



2022 Elected Official Voting Results in Richmond

Position: Selectmen (3 Year)		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Doug Bersaw	169	<i>Elected</i>
Renee Murphy	136	
Position: Trustee of Trust Funds (1 Year)		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Carol Jameson	222	<i>Elected</i>
Position: Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Year)		
<u>Candidate (Write In)</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Francesca Heap	34	<i>Elected</i>
Carol Jameson	4	<i>[Candidates with only 1 vote are not shown.]</i>
Lynn Davis	2	
Don Merwin	2	
Position: Planning Board (3 Year)		
<u>Candidate (2 Positions)</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Douglas Smith	161	<i>Elected</i>
James Butterfield	158	<i>Elected</i>
Kim Demasco	119	<i>[Candidates with only 1 vote are not shown.]</i>
Position: Library Trustee (1 Year)		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Barbara Rogers	246	<i>Elected</i>
Position: Supervisor of the Checklist (6 Year)		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Susan Lanen	237	<i>Elected</i>
Position: Cemetery Trustee (3 Year)		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Jerry Mills	241	<i>Elected</i>
Position: Moderator (2 Year)		
<u>Candidate (Write In)</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Walden Whitman*	21	<i>Elected</i>
Doug Bersaw	6	<i>[Candidates with less than 4 votes are not shown.]</i>
Rob Skricki	4	
<i>*Walden Whitman, who had hoped to step down as Moderator, has agreed generously to transition a volunteer into the position of Moderator.</i>		

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2022 Zoning Ordinance & Budget Voting Results in Richmond

March 8, 2022 Referendum at the Veterans' Hall

Proposal: Reduce Wetland Setback from 75' to 25' (Article 2 of Zoning Ordinance)		
<u>Planning Board Amend. #1</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Ayes	130	
Nays	144	<i>Failed by 14 votes</i>
Proposal: Reduce Wetland Setback from 75' to 25' (Article 6 of Zoning Ordinance)		
<u>Planning Board Amend. #2</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Ayes	129	
Nays	146	<i>Failed by 17 votes</i>

March 12, 2022 Town Meeting at the Veterans' Hall

Proposal: Appropriate \$2,000,000 for Tully Brook & Whipple Hill Rd. Bridges		
<u>Special Warrant Article 04</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Ayes	59	<i>Passed by 57 votes</i>
Nays	2	
Proposal: Purchase John Deere Wheel Loader for \$177,380.58 over 84 Payments		
<u>Special Warrant Article 05</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
Ayes	58	<i>Passed by 55 votes</i>
Nays	3	

March 12, 2022 Town Meeting at the Veterans' Hall

- Budgetary Articles 06 through 18 passed by voice vote;
- Article 19 concerned a request by the Richmond Broadband Committee for residents to participate in a survey passed by voice vote;
- No requests for legal action were requested, so Article 20 did not involve voting.

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Monadnock Regional School District March 8, 2022 Official Budgetary Election Results vs How Richmond Voted

Article 1 (Budget) - Passed

Richmond Voted: 171 For; 119 Against

Article 2 (MRMHS Renovations) - Passed

Richmond Voted: 166 For; 120 Against

Article 3 (MDEA Contract) - Passed

Richmond Voted: 137 For; 152 Against

Article 4 (Health & Dental Expendable) - Passed

Richmond Voted: 207 For; 72 Against

Article 5 (Building Maintenance Expendable) - Passed

Richmond Voted: 203 For; 81 Against

Article 6 (Special Ed. Expendable) - Passed

Richmond Voted: 206 For; 70 Against

Article 7 (Before/After School Expendable) - Passed

Richmond Voted: 202 For; 74 Against

Article 8 (District Vehicle Expendable) - Passed

Richmond Voted: 187 For; 95 Against

Article 9 (School Grounds Expendable) - Passed

Richmond Voted: 188 For; 93 Against

Article 10 (Advisory) - Passed

Richmond Voted: 212 For; 60 Against

Online Source: [MARCH 8, 2022 MRSD OFFICIAL
ELECTION RESULTS](#)

Presidents' Day at Pat's Peak

Fran Heap

(Photos by Alan Conklin)

With temperatures reaching 50 degrees Fahrenheit on Presidents' Day, snow tubing at Pat's Peak Ski Area in Henniker could have been a slushy mess, but it wasn't. The six lanes were glossy and without friction – perfect for sliding down with tubes, an activity which had been on my family's New Hampshire bucket list for a while.



For 28 dollars per person, anyone over the age of 5 and over 44 inches tall can get a ticket to slide for two hours. Be prepared to wait at the top of the slope, as all tubers must be off the bottom of the slope before those on top are allowed to slide. Figure on making five trips down the slope in that two hour timeframe.



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down the ramp to end your ride on a mat. (Isn't it more fun not to apply your boot brakes, though?)



Staff reset the mats and collect the inner tubes after each group of six completes its descent. My family had a blast during our two hours! Afterwards, we visited the tiny ski shop, where one could buy hand-warmers, sunglasses, ski wax, and such. Hungry, we ate lunch at the cafeteria-style restaurant, where soup, pizza, and giant M&M cookies were offered. We recommend Pat's Peak for fun-filled family time.

