



Camp Wiyaka's 100th -- At Last



After Covid-imposed delays, Camp Wiyaka celebrates its 100th birthday this year. Founded in 1921, this is actually Wiyaka's one hundred and second season. Alumni and everyone else interested in Wiyaka are invited to gather at the Camp on August 20th from 1 PM to 8 PM to see the Camp and former campers, as well as to enjoy activities, including a hot dog roast and a campfire. Because records are incomplete, many will not receive notice, so please spread the word. All are welcome.

Wiyaka was founded by Alexander P. Johnstone, "Johnnie," a Canada-born dentist, whose World War I experience led him to a life of service to American youth. He was the Director of the Athol, Massachusetts YMCA. At the time of its founding, Wiyaka had a direct connection to other YMCA's, including the one in Greenfield, MA. It is now entirely under the management of the Athol Y. Kids from anywhere are welcome, and there are often international campers and leaders. In the beginning, Wiyaka was a rough and tumble place in keeping with the times. There was an ice house, and water was hand pumped from shallow wells. Kids slept in tents (and they still do), and it is said that the earliest campers sought refuge from rainy weather by sleeping under Model A Fords. There was a game called The Goddess Mab which involved a daily struggle among tent group teams for possession of a carved wooden figure. After several broken bones and other injuries, it was discontinued, but,

nevertheless, remembered fondly by those who played. Through the 1960s, a Mount Monadnock hike could include not only going up and down, but, also, hiking to the mountain and back (more or less 15 miles each way). From 1929 until sometime in the '70s, a four week camping season for boys was followed by four more for girls under the auspices of the Campfire Girls. These days, Wiyaka retains some of its rustic character with platform tents as sleeping quarters and an emphasis on outdoor activity, while also offering indoor facilities for recreation in rainy weather. It is fully accredited by a national camping association and pays careful attention to camper safety and comfort.

Several Richmond residents are Wiyaka alumni. Among those who have passed in recent years are Pete Tandy and Alan Holbrook. Pete was well known for his sense of humor and the many ways he was of service to Richmond, while Alan was one of the earliest campers. If you know about other alumni or Wiyaka's history, please send me a note. Wiyaka's season runs for eight weeks beginning in late June. Six weeks are co-ed, and there is one week for just boys and another for girls. As local camps go, it is remarkably inexpensive. Camperships are available for kids whose families need financial assistance. Check the website or call the Athol YMCA for more information about the anniversary celebration and Wiyaka, in general.

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The History of the Richmond Tramp House

Carol Jameson

The Construction of the Richmond Tramp House

Richmond's 1914 Town Report, Pages 14 - 15, states that the town made the following expenditures in 1914 in order to erect and furnish a Tramp House:

Leason Martin, lumber for tramp house	\$32.39
Robinson and Brett, lumber for tramp house	\$10.08
Wm. Hopkins, work on tramp house	\$29.43
D. B. Dickinson, bedding for tramp house	\$1.50
L. D. Simenoe, stove, stovepipe and window for tramp house	\$1.85

Leason Martin was the then owner of the Martin family sawmills that began operations in Richmond on Mill Road in 1765. Robinson and Brett sawmills were located in Fitzwilliam. The erection of the Tramp House in 1914 was Richmond's solution for the persistent social and economic problem of the itinerant homeless vagrants who passed through town throughout the period of the late 1800s and early 1900s. Prior to building the Tramp House, Richmond (like many other small towns) housed tramps in local homes, and the town paid a per person fee to the homeowner (75 cents per night), under authority of the selectmen. Annual appropriations for the "lodging of tramps" appear in each Richmond Town Report until 1914.

The Problem of Tramps in New Hampshire over the late 1800s/early to mid 1900s

The itinerant poor, called 'tramps', were a problem common to most New England towns since the early 1800s, traveling through towns and begging at local homes for food and shelter. States, lacking widespread social programs, passed laws requiring towns and municipalities to provide some form of care for the homeless, resident and non-resident alike. Nonresident poor were given one meal and a bed for one night, and then "warned

From a friend on Athol Road

out of town" the next day. Some towns lodged tramps in local homes, paying residents for their lodging. Others lodged them in local jails. Others built a tramp house as the means of providing overnight care for the tramps being giving a free meal and a bed for the night.

In the initial years following the end of the Civil War, itinerant vagrants were regarded somewhat sympathetically, called "strangers" or "transient paupers" in many town reports. The number of tramps increased dramatically during the 1870s, a period of prolonged national economic downturns following the end of the Civil War. It was a time when more than a million men took to the roads, and particularly to the rapidly expanding railroads, in search of food and a place to stay sometimes also seeking temporary work since there were few permanent jobs available.

As the number of tramps increased, tramping began to be seen as a serious social problem. It was such a problem that the New Hampshire legislature passed a law in 1878, Chapter 270 - Punishment of Tramps (colloquially called "General Marston's Tramp Law" or the "Marston Act") which criminalized vagrancy and tramping. Vagrancy was the act of begging on the streets, enforced by the town police, court and punishable by up to fifteen months in state prison. "Tramping" meant going from place to place and subsisting on charity, punishable by hard labor in the state prison for up to fifteen months, or longer if menacing or trespass were also found. Apprehension of tramps by any person, if followed by a conviction, carried a bounty of \$10, payable by the county. Local histories and records show that tramps were generally despised as worthless at best and frequently feared as thieves or criminals capable of committing (in the words of Joseph Dow, published in New Hampshire in 1894) "deeds of violence and lust."

