



Stop for Pots Liz Ehrman

Despite the sudden and sometimes disastrous weather patterns of July, the Richmond Farmers Market has set up shop each Sunday, rain or shine. Featuring fresh bread, local produce, native plants, skincare and pottery, the market has been a fantastic way to meet neighbors and commiserate on local flooding.



Rosti Eismont. Photo by Karen O'Brien

Often amid the stands of local products is the work of local potter, Rosti Eismont. If you have been to the Market, you may have seen his handiwork and occasional demonstrations on the wheel. In the artist's words:

The pots may be considered individual useful objects. My interest is in exploring the making of a pot as variations of a form. Hence, no two are the same. Even when the form may be more exactly the same, as in a set of espresso cups or a set of guinomi (sake cups), they remain within the family: cousins, but never clones.

Rosti is building a small wood-fire kiln; most of the current pots for sale at the Farmers' Market are wood-fired to 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Come meet the artist Sundays, noon to 3:00 p.m., at Richmond's Four Corners (intersection of Routes 32 and 119). [Editor's Note: the Farmers' Market will run through October 3rd.]

An Artful Family Getaway By Stillman Rogers

Summer is a time for family fun, and it doesn't need to be a long trip to someplace far away. Only an hour from Richmond is a whole world of color, creativity, and imagination for both kids and adults at the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The founder of the museum was the artist, Eric Carle, whose *Hungry Caterpillar* is a familiar image to children all over the world. Carle's fame as an illustrator began with illustrations he did for a children's book by Bill Martin, Jr, called *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See*. Carle used collage as his technique. *Brown Bear* was immediately successful, and Carle's career as an illustrator was launched.

Carle and his wife, Barbara, founded the museum to promote the wider appreciation of illustration as an art form in its own right and, especially, to expose young people to this underappreciated and lively form of expression.



How Artist Eric Carle Created a Character
The Eric Carle Museum of Illustrative Art

Carle's technique differs from conventional drawn or painted illustration, as it is formed by arranging paper

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or objects onto an underlying surface. Carle cut shapes from sheets of tissue that he had painted in a wide variety of colors, then attached them to a rough sketch on paper.

Eric Carle's first illustrated children's book of his own, *1, 2, 3, to the Zoo* was published soon after *Brown Bear* and was popular, but, his next book, *the Very Hungry Caterpillar*, was wildly popular. *Hungry Caterpillar* has sold more than 50 million copies around the world, bringing Eric Carle's art to more than 150 million kids in more than 50 languages.

At first, it might be difficult to picture using a collage of painted tissue paper to illustrate a story about animals and insects. But, in doing so, Carle's magic brings these storybook characters to life in a way that is particularly attractive to young people – and, to older ones, as well. His technique is demonstrated in an attention-grabbing film, *Picture Writer*, in the museum's theater.

Watching the film of Carle working in his studio, it's clear he was having fun. Using paint, paper and tissue paper, Carle creates from a kaleidoscope-like palette of material that he then cuts, tears, trims, and assembles into his imaginative and colorful characters.

His fascination with the medium stuck with him for life and directly influenced his work, bringing the magic of nature to children. The creatures he has introduced to his young audience include chameleons (*the Mixed-Up Chameleon*), fireflies (*the Very Lonely Firefly*), crickets (*the Very Quiet Cricket*), and a host of other animal and insect friends.

One gallery of the museum is dedicated to Eric Carle's own work and includes pieces created for several of his books, along with his other decorative works. His technique is fascinating and his execution superb. For those who are not familiar with his characters, meet them here and smile.

A nearby gallery is another chance to delve into the world of "Picture Book" art. Here you will find original art from children's classics, such as Beatrix Potter's *Tales of Peter Rabbit* and *Winnie the Pooh*, who

was depicted by artist, E.H. Shepard. The works of other well-known artists of several generations of children's literature are found in this gallery and include Garth Williams (*Charlotte's Web*, *Little House on the Prairie*), and Maurice Sendak (*Where the Wild Things Are*). The point is that original picture book illustration is art and can be appreciated for its own value.

The Eric Carle Museum is a lot more than a place to see this art. Illustrated books are everywhere, as are comfortable places to read them. Every child entering the museum receives a kit of art supplies which include paper, paints, print making supplies and objects that can be used for making his or her own collages.

The museum has a bright, fully supplied studio where children can work with an art teacher to create their own works. The goal is to show how everyday objects – a sponge or a leaf – can be used to make colorful prints or be incorporated into a collage. Once children create here, they begin to see possibilities in things around them, inspiring their own imaginations. Some of these young artists' works decorate the walls of the museum and hang as mobiles.

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art should be on the go-to list, especially for parents with young children. Covid 19 precautions are observed: masks are required and visitor numbers at any given time are being limited, so contact the museum in advance for reservations. The studio has a terrace which becomes an outdoor workspace in warm weather.

Check the museum's website for admission times, reservations, special programming with prominent artists, and for information on the art studio: www.carle-museum.org. The museum is located at 125 West Bay Road, Amherst, Massachusetts. Phone: (413) 559-6300.



