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# Richmond Rooster

Something to Crow  
About

June 2022

*Editor's Note: It was a personal blow to learn from Carol Jameson that she and her husband, Peter Mulhall, were putting their house on the market so they could move closer to their grandchildren. You see, Carol was the first person to ever pick up a phone and welcome me to Richmond. She and I ended up in the same Keene yoga class. She answered all of my questions about New Hampshire with patience and grace. In a typical act of generosity, Carol donated the remaining hiking books she wrote with Jonathan Hill to the Richmond Rooster; an act which will keep the paper going for years to come. Carol, you're the best!*

*Fran Heap*

Peter and Jonathan had something special in common: they both had lived at 35 Orange Street in Brooklyn, and Peter had even lived in the apartment next to the one in which Jonathan had grown up, although their times there never overlapped. Given this shared background, it's no wonder that we became fast friends. The friendship got us through the pandemic, as we formed a pod and shared weekly dinners at each other's house. We all stayed sane and (so far) COVID-free. We'll miss them very much, but we hope to share some meals in the future.

Sheila Blair and Jonathan Bloom

## Important to our Library's History

Peter Mulhall has served an important part in the history of the Richmond Public Library. He was a Library Trustee from 2013-2019 and served as both Treasurer and Chair of the Board during that time. His interest in mathematics was clear in how he brought a high level of organization to the Library's finances. He spearheaded the move to digitize photographs in the Town Archives, culminating in a presentation on the famous Richmond "Washout" in January 2014. Not satisfied with the historical accounts of the damage to Route 32 on Stinson's Hill, he hiked the portion of the Washout that still exists next the highway and documented it for future researchers. Peter is a fine photographer and took wonderful candid photographs during various



## Their Friendship Got Us through the Pandemic

We met Peter Mulhall and Carol Jameson soon after they moved to Richmond, through Jill Rodd, who used to live in town, and her friend in Keene, who had met Carol through a Master Gardening class and thought they might like to meet some other friendly folks from Richmond. So, we all gathered in the Keene friend's garden, and Jonathan found himself talking to Peter while Sheila and Carol talked plants. It turned out that



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Library programs, many of which were printed in *the Rooster*. Even when he retired from the Board of Trustees, Peter was always on call when a problem arose. In the past few years when old mathematics textbooks were donated to the Library for the book sale, he would happily come and pick them up with a huge smile, planning to use the exercises in the college classes he taught. He and Carol will be sorely missed.

Wendy O'Brien

### Never Too Late for Friendship

One surprise that has come for me as I age is that it is never too late to make a new friend, a good friend, the kind of friend you can confide in. Carol was my surprise in 2017. We were on a yoga retreat together and discovered we liked the outdoors and hiking, and, as time went on, we discovered other things in common. Then, we introduced our husbands, and they liked each other, as well. In these past five years, Carol and I have hiked, walked, yoga-ed, gardened, ate and drank too many times to count. Every time she talks about Pennsylvania, I am at the same time so happy for her and so sad for myself. There will definitely be a hole in my life that will be impossible to fill, but she has promised me a room, so I know it's only "so long" and not "good-bye".

Jennie Gomarlo

### Best Wishes!

I met Carol Jameson more than ten years ago when she attended one of my annual autumn "Soup and Bread" gatherings when I still lived in Richmond. It didn't take her very long to become positively involved in the town, giving of herself and her time.

The one thing that stands out for me are the articles in *the Richmond Rooster* documenting her hikes with Jonathan Hill. They hiked everywhere in Richmond, in every season, taking pictures and writing about what they saw and discovered. They hiked in the neighboring towns of Winchester, Swanzey, Fitzwilliam and Chesterfield. Their hikes also took them to a few towns in Massachusetts where they continued to document their adventures in pictures and words.

## From a friend on Athol Road

They shared their hiking adventures with the town through Richmond's monthly newsletter, bringing familiar and unfamiliar places to life. Pictures of old cellar holes, washed out culverts, rock walls, historical cemeteries, beaver pond and any history of where they hiked were included in these informative and entertaining articles.

With a little encouragement and support from Richmond's librarian, Wendy O'Brien, a book of all these fascinating articles came together titled, *Nature Walks and Hikes in Richmond, New Hampshire and Neighboring Towns* by Carol Jameson and Jonathan Hill. The town newsletter is the recipient of the proceeds from the sale of this book.

