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# RICHMOND ROOSTER

## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

John Boccalini

As we were preparing to send out our last issue of *The Richmond Rooster*, we received a gift. Three people have signed

up to revitalize our staff. Wendy O'Brien, the town librarian, will be in charge of distribution so all town residences will get a copy of the newsletter in their mailboxes. Reneé Bochman will be replacing Jeani Eismont as designer, and Fran Heap will be replacing me as editor. We will be working with them to make a smooth transition.

There is one more position that needs to be filled. Carol Jameson, who reignited our paper edition, will be leaving in the months to come so we will be faced without an advertising manager. Needless to say, we are looking for someone to replace her. If anyone is interested, please let us know at [therichmondrooster@gmail.com](mailto:therichmondrooster@gmail.com). In the interim, everyone can help. Ask anyone that you do business with if they would like to advertise in our town's newsletter. A business size ad is only \$12.00 a month or \$132.00 for the year. If there is interest, let us know and we will do the rest. Help us maintain sending a free paper copy to each household.

**Reminder:** we are changing our email address to [therichmondrooster@gmail.com](mailto:therichmondrooster@gmail.com).

## **JANUARY 4, 2021 SELECTMENS MEETING**

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw  
and Andrew Wallace

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd; the Board voted to approve the manifest dated January 4, 2021, for payroll/accounts payable in the amount of \$384,274.01 for the week of December 25, 2020 – December 31, 2020. This manifest includes a payment in the amount of \$378,000.00 to the Monadnock Regional School District.

Notice of Decision received from the Richmond Planning Board regarding Map 407 Lot 095 for a 175' Lattice Cell tower was approved on December 15, 2020. A copy of the Notice of Decision with conditions will be located at the Town Hall in the Selectmen's Office.

Received and reviewed Proposed Zoning Changes for 2021 from the Richmond Planning Board. Please see page 2–3 of this issue.\*

Board reviewed the 2021 Traditional Town Meeting and 2021 General Calendar from New Hampshire Municipal Association. Board discussed dates for Pre Warrant Meetings.

Board discussed Articles for the 2021 Warrant.

### *Appointments*

Welfare Administrator, Pam Bielunis met with the Board to discuss Meals on Wheels for the Richmond residents. P. Bielunis will gather more information about the program and return to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Harrington

## **PLANNING BOARD EXCERPTS**

Meeting on 9/29/2020

### **Wetlands Conservation District:**

**Article 2:** Establishment of Districts, under 202.1 Delineation of Districts more specifically C. Wetlands Conservation District:

If the proposed setback from 75' to 25' passes by ballot vote, the setback would be changed in:

**Article 6:** Wetland Conservation District, under 601 General: to decrease the Wetland setback from 75' to 25'.

The intent of the Selectmen is to change the Wetland Conservation District setback from 75' to 25'.

Bersaw opened the discussion stating that the Rich-

mond Conservation Commission were asked and they agreed. He stated that they mentioned that they would not mind having no setback which would be the same as the State of NH. Bersaw continued that Chairman Taylor (Richmond Conservation Commission) suggested a 25' setback since that is what the state requires when spraying herbicides around water.

Duda asked for the floor and did research showing that the State of NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) has many governing rules for wetlands. Duda mentioned that water is a valuable resource and if a person does pollute it would trickle down and could disturb someone else's water supply. It is pretty important to control what is around our wetlands.

Duda mentioned that the only section he could find on pesticides was 250', and the State regulates that as well due to the impact to the water supply. His research showed that the Town of Richmond can't even put sand on their own town beach without notification to the DES. Duda suggested that if the Selectmen want to reduce the setback to follow State Regulations they need an applicant to apply and receive appropriate permits when needed. What would be the follow-up in the town to assure that the proper permits were in place according to DES?

Duda pointed out that now an applicant applies for a building permit and if they're within the wetland setback the applicant goes to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to receive the needed variance then back to the Selectmen for their building permit. This is removing a local layer of enforcement from our town and following the State of NH DES regulations.

Chairman Maillet added that most people follow the ordinances and do what is required. If it is difficult to enforce now why would a setback change be different?

Special Exceptions and Variances in Richmond help to educate an applicant to take proper steps to assure that wetlands are protected. The cost is minimal for the applicant to assure the protection of our water supply.

Motion made by Duda to reduce the wetland setback from 75' to 25'. Seconded by Bersaw.

Vice Condon asked for the floor and said he was against the reduction in the setback and he would like to see it stay at the original 75'. Enforcement is an issue in this town now and a reduction won't change the enforcement. The Selectmen have to enforce the Zoning Ordinances equally to all residents.

Duda moved the question and vote was taken:

Three in favor. One opposed. Motion carries.

The new ordinance would read:

**Article 2:** Establishment of Districts, under 202.1 Delineation of Districts more specifically C. Wetlands Conservation District: All land areas within twenty-five (25) feet, as measured by horizontal distance, of the high water mark of any pond stream, brook, or wetland and area identified and delineated as poorly drained or very poorly drained soils by the Cheshire County Conservation Districts Soil Survey of Cheshire County, New Hampshire, completed in 1989.

This change would also be reflected in:

**Article 6:** Wetland Conservation District, under 601 General. second paragraph.

Selectmen requested to remove the entire second paragraph of the ordinance. It was discussed that the second paragraph listed information to help an applicant find different Wetland maps to answer questions they might have on their property.

After a brief discussion:

Motion made by Bersaw to keep the full second paragraph in under 601 General. Seconded by Duda. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

**Article 6:** Wetland Conservation District under 602 Purpose, specifically 602.1: To change the word *would* to *could*.

This was a change that the Zoning Board of Adjustments asked to have put on the ballot. At present, it is difficult to say what "*would*" contribute to pollution. To change the word from *would* to *could* would give the ZBA a little more flexibility.

Motion made by Chairman Maillet to change the word *would* to *could* under 602.1. Seconded by Duda. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

The new ordinance would read:

**Article 6:** Wetland Conservation District under 602 Purpose, specifically 602.1: To prevent the development of structures and land uses on naturally occurring wetlands, which *could* contribute to pollution of surface and ground water by sewage or any other pollutants, or cause damage to abutter's property.

**7. Article 17:** Definitions: Under 1770 Wetlands: to change the definition under 1770 to the State of NH

Wetland definition for conformity with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services.

