



The

Richmond Rooster

Something to Crow
About

January 2022

[Editor's Note: We have been blessed to have had Karen Daugherty faithfully providing the Richmond Rooster with material for each issue for many years. Thank you so much, Karen, for the enjoyment you gave our staff and our readers!]

Parks and Recreation

Karen Daugherty

In December, we organized the Richmond Christmas party. There were crafts for all, including jumbo coloring pages, Advent chains, pipe cleaner and pom-pom mini Christmas trees, and clear plastic ornaments. Individuals filled these ornaments with a variety of festive decorations such as ribbon, colored bells, bows, pine cones, and greens. Some people decorated the outside as well with stickers or markers, writing messages to loved ones. There were carols sung, cookie decorating, cocoa, and everyone got to pick a free gift to take home. Here is a picture of just a few of the crafts and cookies that were made.



The Town is still looking for new members to help maintain the park and beach and maybe offer a couple of town events. If you think you might be interested, please contact the selectmen.

Greetings from the NH House of Representatives Jennie Gomarlo

I hope 2021 was healthy and safe for you, and 2022 is kinder to us all.

The legislative year was full of surprises. I'll start with the budget. I'm hoping the Covid relief funds will pick up the tab for some of the reductions made in the 2021-2022 budget. Otherwise, property taxes may rise in about 25% of NH towns. There was a one hundred million dollar reduction of the statewide property tax, which had been \$363 million and now is \$263 million. This does come directly off your tax bill, but it also reduces the money going to school districts. Rich towns will benefit, and poor towns will suffer. Business taxes rates were again reduced, meaning less revenue for the state. Rooms and meals tax has been making its way back to a normal level after taking a tremendous hit in 2020. The good news, depending on how you look at it, is the lottery revenue and liquor revenue have been meeting their estimates. Dental care for Medicaid recipients was removed from the budget again. This is unfortunate, because it is a cheaper way to prevent other health issues, as well as emergency care; "penny-wise and pound-foolish" comes to mind. Other surprises were bills which are not monetarily related to the budget were put into "the back of the bill", meaning they were added to the companion document which itemizes the spending in the budget. Among these items were: free speech restrictions for businesses and schools, ban on abortion after 24 weeks no matter the circumstances, mandatory ultrasound for any woman seeking an abortion (at her own cost), and large staffing cuts (particularly at DHHS). But, \$10 million was found to reimburse investors who fell for a Ponzi scheme some years ago. Revenue sharing from the meals and rooms tax was suspended again, directly affecting your tax bills.

Other items of note: a big win was the defeat of the right-to-work-for-less legislation. At the end of a three day session in the NH Sportsplex (in order to be socially

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distanced), we left 73 bills without a vote. There were too many energy bills of consequence to mention here, but some will have an impact on the future. Of course, many bills were submitted to manage the Covid crisis, from how monies are spent to mandates to virtual meeting of the legislature, which is still being decided in the court.

Best to all in the new year.

Jennie Gomarlo

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Your Immortality Can Be Tax Deductible Shaun Bennett

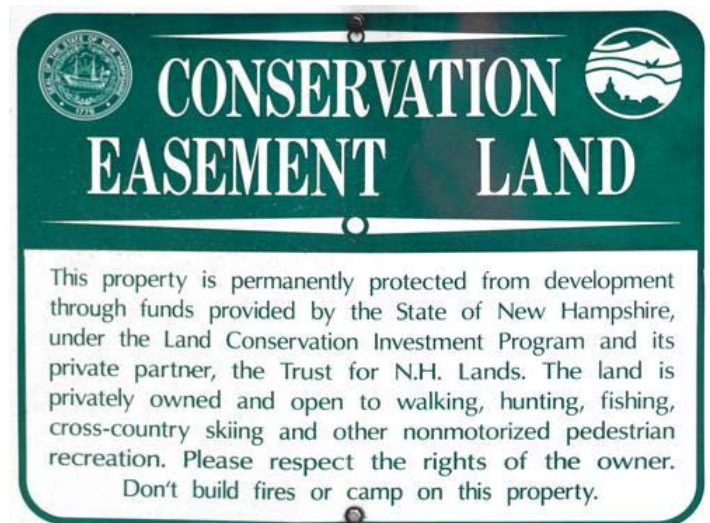
OK, I admit the title is a bit of a stretch, but, bear with me, and you'll see what I mean.

Since we can't actually be immortal, nearly all of us want to make a long-lasting positive impact on the world before we leave it: our legacy. Most folks see their children as the means to this end. Offspring who, along with their own descendants, will carry on into the indefinite future doing good things for the world. (*I have a feeling that if it ever occurred to my own parents I was their contribution to the future, they probably would have concluded alternative strategies were warranted.*) Believing in your kids makes sense. (*I hope. Mine is just 17; a bit early to be certain, but the signs are good.*) But, there is an additional way to pay it forward and to do it permanently: protect your land.

As far as I know, legally conserving land is the only

From a friend on Athol Road

good thing we can do which lasts forever - "in perpetuity," as the high hourly rate guys say. The terms of a conservation easement protecting land cannot be legally violated, except with the highly unlikely consent of the State Attorney General or by eminent domain action. In some states, it takes an act of the legislature. Well, what is a "conservation easement?" Sometimes it's called a "conservation restriction" or, as we will call it here, a "CR." It is an addition to a deed which specifies those things which cannot be done on the deeded land - ever. Each CR is unique. If you don't want mining (there are more than 40 mines in New Hampshire), include the prohibition in your CR. If you don't want strip malls, strip clubs, marijuana fields, or landfills, put those prohibitions in, too. In short, the CR extinguishes the right to do those things you specify in your CR. To paraphrase that annoying guy on TV, "It's your land. Make sure it's used the way you want."



How does it work? You and an attorney draw up the CR and give it to a non-profit organization, most often to a land trust. The recipient will periodically inspect the land and confirm the CR's conditions are being honored. Sometimes, the CR holder will ask for a one-time fee along with the CR in order to cover the cost of monitoring. If the intended CR recipient is a land trust, its staff will understand the legal and



practical details of CRs and can advise you beforehand about what the CR could say. It is important to remember, however, you are still the owner of the land and can do anything you want with it that has not been prohibited in the CR, including selling it.

Having your cake and eating it too: As a CR donor, not only have you made a gift to the future, you are also eligible to receive an immediate financial benefit. How? The market value of the CR-protected land will be less than unprotected land. If a developer is looking for land, and you have prohibited his or her kind of development with your CR, the developer will look elsewhere. An oversimplified example: let's say that your land was worth \$100,000 before you created the CR and \$75,000 afterwards, i.e., \$25,000 less than before. (The pre and post CR values would be determined by a qualified appraiser.) The CR you gave to a non-profit thus had a value of \$25,000, and that amount is considered to be a charitable contribution which is tax-deductible. In reality, CRs can be worth many, many thousands of dollars, and the law allows you to deduct up to half your taxable income. Not only that, but, if your CR value is greater than half your taxable income, you can continue to take the deduction for up to 15 years following. In the example above, the charitable contribution of a \$25,000 CR can lower a \$10,000 taxable income by half, from \$10,000 to \$5,000, for five years.