TRUE BREW REVIEW

What's in a Brew?

Kevin Ellis

Have you ever thought to yourself how beer is made? How did that fizzy yellow beverage in your hand get in that bottle? It didn't just come like that. Beer is a wonderful combination of art and science. Sure, to the big guys, it's more science than art, but every beer at its conception is a well thought out puzzle of color, flavor, aroma, ABV (alcohol by volume) and even carbonation level.

How do brewers put four simple ingredients together to produce a quality product? Well, they have to first think of what style they are aiming to brew. For a light lager, they would use pilsner malt, noble hops and lager yeast. For a New England IPA, they would use a



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large quantity of pale malt and copious amounts of new world hops, such as Galaxy or Citra. A fruity yeast strain would be used to accentuate the characteristics from the hops. Lastly, for something like an imperial stout, they would use darker malts that were kilned for a longer period of time to bring out roasty and chocolaty flavors, along with a strong bittering hop and a neutral yeast strain to allow the specialty malts to take center stage.



Creating a recipe is just the beginning. There are so many other aspects and intricacies to the brewing process. How much of a certain ingredient needs to be used? What temperature should the grains be mashed at? What temperature should the wort ferment at? Where did I put that darn mash paddle? Okay, that last one was a joke, but believe me, all those questions, along with many more come up during beer formulation, the actual brew day, and every other step of the process until the beer is finally in your hand and ready to be enjoyed.

This might already sound overwhelming, and you might want to move on to the next article in *the Rooster*, but if you're anything like me, and curiosity sometimes takes over, I hope you'll continue to read more in the next issue. Each month, I'll focus on a topic related to home brewing. We'll start out easy so as to not scare too many readers away. In next month's edition, I'll talk more about the different styles of brewing (extract, partial mash and all grain) and just how easy brewing your own beer at home can be.

A little about me. I caught the brewing bug about 13 years ago, right around the time when my daughter

was born. Since I didn't go out as much as I used to, I suppose I felt that I needed a hobby which would keep me entertained. This pastime has become more of a passion. I enjoy everything there is to do with brewing. I've read books, listened to podcasts, grown my own hops, have been president of the local home-brew club called, "the MONKS", won multiple awards for brewing, and have hundreds of batches under my belt. I appreciate the fact that we'll never really understand all there is about the process and that there's always more to learn. Brewing can be a very humbling experience. Just when you think you've done every step perfectly, sometimes, your expectations aren't met and what you thought was going to be an amazing IPA is more of an oxidized pale ale. Or, just when you thought you cleaned that carboy really well, you might have missed a spot, and your brown ale turned into a sour brown ale because some wild yeast decided to join the party and mess everything up. What I'm getting at is that this hobby can be difficult at times with a few duds mixed in there, but if you stick with it and trust the process, it can also be very exciting and fulfilling!

Cheers, Kevin



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CVTC is located at 375 Jaffrey Rd., Suite 3, Peterborough, NH 03458. Call toll free at 1-877-428-2882, Ext. 5.

Richmond's Got Talent!

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

Saturday, April 23, 2022 – 2 PM

Lenny Solomon with Suzen Joyce Perry (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Monadnock Food Co-op's Celebration of Earth Day at 34 Cypress Street, Keene, NH. Event is free to the public.

Friday, April 29, 2022 – 7 PM to 9 PM

Lenny Solomon with Suzen Joyce Perry (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Brewery at Four Star Farms at 508 Pine Meadow Road, Northfield, MA. Event is free to the public.

Friday, May 1, 2022 – 7 PM to 9 PM

Lenny Solomon with Suzen Joyce Perry (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Harvard General Store at 1 Still River Road, Harvard, MA. Event is free to the public.

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This well-mannered hound is missing his pet parent! Believed to be about two years old, unneutered, without a collar, and without microchipping, this sweet boy has been given shelter at the Monadnock Humane Society. Please call MHS at (603) 352-9011 if you can help reunite this dog with his rightful owner.



Monadnock Humane Society Rebrands with an Exciting New Logo and Website *Helping more pets find forever homes, offering more ways to serve our community!*

Carol Laughner,
Marketing Communications Manager

After nearly two years of planning and development, Monadnock Humane Society is pleased to announce the launch of a new website and a logo redesign, both of which will better represent the organization's mission and promise: to strengthen the animal-human bond by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals. The website and logo redesign were created by a dedicated and skilled team of MHS staff and volunteers working in tandem with a Boston-based, integrated marketing agency, 829 Studios.



MHS recognized several years ago that the website needed to be more contemporary, to better represent the MHS mission and relationship with the community, and to include enhanced navigation and functionality. This became even more apparent during the pandemic. People had to adapt to and become more comfortable with the online experience and now have come to depend on it. Kathy Collinsworth, MHS Executive Director, said that, "We knew our existing site had become outdated both in design and functionality. We offer so many programs and services to the community, and the new site needed to do a better job connecting these services with the people who need them. We're thrilled to offer this new site with many more features and capabilities, including an improved user-experience across all platforms and handheld devices."