This was a change prompted by the Richmond Conservation Commission.

With very little discussion: Motion made by Chairman Maillet to change the definition under 1770 Wetlands to the State of New Hampshire definition. Seconded by Duda. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

The new ordinance would read:

**1770 Wetlands** - "Wetlands" means an area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.

Looking at the timeline to follow the State of New Hampshire RSA 675:3, the last date to hold the first public hearing is Monday January 11, 2021. To make this happen the posting of the hearing, excluding New Year's Day, would give the Planning Board just 10 days as required. This would allow a second hearing if needed by January 25, 2021 to stay within the RSA requirements.

Brief discussion to postpone the January 5, 2021 meeting to January 11, 2021 and at this time keep the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 in case there is a need for a second Public Hearing.

Motion made by Duda to hold the first public hearing on proposed Zoning changes on Monday, January 11, 2021 @ 7:00 PM located at the Richmond Veterans Hall. Seconded by Chairman Maillet.

All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

## **KEEPING OUR DISTANCE: THE IMPORTANCE OF WETLAND SETBACKS**

Fran Heap

Our town's Planning Board has asked Richmond residents to vote on a proposal to reduce wetland setbacks from 75 feet to 25 feet. As a former Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission for a small town in Connecticut, I was confused by the statutory language of New Hampshire's The Fill and Dredge in Wetlands Act (RSA 482-A). So, I contacted the Wetlands Bureau of NH Department of Environmental Services; its representative was gracious and provided me with many

website links, some of which were used for this article. I was soon to learn that, while NH has some of the best online wetland educational materials, it has some of the worst inland (non-tidal) wetland protection in New England, particularly with regard to its lack of setback protection.

For the purposes of this article, I am using the term, “buffer,” interchangeably with “setback,” in keeping with NH statutory language. A buffer is the area adjacent to a wetland; regulating what happens in a buffer can reduce damage to the adjacent wetland. With the exception of “Prime Wetlands” identified by municipalities when 100-foot buffer protection was offered by the State and now “grandfathered-in,” as well as NH-mandated septic setbacks which vary by soil drainage, NH requires no inland wetland buffers. Municipalities, such as Richmond, have compensated by establishing setbacks to protect water supply.

The State of NH recognizes that wetlands absorb flood waters, treat stormwater, recharge groundwater, provide wildlife habitat, and offer economic and recreational value. Moreover, the State’s website, [Land Development/NH Department of Environmental Services](https://www.des.nh.gov/land/land-development/NH%20Department%20of%20Environmental%20Services), advises:

Stormwater runoff from a forest, meadow or other natural environment is filtered by natural processes as it flows along the ground and over native vegetation, and filtered further when it passes through the soil before reaching groundwater. Stormwater pollution from developed land (and from construction activities) is one of the leading causes of water pollution nationally, and the largest source of water pollution in New Hampshire. Stormwater can become polluted when it runs off of streets, lawns, farms, and construction and industrial sites if there are fertilizers, sediment (small soil particles), pesticides, oil and grease, or other pollutants in its path. When stormwater is left untreated, it enters our surface and coastal waters and can introduce pollutants that can impact drinking water supplies, stream health, and aquatic and land-based wildlife. In addition to introducing pollutants into surface and groundwater, development can increase the amount and rate of stormwater runoff which, if unchecked, can contribute to flooding in other areas.

I think most people understand the importance of the wetlands, but what about wetland setbacks? NH’s Buffer Options for the Bay published the following setback distance recommendations by wetland function:

<b>Buffer Function</b>	<b>Recommended Min. Width</b>
Influence water temperature	30 feet
Remove pollutants	98 feet
Provide habitat for aquatic macroinvertebrates	98 feet
Reduce runoff & stabilize channel bank	164 feet
Provide habitat for terrestrial wildlife	330 feet
Provide habitat for aquatic macroinvertebrates	98 feet

If Richmond had to build the same stormwater/ sewage treatment plant currently in my old tiny Connecticut town, it would cost a minimum of \$21 million dollars! And, I have no idea what replicating my old town’s drinking water treatment plant in Richmond would cost! The cost of taking out a tape measure to enforce a mere 75-foot wetland setback seems like a bargain in comparison.

The following websites were used for this article and make for some great reading:

NHANRS Scientific Wetland Buffer REPORT  
([unh.edu](https://www.unh.edu))

<https://www.des.nh.gov/water/wetlands>

<https://www.des.nh.gov/land/land-development>

Buffer Basics/Buffer Options for the Bay  
([bufferoptionsnh.org](https://bufferoptionsnh.org))

## **MARCH ELECTIONS**

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The Town and School Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the Veterans Memorial Hall. Polling hours are from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

Sample ballots are available on the Town website, at the Town Hall and at the Veterans Memorial Hall.

If you are not yet a registered Richmond voter, you can still register to vote. You may complete the voter registration forms at my office during my regular office hours up through February 25. You may register to vote at the Supervisors of the Checklist final session prior to the Town Election. This will be on February 27 at the Veterans Memorial Hall at 10:00 AM. And finally, it is possible to register to vote on Election Day.

Absentee ballots can be obtained through the Town Clerk’s office. In order to receive an absentee ballot, the request must be in writing and signed by the voter. Request forms are available at the Town Clerk’s office and on the Town website. For more details about who



qualifies to receive an absentee ballot and how to return the ballot, please contact the Town Clerk's office. Your emails ([richmondtownclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:richmondtownclerk@yahoo.com)), phone calls (239-6202) and visits are always welcome!

The Town Clerk's office will be closed Monday, February 15, 2021, for Presidents' Day. Please plan accordingly.

## LICENSE YOUR DOG

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

If you licensed your dog in Richmond last year, you can request the 2021 dog tag online. Go to the town website at [www.richmond.nh.gov](http://www.richmond.nh.gov) and go to the Town Clerk's page found under the Town Department tab. To locate your dog information, enter "20" followed by the number on the metal dog tag that was issued to you in 2020. If the number on the tag is between 1 and 99, you may need to put one or two zeros (0) in front of the tag number, in order to create a three-digit tag number.

If you've added a puppy or dog to your family, you are required to vaccinate it for rabies within 30 days after it reaches three months of age or after acquiring an adult dog. Once you've vaccinated your puppy or dog, you can then license it. Please bring the rabies certificate with you when you come to the office to license your puppy or newly acquired dog. If it is neutered or spayed, please bring documentation to verify that.