Carol and her husband, Peter Mulhall, have decided to put their beautiful, octagon-shaped home up for sale and move to Pennsylvania, to be closer to family. You will both be missed by so many of us for what you brought to the town, in addition to your friendship. I feel honored to have had the both of you "hike" through my life and wish you the very best during this next chapter of your life journey!

Terri O'Rorke

### Letter to Carol Jameson

Dear Carol

We met a few days prior to your October 20, 2010, wedding day when I visited you and Peter in your relatively new home to discuss your wishes for a wedding ceremony. You both agreed on something

  
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short. If the ceremony took five minutes, I would be stretching the time line. That brief meeting was the start of our many years of camaraderie and friendship.

Aside from numerous excellent social gatherings over the years, we shared our love for Richmond and its history. We worked with other members of the Richmond Heritage Society and the Richmond Historical Society on myriad projects. The first one was unearthing the Lydia Martin Abbott Memorial Watering Trough, moving it close to its original location and creating a vest pocket park to surround it. Thank you for the lovely landscaping job you orchestrated and have maintained all these years. Other projects that highlighted your Master Gardener and maintenance skills include the restoration of the Tramp House, the creation of the Brewer Memorial Park and the shoring up of the foliage in front of the Town Hall. Although being a Selectwoman for six years may have been the impetus for the Town Hall clean up (*smile*). Non-gardening projects we have worked on include the refurbishing of the Telephone Building and the shoring up of the wall surrounding the Veterans' Memorial Park to better showcase the new Civil War Memorial Plaque as well as the older plaque to honor the local veterans of the Revolutionary War. The ongoing battle with nature to better display the Town Pound is another story that may outlast the best of all concerned.

Years of working together on *the Richmond Rooster* staff and Board of Directors has always been a wonderful way for me to share time with you. After the publication switched to an online only format, we had many discussions about resurrecting the print version. It was such a thrill to share the advertising component with you when the dream of a renewed print version became a reality. I will be eternally grateful to you for asking me to write the "About the Authors" section of the beautiful book, *Nature Walks and Hikes in Richmond, New Hampshire and Neighboring Towns*, you coauthored with Jon Hill. You and Jon are to be commended for donating all proceeds to *the Richmond Rooster*.

I was crazy excited to learn you were into yoga. I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing time with you at both the Keene Yoga Center and Aloha. Attending the Age in

Motion (aka between us: "Old Lady") exercise classes together in Winchester prior to Covid was a blast. Our trip to view the pail making exhibit at the Winchendon Historical Society was enlightening. Too bad we never made it to the Telephone Museum. Our mutual love for Mother Earth and Her sentient kingdom, including our beloved pets, certainly cements our bond. I will miss our physical proximity. I love you, girlfriend!

Bonnie McCarthy

### Tully Mountain Loop Trail Carol Jameson

The Tully Mountain loop trail is a short, moderate hike of about 1.7 miles with stunning views at the top. There is parking at the trailhead on Mountain Road in Orange, MA.



Trailhead Sign

The start of the trail is clearly marked. We chose the gradual ascent by starting to the right of the trailhead sign, past a yellow gate. We walked along a dirt lane, past large meadows on both sides. There is evidence of a past homestead here, apple trees and a stone terrace. When I hiked it last June, I saw lilac bushes, a smoke bush and a mock orange bush, some of which must have been planted at some point.

The road soon enters the woods, becoming a wide, well-marked path through mixed hardwood and hemlock forests, up to the top of Tully Mountain. There are yellow blazes and blue blazes, sometimes on the same tree and sometimes alternating trees. The views from the east-facing granite outcrop at the summit are stunning. Mount Monadnock is visible to the north, Mt. Wachusett to the southeast. Tully Pond is visible below. Tully Lake with its characteristic small islands can be seen beyond Tully Pond. The summit looks to be a good place for spotting hawks.

We descended from the summit by continuing the loop on the steeper, shorter descent back to the parking lot. This part of the trail is granite ledge and woodland path.

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*Tully Lake View From Mt. Tully*



*Mt. Monadnock View From Tully Mtn Trail*

After the hike, we checked out the nearby Nana's Country Store and the Boiler Bar and Grill, Restaurant and Banquet Hall in the old sawmill on Tully Pond. It is located on Tully Road only a few minutes from the trailhead. Mountain Road from the trailhead soon joins Royalston Road: continue straight, and it very quickly intersects with Tully Road; turn left onto Tully Road and you will see the historic mill on the right. Nana's Country Store sells sandwiches and breakfast food. The Boiler pub and the restaurant look

great. The menu and hours are posted on their website.

