



Be our Valentine! Best Valentine by a Child Contest



This contest is open to children, **aged 5 through 11** only. Submit your entry form with your hand-drawn Valentine by **January 10, 2023** and you have a shot at winning a \$25 gift certificate to Toadstool Bookshops and seeing your winning entry in print!

Rules:

1. The Valentine must be done by you, the entrant, and only you. No plagiarism [*stealing someone else's work*].
2. The entrant must be a legal resident of the Town of Richmond, New Hampshire.
3. Entry forms and entries must be legible, complete, and either emailed to therichmondrooster@gmail.com in .jpg, .jpeg, or .pdf formats, or mailed to The *Richmond Rooster* c/o Fran Heap, Editor at 641 Old Homestead Hwy., Richmond, NH 03470. The *Richmond Rooster* is not responsible for lost entries.
4. Entries must be suitable for printing in a family paper.
5. A \$25 gift certificate shall be awarded to the winner, who must meet these entry criteria:
Child (5 through 11 years old)
One-sided, hand-drawn Valentine – on paper and mailed, or digitized and emailed.
6. The decision(s) of *Richmond Rooster* judges are final.
7. Any person or legal guardian of a minor submitting content to the *Richmond Rooster* for publication ("Submitter") by act of that submission attests Submitter has legal authority to grant right of publication of such content. Submitter consents to editing, publishing, distribution, and archiving of such content by the *Richmond Rooster*.



Best Valentine by a Child Contest Entry Form

I have read and understand the rules of this contest as printed on the front page of the January 2023 *Richmond Rooster*.

Child Name: _____

Age: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone [*for contest contact purposes only*]: _____

If submitting on behalf of a minor, please print your legal name and place your signature below, authorizing the contest submission:

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Signature: _____

Thank you for participating in our contest!

It's Not "Curtains" for the Graham Curtains

Lenny Solomon

Historically, New Hampshire has been one of the least populated states in the nation. Before the advent of radio, TV, and the electronic age, entertainment in small towns, for the most part, was furnished by local people getting together to sing and dance in churches, barns, pubs and grange halls. This was especially true in rural areas like Richmond.

At the turn of the 20th century, another source of entertainment was added to the mix, when rural towns began to attract the attention of travelling acting troupes who would perform plays of one kind or another to the delight of local audiences. In an effort to make any given town more attractive to these thespians, towns would invest in theatrical curtains which would supply the backdrop for these shows. These curtains were also used for other town events, such as school plays, weddings, graduation ceremonies, and town meetings. Richmond, being a very small town [*the total population in 1900 being 459*] and relatively poor, was late in the game in acquiring its curtains.

Local lore has it that these curtains were privately purchased by town resident Neith (Nettie) Boyce in the 1930s and then given to the town. Ms. Boyce is a very interesting historical figure in her own right. Boyce was born in Indiana and raised in Los Angeles. As a young woman in the late 1890s, she moved to Greenwich Village in New York City and made her living as a journalist. Not long after relocating, Boyce married. She and her new husband, also an author and journalist, began spending summers in Provincetown, MA, where she became friendly with the local community of female playwrights. She was one of the founding members of the Provincetown Players and began to write plays, as well as directing and performing in them. At some point after the turn of the century the couple moved to Richmond where she died at the age of 79 in 1951.

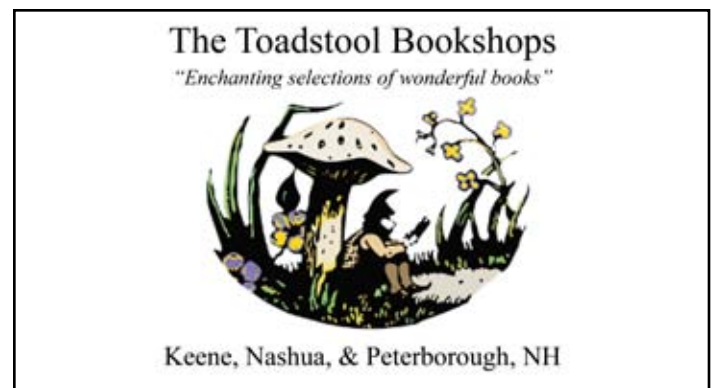
The theatrical curtains were purchased by Boyce from the L.L. Graham studio in Brooklyn. Back in the day, Graham was a leading theatrical scenery painter. Especially considering the size of his work [*the Richmond Grand Drape is 9' x 14' wide*],

it is incredibly detailed and colorful. His work was used on stages across the country as well as in many rural New England Grange and town halls.