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

## LIBRARY NEWS

Wendy O'Brien

### History Mystery

We've come across a missing piece of Richmond's history and need your help! In the Town's 2010 Master Plan, there is mentioned a speech by Chester B. Price, "Indian Lore, Indian Place Names, and Indian Trails of Cheshire County, New Hampshire: An Address to the Ladies Club of Richmond, October 12, 1957." We have been unable to locate a copy of this speech for an interested researcher. Can you fill in the gap? Please let us know if you happen to have a copy.

### Blind Date with a Book!

In honor of Valentine's Day during the month of Feb-



ruary, we are featuring a "Blind Date" with a book. Want to try a new genre? Not sure what to read? Borrow one of our staff selected books and maybe you will find a whole new world of reading to explore!

### Black History Month

This month is also Black History Month. We've been working on diversifying our collections, and following the lead of the New York Public Library, are featuring the following books this month:

*Good Lord Bird* by James McBride

*The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers

*Beloved* by Toni Morrison

*Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

*Underground Airlines* by Ben Winters\*

*Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson\*

\*New to our fiction collection

### Virtual Art Exhibit

We are pleased to host through the end of February a collection of paintings and drawings from children in Russia, made possible by the Fermata Foundation. We will be featuring the artwork on our Facebook page (look for us at [libraryrichmondnh](https://www.facebook.com/libraryrichmondnh)). The goal of the exhibit is to "shape a cultural dialogue to prevent a new, modified wall of separation between post-Soviet space countries and the developed world." We hope that you will enjoy these beautiful pictures as much as we have!

**Richmond Public Library**  
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Saturdays 10am-2pm

Catalog:  
[opac.libraryworld.com/opac/home.php](http://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/home.php) Library name: Richmond Public.  
No password required.

## Kids Craft Kits

Different weekly craft kits will be available for pickup all week on the Library front steps. This month's crafts feature a diversity wreath for Black History Month, a Valentine flower, an Abraham Lincoln paper plate craft, and an International Polar Bear Day craft.

## New Titles

*Total Power*, Vince Flynn

*Thick as Thieves*, Sandra Brown

*Fortune and Glory*, Janet Evanovich

*Squeeze Me*, Carl Hiaasen

*Boy from the Woods*, Harlan Coben

*The Sentinel*, Lee Child

**At this time**, we are offering curbside service. Please contact us at 239-6164 or at [library@richmondnh.us](mailto:library@richmondnh.us) to arrange for your selections and pick-up time.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

Karen O'Brien

*January grey is here,*

*Like a sexton by her grave;*

*February bears the bier,*

*March with grief doth howl and rave,*

*And April weeps – but O ye hours!*

*Follow with May's fairest flowers.*

—Percy Bysshe Shelley

And so, the new year begins with January and its vagaries of weather. February follows, and is usually one of the worst months for snow, ice, and bitter cold. We await the lion and lamb in March, and then the best days to come in spring. The whole country seems in a grip of bone-chilling cold, and lots of snow, preceded and/or followed by periods of unseasonable warmth. Right now, I am looking forward to planting seeds again, and beginning a new year of gardening challenges. I hope to have more vegetable plants for sale next year, and lots of heirloom varieties. I've already started my native plants, and hope to deter the voles who decimated my overwintering plants in the cold frame last year. I applied 1/8in. hardware cloth to the bottoms of the frames, so I am keeping my fingers crossed that they will not find their way in.

I am happy to hear that *The Rooster* will be continuing under new leadership. I know when I first moved to town, it was an important source of information for me, as well as a reference for services, businesses and the like. I applaud all those who have been involved but

are now moving on. Many of these folks have been working on this publication for 30 years. What dedication, and my thanks to all of you for keeping the torch lit. You will be missed.

I've written before about the *Herb of the Year™*. The International Herb Association picks an herb each year to highlight. They publish a book, using articles from those involved in herbs, whether they are teachers, botanists, herbalists, writers, photographers, or just those who have an intense interest in herbs. Instead of a single herb, the herb for the year 2014 was the genus *artemisia*, which encompasses a wide variety of species. From wormwood to mugwort to tarragon, there is a whole interesting array of plants to explore. My own foray into the world of herbs began with an herb class and subsequent workshop on wreath making with *artemisia* from a woman who sold herbs in Sherborn, MA. In the eighties, wreath making was very popular and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society conducted such a class at the Farmer Braun's Herb Farm. Her name was Phyllis Braun, and she sold herb plants and did classes on various aspects of herbs.

If you would like to make wreaths, the best types of *artemisia* to grow are "Silver Queen" and "Silver



King." They are both varieties of *Artemisia*. These are not that easy to acquire anymore, as wreath making has fallen out of favor. They make a beautiful silvery gray edge, though they do grow tall. They often bend and grow up in a curve, which makes them particularly nice



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in arrangements. They are unappetizing to deer and other critters, due to their bitterness.

Another species in this genus is wormwood, or *Artemisia absinthium*. It is most well known as the sup-



posedly addictive ingredient in the liquor absinthe. One of the main components in the oil is *thujone*, which can be toxic in large amounts. Until 2007, Absinthe was banned in the US, and the absinthe sold today is not the same as the original. Probably a good thing. It is also used medicinally by some herbalists, but care must be taken due to its toxicity.

*Artemisia annua*, known as Sweet Annie, is an annual member of the genus. It sets seed very well, so if you buy a plant you will have it for years to come, but



maybe in places other than where it began! It is a sweet scented plant, and holds its greenish color and scent when dried, so it is useful in arrangements. In traditional Chinese medicine, this herb has been used for over two thousand years to treat fevers. More recently, it has been effective as a treatment as well as a prevention for malaria, and as it is antifungal and antibacterial, is good when used in a

salve for skin problems.

Southernwood, or *Artemisia abrotanum*, is another delightfully smelling herb. It is very finely cut, but needs constant clipping to maintain its rangy habit. I love the



scent, and have both the regular and the citrus scented in my garden. It was often used in moth repellent bags, but it has never been proven as a deterrent to moths. I include it in my moth bags simply because the scent is delightful and strong smelling herbs are generally more effective

against the creepy crawlies.