It's safe to say most people who read *the Rooster* value life in a rural, less densely populated, natural environment. With all the forest and the many relatively large ownership parcels here, one might ask why CRs are important. Development and radical land use change can occur faster than we expect. In Massachusetts, cities, like Boston, Worcester, and Springfield, have produced land-consuming development across the region, from the seaboard fully 80 miles westward to the Quabbin Reservoir. Could it happen here? Nashua and Lowell are beginning to seem like a single urban area. The population of Rockingham and Strafford counties can be expected to double in about 10 years. There is enormous demand for houses in the Hanover-Upper Valley Region to our north. It is coming. CRs offer a way to ensure that some of the Town's character remains for future generations. Go ahead - become immortal.

Want to know more? A good place to start is a booklet put together by New Hampshire land trusts:

<https://nhltc.org/conserving-your-land-book-2019>

Disclaimer: Any legally binding document, including a CR, calls for the guidance of a legally sophisticated person, like a lawyer, which I am not. Same thing with financial determinations, like tax deductions.



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ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

Terri O'Rorke

Ingredients

- 2 lb. cubed butternut squash
- 1 medium onion, halved and sliced into wedges
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled
- 1 tsp. sea salt
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp. avocado oil, or another heat-safe oil
- 2 c. chicken broth or more, as needed
- 1 can (about 13 1/2 oz. size) coconut milk, or 1 cup heavy cream
- Diced apple and crumbled, cooked bacon, optional.

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
2. Put squash cubes, onion, and garlic cloves on a large rimmed baking sheet. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and drizzle oil over top. Use your hands to toss everything around so it's evenly coated.
3. Roast for 35–40 minutes on a lower oven rack, tossing things around with a spatula a couple of times during cooking.
4. Transfer roasted items to a medium to large soup pot. Add chicken broth and heat to a simmer. Let it simmer for about 5 minutes and then blend it with an immersion blender (or in batches with a counter-top blender) until smooth.
5. Stir in coconut milk or cream. Add a little more salt, if needed, before serving. Top with diced apple and crumbled, cooked bacon, if desired. Serves 6.





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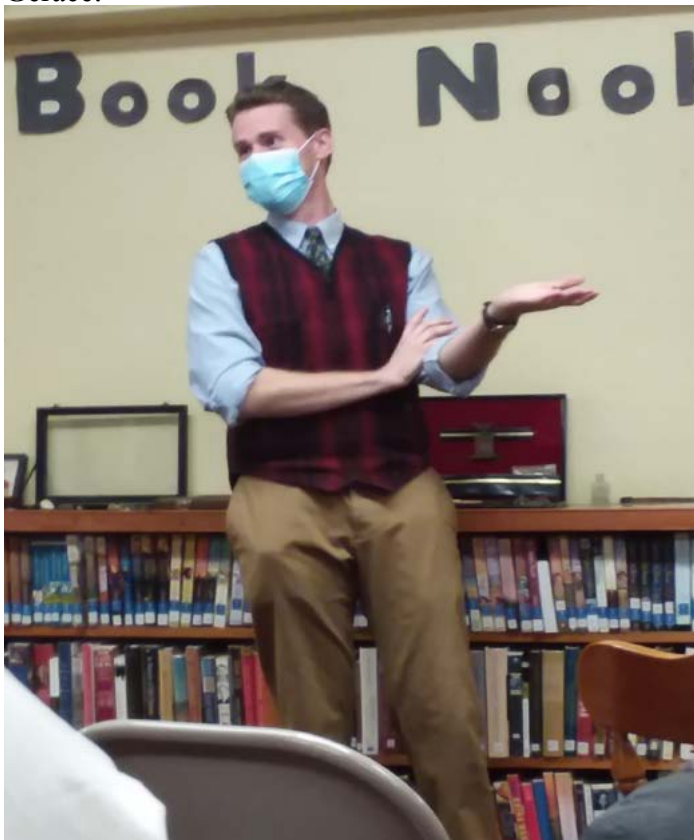


Metal Detecting & its Treasures

Fran Heap

[photos by Alan Conklin]

On November 16, 2021, the Richmond Public Library came through once more with another fascinating event: a presentation of metal detecting by Dominic Gerace.



Metal Detecting Enthusiast Dominic Gerace

I have never seen the library so packed and I was soon to learn why: Dominic is a master storyteller and a true expert in the field of metal detecting. His presentation covered tales of kidnapping; early (and gruesome) weapons, like the pickaroon pictured on right; hazards of outdoor metal detecting in New England (e.g., Lyme Disease, broken bones from falling into unmarked wells); acid rain and its adverse impact to underground artifacts; and legal ownership of found relics.



Pickaroon Close Up

Dominic's collection of treasures has been built over many years and includes a case of artifacts from Martin Cook Road. His genuine love of history made this night at the library extra special. I hope he will return to our Town's treasure, the Richmond Public Library.



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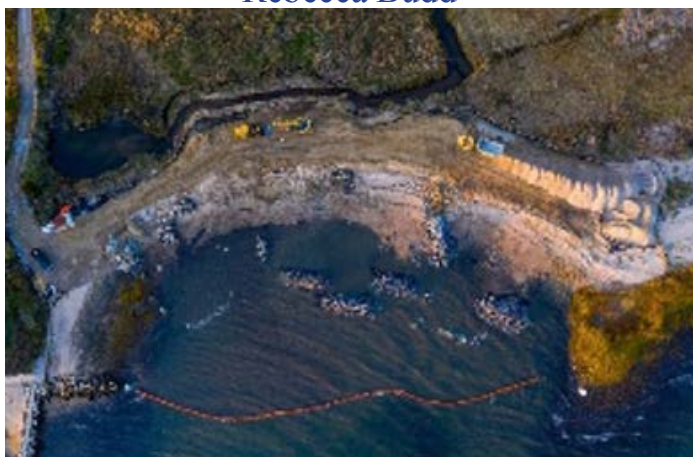
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Connecticut River Conservancy

Rivers Healthier Thanks to More than 20 Projects Completed this Year along Connecticut River
Rebecca Budd



Living shoreline in Fenwick, CT. Credit Chris Zajac

Greenfield, MA — This year, the Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) has completed more than 20 river restoration projects across the 4-state Connecticut River watershed (NH, VT, MA & CT). These projects will restore natural river flow, improve wildlife habitat, and protect clean water. They also boosted local economies and local businesses like plant nurseries, tree planting crews, construction crews, engineering and design firms, and more.

“We are very proud of our restoration work and continue to build momentum with each successful project and each passing year,” said Ron Rhodes, Director of Restoration Programs at CRC. “Our team of partners, landowners, and funders work tirelessly for years to bring these projects to completion. These partnerships bring the benefits of clean water and healthy rivers to people and wildlife in all four states of the Connecticut River basin. Together, we have accomplished our goals for 2021 and look forward to an even more productive 2022.”

