, on a Friday after midnight, nine leaves of holly, then wrapped them in a white cloth with nine knots, and placed this under your pillow, your wish would be granted.

I'm sure most of us are familiar with the story, *A Christmas Carol*. One of Ebenezer Scrooge's famous lines reveals the use of holly as a weapon against spirits. In disparaging the custom of wishing all a "Merry Christmas," he suggested that those doing so be "boiled with his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly through his heart." The spirit of a murdered man could thus be contained and not be released to haunt the living. Since medieval times, the plant has denoted Christian symbolism, as expressed in the traditional Christmas carol, "The Holly and the Ivy", in which the holly represents Jesus and the ivy represents the Virgin Mary. It is also known as "Christ's Thorn", its prickly leaves and blood-red berries a reminder of Christ's suffering on the cross. Custom held that it should not be brought into the house before Christmas Eve, and it was equally important to remove it by Twelfth Night. Whoever of the household was first to bring in the holly, be it the man or woman of the house, would rule for the coming year. The sharp leaves are indicative of the crown of

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thorns worn by Jesus; the red berries recall the drops of blood that were shed for salvation; and the shape of the leaves, which resemble flames, reveals God's burning love for His people. Since holly maintains its bright colors during the Christmas season, it naturally came to be associated with the Christian holiday.

The fruits, which are known as "drupes", are generally slightly toxic to humans and could be fatal for children who might be attracted to the bright red color. They can cause vomiting and/or diarrhea when ingested. However, they are an important food source for birds and other animals, which help disperse the seeds. You may have heard of "yerba mate", a tea from South America, which is *Ilex paraguariensis* and whose roasted leaves are used to prepare the brewed beverage, maté. Yaupon holly (*I. vomitoria*) is a shrub or small, multi-trunked tree. This species is available commercially and is generally used for hedges or foundation plantings. This is the only native North American plant that contains caffeine.

Holly plants are either male or female; to produce berries, you need at least one male plant. Holly makes



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.



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an excellent landscape plant, and there are hundreds of varieties and species from which to choose. There are over 560 species: some are evergreen, and others are deciduous, meaning they lose their leaves in winter. They can be trees, shrubs, and even climbers from tropics to temperate zones worldwide. The most common is *Ilex aquifolium*, the European holly. Hollies grow on every continent, except Australia and Antarctica, and are easy, low maintenance plants. There is a lot of variety in size, shape, and even coloring with cultivars and other species. *Ilex glabra*, a native holly which is also known as "Inkberry," has black berries and is sometimes known as "Gallberry," especially in the southern U.S. where bees are brought in to pollinate the bushes and produce a delectable honey. Native Americans used the dried and roasted leaves to make a tea; another name for this native holly is "Appalachian Tea." *Ilex verticillata*, commonly known as "Winterberry," is a type that loses its leaves, but is outstanding in berry production. Berries on these hollies can be red, orange, or even yellow. You can see them in swampy areas, along roadsides, and they make wonderful decorations if you can gather them before the birds do! They add a cheery note to the winter landscape, and if they keep away evil spirits, so much the better. *Happy Holly Days!*



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Letter to the Editor: Wake up, NH!

Jane Aitken, BedfordResidents.com

Commuter rail and high-density housing-pose imminent threats to the NH Advantage of low taxes, low unemployment, low crime, high income, solid property values, and clean air.

Commuter rail is being pushed by our federal delegation with Biden's infrastructure bill. Sununu has been an enabler by not doing much to stop those pushing it from within the state. (SB 241)

Proposed system will cost NH taxpayers \$11M+ for annual operation and management. NH DOT suggests new taxes including \$5 vehicle registration fee, increasing property taxes \$15.7 million statewide, diversion of 5% state lottery revenue away from schools, hiking gas taxes on those that can least afford it.

According to NH DOT final report on Nashua-Manchester commuter rail project, "[m]ost state transit funding comes from General Fund appropriations or through traditional taxes and fees, such as motor fuel taxes, sales taxes, and vehicle fees."

This system [MBTA], most bankrupt in the country, derailed or crashed 43 times in 5 years!

High-density laws being proposed to limit or ELIMINATE single-family zoning could place stack'n'pack housing ANYWHERE, such as right next to your home. Our Governor is pushing Obama's/Biden's AFFH which benefits developers who initially get tax subsidies and then 9 years of tax-free status on their rental units!

More high-density will overwhelm services and cause a rise in taxes, lowering property values of homes in proximity, and make home ownership even more impossible due to rising prices on homes in remaining SFZ areas.

