



RICHMOND ROOKIE IMPRESSIONS

CATHERINE MARGAND

We crossed the field not yet green to the small group of parents and kids milling about. Clear and sunny! Yes! Spring was finally here to stay. In the spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of baseball.

It was the first day of baseball practice for the local youngsters. The friendly coach was greeting the parents with a firm handshake, checking his roster, and handing out schedules. After leaving our son with the rest of the team, we headed for the shade of the dugout to watch.

Already the noonday sun was too much for me. Eighty degrees! Maybe we actually skipped spring this year! I hurried out to remove the extra shirt our boy was wearing (silly me!) and reminded him to keep his cap on. (I'm still allowed to do this sort of thing because he's only in second grade.)

After the kids lined up and whispered their names, the coach called out his instructions in a clear voice. He was going to be working on basic skills and had set up a relay-type course to the side of the field. I was sure the children would understand the baseball lingo better than I ever could.

As I watched him work with the kids, I saw the patience of a good father.

"That's okay, try again!" he encouraged each one as he tossed the ball. "Use your glove! That's good! Great! Good throw! You can do it! One more!"

"He has a great way with kids," I thought. He would catch their zigzagged tosses effortlessly, "a natural" I might suppose, but what do I know about baseball? I wondered if he had ever played real ball. He certainly looked like he enjoyed being back on the field again. When it came time to assess the batting abilities of the kids, it got to be a little amusing. A few kids were really impressive.

"Okay, just hit the ball, don't kill it!" he cautioned a little slugger giving it her all.

He increased the speed of his pitches to one slim guy who calmly met each challenge with a "crack!" and another fly ball. I was amazed! Where are the Major League scouts when you need them?

The first time up at bat my son actually started to hit a few after he finally got the hang of which elbow is which. "Raise your right elbow! Lower your left! The right elbow! NOT the FRONT elbow! Okay, you got it!"

I could see by the coach's smile that he was as amused as I was.

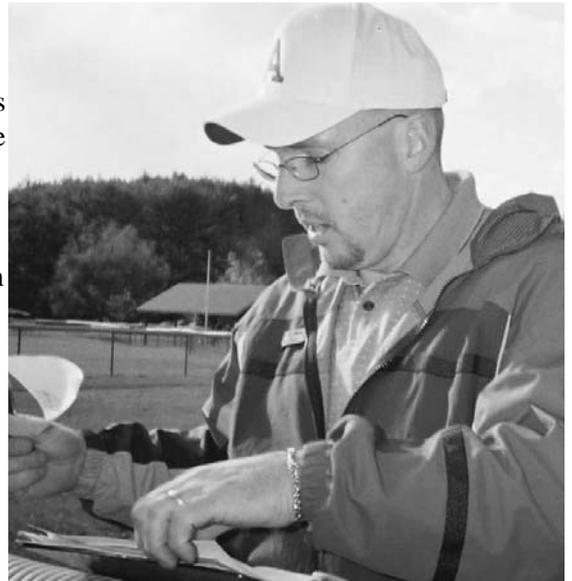
"Good eye! Good eye!" the coach called out to a little guy who let one go without a swing.

"He's got older brothers," his mother explained modestly.

The catcher helping us out was the coach's oldest son from the next league above these rookies. His father teased him affectionately as he missed another ball, "That was yours! Okay, that's it! You're fired!"

Some of the kids came out of their dugout to get away from a girl tossing sand in the air, and started helping catch the balls on the field. It started to feel like the excitement of a real game. Every once in a while the coach would toss a ball behind himself to see if they were alert. It was great to see the big smile on one boy's face when he caught one! He threw a ball to the little guy near first base. "Touch the base! With your foot! Step on the base! You got it!" We were lucky. Here was a good coach, giving of his time and talents to others. "This will be a good season," I told myself as I looked over the schedule. I was trying to recognize the names of the players when I realized that the coach had two other sons on the team. The mother's name was listed beside the sons.

Oh no! The woman who was hurt in a head-on collision last week?



I showed her name to the mother next to me. "Wasn't she the one who is in critical condition from that car accident?" We looked at each other, and then at the coach.

I stood there dumbfounded as the coach called it a day, and everyone gathered up their kids and equipment. Regaining some composure, I leaned over the fence and asked the young catcher, "How's your mom?"

He looked down and said, "She's doing better. I talked to her today." He had a note of sadness in his voice, and at once I felt sorry that I might be intruding. Then he looked up, flashed a smile and said, "I hit a fly ball to the centerfield today!"