The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art. Photo by Paul Shoul

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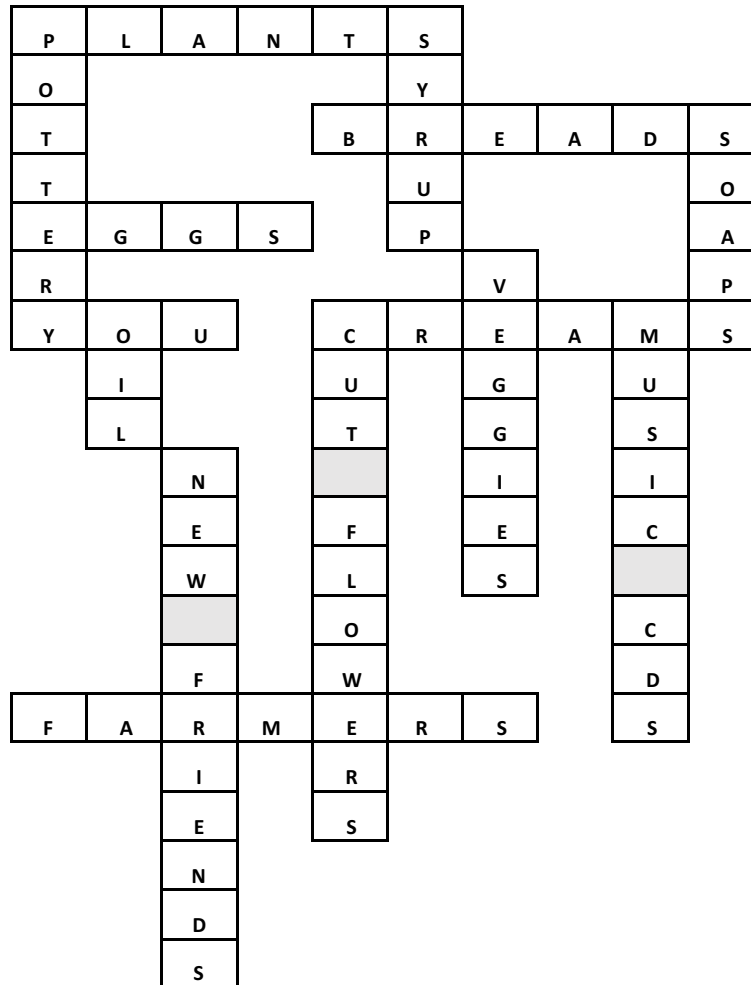
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In Defense of the Mid-Century Child Bettie Foster Thomas

A child picks an ear of corn,
 Shucks its leaves till the green is torn

Leaving the kernels bare for inspecting,
 And draws the silk through fingers, reflecting

On the fragile threads and what their use,
 And eyes the kernels with tongue-tip loose

On the lip in a dream of yellow succulence
 Till the come warning of unwashed virulence

He falters and peers in the depth, between rows
 For the borer within and his eyelids close

On near-discovery: wonder is over
 And he waits to be warned of bees in the clover.



Tomato-Watermelon Salad Terri O'Rorke

Here's a nice, light, summer salad utilizing garden tomatoes:

4 C. coarsely chopped tomatoes
 2 C. coarsely chopped seedless watermelon
 2 Tbsp. olive oil
 1 tsp. balsamic vinegar
 2 Tbsp. chopped, fresh mint
 1/4 C. chopped pistachios
 Salt & pepper

Place in a large bowl. Toss with olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper to taste, mint. Top with pistachios.

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Summers Gone By Ruth Blais Thompson

My parents bought the Richmond Four Corner Store when I was just three years old. The store was small, but it's where our family lived and worked. I have so many fond memories of growing up in Richmond. Some are more vivid than others, but they have all stayed close to my heart. The town barbecues, parades, skating on the waterhole, riding our bikes to Cass Pond to swim all summer long and playing outside, for what seemed like all day and night with our neighborhood friends. Our address was RFD 3, just like Opie in Mayberry. I always thought that was really neat. I think my mom made the best baked beans and strawberry rhubarb pie in town. We used to go out at night to catch fireflies in a jar or pick worms off the dewy lawn to sell for a penny at the store. After dark with the store closed, the traffic stopped, too. We would play kick-the-can under the blinking light for hours. I can remember my sister and I would spend a whole day putting together a float to display in the Labor Day Weekend town parade. Arthur Stinson would drive his flatbed trailer down to the Four Corners with his farm tractor so we could decorate the entire thing and, by the time we were done, you almost couldn't recognize it. Mr. Stinson would then drive our creation, attached to his tractor, in the parade down Rte. 119, with us on the back waving to everyone. All of these cherished moments are clear images etched in my mind.

My parents eventually sold the store and moved to what is now the quilt shop next to the church and, then, moved again to the three-story colonial across

from what used to be the store. My bedroom was on the third floor, I guess it was the attic at one time and I loved it up there. It's where, at the age of thirteen, I taught myself to play guitar and started writing songs. I've never stopped writing, mostly music, but, also, short articles. In the early part of the Summer of 2020, my mind must have traveled back to the good and simple times of my childhood. It's when I wrote a song I titled, "Summers Gone By." Our band, Mulligan Row, recorded it at Evenfall Studio in Chesterfield that same summer. Wayne Imon, a Richmond resident, is part of our band and helped with the music composition. The lyrics are all true, except one bit of poetic license: my first car was a big 1970 four-door Chevy Impala. I couldn't seem to make that fit into the lyrics, so it became a two-tone Buick! This song is in tribute and appreciation to my hometown, Richmond, N.H., 1964 to 1989. I'd like to share the song with you and hope that you have your own special memories of Richmond.

The lyrics are printed further on, and you can listen to it at this website on Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/ruth-thompson-37454500/summers-gone-by>



Mulligan Row

Summers Gone By Lyrics by Ruth Blais Thompson Music by Mulligan Row (Ruth Blais Thompson, Wayne Imon, Dominick Tralli)

Butterflies and Fireflies, made me skip when I was five
Played outside all night long; Summer seemed to last so long
Ice Cream Cones and Rhubarb Pie; Town Parades and Clear Blue Skies
So many Summers; Those Childhood Summers; So many Summers Gone by

Couldn't wait to turn eighteen; Past awkward ages in-between
Finished school and worked real hard; Bought myself a cool Skylark
Played my loud Rock N Roll Music; In that old two-tone Buick
So many Summers; Yah those Teenage Summers; So many Summers Gone by

Bridge: My own family loved Summer stars at night;
And Camping under a Sky full of lights.
The kids grew up & left home way too fast; I didn't then, but Now I yearn for past

Older now, with gray hair, I love my porch and rocking chair
Never got that old corvette; I'm happy with another sunset
So many Summers; those Golden Summers; So many Summers Gone by



The Richmond Heritage Commission

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**From the Richmond Community
United Methodist Church**
Pam Goodell

We are so happy to once again be holding services inside our old brick church. Times are still uncertain, and the Covid virus is still causing much trouble, but, for the time being, we are worshiping and singing praises with all the pent-up gusto from lockdown times! Won't you come join us as we pray for safety and good health for everyone?