When Graham's work reached Richmond, there were probably five curtains in total. Sadly, one of these is long gone. The remaining curtains were occasionally used into the 1960s, as shown in this photo of one of them as a backdrop to a town Christmas party. As they got less use, they were eventually rolled up and stored in the attic of the town's firehouse. [*Thank you, Norma Thibodeau, for saving them.*]



This past summer, after obtaining the Selectmen's enthusiastic support to permanently display the curtains in the Veterans' Hall on the completion of the restoration, the Richmond Historical Society submitted a grant proposal to the New Hampshire Council on the Arts to restore and hang two of the drapes. In late October, the Society learned that the proposal had been accepted, and that funding should arrive in the next several months. It is hoped the restorative work will begin this coming spring. Displayed examples of Graham's work can be seen in the grange halls of Jefferson, Starksboro, and Fairlee, Maine. It is the Society's hope that Richmond's name will be soon added to the list.





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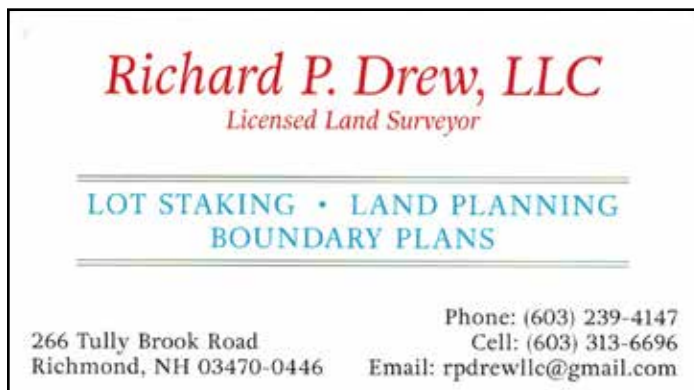
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**Radio Controlled Model
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Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023,
1 - 4 PM
Contact: Jerry Mills

The Hayward Brook R/C Flyers Club is a local electric-powered only club whose members will display a variety of airplanes at Vet's Hall on January 14th. They will also demonstrate with several short indoor flights of small electric ultra-light model aircraft. We hope to see you there.



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From a friend on Athol Road

From the Supervisors of the Checklist: Richmond's Alpha Voter List Pam Bielunis

Although this is an ongoing process, the Supervisors of the Voter Checklist are diligently working to ensure accuracy of our Alpha Voter List in preparation for the 2024 Presidential Elections. If you or someone you know has moved out of Richmond or has moved to a new location within Richmond, please contact us or attend a scheduled meeting to update the information. Information can also be sent to pjb327@msn.com or call (603) 239-6498.

A list of meetings is posted at the Town Hall, the Vets' Hall, and on the Town of Richmond's website calendar. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7 PM at the Vets' Hall.

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Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Library Calendar for January

Saturdays - 10 AM-Noon: Drop-in Knitting Circle;

12:30 PM-2 PM: Whacky Macky Club

Wednesdays -10 AM: Storytime

Special Events

Tuesday, Jan. 10th, 6 PM: Book Group, *A Woman is No Man*

Thursday, Jan. 19th, 6 PM: Travel Talk, "Romania"

Tuesday, Jan. 24th, 6 PM: LEGO Club

NEW! Whacky Macky Club

Join Kimberly Gold for a macrame club starting weekly on Saturday, January 7th, from 12:30 PM-2 PM. All macrame crafting levels are welcome. Please bring your own supplies.

Book Club, *A Woman is No Man*

Our Tuesday Book Club will be meeting on January 10th at 6 PM to discuss *A Woman is No Man* by Etaf Rum. Published in 2019, this contemporary novel examines the role of Arab-American women in Brooklyn.

Travel Talk, "Romania"

Join us for our first Travel Talk, a series of informal presentations by local residents discussing places they have visited. On January 19th at 6 PM, Greg Butko will talk about his travels in Romania, including Dracula's Castle! He has lots of pictures to share. We'll sample some traditional Romanian foods as well.

LEGO Club

We are pleased to announce that we are starting our very own LEGO Club! Starting on January 24th at 6 PM, the Club will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the

month. We will have a different challenge each month for your kids to build their own creations, which will then be on display at the Library throughout the following month. LEGOs will be provided, along with Duplos for our younger friends. Come prepared to have fun! Thanks go to the Association for Rural and Small Libraries for supporting this new initiative.