"Good job!" I replied as he ran off to join his father and brothers.

I watched them wave goodbye to everyone. "See you next Saturday!"

Yes, it's going to be a good season. God bless you, Coach Maas, and thank you from your rookies!

Property Tax Relief

Annette Tokunaga

If you are single and earn \$20,000 or less or are married and earn \$40,000 or less, you may qualify for tax relief from the state. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and on the state website-ww.revenue.nh.gov. The forms must be completed and mailed by June 30, 2008. Call the clerk's office at 239-6202 for more information or for help filling out the forms.

Dates to Remember June 3, Last Day to Change Party Before State Primary June 4, Filing Period Begins for State Office June 13, Filing Period Ends for State Office.

Voter Information

Melissa Herman

Are you a DEM, a REP, or an UND (Democrat, Republican, or Undeclared)? Are you sure that's how you're listed in the Richmond voter checklist? Do you need to change your affiliation? Your last chance to make this change before the NH State Primary Election, which will be held on September 9th, is on or before Tuesday, June 3rd. You can check your current affiliation by looking at the checklist, which is kept in a notebook on the desk

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outside the selectmen's office, or you can call the Town Clerk (239-6202), or you can call Checklist Supervisor Melissa Herman (239-4216). The change can be made at the Town Clerk's office or by coming to the Supervisors' session on Tuesday, June 3rd, 7-7:30PM, at the Civil Defense building beside the fire department on Rt. 119. As always, new voters can register at the Town Clerk's office, at the polls on election day or at the above-mentioned Supervisors' session.

Recreation News

Tina Thayer

Don't forget about the Town of Richmond Children's Summer Kick-off Beach Party! Last year was a blast, this year it will be Saturday June 21st from 12:00-2pm Seems like it is far away, but it will be here before you know it! Come celebrate the end of school and "kick-off" your summer right! We will have Pizza and drinks (as long as they last, served at noon), crafts and some games. Come check us out, we will be at the Town Pavilion, if it rains we will be at the Vet's Hall. Hope to see you there!

Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Summer reading program sign-ups for G'Day for Reading will begin on Sat., June 16th at the Library, and our official kick-off will be on Sat., June 28th, 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Hall. Koala Airlines departs for the Land Down Under escorted by your Aussie travel guides Elaine Moriarty and Wendy O'Brien. We will have fun crafts, stories, songs, games, and interesting facts about what it is like to be a kid in Australia. Be prepared to get wet! We will be enjoying an authentic Australian dessert. Children who attend will receive a bookmark, "airline tickets" and a "passport." In addition, throughout the summer stop by the Library for a weekly "Crazy Crocodile Quiz" with fun questions about Australia. The child with the most correct answers at the end of the program will win a gift card to Target.

Change planes on Aussie Kids Day on Fri., July 11th, 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Hall! Come join professional artist Evelyn Winter for crafts and painting and Elaine Moriarty for fun games. We will be awarding bonus points for the "Croc Quiz" to all attendees.

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Koala Airlines arrives back in Richmond in time for our wrap-up party with Wildlife Encounters Zoo with "Creatures Down Under!" During this fun event we will explore the outback, deserts, savannahs, and rainforests of Australia. Come visit a real live Red-necked Wallaby, Carpet Python, Australian Goanna and more! A sundae bar will wrap up this fun event. Please let us know if you will need sign language interpretation. Wildlife Encounters Zoo's visit is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Library, and donations from the Byrne Foundation, CHILIS, the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and the NH Library Association. Reading certificates, gift certificates to Toadstool Bookshop, and certificates for a free ice cream at Twinkle Town will be presented to those children completing the program.

Here's a chance to have your kids explore Australia! So...get your kangaroos and didgeridoos and get down under at the Richmond Public Library!

From The District

Jim Carney and Neil Moriarty

Heath Insurance as Pay Denied The state retirement board denied claims by several SAU and Monadnock employees that attempted to claim their insurance premiums paid by the taxpayer was actually pay – therefore, inflating their retirement benefits. Just another scheme by adults to get more money out of the system – nothing here for the children.

Teacher Contract Agreed To – Attempt at a call for special meeting. The board and the teacher's union agreed to a new 4 year contract. Highlights: No raises would be "Evergreened" after contract expires; an additional year of early retirement – 7 teachers for 5 years; more personal

days; more money for Longevity. The school board voted to ask the court to allow a special meeting to vote on the contract. We are opposed to a special meeting for many reasons – mainly because the voters have already agreed on what they want to spend on the schools for FY2008-09. The Monadnock Taxpayers will file a "friend of the court" partition on the matter.

