



A Final Reminder **Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk**

On March 8, 2011, the Town Elections will be held. The following offices will be on the ballot:

- One for Cemetery Trustee, 3-year term
- One for Library Trustee, 3-year term
- Two for Planning Board, 3-year term each
- One for Selectman, 3-year term
- One for Trustee of Trust Funds, 3-year term

If you would like to run for any of these offices, please come to the Town Clerk's office. You must be a resident of Richmond and a registered voter to qualify for candidacy of any of these offices. The filing period begins January 19th and ends January 28th (3-5 p.m. on Jan. 28th only).

If you have any questions, Pam and I are always happy to help. Please call 239-6202.

Notes from Town Hall **Selectboard**

Town meeting may seem a long way off, but town boards and commissions are preparing now. You may be interested in the following ways to prepare for town meeting yourself.

NH RSA 675 is a wealth of information about how to enact legislation. Any proposed zoning ordinance, as submitted by a planning board or any amendment to an existing zoning ordinance as proposed by a planning board or board of selectmen, or petitioned by residents, must be submitted to the voters. No zoning ordinance shall be established or amended at a town meeting until after the planning board holds at least one public hearing on the proposed ordinance or amendment.

This month the Planning Board will be holding hearings on all proposed ordinances prior to putting them on the ballot in March. January 31 is the last day to hold the final public hearing on any zoning ordinance. (December 8th was the last day to submit a petitioned article for zoning amendments.) We hope you will plan to attend these important forums for sharing your thoughts and suggestions. If the proposed ordinance is changed substantially during the public hearing, another hearing must be held.

If you want to place a budget article on the warrant for town

meeting consideration, February 1 is the last day for 25 or more voters, or 2% of the voters in town, whichever is less, to petition the Selectmen to include it on the warrant. The Selectmen are charged with holding public hearings on budget warrant articles and this year plan to hold the hearing on Thursday, February 10th. February 21 is the last day to post the warrant and budget. Petitioned articles must be submitted in correct warrant article form.

If you are considering running for elected office in 2011, you must file with the Town Clerk between January 19 and January 28. We encourage you to volunteer and actively participate in town governance by being elected or appointed to Town Boards, Commissions and Committees, and by participating in public hearings, meetings and community events. Richmond is your town and your guidance is important every day!

Calendar Dates 2011 **Richmond Town Clerk's Office** **Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk**

- Jan. 1 CLOSED – New Year's Day (normally closed)
- Jan. 3 Dog Licenses Available
- Jan. 17 CLOSED – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 19 First Day of Filing Period for Town Offices
- Jan. 28 Last Day of Filing Period for Town Offices (3-5 p.m.)
- Feb. 1 Warrant Article Deadline
- Feb. 10 Annual Budget Hearing (Pre-Warrant)
- Feb. 21 CLOSED – Presidents' Day
- Feb. 21 Last Day for Selectmen to Post Warrant
- Feb. 24 Last Day to Register to Vote with Town Clerk
(May Register to Vote at the Polls on Election Day)
- Mar. 8 Town Meeting, 1st Session (Election)
Town Clerk's Office CLOSED
- Mar. 11 Town Meeting, 2nd Session
- Apr. 28 Dog Licenses Expire
- May. 30 CLOSED – Memorial Day
- May. 31 Deadline for Late Dog Licenses
- July 4 CLOSED – Fourth of July
- Sept 5 CLOSED – Labor Day
- Sept. 30 Transfer Station Stickers Expire
- Oct. 10 CLOSED – Columbus Day



Nov. 11 CLOSED – Veterans’ Day (normally closed)
 Nov. 23, 24 CLOSED – Thanksgiving Break
 Dec. 26 CLOSED – Christmas Break

Things From the School District
Jim Carnie and Neil Moriarty

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD) Elections We’re Running! Both Jim Carnie (for School Board), and Neil Moriarty (for Budget Committee) will be placing our names in nomination for our respective positions within MRSD.

Given you wish to run for one of these positions:

MRSD Richmond School Board member, 3-year term

MRSD Richmond School Budget Committee member, 3-year term

Go to the SAU 38 building, 600 Old Homestead Hwy, Swanzy (white house in front of the high school), January 19th, to 28th, 2011, business days, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The secretary at the desk will get you the form.

