



### **Town Meeting Results**

**Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk**

At the town election held on March 8, the voter turnout was 39% of the 828 registered voters. In the only contested race, Lori Scanlan received the most votes (165), winning the open seat for selectman. Wesley Vaughan received 140 votes, and Daniel Mann received 6 votes. In the other races, each individual running for office won that particular race. Regarding the proposed changes to the zoning ordinances, Amendment 1 (proposed by the planning board) was adopted, having received 188 yes votes and 129 no votes. Amendments 2 through 4 (submitted by petition) were not adopted, as the no votes exceeded the yes votes. Details of the election results are posted at the Town Hall and the Veteran's Hall.

At the school election, also held on March 8, James Carnie was re-elected to the school board and Neil Moriarty was re-elected to the budget committee.

On March 11, the town business meeting was held. It lasted just over five hours. Of the 828 registered voters, 131 checked in. This was a low turnout compared to last year's attendance of 180 voters and 2009's attendance of 163. By the end of the night, the proposed budget of \$843,113 had been reduced by \$33,166, or 4%. In the operating budget, both the Executive Salaries and Expenses and the Election, Registration and Vital Records departments were amended from \$48,692 and \$47,137 respectively to \$44,000 each. Various other warrant articles were amended to lesser amounts. The request for funds to do the town perambulation was reduced from \$8,450 to \$500. All capital reserve funds were reduced to \$1 except the Bridge Improvement Fund, which remained the same. The request to expend monies to do energy retrofits to town buildings was reduced from \$1,000 to \$1. The request that \$5,000 to be placed in the Expendable Trust Fund for property reevaluation was reduced to zero. The petitioned article for painting the interior wall of the Veteran's Hall was amended from \$1,000 to zero. In addition, all requests from local human service agencies were tabled, with the result being that no funds are budgeted for those requests. The article placed on the warrant by petition requesting the establishment of an agricultural commission passed. Details of the results of the business meeting are posted at the Town Hall and the Veteran's Hall.

### **Notes from Town Hall**

**The Selectboard**

Happy Spring, Everyone! We made it through another NH winter! Congratulations!

At our meeting on March 14, we welcomed Lori Scanlan to the Board as the town's newest Selectman. The board thanks all the residents of Richmond who voted on March 8, and who participated in Town Meeting on March 11. While voter turnout on March 8, was down a bit, we did vote in larger numbers than surrounding towns. Town Meeting turnout this year was low compared to Town Meeting in previous years with only 15% of registered voters attending on March 11.

The Selectmen extend our thanks to Wes Vaughan for his three year service to the town as a Selectman. Wes served as our ex-officio representative to the Planning Board and as the town representative to the Waste Management District, which he chaired in 2010. Wes also took the lead on developing the annual budget and was our go-to person for computer technology in the office. Thank you, Wes.

The Selectmen want to thank our staff, Roberta Fraser and Bev Hart, for their commitment to public service, their knowledge of town government, and their unfailing courtesy and excellent customer service to the public and their colleagues.

In the coming months you will notice some changes in the Selectmen's office. Initially we plan to have the Selectmen's meeting minutes regularly posted on the website the day after the meeting. We are working with all other boards and commissions to timely post their minutes on the website as well. The membership rosters of town boards and commissions should be up-to-date and online by the time you read this article.

The Selectmen invite you to make an appointment to meet with us. We feel time-certain appointments will better serve you. Of course, you are always welcome to drop in and talk with us on a first-come, first-served basis, but an appointment will save you waiting time. Please call Roberta or Bev to schedule an appointment at 239-4232..

**To owners and keepers of  
DOGS and PUPPIES:  
Don't forget that all dog licenses  
expire at the end of April!  
Rabies shots must be current.**

**Update and More Gratitude from the RPL/Archives**  
**Bonnie McCarthy**

Wendy, Norma, and the Board of Trustees of the Richmond Public Library and Archives wish to again express our deep gratitude to the many citizens of Richmond who have donated almost \$1500 to our Basic Upkeep and Survival fund raising campaign. As of this writing, late February, we have almost reached the half way mark of our \$3000 goal. Thank you to each and every one of you who have opened your hearts and checkbooks to our historic building and the services we provide.