Student Progress Testing AYP (Average Yearly Progress) We are failing in most schools in one or more areas of AYP testing – Emerson being the sole exception. In fairness, in many cases, this is caused by failure (of AYP) within sub-groups; such as, lower income students failing in Gilsum – even though Gilsum improved overall by 8.5%. At Mount Caesar the AYP failure was in the special ed. sub group. The juniors at the high school failed in all areas, and this failure can not be blamed on sub-groups; example: only 10% of the juniors were considered to be a grade level in writing skills. Performance in the other skills (reading, math, and science) was not much better.

(Default) Budget for FY2007-08 In spite of being in a default budget, as of today, we are running about \$1 million in surplus from what is in the budget – this in spite of raises (raises not funded with a default budget) given to administrators and non union staff in July 2007. Neil asked the board to consider putting some of the surplus into summer school to see if we can't do something to improve our AYP progress. Additionally, we could offer high level course(s) very economically in the summer. As teacher's benefits are paid already, and we own the buildings, summer school classes are very economical. (I could not contact Jim to get his position on this before I sent this in at the deadline).

Building Plans – Middle School The architect (Kaestle Boos) has presented two alternatives (with or without the sixth grade students at the middle school) for a middle school to be built Northeast of Mount Caesar in Swanzey. The proposal(s) does not yet include costs. Additionally, this plan requires significant work to be done at the existing high school. Several open questions exist to determine costs. One important outstanding question is for an acceptable forecast of the number of students being served with-



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in the building(s). Besides student population determining the number of classrooms required, the state building reimbursement is now based on student population being served. Where are all these (building / master) plans going is anyone's guess. The school board voted to have a building warrant in 2009- but what that warrant looks like is certainly not clear. Add to the mix the impact of the petition being circulated (and allegedly signed by several Swanzey school officials) for Swanzey's withdrawal from the district? Certainly any Swanzey withdrawal (an 18 month) process hanging over everyone will have a tremendous influence on any bond warrant in 2009. As usual if you have questions, concerns, or comments, call Jim at 239 4948, or Neil at 239 4031

NH Legislative News June 2008

Barbara Hull Richardson

The legislature has defined an "adequate education" and has also defined a per pupil cost for adequacy that includes both a universal amount and differential aid for special education students, English language learners, at risk students, and for schools with higher concentrations of low income students. Last month's legislative news article described the specific amounts of money allocated for each of the differentials. The specifics for funding will not be determined during this session but will be dealt with during the next legislative biennium.

By the time you are reading this, the decision as to whether the Constitutional Amendment-Concurrent Resolution (CACR) 34 will be passed. This CACR 34, if passed, would overturn the 1997 New Hampshire Supreme Court ruling that the state has a constitutional obligation – after defining an adequate education – to pay for that education for all school children using fair taxation – specifically not using widely varying and unfair local property taxes. CACR 34 would negate the New Hampshire Constitution which states that every child is entitled to funding that provides an adequate education. If CACR 34 were passed, the legislature could allocate funding so that a town's "fiscal capacity," a subjective

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standard, would determine that one child is more worthy of aid because of where he or she lives as opposed to objective criteria based on sound education policy. Designating towns as "poor" or "rich" does not take into account that some low income families live in so-called "rich" towns and some high income families live in "poor" towns. House Bill 539, the costing bill, actually does support targeted aid because it provides every child with his or her education dollars no matter where they live or how rich their town is believed to be. It then targets enhanced aid based on very real criteria related to a child's educational needs. If CACR 34 were to pass it would allow money to be moved from property rich towns and those towns in the middle to poor towns. This would perpetuate the problems faced by "donor" towns.

The legislature has defeated 33 school funding amendments in the past decade. The amendment needs 237 votes – three-fifths of the membership – to pass. The Senate would also require three-fifths of its members to have CACR 34 placed on the November ballot.

I appreciate hearing from you with any suggestions or concerns. My telephone number is 239-8346. have a happy summer

**Yard Sale for Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk
Betsy Pearsall**

On Saturday, June 21, there will be a Yard/Bake Sale at 79 Winchester Road , to benefit the Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk. The sale will be held rain or shine, and early birds will be welcome!! We'll even have hot coffee for you!! All funds raised will go directly to this effort. If anyone would like to donate items for this sale (no clothing, please!), please contact Betsy Pearsall at 239-7478 to arrange for pick-up or delivery!! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been so very generous in your support of my walk.