November 1, 2021 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels and Andrew Wallace

Selectmen absent: Douglas Bersaw

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:32 pm



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Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated November 1, 2021 for week of October 22, 2021-October 28, 2021 in the amount of: \$ 4,772.52 for payroll/accounts payable.

Board signed MS-1 for 2021. Harrington to upload to NH Department of Revenue Association.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved Building Permit for 17 Lourdes Lane, Map 407 Lot 075 Sub 001. Owner-Prigge.

Daniels approved rental application for the rental of the Veteran's Memorial Hall on December 5, 2021 for a Christmas Party and December 11, 2021 for a Birthday Party.

Letter from the Monadnock Humane Society notifying the Town that the charge for stray animals has increased due to the pandemic. Stray dogs are \$125.00, stray cats are \$15.00, and rabbits or other small pets are at no charge.

Email from Emergency Management Director John Janicki regarding compensation for those who helped him with the Hazard Mitigation Plan.


Board discussed invoice in the amount of \$88,338.87 from All States Construction, Inc. for the paving of Fish Hatchery Road.

Board received breakdown of election hours and works. Board will discuss next Monday 11/8, 2021.

Appointments

Town Clerk, Karen O'Brien met with the Board to discuss the 2022 Budget. The difference between the 2021 Budget to the 2022 budget is due to an increase in the training, maintenance, mileage and a decrease in office equipment.

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- 2022 Requested Budget=\$ 47,997.00

Karen O'Brien also met with the Board to discuss the 2022 Budget for the Agricultural Commission.

- 2021 Approved Budget=\$500.00
- 2022 Requested Budget=\$500.00

Discussed the creation of the Broadband Committee and if it is a "public body". Harrington will contact the town attorney.

Land Use Assistant Kim Mattson met with the Board to discuss the 2022 Budget. The amount of \$170.00 will be encumbered from the 2021 budget to cover Land Use Manuals, a total of 17 at \$10.00 each.

- 2021 Approved Budget= \$10,833.00
- 2022 Requested Budget=\$10,833.00

Mattson will be contacting NHMA regarding notice of conditions of the cell tower at Map 407 Lot 094, 323 Fitzwilliam Road. Mattson submitted postage receipts for reimbursement from ZBA. Mattson left thumb drive of meeting from Antoinette Cincotta in Land Use slot to return to Antoinette Cincotta.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harrington

November 8, 2021 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: Douglas Bersaw & Andrew Wallace

Selectmen absent: William Daniels

Public Present: Fran Heap



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Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington
Meeting opened at 5:32 pm

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd Board voted to approve the manifest dated November 8, 2021 for week of October 29, 2021-November 4, 2021 in the amount of: \$ 95,077.85 for payroll/accounts payable. This amount includes a payment to All States Construction in the amount of \$88,338.87 for the paving of Fish Hatchery Road from Rte. 32 to Mill Road.

Cheshire County Sheriffs Log for October 2021 received.

Received two State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Forestry Statutory Permit by Notifications. File Number:2021-03306 for Cheshire County YMCA Map 411 Lots 005, 006, 007 expiration date of 10/26/23 and File Number 2021-03295 Van Hertel Map 401 Lot 007 expiration date of 10/25/23.

Letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration regarding RSA 21-J:11 II, 2020 Cyclical Review of Richmond. Final results were submitted on the Monitoring Inspection Report.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd Board voted to approve raffle permit for R. Skrocki from the Richmond Fire and Rescue to benefit the Richmond Fire & Rescue Association.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve Building Permit for 37 Monument Road, Map 407 Lot 094 Sub 004, Owner-Machado.

Broadband Committee submitted to the Select Board, 3 Request for Information letters to the current

internet providers in Richmond. Letters are to be typed on Town Letterhead. Harrington will have letters ready for Board signatures next Monday, November 15.

Board would like to speak with the Fire Chief regarding Occupancy permits and Fire Inspections next Monday at the Fire Department Budget Meeting for 2022.

Board asked Harrington to research oil and propane consumption for all the town buildings. Harrington will contact propane and oil companies to shop for best price.