For those of you who have not yet heard about our Basic Upkeep and Survival Drive, we are reaching out to 100 people to donate at least \$30 each to allow the RPL /Archives to upgrade its electrical capacity, install a point of service hot water heater, air condition the building in some fashion, increase the number of electrical outlets for additional lighting and laptop capacity, improve the dehumidification in the Archives, and otherwise make the RPL/Archives a safer, more sanitary, year-round town facility that is both comfortable and convenient.

We upgraded our electrical load center in December 2010. On February 23, 2011, we had our point of service hot water heater installed by Webber Energy. We are now a much more sanitary facility. On February 10, 2011, we had our town sponsored energy audit, and are awaiting

the results. Once the recommendations are reviewed, and a cost/benefit analysis is completed, we will revisit what is necessary to make our building habitable during the summer months, and protect our town archives with appropriate dehumidification. As of now the archive is making do with a portable dehumidifier, which much be manually emptied on a regular basis. This is far from an ideal situation when it comes to protecting our town historical documents. According to what was discussed at our initial energy audit meeting, there are more issues to consider than were originally anticipated. We learned that nothing is plain vanilla when dealing with older structures. Additional electrical outlets for lighting and laptop computer usage will be added once a decision is reached as to the best way to keep the building temperature comfortable throughout the year. All monies received for the Basic Upkeep and Survival Fund are marked as such, and will be used only for RPL/Archives improvements and betterment. We will keep everyone abreast of our progress based on the results of our energy audit.

Again, we gratefully exist in the security of your generosity, knowing that the Richmond Public Library and Archives will be able to continue to comfortably and safely serve the town and its residents.

**Roadside Cleanup**  
**Russ Provost**

We are still looking for help on the annual roadside cleanup.

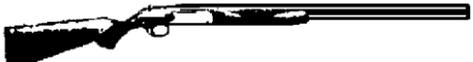
This year's cleanup will be on Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24. Chip Adams will be providing the dumpster for the collected trash.

The following segments are open:

- Route 119
- Winchester line to Lang Road
- Lang Road to 4 Corners
- Route 32
- Swanzy line to Fish Hatchery Road
- Fish Hatchery Road
- Benson Road to Route 119

I will be handing out blue bags at the Pavilion on Friday, April 22 from 5-6 p.m. and Saturday, April 23 from 7-8 a.m. For more information or to sign up for a segment please call me at 239-7058 or email me at chloe911@localnet.com.

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**Richmond Public Library**  
**Wendy O'Brien**

**New! Home Services from the RPL**

We are starting a new program where we will deliver library materials directly to Richmond residents who are unable to visit the library. This service is also available to care-givers whose responsibilities make library visits difficult. We can bring you regular print books, large print books, audio books, movies, and magazines. To get started, give us a call or email (239-6164, or richmond-publiclibrar@ne.rr.com), and we can arrange a time to meet and fill out a profile sheet which will allow us to pick out materials that you would enjoy. You are also welcome to request specific titles. Give us a call!

**Story Times**

We have several story time offerings in April: first, a brief story hour for younger elementary school-aged children scheduled for Thursday, April 7th at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. We are pleased to welcome back Evelyn Pogorzelski, who will present (for all those horse lovers out there!) "The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses," Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m. Wendy will lead a series of story hours on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. featuring a variety of 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 April 16th at 11:00 a.m. Kodah is a certified pet therapy dog from Monadnock Therapy Pets and loves being read to by children. This offers a chance for a patient and nonjudgmental ear for our younger or more reluctant readers. Come by for a pat or read a story-no sign up is required!



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**Goodbye and Welcome**

We are saddened to say goodbye to Tracey Tryba, former Trustee of the Library. Tracey acted as our Treasurer for the past three years, and with her business acumen, has done a tremendous job. Thank you Tracey, and we wish you the best for the future! At this time we would like to welcome Jan Weekes to our Board. Jan has served on a number of non-profit boards and brings plenty of expertise to the Treasurer position. Welcome Jan!