The Tully Mountain loop trail is a section of the 22 mile Tully Trail. The Tully Trail continues to the north and east, encompassing Tully Mountain and Tully Lake as the southern edge of the loop trail. There are many good hikes on the trail: Royalston Falls, Jacob's Hill, Tully Lake and Long Pond are especially notable.



*Hikers: Becky Haskins, Carol Jameson, Dianne Patenaude and Jennie Gomarlo*

## Review of Beekeeping Talk Lenny Solomon

Most of us have studied our ABC's, but only a few have focused on just one: B = honeybees, to be more precise. Beekeeping was the subject of a talk given on April 9th, sponsored by your Richmond Agriculture Commission. Nancy Frye, named Educator of the Year by the Vermont Beekeepers' Association, delivered an extremely informative lecture on honeybees, including their life cycle, types, role in pollination and, also, the joys of beekeeping.

Did you know that, of the over 25,000 species of bees, only seven of these are honeybees? These seven species are responsible for pollinating about 30% of our fruits and vegetables and about 90% of our native wildflowers. Honeybees forage in an area about three miles in diameter around their nest and make several





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trips a day back and forth. In order to make a pound of honey, a bee would have to visit two million flowers and fly 50,000 miles. In actuality, a typical bee makes only 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime. Even so, that means the bee has to land on over 2,500 flowers in their 30 to 60 day lifespan to make their quota.

Nancy spoke at length about the joys of beekeeping and the equipment necessary to be a successful honey-bee farmer. She also touched upon the various products which utilize either honey or beeswax in their production. One of these products is mead or honey wine. Mead is an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey mixed with water and yeast. Other ingredients can be added such as fruits, spices, grains, or hops for more flavor.

Nancy Frye's talk was very enjoyable. If you missed it, you're invited to attend one of their future talks. To keep up to date, visit the Richmond Agriculture Commission's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/50390881760067>



*Nancy Displays Beekeeping Equipment. Photo By Alan Conklin*

## **A Friend On Granite Hill Road**

### **More Flower Power**

**Karen O'Brien**

There is no flower which can make people smile like the sunflower. Its cheery yellow petals, surrounding rays of seeds, faces the east and then follows the sun throughout the day. When I journeyed out west a few years ago, I was amazed at the continuous fields of this flower, and how all the flowers faced the same way.



Sunflowers have made lots of news lately, as it is the national flower of Ukraine and showing support for that country means using sunflowers as a statement of solidarity. Sunflowers have been known as a symbol of peace, but, now, there are many more layers of meaning attached to this popular flower, such as resistance, unity, and hope.

The sunflower is native to the Americas, though the native plants are much less showy and bushy than the types most popular for home gardens. You can find sunflowers in all sorts of colors, from yellow to orange to burgundy and more. There are dwarf varieties useful for pots and huge, mammoth types which can grow 14 feet tall. You can find types

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which have no pollen, but this flower is a great source of pollen for bees and other critters - not to mention that the seeds are beloved by birds and mammals.

It is interesting to note that Spaniards brought the sunflower from the New World back to Europe in the 17th century, and it was eventually introduced to Russia and Ukraine in the 1800's. Native Americans cultivated this flower 4,500 years ago, and, in the 19th century, settlers planted sunflowers around their homes as protection against malaria. They also used all parts of the plant: leaves and stalks as fodder for their animals, fiber from the stalks to make cloth, leaves dried and smoked as a tobacco substitute, young sprouts and seeds eaten, seed husks ground into a coffee substitute, oil from the seeds used in cooking and making soap, and even dyes from the petals and seeds. This was truly a plant which provided so much for native peoples and those struggling to farm the land. The Incans of Peru worshipped this plant as a symbol of the sun, and priestesses wore medallions of gold shaped into sunflowers.

In Ukraine, sunflowers are known as "soniashnyk." Ukraine and Russia produce most of the world's sunflower oil. The flower was hybridized by the Russians after it was introduced there in the mid-18th century. They created the "Mammoth" sunflower, one of the most popular due to its huge seed heads and massive height. By 1800, two million acres were devoted to the planting of sunflowers. It became increasingly widespread and eventually became a national identity for Ukraine.