The river restoration projects completed by CRC in 2021 include:

- Removing useless “deadbeat” dams on Broad Brook in Guilford, VT; Turkey Hollow Brook in Windham, VT; and Sutton River in West Burke, VT;
- Restoring wetlands along the Connecticut River in Piermont, NH;
- Restoring four floodplains along the Cold River in Walpole, NH; the Ammonoosuc River in Lisbon, NH; and the Connecticut River in Colebrook, NH;
- Instream habitat restoration in small tributaries to the Waits River in Corinth, VT;
- Planting nearly 16,400 trees along rivers in 12 towns including Lisbon, Piermont, and Walpole, NH and Barnet, Bradford, Guilford, Lyndon, Newbury, Norwich, Strafford, West Fairlee and Woodstock, VT
- Construction of a living shoreline in Fenwick, CT where the CT River flows into Long Island Sound.

The dam removals this year have opened 27 miles of river by removing barriers for fish and other aquatic life to pass freely upstream. These other projects have also increased access to valuable floodplains, reduced erosion along 4.7 miles of stream habitat, and restored over 25 acres of riparian and floodplain habitat. In addition, the living shoreline project improved tidal flow, replaced a culvert, and restored 0.4 acres of tidal marsh and 500 feet of coastal beach.



Floodplain restoration in Lisbon, NH with Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust. Credit CRC


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The Power of Spelt and Hildegard von Bingen

Karen O'Brien

Spelt (*Triticum spelta*) is a type of ancient wheat, also known as "Dinkel" or "hulled wheat." It has been recorded as being used from the Bronze Age to medieval times. It is now undergoing a renaissance of sorts, due to its high protein and dietary fiber. It also is a source of B vitamins and several minerals, including manganese, phosphorus, and niacin. The fact that it is low in fat and high in carbohydrates made it useful for traveling Roman soldiers and was known as the "marching grain."

Spelt is a naturally occurring hybrid of a tetraploid wheat (perhaps emmer) and wild goat grass (*Aegilops tauschii*). However, it is a hexaploid wheat, meaning it has six sets of chromosomes, as much of modern wheat does. In Greek mythology, spelt was a gift to the Greeks from the Goddess Demeter. Remains have

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been found in Neolithic sites (2500 - 1700 BC); during the Iron Age (750 - 15 BC), it was the principal wheat species in Germany and Switzerland. In ancient Rome, the rite of *confarreatio* – a ritualized Roman wedding – was concluded with the eating of a shared spelt cake. In 9th century AD, it became a major crop, due to its adaptability to cold climates and its storage capabilities. Bavaria and Belgium make beer brewed from spelt, and, in Poland, a vodka is produced from this grain. Health benefits include improving blood circulation, digestive, and bone health; maintaining a healthy immune system; helping to lower cholesterol and diabetes; and even controlling migraines.




The Richmond Heritage Commission

The Richmond Heritage Commission (2014-2021), founded and mentored by Bob Weekes, thanks the town residents and many friends for their generous support.



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A Friend On Granite Hill Road

Hildegard von Bingen, a German mystic, was enamored of spelt and other plants she felt helped with eliminating diseases and certain health conditions. She was born in 1098, and, at the age of six, began to have spiritual visions which would last her entire life. She became a nun at Age 15 in the hermitage of Jutta, a community following the rule of Saint Benedict. When Jutta died in 1136, Hildegard became abbess of the community. She continued to have a large following and eventually built a large convent that exists today.



Hildegard von Bingen. Detail of line engraving by W. Marshall

Hildegard wrote three mystical books, one being *Physica*, which contained her thoughts on healing plants. She expounded on 235 plants and their effects on health. She based much of her “recipes” on the traditional view of four elements – hot, cold, wet, dry – and the theological notion that everything on earth was put there for use by humans, if only they could determine the elemental qualities of plants and their effect on an

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unbalanced state. Being out of humor was cause for alarm and the reason for illness or divine intervention.

Hildegard was a force in her time, having correspondence with kings, popes, bishops, emperors, monks, and women and men from all levels of society. She even used her influence to stir up a religious crusade. She foresaw abuses in the political situation, which eventually led to the Thirty Year’s War.

For Hildegard, treatment meant blending the metaphysical aspect with the physical. Ailments were considered imbalances, and how they impacted the body’s “viriditas” or the greening power to heal itself. Identifying the imbalance was the key to rectifying it, be it with herbal soups, wines, syrups, and even cookies.

Hildegard developed a cookie made from spelt, which would counteract “black bile” which caused melancholy. Spelt, being hot, rich and powerful, was combined with spices, such as nutmeg, cinnamon, and clove which would open up the heart, free the mind and sense, and establish over all joy. All that from a cookie!

[Recipe from Gastro Obscura]

COOKIES OF JOY

12 TBSP. BUTTER
 $\frac{3}{4}$ CUP BROWN SUGAR
 1/3 CUP RAW HONEY
 4 EGG YOLKS
 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ CUPS SPELT FLOUR
 1 TSP. SALT
 1 TBSP. NUTMEG
 1 TBSP. CINNAMON
 1 TSP. CLOVES



Melt the butter, and add it to a bowl with sugar, honey, and egg yolks. Beat gently, then fold in the rest of the ingredients. Refrigerate the dough for an hour. Flour a surface and roll out the dough until $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. Cut the dough into small circles. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, then bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes, or until golden-brown.

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.]

Friday, January 7, 2022 – 6 PM to 9 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) with Suzen Joyce Perry (harmony vocals) will perform at the Brewery at Four Star Farms at 508 Pine Meadow Road, Northfield, MA. Masks required when not eating/drinking at this venue. Event is free to the public.

Thursday, January 21, 2022 – 7 PM

Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) with Suzen Joyce Perry (harmony vocals) will appear, along with two other singer/songwriters, at the Harvard General Store at 1 Still River Road, Harvard, MA. Masks required when not eating/drinking at this venue. Event is free to the public.

Farmer's Market News from the Richmond Agriculture Commission

Karen O'Brien, Chair

We were pleasantly pleased with the Farmer's Market this year. For our first year, it went quite well, although it certainly seemed like most Sundays it rained! We had many repeat customers, coming from Richmond and the surrounding towns. Of course, we also had fine entertainment, with Lenny Solomon serenading us with his tunes and Mark Lanen with his keyboard which sounded like a full band. If you came by, thanks, and, if you didn't, please come next year!

The Richmond Farmer's Market is now closed for the season, but plans are afoot for next year. We are actively seeking more vendors! If you have an agricultural product for sale, please consider joining us on Sunday afternoons, noon to 3:00 PM, from May through October, at the intersection of Rt. 119 and Rt. 32, formerly known as "Four Corners." We are also hoping to enlarge the market to allow for handmade crafts, preferably those agricultural in nature. All vendors are juried, with restrictions as to product. We are looking to connect with food vendors, as well, so please let us know if you or someone you know is interested.

Although we still intend to be open every Sunday right now, we know that many of you would prefer to come one or two times a month. Right now, we can accommodate all vendors; those agreeing to do at least two Sundays each month would get a booth gratis. If you cannot come but a few times during the season, we ask that you pay a small fee (\$5.00) each visit for a table. Monies

collected will go towards the Richmond Agricultural scholarship, which is open to any student in Richmond.