**Library Volunteer Deb Watson
By Elaine Moriarty**

Deb Watson is currently serving as President on the Library Board of trustees, a position she has held for one and one half years. For several years she has volunteered at the library with her innovative and fresh ideas.



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Deb is very creative and displays her culinary skills with amongst other items, the most unusual gingerbread creations for raffle purposes at the annual bake sale as fund raisers.

She also has made stunning figurative cakes for children's programming. A few years back she cooked special pancakes after an overnight at the Veteran's hall for the summer reading program. You frequently get to taste her themed cookies at the front desk. YUMMMMMMMM!!!

Deb also last summer organized a float building for the annual Labor Day Parade. The float was built and decorated by children from Richmond, a great experience for those participating.

She also devoted time for the silent auction at the book sale. Most recently she spent the morning cleaning out the attic at the library, a job most people wouldn't want to tackle. We appreciate the many talents Deb has to share with us. Thank you Deb.

33rd Fitzwilliam Historical Society Antiques Show & Sale

Lisa Rogers

On Saturday, July 19, 2008 the Fitzwilliam Historical Society will hold its Annual Antiques Show on the historic Fitzwilliam Town Common. This wonderful event features antiques dealers from many states. They have built up a strong following in this area and look forward to being here again this year. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine. Refreshments will be available. A special exhibit, The Blake Family of Fitzwilliam, will be presented in the Amos J. Blake House Museum. It is located on Rt. 119, just west of Rt. 12. Free guided tours of the museum will be offered by trained docents. All proceeds benefit the Fitzwilliam Historical Society.

Meadowood News

Chief Robert S. Crowell

On May 28 2008, 15 local volunteer firefighters will take the written part of the Firefighter 1B test. On the 5th of June, these same firefighters will take the practical part of their test. The Firefighter Level 1 class has gone on Tuesday and Thursday nights since the fall. Good luck to everyone. Lately there has been a lot of activity going on

at Meadowood from classes to projects to improve the training center. There will continue to be projects thru out the summer. Should you have any concerns or questions about anything that goes on at Meadowood, please call me at 352-3853. We hope you all have a safe summer.

ELMMCC Flea Market 2008

Danielle Borges

April 5, 2008- October 25, 2008 Approximate 20 sq. ft. vendors space are available for \$15.00, first come, first served. Each week paid vendors are invited to participate in "Rose's Raffle" to win their next Saturday flea market FREE! Farmers welcomed! Farmers special- pay 3 consecutive weekends and get the last free! For more information call Danielle at 239-4316 or Rose at 239-8430. The ELMMCC Front yard flea market will be held at the ELMM Community Center, 20-21 Durkee Street, Winchester, NH.

Farmers Market Opens Jeanne Sable

The new Fitzwilliam Farmers Market will open for the season on May 17, on the lawn beside the Town Hall. The event will take place every Saturday through October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A variety of products including fresh produce, plants, cut flowers, wool, yarns and other goods produced at local farms will be offered throughout the season. Sunflowers Café will be on hand to serve fresh coffee, bread and muffins. Shoppers may preview available offerings each week and pre-order on line a few days ahead by going to HarvesttoMarket.com for details call Sherry Walters at 585-3023. Thanks for supporting local agriculture

Fitzwilliam Historical Society

Lisa Rogers

The Amos J. Blake House Museum, on the historic Town Common, is opening for the season on May 24th from 1-4. The museum is a beautiful, historic building with 13 rooms open to the public. Tours are free and we would love to have you drop by.

The "Fitzwilliam Historical Society" website continues to provide fun and interesting information. Recently, a new website cookbook was added. Check it out under The

Curator's Corner! Don't forget to review the Events Calendar. We have lots of things coming up for the summer season and we would love to have you involved. The Strawberry Festival is the last Saturday in June, and the Antiques Show is the 3rd Saturday in July. The curator is looking for someone to volunteer to help out at the museum on the first Saturday morning of the month. That's when additional cleaning, computer work, or extra research is done. Or sometimes people just drop by to sit and talk. That's okay too. Please call if you have some time.

This month's RSA submitted by Terri O'Rorke

TITLE XII PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE
CHAPTER 161-F ELDERLY AND ADULT SERVICES Protective Services to Adults Section 161-F:43 161-F:43 Definitions. In this subdivision: I.