The Marston Act was enforced over the first few years and incidences of tramping generally decreased dramatically throughout the state in 1879 and for the decade or so following its passage. Tramping resurged as a major problem for many New Hampshire towns in the early 1890s, whether due to the depression of 1893 or, according to the testimony of M.J. Healy, City Marshall of Manchester NH (testifying before the Massachusetts





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Board of Charities on March 13, 1895) because of the lax enforcement of the Act. Manchester reported housing 1,958 and 2,073 tramps in the tramp room of the Manchester jail during each of 1893 and 1894, respectively. The number of tramps recorded in Concord NH by G. S. Locke, City Marshall of Concord, show a similar trend: several hundreds of tramps recorded in each of 1877 and 1878, dwindling to 70 and 65 tramps in each of 1879 and 1880, then gradually increasing steadily up to 930 tramps recorded by the Concord police in 1898. In both Concord and Manchester, as in many larger towns and cities, care of tramps was a police responsibility and tramps were usually housed in the town lock-up.

The Treatment of Tramps in Richmond, NH

Although Richmond was not on a train route, Winchester and Fitzwilliam had stations on the Ashuelot and Boston & Maine Railroads, respectively. Tramps passing through Richmond frequently rode the rails throughout New England, between Massachusetts, New Hampshire and neighboring states.

The annual reports of Richmond during the period from 1876 through 1914 show a similar trend in the incidence of tramping to that noted in the larger towns of Concord and Manchester. Richmond's annual appropriations for "lodging tramps" were \$20.00 in each of 1878 and 1879. Appropriations decreased to under \$4.00 in each of the two following years and then gradually increased until the annual appropriation reached \$10.50 in 1894. Appropriations for the lodging of tramps continued until 1914 when the Tramp House was built, specifically to end the practice of lodging

itinerant indigents in town homes at a lodging cost to the town and to prevent the tramps from wandering the roads and knocking at the doors of local homes.

It is likely, too, that residents expected the simple structure of the Tramp House would discourage tramps from stopping in Richmond. The building was a rough 10' x 12' cell-like structure without bars, having one window and barely furnished with a cot, bed stand and stove. It was located on the main east-west highway in Richmond (then called "Ashuelot Turnpike"), half a mile west of the main north-south road (then called "Keene Road"), near the main intersection which forms the center of Richmond, still called "Four Corners" today. The site is a small parcel of land owned by the town, securely within sight of local residents and the town policeman. Tramps were given one night's lodging and one meal, typically crackers, cheese and water, before being 'warned' out of town the next day.

From 1914 to 1945, Richmond annually appropriated amounts for the "care of tramps" since lodging was now available in the Tramp House. In each of 1915 and 1916, there was an appropriation of \$5.00 for "wood for tramp house", likely to provide heat. That appropriation disappeared in 1916 and thereafter, its purpose likely replaced in 1916 by an allocation for "\$1.30, axe for Tramp House", probably for the purchase of an axe that would be used by the tramps to cut their own wood for burning in the simple tramp house stove. It also could have been used by tramps to cut wood in exchange for their night's keep, a practice that was followed in some other New Hampshire towns.

The 1919 Richmond Town Report notes that voters would be asked in the following year to "vote to have a steel cell put in the tramp house and to appropriate money for the same". Although no appropriation passed, the proposed warrant shows that tramps were becoming viewed as a police problem here in Richmond, as they were in many other towns where tramps were housed in the local jail, or where the tramp house was outfitted with bars with which to lock the tramps in at night.

Starting in 1922, annual expenditures for "care of tramps" were entered into the Town Reports as police department expenditures. From 1924 through



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1945, the Town Reports show that all payments for “care of tramps” over this 21 year period were paid to William Hinds, who also served as the town policeman for the entire time. Hinds also served the town in various other capacities during parts of this period, i.e., road agent, fire warden and supervisor.

Hinds’s name does not appear in Town Reports after 1945, at which time he would have been 73 years old, according to town records. After 1945, there were no longer any appropriations specifically denominated for the care of tramps. Police expenditures after 1945 are listed collectively as “police duty” or “police services”.

The Richmond Tramp House in Recent Years

Some local residents say that they remember that the Tramp House was occasionally used by walking tramps as late as the 1970’s, though this would have been unofficial and not under town auspices. In 1974, members of the local Episcopal parish met there for Sunday services under the lay leadership of Dick Webber. After the Tramp House was vandalized, it was abandoned and fell into disrepair and eventually started to fall apart.

The original site of the tramp house was approximately 60 feet east of its present location. In 1975, the state substantially widened and paved Route #119 (the former Ashuelot Turnpike), raising by more than 5 feet. The site, which had originally been dry, became wetlands from the road drainage, not suitable for a building. The Tramp House deteriorated further in the wet conditions and became a shack with holes in the roof and walls, and a rotting floor.

In 2015, the Richmond Heritage Commission, under the leadership of Bob Weekes, began a project to restore the Tramp House. The Heritage Commission applied for a grant under the Moose Plate grant program with no success. But, with donations from residents both in town and elsewhere and a grant from the Terra Nova Trust (a fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation), the project was funded and completed in 2016. Because of the wetlands, the Tramp House had to be first disassembled and moved a short distance to higher ground. Restoration complied with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, in case the town wanted to apply for listing on the Register of Historic

Places or otherwise seek grant funding in the future.

The Richmond Tramp House is one of only four still standing in New Hampshire, all of which have been restored. The simple, inexpensive, and utilitarian construction of tramp houses likely contributed to their disappearance from the landscape due to deterioration and lack of public interest in their preservation.