**Things from the District March 2011**  
**Jim Carnie and Neil Moriarty**

Warrant Articles Pass-- With the exception of the article on building a Multi-Purpose Room (which only had a dollar for funding) at Mount Caesar, all articles passed. The Richmond voters made their feelings known on the full-time kindergarten and voted No 156, and Yes 150. Add to this the state cuts in local funding, and we are looking forward to an over \$200 tax increase (on \$200,000 home) in December 2011.

Jim Carnie and Neil Moriarty were re-elected to our respective District positions.

The 2011-2012 Operating Budget for the distinct and how to achieve the reductions continues to consume the school board's efforts. The finance committee will recommend to the full board that the extra \$918,000 to the Operating Budget not be spent. Two primary alternatives exist to meet the original budget of \$30,737,148 that will be brought forward to the school board. Because the law requires notification of layoff to employees by April 15th, the entire para-professional staff may receive notification of layoff. It is more likely than not, that this 75 day notification law was a result of labor lobbying; therefore,

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when time gets short, and there are major decisions to be made by the administration and school board, drastic steps need to be taken. When these things happen in the public sector (i.e., total layoff of all employees) and openness is the requirement -- feelings are hurt. If you were in the private sector you would be handed your pink slip on a Friday afternoon, and given an hour or two to vacate the property. I guess you get to decide which system is best.

**SAU 93 Start Up**

The sub-committee had its final meeting on March 3, 2011. A final report will be sent to the new SAU 93 Board, which will have had its initial meeting on March 22, 2011.

**Richmond School Enrollment has Declined**

As I had suspected, the number of Richmond students within MRSD declined by 52 over the last five years. In 2006 we sent 202 students; today (October 1, 2010) we are sending 150 students. Therefore, our decline is about 25% -- over the same time period the entire district has declined 20% (2,354 in 2006 and 1,961 in 2010). The local 2010 census data is not yet available for me to provide you with further statistical analysis.

Only 300 days left. Assuming delivery of the Rooster on April 4, 2011, there are only 300 days until the deliberative session - we will see you there!

If you have questions, comments, or ideas, feel free to call Jim at 239-4948, or Neil at 239-4031.

**The Absent Voter**

*John Boccalini*

On Feb 10, 2011 a public pre-warrant meeting was held at the Vet's Hall. In attendance were approximately 30 people (3.5% of the total electorate), to discuss all of the Warrant Articles. The meeting lasted one hour and article 20 (the Budget for Highways and Streets) discussion lasted six minutes. Anybody present at this meeting was aware of the implications of the Article, especially the Road Agent position. Wes Vaughn clearly stated that the "Road agent's position would be eliminated."

When Article 20 got to Town Meeting, a picture was painted that the selectmen were trying to "slip" something by or "railroad" something through. None of those painting that picture were at the pre-warrant meeting to know how untrue those comments were.

None of them were aware that Wes Vaughn clearly stated that the "Road agent's position would be eliminated." The discussion of the article was long, loud and contentious and took an hour to get to the final vote.

In the end, of the 828 registered voters in town, 131 (16%) checked in for town meeting and Article 20 was amended by only 74 (9%) of the total electorate. This holds true for most of the articles that passed at Town Meeting. Some articles passed with a whopping vote of near 16% of the total electorate.

So what was the other 84% of the electorate doing instead of voting? I am sure some of you have a good excuse for not being there, but for those that don't, remember that you are part of the reason why the real majority remains an unknown.

**2011 Annual Round Robin Spring Tour**

*Jeremy VanDerKern*

A Chance to Enjoy Local Shopping - With the coming of Spring and the increasing daylight hours, it's time to leave your cozy winter den and see what's stirring.

In preparation of Mother's Day, this April 28th through May 1st, four women business owners are sponsoring the 2011 annual Round Robin Spring Tour to give "spring peepers" a chance to experience their stores before Mother's Day. Homeward Designs Cottage Style of Rindge, The Vintage Rose Boutique & Botanicals of Jaffrey, and both Mary Ellen's and Webb Hill Farm of Fitzwilliam are all excited to be participating this year.

These businesses pride themselves on providing an enjoyable shopping experience created in part by having unique items and personable employees who are excited to help patrons. These locally-owned and operated businesses employ our neighbors, donate to local organizations and events, and invest money back into the local economy. In addition, these small businesses enhance local main streets and provide a unique destination while on a leisurely drive down a quiet New England road.