In 1986, the disaster at Chernobyl's power plant in Ukraine was mitigated by planting sunflowers to absorb the toxins from the soil. To mark the nuclear disarmament

of Ukraine in 1996, representatives from the U.S., Russia, and Ukraine planted sunflowers at the Pervonysk Missile Base. No wonder Ukrainians have a love for this flower, and why the world is showing its support for that country in its time of upheaval and destruction.

I am growing both a dwarf variety of sunflower this year, as well as *Heliopsis helianthoides*, a native flower which is also known as false sunflower or ox-eye daisy. Any sales from these two plants, along with a new tomato I am growing called "Weismicht's Ukrainian", will be donated to relief efforts in that country. I had no idea when I ordered seeds this year that I would be on a path to connect with turmoil so far away. I am pleased to contribute in some small way and hope that sunflowers and peace come again to Ukraine.



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- 1 tablespoon grated parmesan cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 green onion, chopped
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and sliced on the diagonal

### Directions

- Cook tortellini as directed on package.
- Drain and rinse with cold water.
- Mix remaining ingredients in a medium bowl.
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### Stone Walls Shaun Bennett

I think bad backs are a modern invention, a hazard which did not exist before 1900 or so. These days, they are at least an occasional feature of life for anyone over 25 years old, and a constant complaint for those of us who are, shall I say, more mature. But I don't see how an original resident of New England could have had one. "Why?", you ask. Because nobody who ever even thought about a bad back could have built a stone wall, and it seems like just about everybody did build them back then.

Richmond and most other New England towns were once largely cleared for agriculture, and the forests which have reclaimed the formerly open land are crisscrossed with walls made of stones which generally weigh between 30 and 100 pounds. Historians estimate that a man (who clearly did not have a bad back) and two oxen could build around 16 - 17 feet of such wall in a day. Obviously, these historians haven't tried it themselves. Seventeen feet is a LOT of wall for one day, and my guess is that if anyone did do that much, he probably spent the next week recuperating at the beach. I can't speak for the oxen, but I do think that our early farmers must have been incredibly strong and able-bodied.

Stone walls were not merely occasional expressions of an uncontrolled infatuation with neatness, they were a feature of life for just about everyone in early rural America. U.S. Department of Agriculture data indicate that, by the early 1870's, New England and New York had about 250,000 miles of stone walls. That is a distance equivalent to ten times around the

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Earth. At the equator! It would take me 25 years to get that many miles on my car's odometer! In Petersham, Massachusetts, just to Richmond's south, some poor soul traipsed around for years until he had mapped all the stone walls in town, 436 miles of them. If they had been built by a single farmer at the rate attributed by the historians to their 17-feet-per-day superhero, and, if said superhero and his faithful oxen never took a day's rest, Petersham's walls would have been all finished in a mere 370 years. Obviously, multiple superheroes and their beasts of burden were at work there and all over the Northeast, where the other 249,564 miles were being built. Probably not a bad back in the bunch.

The earliest real estate agencies [*Century 17?*, *Better Homes and Pastures?*] must have had an easier time showing farmland than their successors, because the stones that presented farmers with the chance to spend so much time with their oxen did not appear right away on newly cleared land. [*"Look, a sweet mortgage rate and no stones!"*] Stealth rocks lay in wait well below the soil surface until the forest's removal changed the way the soil froze and thawed through the seasons and caused the rocks to rise to the surface. Once they began to make it to the top, each spring could bring a new "crop." Finding a place to put the stones was a significant consideration, one which probably dictated the size of enclosed fields. The factors which could influence a farmer's decision about the



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size of his fields are many and they range from the field-specific, such as proximity to the house or barn, the road, water supply, hazards, etc., to generally applicable concerns, such as how far the cleared stones had to be hauled and plow turnaround times for large versus small field (excessive in small fields). A computer model suggests that clearing a single eight-acre field would require about 60 miles of stone hauling, roughly three times the distance needed to clear eight, one-acre fields. Two to four acres was a common solution.