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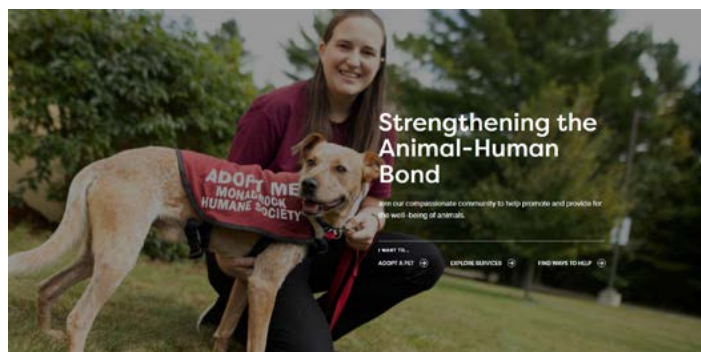
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Jacques Du Preez, MHS Director of Development and Marketing, said that he is “so pleased to offer a more enjoyable online experience of MHS. The new site allows us to use more images, making the site more visually welcoming. This new site is a more accurate reflection of who we are as an organization.” He added: We invite everyone in the community to visit and explore the site and send us your feedback. We truly want to know how you feel about it and if you have any ideas. Your input is very valuable to us because we want this site to make your online experience with MHS a positive one.



While building a new website in itself was a significant initiative, the process of designing a new logo proved to be equally significant. The previous MHS logo, showing a horse, dog, and cat silhouette, had been in existence for decades and had been adapted from a hand-crafted sign which hung at the original shelter in West Swanzey. While the logo was loved by many in the community, it needed to be refreshed. Earlier in its history, MHS assisted with the rescue of farm animals in neglect cases. As this began to change

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in more recent years, and farm animals were served by other organizations in the state, the logo no longer accurately represented the mission of MHS. Not only did the horse silhouette in the logo create confusion around the animal population that is served, it did not include representation of the large percentage of small animals that are cared for at MHS. The new logo includes a cat, dog and rabbit to more accurately show the types of pets which MHS helps today. The design team also decided to keep the original color palette of maroon, turquoise and orange, enhanced by the use of more vibrant tones, to maintain a connection to the history of the organization as well as to continue to coordinate with the colors of the MHS facility.

“We are so excited to have a logo that better reflects who we are and also has a warm and inviting feeling,” said Collinworth. “This is vitally important as we build the future of the organization so that it will be here for generations to come.” She added, “MHS will soon be celebrating its 150-year anniversary. The timing of our rebranding initiative and launching of the new logo and website, couldn’t be better!”

The site and logo launched simultaneously on Wednesday, February 16th 2022. To visit the new MHS website, please go to www.monadnockhumanesociety.org. If you would like to provide feedback, please send it to mhs-email@humanecommunity.org. [Editor’s Note: Sadly, this is our final MHS article by Carol Laughner, who is leaving the MHS staff to pursue new initiatives. We have appreciated her public service on behalf of New Hampshire’s animals.]

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Eager for Apiculture: Free Event April 10th Liz Ehrman

“April is the cruelest month”, the opening line of the famous T.S. Eliot poem, is even more poignant in the world of beekeeping. Harsh, long winters are challenging for bee clusters to keep warm enough until the trees and flowers bloom in May. As the snows recede and buds swell, this is the month when many beekeepers visit their bee yards, only to find out that their hard work and efforts of the previous summer were for naught. As many as 59% of the overwintered hives in NH failed in 2020-21.

Why did this happen? Why is this important? What does it mean for me?

The Richmond Agriculture Commission Speaker Series is hosting a free event at Veteran's Hall on April 10th at 2 PM which will answer these questions and ignite your interest in domestic honeybees. Nancy Frye presents a lecture on contemporary apiculture for those who are interested in bees. The honey is a sweet sideline, but consider how pollinators grow your garden and the advantages of helping these gregarious insects thrive.

Named Educator of the Year by the Vermont Beekeepers Association, Nancy has been keeping bees for ten years and runs two apiaries and about 30 hives near her home in Brattleboro, Vermont. Her bees provide small-scale wholesale honey production and commercial pollination services on apple and blueberry blossoms. Nancy is committed to “making good bees and making good beekeepers.”

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Nancy Frye with Vertical Beehive



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The Value of Native Violets Karen O'Brien

*When beechen buds begin to swell,
 And woods the blue-bird's warble know,
 The yellow violet's modest bell
 Peeps from the last year's leaves below.*
 "The Yellow Violet"
 by William Cullen Bryant

Spring certainly brings wildflowers to mind, and none more so than the violet. It grows seemingly everywhere, from the forest floor to damp or moist spots, or dry, sandy soil in open sun, even to cracks in pavements where its sturdy root system makes it almost impossible to pull out. The flowers are small, usually, in relation to the leaves, but lovely to see and often bloom throughout the season. All can be easily propagated by seed, and many spread by runners, causing some to look at the plant as troublesome or weedy.