SAU 93 Note: this committee has no powers. The committee was formed to assist and make recommendations to the school board on policy.

The committee voted to recommend adapting the Monadnock weighted vote system for all votes within the SAU. Every vote of the Monadnock board is by weighted vote – so this makes sense. To ease the anxiety of the existing SAU 38 employees (where possible) the committee also made some employment recommendations to the board (the board accepted the recommendations on December 7, 2010.) The employment recommendations will not include pay schedules or benefit proposals – there needs to be work done in these areas. Employment selection is quite complex for SAU 93 – until we

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vote in March SAU board for SAU 93. Therefore, all current hiring (Neil’s opinion) is only temporary.

The FY 2011-2012 budget process continues to move along starting with an administrative request for a six percent increase with declining student enrollment. The school board voted to go with a no increase over Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011. The administration is working diligently on developing budget adjustments to meet this goal. The budget committee, who actually sets the budget amount, has yet to meet on this proposal (meets December 28th 2010) by press deadline.

Contract negotiations with Administrative Union and support staff union have come to a stop for this year. Mediation sessions (between the board and each union) proved fruitless. There will be no union contracts appearing on the March 2011 Warrant for your approval.

Given you have comments, suggestions, or concerns, please give either of us a call, Jim (239-4948), or Neil (239-4031) a call.

Richmond Public Library
Wendy O’Brien

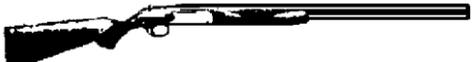
Story Times

We have several story time offerings in January. First, a brief story hour for younger elementary school-aged children tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 6th at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. Evelyn Pogorzelski will lead two pajama story times, the first featuring “Snowflake Bentley,” on Tuesday, January 4th at 6:30 p.m. and the second focusing on the popular story “The Mitten,” on Tuesday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. Wendy will lead a series of story hours on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. featuring seasonal stories. All of these story times will have a craft and snack. We do ask that children come accompanied and be supervised by an adult.

Kodah the Library Dog

A visit from, Kodah, our official Library Dog, has been scheduled for January 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Kodah is a certified pet therapy dog from Monadnock Therapy Pets, and loves being read to by children.

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The Great Cookie Exchange Caper-A Family Party

The party was a great success, thanks to Elaine Moriarty! Yummy food and drinks, games, gifts, and good friends all contributed to a wonderful time. This was the first year that library patrons were invited as well, and it was such a pleasure to see everyone.

Elaine Moriarty, Volunteer of the Year Award

This year we added something new, an award for the volunteer of the year. Named after Elaine Moriarty, who has been volunteering for the library for over 10 years, this award will be given annually to a volunteer who supports and assists the library in many ways throughout the year. We are always seeking new volunteers – for once a year events such as the book sale or small weekly commitments such as putting books away one evening or day a week. If you are interested, just drop by the library, give us a call (239-6164), or email us at richmondpubliclibrar@ne.rr.com.

**Thank You RPL and
 Town Archives Supporters**
Bonnie McCarthy

Wendy and the Richmond Public Library (RPL) Board of Trustees would like to thank the many RPL patrons and supporters who rose to the occasion and donated to our “Critter Fund.” Thanks to your generous gifts we were able to hire Critter Solutions to rid our historic building of various members of the rodent family. Not only did Gary from Critter Solutions evict our unwanted guests, he plugged their nine major means of entry. For the past few weeks we have neither seen nor heard further evidence of rodents. We will continue to be vigilant with the help of Critter Solutions.

Thus far, our plea for financial help from the citizens of Richmond has been a wonderful success, and we gratefully trust that your generosity will continue. Now it is time to attack our inade-

quate electrical system. All donations in excess of the \$645 used to fund our “Critter Evacuation Drive” will be added to the “Electrical Upgrade Fund.” The sooner we can increase the load capacity of our circuit box from 60 amps to 100 amps, the sooner we can address the safety (possible current overload and new carbon/smoke detectors), sanitation (no hot water), and convenience (additional outlets for lighting, cooling, and computers) issues. Our historic physical plant, our dedicated librarian, our loyal volunteers, and our many patrons deserve nothing but the best. Any amount will be accepted with heartfelt gratitude.

Vermont Yankee Shut Down
Barbara Richardson

The Vermont Senate voted 26-4 to shut down the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant on or before March 21, 2012, when its original 40 year license expires. Persons living within a 20 mile radius of the plant are being asked to sign and circulate petitions concerning the plant’s closing and decommissioning.