Services are held at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday and are open to all. At the moment, masks are not required of those who have been vaccinated, but we continue to space ourselves apart.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our August Yard Sale a success, whether you donated items or came to shop. It is always fun to see so many Richmond neighbors at our annual event. Don't forget to save the date and come by the Vets' Hall to see us during the Holiday Fair on November 13th.

Beginning September 14th, we will be holding a six week Bible Study at the church on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We will be studying the Second Coming and learning about Jerusalem. It is open to everyone interested, and all are welcome to attend.



On October 2, 2012, we are going to be walking as a team in the Walk to End Alzheimer's, commencing at Keene State College at 9:00 a.m. We would love to have more people join us. Just let us know, and we will register you. The Walk is basically a mile walk around Central Square, but, those who prefer may bring a chair and visit on the Keene State Quad until the walkers return. Anyone wishing may collect donations to the Alzheimer's Association ahead of time and turn them in that day. The activities start with a small ceremony recognizing Alzheimer's and caregivers.

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All are welcome to join our church family!

If you have questions, feel free to call Pam Goodell at (603) 239-4790 or Alison VanBrocklin at (603) 239-4494.

Also, don't forget to check us out on Facebook for daily prayers, messages of inspiration, and upcoming events. We can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Richmond-Community-United-Methodist-Church>.

From Your Town Welfare Administrator
Pam Bielunis

THANK YOU TO MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS:

I would like to publicly thank our Richmond MOW drivers: Alan Conklin, Cay Dilello, Fran Heap, Roxanne Hubert, Pam Goodell, Carol Jameson, Mark & Susan Lanen, Karen O'Brien, Suzen Perry, Stillman "Tim" Rogers, Mary Silver, Alison VanBrocklin. They are an amazing group, and I am honored to have them as volunteers! Thank you all.



In addition, Dan Corbett would like to thank all those who cooked meals for him: Alison Van Brocklin, Mark & Susan Lanen, Pam Goodell, Norma Blair, Mary Silver, and Pastor Sharon Sargent. **SUNSHINE CLUB:**

This puts another idea in my head: should we have a list of people who are willing to cook a meal, bake something, do a dump run, or walk a pet on a short term basis for a resident in need (for example, due to illness or injury)?

I am willing to maintain a list of any volunteers who contact me that they are interested in "spreading a little sunshine." I will rely on anyone/everyone to let me know if someone is in need of this service. Please phone me at (603) 239-6498 or email me at: SOC.WA.TOWNRICHMOND@GMAIL.COM.

Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

If you haven't been to the pavilion lately, drive down and take a look. We had the two Alberta Spruces removed. There is now a Holly bush on either side of the pavilion entrance. We had the old evergreen replaced with a Honey Locust. We also plan to reset the stone plaque.

The port-o-potty and buoys at the beach will be taken away this month. A thank-you goes out to Jessica Pratt who has kept the beach clean and the holes filled in this summer!

Please join us for the Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 3rd at 12:30-2:30 p.m. The Richmond Farmers' Market will be going on at the same time at the Four Corners. Don't forget about the Talent Show on December 4th, 2021. There is still time to sign up in the library!

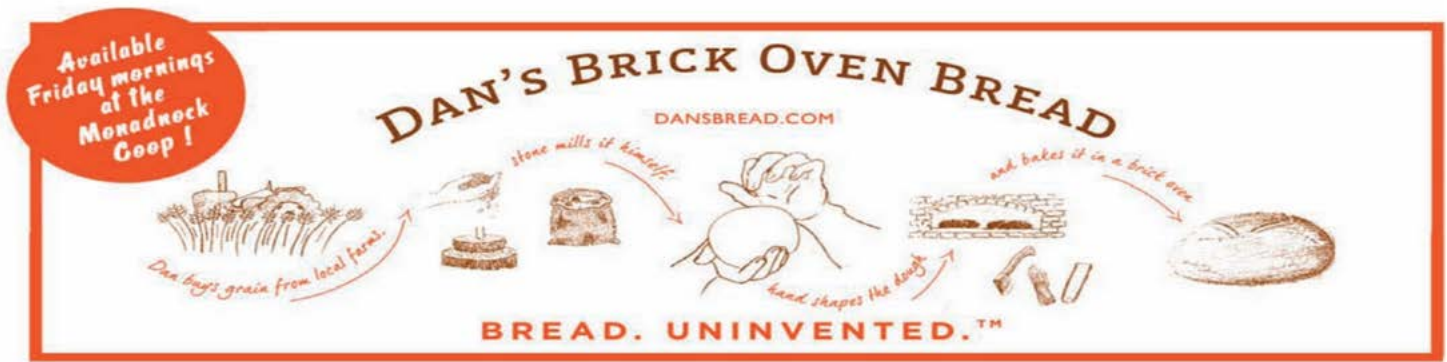
October 3, 2021, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Harvest Festival
December 4, 2021, 7-9 p.m. Talent Show at the Veterans' Hall

January 2022 Winter Event

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Pictures from the Pavilion Clean Up





Town Clerk Tidbits

Karen O'Brien

I have been in the Town Clerk position for five months now. Thank you all for your patience and understanding as I learn the job, with all its quirks and intricacies. I have enjoyed meeting many of you, and it's been my pleasure to take on the challenge of Town Clerk duties. Feel free to contact me if you have questions. Email is a better method than the phone, as I am not always available to take a call during business hours.

One thing many want to know is an estimate of the fees for vehicle registration, etc. Did you know you can access this information through our website? The office sends out renewal notices, either by email or USPS, about one month before the vehicle registration expires. All the information on vehicle fees will be in this letter.