Shoppers may stop at any store location for a map, and each store will offer refreshments along with a gift for everyone who is participating in the tour. Plus, by visiting each of the four shops, participants can enter to win one of eight custom Spring-themed gifts worth \$25.00 each.

This year, Eva's Bakery in Troy and Sunflower's Restaurant in Jaffrey are also joining in on the fun. Both local eateries are locally-owned and operated by local women and both are offering delectable Round Robin Specials. While you do not have to visit the restaurants or have them punch your card in order to enter the raffle, you may want to stop in for some coffee before you begin your adventure, refuel along the way, or end the day with a nice meal. Look for Round Robin Specials.

The term "round robin" refers to a cross-country flight that starts at one location, travels to several other points of interest, and returns. These businesses have set aside four days for this activity and will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. Plus, the stores can be visited in any order and no one has to loop back to the beginning. Although, guests will certainly be warmly welcomed back anytime.

These store owners love meeting their neighbors and making new friends. So, this spring, peek in and see what the little shop right around the corner has to offer. Maybe even bring your mom along for the fun or pick her up a little something special.

**Rural Preservation Committee**

*Richmond Agricultural Commission*

*Kim Mattson and Jean Tandy*

We are pleased to announce that at the March 11, 2010 Town Meeting, it was voted to organize the Richmond Agricultural Commission (RAC). The next step: fill the seats with volunteers who are now or have been actively involved in agriculture. The RAC volun-

teer board will have five (5) regular members and three (3) alternates. This is not a regulatory board but an advisory board. Some of the duties will include being a liaison between agriculture and the town boards, aid in the education of specific agricultural based activities and answer questions our neighbors may have about animals, plants or soils.

This Commission formed as a joint effort between the Conservation Commission and Rural Preservation Committee. Many long hours went into creation, education and gathering signatures to be presented to the town as a warrant article this year. Thanks to everyone for your support.

If your passion or expertise is agricultural-based and you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Jeff Taylor, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, or one of our Selectmen, JC Boudreau, Sandra Gillis or Lori Scanlan.

**Letter to the Editor**

*Russ Provost*

There is an ad in the Rooster referencing a timeline about the history of the SBC in the Town of Richmond. I find this very informative. However, I did not have anything to do with gathering this information or setting up this site. My original site, sbcwatch.blogspot.com, did have some of this information in it but I took that site down well over one year ago and it has since been taken over by the SBC.

**Meadowood County Area Fire Dept**

*Melanie Ellis*

Members of the Meadowood County Area Fire Department have spent this winter compiling their favorite recipes into a cookbook "Cookin' with Fire" that will be on sale in May. There are many great recipes from the very simple Chief's Cheeseburger to the unique Elephant Stew. The books will be on sale for \$11.00 and if you are interested in purchasing one, you can contact a Meadowood member or call 603-313-3459.

There will be a dance to benefit the Meadowood County Area Fire Department on June 11, 2011 at Pelto's Barn with the band "Out on Bail." Tickets will be on sale before the 11th for \$7 and at the door for \$9. There will be food for sale and raffles. The

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dance is for people 21 years or older. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the band will play from 8:00 p.m. 'til midnight. If you are interested in tickets and supporting the Meadowood County Area Fire Department, please contact a MCAFD member or call 603-313-3459.

**Dessert Theater  
John Boccalini**

The Bob VanBrocklin Memorial Dessert Theater, which was scheduled for last November 2010, has been rescheduled for late May or June. This is a community talent show where people can go and watch their neighbors perform while enjoying dessert.

We are looking for individuals or groups of individuals, mothers, fathers, children, grandmothers, or grandfathers, who have a talent to share.

We are looking for singers, dancers, comedians, magicians, musicians, gymnasts, actors, readers, ventriloquists or whatever talent that is appropriate.

If you are interested in sharing your talent please give a call to Pam Goodell 239-4790, Arlene Jarvis 239-4413, or John Boccalini 239-6696. More to come over the next couple of months about the grand event.