The petition expresses concerns regarding environmental issues, worker safety and economic considerations, safe cleanup and transparency in management during the next 18 months and beyond. These petitions will be delivered to the Selectboards or city councils in each town or city within a 20mile radius of Vermont Yankee. Those boards and councils are urged to sign the letter and send it on to those with authority over Vermont Yankee, including the Entergy Nuclear Corporation, the Vermont Legislature and Public Service Board, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

We recently learned that this nuclear plant’s commercial boiling water reactor design was obsolete even before construction was completed in 1971, and for safety reasons could not be licensed today, even under the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s relaxed regulations.

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A number of Richmond residents have petitions, and if anyone has not yet signed but wishes to, please contact Peter Majoy at 239-6058 or Barbara Richardson at 239-8346. Signers need not be registered to vote and may include summer or other part-time residents of Richmond. Every signature counts and they will all be presented to the Selectboard at their January 10 meeting.

Editor's Note: This is a summary of the petitioned letter requesting the Selectmen to sign:

We are writing this letter to urge all the appropriate authorities to take whatever steps may be necessary in order to minimize any negative impacts that Vermont Yankee's closure may have on its workers, local residents, and the environment.

That Vermont Yankee workers, many of whom live in our towns and cities, be given first preference when workers are hired for the multi-year process of decommissioning and site clean-up that will follow the closure of the reactor in 2012.

The workers remaining on the site receive the maximum protection from radiation exposure; and that those workers whose jobs are discontinued or who choose not to accept employment during this post shut-down period be guaranteed a generous severance package.

That during this final period as the reactor continues to age and minor accidents and radioactive leakages continue to occur (if they do), residents and officials of nearby towns and cities be assured that there will be extra attention to maintenance and repair of all systems associated with the reactor, coupled with heightened inspections,

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monitoring, and testing to minimize the possibility of a major accident and ensure that people, animals, and the environment are not exposed to any additional risks of breathing, drinking, or otherwise ingesting radioactivity;

Not to delay or cancel needed maintenance and repairs during the reactor's final months of operation be strenuously resisted, and that if circumstances warrant, Vermont Yankee be shut down permanently before its scheduled retirement date; and,

When toxic radioactive components are likely to be shipped from the reactor site to nuclear waste repositories in other states via roads and railways passing through our towns and cities, local residents as

Calendar Reminders!

The Selectmen have scheduled the pre-warrant budget hearing for Thursday, February 10th at 7 PM in the Vets Hall. The Selectmen will continue to work on the budget with department heads during January and you are welcome to attend any of our meetings on Monday nights to participate. Please also attend and participate in Planning Board sponsored public hearings on proposed zoning ordinances or amendments in January. The hearings schedule will be posted at Town Hall.

TOWN MEETING 2011- ballot voting for elected offices and proposed Land Use ordinance amendments will be held on Tuesday, March 8th. Voting on budget articles will be at Town Meeting on Friday, March 11, at 7 PM at the Veterans Hall.

well as local Selectboards, city councils, and relevant town and city departments (police, fire, and emergency medical, etc.) be notified in advance so as to provide maximum protection for people, wildlife, and the local environment in the event of a transportation accident.

That all local Selectboards and city councils be kept informed in a timely way (as you do now regarding "significant events") of all relevant plans, decisions, and other developments related to Vermont Yankee that might affect our towns and cities during the reactor's final phase of operation and during the subsequent period of decommissioning and site clean-up.

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We also propose that a citizens advisory board be formed, with its members appointed by local Selectboards and city councils, so as to facilitate on-going, two-way communication regarding all of these matters.

Richmond Call List

Kim Mattson

We had announced in the November issue of the Richmond Rooster that we would have a copy of the updated Richmond call list at the 4-Corners Store. Well, it never made it. But starting Jan. 1, 2011, we will have a copy for residents to go through and do changes or corrections. Please do not remove the copy. Each resident will have one phone number listed. Thanks for your patience and please understand what a job this has been.

The Star of Life

Terri O'Rorke

The Star of Life (SOL) was designed by a Mr. Leo R. Schwartz, EMS Branch Chief at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), United States of America. The star of life was created in 1973 as a common symbol to be used by US emergency medical services (EMS) and medical goods pertaining to EMS.