If you have a new vehicle, you can enter all the pertinent information on the EB2Gov website and receive an estimate. To access this, go to the town website, www.richmond.nh.gov and navigate to the Town Clerk's page. Scroll down to the link for online services at <https://pay.eb2gov.com/RICHMONDNH>. Then, click on the icon for registration estimates. Renewal fees can also be found here, but only about one month before they expire as the data is not entered until then.

The Town Clerk's office will be closed from September 6th through 14th, inclusive. We will return to normal office hours on Wednesday, September 15th (9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.). Please plan accordingly. Any mail or online registrations received during this time period will not be processed until after September 15th.

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Rabies Clinics

Karen O'Brien, Town Clerk

I have been trying to set up a rabies clinic for the town, but have been unable – so far – to find a veterinarian willing to do that for us this year. If anyone has a vet who might be interested, please let me know, and I will contact them. So, in lieu of that, I looked into the Rabies Clinics offered by Tractor Supply Co. ("TSC") in the area. Many of the residents of Richmond have encountered long wait times with their vets, so hopefully this information will be helpful, and we can get those dogs vaccinated.

There are a number of TSC in the area. They all have different schedules and ways of holding their clinics. Hinsdale and Orange, MA allow you to register through your phone at the site through a bar code you scan. Orange allows you to register a half hour before on its website. Rindge and Greenfield, MA have walk ins: first come, first served. It would be best if you check with the individual store before you go and to confirm the times.



The dates I got when I called were:

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Library News Wendy O'Brien

Library Calendar for September

Every Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to noon - Drop-in Knitting Circle

Every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – Storytime

Special Events

Tuesday, September 14th, 6:00 p.m. - Book Group, *The Widow of the South*



New! 3D Printing Comes to Richmond

Thanks to a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the New Hampshire State Library, we now have our very own 3D Printer. We are very excited to offer this service to Richmond residents. Drop by the Library and see it running or make an appointment to print out your own design. Starting in October, we will be offering a monthly drop-in tech night to learn how to use the printer.

Summer Reading: Tails and Tales

What a fantastic summer reading program! We spent each Wednesday learning and having fun with animals of all kinds. We would like to thank Elaine Moriarty for developing a special Cass Pond program, Pam Weaver for her assistance each week, and the Parks and Recreation Committee for creating a fabulous kick-off and finale.

Used Book Sale and Raffle

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to another great Richmond Day Book Sale and Raffle. A big thank you goes to the volunteers; without you, we couldn't

do it! They include Sandee Auvil, Dixie Gurian, John Lewis, Susan Marsden, Bonnie McCarthy, Butch & Theresa Morin, and Noah Raymond. Contributors to our raffle so far include: Papa Bear Chairs, Toadstool Bookshop, The Works Café, Roxanne Hubert and Bonnie McCarthy.

Book Club is Back!

Join us on September 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Library to discuss *The Widow of the South*:

Tennessee, 1864. On a late autumn day, near a little town called Franklin, 10,000 men will soon lie dead or dying in a battle that will change many lives forever. None will be more changed than Carrie McGavock, who finds her home taken over by the Confederate army and turned into a field hospital. Taking charge, she finds the courage to face up to the horrors around her and, in doing so, finds a cause. In this extraordinary debut novel based on a true story, Robert Hicks has written an epic novel of love and heroism set against the madness of the American Civil War. — GoodReads.com

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New Titles

Blind Tiger, Sandra Brown
Breathe, Joyce Carol Oates
The Women's March, Jennifer Chiaverini
False Witness, Karin Slaughter
Tangled Up in Blue, Rosa Brooks
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WE CAN DO COMMUNITY POWER. Harrisville, about the size of Richmond, has approved a project to provide Community Power.

For the last three years, New Hampshire has been developing a Community Power Plan. The plan was very innovative from the start and now has developed into action by six towns and cities. So far, Nashua, Exeter, Harrisville, Lebanon, Hanover, and Rye each voted to join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire.

Coalition members now range in population from around 1,000 in Harrisville to around 88,815 in Nashua. Harrisville represents the first New Hampshire "micro-town" to join the Coalition. Harrisville has a history of powering its woolen mills by water power and is now doing so again. On May 22, the Town of Harrisville became the first New Hampshire town to approve a Community Power plan at its annual town meeting. Benefits include cheaper rates and more options for renewable energy, as well as the opportunity to establish a local energy reserve fund to keep rates stable and enable local investment in renewables. With a community power plan, the town will purchase power on behalf of residents and businesses. Advocates say this



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system lets towns choose to get more energy from renewable resources, some of them local, to possibly lower the cost to ratepayers. Utilities would still distribute that energy to homes and businesses. Town officials hope the community power plan will help Harrisville withstand anticipated and unanticipated service disruptions in the face of climate change.

"You don't need to just passively pay your power bill once a month," Town Select Board Chair Andrea Hodson says. "You can ask: 'Why aren't we getting more renewable power and why isn't it less expensive? And what more can we do to really take control, local control, over addressing climate change?'"

Community power is designed to serve the interests of all New Hampshire communities regardless of size, geography or local program goals. Richmond is part of the Community Power Coalition right now, and we hope to have a project here someday. Membership in the Coalition is open to all New Hampshire towns, cities and counties.

The Coalition's Organizing Group has been actively working with several communities which anticipate joining as founding members during the coming quarter. The Community Power Coalition's mission is to provide professional services to those cities and towns to implement their plans. To ensure the local approval process meets statutory requirements, the Coalition provides members with templates for Community Power Plans, along with educational materials for public outreach, and actively supports local volunteer committees throughout the drafting, public comment, and local approval process.