**Snow Benefit  
Bonnie McCarthy**

Our Richmond neighbor and sole proprietor of Wayne Snow Logging was logging in the woods on New Year's Day 2011 when a tree fell on his lower back and legs, crushing them. He is currently recovering in a Massachusetts hospital and is wheelchair bound. There has been an account set up for him at all TD Banks under the name of "Wayne B. Snow" to gather donations for his medical expenses and the expenses connected with refitting his home for wheelchair accessibility. This requires an outdoor ramp and an addition to the home for a handicap accessible, downstairs bedroom

and bathroom, which do not now exist. Among other fund raisers, friends and family are planning a benefit homemade dinner followed by music and dancing with CJ the DJ.

Date: Saturday, April 2, 2011  
Time: 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.  
Location: Winchester VFW on Rt. #10  
Meal Seatings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Music & Dancing: 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Menu: Homemade lasagna, salad donated by Olive Garden, rolls, cookies, coffee, tea and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar set up for other beverages.

Supper Tickets: **NEED TO BE PRESOLD**  
\$10 for adults  
\$5 for children 6-11  
No charge 5 and under

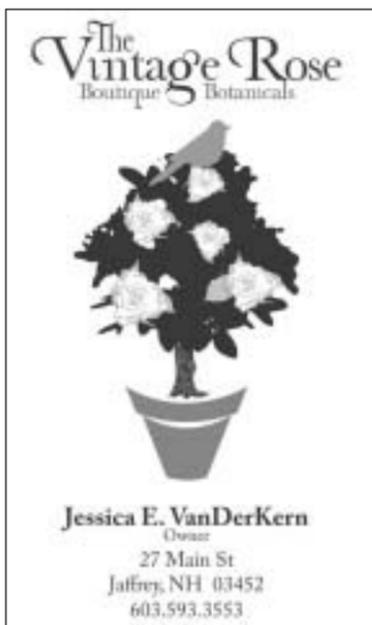
For those who stay for the fun, music and dancing with Fitzwilliam native Chris Holman, better known as CJ the DJ, the cover charge is \$5. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a Chinese Auction.

Tickets can be purchased for either the 5 p.m. or 6 p.m. supper as follows:  
Richmond Four Corner Store  
Richmond Public Library,  
VFW in Winchester (ask for Butch)  
Toadstool Books at Colony Mill in Keene  
Knitting Knook, West St, in Keene

**Does Your Life Need Herbs in it?  
Judith M. Graves**

When I thought about what to write this month, starting an herb garden popped into my mind. I know the ground still has snow on it and the days are still cold, but spring is in the air and herb gardens are on our minds. Herbs are not a new concept. Our forefathers used herbs for preserving, cooking, teas, household uses, and for medicines. Today we enjoy them in our gardens for their beauty, healthy and tasty additions to our foods, herbal teas, and beauty.

As we go through this my hope is that you will find yourself mentally designing your own herb garden.



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Stroll through your fragrant paths with pride. There are a few things to think about first. Where will your herb garden grow? What do you want to grow? What will you do with what you grow?

Think about what you are looking for in an herb garden. If it is for cooking, it is nice to have it near the kitchen door for ease in snipping to add to your dishes, if it is for sitting and enjoying for the bees, butterflies and hummingbirds that will frequent your garden you may want it where you can put a bench or some chairs to enjoy this garden in another way. If it is for teas, a special herb tea garden in a special spot, to gather the herbs for a hot cup of herbal tea is fun.

The most common herbs to grow in this zone are chives, oregano, lovage, thyme, mint; all perennials. Sage, basil, parsley, rosemary, are annuals. Each one has properties for foods, teas, medicines, and for beauty as well as healthy additions to our daily lives. Think about the herbs you use now, and some that maybe you would like to use.

This time of year is great for getting your design on paper, along with the list of what you will want, to head to the nurseries in May. You can prepare your garden area before you go shopping as well. Turn over the ground while the earth is still easy to turn. Blend in all the eggshells you have been collecting and breaking up all winter, add some good manure and turn it into the earth. Take time to learn the habits of all the herbs you will want to grow--heights, width, if they are an herb that will spread out of its own space, is it an annual or perennial, will you use it--and give them room to grow. Then visualize where your garden statue, bird bath, sundial, bench, etc. will go. Once you have your herb garden designed, and the soil ready, you can get the plants into the ground when the time is right.