Tarragon, *Artemisia sativa*, is the one artemisia that has good flavor and is used for culinary purposes. The anise/licorice flavor is sharp and strong, and holds up to cooking. It is a great herb to use with chicken or fish, and it makes a superb flavored vinegar. It's one of the first vinegars I ever made, and very easy. Simply take a handful or two of the fresh herb and place in a wide mouthed jar. Pour a good quality white wine vinegar to cover the herb and seal. Place in a warm spot and let sit for two to three weeks. If you remember, you can give it a shake every day or so. Check the taste after the steeping period, and if it is flavorful, you can then strain out the herb and re-bottle into a container that is more suitable for pouring (look for fancy bottles at thrift stores). If you wish, you can add a fresh sprig of tarragon at this point, just for a decorative effect.

Tarragon is fairly easy to grow in the Northeast. It does not tolerate wet soil, so be sure it has good drainage (raised beds are good for this). It likes full sun, but I have found that it does well for me in a spot that gets



afternoon shade. You must buy tarragon plants. True French tarragon is propagated by cuttings, as the plant is sterile and does not set seed. Any seed sold as tarragon is most likely Russian tarragon, which is inferior in flavor to French tarragon.

If you happen to live in the deep south, I'm afraid you can't grow tarragon. A substitute is Mexican tarragon, or *Tagetes lucida*. This is a species of marigold whose leaves have a flavor reminiscent of tarragon. It gets quite tall, and when I grew it, I didn't find that it even came close to the taste of tarragon.

The Richmond Library has a copy of the *Herb of the Year™* book on Artemisia if you would like to read more about this intriguing plant and its many uses. There are a lot of recipes, too, so you can expand your culinary expertise and try some new recipes.

Why not grow some of these wonderful plants? Trying something new is always challenging and hopefully fruitful. Enjoy the experience!

## HONEY HILL

Carol Jameson and Jon Hill

**Honey Hill** – Old Homestead Highway, Swanzey. Three miles, moderate, well-marked and maintained, lovely summit with views of Monadnock. (December 31, 2020)

It was a mild New Year's Eve when we set off to hike Honey Hill. The snow had melted although the ground was still frozen in certain areas of the trail.

This is a hike of about three miles, with an elevation change of 400+ feet. The hike is in Swanzey, one of the hikes created and maintained by the Swanzey Open Space Committee. The route is marked with blue blazes and it is well maintained. To get to the trailhead, drive north from Four Corners on Route 32 just past the turnoff for Swanzey Lake Road. The small parking area for the Honey Hill Conservation Area is on the left side of Route 32, well-marked with a sign. Walk up to the



trailhead on the left side of the lawn.

The walk is in three parts. The first third is a steady moderate climb through wet areas on an access trail blazed with periwinkle blue markings on the trees. In about half a mile, you will come to the entrance to the Honey Hill conservation trust land, marked with a large



sign "Welcome to Honey Hill." This second part of the walk is a half mile or so on a trail blazed with royal blue markings. It is mostly level, meandering through mixed hardwood and pine and hemlock forests. The land has been logged in different parcels at different times, so there is a nice mix of young and older woodlots. Then you will come to a fork in the trail, where a yellow-blazed side trail veers off to the right before rejoining the blue-blazed main trail well before the Honey Hill summit.

Today, we stayed on the blue-blazed main trail to the top of Honey Hill for the last third of the hike to the

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top. The trail gains elevation again though not as steeply as the start of the hike. With the leaves down, we could see the Swanzey hills to the west and south. Franklin Mountain is easily spotted by the cell tower. We could see a red house and field on Cram Hill Road in the distance in front of Franklin, probably Jennie and



Mike Gomarlo's house. Gunn Mountain appears as a cone-shaped hill to the south of Franklin. The trail has switchbacks and twists and turns. It is well-marked, but keep your eye on the blazes or you may end

up on someone's side trail that will not go up to the summit. The summit is beautiful. It is a large clearing with a well-made bench and many cairns, with views of Mount Monadnock clear as can be.

Coming down, we took the yellow-blazed side trail until it joined the blue-blazed trail. This yellow-blazed trail is on the side of the hill with some steep drop-offs. A few areas of the yellow trail have short catwalk portions that can be hairy when the trail is icy. No ice today though and the variety between the two alternate trails is interesting. It was a lovely walk and there was something about the summit area that seemed almost magical.



## FEELING AT HOME WITH NATURE

Suzen Joyce Perry

Three years we searched for a home to get away from the city. We traveled to a number of towns: Ashuelot, Hancock, Gilsum, Hillsboro, Rindge, Dublin, and as far north as Sandwich, as well as some towns in Vermont. We were hoping for a sizable piece of land, some forested, and some open areas where I could garden, a quaint house in good shape, situated near a pond where we could swim. And we finally found it!

We bought an historic old house in Richmond, NH about a year and a half ago. Fresh air, stars, owls at night, and all the signs of nature around us, although my husband and I are hoping to observe more. There were actually more animals, wild turkeys, raccoons,

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possums, fox, and rabbits in Cambridge, MA! But there is no lack of insects in the gardens. I'm familiar with most of them, being a gardener. And I'm hoping to keep some exotic ones to a minimum by natural, safe ways. The birds seem to take care of others.

This old house has so many stories to tell. And we were fortunate that Bob Weekes, the former owner, researched and left us a folder-full. The narrow stairwell



is decked with prints and medals that belonged to president Garfield, his mother Eliza Ballou, having lived here as a young girl. Although there have been many changes to strengthen its bones and have the house conform to our style of living nowadays, there are some old features we can't seem to part with. The old hearth,

once used for simmering stew and baking bread, graces the keeping room – now, our dining and sitting room. A smaller room, where the back door exits onto the porch, we call the cozy, having a wood stove and carpet over the old wood floor. It may be that the floor is very worn from this room having been a little store once.

We like living more simply here, now that we are both retired. Who needs a car when one can walk or bike to the library and beach? Lenny writes and plays his songs on guitar and we sing together. I study genealogy during the winter. My ancestors were some of the first settlers here in New England. I'm in the gardens most of the warm months. Cooling off at the beach after a morning of gardening is heavenly. We have met some pleasant local folks at the pond, who we've become friends with, which has given us a feeling of belonging here. We walk with other folks we've met on the old roads that wind about through town.