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Planning and Planting for Next Year

Karen O'Brien

It's September, and, even though much of the garden is still producing, signs of the winding down of the growing season abound. The nights are getting cooler, the day length is shortening, and the trees and other plants are beginning to take on their autumnal color, though slowly. I have planted some kale, broccoli, and even cukes for a later harvest. But, the best thing to plant now for harvest next year is garlic.

Garlic (*Allium sativum*) is a favorite of cultures around the world, for both its flavoring and medicinal benefits. Its close relatives include onion, shallot, leek, chive, Welsh onion, and Chinese onion. Native to Central Asia and northeastern Iran, this bulb has a history of several thousand years of use, from ancient Egypt to the present day.

Sulfur compounds contribute to the smell and taste of garlic. Allicin has been found to be the compound most responsible for that strong, hot sensation of raw garlic. Cooking garlic removes allicin, thus mellowing its spiciness. Because of its strong odor, garlic is sometimes called the "stinking rose." When eaten in quantity, garlic may be strongly evident in your sweat and garlic breath the following day; some swear this is why eating garlic helps to keep mosquitoes away. Garlic's strong-smelling sulfur compounds are metabolized, forming allyl methyl sulfide. The compound allyl methyl sulfide cannot be digested, so it is passed into the blood, then carried to the lungs and the skin, where it is excreted. Since digestion takes several hours and release of AMS several hours more, the effect of eating garlic may be present for a long time. Parsley is often cited as an antidote to garlic breath.

In Europe, many countries have a tradition of using garlic for protection or white magic, perhaps owing to its reputation in folk medicine as a panacea. Garlic could repel demons, werewolves, and of course, vampires. To be effective, hang your garlic in windows or rub on chimneys and keyholes (a favorite entryway for spirits and demons!)

The ancient Korean kingdom of Gojoseon had a

myth that by eating nothing but 20 cloves of garlic and a bundle of Korean mugwort for 100 days, a bear could be transformed into a woman, though I'm not sure why this would be important or whether the bear would cooperate!

The Vermont Garlic and Herb Festival will be held Labor Day weekend this year. Held in Bennington, VT, it is rated one of the top 10 Garlic Festivals and it surely has something for everyone. Two years ago, I attended and tasted garlic pickles, garlic salsa, garlic dips, garlic preserves, raw garlic, and lots more. There were places selling garlic ice cream and fudge, but I passed on those, simply because I don't eat sugar so they were not appealing for that reason. There were lots of growers with wonderful supplies of seed garlic, and I happily left with several bulbs of German White and Spanish Roja.



Hardneck Garlic Scapes

Hardneck garlic grows best for us here in the northeast. The bonus with growing hardnecks is you get garlic scapes in the spring, which are a delightful spring treat. Hardnecks have a stem that grows through the center of the bulb. It is the seed head and is best removed to allow for the formation of large bulbs. So, what to do when you remove them?

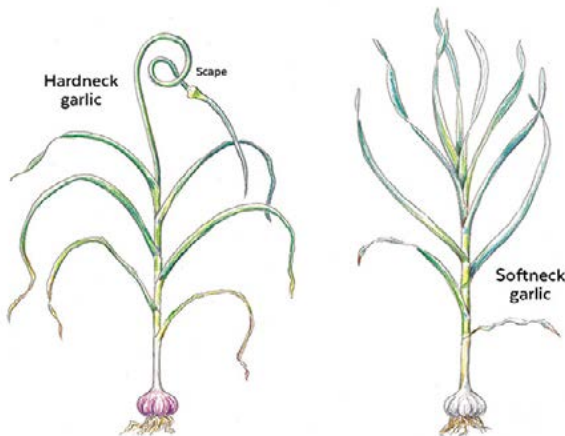
One thing you can do is use them as you would a scallion: chopping it as an addition to salads, stir fries, or anywhere you would like a garlic flavor. The other is to make garlic scape paste, which is a great way to preserve it for use later in the year or as a pesto. Just

remember that the scapes will toughen as they sit, so, to make the most of your harvest, use them quickly. Garlic scape pesto is simply made placing the cleaned and chopped scapes into a food processor, then adding a little olive oil, buzzing the food processor until you get a creamy paste. You can then scoop it into small jars, or save them in snack sized plastic bags. I like this method, because you can simply break off a chunk when you need to add some garlicky goodness to a dish. I use a straw to take out as much air from the bag. It keeps quite a long time in the freezer this way.



Garlic Scape Pesto Paste

When you buy seed garlic, buy the largest bulbs you can find, with the biggest cloves. You should separate the cloves, keeping as much of the papery covering as possible. Then, plant the cloves individually, pointy side up, about 4 to 5" apart, 2 to 3" deep. When saving your own garlic, keep the largest bulbs (or cloves) for replanting, as continually planting large cloves will result in larger bulbs and cloves. I had begun, after several years of planting, to reap the benefits of large bulbs in my garden in Mendon. Alas, the last harvest did not coincide with my move, and I had to leave my garlic behind. So, I have started again, and was pleased to find some very handsome sized bulbs of German White from a farm in Holley, NY.



Illustrations by Carlie Hamilton

You can plant softneck garlic, too, if you want to be able to braid them. Softneck keeps better: about 9 to 12 months, compared to 4 to 6 months for hardneck. But be forewarned. Hardneck is much hardier in cold areas and peels more easily than softneck.

Hardnecks keep for only a few months after harvest, so making pickles, jam, and other garlic products are a fun way to keep that garlic flavor around until the next year. The North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival is putting on a pop-up festival September 18th - different from years past, so you can still get your fill of garlic tastes and acquire some seed garlic, too. Visit their website <https://garlicandarts.org/> for more information.

Stay stinky with garlic!



Cat Lost from Activity Road in Richmond

"Kitty", an older, friendly gray shorthair with a bob tail, cloudy right eye, and two missing front teeth, is sorely missed by her family. Please call the Monadnock Humane Society at (603) 352-9011 or visit the Lost Pets List of the tenthousandeyes.org website if you have information to share. Kitty's TTE ID is 1322. Thank you.