The particular design of the stone walls which remain, following the decline of agriculture, often provides clues about how the land was used. For example, if a farmer merely wanted sheep pasture, which was the most common reason for wall building in Richmond during the “sheep boom” of the early 1800’s, his goal was to get the larger stones out of the way. The sheep farmer’s walls were more like piles of stone, what one author calls “thrown walls” or “linear landfills.” On the other hand, if a garden or crops were intended, it made sense to remove the smaller stones as well, especially if the land was to be plowed. In this case, the farmer might make a “crib wall” with two parallel lines of larger stones to hold smaller ones in between. And, if the intention was to use the wall to keep animals in one place like the Richmond Town Pound near the Veterans Hall or to keep them away from something like very wet ground where they could become mired, the walls would be taller to prevent climbing. In some towns, the pound wall was eight feet high, sufficient to contain a bull with cows on his mind.

High tech comes to all things, and the University

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of New Hampshire has a fascinating program, Granit, which uses a special kind of radar, LIDAR, that can look from the sky through the forest canopy to see and map the earth surface and stone walls on it. When I use Granit to look at areas in Richmond I know well, I can see that not every stone wall is mapped, but many of them are clearly shown. UNH recognizes this, too, and users of the maps are invited to send in the locations of walls which LIDAR missed. If the number of walls in an area is an indication of the scale of agriculture once there, Granit suggests that there was a great deal in Fitzwilliam, a moderate amount in Richmond, and much less in Swanze. Swanze probably had an outbreak of bad backs.

Send your thoughts, questions, objections, etc. to Shaun at 119and32@gmail.com.

## TRUE BREW REVIEW

### Extract Brewing for Beginners

Kevin Ellis



There’s a saying in the homebrewing community which goes, “if you can make box mac-n-cheese, you can brew beer”. Is it really that simple? Well, no. But, it’s also not that far off. The point to that saying is if you have the correct ingredients, capable equipment, can follow a recipe and can follow necessary cleaning and sanitary practices, then you can brew a tasty batch of beer.


Let’s start with the first piece of that: the ingredients. The thing you want to keep in mind when picking out your ingredients is quality and freshness. You’ll either want to go to a local homebrew shop or place an order online through a trusted website. The closest homebrew shop near us would

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be Beerology in Northampton, MA, about 45 minutes away. If you don't want to drive, then I would recommend trying out one of these online shops; north-ernbrewer.com, morebeer.com or midwestsupplies.com.

The four main ingredients you'll be after are malt extract, hops, yeast, and water. Obviously, you won't need to purchase water online, but if you have extremely soft, hard or chlorinated water, you'll want to grab some spring water at a local grocery store.

Assuming this will be your first time, the best way to go about gathering all these is through a pre-made kit. These are great, because they come with everything you need. They are usually pre-weighed; they come with instructions; and, if you get them through a homebrew shop or a trusted site, the freshness and quality are usually not an issue.

The next item on the list is equipment. The good news is that you probably already own a good amount of these pieces, but just in case you don't, let's go over the basics. What you'll need is a large pot, preferably something that is bigger than three gallons and not aluminum. A large spoon for stirring, a thermometer and a clean, unscratched 6.5 gallon bucket for fermentation. Now, here are a few other items you'll need that you probably don't have on hand: a lid for the bucket with a hole for an airlock, an airlock, a hydrometer, a siphon with bottle tip filler, tubing, sanitizer, bottles and caps. The good news is that you can reuse glass bottles. Just make sure they are pop tops and not twist offs. Also, you'll want to rinse and dry the bottles as soon as you're done with them.

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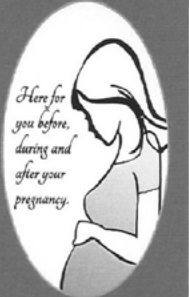
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you're ready to brew! As previously mentioned, most home-brew kits come with instructions, but if for some reason it doesn't, here is a beginner's guide to extract brewing. First, you'll want to collect your water into a pot and bring it up to a boil. Once it's boiling, you'll want to add your malt extract. The extract comes in two forms: liquid or LME (liquid malt extract) and dry or DME (dry malt extract). When you add the extract, it will bring the heat back down to below boiling, so make sure you bring the heat back up before moving onto the next step.

When your water and extract come back up to a boil, you're going to want to add your hops. These are added during different times throughout the boil depending on the style of beer. For an IPA, you might have three to four hop additions at different times, but for something like a stout, you might only have one or two additions. Once your hops have boiled for the appropriate amount of time, your wort [*wort is what you call beer before it has fermented*] now needs to be cooled down.