Yesterday I went for a walk in the woods surrounding our lawn and gardens, curious about what or who was around. I had seen a few tracks, in the snow that covered the land recently, and was glad that there were some scrawny kale plants left, to offer to a hungry beast who did finally forage in the yard. I spotted a porcupine last full moon before dawn.



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As I ventured deeper into the forest I came to a gigantic dead birch with a large section of open bark curled back around as if it had been reading the latest newspaper. So many insect-eaten birches stand disintegrating. Should we best not grow any new birches until this infestation is over, I wonder? I followed the centuries old stone walls and walked along what seemed like a path that some other beings have likely taken, where a variety of evergreen ground covers – wintergreen, princess pine, and club moss were growing. The only sounds I heard were trees creaking as they leaned against each other.

I've been studying what plants are native to New England to add a few in the many garden beds already existing. I never had much garden space aside from community plots. My love for the outdoors and living things motivated me to start a landscape business, so I could do what I loved in other gardens. I'm thrilled to have my own now, right out the front and back doors! In the late spring months, there are some lawn areas I don't mow as often due to the many ground covers that intermingle – veronica, prunella, and our native violets – that all supply early nectar for bees and food for various butterfly larvae. The butterflies are amazing once summer arrives! So many, and how they alight

from one flower to another!

We enjoy hearing an owl occasionally, or coyotes in the distance – quite a change from the sirens and honks of the city. One evening, watching the fireflies, I felt the urge to go out onto the lawn and stand amid them, my arms outreached to the stars.

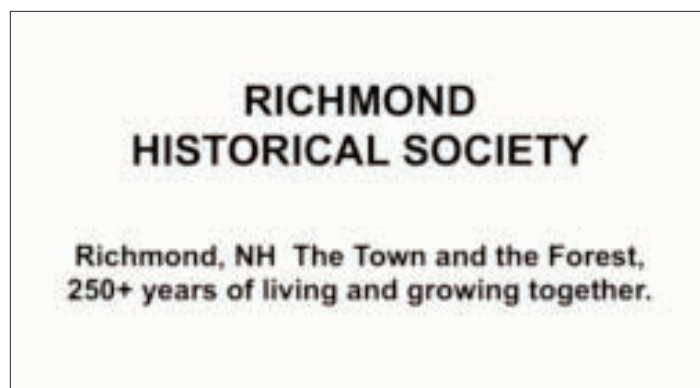
Now that we are indoors more often, we enjoy the old house's charm, reading about its history and the town's. Stoking the wood stove, baking breads, watching the birds at the feeders, and candle lit dinners – our new home is a little piece of heaven.

### WELFARE ADMINISTRATION— Meals on Wheels Grab & Go Program in Richmond

Pam Bielunis

I was appointed as Welfare Administrator for the Town of Richmond, NH in August 2020. I have lived in Richmond for over 40 years and also serve as a Supervisor of the Voter Checklist. I am mostly retired, so am available most of the time by phone 603-239-6498 or email: [soc.wa.townrichmond@gmail.com](mailto:soc.wa.townrichmond@gmail.com)

Welfare budgets vary from year to year depending on the economy and individual circumstances. 2020 has been challenging due to the pandemic and I feel that we



may see more need in 2021. The Richmond Welfare Guidelines and Applications are available in the Selectmen's office and on the Town website. Appointments with the Welfare Administrator are made by contacting the Selectmen's Office during normal business hours or by calling me directly.

In addition to the Resources/Helpful Tips and the List of Paperwork required to apply for assistance below, I am working on a **Grab & Go Meals on Wheels Program**. One hot meal and four frozen meals would be delivered to the Veterans Hall once a week and individuals can pick them up at that time. Donations are requested if able. Usual cost per meal is \$3, but any donation amount is accepted. Hopefully, in February, we will have this program up and running. I am interested in who might take advantage of this service, and who might be interested in delivering meals in town for those who cannot get to the Vets Hall. Requirements: over 60-years of age or disabled; unable/difficulty getting to stores; no income requirements; application for service. Please contact me with questions or comments.

#### For persons seeking help with expenses:

##### *Resources:*

- Fuel/electric, back rent/security deposits: Southwestern Community Services 352-7512.
- Eversource: [Janice.Johnson@Eversource.com](mailto:Janice.Johnson@Eversource.com) or call her at 603-621-6802 to see if you are eligible for assistance and/or to sign up.
- Consolidated Communications: discount for internet for students call 844-968-7224 or <https://www.consolidated.com/>
- Medical assistance: call your hospital and ask for financial grant and medication programs
- Food Stamps, financial assistance, health insurance: Dept of Health and Human Services, call 357-3510
- Mortgage modification: Making Home Affordable

##### Program website

- Emergency Rent Help: Call NHHFA Emergency Housing Assistance 800-439-7247, ext. 9283
- Need a ride or willing to give a ride: Contact Community Volunteer Transportation Company, call 877-428-2882, or <https://www.cvtc-nh.org>
- Unemployed – NH Employment: apply for unemployment benefits
- If you have children and not receiving child support, call Child Support Services at 357-3510
- If you are without shelter, call 211
- If you have a disability, but can still work, call Vocational Rehab to help find employment
- Call Service Link at 357-1922

#### Helpful Tips:

- Keep your monthly rent or mortgage payment less than half of your household's monthly income; consider refinancing at a lower interest rate to decrease monthly payment
- Set up monthly payment plans with your electric company, heating fuel supplier, doctor, and dentist
- Use savings and retirement money to pay living expenses until your income increases
- Cancel all voluntary deductions out of your paycheck to increase your take home pay
- If you have a landline and cell phone, cancel one of them
- Cancel cable TV and internet until your income increases. Internet is free at the library
- Refinance car loan, extend the repayment term (lower your monthly payment), look at cheaper insurance
- To look for job: Register online at [www.nhworks.org](http://www.nhworks.org)
- Put college loans into deferment or forbearance until your income increases
- Cut up credit cards or keep one with a credit limit of \$500




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# From a Friend on Granite Hill

- **Do NOT get a Payday Loan** –you will end up paying back up to 400% interest.

If you need to apply for Assistance from the Town of Richmond, you will need to provide the following items at your appointment: (including all pages of statements) *NOTE:* You may apply for assistance once per month. Assistance is NOT on-going. If you think you need help in the future, call to set up an appointment and gather paperwork listed below. You will need to fill out another application and bring all new documents for the most recent four weeks when you re-apply. Contact the other resources that are able to provide more assistance.