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Portage Parades Highlight Need for Improved Recreation Resources at Dams

Kathy Urffer, River Steward

Brattleboro, VT – The Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC), Appalachian Mountain Club, American Whitewater and other recreation partners thank everyone who participated in two Portage Parades in past weeks. The parades were held on Saturday, July 10 at the Turners Falls Dam in Turners Falls, MA and on Saturday, July 17 at the Bellows Falls Dam in Walpole, NH. In MA, parade marchers proved a 20-minute walkable portage around the Turners Falls Dam is possible. In NH, parade marchers proved how extreme the current portage route is along the busy Route 12 roadway. “The events sent a message to dam owners FirstLight and Great River Hydro,” said CRC Executive Director, Andrew Fisk, “that better recreation plans, including improvements to these portage routes, are needed as part of their current applications for renewed operating licenses.”




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August 2, 2021 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Public present: Kim Mattson

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:33 pm

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd Board voted to approve the manifest dated August 2, 2021 for week of July 23, 2021-July 30, 2021 in the amount of \$43,811.46 for payroll / accounts payable.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd Approved Intent to Cut for Map 407 Lot 095 323 Fitzwilliam Road.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd Board voted to approve Building Permit for Map 408 Lot 061 184 Old Homestead Hwy.

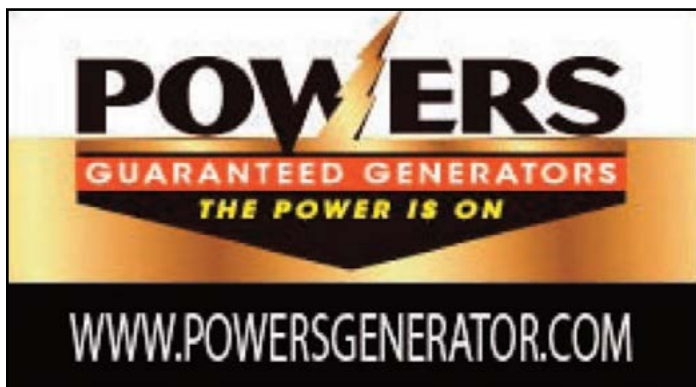
Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd Board voted to approve Building Permit Map 202 Lot 041 Sprague Road.

Letter from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation reference Richmond Highway Block Grant Aid RSA-235:23. The Town of Richmond will be receiving a total of \$55,611.45.

Letter from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services stating they have closed the Letter of Deficiency (LOD) Dam #D202012 -YMCA Camp Takodah Sewage Lagoon Dam that was issued on 04/03/2012. Also received an Inspection Notice from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for the same Dam #D202012. Inspection Notice states an inspection of the dam was conducted on 10/28/20. NHDES suggested that Camp Takodah implement the following recommendations: 1. Review and update (if necessary) the existing Operation, Maintenance and Response Form for the dam. 2. Trees, brush, and other unwanted vegetation should be removed and kept at least 15 feet from the entire footprint of the dam and all components of the dam to preserve a buffer for inspection, maintenance and repair.

Harrington advised Road Agent and Board of Selectmen of Monument Road complaint.

Letter from Town Clerk, Karen O'Brien, to the Board of Selectmen to advise of a Right to Know



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Request from the NH Voter Integrity. O'Brien contacted Attorney Hoppock who will provide a response letter.

Letter from Town Clerk, Karen O'Brien to the Board of Selectmen with concerns in regard to the set up and parking for the Agricultural Fair at the Four Comer location on Sunday, August 29th which is the same day as the Fire Department BBQ.

Harrington advised Board the Cemetery Trustees would like to hang a sign at the Quaker Cemetery at the end of the stone wall at the 4 Corners. Harrington to advise Cemetery Trustees they can hang sign if it is on Cemetery property, and make it removable since the 4 Corners property could still be sold.

Appointments

Buddy Blood met with the Board to provide an update on the roads. Daniels signed All States Asphalt contract for Fish Hatchery Road to shim area-Route 32 to Power Lines (3500' by 20' @ 1'- Depth and a 1'-, overlay from Route 32 to Mill Road (5800' by 20'). Zoning Compliance Officer Richard Drew joined appointment to advise Road Agent of a culvert needed at 3 Mill Road. Board agreed it is the Town's responsibility. ZCO will follow up on Mill Road.

Ryan Hadley, Mary Francis, and Heather Daniels from Keene Rebels Little League met with the Board to discuss constructing 4 baseball fields one being a baseball/softball field on Town Owned Property Route 32, Map 201 Lot 005. There will be two 60 ft fields, 1 50-70 ft field which will be for baseball/softball and 1 90 ft field. The Keene Rebels Little League is a nonprofit organization that includes kickball, t-ball, baseball and softball for ages 4-12. This would be at no cost to the Town, Keene Rebels will be applying for grants. They discussed the following, but not limited to lease agreements, state approved driveway and a possible new location for driveway due to the limited line of sight and hill.

Walk in Appointments

Ann Hamilton met with the Board to discuss:

1. An error in the May 24, 2021 minutes. An error was made by Harrington, who entered the Map and Lot number as Map 407 Lot 094 Sub 004, but it should have been Map 407 Lot 075 Sub 004. Original minutes from May 24, 2021 read as

Antionette Cincotta met with the Board to discuss the quit claim deed for Map 407 Lot 094 Sub 004. Harrington gave Cincotta the contact information for The Law Offices of Joseph S. Hoppock, PLLC per her request. Cincotta also gave new address for the former owner of the lot. Harrington to file in Map/Lot folder for future reference and will also forward onto the Tax Collector. Minutes should have read as Antionette Cincotta met with the Board to discuss the quit claim deed for Map 407 Lot 075 Sub 004. Harrington gave Cincotta the contact information for The Law Offices of Joseph S. Hoppock, PLLC per her request. Cincotta also gave new address for the former owner of the lot. Harrington to file in Map/Lot folder for future reference and will also forward onto the Tax Collector.