The best way to do this is with an immersion chiller, but if you don't want to spend the money on that piece of equipment, there is a simpler method: the ice bath. An ice bath is exactly what you think it is. Put your pot of wort in a sink or bathtub and surround it with cold water and ice. The pro tip here is to move the ice and cold water around the outside of the pot as much as you can. Another helpful hint is to stir the wort with a sanitized spoon. Doing this will make sure there are no hot spots that get missed throughout the chilling process and will cool the wort down much faster. Never add cold water or ice directly to the wort unless you know that water is clean.

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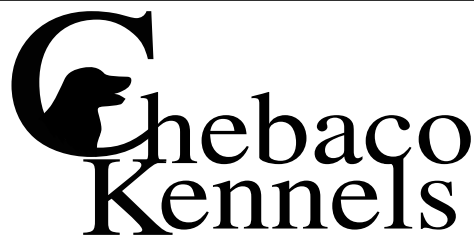


Once the wort comes down, between 60 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit, you'll need to pour it into your fermenting bucket. If necessary, top off the wort with clean spring water to reach the five gallon mark. Next, open your pack of yeast; add and stir. Cover the bucket; add the airlock and set aside in a dry, dark area of your home which stays between 60 and 70 degrees. You really don't want a lot of temperature fluctuation during the fermentation process. This process usually only takes between two to three weeks.

Once fermentation is done, you're ready to bottle! I'll go over bottling your beer in the next article, but if you're chomping at the bit to get started on your first homebrew; have any questions in general about the homebrewing process; or would like an easy beginner's recipe, feel free to reach out to me at [richmondhomebrewer@yahoo.com](mailto:richmondhomebrewer@yahoo.com).

Lastly, I want to go over sanitization. There's another popular saying among brewers which says, "the three most important parts of brewing are sanitize, sanitize, sanitize". That should get the point across about how critical it is to do this. There's nothing worse than spending a half a day and good money on brewing a batch of beer for it to go sour on you because you didn't sanitize your equipment well enough. A good rule of thumb is: don't allow anything to touch the wort within the last 15 minutes of the boil that's not sanitized - that includes the spoon, bucket, lid and airlock. Having good sanitization practices in place is key to a successful brew day.

Happy brewing and please reach out to me with any questions!



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## Library News

Wendy O'Brien

### Library Calendar for June

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

### Special Events

Wednesdays, June 1st & 8th, 10 AM: Storytime

Saturday, June 11th, 11 AM: Summer Reading

Kickoff @ the Pavilion

Tuesday, June 14th, 6 PM: Book Group, *An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good*

Wednesdays, June 15th, 22nd, 29th, 10 AM: Summer Reading Program



### Summer Reading is Here!

It's an ocean of possibilities here at the Library this summer. We'll be kicking off summer on Saturday June 11th at the Pavilion at 11 AM with Pirate Day! We'll have a treasure scavenger hunt, mapmaking, knot tying, pirate accessories, as well as crafts and snacks. Then, join us each Wednesday at 10 AM for water filled fun. In June, we'll be making submarines, exploring mythical sea creatures, and having shark week! The more you read, the more tickets you can earn for end-of-summer prizes.

### NH State Park Pass

We are excited to announce that the Library has purchased a New Hampshire State Park Pass for 2022. This pass will allow 2 adults and 4 dependents free day access to most of NH's State Parks! Please contact the Library for more information regarding reserving the pass. This opportunity was made possible by a grant



from the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

### Book Club

Join us on June 14th at 6 PM to discuss *An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good* by Helene Tursten. "*Maud is an irascible 88-year-old Swedish woman with no family, no friends, and... no qualms about a little murder.*" — 3.79 Stars at GoodReads.com. Copies are available at the Library.

### Book Shed

Come by and visit our reorganized Book Shed! Thanks to Chip Adams of C&L Disposal, we have



carefully recycled the books which have not sold over the past year. We have lots of used fiction, non-fiction, and kids' books, as well as the occasional DVD and audio book on CD. Stop in anytime the Library is open with good weather. Funds raised by the Book Shed are used to buy new library titles.

#### New Titles

*The Homewreckers*, Mary Kay Andrews

*The Book Woman's Daughter*, Kim Michele Richardson

*When We Were Birds*, Ayanna Loyd Banwo

*The Good Left Undone*, Adrianna Trigiani

*Dream Town*, David Baldacci

*The Sacred Bridge*, Anne Hillerman

*The Diamond Eye*, Kate Quinn

#### **Hands in Dirt**

**Kevin Murphy**



I can never resist striking up a conversation with people, and when I saw a woman planting flowers at the library, I was excited to find out who she was and what she was up to. When she said it was a perfect day to plant, not sunny and a little cool, and the plants do well with that, I knew we were going to get along. She told me she didn't like to wear gloves when working in the dirt and I readily agreed because nothing feels better than having your hands directly in the earth. We talked about teaching kids the value of planting things and watching them grow. Her grandmother had taught her while I had spent time in the garden with my dad.