"Protective services" means services and action which will, through voluntary agreement or through appropriate court action, prevent neglect, abuse or exploitation of incapacitated adults. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, supervision, guidance, counseling and, when necessary, assistance in the securing of nonhazardous living accommodations, and mental and physical examinations. II. "Abuse" means any one of the following: (a) "Emotional abuse" means the misuse of power, authority, or both, verbal harassment, or unreasonable confinement which results or could result in the mental anguish or emotional distress of an incapacitated adult. (b) "Physical abuse" means the use of physical force which results or could result in physical injury to an incapacitated adult. (c) "Sexual abuse" means contact or interaction of a sexual nature involving an incapacitated adult without his or her informed consent. III. "Neglect" means an act or omission which results or could result in the deprivation of essential services or supports necessary to maintain the minimum mental, emotional or physical health and safety of an incapacitated adult. IV. "Exploitation" means the illegal use of an incapacitated adult's person or property for another person's profit or advantage, or the breach of a fiduciary relationship through the use of a person or a person's property for any purpose not in the proper and lawful execution of a trust, including, but not limited to, situations where a person obtains money, property, or services from an incapacitated adult through the use of undue influence, harassment, duress, deception, or fraud. V. "Serious bodily injury" means any harm to the body which causes or could cause severe, permanent or protracted loss of or impairment to the health or of the function of any part of the body. VI. "Self-neglect" means an act or omission by an incapacitated adult which results or could result in the deprivation of

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essential services or supports necessary to maintain his or her minimum mental, emotional or physical health and safety. II. "Incapacitated" means that the physical, mental, or emotional ability of a person is such that he is unable to manage personal, home, or financial affairs in his own best interest, or he is unable to act or unable to delegate responsibility to a responsible caretaker or caregiver.

Source. 1989, 7:1, eff. Jan. 1, 1990. 2002, 36:2, eff. July 1, 2002.

Definitely Definitions Terri O'Rorke

Lately I have been reading some articles or letters to the editor where the word "nihilistic" has been used. I thought I knew what it meant, but I was wrong. Here's the definition as taken from The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, 4th edition:

NIHILISM n. 1. Philosophy a. An extreme form of skepticism that denies all existence. b. A doctrine holding that all values are baseless and that nothing can be known or communicated. 2. Rejection of all distinctions in moral or religious value and a willingness to repudiate all previous theories of morality or religious belief. 3. The belief that destruction of existing political or social institutions is necessary for future improvement. 4. also Nihilism A diffuse, revolutionary movement of mid-19th century Russia that scorned authority and tradition and believed in reason, materialism and radical change in society and government through terrorism and assassination. 5. Psychiatry A delusion, experienced in some mental disorders, that the world or one's mind, body or self does not exist. - nihilist, n - nihilistic, adj. - nihilistically, adv.

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Some of the recordings are spoken, some sung, some spoken with a musical backup—but all of them were tested and honed to perfection on thousands of American vaudeville and British music hall stages before the artists shouted them into a horn and preserved for the public such routines as “How mother made the soup,” “The piano tuner,” “Zeb Green’s airship,” “How I got to Morrow,” and “Down in Turkey Hollow.”

“No news” is either a steal from or the inspiration for a French novelty song called “Hello, hello, James,” in which a servant tells his boss that nothing really new has happened and then proceeds to report one catastrophe after another. “How I got to Morrow” is a veritable Abbott and Costello string of misunderstandings, while Will Roger’s reasons for nominating Henry Ford for president is the only brainy piece and would be dead on target if delivered today.

While there will be more groans than laughs, this CD is a fabulous reminder of what once sent audiences into gales of laughter. And as always with an Archeophone CD, the booklet’s program notes alone are worth the price of the set.

LIGHT MUSIC Guild Light Music has issued another winning CD as part of their Golden Age of Light Music series. “Light Music for All Seasons” draws upon bottomless private collections of old LPs. The producers here have gathered 24 pieces, each of which celebrates a season or month of the year.

So there are “April in Paris,” “Tulips in Springtime,” “June Bride,” “Summertime in Venice,” “Autumn Leaves,” “Sleigh Ride,” and too many others to list here. Mostly European orchestras are featured. Among the conductors are found George Melachrino, Michel Legrand, Gordon Jenkins, Stanley Black, Richard Hayman, and Victor Young.

As I always say when reviewing this series, any of its CDs afford easy listening for dining, social gatherings, or even calming background music while doing light chores or talking those long walks.