Do you have extra eggs, honey, produce from your garden? Do you bake, pickle, can, or make jellies? All types of these products are eagerly sought by those visiting the market. So, if you can, plan on being a part of this endeavor. We'd like this to be a community event, and it can't happen without you! Looking farther ahead, we hope to have more interactive events at the market, with demonstrations, workshops, and more. Please let us know if you have something to share with the rest of our community.

The Commission is also starting a lecture/workshop series, so stay tuned for more news. In March, we plan to have a lecture/demonstration on orchard care. We will have a representative from UNH to teach us about composting. These lectures will be free and open to the public, so look for the venue, dates and times in upcoming issues of the Rooster or on the Town of Richmond website at:

<http://www.richmond.nh.gov/>

So, plan on coming next year. We'll be starting in May and go through October. Hope to see you then!

Contact Karen O'Brien, Chair at 413-225-2144 or karen@greenwomansgarden.com.

FIREHOUSE NEWS

Old Man Winter

Ren Doyle, RFD Spokesperson

Happy New Year from your friends at the Richmond Fire Department! First and foremost, thank you all for your continued support, especially with the return of our annual fundraisers: the Weekend-before-Labor Day Chicken BBQ and the Thanksgiving pie sale. It was great to see our neighbors in the summer, and we hope the pies were a wonderful addition to your Thanksgiving feast, lessening the stress of baking dessert.

As this is being written, we are approaching 250 calls for the year. Likely, we will have surpassed that by the time you're reading this. As you know, we train often and are here to provide you with the best fire and EMS services that we can. If you'd like to learn more about joining our team and serving the community with us, please stop in when we're around the firehouse.

Old Man Winter is in town, so we'd like to remind everyone about some general fire safety. Hopefully, you remembered to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and gave them a test recently. Keep in mind as we start stoking those fireplaces, wood stoves and furnaces that nearby areas should be clear from anything combustible. If you haven't had your chimney cleaned, make sure you do so soon. As much as we enjoy what we do, we really don't want to be dealing with chimney fires at our neighbor's homes. One

last reminder is to always have at least two ways out of the residence in the event of an emergency. Keep doorways clear and accessible on both sides - for people to get out and for emergency responders to get in.

With colder weather comes the white stuff. Please make sure your vehicles' tires are in good shape for the slippery road conditions and REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN when the flakes start flying. Speaking of winter weather, we'd like to ask the community to consider participating in the "adopt a hydrant" program. It's a great way to get little ones out of the house, and it really helps the fire department to have easy access to fire hydrants in the event of an emergency. All it takes is to find your nearest fire hydrant or pond and clear out an area of about three feet around each side of the hydrant and a clear path out to the road.

All the members of the RFD wish everyone a happy new year and a safe winter ahead!



Library News Wendy O'Brien

Library Calendar for January

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

Every Wednesday, 10 AM: Storytime

Special Events

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

Tues., January 11th, 6 PM: Book Group, *The Thirteenth Tale*

Thur., January 20th, 5:30 PM: Teen Pizza Night/Escape Room Game

Storytime

Do you have a little one? We would love to have you join us for stories, songs, and a simple craft each Wednesday at 10 AM. Can't make it on Wednesday? We leave the craft available for all children to make throughout the week, or let us know if you would like a take-and-make craft to create at home. During January, we will celebrate snow days, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, penguins, and animals that hibernate.

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Book Club

Join us on January 11th at 6 PM to discuss *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Sutterfield:

Reclusive author Vida Winter, famous for her collection of twelve enchanting stories, has spent the past six decades penning a series of alternate lives for herself. Now old and ailing, she is ready to reveal the truth about her extraordinary existence and the violent and tragic past she has kept secret for so long. Calling on Margaret Lea, a young biographer troubled by her own painful history, Vida disinters the life she meant to bury for good... Together, Margaret and Vida confront the ghosts that have haunted them while becoming, finally, transformed by the truth themselves. — Publisher's jacket. Copies are available at the Library.

Teen Pizza Night/Escape Room Game

After a long hiatus, teen pizza night is back on January 20th at 5:30 PM! All teens and tweens are welcome to come have pizza and try their hand at "The Werewolf Experiment," a puzzle game where you have one hour before a mad scientist turns everyone into werewolves! We'll have pizza at 5:30 PM and start the game at 6 PM.

New Titles

Wish You Were Here, Jodi Picoult

The Clover Girls, Viola Shipman

Still Life, Sarah Winman

The Sentence, Louise Erdrich

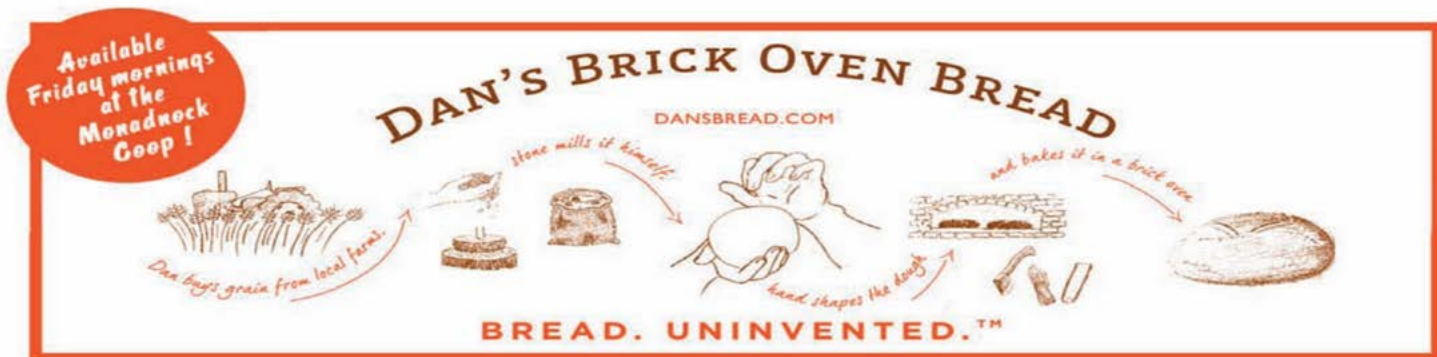
Mercy, David Baldacci

Dark Hours, Michael Connelly

TOWN CLERK TIDBITS

Karen O'Brien

In order to help with the registration process, the Town Hall now has Bill of Sales forms, VIN Verification forms, Power of Attorney forms, and Vanity Plate applications available for your use. They will be in a rack outside the Town Clerk's office so you can access them at any time the Town Hall is open. We also have some maps available. We have a limited supply, but motorcycle maps of NH and state



park maps are here for the taking, until we run out.

If you are considering new plates, we have information on the State Park plates and the Moose plates. The monies from each of these plates helps support conservation initiatives in NH. With a State Park plate, you'll receive free entry for your car and passengers into New Hampshire State Parks' day-use areas for one year. In addition, proceeds will be used for operation and maintenance of New Hampshire State Parks. For further info, visit www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/support/new-hampshire-state-park-license-plate.

All funds raised through the purchase of Moose plates, also known as Conservation and Heritage License Plates, are used for the promotion, protection, and investment in New Hampshire's natural, cultural, and historic resources. To see what your extra dollars support, visit www.mooseplate.com.