Board discussed the Road Layout Hearing that will be held on November 17, 2021 at 7:00 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrington

November 15, 2021 Meeting of Board of Selectmen


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; Board voted to approve the manifest dated November 15, 2021 for week of November 5, 2021-November 11, 2021 in the amount of: \$ 14,942.14 for payroll/accounts payable. This amount also includes the monthly stipend payroll and accounts payable for the month of November.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to

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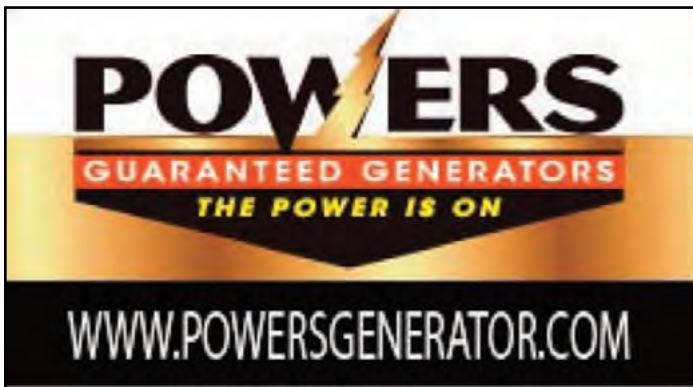
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approve Building Permit for 95 Fay Martin Road, Map 412 Lot 020. Owner-St. Benedict Center.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved Building Permit for Map 405 Lot 086 Sub 001. Owner-Pratt. Per Zoning Compliant Officer, the owner must remove the shed before an Occupancy Permit will be issued.

Board signed three Request for Information letters to the current internet providers in Richmond on behalf of the Broadband Committee.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board approved Intent to Cut for Map 202 Lots 003,004,005,007,022,023,024 and Map 411 Lots 005, 006, 007. Owner is Camp Takodah/YMCA.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved



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the Yield Tax for Map 407 Lot 095. Owner-Taylor.

Report received from Zoning Compliance Officer, Richard Drew, regarding Map 405 Lot 125 at 3 Mill Road. Report states as of visit on 11/05/21, ZCO noted the following:

1. Only 1 building that was in the Wetland Conservation District has been removed. There appears to be an addition to a woodshed that is in the Wetland Conservation District.
2. The slopes have not been stabilized on the lot to the east, Lot 124.
3. The new garage appears to have space for storage or an office which was not on the building permit for the garage.

Also noted, 6" minus stone still has not been put

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in the ditch at the end of the culvert as requested by the Selectmen to be done by the Road Agent.

Letter from Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. with the preliminary 2021 assessment to sale ratio analysis. The preliminary analysis indicates a median assessment to sales ratio of 76% and a coefficient of dispersion of 19.1.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board signed 2021 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate. Harrington will upload to the NHDRA portal.

Letter from the NH Department of Revenue Jamie Dow stating during the review of estimated reviews, Warrant Article 11 stated the \$290,276 raised and appropriated for the Highway, Streets and Sanitation was to be offset by the Highway Block Grant by \$55,750. The Highway Block grant totaled \$55,669, the DRA corrected by disallowing the \$81.00 revised amount. Dow also suggested that in the future the article be written not stating that it will be funded by a grant or to state the grant amount listed is anticipated.

Harrington had submitted a question to the New Hampshire Municipal Association Legal Inquiries regarding the fees charged to the Town by the Monadnock Humane Society for any strays turned in from Richmond. Per Natch Greyes, Esq. this is a subject that has come up before and there is no statute that states the Town is responsible for paying these fees. The animal owner should pay this fee.

Board discuss the tax rate for 2nd tax bill 2021 and 1st tax bill of 2022.

Appointments

Quantum Construction Consultants, James Bouchard and Ana Giraldi met with the Board and Road Agent, Buddy Blood to discuss the NHDOT has down posted the Tully Brook Bridge from 15 ton to 6 ton due to corrosion of a culvert at the water line. QCC and the Board discussed obtaining a bond or bonds, QCC will provide a list of contractors and will give the financials and wording for the warrant article for the 2022 Town Meeting. QCC will email Harrington a DOT contact tomorrow.

Cheshire County Administrator, Chris Coates and Stillman Rogers met with the Board and Fire Chief Ed Atkins, to discuss how the county has purchased Diluzio Ambulance and how that affects the town.

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 adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

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Roll Call: Daniels (Y), Bersaw (Y), and Wallace (Y). Non-Public session was entered at 7:22 pm.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; the Board voted to reconvene Public session. Roll call: Daniels (Y), Bersaw (Y), Wallace (Y). Public session was reconvened at 7:42 pm.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; the Board voted to SEAL the minutes. Roll call: Daniels (Y), Bersaw (Y), Wallace (Y). Minutes have been sealed.

Kyle Curtis met with the Board to discuss property on Attleboro Mountain Road. Board discussed the classification for the road. Board suggested to contact Richard Drew. Harrington will research.

*** CANCELLED ***

The Petitioned Road Layout scheduled for 11/17/21 has been CANCELLED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.
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Town Clerk: Karen O'Brien

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1st Tues. of the month – 7:30 PM

and 3rd Tues. if needed

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