New Titles

Now is Not the Time to Panic, Kevin Wilson

The Last Chairlift, John Irving

Hunting Time, Jeffrey Deaver

The Light We Carry, Michelle Obama

Wish for Winter, Viola Shipman

A World of Curiosities, Louise Penny

Town Clerk Tidbits

Karen O'Brien

Well, it's finally January, and we turn to the New Year. There are lots of things changing, but just as much remains the same. I have been thrilled to have Terry Davis as my deputy for the last five months. He truly has been a huge help in many ways and fun to boot. Unfortunately, he has decided to REALLY retire this time, and so, as of the first of January, I will be looking for a new deputy. If anyone would like a job in town, just a few hours (10 - 12) each week, please let me know. There is a big learning curve, but it's a great way to meet everyone in town and serve the community. Any takers?

It's as good a time as any to remind residents that dog licenses are now available. Your dog needs to be up-to-date on rabies vaccinations, so please check with your vet and make that appointment BEFORE the end of April so you can get the license without penalty. It is state law that ALL dogs be licensed; it doesn't matter if your dog never leaves the yard, he still must be vaccinated and licensed. I will be sending reminder notices in a month or so. Please be a respectful pet owner and obey the law.

In this issue of the *Rooster*, you will find a handy postcard listing the town hall departments, hours, and what each department is responsible for. Please post this on your fridge, bulletin board, or wherever you want, so you will have these at your fingertips. I have people tell me all the time that our hours listed on the town website

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Karen O'Brien and Terry Davis



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Witch Hazel, a Useful Native Plant

Karen O'Brien

Hamamelis virginiana

From the Greek *hama*, "at the same time"
and *melis*, "fruit".

Common Names:

Winterbloom, Snapping Hazelnut, Spotted Alder



Witch Hazel is a very useful herb as well as a decorative landscape plant. It is native to North America, growing in rich woods and along streams, ranging from Maine south to Florida, and west to the Plains. This bush or small tree generally has several stems arising from one root, and grows about 10 – 15' in height. The smooth bark is light brown to grey in color, with light colored circular spots. The leaves are large and ovoid with wavy edges. One of witch hazel's special attributes is that it flowers in the fall, creating a colorful counterpoint to the denuded landscape. The flowers, with yellow, strap-like petals, often bloom after the plant has dropped its leaves, anytime from September through November. Another species, *Hamamelis vernalis*, with distinctive orange-red blossoms, is native to the Ozarks and flowers there the end of December. If grown in the north, vernal witch hazel will bloom early in the spring. Two other noteworthy witch hazels are *H. mollis* (Chinese), with bright, highly fragrant flowers and *H. japonica* (Japanese), sporting greenish-yellow flowers. There are other cultivars with new, improved blooms, such as "Arnold's Promise" a cross between *H. mollis* and *H. japonica*.

The witch hazel nuts ripen simultaneously as the flowers appear, thus earning the name, "*Hamamelis*", or "fruit at the same time." Shiny black seeds are contained in a hard, round seed capsule which splits open when mature. If disturbed by strong wind or animals when ripe, the seeds can be flung from the capsule with a loud, popping sound as far as 20 - 30 feet. This unique feature most likely gave rise to the common name, "Snapping Hazelnut", and may also be why the plant has been associated with the "dark side" and witches. Forked branches of witch hazel have often been used by dowisers in

search of water or precious metals, and even to seek out witches. However, the old English word "wych", meaning pliable branches, may be the actual source of the derivation "witch" as early settlers found the branches of *Hamamelis* to be well-suited to the task of dowsing.

The first settlers learned about witch hazel from the Native Americans, who had used witch hazel as a medicinal plant for many different purposes, such as inflammations, dysentery, skin sores, colds and coughs. The Iroquois made a tea-like beverage from the dried leaves, sweetening it with maple syrup. The Potawatomi used it for sore muscles, making an infusion of the twigs, and then dropping hot stones in the water to create steam – a native "sauna". In the 1840s, Theron T. Pond of Utica, NY, spent time learning of the Oneida Indians usage of the plant. He created a preparation called "Golden Treasure" in 1848, and this distilled extract is today produced in Connecticut by Dickinson's and the American Distilling and Manufacturing Co. It is noteworthy in that it is one of a handful of commercial medicines prepared from a wild, American plant.

Interestingly enough, despite witch hazel's long history and many uses, there is no agreement in the medical community as to its effectiveness. It is astringent, tonic and sedative. Due to its tannin content, it has been used as a first aid for minor burns and scalds and to soothe both sunburn and insect bites. Its astringency makes it an excellent skin refresher and helps with minor skin blemishes and bags under the eyes; it is even an ingredient in many hemorrhoid preparations. The late Euell Gibbons called it "the epitome of herbal remedy" due to the fact that it is mild and gentle and generally safe.