It was after complaints from the American National Red Cross objecting to the use of the Omaha orange cross by ambulance services throughout America which clearly imitated the Red Cross symbol. The NHTSA investigated and felt that the complaint was justified. However the use of the red cross symbol can still be seen on military vehicles, hospital tents and buildings to protect the wounded civilian and military personnel as per the Geneva Convention in times of war.

The six-barred blue symbol was adapted from the medical identification symbol and was registered on Feb. 1, 1977 with the commission of patents and trademarks in the name of the NHTSA. The trademark expired in 1997. Each bar on the Star of Life represents

one of six functions. They are as follows:

- * Detection
- * Reporting
- * Response
- * On Scene Care
- * Care in Transit
- * Transfer to Definitive Care

The snake and staff in the symbol portray the staff of Aesculapius, son of Apollo, the staff represents medicine and healing. The Star of Life symbol can be seen as a means of identification on ambulances and ambulance equipment worldwide. Its use on EMS patches in the US and other countries signifies the wearer has been trained to meet national or state training standards as laid down from time to time.

Editor's Comment

John Boccalini

We are in the final preparations of the 2011 Phone list. Starting Jan.1 - Jan 31, 2011 we will have a working copy of the phone list for residents to go through and make additions, updates, changes or corrections.

They will be available at the Four Corners Store and Town Hall. We are also trying to bring back a calendar of events for things to do around the area. If you have an event you think people should know about please let us know at therichmondrooster@yahoo.com or call 239-6696.

Do You Want to Volunteer to be a Camera Operator?

Neil Moriarty

You might learn a new skill here. The Cheshire TV cable channel started to capture the Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD) School Board meetings on December 7, 2010. There is a need for volunteer camera operators for these meetings.

The MRSD school board meets on the first and third Tuesday of most months (summertime might see one or two meetings deleted). Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and are at all schools throughout the district on a rotating basis - however, most meetings are held at the high school. You can stay for as much of the meeting as you can (your job or schoolwork may make it impossible to stay for the whole meeting).

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**Out and About
John Boccalini**

Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2011
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fitzwilliam Inn Karaoke
Location: Fitzwilliam Inn

Date: January 8, 2011
Time: 1:00 p.m.

The Met Opera-Live in HD: La Fanciulla del West: Diva Deborah Voigt sings the title role of Puccini's wild-west opera

Date: 1/8/11
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, NH.
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Date: January 14, 2011
Time: 8:00 p.m.

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Date: January 20- 22, 2011
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Improv Smackdown: Teams from Branch River Theatre, and two or three other groups (to be announced), will compete with each other in a variety of skits by using their improvisational skills and wit for a hilarious good time. Be prepared for a fun-filled evening when our Master of Ceremonies, Gary Gagnon, puts everyone through the wringer.

Location: Branch River Theater, 160 Main Street, Route 101, Marlborough, NH.

Date: January 22, 2011
Time: 12-4 p.m.

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Date: Feb 1, 2010- Feb 5, 2010

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Location: Jaffrey Civic Center, Jaffrey NH.
Cost: See description
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Date: Saturday, February 5, 2011

Time: TBA
2nd Annual Valentine Dinner & Dance
Location: American Legion, 295 School St. (Route 12), Winchendon, MA.

Date: February 5 - March 10, 2011

Time: Public reception, Friday, February 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Gallery hours: Sunday - Wednesday: noon to 5:00 p.m, Thursday and Friday: noon to 7:00 p.m, Saturday: noon to 8 p.m.

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Time: 7:00-10:00 p.m.

**New for the New Year
Carol Oxx**

We are looking for people to begin a NEW just-for-fun bridge group. It is especially designed for the new learner and returning player. The group will decide where, how often, and when it will meet (daytime hours only), and format (brown bag lunch, etc.). Of course, the skilled will be accepted but only on condition that they pretend to know nothing. The group might also consider bringing in a teacher to help us along. Give it a try! No commitment is needed and players may drop out at any time. To sign up or for more information, call Carol Oxx at 239-6712.

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**History Well Preserved
Bob Weekes**
With the year 2010 entered into the history books, it might be appropriate to reflect on what the PAST year has taught us. But this brief article is not a treatise on personal reflection. Rather it is in response to Rooster readers who have said they enjoy reading about history in our pages.