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RURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Kim Mattson (Kandace)

Below will be the start of many installments which hopefully will allow our neighbors to understand the land use issue of St. Benedict Center, our neighbors and the Town of Richmond. The Rural Preservation Committee would like to thank all of the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Selectmen for their hours of dedicated service to our town.

This has been condensed, for the complete list of conditions, contact our Town Clerk

Approved on May 9, 2007 was the SBC site Plan Application with a list of conditions. Necessity of the Conditions. If the Conditions are not met in their entirety, the site plan is considered scattered and premature and is not approved.

Zoning Applicant must obtain from the ZBA a special exception for a house of worship in a residential zone as well as a determination as to whether or not a school is an allowed accessory use to this house of worship. If a school is not an allowed accessory use to an approved house of worship, the applicant must get a variance from the ZBA. Faye Martin Road and Bridge.2.Construction may only be started on the new building after completion of bridge, improvements to Fay Martin Road, and recording of the lot mergers. (Post ROD 2 YRS.) 3.The applicant is responsible for the upgrading of Fay Martin Road to extend from the east end of the bridge over Tully Brook on the entrance to Fay Martin 4. The bridge over Tully Brook must be replaced with a two-lane bridge, minimum 50 ton capacity. 5. Posting of a bond or irrevocable letter of credit for improvements to the bridge on Fay Martin Road, the Fay Martin Road and the “fire pond access road” from Fay Martin Road to the dry hydrant at the approved fire pond. 6. The bridge on Fay martin Road must be constructed as well as the specified improvements done to the Fay Martin Road and to the “fire pond access road”. Construction of road and bridge shall comply with the “Fay Martin Road Layout Report” items 7-10 as supplied by the Board of Selectmen.

7. Because of the safety concerns related to the Fay Martin Road Bridge, the replacement of the bridge must be completed prior to the commencement of any road and site construction. After completion of the bridge and road improvements to the Fay Martin Road all other construction proposed in the submitted plats maybe be started. The applicant is responsible for the repair of any damage to the road related to the construction of the site. 8. Upgrade and maintain the fire lane access road year round. 9. The applicant must bear full financial responsibility for the specified upgrading of the Fay Martin Road, the "fire pond access road", as well as any easement expenses associated with the road improvements and bridge construction. The applicant will be responsible for 50% of the cost of the proposed new two lane bridge.safety 10. The applicant is responsible for compliance with all local and state fire safety codes approved by State Fire Marshall and Town of Richmond Fire Chief. 11. Because of septic system pumping needs, emergency requirements, and overall safety, a generator of 100 kV must be sited and installed, approved by a PB appointed expert paid for by the applicant. 12. The applicant is responsible modification (if necessary) and final approval of the fire pond and dry hydrant access as required by the fire chief. 13 Construction of a fire way access around the proposed new building as recommended by the State Fire Marshall. 14 Install a fire alarm system to include automatic communication with Mutual Aid. 15.Chapel seating to be fixed to the floor to preclude that seating does not exceed fire code capacity, or install a sprinkler system.16. Show (on the plans) all sidewalks for egress. 17. Maintain at all times the appropriate egress from the proposed new building18. Placement of code compliant firewall between assembly area and school as per the recommendations of the State Fire Marshall and the Town of Richmond Fire Chief. Water and Septic and Soil 19. Apply for and obtain all applicable DES approvals and supply copies to the Board of Selectmen. 20. Proof that 2 sealed wells are correctly done according to DES standards. New water supply to existing building should be delineated on sheet. 21. DES groundwater discharge permit and DES approval of public wells on the site. 22. There shall be a complete water analysis performed according to DES standards on all three remaining wells. Copies of the reports filed with Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. 23. There must be compliance with the Town of Richmond ZBA special exception approval granted the applicant for "jacking" under the delineated wetlands. 24. Federal and state including DES approval for disturbing more than one acre must be obtained prior to construction. 25. There shall be

discontinuance and appropriate removal of the Existing leach field. Discontinuance and removal of this leach field shall take effect when the new system supplying the approved site and installed on the former Boscarino property now part of the St. Benedicts Center site plan of merged lots comes on line. Lot Size 26. The site plan was predicted on the lot merger (Boscarino, St. Benedict Center). The lot merger must be executed and signed by the applicant before any recording at the Registry of Deeds as part of their site plan approval Plats, Plans, and Building Permit 27. The applicant shall prepare and submit to the Planning Board for approval Plats, inclusive of any change required by the Planning Board, suitable for recording at the Registry of Deeds.28. The footprint, siting, and landscaping shall remain the same as on the Plat and all construction shall meet applicable state and local codes. 29. Construction drawing for Fay Martin Road will be provided by the applicant and approved by the Board of Selectmen. Drawings shall conform to the "Fay Martin Roads Layout Report" and include items necessary to improve existing road from bridge over Tully Brook up to utility pole just past the former Steve Boscarino driveway. Road shall meet or exceed specifications for 50-200 cars per day from Appendix 3 of the subdivision Regulations as amended through March 4, 1998. 30. Conditions must exist at all times during construction on Fay Martin Road and Bridge for the safe traversing by motor vehicle A. Active and Substantial Development