An enterprising person could make the distilled extract, but it would be very time-consuming and more costly than purchasing a bottle. I've always had a bottle in the house, as my mother and her mother did. It's nice to know that an herbal preparation which is so useful is still available and manufactured here in New England today





Five Can Chicken Tortilla Soup

Terri O'Rorke

Ingredients

- 1½ C cooked, diced chicken
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans chicken broth
- 1 (15 ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans
- 1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chile peppers, drained
- crushed tortilla chips (optional)
- shredded Cheddar cheese (optional)

Directions

Pour chicken broth, corn, black beans, chicken, and diced tomatoes with green chilies into a large saucepan or stockpot over medium heat. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until chicken is heated through, about 15 - 20 minutes. Serve hot, topped with tortilla chips and grated cheese.

This is also a great way to use any leftover chicken. Serves 6.



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Connecticut River Conservancy

Grant Funding Provided for Blake Higgins Dam Removal: Saxtons River Dam Removal Project to Receive Funding from The Conservation Alliance

Contact: Kathy Urffer,
Connecticut River Conservancy

Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) is excited to announce that the organization has received funding for the removal of a dam on the Saxtons River. The Conservation Alliance, a national organization which awards grants to projects that protect our nation's most vulnerable species and habitats, determined the CRC's work to remove the old Blake Higgins Dam to be a crucial component of restoring the Connecticut River Watershed. Many conservancy groups across the US vie for grants such as The Conservation Alliance's, and we are honored to have been nominated by Darn Tough Vermont to receive significant funds needed to see this project through.

"Restoring free-flowing rivers and providing public access for people to enjoy their local river makes communities stronger," said Josie Norris, grant program director at The Conservation Alliance. "We are



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proud to fund the Connecticut River Conservancy's effort to remove the Blake Higgins dam."

The Saxtons River is a major tributary of the Connecticut River, flowing into the river just south of Bellows Falls Vermont. Just 850 feet north of this confluence is the old Blake Higgins Dam, which is owned by the State of Vermont. It is estimated that the 90 foot long concrete structure has held back about four feet deep of sediment extending about 280 feet upstream of the dam. Not only that, the Saxtons provides crucial habitat for migratory fish species, specifically the Sea Lamprey. CRC has observed a plethora of potential habitat upstream of Blake Higgins that has not been used by the Lamprey at all, despite the fact that the same habitat just south of the dam has been observed to be heavily populated during the spawning season. The impediment of natural flows of the river, the cycling of sediments and nutrients that that flow provides, and the inability of migrating species to access crucial habitat were all factors that led CRC and the State of Vermont to identify this project as one of utmost importance in terms of restoring stream health in the watershed.

"CRC's partnership with the State of Vermont, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Vermont River Conservancy, and local entities is a strong indicator of the importance of this restoration project," said Ron Rhodes, Interim Executive Director at Connecticut River Conservancy. *"We are proud to be part of the team and look forward to the eventual removal of this old dam."*

"Nominating the CRC to receive funding to remove the dam on the Saxtons River was the easy part," said Courtney Laggner, Brand & Community Marketing Manager at Darn Tough Vermont. *"The next piece of the puzzle is educating people on the importance of free-flowing water and the impacts that it has on wildlife and beyond."*

The funding provided from the Alliance will allow the Conservancy to address these concerns while also improving public access and recreation in the area. For decades this portion of the Saxtons has been used for fishing, swimming, and hiking, but poor access has always been an obstacle in providing these benefits to the public. As part of this project, Connecticut River Conservancy

is working with Vermont River Conservancy (VRC), Island Corporation, and regional partners to explore opportunities to improve public access following dam removal. Additional funding and permits are being secured in the months ahead. Work is estimated to begin in 2023, with dam removal likely in 2024.



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Richmond Historical Society

An Invitation from the Richmond Historical Society

Are you interested in Richmond's history? Would you like to meet and work with others fascinated by the past right here in Town? The Richmond Historical Society would like to invite you to become a member! Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 5th at 1:30 PM at the Library. Currently, the Society is working to restore access to the Town Pound, has received a grant to restore the theater curtains to their former glory in the Veterans' Hall, and is planning a variety of programs for the coming year. Membership forms are available at the Library or contact Treasurer Suzen Perry at (603) 392-2006 or natureigns@gmail.com.