Cicero said: "History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illuminates reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life, and brings us tidings of antiquity." I agree with what he said even if Cicero was a bit before my time. The singer James Taylor is a more contemporary icon of mine. He says...and sings: "the secret to life is enjoying the passage of time." And at my age that thought resonates with me!

History has a lot to teach us if we will just take the time to listen. If you appreciate history, especially our local Monadnock history, and have a mere seven minutes to spare, go to the website of the Historical Society of Cheshire County (www.hscn.org) and click on their new video. It tells what the Society does for you and for our Cheshire County community...and why. Then think about joining HSCC and availing yourself of all that this fine organization has to offer.

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**Agriculture, Current Use
and New Hampshire Law
Kim Mattson & Jean Tandy**

Continuing in RPC's work with the Richmond Conservation Commission to create an Agricultural Commission in town and being aware of the influence agriculture could have on our local economy, we offer a few facts of potential interest to Rooster readers. The recent study by New Hampshire's Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food that found how agriculture significantly impacts NH's economy, employment base and tax revenue encouraged some research of our own.

Let's begin with NH Current Use Law RSA 79-A (enacted July 1, 1973): "It is hereby declared to be in the public interest to encourage preservation of open space, thus providing a healthful and attractive outdoor environment for work and recreation of the state's citizens, maintaining the character of the state's landscape, and conserving the land, water,

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The potential value of a local Agriculture Commission would be in how to answer endless questions that just might help us residents become more economics and taxation savvy about the use of our land.

We will expand on these very important ideas in the February 2011, Richmond Rooster.

Stay warm and think spring through January.

Why You DO NOT Need to be Cheaper
Michelle Connor

One thing that I hear from some of the business owners that I meet, is that there is so much pressure to compete on price. After all, the economy is tough, and “no one is spending any money.”

Well, if that were the case, then everyone would be eating only bread, salads and water. After all, we really do not need to eat much more than the basics to sustain our bodies. But we DO eat more than that, don’t we? In our minds, the benefits of that pizza and chocolate cake are enough so that we will pay the extra money to satisfy our cravings. And yet, businesses all over think that they have to compete primarily on price. So they use poor pricing practices that leave money on the table; even as the owner works too hard for not enough profit.

What are some of these practices:

1. Discounting; believing that your price needs to be lower than everyone else’s just to get business. I see this especially from business owners who tell me they “have checked out the competition” or “know what everyone else charges.” So if your competitor charges \$80, you charge \$79.95.

2. Pricing based on just a “cost plus” model: It costs you X, so you charge X plus 20%. Unfortunately, pricing yourself as a commodity will become a self-fulfilling prophecy, as people will soon think you are just like everyone else and they WILL shop around.

What are ways to avoid this:

1. Know your value. Understand how you help your current and potential customers achieve their goals. People will make invest-



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ments in themselves, if they believe that they will get an adequate return.

2. Have and communicate a Unique Selling Proposition and Guarantee. You must show how you are different from the rest so that people are compelled to buy from YOU, even if your prices are a little higher. This becomes an even easier decision for the buyer if you can take away risk from your prospects with your guarantee.

In the end, many companies assume that they must compete on prices; and so never charge enough to sustain their business for the long-haul. Do not be afraid to charge what you are worth!

Here’s to the People
Haylie Ringland, Age 15

For a while it was all you’d hear about
All the troops they were sending out
Heroes who died
Gave their life
For a war being fought for who knows why
Now it’s like it doesn’t exist
A war, what war?
Is there something I missed?

There isn’t a single thing on the news
The only time it’s mentioned is as an excuse
For our big, fat debt
Or for the recession
Why don’t they ever learn their lesson?

It seems to me that our gov’s forgot
That our troops are people, with lives and thoughts
As if they understand what it’s like in a jet
When a bomb’s coming at you, people show respect.

This war’s gotta end some day, somehow
We can’t just pretend it’s not going on right now
And don’t forget the people walking down the street

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It’s a crime just to think that it’s no big deal
That all those families have wounds that might not heal.

Here’s to 9/11 victims, those who died during war
To those who give till they can’t give more
To those who were murdered in the Holocaust
And to those who lived, loved, and lost
Wrapping this up with one more dedication
Here’s to those that lived for our nation
Who struggled and fought for our land to be free
Who gave up their lives so I could be me.