- Bank statements for the last four weeks
- Paystubs for the last four weeks or unemployment notice
- Most recent electric bill, heating bill, cable/internet bill, phone bill(s)
- Most recent childcare statement
- Copy of rental lease or mortgage payment statement
- Savings, retirement, checking account statements
- Medication list from pharmacy for last four weeks
- Fuel provider statement or receipts of what was paid for the last four weeks
- Childcare provider statement showing what you paid for the last four weeks
- Car repair receipts for the past four weeks

## ***Richmond Town Meeting***

(Part 1) Town Elections  
Tuesday - March 9, 2021

(Part 2) Town Business Meeting  
Saturday - March 13, 2021

***Details - March Issue of the "ROOSTER"***



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- Bill for health insurance if not taken out of paycheck and showing on pay stub
- Child support order payments received or paid
- Worker's comp payment notice
- Tax refund amount and date received
- Statement from roommates(s) including division of expenses

## **Sandy Pond IV Is Anybody Home?**

Shaun Bennett

*Author's note:* When I started this series of articles about Sandy Pond, I intended to focus on the things that live in and around the Pond and how they have changed, mainly through the loss of species, during the 50 years that I have been watching. But it made sense first to explain the Pond itself a little, how it formed, its relationship to the surrounding land, its annual cycles, and what can be expected in the long run. That is what the last three articles were about. Now I will focus on living things. Thanks to the emergence of new leadership for *The Richmond Rooster*, there will be more editions in which to tell these stories. Meanwhile, my gratitude to John Boccalini and his helpers who have made all this possible for so many years.

Fish are the Sandy Pond creatures that interest the most

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people, as well as the ones that I know least about. But here are some thoughts: When the Connecticut River had a salmon run many years ago, and there were no hydroelectric dams in the Connecticut River, and no migration-stopping mill dams along the way, the Pond and its streams likely provided spawning areas to an annual run of breeding adults. Recall from a previous article, that in those days there were two outflow streams that could have provided fish access to the Pond. Unlike their Pacific Ocean counterparts, Atlantic salmon do not die after spawning. They return to the ocean, possibly to spawn in Richmond again and again in subsequent years. Salmon have a very strong fidelity to the very stream in which they were hatched, so that most of the fish spawning in a particular stream not only were “born” there, but were also the offspring of a long line of fish also born in that stream. Sadly, very few Atlantic salmon survive today, and despite the installation of fish ladders in Connecticut River dams, and despite many years of effort to re-establish spawning runs (now discontinued), their decline continues. A thousand or fewer adults now return to spawn, apparently all in Maine.

In more recent times until the 1970s, there was a run of smelt through Sandy Pond very early every spring. This run persisted long after the construction of dams like the one in Vernon, Vermont which prevented salmon and smelt from reaching the ocean. The Sandy Pond smelt run is extinct now.

Many fish remained in Sandy Pond after rivers and streams were dammed, including brook trout, pickerel, sunfish, possibly brown trout, and others. The front wall of my old cabin which was probably built in the 1930s or ‘40s, had tracings of fish caught in the Pond, most of them 18 inches or more in length. In roughly 1950, New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHF&G) decided that the brook trout they raised elsewhere and put into the Pond each year would do better if they had no competition from other species. They used a poison called *rotenone* which was intended to kill every fish in the Pond. Rotenone can also kill insects and mammals, but I don’t believe that any attempt was made to record collateral damage. The process was repeated at least once between 1966 and 1970. Brook trout are no longer stocked. It is sad that a diverse population of fish which likely existed in the Pond for thousands of years was killed off so that trout could be stocked for a decade or two. I cannot say how the fish presently in the Pond arrived, but I’m sure human intervention was required, and it is my guess that NHF&G was not involved this time. They are all bass, I am told.

There are also a lot of things that once lived in the Pond, but were so inconspicuous that few people have noticed their disappearance. For example, the Pond once supported populations of fresh water clams and small mussels. They are gone. When I was a kid, we would have clam races. It’s impossible to get a clam to move in a straight line, so we found our racers, painted numbers on their shells, and placed them in the center of a yard-wide circle drawn on a sandy area of the Pond’s bottom. First clam to cross the line won, a victory that often took place on the following day depending on how much meandering the racing clam did. Somehow this sport didn’t immediately take the world by storm, and now that the clams and mussels are gone, NASCAR no longer needs to feel threatened.

Shining a flashlight at night on a sandy area of Pond



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bottom in warm weather 50 years ago would reveal crayfish, now gone. I'm sure raccoons, otters, snapping turtles, and other predators miss them. I know I do. They were delicious.

Easier to see, but less welcome, were the once common leeches. Actually, there were a number of leech species, though only one was readily seen. The common one called *Macrobdella decora* in Latin, and locally referred to as a blood sucker, is not the famous medicinal leech, though I know of no difference in the way the two species operate. They attach to the skin and chew a little hole through which they suck a blood meal while masking the sensation with the local anesthetic in their saliva. At one time medical people thought bloodletting had a beneficial effect and they used leeches as one of several ways to bleed their fellow humans. A paper by an early doctor complained that even after the application of dozens and dozens of leeches, his ungrateful patient still died. Few people regret the fact that leeches are now gone from the Pond, but as I will point out below, their loss is not an entirely good thing.

The larvae of caddis flies are fascinating creatures that build protective "houses" that they carry about under water much as a snail might. The material used depends on the species of caddis fly with some making them of sand grains glued together and others using pine needles or a hollowed out dead stick. It is said that some jewelers used to give the sand house variety a set

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of little gems to build into a little house. Palace might be a better term. At the time for transition into adulthood, the aquatic larvae leave the Pond and find a spot to emerge from their houses as flying adults ready to mate. The little empty houses can be found at surprising distances from the water. Caddis flies are not entirely gone from Sandy Pond but are much less common now.

On a summer day in years past, there would be swarms of whirligig beetles swirling on the Pond's surface. Groups of them would probably number a hundred or more and the swarm, probably gathered to mate, could be a foot or two wide. Whirligigs have the ability to dive underwater while carrying a bubble of air under the scales (elytra) that cover their wings. It's a kind of SCUBA tank that prolongs their ability to remain below the surface. I haven't seen them in years. The list goes on.