Note: This article was adapted by Carol Jameson from an application for the Moose Plate grant program; the application had been written and researched by Bob Weekes and Carol Jameson in 2015. Sources include books and papers on the subject of tramps and paupers, town reports and articles in local newspapers in the 1800s and early 1900s, census compilations, and official reports of public bodies of that time.





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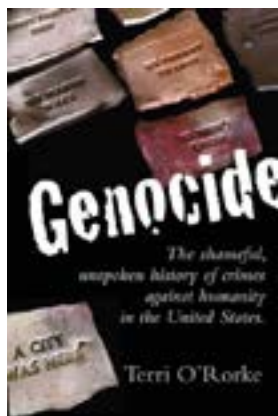
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Genocide Terri O'Rorke



"Genocide." Not a word that normally comes up in everyday conversation, but it did with my granddaughter and I. She was taking a course at Keene State College about genocide and Holocaust studies, when our lively conversation prompted me to do research on crimes against humanity in our own country. Wow! Were my eyes opened concerning a lot of history we were NOT taught!

So, I decided to write about what I discovered. After all, how many other people did not know the word "genocide" was only invented in 1944? And who invented it? How many other people did not know in 2003 that the mistreatment of Native Americans was declared a "genocide"? Or, what started the Tulsa race riot in 1921? Or, the terrible conditions Japanese American citizens were forced to live in during World War II.

Yes, I learned a lot. I also discovered that, throughout the years, a lot of those wrongs were put to right (as best can be), by people who cared enough to do so. Those caring actions are also documented.

[Editor's Note: Readers will probably recognize Terri O'Rorke for the monthly recipe she faithfully provides to the Rooster each month. Her book can be found online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yztr2jjs>]

**A Friend On
Granite Hill Road**

Summer Dinner Salad Terri O'Rorke

Ingredients

4 cups mixed greens, chopped
½ cup blueberries
½ cup sliced strawberries
½ cup sliced cucumbers
½ cup diced carrots
½ cup diced sweet peppers
½ cup chopped celery
½ cup Italian cheese
½ cup pecans and pistachios
2 cups grilled chicken breast
2 ounces your favorite salad dressing



Directions

Grill or roast chicken breast and allow to cool. Wash and cut up all your salad ingredients into the desired size. Serve your salad with your favorite salad dressing and crusty bread.

TRUE BREW REVIEW Foeder Culture by Branch and Blade Kevin Ellis



Foeder Aged Pilsner 5% ABV

I decided to grab a mixed four pack from Branch and Blade in Keene on the way home from work the other day. I was going to be going on a run in Yale Forest and up Mt. Cresson and I knew I wouldn't want to get anything too high in ABV after the run, so I went with a couple of lagers and lower test IPAs. Turns out I made a good decision, as the two beers I have tried so far have

been quite tasty! The first one I went for was called “Foeder Culture”, a foeder aged pilsner. A foeder is a large oak vessel where beer can be fermented and stored. It works similar to a regular oak barrel, but, since it’s much bigger in size, it allows the brewer to have better quality control over the beer as it matures.

I poured this one into a 16 oz. Willi glass. The color was straw-like to light golden with a touch of haze and had a sharp white head, about one inch which stuck around for a minute or so.

The aroma was bright with subtle hints of bread and some sort of tangy sweetness going on, most likely from the foeder.

The flavor was full of oak and malty sweetness at first, but finished rather dry. I wasn’t expecting there to be so much oak dominance in this one, but I have to say it worked. I kept wanting to go in for another sip as soon as I finished the last one. There were also some notes of light toast and a slight amount of fruitiness. The sweetness was balanced well, with an assertive amount of hop bitterness and yeast attenuation to dry it out nicely.

Overall, this one was a winner. In fact, I will definitely be getting myself another four pack of this offering very soon. Perfect beer for a summer day after you get done splitting wood, running or mowing the lawn. I give this beer an 8.5 out of 10.

A little about the brewery: Branch and Blade is located in Keene behind Hamshaw Lumber. They have been open since 2018 and they have a large portfolio of beers including lagers, IPA’s, stouts, sours, Belgian beers, and more. They do a great job teaming up with other local and not-so-local breweries to create amazing collaboration beers. The brewery has in-door and outdoor seating and is open every day besides Mondays. It also occasionally has live music and hosts beer and food festivals. It is a great addition to the local brewery and business scene in the area, and I encourage you to check them out.

The Dinosaurs are All Dead, Aren’t They?



Keene Cinemas 6 joins in the *Jurassic World* fun.
Photo by Alan Conklin, July 6, 2022

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Summer Safety Tips

Ren Doyle, Spokesperson,
Richmond Fire Department

Happy Summer from the Richmond Fire Department! We hope that all our friends and neighbors are enjoying this amazing weather and are keeping healthy. As weather warms up, and our lakes, streams, swimming pools and mud puddles become more inviting, we’d like to remind residents of some general safety tips as we look to cool off or enjoy the outdoors over the next few weeks.

The first thing to consider is to know your limitations. This includes physical fitness, pre-existing medical conditions and whether you’ve consumed anything which will alter your decision-making.

Never swim alone! Take a friend or swim somewhere with lifeguards or other people nearby. Children should never be in or near the water without proper adult supervision. When applicable, stay within the designated swimming areas and don’t play on the ropes or buoys marking these boundaries.