I stopped later that day on my way back by and pulled over to look at her finished work. I could tell it was something she really enjoyed doing. Her name was Sharon Patnode and, thanks to a private monetary donation, she is responsible for revamping the library garden. Take a minute to check it out if you're driving by or stopping into the library. It's a beautiful time of year, so plant something and watch it grow!

#### **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.]*

#### **Sunday, June 5, 2022 – 12:30 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). The Richmond Farmers' Market will be open to the public from noon to 3 PM, weather permitting.

#### **Sunday, June 19, 2022 – 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM**

Mark Lanen (keyboard, vocals) will perform at the Richmond Farmers' Market at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 32 & 119). The Richmond Farmers' Market will be open to the public from noon to 3 PM, weather permitting.

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Lenny Solomon (guitar, harmonica, vocals) will perform at the Richmond Farmers' Market at Four Corners (intersection of Rtes. 32 & 119). The Richmond Farmers' Market will be open to the public from noon to 3 PM, weather permitting.



## MONADNOCK CONSERVANCY

*Upcoming Events & Outings*

**June 18** – Bike Tour: Backroads and Rail Trail, Fitzwilliam

**June 28** – “The Bald Eagle” Book Party with Author Jack E. Davis, Harrisville

[Please visit this website for more details: <https://www.monadnockconservancy.org/news/events/>]

## May 2, 2022 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

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

**Selectmen absent:**

**Administration Present:** Susan Harrington

**Public Present:**

Meeting opened at 5:31 pm.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated May 2, 2022 for week of April 22, 2022-April 28, 2022 in the amount of \$58,616.54 for

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Letter of appreciation received from the Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center to the Town of Richmond for the 2022 contribution of \$500. Letter attached.

Email from Attorney Joseph Hoppock providing update on the lawsuit of Shearer vs Town of Richmond. The State of New Hampshire Superior Court has granted the Town of Richmond's Motion for Summary Judgement and denied Mr. Shearer's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgement. Lawsuit is now concluded, Mr. Shearer has 30 days to appeal. Today is also deadline to appeal the denial of his road petition to the State of New Hampshire Superior Court; nothing has been filed at this time.

Email from NHMA's Legal Inquires regarding RSA 31:39-c which provides an administrative method of code enforcement that does not require a Court Order. An ordinance must be adopted at the Town Meeting that provides a system for administrative enforcement of local bylaws and ordinances through the imposition of penalties.

Emails from resident regarding drainage on Morgan Road and interest in the Broadband Committee received. Harrington forwarded email regarding drainage on Morgan Road to the Road Agent and notified Chairman Doug Smith of the Richmond Broadband Committee.

Discussed the Keene Sentinel article from April 25, 2022 titled, “Officials: No Deal with Diluzio as Cheshire County plans to own EMS service”. Article attached.

Board discussed researching details of obtaining a bond through the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank. Bersaw to research.

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## Richmond Community United Methodist Church

PASTOR SHARON SARGENT

**Sunday Worship Service**  
10:30 am



*All are welcome to join our church family!*

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd Board voted to appoint David Bryan to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an Alternate. Term to expire 03/31/2025.

### Walk in Appointments

William Sweeney of Map 201 Lot 048 stopped in to discuss his property with the Board.

### Appointments

**Road Agent Buddy Blood** met with the Board to discuss a driveway at 30 Fish Hatchery Road. Blood will meet with the resident and discuss the driveway.

**Attorney Nathan Midolo** of Upton & Hatfield LLP Attorneys at Law met with the Board to discuss the Municipal Legal Services.

**Resident Mike Rocca met** with the Board to discuss rules of Current Use for his property. Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Harrington

*[Editor's Note: Due to space constraints, attachments to these minutes were not provided in this issue of the Rooster.]*

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7 PM – ? for public concerns

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**Town Administrator:** Susan Harrington

**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

**Planning Board:**

Meetings held at Veterans Hall.

1st Tues. of the month – 7:30 PM

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