Even though some of us don't have much affection for some or all of these creatures (who likes leeches?) they are – or were – part of a self-sustaining web of life, an ecosystem. Undoubtedly, there are dozens, perhaps hundreds, of other species too inconspicuous to be noticed that are now entirely gone from Sandy Pond. The web is smaller now, less complex, and less able to compensate for changes. For example, with caddis flies nearly gone, the trout has fewer options if whatever it is currently eating becomes scarcer. But then, there aren't any trout left either.

*Next: Birds and Beasts*

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## ROOSTER MEMORIES

Pam Goodell

Since I moved to Richmond in 1986 and *The Rooster* came to be in 1991, I feel I grew up (or more accurately grew old) with the publication. For all these years, it has been a source of all Richmond happenings – of the history of our small community.

When I was Town Clerk, I used *The Rooster* to inform everyone about vehicle registration procedures,



dog licensing, and election dates. As a youth group leader, it was through *The Rooster* that I reminded the youth and their parents of up-coming events. *The Rooster* was also the means by which residents were invited to share their talents in our annual dessert theater. As a member of the Old Brick Church, I used it to keep townfolk abreast of how this old, historic building was being restored. As a nature lover, I shared stories of Richmond wildlife encounters and sightings through this newsletter. As a Richmond resident, I occasionally wrote letters to its editor on topics I was concerned about or letters of praise for jobs well done. As a proof-reader, I often felt privileged to be reading *The Rooster* before it was even printed.

*The Rooster's* printing of minutes of the selectmen and various committees kept me in the know as to what was occurring in town government. At one point *The Rooster* included feature articles about selected residents. I was deeply honored to be included in that list. I especially enjoyed stories submitted by Chris Dell, Pete Tandy, Grover Labelle, Joe Davis, and others who had grown up in town.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to John Boccalini and Jeani Eismont and all the numerous volunteers for all their efforts at bringing us *The Richmond Rooster* month after month and year after year. I'll bet almost every Richmond resident can attest to the positive effect

it has had in their lives. I am especially thankful to have grown old with this wonderful and informative newsletter. I look forward to seeing more of the same with its new team.

## LINGUINE WITH SHRIMP SCAMPI

Terri O'Rorke

Vegetable oil

1 Tblsp. plus 1 1/2 tsps. salt

3/4 lb. linguine

3 Tblsps. unsalted butter

2 1/2 Tblsps. olive oil

1 1/2 Tblsps. minced garlic (4 cloves)

1/3 C. chopped, fresh parsley

1/2 lemon, zest grated

1/4 C. freshly squeezed lemon juice

1/4 lemon, thinly sliced in half rounds

1/8 tsp. hot pepper flakes

3/4 lb. of large peeled and deveined shrimp

Drizzle some vegetable oil in a large pot of boiling salted water, add 1 tablespoon of salt and the linguine, and cook for 7 to 10 minutes, or according to the directions on the package.

Meanwhile, in another large (12-inch), heavy-bottomed pan, melt the butter and olive oil over medium-low heat. Add the garlic. Saute for 1 minute. Add the shrimp, 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt, and the pepper and saute until the shrimp have just turned pink, about 5 minutes, stirring often. Remove from the heat, add the parsley, lemon zest, lemon juice, lemon slices, and red pepper flakes. Toss to combine.

When the pasta is done, drain the cooked linguine and then put it back in the pot. Immediately add the shrimp and sauce, toss well, and serve. Serves 3.

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, RICHMOND!

### THE ELIZA BALLOU GARFIELD MONUMENT

Carol Jameson and Jon Hill January 3, 2021

*Eliza Ballou Monument* – Access from Greenwoods Road to walk north on Monument Road (discontinued portion) or walk south from the end of Monument Road that is still town road, down the discontinued portion



*of Monument Road. Moderate. Fun to come across the monument in the middle of the forest. (February 2021)*

Deep in the Richmond woods, off of a road that has been discontinued for well over a century, is a monument to Eliza Ballou Garfield, mother of James Abram Garfield, Twentieth president of the United States. The monument stands about six-feet high, granite, carved with the legend “HERE WAS BORN, SEPT. 21, 1801, ELIZA BALLOU, WIFE OF ABRAM GARFIELD, MOTHER OF JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD, TWENTIETH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.” There is a very small old cellar hole at the monument, presumably the birthplace of Eliza Ballou.

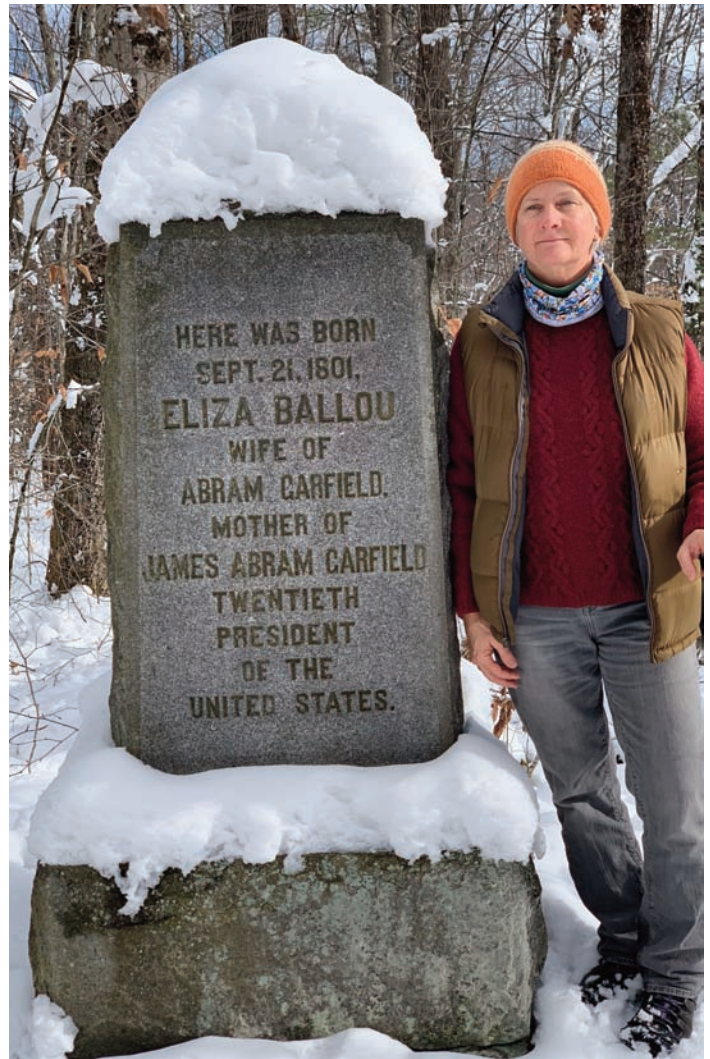
The monument is an astonishment, large and impressive, as though it were resident in a town common or town square. It is visited only by the deer, coyotes, and other wildlife that now walk those roads and trails, and the occasional hiker.