Here in zone 6, do not put your plants in the ground until after Memorial Day no matter how nice the weather seems. Buy your herbs early and it means bringing them inside every night, and in and out daily. I have learned that if the nursery takes care of 'my' herb plants until I am ready to put them in the ground it is a lot easier.

Above all you will want to enjoy your herb garden. Don't start too large, better to be able to keep up with your garden than to be overwhelmed by the work. Once the herbs are established they are very little work and so much enjoyment.

Your personal garden is where you will personally shine. You have chosen the plants, have learned about them and what to do with them early, have made an arrangement of how your garden will look, you can shape your garden in any shape you want to. Fun to do a wave around the edge of the lawn where full sun will keep the earth warm and herbs growing. Put in a bird bath, which needs to be kept clean daily and fresh water to attract the bees, butterflies, and birds. Place a sprig of mint in the fresh water to give the water a minty flavor. Birds love it! You can place stepping stones as a path if your garden is large, or keep a grass path that you can mow through it. A sundial is always a novel touch to any garden and my personal favorite. Whatever your design, whatever you choose to grow, it is your personal garden. Make it a place where you can stroll through and it will put a smile on your face, place a seat nearby and it will bring you immeasurable pleasure. Show it off with pride!

Obviously we have only touched on the subject here. By your interest, study, and doing your herb garden yourself it will flourish as well as your knowledge of herbs. Herbs are not new, herbs are definitely healthy and offer us ways to create tasty foods, add beauty and interest to our daily lives. When the garden is in full swing, picking fresh herbs, enjoying the aromas, beauty and being able to add them to your life is so

much enjoyment. Pick herbs before the sun is high, but the dew is gone. Fill a glass with herbs with a little water and set it on the kitchen counter for all day additions and a pretty decoration. Herbs make an ordinary meal gourmet, flavorful, healthy, and it smells heavenly.

When you add herbs to any meal, put in a little at first to taste. You can always add more, but you can't take it out. Many herbs are strong flavored so

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always use a pinch at first to taste. You want to enhance your dishes, not mask the flavors. In the gardens pinch off and taste an herb, and you will see how it tastes and what it would go well with. Above all, start somewhere and use your herbs for living and enjoyment. Try a combination of herbs for a healthy tea. Learn the properties of each herb. Rosemary tea is for the memory, mint for alertness, etc.

NOTE: any edible herb has a flower which is also edible. Add to a punch, salad, or top a cupcake.

Thank you for all your comments, and for wanting to know more and more about herbs. They are such a pleasant addition to make our lives less stressful, and for the enjoyment they bring. Classes and workshops are popping up around town, so get into some and learn more about how to incorporate herbs into your own world. Start designing and preparing so when Memorial Day comes around we all can be putting in an array of herbs. Can't you smell that basil now? Do you think your life could use some herbs in it?

**Local Childcare Center Honored**

**Roberta L. Royce**

Recently the Winchester Learning Center, a local childcare, preschool & family resource center, was honored with a gathering of friends event hosted by David

& Jane Perkins. David & Jane are Winchester residents and longtime supporters of the center. This event was hosted to thank all the supporters of the center. Awards were given to board and community members for their continued support of this program. Gary Beaman, also a long time supporter of the center, had an award named in his honor, the "Gary Beaman Memorial Award." The WLC is currently raising funds to build a new building. Friends of Gary raised over \$25,000 at this event to support naming a room in the new center in memory of Gary.

The Winchester Learning Center is a Monadnock United Way Agency.

**Faith From a Distance**

**Pam Goodell**

Do you ever feel like you are a follower of Jesus, but from a distance? "Follow a Rabbi, drink in his words, and be covered with the dust of his feet," says the ancient Jewish proverb. In Jesus' day, disciples followed their Rabbi so closely that they would be covered with the dust kicked up by the Rabbi's feet. Come, discover how you can get dusty and be closer to your Rabbi, Jesus, by doing what he does.