The violet is pollinator friendly, though not as desirable as more open, circular flowers, like roses or buttercups, which invite pollinators to the center where the nectar is found. The unique design of five petals, with four usually arching slightly backward and the fifth in the lower middle, causes confusion to bees and other insects as they are lopsided and irregular. The flower is often drooping, as well, which prevents rain and dew from washing away the pollen, but makes the flower less visible to insects. So, the violet has come up with a plan to lure the pollinators inside. There are delicate lines running down and into the center of the flower on the two upper leaves, sort of a runway guide



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to its center where the nectar and pollen await. These lines are known as "honey guides" and serve to show the pollinator the way to the goodies. There are also fine, soft hairs inside the flower which are a deterrent to ants and other small crawlers who might steal the nectar and pollen. These tiny insects are too small to create the shaking of the stamens which would be necessary to ensure proper pollination. The violet has again figured a way to benefit itself and guarantee it will survive.

The droop of the flowers caused an old French botanist to suggest that the flower was pondering on its stalk. He called it "pensée" or thought, which eventually derived into "pansy." As Shakespeare wrote in Hamlet, "There's pansies, that's for thoughts."

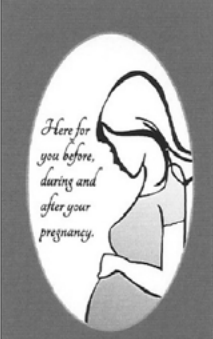


Our Native Violets

There are hundreds of violas around the world, with over 75 species found north of Mexico. They hybridize freely, so many variants may be found. The flowers can be blue, purple, white, and even yellow. I had a magenta one in my prior garden. It was very striking and most prolific. Too bad I never thought of bringing some to my new home. It was a bit of a thug, but I miss its bright color and rampant nature.


The violets that are native to North America are spread far and wide. Most are between 6 - 10" tall, but there are some very small and some larger varieties. They also come in many colors: white, blue, purple, yellow, and bi-colors. *Viola sororia*, Woolly blue, is one of the most common violets with large, showy flowers, but tends to be aggressive. I grew this violet last year in anticipation of the International Herb Association's 2022 Herb of the Year™, and it did very well from seed.

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Native Uses for Native Violets

Native people used violets for both food and medicine. Scientists have learned that violets produce a chemical similar to aspirin. They are also rich in rutin, which strengthens capillary walls. There is as much as 200 - 2300 mg in just a half cup of fresh violet flowers. Leaves are a source of beta-iodine, which is a natural fungicide, so they may have some effect on wounds. Nutritionally, violets also have large amounts of Vitamins A and C. Native people relished both the leaves and flowers and ate them fresh or in soup. They also made a syrup of violets to add to their gruel, a sweet treat to be sure. A decoction of the leaves was often consumed as a before bed drink. How did they know what the 16th century *Askhams Herbal* had written about violets?:

*For thee that may not slepe for sickness
seeth this herb in water and at even let him
soke well hys feete in the water to the acles,
wha he goeth to bed, bind the herbe to
his temple and he shall slepe wel by the
grace of God.*

The Ojibwa made a decoction of the roots of white violet for bladder pain. Interestingly, the decoction of the yellow violet root was used for sore throats. The Potawatomi used the roots of the yellow violet as a tonic for heart problems, and other tribes used violets for various ailments such as diarrhea, fever, gas, headaches, or poor circulation. Violet poultices were used for headaches, and the powdered root was employed as an emetic. Violet flowers or seeds were mixed with honey as a laxative for children.



Violets have played a role in our natural history and as well as in our hearts. Who doesn't love a small bouquet of violets, lovingly picked by a child, or a jar of

glistening violet jelly, its flavor so unique and evocative of the woodlands? A small flower, to be sure, and often overlooked by showier floral cousins. But a sweet delight and a promise of more springs to come.

Library News **Wendy O'Brien**

Library Calendar for April

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

Every Wednesday, 10 AM: Storytime

Special Events

Tuesday, April 12th, 6 PM: Book Group, *The Rosie Project*

Thursday, April 21st, 5:30 PM: Teen & Tween Pizza Night/Earth Day Recycle Crafts

Wednesday, April 27th, 10 AM: Vacation Day Science Fair

Book Club

Join us on April 12th at 6 PM to discuss *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. Goodreads.com comments:

Don Tillman, professor of genetics, has never been on a second date. He is a man who can count all his friends on the fingers of one hand, whose lifelong difficulty with social rituals has convinced him that he is simply not wired for romance...an unlikely relationship blooms, forcing the scientifically minded geneticist to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie—and the realization that love is not always what looks good on paper.

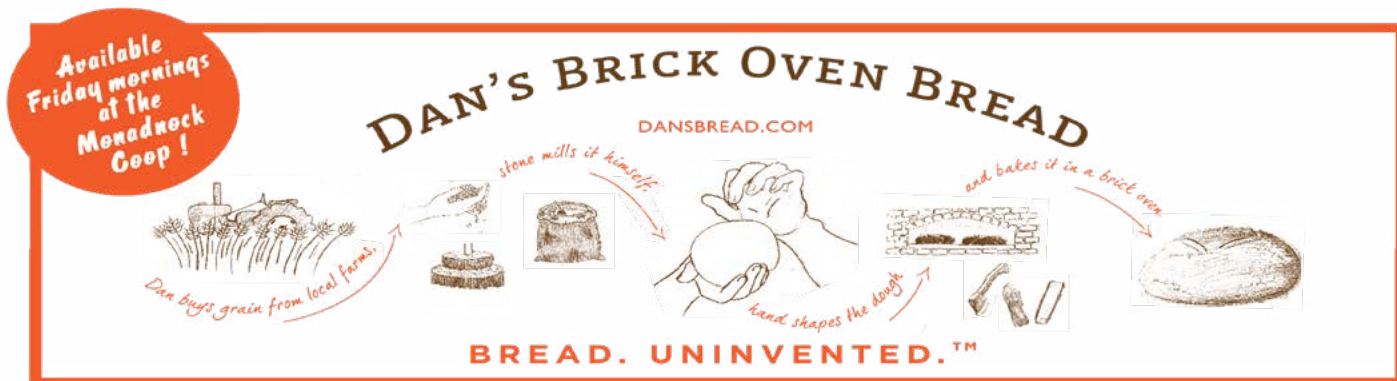
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Teen & Tween Pizza Night