Shakespeare’s Most Difficult Comedy is Played at the Globe
Frank Behrens

If I were to play some old-time radio shows with a topical comedian such as Bob Hope or Fred Allen, much of the humor would be lost on anyone born (say) after 1950. Current event jokes simply do not last. That is exactly the problem with Shakespeare’s “Love’s Labour’s Lost” [British spelling]. The script makes fun of a then current trend to speak euphuistically—very flowery with a highly Latinate vocabulary and a fine sense of the sound/meaning relationship, but quite overdone.

Add to that a very thin plot—a king and three lords agree to spend one year in study without seeing a woman at all, among other deprivations—and this play is indeed a very difficult one to make accessible to a modern audience. In his film version, Kenneth Branagh throws away most of the dialogue and adds Broadway hits of the 1920s and 1930s. But then he is not doing Shakespeare at all and there is no problem.

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The Secrets to Success: Part Four: Forgiveness & Original Goodness
Pete Majoy

So easy it is to just arrogantly affirm with one’s voice as sharp as a razor that beneath his and her own behavior flows hot lava from a mental volcano absent a no-no to the dark moon rising.

Soft music frees cows to give lots of milk but not so when lunar tunes are war born like threats blown through a loud horn

Opus Arte has just released its third filmed “live” production at the New Globe Theatre on a single DVD, and one can accept some ways in which the Director, Dominic Dromgoole, has met the challenge of making this play hold an audience for 166 minutes.

He has chosen to give the text uncut (as far as I could see), and that means getting big laughs from jokes spoken in Latin and from “Taffeta phrases, silken terms precise, Three-pil’d hyperboles, spruce affectation, Figures pendants...” I am afraid he chooses a predictable path by letting the King and lords mug, squeak in falsetto, roll around the stage, and in general try to get cheap chuckles by clowning instead of from the dialogue. Even the Princess of France is directed to do pretty much the same, while her ladies act with some dignity.

In fact, the biggest laugh comes when one of the lower-class characters is told at the end of a not very funny scene, “Thou has not spoken no word all this while,” and he answers, “Nor understood none neither, sir.” Thus did he speak for the audience. And I’ll bet Shakespeare’s audience had the same reaction.

The English subtitles are a must for the viewer, as would be reading some commentary on this play before watching it.

scarring with forever folded creases like leashes on one’s pristine heart.

Then the moment of cleansing forgiveness like a sparkling diamond in the rough and knowing one has undergone enough, buried memories of our original goodness release the fullness of who we really are.



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**Creative Writing for All Ages
Bonnie McCarthy & Community Readers**

I sit at my computer on December 10, 2010, a.k.a. the deadline for the January Rooster, wondering how many Six Word Memoirs (or haiku) will be in this column next month. The January Rooster will tell me if there is any community interest in short blasts of creative writing. Here is my submission of "A Vacation to Remember." I sure hope it is not the only one!

Scuba. Weightlessness. Blue fathoms embrace me.

**Quotable Quote
Terri O'Rorke**

Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. —Benjamin Franklin

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Date: 15 November 2010, Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis

Read mail and signed checks. JC made a motion to approve the settlement between the town and Northeast Harvester as negotiated by the Local Government Center on November 9, 2010. Wes seconded it. Motion carried.

The Board received a bid from Arbogast Energy Auditing for a proposal for the building energy audits for the town. The board and the energy committee will review this bid and make a decision at a later date.

Marc Beauregard, Health Officer, came in to discuss a trash issue. He also discussed a health issue with the board.

Linda Rule came in to request an inspection on her completed building permit. 2009-019, Map/lot 402-077

Dan Carey came in with his building permit for a garage. M414 L030. Building permit # 2010-22 was approved.

Annette Tokunaga addressed the Board and asked to schedule a Safety committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. and a Retention Schedule committee meeting at 6:30 on Dec. 6. Both meetings will be held in the Town Hall.

An intent to cut was approved for John Randall, M405 L109. Three pistol permits were approved. #'s 338534, 338536, 338535.

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The Board discussed the grading costs for roads this year. Next year the grading of the roads will be put out for bid.