If on a water vessel, be sure to wear the proper life safety and floatation devices – no matter how good a swimmer you are. Remember, there is equipment which is required to be on your vessel for your safety and the safety of other boaters, kayakers, swimmers, floaters, etc. What is required/recommended varies for each type of vessel, so be sure to check the NH Marine Patrol or NH Fish and Game webpages for further information.

If you’re going out to enjoy the woods by hiking, be sure to wear proper footwear and clothing for the elements. Let someone know where you are intending to explore and have a way to keep in communication. Charge your cell phone before heading out and don’t wait until it’s too late to call 911 if the need arises. Even if you’re only planning on hiking during the day, be sure to bring charged flashlights and emergency sounding devices (such as a whistle or airhorn.)

If taking to the trails on an ATV, please consider wearing a helmet and make sure your children are wearing helmets. Inspect your equipment for safety items before heading out (tires, suspension, brakes, etc.) Just



as above, make sure someone knows your trip route and make sure you have a way to call for help if needed.

The members of the Richmond Fire Department enjoy the outdoors just as much as you do. We're often out in the woods training on what to do in case of an emergency, but we'd rather not do it for real. And, just about every rescue we've been called to could have been prevented.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We're gearing up for our annual Weekend before Labor Day Chicken BBQ on Sunday, August 28th. Food, fun, games and raffles for everyone. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more details as the time gets closer. We love seeing our neighbors at this great fundraiser for our department. We are seeking donations for our raffle baskets and other items. If you'd like to learn more about how you can help us out, please contact (text or call) Erin at (603) 757-3494.

2021 BBQ Pictures



July 7, 2022 Meeting Highlights Richmond Historical Society

Wendy O'Brien, Secretary

The members present approved the revised Constitution and Bylaws, as well as the Conflict of Interest Policy. Lenny Solomon reported that the Moose Plate Grant for the restoration of the theater curtains has been submitted. Dick Drew stated that work continues on improving access to the Town Pound. The members discussed plans for a tramp reenactment at the Tramp House on Richmond Day. The members voted to elect Bonnie McCarthy as the Public Relations Officer and Lenny Solomon as Vice President. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd at 1:30 PM at the Pavilion or at the Library in the case of inclement weather. The public is welcome to attend.

"Tramps" to Visit Richmond Tramp House on Richmond Day, August 28, 2022

John Lewis

A troupe of living history reenactors, portraying the difficult lives of early 20th century tramps, will present a program at the Richmond Tramp House during Richmond Day on August 28th, under the sponsorship of the Richmond Historical Society ("RHS"). The Richmond Tramp House, just west of the Four Corners, was built in 1914 and wonderfully restored a century later under the leadership of Bob Weekes and the Richmond Heritage Commission from 2014 to 2017. It remains one of the few surviving tramp



Town Clerk Tidbits

Karen O'Brien

I just want to remind everyone that we need either your vehicle renewal letter (sent via email or snail mail) OR your registration(s) to do your renewal. If done by mail, we need TWO checks, made out in the correct amount: one to the State of NH DMV and one to the Town of Richmond. If doing an online registration through EB2Gov, you can input your checking account number and the bank routing number. NO CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS. If you come to the office to renew, you must remember your driver's license, as well. If you cannot locate your registration or renewal letter, you can apply for a duplicate registration for your vehicle. There is a charge for this.

Record Change Requests

If you are new to Richmond, we need you to fill out a Record Change Request so I can input all your information into the system. Copies of this form can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office. We also need you to provide proof of residency; a copy of your tax bill, rental agreement, or a utility bill can be used. A residency affidavit needs to be filled out, as well, and witnessed by the Town Clerk. Please realize that the Town Clerk establishes residency. Simply changing your mail, purchasing property, or other action does not establish residency. According to the DMV website:

A person who establishes domicile/residence in New Hampshire and owns a vehicle used in New Hampshire must register the vehicle in New Hampshire within 60 days of establishing his or her domicile/residence. RSA 261:45. You may register your vehicle with your local town or city officials. The fee for vehicle registration is in part for the use of the town or city where the owner resides. See: RSA 261:153; RSA 261:165. These funds are available to help cover the costs of maintaining roads. Registering a car you own and use in New Hampshire, in part, is paying your share of road maintenance costs. Your actions in New Hampshire reveal your intent to make a place in New Hampshire your domicile/residence. Such actions include, but are not



limited to, purchasing or leasing a principal (i.e. primary) house or apartment, obtaining a resident vehicle registration, placing dependent children in a publicly funded school, registering to vote, paying taxes applicable only to residents, etc.

RSA 21:6; RSA 21:6-a; RSA 259:23; RSA 654:1.

You must also obtain a NH driver's license within 60 days of establishing residency when moving here from another state. If you move from within NH, you must change your driver license to reflect your new address within 30 days. Check out the DMV website www.dmv.nh.gov for more information on obtaining a driver license and/or Real ID. **Additionally, all cars registered in NH MUST be inspected within 10 days of the registration.**

Voter Registration – Primary Election

New voter registrations can be done at the Town Clerk's office, at a Supervisors of the Checklist meeting, or you may contact Pam Bielunis, Chair, at 603-239-6498. A person may also register on the day of election at the polls. Dates for the Supervisors of the Checklist meetings are posted on the Town of Richmond's website calendar and on the bulletin boards at the Town Hall and the Veterans Hall. New voters will need to present proof of identity (photo ID), proof of US citizenship (birth certificate or naturalization papers), and proof of domicile in Richmond. This is a primary election year, so no party change is allowed after May 31, 2022 until after the election. There will be a Supervisor's Meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7 PM at the Veterans Hall Kitchen. The NH State Primary will be held at the Veterans Hall on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Polls will be open 8 AM to 7 PM.