This month's teen pizza night is on April 21st at 5:30 PM. We'll have pizza at 5:30 PM and start with our recyclable crafting at 6 PM. What can you make with what comes out of your recycle bin?

Vacation Day Science Fair

On April 27nd at 10 AM, we'll have lots of fun interactive science stations set up around the Library for all ages. Jean McCurdy, a retired medical technologist, will be on hand to guide kids in learning how to use a microscope. Come see what's in your pond water, growing on your bread, and other tantalizing microscopic creatures. There's a whole world out there that we cannot see!



Vacation Tech Day Fun

We had a wonderful time during February vacation playing with all the Library's technology toys at various stations. The kids designed their own 3D prints for our 3D printer, played the banana piano, rolled around our Sphero robot, made Lego challenges, and had a great time crafting and coloring. We'd like to thank the following volunteers: Sandee Auvil, Roxanne Hubert, Deb Marshall, and Cynthia Sirois.



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Lego challenge Photo Credit Roxanne Hubert

New Titles

Nom Nom Paleo, Michelle Tam
The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Eva Jurczyk
Painting the Light, Sally Gunning
The Dark Queens, Shelley Puhak
The Maid, Nita Prose
The Vines, Shelley Nolden
Shadows Reel, C. J. Box
The Lightning Rod, Brad Meltzer

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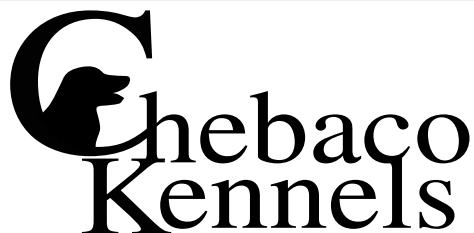
The first session of the Town Meeting was held at the Veterans' Memorial Hall in Richmond, NH on Tuesday, the 8th of March 2022, with polling hours from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Of the 772 voters on the checklist, 310 voted. The following subjects were acted upon by official ballot:

Article 1. Town Officers elected:

- Cemetery Trustee for three (3) years, Jerry Mills – 241 votes.
- Library Trustee for three (3) years, Barbara Rogers – 246 votes.
- Moderator for two (2) years, Walden Whitham – 21 votes (write-in).
- Planning Board for three (3) years, Douglas Smith – 161 votes.
- Planning Board for three (3) years, James Butterfield – 158 votes.
- Selectman for three (3) years, Douglas Bersaw – 169 votes.
- Supervisor of the Checklist for six (6) years, Susan Lanen – 237 votes.
- Trustee of Trust Funds for one (1) year, Carol Jameson - 222 votes.
- Trustee of the Trust Funds for three (3) years, Francesca Heap – 34 votes (write-in).

Article 2. First Amendment regarding Article 2, S202.1.c.:

"Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to Article 2, S202.1.c., of the Richmond Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town, as follows: To change the distance by which the Wetland's Conservation District is determined from 75 feet, as measured by horizontal distance from the highwater mark of any pond, stream, brook or wetland, and areas identified and delineated as poorly drained or very poorly drained soils by the Cheshire



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County Conservation District's Soil Survey of Cheshire County, New Hampshire, completed in 1989 (see, Map)"to 25 feet, measured and determined in the same manner as aforesaid?"

Article 2 Failed YES – 130 NO – 144

Article 3. Second Amendment regarding Article 6, S601:

"Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to Article 6, S601 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town, as follows: To change the distance by which the Wetland's Conservation District is determined from 75 feet," as measured by horizontal distance, of the highwater mark of any pond, lakes, streams and brooks or wetlands, as well as those areas identified and delineated as poorly drained or very poorly drained soils by the Soil Survey of Cheshire County, New Hampshire, completed in 1989 and shown on its filed mapping photographic sheets for the Town of Richmond, New Hampshire "to 25 feet, measured and determined in the same manner as aforesaid?"

Article 3 Failed YES – 129 NO – 146

The second session of the Town Meeting was held at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Richmond, NH, on Saturday, the 12th of March 2022. Seated at the table were: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw, and Andrew Wallace, Selectboard; Walden Whitham, Moderator, stood at the podium to the right. Karen O'Brien, Town Clerk, was seated to the right of the Selectmen and to the left of the Moderator. Attorney Joseph Hoppock was seated to the left.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Mr. Whitham. Mr. Whitham introduced the people

on the stage. Walden called for a moment of silence, with gratitude and appreciation that we can all gather and democratically vote, and appreciate the freedoms we have. In the midst of covid still affecting us, he thanked all for participating. Leading the salute to the flag was Mr. Whitham. He then reviewed the rules and procedures of the meeting. Of the 772 voters on the checklist, 61 voters checked in.