We will soon have wonderful brochures highlighting the services offered in the Town Hall. Hours of operation, contact info, vehicle registrations, dog licenses, etc. are

all included. This is a handy flyer to keep by the phone or computer. Many thanks to Katie Delaney, former Deputy Clerk, who provided the copy and layout! You can pick this flyer up at the Town Hall or at the Library.

We still have copies of brochures explaining how to figure out vehicle registration fees. It's a bit of a process. Or, you can visit the town website, scroll down the Town Clerk's Section, and find the EB2Gov website which will walk you through how to get estimates or find out the cost of renewal.

Here's to a better year ahead!



Jennie B. Powers, One of the Original Founders of Monadnock Humane Society, Honored with DAR Women in American History Award
Carol Laughner,
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Swanzy, NH – On Thursday, November 4, 2021 the Winnepesaukee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Wolfeboro, NH presented the DAR Women in American History Award to Jennie B. Powers for her work as an activist for the humane treatment of animals, women and children in New Hampshire and Vermont in the early 20th century. This award recognizes women, an historical entity or currently alive, who have made a contribution or difference in their communities.

Because of Jennie Powers' affiliation with Monadnock Humane Society's history, the Winnepesaukee Chapter decided to present her award to MHS executive director, Kathy Collinworth, at the MHS Adoption Center in Swanzy, NH. Chapter Regent Susan Fossum, Honorary Chapter Regent Priscilla Theberge, and Vice Regent Cindy Theodore presented the award.

Jennie Powers was the subject of a presentation at their 2021 spring chapter meeting which was given by Jenna





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Carroll, Educational Director at the Historical Society of Cheshire County in Keene. Carroll's presentation entitled "*Jennie B. Powers – The Woman Who Dared*" highlighted Powers' work as a humane society agent in Keene from 1903-1936 and how she was one of the first humane agents to become a deputy sheriff in New Hampshire. Carroll said that Powers was known across the country as "*The Woman Who Dares*," cited by the Boston Post newspaper in 1906 as having arrested more men than any other woman in America. As a photographic activist, she used her camera to document animal cruelty, family violence, and wide-spread poverty in New Hampshire's Monadnock region and beyond.

After hearing Carroll's presentation, members of the Winnepesaukee Chapter were so inspired by Jennie Powers' accomplishments and the historical context of her work, that one of the chapter associates suggested honoring her with the DAR Women in American History Award



Collinsworth said that "This award means so much to our community. Recognizing the work of Jennie Powers – especially as we will soon be celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2025 – is so timely and significant. We are grateful to Jenna Carroll who continues to speak about Jennie Powers' influence in our community (and national) history, and to the Winnepesaukee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for recognizing the work of this amazing woman." The certificate and medal that were presented will be on display at the MHS Adoption Center in Swanzey on "The Jennie B. Powers Wall," where there is also a miniature version of the mural that was painted in Keene during the Wall Dogs Magical History Tour event in June 2019.

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MONADNOCK HUMANE SOCIETY AWARDED \$5,000 GRANT FROM GIVEBUTTER ON GIVING TUESDAY FOR "MOST CREATIVE CAMPAIGN"

**Chosen as One of Eight Winners
from Hundreds of Applicants**

Carol Laughner
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Swanzey, NH - - - Monadnock Humane Society (MHS) was one of eight winners awarded a \$5,000 grant from the fundraising platform, Givebutter (www.givebutter.com), on Giving Tuesday – a day of international giving, held on November 30th. The MHS Giving Tuesday campaign, created by Jacques Du Preez, the MHS Director of Development and Marketing, was composed of videos, photos, and stories of recent animal surrenders and Animal Safety Net residents.

MHS chose Givebutter as the fundraising platform for this event because not only does it integrate with the MHS donor database, it has a "social" element that allows donors to engage and interact. MHS had used Givebutter for the past two years for their signature events (the Hair Ball and the Walk for Animals) and other fundraising efforts, and found that it worked extremely well. Du Preez created the fundraising page at the beginning of the month, sharing additional messaging through the MHS website, print/online advertising, email and social media pages. The combination proved highly successful. "We set a goal of \$10,000 (half of which was a \$5,000 matching gift from an anonymous donor) and we met the gift match the day before Giving Tuesday. At the time of this writing, we will most likely surpass \$30,000 – well beyond our original goal!"

Du Preez read about the contest in early November on the Givebutter website, and immediately submitted a nomination for MHS. To qualify for the Givebutter Giving Tuesday award, submissions for campaigns needed to be given to Givebutter by Nov. 23rd. Once campaigns were published, the Givebutter staff reviewed each of them prior to Giving Tuesday

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and chose the top 8 campaigns out of hundreds from all over the country. Winners were announced on Giving Tuesday, and the \$5,000 grant acceptance from Givebutter was presented live on their Facebook page at 11:00 am. Du Preez, (along with office cat, "Pork Chop") was interviewed about the campaign. He shared stories that reflected the impact of how this gift will help our work – the stories of Molly and Jamie, the two senior cats who were residents of our Animal Safety Net program, and the over 100 feral cats and "Spirit Kittens" that recently came to MHS.

During the interview, Du Preez expressed deep gratitude not only to Givebutter for recognizing the work of MHS, but also the anonymous donor who gave the \$5,000 match gift and the nearly 150 people who donated. "This has been the most successful Giving Tuesday ever for MHS," said Du Preez. "Not only are these much-needed funds going to help us fulfill our mission, we are so encouraged by this award recognition and the unwavering support of our community. We are truly grateful."

Giving Tuesday officially kicks off the end-of-year fundraising campaign for MHS, and while Giving Tuesday was a huge success, MHS still needs to raise a fair amount more before the end of the year. Monadnock Humane Society is 100% funded by the generosity of people within the communities we support. Contrary to public belief, MHS receives NO FUNDING for its shelter operations from national organizations such as ASPCA, The Humane Society of the United States, or any national, state, or local government agency. Beginning December 6th, MHS will launch their Holiday Giving Guide, and thanks to an amazing partnership with the Dean's Beans coffee roasters, they will be offering supporters a delicious "rescue roast" to purchase for friends and family. Great coffee, for a great cause! More information about the MHS Holiday Giving Guide can be found at monadnockhumanesociety.org/holiday-gift-guide.

MONADNOCK HUMANE SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Scot Ward, Joanne Rennie Angell, and Kathy Settipane join the MHS Board of Directors

**Carol Laughner,
Marketing Communications Manager**

Swanzey, NH - The Monadnock Humane Society Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of three new board members.

Scot Ward joined the board this past summer. Ward is a graduate of both Keene State College and Indiana University and has made his home in Keene

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Scot Ward

since 1999. He was previously employed as collegiate athletic trainer and educator at Seton Hall University, New England College, Keene State College (KSC) and Trinity College and was instrumental in establishing an endowed scholarship at KSC. In 2018, he joined Edward Jones as a financial advisor, working to help clients achieve their financial goals. He is a member of the Keene Kiwanis Club and enjoys helping with community events (such as the Greater Keene and Peterborough Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament) and he has volunteered for 22 years as part of the finish line medical team at the Boston Marathon. He and his wife Jennifer have two dogs who are both in training to be therapy pets through the Monadnock Therapy Pets program.