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FROM THE SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST: 2022 — an Election Year — VOTE!!

Pam Bielunis, Chair

Voter registrations can be done at a Supervisors of the Checklist meeting, at the Town Clerk's office, or you may contact Pam Bielunis, Chair at 603-239-6498. A person may also register on the day of election at the Supervisors of the Checklist Table. Dates for the Supervisors of the Checklist meetings are posted on the Town of Richmond's website calendar and on the bulletin boards at the Town Hall and the Veterans Hall.

Upcoming Supervisors Meetings

Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at Town Hall, 3 PM

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at Veterans Hall, 7 PM

Tuesday, November 2, 2022 at Veterans Hall, 7 PM

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at Veterans Hall, 7 PM

Registration

To register, new voters will need to present proof of identity (photo ID), proof of US citizenship (birth certificate or naturalization papers), and proof of domicile in Richmond. This is an election year, so no party change is allowed after May 31, 2022, until after the election.

Primary Rules

The NH State Primary Election will be held at the Veterans Hall on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 8 AM – 7 PM. At the Primary, a voter will either take a Democratic or Republican ballot. An Undeclared voter may take either ballot. If you are a registered Democrat, you must take a Democratic ballot. If you are a registered Republican, you must take a Republican ballot. After voting, if the voter was Undeclared before voting, he/she may sign a paper at the Supervisors' Table to return to Undeclared. He/she may also stay with the party of the ballot he/she chose. The State General Election will be held at the Veterans Hall on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 8 AM - 7 PM.



Library News Wendy O'Brien

Library Calendar for August

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

Every Wednesday 10 AM: Kids' Programming

Special Events

Tuesday, August 9th, 6 PM: Book Group, *A Man Called Ove*

Saturday, August 13th: Summer Reading Wrap Up Party with Parks & Rec; last day to register for First Aid Course.

Thursday, August 25th, 5:30 PM: First Aid Certification Course

Sunday, August 28th, 10 AM – 2 PM: Used Book Sale and Raffle

Summer Reading is Wrapping Up

We've had a great summer with lots of water-filled Wednesdays. On Wednesday August 3rd at 10 AM, we'll do some pearl diving and, on August 10th, we will learn about our fishy friends. Then join us on Saturday, August 13th, from 10:30 AM – Noon, when we will have our wrap-up party along with our friends from the Parks and Recreation Commission. We'll learn about finding buried treasure and marine archaeology, as well as draw raffle prizes and hand out reading certificates.



Richmond's "pirates" learn to tie knots at the Summer Reading Kickoff. Photo by Deborah Marshall, June 1, 2022.

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Book Club

Join us on August 9th at 6 PM to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Frederik Backman:

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon, the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him the bitter neighbor from hell, but must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time? -- GoodReads.com.

Copies are available at the Library.

New Titles

The Personal Librarian, Marie Benedict

The Girl Who Survived, Lisa Jackson

Hotel Nantucket, Elin Hilderbrand

Tom Clancy: Zero Hour, Don Bentley

Omega Factor, Steve Berry

Night Crawling, Leila Mottley

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[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.]

Thursday, August 4, 2022 – Noon to 1 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) with Suzen Joyce Perry (harmony vocals) will perform at Peterborough's Depot Park "Listen & Lunch".

Sunday, August 7, 2022 – 12:15 PM to 1:30 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Richmond Farmers' Market at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 32 & 119), weather permitting.

Sunday, August 21, 2022 – 12:15 PM to 1:30 PM


Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Richmond Farmers' Market at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 32 & 119), weather permitting.

Sunday, August 28, 2022 – 12:15 PM to 1:30 PM


Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Richmond Farmers' Market at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 32 & 119), weather permitting.

Sunday, August 28, 2022 – 7 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) with Suzen Joyce Perry (harmony vocals) will perform at Stage33 "Live in Bellows Falls".



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August, and the Living is Easy?

Karen O'Brien

The dog days of summer, named for the constellation Sirius which is prominent at this time of year, are here. With it, comes the bounty of the garden. The tomatoes are just starting, but right now I am inundated with cucumbers and summer squash. That means pickling is in high gear.

It's very important to have perfect fruits - cucumbers or other vegetables - to pickle. If you are cutting or slicing them, it is not as necessary. But I've found that those funny looking, misshapen cukes, some which are bulbous or have a pointy end, do not maintain their crispness and often are hollow or too full of seeds. Another thing I've learned is to be sure to scrub the flower end of the fruit. Enzymes from the flower can ruin your pickles, so be certain to clean them well before pickling.

I like to make dills, sours or half sours using whole fruit. Over the years, I have tried many recipes, from quick pickles to three day dills to crock pickles which ferment much longer. With over 30 pickling and preserving books, I have a lot to experiment with, and not all of them are to my liking. I have a few favorites that I make each year, and then try new ones.

I was very excited the other day when cleaning out some old papers, I found a faded index card, written in my mother's handwriting. It was my great aunt Nel's recipe for half sours. Now, Aunt Nel was a simple, basic cook, but she had some wonderful recipes she never wrote down, and this was one of them. I remember when my mom got the recipe from her, as Aunt Nel lived in Albany, NY, and my mom and I made only a few trips out to visit. This time, I was maybe 11 or 12,

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and it was the summer. She had made a batch of these half sours, and my mom was eager to have the recipe.