Article 04. Bridge Replacement

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 for the replacement of Whipple Hill Road Bridge and Tully Brook Bridge, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; This is an 80/20 project with an anticipated 80% to be reimbursed by the State of New Hampshire. Selectmen Recommend. 3/5 ballot vote required.

Selectman Doug Bersaw explained that both bridges were red-lined by the state. Recently, the state downgraded the Tully Brook bridge, so it has moved into first in line to be replaced. Richmond already has approval of 80% of the cost to be contributed by the state. Maureen Blackledge questioned if we could negotiate with the contractor to hold the line; it was explained that we are not in that position yet.

Article 4 passed Yes - 59 No - 2

Article 05. Lease for John Deere 544 Wheel Loader To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$ 177,380.58 payable over a term of 84 payments for the purchase of a John Deere Wheel Loader, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 24,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose; Recommendations required (3/5 ballot vote required).

Bill Daniels explained the history of the loader, with the one year lease being authorized by voters last year. Andrew Wallace further added that this will be the remainder of a long-term lease. Mary Taylor spoke against the article, and questioned what vehicles we do have and where they will be housed. We currently have

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a grader, plow truck, backhoe, and loader. Pam Bielunis and Sandra Auvil spoke in support of the road agent, Buddy Blood, and the work he has been able to do.

Article 5 passed Yes - 58 No - 3

Article 06. Whipple Hill and Cross Road

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 85,000 for asphalt replacement on damaged areas of Whipple Hill Road and the asphalt and reconstruction of Cross Road said appropriation to be non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or March 31, 2024, whichever is earlier. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 6 passed – voice vote

Article 07. Town Administration

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$279,284 for Town Administration. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Mary Taylor spoke in support of the Cemetery budget.

Article 7 passed – voice vote

Article 08. Ambulance, Fire and Rescue, and Emergency Management

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,251 for Ambulance, Fire and Rescue, and Emergency Management. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Mary Taylor questioned the funding, especially for the ambulance, as it is a substantial increase if the current contract is not renewed. Bill Daniels and Doug Bersaw provided background info, and noted that there will be notable changes in the future. Pamela Bielunis questioned if the new contract will make the costs to the individual requesting an ambulance be nil – the answer was no. Jerry Merrifield questioned the increase for the fire and rescue. Ed Atkins, Fire Chief, explained that costs are rising, and the mutual aid agreement with Fitzwilliam only covers the daytime hours.

Article 8 passed - voice vote

Article 09. Highway, Streets and Sanitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 307,060 for Highway, Streets and Sanitation. It is anticipated that this appropriation shall be offset by revenue from the Highway

Block Grant. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 9 passed – voice vote

Andrew Wallace made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 6, 7, 8, and 9. Passed – voice vote.

Article 10. Health and Welfare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,774 for Health and Welfare.

Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 10 passed – voice vote

Article 11. Culture and Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,576 for Culture and Recreation. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Elenore Villarrubia questioned what is included. Antoinette Cincotta inquired about the library budget and what the funds were used for.

Article 11 passed – voice vote

Article 12. Police

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,067 for Police. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 12 passed – voice vote

Article 13. Road Reconstruction & Maintenance Ex Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Road Reconstruction and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 13 passed – voice vote

Andrew Wallace made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 10, 11, 12, and 13. Passed – voice vote.

Article 14. Fire Truck Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Fund Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 14 passed – voice vote

Article 15. Municipal Building Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Jerry Merrifield asked where the



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building was to be built; he was informed by Bill Daniels that this is for building maintenance.

Article 15 passed – voice vote

Article 16. Public safety equipment

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,208 to be added to the Public Safety Radio Communication Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. This amount is needed for public safety equipment. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Ed Atkins explained that the current radios for the fire and road are at the end of their life (being 20 years old) and this is our portion due to a grant funding Richmond and Fitzwilliam (\$300,000).

Article 16 passed – voice vote

Article 17. Public safety equipment

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,792 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Fund. This amount is needed for public safety equipment. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Ed Atkins mentioned that this was also a grant match for air packs (also approaching the end of their shelf life) with the funding being \$168,000.

Article 17 passed – voice vote

Article 18. Ambulance Services

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 for the purpose of Ambulance Services. Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

The selectmen explained that this is a provisional expense. Sister Philomena questioned why this was needed if we have Fitzwilliam and DeLuzio responding for Richmond. Andrew Wallace said this was if we need it. Ed Atkins noted that we need to have this in place, and that Fitzwilliam will cover 24/7 for us if we need to contract with them. Mary Taylor questioned the effect on Richmond if Troy and Fitzwilliam have contracted with each other. Ed Atkins responded that Richmond would enter as a third party to the agreement, taking the weekend shift.

Article 18 passed – voice vote

Andrew Wallace made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. Passed – voice vote.

Article 19. Reports of Agents, Committees, Commissions, etc.

To hear any reports of Agents, Committees, etc. heretofore chosen and to take any action thereon.