Thank You!

I wanted to thank everyone who voted for me in the NH State Representative election. I learned a great deal through this experience and had the opportunity to meet many people in this and the other floterial districts. While our politics may differ, it is good to meet so many friendly people all trying the best we can to carve out a good life for themselves. As difficult as things can be, I feel as if we are blessed to live in such a beautiful area with genuine people.

Thank you,
Renée Murphy

Richmond Historical Society

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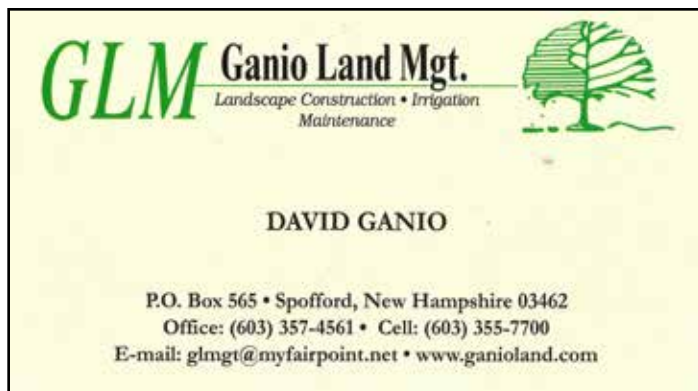
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Savings Bank of Walpole Included on American Banker Magazine's Best Banks to Work For List for the Sixth Consecutive Year

Roxanne Rubbell

Keene, NH -- Savings Bank of Walpole was named a 2022 Best Bank to Work For in the United States for the sixth consecutive year by American Banker Magazine. SBW ranked number 59 out of 90 banks named on the "Best Banks" list – which represents the top 2% of community banks in the country. SBW was one of only two banks from New Hampshire to be included and one of seven banks in New England to make the list.

"As a small, local bank, being included on American Banker Magazine's Best Banks to Work For list is a great honor for Savings Bank of Walpole," said Mark Bodin, President of Savings Bank of Walpole. "It takes teamwork, and the results rely heavily on staff participation and engagement. It really is a testament to our culture here at SBW and I'm extremely proud to be the president of this great bank."

The Best Banks to Work For Program, which was initiated in 2013 by American Banker and Best Companies Group, identifies, recognizes and honors U.S. banks for outstanding employee satisfaction. Full results of this year's program are available at American Banker and in the November issue of American Banker Magazine

November 7, 2022 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Administration: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:32 pm.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated November 7, 2022 for week of October 28, 2022-November 3, 2022 in the amount of: \$18,678.19

Board accepted and signed the 5-year Contract Assessing Agreement for Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.

Board reviewed the Preliminary 2022 DRA Assessment to Sales Ratio. The preliminary analysis indicates the median assessment to sales ratio of 96.3% and a coefficient of dispersion of 15.8%.

Board reviewed the Mapping Services Agreement for Richmond with Terra-Maps & Avitar Associates and agreed to the 3-year contract with updated tax maps for the next 3 years.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board appointed Jennifer Thompson as Selectmen Pro Temp for the State Election to be held on November 8, 2022. Term to expire November 9, 2022.

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Board reviewed contract with Cargill for road salt. Board discussed the highway budget.

Appointments

Anna Giraldi from Quantum Construction Consultants met with the Board to discuss final plans that will be submitted to NH DOT for Tully Brook bridge.

Chief Ed Atkins of the Richmond Fire Department cancelled his budget meeting for tonight. He will reschedule after going over figures with Susan Harrington.

Moderator, Walden Whittum met with the Board to discuss the election on November 8, 2022 and to go over the 2023 Moderator Budget:

2022 Approved Budget=\$1,675.00

2023 Requested Budget=\$925.00

Mary Ann Lauretti of the Richmond Broadband Committee came in to discuss communication with MaryEllen of Consolidated. Harrington will continue to follow up with Consolidated and keep the Broadband Committee informed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Thompson

November 14, 2022 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels and Andrew Wallace

Selectmen absent: Douglas Bersaw

Administration present: Jennifer Thompson and Susan Harrington

Public present: Fran Heap

Meeting opened at 5:31 pm.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated November 14, 2022 for week of November 4, 2022-November 10, 2022 in the amount of \$ 128,602.52.

Daniels signed Vet Hall Rental for December 17, 2022.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board signed Raffle Permit for the Richmond Public Library. State of New Hampshire Driveway permit received for Map 407 Lot 097.