Police Chief Andy Wood addressed the board and would like to set up an internet phone system for the police department. In order to do this he needs a credit card in the town's name to use. The board will think about it. Andy would also like two additional gas cards from Gulf so he can have one in each cruiser in case the officer needs fuel when the 4-Corners store is closed. The Board approved the request and Roberta will order them. Andy would also like the weather trim on the doors at the police department to be replaced since the trim is now gone. Andy would also like to review the detail rates the officers receive. Andy would like to raise the rate to \$55.50 an hour for details. That would be \$38.00 an hour for officer, \$7.50 for administrative costs and \$10.00 an hour for the car. He will draw up a proposal and bring it to the board.

Sandra made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Wes seconded it. Motion carried. Executive session was entered at 9:25 p.m. Public session was reconvened at 9:35 p.m. Wes made a motion to seal the minutes of executive session. JC seconded it. Motion carried.

There being no other business to come before the board, the board adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Date: 22 November 2010 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis

Read mail and signed checks.

Sandra explained the result of the Department of Labor hearing she went to in Concord on November 17th. The town had an inspection performed by the Department of Labor this summer and received a fine for not being in compliance with the Department of Labor regulations regarding protec-

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ive barriers. At the hearing the Department of Labor agreed to waive the penalty if the town comes into compliance by December 29, 2010. The board is creating a plan for the offices at the Town Hall.

The board discussed if there should be a wage increase for the employees this year and if so what the amount should be. JC made a motion that the maximum wage increase will be 1.5 percent for all town departments for the 2011 fiscal year. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried. The board would also like the department heads to level fund their budgets this year.

Police Chief Andrew Wood addressed the board and asked them to appoint Victor Malavet as a part-time police officer. JC made a motion to appoint Victor Malavet as a part-time police officer for the Town of Richmond. Wes seconded it. Motion carried. Roberta created the appointment document and JC swore him in as the part-time police officer until March 31, 2013.

The board discussed job description for the Selectmen's assistant. In an effort to save money and since inventory forms will not be mailed this year the board discussed not mailing the town report this year.

There being no other business to come before the board, they adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Date: 29 November 2010 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis

Read mail and signed checks.

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk, addressed the board with her proposed budget for 2011. Annette is proposing to level fund her budget. The board listened to Annette's explanation of her budget and Wes made a motion to accept the Town Clerk budget as submitted, pending an amount for the budget from the supervisor of the checklist. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried.

Residents on Fay Martin Rd. and Whipple Hill Rd. addressed the board with concerns about the condition of the roads after the recent rain. The road agent will be contacted regarding this.

Mike Meixsell discussed with the board whether there were any zoning issues with him making walking sticks in his home. The

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Board does not see an issue with this, as he would comply with article 1508 of the zoning ordinance.

Darold Tanner addressed the board and asked about replacing the railroad ties at the CD building. The board informed him it will have to wait until next year since there isn't any money left in the budget for this.

Signed pistol permit # 338537.

The board discussed the emergency lane fund and what emergency lanes to address next and they will be consulting with the fire chief, road agent and emergency management director and get their input.

The board discussed auctioning M409 L033. It will be advertised in the newspaper with a minimum bid of \$85,000.00 and bids will be due on December 20th.

Sandra made a motion to accept the job description for the Assistant to the Selectmen as written. Wes seconded it. Motion carried. The new job description supercedes all previous job descriptions.

There being no other business to come before the board, they adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Date: 06 December 2010 Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis

Read mail and signed checks.

Steve Boscarino, tax collector, addressed the board and presented his budget. Steve is requesting a 7.81 percent increase for his overall budget.

Lloyd Condon addressed the board in regards to boarding up a property.

Police Chief Andrew Wood addressed the board and presented his budget. He has input a salary increase of 1.5 percent for all employees. He is requesting an overall increase of 9.6 percent for the police department budget. Chief Wood also presented an alternative police department budget that includes a full-time police chief.

Bonnie McCarthy, Library Trustee, addressed the board in regards to the energy audit for town buildings. She is requesting that the library be next on the list for an energy audit.

JC made a motion to accept the job description for town secretary as written, to supercede all other job descriptions. Wes seconded it. Motion carried.

The Board discussed funding for the Fay Martin bridge replacement to be put on the warrant for 2011 Town Meeting. Approved intent to cut for M408 L33.

The (pre-warrant) budget public hearing will be held on February 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall.

There being no other business to come before the board, they adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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