Andrew Wallace filled the voters in on the newly formed Broadband Committee. Wendy O'Brien, Librarian, explained the creation of a survey by the committee and encouraged everyone to participate in anticipation of funding.

Article 19 passed – voice vote

Article 20. Take any action

To take any action that may legally come before the meeting.

Maureen Blackledge raised a question about requests from agencies.

Bill Daniels acknowledged the following for their service to the town: Buddy Blood, Wendy O'Brien, Karen Daugherty, Walden Whitham.

Andrew Wallace made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Articles 4 and 5. Passed – voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen O'Brien

Richmond Town Clerk

March 12, 2022

Letter to Richmond Residents

My name is Doug Smith, and I have been a Richmond resident for ten years now. I was elected to the Planning Board three years ago (write-in) and, this year, you all re-elected me. I see this as a vote of confidence in my participation on the Board. I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge what that means and thank everyone who voted for me. My pledge is to keep on doing what is right for the Town of Richmond. Like many of you, I really enjoy the small-town environment we all share. I respect everyone's individual rights and will pursue the preservation of your rights and work to keep Planning in Richmond fair and balanced.

I have always felt that we all need to be good stewards of what GOD has given us. This includes being good stewards of the land as well as the relationships with our neighbors. I don't see the Planning

Board as a police action, but rather a partnership in stewardship where we can all work together to foster those relationships with the land and neighbors.

Thank you all once again, I consider it an honor to serve my community as I once did for our country.

Sincerely,
Doug Smith
Secretary, Planning Board
Chairman, Richmond Broadband Committee

Election Reflections by Renée Murphy

First, I would like to thank everyone that voted for me. It meant a lot that you believed in me and were willing to cast your vote for this Richmond newbie who brazenly decided to run for Selectman. I also want to congratulate Doug Bersaw for his win and commitment to the town for the next three years. I learned so much during this process and appreciated all those that came for the meet and greets. It really is a great town full of wonderful people. Someone had mentioned they were hoping to meet more people as they had met very few even after years of living here, and I feel very privileged to have met so many so quickly.

Not coming from New Hampshire, I was unaware of the different roles, positions, and meetings that are needed to make a town like Richmond run. As I started reading the selectmen meeting minutes in *the Rooster* and asking more questions, I wanted to learn more. I started going to some of the selectmen meetings and was amazed to learn about how many decisions they make that directly impact what kind of town, services, and land we have. I respect the effort and time the selectmen put into this town. As a relatively digitally savvy person, I was surprised at how hard it was to learn more and understand the current town decisions under consideration.

The setback question is a good example. After reading *the Rooster* articles, the selectmen letter, and the Facebook dialog that one of our selectmen started, I was still not clear on the why of the issue. It wasn't until I had a conversation with Jed that I felt I had a better understanding of the issue being put up for a vote again. I am hoping in the future that we can provide a venue for these issues so all interested can have an opportunity to discuss, understand, and have a less contentious process without name-calling that doesn't make it about us vs. them. I believe we can all have different opinions and still respect each other, regardless of how it seems in the world right now!

We have a great town, and I know I haven't been here for all the history and challenges we have faced over time, but maybe my fresh perspective gave me the ability to enjoy everyone I met and have hope that we can respect our neighbors regardless of their views.

Thank you, Renée

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As we began the month of March, we began our Lenten journey remembering the forty-days Jesus spent in the wilderness, praying and being tempted, in preparation to begin his ministry.

In following Jesus' example, we approach Lent with diligence and discipline, strengthened by the grace of God. For forty-days, we will pray, fast, and give to others. As we examine the state of our souls, we seek to grow deeper in faith, learning to love God and one another more fully.

All are invited to come along on the journey.

Our Bible/book study meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45 AM -10:15 AM. We will be exploring the Holy Land through a video presentation of Simon Peter, Flawed but Faithful Disciple by Adam Hamilton.

And during our weekly services, we will also explore the Holy Land, learning more about Jesus' journey to the cross and glorious resurrection on the third day.

We will celebrate the Passion of the Lord on Palm / Passion Sunday on April 10, 2022.

And, during Holy Week, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, while reflecting on the meaning of the message of “the Pitcher, the Basin, and the Towel.”

Our Easter Sunday Service will be held at 10:30 AM with special activities for children. We hope that all of you will be able to join us for this time of reflection and prayer, leading up to the celebration of our Risen Lord.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Sharon

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February 12, 2022

Site walk for Road Layout Petition submitted by Lauren Shearer-Map 415 Lot 005

Attendance: Chairman William Daniels, Selectman Andrew Wallace, Town Administrator Susan Harrington, Ron Raymond, Ronald Minor, Matt Powderly, Rhiannon Liolios, Tim Wallace.

Daniels called meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

There was a brief discussion of property lines from the proposed road to the property belonging to Mr. Raymond at 552 Whipple Hill and Mr. Ronald Minor at 580 Whipple Hill Road. All in attendance walked the proposed road down to Mr. Shearer's property, Map 415 Lot 005. It was determined that the road layout estimates received from Mr. Shearer and Lawrence Excavating were far too low to build a half mile road. The Board members and abutters in attendance agreed they could find no occasion for the road.