Joanne Rennie Angell, appointed to the board in November, left full-time corporate life several years ago after working 35+ years in the high-tech industry in Massachusetts, California, and Oregon. She continues to consult part-time in the learning and development field, and is looking forward to being involved in meaningful non-profit volunteer work. Angell and her husband chose to relocate to New Hampshire in 2018 to be closer to family. She has volunteered with Monadnock United Way and the Ladies Charitable Society, and is a member of 100+ Women Who Care Cheshire County.

Angell brings extensive experience helping others develop their professional and leadership skills and has a passion for researching and developing new programs. She is excited about participating on the MHS Human Resources Committee and helping with other initiatives. She has had pets since she was a young child, and recognizes the benefits of animals in our lives.



Joanne Angell

Kathy Settupane, also appointed to the board in November, was born and raised in Keene and graduated from Keene State College with a BS in Safety Studies. She has held multiple analytical and leadership positions and currently holds the position of Customer Resource Center Officer at New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp in Keene. Settupane has always had a love for animals



Kathy Settupane

and grew up with cats and dogs adopted from MHS. Kathy has participated in the MHS Walk for Animals for many years and served on the Walk for Animals Committee in 2021. Kathy resides in Swanzey with her husband, Joe, and their two dogs. She is excited and honored to be a part of the MHS Board of Directors.

Wesley H. Wratchford, MHS Board Chair, said: We are very fortunate to have this talented group of new board members joining us – especially as we begin to implement our new 5-year strategic plan. Not only do each of these three professionals have a passion for the MHS mission, but they have a commitment to this community.

November 22, 2021 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Public Present: Kathryn McWhirk, Loreal Schmidt

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington and Jennifer Thompson

Meeting opened at 5:36 pm

*** **AMENDMENT TO MINUTES** ***
Additional information on the November 15, 2021 minutes has been requested.

Original minutes read as: Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved the Yield Tax for Map 407 Lot 095. Owner-Taylor.
Minutes should have read as: Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved the Yield Tax in the amount of \$666.35 on Map 407 Lot 095. Owner-Taylor. Operation # 21-385-07-T.

Correction to the October 25, 2021 minutes incorrect subdivision lot number.

Original minutes read as: Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board approved Yield Tax bill in the amount of \$762.42 for Intent to Cut Operation # 20-385-08-T. Fitzwilliam Road, Map 407 Lot 094 Sub 004. Owner-Susa.
Minutes should have read as: Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board approved Yield Tax bill in the amount of \$762.42 for Intent to Cut Operation # 20-385-08-T. Fitzwilliam Road, Map 407 Lot 094 Sub 002. Owner-Susa.

Correction to the May 24, 2021 minutes incorrect lot number.

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

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

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated November 22, 2021 for week of November 12, 2021-November 18, 2021 in the amount of: \$ 10,681.38 for payroll/accounts payable.


The State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation Driveway Permit received for Map 402 Lot 027 on Rte 32. Owner-Cyr.

Daniels signed Raffle Permit for the Richmond Public Library. Drawing to be held on 12/15/21. Please see Richmond Public Library for details.

Daniels signed application for payment from the Road Reconstruction and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$88, 338.87 to replenish the General Fund for the payment to All States Construction for the paving of Fish Hatchery Road from Rte. 32 to Mill Road.

Letter from Karen O'Brien from the Agricultural Commission requesting to change full time members and alternate members on the Agricultural Commission. Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; the appointments have been corrected as follows: Stillman Rogers from full member to alternate.

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Term to expire 03/31/23. Barbara Rogers from full member to alternate. Term to expire 03/31/23. Lenny Solomon from alternate to full member. Term to expire 03/31/24. Liz Ehrman from alternate to full member. Term to expire 03/31/24.

Wallace contacted Doug Smith via conference call to discuss appointing Broadband Committee members. Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to appoint the following to the Broadband Committee:

Doug Smith as a full member-Term to expire 03/31/24; Wendy O'Brien as a full member-Term to expire 03/31/24; Ronald Raymond as a full member-Term to expire 03/31/24; Jonathan Shreckengost as a full member-Term to expire 03/31/24; Mary Ann Lauretti as a full member-Term to expire 03/31/22; Rick Flagler as an Alternate-Term to expire 03/31/24; Arlene Crowell as an Alternate-Term to expire 03/31/24; Neil Moriarty as an Alternate-Term to expire 03/31/24.

Harrington advised Board of conference call on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 5:30 pm with the Homeland Security Emergency Management Public Assistance and FEMA for an Exploratory Call regarding the July 17 and 18 2021 storm damage to the town.

Board discussed Tax Rate for 2021. The tax rate will be \$23.45 and is broken down as follows: Municipal rate is \$6.23, County rate is \$3.80, Local Educations is \$12.14 and State Education is \$1.92.

Daniels signed assurance documents for Homeland Security Emergency Management and the Local Emergency Operations Plan requested by Elizabeth



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Gilboy at NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Board discussed legal issues. Board reviewed paperwork from Town's attorney, Joseph Hoppock, Esq. Harrington to contact Joseph Hoppock.

Board discussed holding a public hearing on the receipt of Unanticipated Funds from Cheshire County the State of New Hampshire American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and how they plan to allocate the funds. Hearing will be held at the Town Hall in the Selectmen's Office on December 6, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Email from Ron Kleiner, Jr. P.E. Community Assistance Bridge Engineer with the NHDOT received. Email stated Mr. Kleiner reviewed the Engineering Study, revised estimate from Quantum Construction Consultants, the scope and fee of the final design, bidding and construction administration to be acceptable. Quantum Construction Consultants have been notified of approval and may proceed with the work for Tully Brook Bridge # 155/066.

Board discussed the status of Attleboro Mountain Road. Harrington contacted town attorney. Board discussed the Broadband Committee.

Appointments

Zoning Compliance Officer, Richard Drew met with the Board to discuss his Zoning Compliance Reports.

Map 405 Lot 005 Owner-Gold. Lot was visited to check status of construction on this lot. ZCO observed the following:

- A concrete pad has been constructed with a camper resting on top of it. The camper appears to be used as a dwelling.

- There is a newly drilled well near this pad.
- A septic system has been installed and back-filled on the northerly side of the lot.
- A driveway has been built for access to the lot.
- There are no permits on file at the town offices for any of these improvements. The septic system was designed and approved for construction by NHDES in 2019 and approved by NHDES for operation October 29, 2021.

Recommendation: I recommend that the owner be notified that Building Permit Applications are required for structures and that living for more than 3 months in a camper is not allowed in Richmond. Harrington will send letter to owner.

November 29, 2021 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Public Present: Kathryn McWhirk

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated November 29, 2021 for week of November 19, 2021-November 25, 2021 in the amount of: \$ 436,147.03 for payroll/accounts payable. This manifest includes a check in the amount of \$413,385.00 due to the Cheshire County.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board signed Tax Warrant. Tax bills are due January 5, 2022.