Cucumbers

I just made a batch, and these are just like the half sours you get at a deli. Pretty easy to make. I expect they won't last long. The end of the card had gotten stuck to another paper and was not legible, so I had to guess at the time the pickles spent in the crock. I also added grape leaves to the top of the crock. If you want crisp pickles, grape leaves, which contain tartaric acid, can be added; they help keep the pickles firm. The great thing about this recipe is that you can make it in small batches: each takes only about three days to make. If you don't have a lot of cukes, you can make this in large wide-mouthed jars, and then store them in the fridge.

Her recipe did not call for the amount of cucumbers, and I had to guess on the exact process. Having made crock pickles before, I figure I am close to how she went about making these delightful, crunchy half sours.

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Ingredients

- About 1 quart of fresh whole pickling cucumbers, washed and scrubbed, no longer than three inches
- Two or three fresh dill heads - or 2 teaspoons dill seeds
- 1 teaspoon pickling spices
- 2 cloves peeled garlic
- 5 cups cold water
- 1/4 cup pickling salt
- 1/4 cup white vinegar (I use apple cider vinegar instead)

Directions

Place cucumbers on top of dill heads in ceramic crock or large wide mouth jar. Add pickling spices and garlic.

Mix water, salt and vinegar together, stirring well. Pour over cucumbers. Position grape leaves over top. Place a plate over the cukes, and weigh it down with a glass of water. Or, you can use a double bagged ziploc bag filled with water. Just be sure the cucumbers are under the level of water.

Cover with a dishtowel and let sit in a cool place for two to three days. Check each day and skim off any scum that forms. Test for the degree of sour that you want. Mine were ready after three days. Place pickles in sterilized glass jars, pour water/vinegar mix over the pickles, and store in the fridge.

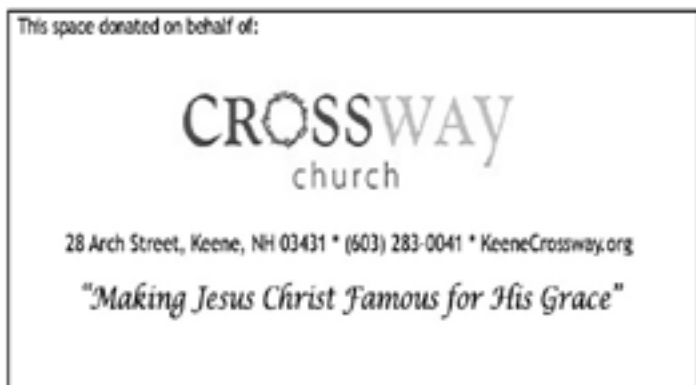
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Grape leaves



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SAVINGS BANK OF WALPOLE TO OPEN NEW BRANCH IN RINDGE, NH.

Roxanne Rubell, Communicator's Group Keene, NH - Savings Bank of Walpole has announced plans to open a new branch in Rindge, NH. The bank has filed applications with the FDIC and New Hampshire Banking Department to open a branch at 31 Sonja Drive, a site formerly occupied by GFA Credit Union. This will be Savings Bank of Walpole's seventh branch in the Monadnock Region, and second in a year following the opening of a Winchester, NH branch in late 2021.

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“At a time when other banks are either closing branches or being sold to larger out of state banks, Savings Bank of Walpole continues to believe and invest in its home market,” said Mark Bodin, President of Savings Bank of Walpole. “The Monadnock Region is our home and throughout the pandemic we have consistently heard that residents and local businesses want to bank where they know their money will be reinvested in their own community. They quickly find that Savings Bank of Walpole is a bank that understands and cares about their needs and that ‘local’ really does matter. We look forward to being more than just another bank in town; we plan to be part of the Rindge, Jaffrey and New Ipswich community.”

“Savings Bank of Walpole has a nearly 150-year history of supporting the local communities we serve and we are excited about opening a new branch in Rindge to expand our support of the Monadnock Region,” said Ben Wheeler, Senior VP of Commercial Lending and a lifelong Jaffrey resident. “I look forward to working with local businesses and families and being a great community neighbor.”

“This will be a full-service branch, offering the same full line of services as Savings Bank of Walpole’s six existing locations in Keene, Walpole and Winchester,” reports Dominic Perkins, the Bank’s Senior Vice President of Retail Administration. “We also plan to have a Mortgage Loan Officer based in Rindge and access to wealth management and other financial services through the Bank’s sister company, NHTrust.”

Savings Bank of Walpole plans to begin work on renovating the branch this summer with an expected opening in January 2023. Bodin added that Savings Bank of Walpole plans to add five new full-time jobs in Rindge as a result of the new branch opening.

Electric Bills are Going Up Susan Opal and Cay Delillo, Richmond Energy Committee

You may be surprised to find that one third of electric usage is wasted energy - yes, one third!

All of New England, except New Hampshire, has been using the “Cap and Trade” money for years now

to help customers weatherize their homes and businesses. NH has had an underfunded program through the utilities which has now gotten a big boost. It is called, “NHSaves, your source for energy efficiency.” You may qualify for a free audit and you may qualify for partial payment by this program for needed improvements at: <https://nhsaves.com/learn/service/energy-audits-weatherization/>. I am afraid you may wait a long time for your audit. But, there is a lot you can do on your own to help you lower your energy bill. Go to this website for a lot of helpful information at the Home Energy Efficiency Tool: hes.lbl.gov/consumer.