1.Commencement of active and substantial development shall be deemed to have occurred when the foundation for the proposed building is poured and it is approved by the Town.

St. Benedict Center Appeal to the Planning Board Decision. Wherefore: Saint Benedict Center respectfully requests that this Honorable Court Grant the following relief: A. Issue a certiorari order to the Town of Richmond Planning Board to review it's decision and order that the Planning Board file with the Court, with a copy to the petitioner's attorney , a certified copy of the complete record pertaining to the matter under appeal within 30 days B. Find the conditions 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,14,15,20,21,22,26,29 to the Conditional Site Plan Approval as well as the determinations of what constitutes active and substantial development, the necessity of the conditions and of what constitutes a site plan are unreasonable and unlawful, reverse these conditions and Order that the Site Plan be approved subject to the remaining conditions. C. In the alternative, amend such unreasonable and unlawful conditions that be reasonable

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and lawful. D Find that the Town and Planning Board have violated SBC's constitutional rights to religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of assembly, deprivation of SBC'S right to equal protection and due process under the laws and have violated RLUIPA through its imposition of discriminatory, unreasonable and unlawful site plan approval conditions. E. Award compensatory damages against the Town in favor of SBC as the Court deems just for the loss of SBC's free exercise of religion, Freedom of speech, deprivation of SBC's right to equal protection and due process under the laws and expenses incurred by SBC as a result of the Town of Richmond Planning Board's actions: F. Award to SBC full costs and attorneys fees arising out of this litigation: G. Permanently enjoin the Town of Richmond and the Town of Richmond Planning Board from enforcing its authority against SBC in a way that discriminates on the basis of religion or creates a substantial burden on SBC's free exercise of religion: H. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and appropriate. NOTE- RPC definitions RLUIPA- Religious Land Use for Institutionalized Persons Act. For more information go to www.rluipa.com

Undesirable Seniors

Anita Dick

To the person or persons who consider us seniors to be undesirables. I have a few questions for them. First of all I consider this discrimination and who do they think they are to judge us. Next do they ever read the bible? Judge not lest ye be judged it plainly states. So do these people think they are some kind of gods that they may judge us? Are they helping anyone in dire straits? Some of us who weren't born with a silver spoon in our mouth do try to help our neighbors if we can. I was born and raised here in this town and have lived here most of my life and greatly do not like being called an unde-

sirable. I believe that this calls for a written apology from these people. My name is Anita Dick and I live at 562 Old Homestead Highway.

Selectmen Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2008 Attending: Sean McElhiney and Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. JC Boudreau (Selectmen Chair) will not be in tonight. Sean and Wes signed an appointment form for Dana Taylor for a three year term as Road Agent after confirming that the term is a three year term after completion of a probation of (1) year. Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk, was in and discussed issues with the Town's copier. Sean will contact NEIP this week and find out information on leasing a copier. She is giving a key to the Selectmen to the Town Clerk's office. The key will no longer be in the basket on the wall. Samantha Weaver, Treasurer, was in to discuss deposits for the tax collector's office. As it is in the RSAs for the treasurer to make all Town deposits and Sam makes deposits for all other Town departments, the selectmen feel she should be responsible for these deposits as well. Sam will talk to the tax collector later this week. Brian McDonald called offering his expertise to increase security at the Fire Department. The selectmen will consider his offer. Stan and Debbie Cohen were in to see what would be needed to open a dog grooming business. As they are not intending to hire any outside employees, the selectmen told them it would be considered a cottage industry and they would only need to come in if they were going to build a structure or hire outside employees. The selectmen discussed and decided that Gerri Lutz is fine to continue doing the grounds work on the Town building that she's been doing the last couple years. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

April 14 2008 Selectmen's Meeting attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Steve Boscarino, tax collector, was in to update the selectmen on taxes paid and unpaid. He also discussed a need for a secure safe/lock box for deposits so that the treasurer,