Quantum Construction Consultants emailed a

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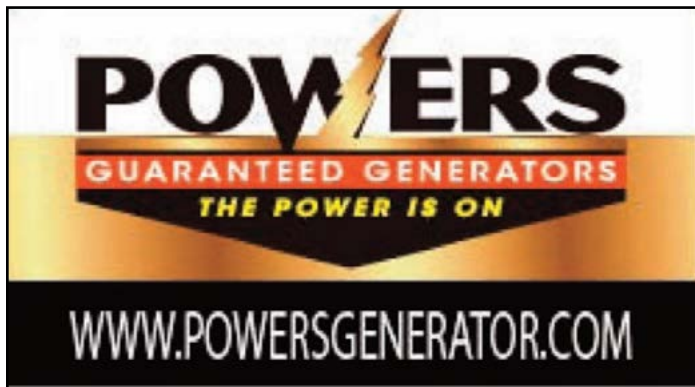
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determination of the recommended amount for a warrant article for funding the two bridge projects including design, permitting, construction and engineering services. Total Warrant amount is \$2,600,000.00. Harrington to review warrant article wording with DRA.

Email received from P Guertin regarding property at 160 Sandy Pond Road, Map 405 Lot 016. Mr. Guertin states he is actively trying to get the holes in front of the garage filled. Mr. Guertin explained his trouble getting someone to provide stone and/or deliver it. Harrington will inform Zoning Compliance Officer and The Richmond Conservation Commission. Mr. Guertin sent the same email to K. Mattson for the Richmond Planning Board.

Daniels signed application for payment in the amount of \$566.23 from the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund to replenish General Fund from three invoices involved with repairing the water issue at the Fire Department. Ciardelli fuel invoice #174913 for \$110.00 and # 176844 for \$187.50. Geordie Iselin Electric LLC invoice # 005077 for \$147.73 and PJD invoice # 13372 for \$121.00.

Board discussed dates for hearings related to the 2022 Town Meeting.

Appointments
Board of Selectmen, Road Agent, Susan Harrington and Homeland Security Emergency Management Public Assistance and FEMA met via Conference Call for an Exploratory Call regarding the July 17 and 18 2021 storm damage to the town.

Seth Smith met with the Board to discuss the letter received from the Board regarding the Wetland District Violations for Map 405 Lot 0125. Smith states the silt fencing was installed in September 2021. Road Agent will meet with Mr. Smith to address the ditch at the end of the culvert. And outlined plans to correct any other wetland violations.

December 6, 2021 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

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

Public Present: Jennifer Thompson



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Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington
Meeting opened at 5:30 pm.

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Daniels approved Veteran's Memorial Hall rental for January 23, 2022.

Cheshire County Sheriff's Office log for November 2021 received. Log attached to minutes.

Commissioner's Proposed 2022 Budget received from The Cheshire County Board of Commissioners. The total 2022 Budget is \$63,533,868.00.

Town Clerk, Karen O'Brien submitted to the Board a Residency Form and a list of documents that can be used as a proof of residency.

Road Agent, Buddy Blood submitted an All State Asphalt, Inc. Proposal Contract for the paving of Cross Road. Total is \$53,156.25 which includes stack, HBP, placement, compaction and traffic control. Board reviewed.

Board discussed the General Government/General Building 2022 Budget. There is an increase to the Winchester Transfer Station, and heat and oil.

2021 Approved Budget=\$ 132,501.00

2022 Requested Budget=\$ 147,200.00

Board discussed the Executive Budget 2022 Budget. There is an increase to the Selectmen Support Services.

2021 Approved Budget=\$95,600.00

2022 Requested Budget=\$95,642.00

Daniels signed application for payment from trust to transfer \$4,486.00 from the Municipal Buildings Trust Fund to replenish the General Fund for the repairs of the roof on the Taylor/Van Brocklin Building.

Board discussed the sign for the Taylor-Van Brocklin Municipal Building. Harrington to notify Jerry Mills.

Appointments

Dana Smith met with the Board to discuss the Zoning Compliance Officer report dated 11/21/21 for 190 Fish Hatchery Road, Map 405 Lot 093. The ZCO report recommends that the owner repair and maintain the silt fences until after the driveway has been completed. Also, the building should be inspected for an Occupancy Permit. Mr. Smith stated he will

repair the silt fences tomorrow. He will renew his building permit, building is not finished. Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd. Board approved building permit.

Charles Latte, David and Kim Gold met with the Board to discuss the Zoning Compliance Officer report dated 11/21/21 for 330 Old Homestead Hwy, Map 405 Lot 005. The ZCO report recommends the owner submit building permit applications for the structures. Per contractor, building permits will be completed.

December 13, 2021 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Public Present: Loreal Schmidt and Fran Heap

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:34 pm

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated December 13, 2021 for week of December 3, 2021-December 9, 2021 in the amount of: \$26,981.48 for payroll/accounts payable. This includes the monthly, quarterly and annual stipends.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board approved Tax Abatement in the amount of \$10.00 for Map 202 Lot 027 Sub 013 Owner – Kaulback. Camper is registered.

Harrington advised the Board of a tractor trailer truck getting stuck on Fay Martin Road from approximately 1:00 am on 12/08/21 until approximately 11:00 am on 12/09/21. The truck blocked the road causing some residents on the road to miss work since they could not leave their driveway. The residents would like the Board to consider putting a sign at Fay Martin Road to notify people following a GPS that Fay Martin Road is not a thru road. Per Board's request, Harrington to contact Road Agent regarding sign.

Board reviewed brochure from American Steel Span for Highway Department.

Board reviewed the Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for 2021. The Plan is available for public viewing from December 15, 2021 to December 30, 2021. A copy is available for public viewing at the Selectmen's Office during normal business hours. A digital copy will be uploaded to the town's website on the home page.

Board will be holding a double Public Hearing on January 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Veteran's Memorial Hall at 150 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond, N.H. 03470. The Public Hearing will be for obtaining a \$2,000,000 bond for the replacement of Tully Brook Road over Tully Brook Br.#155/066 and Whipple Hill Road over Roaring Brook-Br. #065/083. Immediately after the bond hearing the Board will start the Public Hearing on a Highway Layout Petition submitted by Petitioner, Lauren C. Shearer. Board signed

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Board discussed South Cemetery property. **Appointments**

Keith and Janelle Hodgman met with the Board to discuss Map 402 Lots 027 and 032 which are up for sale. Questions regarding driveway, and if they are buildable lots. Mrs. Hodgman spoke to Land Use Assistant, Kim Mattson, Mattson is researching the subdivision. Bersaw suggested they go to Town Clerk to ask for the Zoning Ordinances from 1983 and 1985 to see what the road frontage requirements were at that time. Harrington to contact ZCO, Richard Drew, to clarify road frontage and if it needs to be contiguous.

Fire Chief, Ed Atkins met with the Board to discuss the Fire and Rescue 2022 Budget. The increase is due to an increase to the vehicle gasoline line, and vehicle repair and maintenance.