2. Intent to Cut for Map 407 Lot 095-question was raised as to why the Intent to Cut was approved when the cutting has already happened. Asked if dooimage would be charged. Board will need to look into this.
3. Questioned Zoning Compliance Officer's report regarding the amount of cubic yardage of excavation that was removed from Map 407 Lot 095. Discussed the Best Management Practices that was mentioned in Zoning Compliance Officer's Report dated 07-22-21. Report attached.
4. Board requested Harrington to contact ZCO Dick Drew to accompany them to 323 Fitzwilliam Road, Map 407 Lot 095. The excavation and blasting site will be reviewed. Harrington left message for Dick Drew. Harrington will contact property owners, Industrial Communications, Dynamic Drilling and Blasting. Per the Board's request, Harrington will advise all parties no blasting from now until after the site visit on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Harrington contacted Jeff Taylor to advise the Selectmen will be visiting his property to review the building site. Jeff Taylor requested for the Board to contact him.

Kim Mattson met with the Board to advise of the status of the variance application for 160 Sandy Pond Road-Map 405 Lot 016. Also, there is a big washout due to the heavy rains. Board issued

letter stating the *[Editor's Note: end of sentence missing from minutes, as posted on Town website]*
Call Appointments

Harrington contacted Collin Daniels from Dynamic Drilling and Excavating. Collin spoke with the Board, states at this point there is a high probability that the blasting is complete. They are currently excavating what was blasted, and at this time he does not know if more blasting will be needed. Board asked about checking for contamination in excavation. Board stated if there is more blasting to happen, a blasting plan needs to be submitted.

Board contacted Jeff Taylor regarding the blasting and excavating at 323 Fitzwilliam Road, Map 407 Lot 095. Board advised they will be visiting his property to view the site on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Jeff Taylor provided a contact and number for Industrial Communications. Daniels left message on voicemail, asking to join them at Jeff Taylor's house on Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

UPCOMING SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING DATES

The Select Board will be holding a Special Defect Meeting on August 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the Selectmen's Office in the Richmond Town Hall at 105 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond, N.H. 03470. The purpose of this hearing is to inform the public that the MS-636 budget form was not posted in accordance with RSA 32:5 and RSA 39:5. Pursuit to RSA 31:5-b a Special Defect Meeting will need to be held to correct the error. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harrington

August 9, 2021 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Public present: Fran Heap

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington
Meeting opened at 5:35 pm

*****Amendments to August 2, 2021 meeting*****

Correction 1: Minutes read: Letter from Town Clerk, Karen O'Brien to the Board of Selectmen with concerns in regard to the set up and parking for the Agricultural Fair at the Four Corner location on Sunday, August 29th which is the same day as the Fire Department BBQ.

Minutes should have read: Letter from Agricultural Commission Member, Karen O'Brien to the Board of Selectmen with concerns in regard to the set up and parking for the Agricultural Fair at the Four Corner location on Sunday, August 29th which is the same day as the Fire Department BBQ.

Correction 2: Minutes Read: Kim Mattson

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met with the Board to advise of the status of the variance application for 160 Sandy Pond Road-Map 405 Lot 016. Also, there is a big washout due to the heavy rains. Board issued letter stating the

Minutes should have read: Kim Mattson met with the Board to advise of the status of the variance application for 160 Sandy Pond Road-Map 405 Lot 016. Also, there is a big washout due to the heavy rains. Mattson to contact Peter Guertin, responsible party for property owner Doreen McCobb.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board approved minutes from the August 4, 2021 site walk at 343 Fitzwilliam Road, Map 407 Lot 095.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated August 9, 2021 for week of July 30, 2021-August 5, 2021 in the amount of: \$ 11,383.26 for payroll/accounts payable.

Notice of Acceptance of Permit Application received from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services reference Individual Subsurface Disposal System. Map 415 Lot 008-560 Whipple Hill Road. Read.

Report received from Zoning Compliance Officer Richard Drew reference Map 201 Lot 048- Winchester Road. ZCO visited to check on possible Wetland Conservation District Ordinance violation by excavation and additional driveway exiting on Route 119, both of which are visible from the road. ZCO and property owner walked property there is an existing foundation drain and ditch in the wetlands. The ditch extends 75-100' into the wetlands. No State issued Wetland Permit on file for the ditch and pipe, owner states he

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was unaware that he needed one. A carport type shelter has been constructed in Wetland Conservation District with a camper inside and a driveway leading to it from the house. Several (a dozen +/-) trees have been pushed over and uprooted in the wetlands. ZCO told owner to cease all work in the wetlands and within 75' of them until the Richmond Conservation Commission is consulted and makes its recommendations. The property was granted a variance and special exception for wetland and lot line setbacks. These rulings did not include the excavation of wetlands or construction in the Wetland Conservation District of more than the house and septic system. The septic and house locations DO conform to the Zoning Board decisions. ZCO approved the renewal of Building Permit 2019-020. Harrington left voicemail for ZCO for clarification.

Request from Bonnie McCarthy of the Richmond Historical Society requesting permission for the Richmond Historical Society to erect a sign for the telephone building. McCarthy states the sign will mimic the signs at Brewer Park and the Tramp House. Harrington to respond to all members of RHS. Board approved. Harrington to notify RHS.

Daniels signed Assurances of Compliance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and a U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Documents required to apply for the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program from the State under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Harrington will upload documents to the Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Rescue.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board signed letter of dooamage for Map 407 Lot 094 Sub 002.

Estimate from Leonard W. Lawrence Excavating Inc received. Reference right of way upgrade to Class 5-Bowker Road.

Harrington advised Jennifer Rhodes delivered emergency equipment from the State of New Hampshire to the Veteran's Memorial Hall for use as an emergency shelter. Items delivered were cots, pillows, sheets and blankets, tables, chairs and wheelchairs.

Wallace contacted Southwest Regional Planning Commission to advise of 9 volunteers for the Broadband Committee.