WindowDressers.

Here are some simple improvements you can do yourself. Caulk and seal air leaks around plumbing and ductwork. Use foam gaskets behind electric boxes and outlets. Of course, we all should have LED lights by now; they are 75% more efficient than the old incandescent light bulbs and last 20 times longer. Fireplaces and stoves are a major source of drafts. Check the damper and consider an inflatable chimney balloon to seal off the flue; if you forget to remove the inflated balloon from the chimney before starting a fire, the balloon will deflate in seconds. It is very important to insulate the cellar ceiling and the attic floor; they are a big source of drafts, as well as doors and window frames. You need a higher “R-Value” insulation in these areas than anywhere else. If you do not have storm windows or double-pane windows, you can sign-up for the low-cost “WindowDressers” insulating grassroots program. These removable, reusable double-layer window inserts

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the freedom of the press,
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without being lost”**

Thomas Jefferson

From a friend on Old Homestead Hwy.

will be available this fall. The workshop will be on Oct. 13th in Keene, so email Susan Opal at SusanOpalWyatt@gmail.com to sign up. For low-income people, there are special rates and a no-cost option, so all are welcome.

What is very impressive is the new heat pump which uses one third of the energy of any furnace or the heat pump water heater which has comparable efficiency. There are many new “smart appliances”, all with the ‘ENERGY STAR’ rating; many of them are far more efficient than what you are replacing. Using an airtight woodstove or pellet stove is very efficient and considered a good source of renewable energy.

In closing, we need to think about solar power. The price has gone down, and efficiency has gone up. Of all the new commercial energy construction projects which are being built today, solar and wind are the major energy sources. The reason why we have left natural gas behind is that recent findings have shown methane is a byproduct of natural gas which has a very serious pollution effect. For some reason, most reporters are still saying natural gas is a good source of energy, but natural gas and coal produce different pollutants; they are very close in their effects on air quality.

The Richmond Energy Committee was started in 2007 by a small group of renewable energy enthusiasts interested in networking and learning about sustainable building and applications. If you are interested in joining us, please email us at: susanopalwyatt@gmail.com.

Adult “Daycation” at the Averill House Vineyard Fran Heap

Back in May, my husband and I took an hour’s ride to Averill House Vineyard at 21 Averill Road in Brookline, NH. We were surprised to learn that this small vineyard actually grows more than 500 vines.

The vineyard, owned by the Waite family, is based in an 1830’s barn in which the gift shop and wine-tasting area are located, as well as the stone cellar where wine is bottled by hand, one bottle at a time.

It might seem to visitors stopping in to enjoy the wine that they have walked back in time, but the Waites have invested in solar panels and the



construction of a \$100,000 addition, sparkling clean and loaded with the latest in winemaking equipment. Daughter, Stephanie Waite, was our tour guide. She pointed out the state-of-the-art German wine vats, egg-shaped to allow minimal intervention during the fermentation.

Stephanie noted, with pride, the vineyard’s use of locally-sourced ingredients, including maple syrup. She, herself, was in the process of experimenting with a lilac wine, using bushes planted onsite.



Fearless experimentation really characterizes the Waite family. They erected plastic igloos for guest safety during the height of the pandemic. They ventured into modern technologies and products, such as wine ice cream and the \$14 wine slushies, a big hit with many of the tourists we saw stopping in. Today, they host weddings and corporate events.

Averill House wines typically ranged from \$20 to \$25 per bottle. We expect prices to increase, however, as the Covid-19 supply chain bottleneck (no pun intended!) has delayed shipment of glass bottles by a full year.

Visitors must have a reservation to take the \$10 tour. Flights of four wines are an additional



\$12. My husband and I splurged and purchased the chocolate and charcuterie pairings, as well. Averill House Vineyard makes a great grown-up getaway. To learn more, visit Averillhousevineyard.com

June 20, 2022 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels and Douglas Bersaw

Selectmen absent: Andrew Wallace

Administration Present: Susan Harrington

Public Present:

Meeting opened at 5:33 pm.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated June 20, 2022 for week of June 10, 2022-June 16, 2022 in the amount of \$143,941.39 for payroll/ accounts payable. This manifest includes the monthly stipend payroll/payables including a payment to the Monadnock Regional School District in the amount of \$125,075.00.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd Board approved Building Permit for Map 405 Lot 039 Sub 002-Old Homestead Hwy.

Letter from Southwest Region Planning Commission regarding feedback from local officials to prepare for the State of New Hampshire's Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration requesting if the Town of Richmond will be using the PA-28 Inventory of Taxable Property Form for 2023. Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board will not be using the PA-28 form.

Daniels signed application for payment from the Bridge Improvement Fund in the amount of \$8,768.29 to reimburse the TD General Fund for payment of Quantum Construction Consultants invoice# 3017 for \$8,768.29.

Daniels signed Technical Assistance Agreement between the Town of Richmond and Southwest Region Planning Commission for assistance with the update of the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Raffle permit application received from Joseph S McCann to benefit the Mt Monadnock Youth Group.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board approved raffle permit.

Appointments

Catherine Margand and Peter Margand met with the Board to discuss easement negotiations for Map 412 Lot 048 for Tully Brook Road over Tully Brook-Br. #155/066. Ms. Margand had questions regarding what happens to easement land after the bridge is built. Harrington to contact Quantum Construction Consultants and Attorney Joseph Hoppock for changes to easement deed.