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Samantha Weaver can pick up and make deposits. Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk, came in to talk to the selectmen about the Internet problems that we are having. She is going to hire someone to come in to look into it. Terri O'Rorke and Kim Mattson were in to present the selectmen with a list of questions about properties that are exempt from property taxes. William Johnson was in with driveway permits. Four driveway permits were signed for map 405-084 for a pending subdivision. Brian McDonald came in to talk to the selectmen about setting up a date to come and look at the pump at the Four Corner Store in action. He also agreed to help us with a security issue. Bob Coy has requested the Board go into Executive Session at 8:20 to discuss legal matters per RSA 91-A:3,II(e). Exited Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. Sean made a motion to seal the minutes due to attorney client privilege. Wes seconded. Vote was unanimous. Bob and the Board discussed the Emergency Lane hearing on

April 24th. Bob asked for a list of the roads they are considering making Emergency Lanes. JC stated all Class VI roads. JC moved that we join the EPA Energy Challenge. Wes seconded. All were in favor. JC made a motion that the selectmen apply for a boundary line adjustment for 201-005, 201-011 and 201-012. Wes seconded. JC noted that this is for a potential new building site for the Municipal Building Richmond and the selectmen agreed that this is in the planning stages. This is a potential land swap with Dick Dickinson that was discussed during Saturday's Selectmen's meeting. The motion passed unanimously. We will ask Dick Drew to do the survey. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:45
April 21, 2008 Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan
 Read mail and signed checks. Steve Boscarino was in and

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discussed the safe for his office with the Board. Sean and Wes looked over the space for a safe in Steve's office. Andy Wood, police chief, came in with two prospective part-time officers, Thomas Horne and Kenneth Wicker. They were introduced to the selectmen and Andy requested appointment forms be drawn up for them. Sean made a motion to appoint at the recommendation of Chief Wood Kenneth Wicker and Thomas Horne as part-time officers for the Town of Richmond for 3 years. Wes seconded. Vote was unanimously in favor. The selectmen signed appointments for both men, as well as reappointments for Chief Wood and John Melia. Following a vote of the Fire Company April 2nd, the Board signed an appointment for Kevin Duffy as Deputy Chief for one year. Dexter Carlson was in to obtain a building permit to remove an old cabin and construct an

18 x 24 cabin for the Athol YMCA, Map 405 Lot 013. Dexter was referred to the ZBA because of the close proximity to wetlands. JC contacted Jeff Taylor from the Conservation Commission and he

concurred. David Graves came in to ask questions about building permits. He took a building permit with him. Chip Adams was in to ask about removing the structure on Greenwood Road. JC discussed the property off Route 119 that is part of the boundary line adjustment the Board is working on for the Town. Dick Drew has agreed to do the survey work. JC will meet with Mr. Drew. Norma Thibodeau came in to discuss the Archives. She requested the selectmen read at an event she is planning for this summer for the Archives. Norma also brought up the lack of space at the Archives and asked the selectmen about Town owned land for the purpose of constructing a separate Archives. The selectmen will give this consideration. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

April 28, 2008 Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC

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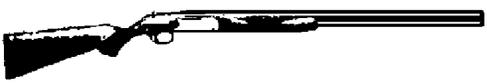


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Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Gerri Lutz, Cemetery Trustee, came in with Lloyd Goodnow. Lloyd has offered to complete the work on the Earl R Howard Cemetery extension addition for the amount voted on at Town meeting. He will volunteer his time for the amount over and above the budgeted amount. He needs permission from the selectmen to use an old roadway on Town land to access the property. Lloyd will submit a written proposal. Mike Pearsall was in for the selectmen to sign off on a release of information for Southwestern Mutual Aid. Alex Hoar came in to ask about the status of the logging and bridge issue on Fay Martin Road. David Graves was in with a building permit request form and the selectmen signed building permit #2008-004, map 408 lot 003. The Emergency Lane Hearing was held last Thursday. The selectmen finalized the minutes of the meeting. They are on file with the Town Clerk. The selectmen will work on a plan to place a foot bridge on the Tully Brook Road near the Drew property and on the Old County Road near the Morgan Reserve property. Signed Intents to Cut for map 405 lot 043, map 407 lot 001 and map 403 lot 027. Signed Pistol Permits R338470, R338471, R338472, R338473, R338474 and R338475. Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit 2008-00376 was received for utility road installation along Old County Road. The selectmen signed pole license agreements. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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