Wallace attempted to contact Jeff Prack at First Light; he is on vacation. Wallace will try again.

Harrington advised Board the Richmond Historical Society would like to use 6 chairs and 3 tables for Richmond Day on August 29, 2021. Board approved. Harrington to notify RHS.

Harrington advised Peter Guertin of 160 Sandy Pond Road would like for the Board to put in writing that buildings get measured by footprint, not outside wall to outside wall. The State of New Hampshire and Town of

Richmond Planning Board all measure from outside wall to outside wall. The Board of Selectmen state structures should be measured from outside wall to outside wall.

Harrington left voicemail for the Zoning Compliance Officer; clarification is needed on renewal of building permit for Map 201 Lot 048.

Appointments

Bonnie Pratt and Jon Pratt met with the Board to discuss building permits on Map 405 Lot 086 Sub 001. J. Pratt submitted a building permit and septic plan. J Pratt would like to be notified prior to the Zoning Compliance Officer coming to visit the building site. Harrington will advise ZCO.

Buddy Blood met with the Board spoke about driveway on Activity Road/Honey Hill Road, reference Map 402 Lot 057 and 058. Building questions Board suggested to Buddy to speak with ZCO, Richard Drew regarding Map 402 Lot 063.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 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.

Roll Call: Daniels (Y), Bersaw (Y) and Wallace (Y). Non-Public session was entered at 6:01 pm. Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; the Board voted to reconvene Public session.

Roll call: Daniels (Y), Bersaw (Y), and Wallace (Y). Public session was reconvened at 6:17 pm. Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; the Board voted to seal the minutes. Roll call: Daniels(Y), Bersaw (Y), Wallace (Y).

Walk in Appointments

Ann Hamilton met with the Board to discuss the Best Management Practices for the blasting at 343 Fitzwilliam Road, Map 407 Lot 095. Hamilton would like for the cell tower site plan review application to be reheard since there was not a blasting plan submitted with the original site plan review. Mr. Bersaw stated he is tired of Mrs. Hamilton's opinions.

Lloyd Condon met with the Board to state the blasting on Map 407 Lot 095 did not meet state regulations. Mr. Condon would like to have hardpack or gravel delivered to fix driveway that was damaged during the paving of Morgan Road. Mr. Condon would like to have the Town pay for the materials. Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted the materials will be paid by the Town.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrington

August 16, 2021 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Public present: Kathryn McWhirk

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approved the manifest dated August 16, 2021 for week of August 6, 2021-August 12, 2021 in the amount of: \$ 9,266.57 for payroll/accounts payable.

Cheshire County Sheriff's Log for the month of July 2021 received.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved Raffle Permit for the Richmond Public Library. See Library for details.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted to approve Building Permit for 157 Fish Hatchery Road-Map 405 Lot 072.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted to approve Building Permit for 70 Old Homestead Hwy Road-Map 201 Lot 067.

Letter from Town Clerk, Karen O'Brien stating she has read Saf-C 519.21 and would like to request an amendment to the Town of Richmond's deposit schedule. The MAHelp Desk is now open during evening hours on Tuesdays. The Town Clerk would like to change the current hours to Tuesdays from 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Town Clerk would like to deposit once a week instead of the twice a week that was approved in 2006. Also, now that the Winchester branch of TD Bank has closed, the nearest bank is now 1 1/2 miles away.

Letter from the Agricultural Commission to the Richmond Fire Department, cc to the Board of Selectmen and Richmond Historical Society. Letter states the Richmond's Farmer's Market will be reserving space on August 29th for their market due to the limited parking at the 4 Corners on Sunday, August 29th due to the Richmond Fire BBQ, and the Tramp House reenactment. Letter given to Chief Ed Atkins.

Letter from Roberta A. Heinonen respectfully requesting that public hearings and meetings are at

a conducive time for the majority of the citizens of Richmond. She states 5:30 is a difficult time for working people and 6:00 would make it easier for those who work in Keene and the surrounding towns. She also states the current minutes of meetings, such as the Board of Selectmen, do not have much information of the meeting or topics, just a brief summary. Although she knows the RSA's regarding meeting access and minutes, etc, but feels that sometimes additional information would be beneficial. She would also like anything that is read or discussed in the meeting to be attached to the minutes.

Harrington advised Board that Avitar Associates of New England is in town working on assessments. They are driving a white CRV marked Avitar Associates of New England. The Sheriff's Department has been notified.

Harrington advised the application to obtain funds from the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program was submitted last week. A confirmation of the receipt of the application was received at the time of submission. A follow up email was sent to info@goferr.nh.gov today verify the receipt of the application.

Board discussed the formation of the Broadband Committee, discussed the future of the 4 Corner property and the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Walk in Appointment

Zoning Compliance Officer, Richard Drew met with the Board to discuss Wetland Violations for Winchester Road Map 201 Lot 048. The Select board will issue a Cease and Desist to cease all work in the wetlands only. A copy of the ZCO report will accompany the Cease and Desist. The Conservation Commission will be contacted. Board also discussed the building possibilities for town property on Activity Road- Map 402 Lot 041 with ZCO.

Appointments

Road Agent, Buddy Blood met with the Board to discuss property on Activity Road-Map 402 Lot 041. Harrington to contact the Law Office of Joseph Hoppock with legal questions from the Select board. Buddy provided an update for the Board regarding the meeting with Homeland Security Emergency Management that took place on Thursday, August 12, 2021. Buddy met with seven people from the State of New Hampshire for a Preliminary Damage Assessment on the roads due to the damage suffered from the July 17th and 18th 2021 storm.

Tax Collector, Steven Boscarino and Deputy Tax Collector, Ann Dea Whippen met with the Board to discuss a tax deed waiver for 2017 and 2018 for Map 202 Lot 034-135 Athol Road.

Phone Appointments

Harrington contacted ZCO, Dick Drew to clarify notes on building permits. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrington

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