Library Trustees, **Dixie Gurian and John Lewis and Librarian Wendy O'Brien** met with the Board to discuss repairing the Atkins porch of the Richmond Public Library. Their goal is to preserve safety as an exit and to replace the decking and railings. They use the Aram Gurian Fund for plants and flowers will use the Library General Purpose Fund for the porch. Dixie wanted to give the Selectmen a thank you for their support and would like for the Selectmen to go to the Library and see the changes that have been made.

Health Officer, **Carol Ann Rocheleau** met with the Board to complete a Summary of Readiness of Local Health Officers to fulfill public health duties. Ms. Rocheleau also provided updates on two properties in town and submitted junkyard information.

Mary Ann Lauretti met with the Board to discuss joining the Agricultural Commission. Ms. Lauretti to complete the end of Jennifer Daniels term. Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board appointed Mary Ann Lauretti to the Agricultural Commission. Term to expire March 31, 2023.





Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; the Board voted to enter into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

Roll Call: Daniels (Y) and Bersaw (Y). Non-Public session was entered at 7:08 pm.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; the Board voted to reconvene Public session. Roll call: Daniels (Y) and Bersaw (Y). Public session was reconvened at 7:15 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harrington

June 27, 2022 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Administration Present: Susan Harrington and Jennifer Thompson

Meeting opened at 5:34 pm.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated June 27, 2022 for week of June 17, 2022-June 23, 2022 in the amount of \$ 8,714.37 for payroll/accounts payable.





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Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd Board approved Intent to Cut for Map 407 Lot 005-Old County Road.

Letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services reference Utility Statutory Permit-by-Notification (RSA 482-A) for Eversource Energy.

Letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation reference Preliminary Plans Approval for Tully Brook Road over Tully Brook-Br. #155/066.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board approved the following abatements:

Map 202 Lot 027 Sub 008 abate \$54.39 for 2021

Map 202 Lot 027 Sub 008 abate \$8.00 for 2022

Map 202 Lot 027 Sub 005 abate \$22.00 for 2022

Board reviewed Notice of Preliminary Assessment Values for June 22, 2022.

Board reviewed Motor Vehicle Salvage Yard Environmental Compliance Manual & Self Audit Checklist.

Board discussed Current Use and Recreational Discount on property in town.

Board discussed zoning issues and questions for the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

Brother Louis sent a request to the Board for permission to use earth friendly spray paint at Amidon Field for soccer and football during this week.

Appointments

Vicki Marchant met with the Board to sign tax paper work.

Road Agent, Buddy Blood met with the Board to discuss the highway garage. Building will be approximately 40 ft wide by 50 feet long. Harrington to contact New Team Carport for contract. Buddy also discussed a driveway on Fish Hatchery Road. The Road Agent and Select Board agreed that the drainage of the driveway is the homeowner's responsibility and not the Town's responsibility. Also discussed the salary for the Road Agent, will revisit topic in October or November for the 2023 Budget.

Phone in Appointment

Attorney Chris Boldt contacted the Board to discuss attorney coverage. Harrington to provide contact information to Attorney Chris Boldt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrington

July 11, 2022 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels and Andrew Wallace

Selectmen absent: Douglas Bersaw

Administration Present: Susan Harrington and Jennifer Thompson

Public Present: Fran Heap

Meeting opened at 5:32 pm.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated July 11, 2022 for week of July 1, 2022-July 7, 2022 in the amount of \$ 24,880.45 for payroll/accounts payable.

Daniels signed two applications for payments from trusts. One application is to move \$4,482.50 from the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund to replenish the TD Bank General Fund for a payment in the amount of \$ 3,143.00 to Graves Concrete \$1339.50 to Laurence Excavating.

The second application is to move \$9,029.01 from the Bridge Improvement Fund to replenish the TD Bank General Fund for a payment in the amount of \$9,029.01 to Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC.

Daniels signed Pistol Permit #R 699688 to expire on 12/29/2027.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd Board approved Building Permit for Map 414 Lot 036-335 Athol Road.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved the

following Yield Tax Levies: Map 412 Lot 058, Map 401 Lot 008, and Map 411 Lots 005, 006, 007.

Board reviewed the Cheshire County Sheriffs Office 2023-2025 contract for police services. The Cheshire County Sheriffs Office proposed \$60.05 for 2023, \$62.23 for 2024, and \$64.06 for 2025. After push back the Cheshire County came back with a proposed contract with rate of \$56.68 for 2023, \$58.30 for 2024, and \$60.37 for 2025. Board tabled the decision for the next meeting when Selectmen Bersaw is in attendance.

Cheshire County Sheriff's Office June 2022 log received.

Resident on Whipple Hill Road would like to put up Horse Crossing signs at his own cost. Board agreed to signs. Hanington to advise resident to consult with the Road Agent for sign placement.

Email from Orion Binney regarding an SBA Navigator program that helps underserved entrepreneurs and business owners to gain access to business programs, capital funds, etc.

Board reviewed legal documents from Attorney Joseph Hoppock.

Appointments

Sheri Reynolds and Billy Hillock met with the Board to renew their junkyard license for Map 410 Lot 018 and 019. Board discussed the current state of the property. Board will view the property separately and will discuss at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrington



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Wed. 9 AM – 1 PM

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if you have an item for the agenda.

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Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Thompson

Town Clerk: Karen O'Brien

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Thur. 8 AM - Noon

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Deputy Tax Collector: Ann Dea Whipple

Mon. 6 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 9 AM – Noon

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and 3rd Tues. if needed

Transfer Station and Recycling Facility: 239-8136

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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

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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

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