It is a short walk on the discontinued portion of Monument Road to reach the monument. The road has been so long unused and discontinued that it is rutted and rocky, sometimes flooded by clogged culverts and unmaintained slope and ledge that it floods with rain-water in wet seasons. The road is dotted with abandoned cellar holes on both sides. But the walk from maintained town roads is short and well worth it.

The monument, on the discontinued portion of Monument Road, can be accessed from the south, from Greenwoods Road, or from the north via the maintained portion of Monument Road.

From Greenwoods Road, park at the end of the continued portion of Greenwoods Road at the large barn on the left. Backtrack a short distance (maybe a tenth of a mile or less) to the discontinued end of Monument Road. The monument is about a third of a mile up discontinued Monument Road headed north.

To access the monument from the north, from the town road portion of Monument Road, park at the last curve of Monument Road, very close to the green gate that marks the last property on Monument Road. Walk south from this last curve in the road onto the discontinued portion of Monument Road. The old road is obvious and easily followed. Stay straight on the road for about ½ mile when you will come to a large clearing with the discontinued Monument Road as a sharp turn to the left. If you continue straight at this intersection, you will be on Devil’s Staircase which soon curves east.



Jenny Gomarlo beside the Garfield monument.

Turn left at the clearing and the monument is about ½ mile from this intersection.

## **Mother of President James Abram Garfield**

Wendy O’Brien

Elizabeth Ballou Garfield, the mother of President James Abram Garfield, is one of Richmond’s most famous women. Born in 1801 in a farmhouse on Quaker Lane (now owned by Suzen Perry and Lenny Solomon), Eliza spent the first seven years of her life in Richmond. After her father died in 1808, Eliza moved with her mother and siblings to New York. But Richmond must have had an important place in her heart, as Eliza returned to Richmond in 1874 with her son James and had tea in the same parlor where she had grown up.

It is interesting that the monument to Eliza on the discontinued part of Monument Road states “Here was born Eliza Ballou,” when the historical evidence points to her birth in the house on Quaker Lane. It is unclear



why the monument was placed there and when. We do have a tantalizing picture of President's Garfield's son (possibly Harry or Irvin) with Hattie Martin and Eliza Bowen on Old Home Day when the monument was dedicated. Since Eliza Bowen died in 1916, it must have been before that date. In the 1930s, Neith Boyce states, "Deeper in the forest, another [stone] has been set for Eliza. All trace of the houses and farms has long since disappeared. The Ballou family placed those stones. The town would never appropriate money to raise a monument to perishable dust or fame," (*The Town in the Forest*, p. 4). Old maps through 1928 indicate the land in the area of the monument was owned by the family of Henry Ballou, Jr. (1818-1904), who is the great-great grandson of James Ballou, Eliza's father.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Karen Daugherty

By the time you're reading this, we will have held the annual Winter Event. We look forward to seeing you at the Easter Egg Hunt in March! Since *The Rooster* will not be available in paper form after this issue, please check out The Rooster Facebook page, and keep an eye out for posters around town for upcoming events.

March 27, 2021: 10AM at the pavilion, Easter Egg Hunt, donuts, and hot chocolate.

Spring 2021: Roadside Clean-up

June 2021: Summer Picnic and Tie Dye Party

August 2021: "Back to School" Party

September/October 2021: Collaborative event with Harvest Festival and Agricultural Fair

December 2021: Movie at Takodah

## CHANGES TO THE ROOSTER

The email address of *The Richmond Rooster* is now: [therichmondrooster@gmail.com](mailto:therichmondrooster@gmail.com)

Our website's home is changing and will be found at [therichmondrooster.net](http://therichmondrooster.net) starting January 28, 2010.

Jeani (Eismont Design) in Design Production will be replaced by Reneé Bochman.

Co-Editors John Boccalini and Jeani Eismont will be replaced by Fran Heap.

Distribution Manager Carol Jameson will be replaced by Wendy O'Brien.

## TOWN MEETING - 2021

John Boccalini

As of 1/20/21 Town meeting (Part 1.) The elections of town officers is scheduled for **Tuesday March 9, 2021**. Town Meeting (Part 2.) the voting on the town warrant is scheduled for **Saturday March 13, 2021**.

As of this posting the exact times and places are yet to be determined and will be posted in the March issue.

### Important Dates to Get There

#### Monday, February 22, 2021

Last day for select board to post warrant and budget at all polling places and at clerk's office or town hall. Warrant shall state place, day and hour of election, hours polls are open, and which items are to be voted on by ballot.

#### February 27, 2021

Last day for town clerk to accept voter registration applications for town meeting day (Voters may register on election day for all town elections).

#### Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Annual town report with budget must be available by today. Last day to submit zoning ordinance protest petition to require 2/3 vote at town meeting.

#### March 8, 2021

The town clerk's office shall be open to receive applications for absentee ballots, to provide voters the opportunity to complete absentee ballots, and to receive returned ballots on the Monday immediately prior to an election at a minimum from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### March 9, 2021

Town Meeting. Voters may register at the polls on election day.



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

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1st Tues. of the month – 7:30 PM

and 3rd Tues. if needed

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

Tues. 8 AM – 4 PM, Thurs. 8 AM – 7 PM

Sat. 8 AM – 5 PM

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

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

Thurs. 3 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM – 2 PM

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

**Fire/Rescue (Non Emergency): 239-4466**

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

**Selectmen – 239-4232**

**Town Clerk – 239-6202**

**Tax Collector – 239-6106**

**Road Agent:** Elton "Buddy" Blood, II – 400-3629

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