Daniels adjourned meeting until Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:30 in the Selectmen's Office.

Daniels motioned to adjourn; Wallace 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harrington

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March 7, 2022 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

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

Administration Present:

Public Present:

Meeting opened at 5:35 pm.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd. Board voted to approve the manifest dated March 7, 2022 for week of February 25, 2022 - March 3, 2022 in the amount of \$37,608.45 for payroll/accounts payable.

Daniels signed Supplemental Affidavit of William Daniels/Town of Richmond for Docket # 213-2021O-CV-00167 Lauren C Shearer vs Town of Richmond. Karen O'Brien notarized.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd. Board voted to approve Building Permit for Map 408 Lot 089-190 Fitzwilliam Road. Owner-Taillon.

Daniel moved; Bersaw 2nd. Board voted to approve Occupancy Permit for Map 405 Lot 090-158 Fish Hatchery Road. Owner-Hill/Simpson.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd. Board approved Intent to Cut for Map 408 Lots 087, 088, 090 and 091. Owner-Brooks.

Cheshire County Sheriff's Log for the month of February 2022 received. Reviewed.

Board discussed Zoning Violations.

Selectman Bersaw, Susan Harrington and Jennifer Thompson met with representatives from Avitar Associates of New England, Inc and the State of NH Department of Revenue for a startup meeting on March 2, 2022. The Town had signed a 5-year agreement with Avitar in 2018.

During 2019 to 2021, Avitar had performed a Data Verification. In 2022, the final year of the contract, an additional agreement to bring all values to market value is contracted per RSA 75:8-a.

Loren Martin from Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. provided the Town with two hand outs: Bullet Points regarding your services from Avitar and Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Assessment Process. The handouts will be attached to the minutes and will be available at the 2022 Town Meeting on Saturday, March 12th at 9:00 am and on the town's website.

Board reviewed abatement request from Eversource. Harrington to forward to town counsel.

Appointments

Moderator, Walden Whitham met with the Board to discuss the upcoming 2022 Town Meeting. Discussed Covid 19 protocols; Moderator Whitham stated the Health Officer advised to recommend masks, but they will not be required. Masks will be available, along with hand sanitizer. Also discussed the 2022 Warrant and meeting rules.

Librarian, Wendy O'Brien met with the Board to discuss the Broadband Committee Survey and a book library at the Town Beach. O'Brien will be at the Town Meeting on Saturday to discuss the Broadband Committee Survey. She also discussed a book library at the Richmond Town Beach. Town resident Mary Ann Lauretti will build the library and Road Agent Buddy Blood will help with the installment.

Road Agent, Buddy Blood met with the Board to provide an update on condition of roads and what he has prepared for upcoming mud season.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harrington

March 14, 2022 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels and Douglas Bersaw

Absent: Selectman Andrew Wallace

Administration Present: Jennifer Thompson and Susan Harrington

Public Present: Fran Heap

Meeting opened at 5:36 pm.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd. Board voted to approve the manifest dated March 14, 2022 for week of March 4, 2022 - March 10, 2022 in the amount of: \$ 10,257.69 for payroll/accounts payable.

Memo from the Broadband Committee to the Selectmen requesting to appoint Ryan Waters as an Alternate to the Broadband Committee. Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd. Board appointed Ryan Waters as an Alternate to the Broadband Committee. Term to expire 03/31/24. Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd. Board appointed the following with terms to expire 03/31/23:

- Elton "Buddy" Blood as Road Agent
- Carol Ann Rocheleau as Health Officer
- Steve Boscarino as Tax Collector
- Mary Rogers as Deputy Tax Collector
- Janel Morin as Deputy Treasurer
- Loreal Schmidt as Treasurer

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd. Board approved Intent to Cut for Map 403 Lot 010 and Map 404 Lots 001, 002, 003. Owner-Stone Mountain LLC.

Appointments

ZBA Chairman Alan Schmidt and ZBA member, Lloyd Condon met with the Board to discuss the expiring 2022 appointments. Chairman Schmidt would recommend to renew Lloyd Condon whose term expires on March 31, 2022. Chairman Schmidt would like to appoint Alternate ZBA Member Robert Gow as a full member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments to replace Antoinette Cincotta whose term expires March 31, 2022. The Selectmen will reappoint Lloyd Condon when his

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appointment has expired. Chairman Schmidt has an interested resident who would like to be an Alternate to the ZBA. The ZBA will speak with the resident before giving a recommendation. The selectmen would like to meet with Chairman Schmidt again before discussing the appointment for Alternate Robert Gow to become a full member and the new pending alternate member.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harrington

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Please ask them to vote to PASS HB 1216, the bill to repeal the HAB. The committee voted ITL, so you would ask the Reps to vote NO on ITL.

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5:30 – 7 PM for business

7 PM – ? for public concerns

Wed. 9 AM – 1 PM

Thurs. 8 AM – Noon (unless posted)

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Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Thompson

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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 – 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

Fire Permit: Buzz Shaw, 239-4238

Selectmen – 239-4232

Town Clerk – 239-6202

Tax Collector – 239-6106

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

Vets' Hall Maint.: James Nolan, 239-3353

Zoning Compliance Officer: Richard Drew

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