2021 Approved Budget=\$ 76,342.00

2022 Requested Budget=\$ 77,957.00

Board and Chief also discussed the Fire Inspection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Harrington called Head Master Grinstead, left message with his wife, to inform him that either Buzz Shaw or the State of NH Fire Marshall could perform the fire inspection for the school.

Karen Daugherty from Parks and Recreation met with the Board to provide documents pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Included in the documents were an event schedule, inventory of the shed, 2021 maintenance projects, and member responsibilities.

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The public hearing shall be held by the Board of Selectmen to hear all evidence regarding a Petition to Lay Out Highway submitted to the Selectmen on the 7th day of June, 2021. Said Petition to Lay Out Highway was submitted to the Selectmen by:

Lauren C. Shearer, Petitioner

and requests that a highway be laid out at the following location:


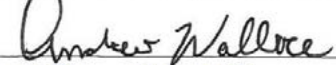

Over the southernmost portion of Bowker Road in Richmond, New Hampshire, more particularly that portion as it extends approximately 1300+ feet northeasterly from the intersection of Whipple Hill Road.

The Veteran's Memorial Hall will be open one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for inspection of the plans submitted by the Petitioner by any interested persons.

Interested landowners, local officials and highway users are welcome and will be given an opportunity to express their opinions or offer information relative to the request for highway lay out. The Board of Selectmen will decide if there is an occasion to lay out this new Class V Highway not financed in whole or part with federal and highway funds.

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PUBLIC HEARING

December 6, 2021

Attendance: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw, Andrew Wallace, Susan Harrington and Jennifer Thompson.

Public Present: Larry Richardson and Annette Tokunaga

Meeting opened at 5:02 PM

Chairman William Daniels called the hearing to order at 5:02 pm. Chairman Daniels advised the Town will be receiving unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$13,639.88 from the County of Cheshire and \$58,835.58 from the State of New Hampshire. The funds were made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Question from the audience: Where will the money be applied?

The Board discussed bridge improvements. Wallace stated the \$ 72,475.46 would be a portion of the amount we will need to include in a warrant article for the Bridge Improvement Fund at the 2022 Town Meeting.

Chairman Daniels read article "Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year." All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Daniels moved, Wallace 2nd

Public Hearing adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harrington

WATER QUALITY & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Tuesday January 18, 6-730PM

To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/4dec7wnp>

Good water quality is essential for the health of people, wildlife, and ecosystems. The Green Infrastructure toolbox can help us achieve good water quality and also provide added benefit to human and wild places. The Connecticut River has improved significantly since industry freely dumped waste on its banks, but our challenges with water quality persist and continue to evolve with emerging pollutants.

During this event, you will hear about water quality testing efforts undertaken along the Connecticut River within NH&VT. We will then hear from Dr. Robert Ryan about the what, why and how of green infrastructure as a toolbox of strategies to better steward Our River's health for all.



*Collecting water samples at the confluence of Black & Connecticut Rivers. Summer 2021.
Credit: Kelly Stettner.*

SPEAKER

Dr. Robert Ryan is the Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning Department Chair at UMass Amherst. Dr. Ryan's research addresses the question: what motivates people to become engaged in sustainable landscape design, planning and management practices that benefit the environment and how does that affect their attitudes and behaviors in the landscape? A key part of this work has been to understand the landscape patterns that are both ecologically beneficial, as well as perceived as beautiful by local residents. His research focuses on visual resource management, greenway and green infrastructure planning, and sustainable site design. Dr. Ryan is the co-editor of *Planning for Climate Change: A Reader in Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Design for Resilient Cities*.

A part of the Riverwide Connecticut River Speaker Series



Thank you to the NHCF Environmental Opportunity Grant for funding the 2021 CRJC water quality monitoring of our Connecticut River.
To learn more about the Connecticut River Joint Commissions visit <https://tinyurl.com/4twrjcn>



Profits over Energy Efficiency?

Susan Opal

On November 12, 2021, New Hampshire's Public Utilities Commission issued Order 26,553, which effectively undermines statewide efforts to reduce the fossil fuel dependency of electric and gas utilities. The document can be viewed online at: [26-553.pdf \(nh.gov\)](#)

The Richmond Energy Committee is issuing a call for Richmond residents to write to our New Hampshire legislators to prevent this underhanded change from going into law. The email addresses of the legislators are as follows:

- NH Representative Barry Faulkner - FBFaulkner@outlook.com
- NH Representative Jennie Gomarlo - Jennie.Gomarlo@leg.state.nh.us
- NH Senator Denise Ricciardi - Denise.Ricciardi@leg.state.nh.us

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.

January

Helen Hunt Jackson

O Winter! frozen pulse and heart of fire,
What loss is theirs who from thy kingdom turn
Dismayed, and think thy snow a sculptured urn
Of death! Far sooner in midsummer tire
The streams than under ice. June could not hire
Her roses to forego the strength they learn
In sleeping on thy breast. No fires can burn
The bridges thou dost lay where men desire
In vain to build.

O Heart, when Love's sun goes
To northward, and the sounds of singing cease,
Keep warm by inner fires, and rest in peace.
Sleep on content, as sleeps the patient rose.
Walk boldly on the white untrodden snows,
The winter is the winter's own release.



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William Daniels, Doug Bersaw, Andrew Wallace

Mon. 9 AM – Noon

5:30 – 7 PM for business

7 PM – ? for public concerns

Wed. 9 AM – 1 PM

Thurs. 8 AM – Noon (unless posted)

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

Town Administrator: Susan Harrington

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Thompson

Town Clerk: Karen O'Brien

Tues. 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Wed. 9 AM - Noon & 1 PM - 4 PM

Thur. 8 AM - Noon

For Tues. appointments (5 PM, 5:30 PM, 6 PM),
call or email the clerk.

Tax Collector: Steve Boscarino

Deputy Tax Collector: Ann Dea Whipple

Mon. 6 PM – 8 PM, Wed. 9 AM – Noon

Planning Board:

Meetings held at Veterans Hall.

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, 392-2027

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

[Phone number area codes are 603, unless otherwise noted.]

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DISRESPECTING YOUR VOTE:
Selectmen Again Try to Reduce Protective Wetland Setback
Fran Heap

According to its October 5, 2021 meeting minutes, the Planning Board was asked by the Board of Selectmen once more to reduce Richmond's wetland setback from 75 feet to 25 feet, despite the fact that Richmond voters, in March 2021, voted "No" to this same reduction. ***Because wetland setbacks (buffers) are critical to preserving, not just wetlands, but, also, drinking water, the public is urged to attend the public hearing concerning this proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment, scheduled for 7 PM on January 4th at the Veterans' Hall.***

In a worthwhile repeat from the Rooster's February 2021 edition, this table shows wetland setback (buffer) distances recommended, after scientific data review, by New Hampshire's Buffer Options for the Bay, online at bufferoptionsnh.org/buffer-basics/:

Buffer Function	Recommended Minimum Width
Influence water temperature	30 feet
Remove pollutants	98 feet
Provide habitat for aquatic macroinvertebrate	98 feet
Reduce runoff & stabilize channel bank	164 feet
Provide habitat for terrestrial wildlife	330 feet



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