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Harrington advised Board Mary Ellen Player of Consolidated Communications had contacted the Selectmen's Office to advise on new information regarding Broadband Services. Per Mary Ellen Player, Consolidated Communications are submitting a grant in the 2nd round due by 11/28/22 which will include Richmond. If the grant is accepted, the entire Town of Richmond will have broadband services by the end of 2024. An official email from Mary Ellen Player will be submitted to Harrington. Harrington will advise Broadband Committee Secretary, Wendy O'Brien.

Appointments

Road Agent Buddy Blood met with the Board to discuss the 2023 Road Agent salary. Board discussed Buddy will be meeting with people to pour the concrete, insulate and purchase doors on the new town garage.

Welfare Administrator, Pam Bielunis met with the Board to discuss the 2023 Welfare Budget.

2022 Approved Budget = \$10,221.00

2023 Requested Budget = \$ 10,540.00

Also discussed the 2023 Community Organizations Requests for 2023:

	2022 Approved	2023 Requested	2023 Approved
One Hundred Nights	\$1,000	\$3,500	\$1,000
Monadnock Family Services	\$1,496	\$1,496	\$1,496
CVTC	\$100	\$500	\$250
Monadnock Reg Child Advocacy Center	\$500	\$550	\$550
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The following will be discussed at another meeting: Community Kitchen, Home Health & Hospice, Southwest Community Services.

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Pam Bielunis of the Supervisors of the Check List met with the Board to discuss the 2023 Supervisors of the Checklist Budget:

2022 Approved Budget=\$2,550.00

2023 Requested Budget=\$2,550.00

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harrington

November 21, 2022 Meeting of Board of Selectmen

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Administration present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated November 21, 2022 for week of November 11, 2022-November 17, 2022 in the amount of \$ 12,973.47 for payroll/accounts payable include the November stipends.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board the following Building Permit Renewals:

Map 405 Lot 093-Fish Hatchery Road

Map 408 Lot 068-Old Homestead Hwy

Sheriff's Log for the month of October 2022 received from the Cheshire County Sheriff's Office.

Board reviewed Technical Information Release HB 1667 (Chapter 121, Laws of 2022) amending eligibility criteria for certain veterans' property tax credits. Release attached to minutes.

[Due to space constraints, the release is not attached in this edition of the Rooster.]

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Welfare Administrator, Pam Bielunis submitted a revised 2023 Community Organization Request to the Board:

2022 Approved Budget=\$ 7,053.00

2023 Requested Budget=\$ 7,234.00

Board reviewed the 2022 Tax Rate Breakdown. Harrington to contact DRA for further information.

Selectman Wallace gave the Board an update on the Local Emergency Operations Plan. Harrington to contact Health Officer, Carol Ann Rocheleau to advise of next meeting.

Appointments

Road Agent, Buddy Blood met with the Board to discuss cost of insulating the new building at the Highway Department. Selectman Bersaw, and Buddy Blood will look into more estimates.

Wendy O'Brien and Dixie Gurian of the Richmond Public Library met with the Board to discuss the 2023 Library Budget:

2022 Approved Budget=\$ 41,675.80

2023 Requested Budget=\$ 44,468.44

Parks and Recreation Members, Jen Duda, **Aggie and Mariusz Zielinski** met with the Board to discuss the 2023 Parks and Recreation Budget:

2022 Approved Budget=\$ 7,400

2023 Requested Budget=\$ 7,700

Board approved appointment of Mariusz Zielinski to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Term to expire 03/31/2025.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The family has asked that donations be made in Jennie Lu’s honor to:

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Selectmen: William Daniels, Doug Bersaw, Andrew Wallace

Selectmen Meeting at Town Hall – Mon. 5:30 P.M.
Public is welcome to attend. Please call 239-4232 for an appointment if you have an item for the agenda.

Town Administrator: Susan Harrington
Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Thompson

Mon. 9 AM – Noon, 3 PM – 5:30 PM
Wed. 9 AM – 1 PM
Thurs. 9 AM – Noon

For town business outside of the above hours, please call 239-4232 for a Monday evening appointment.

Town Clerk: Karen O'Brien

Deputy Town Clerk:

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 239-6202 or email the clerk.

Tax Collector: Steve Boscarino

Deputy Tax Collector: Mary Rogers

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

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

Building Maint.: James Nolan, 239-3353

Zoning Compliance Officer: Richard Drew

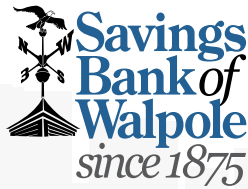
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