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The meetings will start in Keene at 17 Greenbriar Rd, at 7:00 p.m., April 6 and 20; in Richmond at the Richmond Community United Methodist Church, at 7:00 p.m., April 13 and 27. Jack Sears will lead the discussions. There is an \$8.00 cost for the Discovery Guide book.

**Out and About**

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For more information, contact: Kristin Kullman (603) 626-6354 eventsnh@millyardcommunications.com

**April 2, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Beginner Beekeeping: How to get started and keep healthy bees. Mostly hands-on in the hives. Classes run for three hours on the first Saturday of the month. \$25/couple. Contact: Dean & Jodi Turner at (603) 381-1717.

**April 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** Farm & Forest Spring Peepers. Stonewall Farm, Keene.

A look at the spring critters that emerge as the weather gets warmer. All ages welcome.

357-7278. Stonewallfarm.org

**April 2, 5 p.m.-11 p.m.** Wayne Snow Benefit - Dinner and Dance.

Location: Winchester VFW

South Main Street, Winchester, NH.

Two seatings for a lasagna, salad, rolls, cookie and coffee/soft drink dinner...one at 5:00 p.m. and the second at 6:00 p.m.. Cash bar for those who want other than soft drinks. Tickets for the dinner are going to be pre-sold. The tickets for the dinner, will be: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. For those who stay for music and dancing, the cover charge will be \$5. Tickets sold at Richmond Four Corner Store, Toadstool Books in Keene, Richmond Public Library, VFW in Winchester.

**Sun., April 3, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.** Caribbean Night with live steel drum music. Tropical Sensations, the local steel drum band, will play for your listening pleasure during hors d'oeuvres, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The tasty Caribbean dinner will follow at 6 p.m. There will be a silent auction to benefit the Monadnock Regional Baseball teams. BYOB. Reservations required. Cost: \$21.95 per person age 16-adult, \$12.95 per child age 5-15, and \$7.50 per child age 2-4, plus tax and tip.

The Inn at East Hill Farm

460 Monadnock Street, Troy

For More Information, Contact: Holly LeClair 603-242-6495 info@east-hill-farm.com

**Sat., April 9, 1 p.m.** The Met Opera-Live in HD: Le Comte Ory: Rossini's vocally dazzling comedy stars bel canto sensation Juan Diego Flórez

55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, NH, 03458

Expected Running time: 3 hours

Office: 603.924.7585

Single Tickets: \$25 adults

Single Tickets: \$20 students (Student ID required)

Website: www.peterboroughplayers.org

2 p.m. Popovich Comedy Pet Theater

**April 9-11, Sat-Mon.,** Edible Forest Gardening

Workshop I, Piedmont-Fleischmann homestead,

Emerson Brook Forest, Gilsum. Explore ecosystem agriculture through a variety of learning methods. Sliding scale fee includes food and camping. Call for pricing and reservations. 352-1887 or 357-0860.

**Sun., Apr. 10, 3 p.m.** Keene Pops Choir: Broadway Sparklers. Colonial Theatre,, 95 Main Street, 357-1233

**April 16 - May 7, 2011**

The KSC Department of Arts presents works by senior studio arts majors and other students taking art courses.

Public Reception: Friday, April 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Keene St College, Thorne Center, 229 Main St, Keene, NH

**April 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** Annual Keene Spring Craft Show

Hand made items by crafters from all over New England. Quilts, Jewelry, florals, wooden crafts, Barbie Doll Clothes, Pet items and so much more. Great Gift ideas for Easter and Mothers day. FREE

Keene High School, Arch Street, Keene.

Contact: Kellie 603-762-6900

jenkelcraftshows@gmail.com

**April 16, 12-4 p.m.** Keene Winter Farmers Market

Stonewall Farm

242 Chesterfield Road, Keene, NH

www.stonewallfarm.org Categories

**April 16, 8 p.m.** Twist & Shout

Colonial Theatre, P.O. Box 77, 95 Main Street, Keene, 357-1233

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**2011 ANNUAL ROUND ROBIN SPRING SHOP TOUR**

*April 28 through May 1*  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm each day



This April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>, four locally-owned country shops invite you to see what's budding this Spring. Each shop on this year's Round Robin tour prides itself on a welcoming atmosphere, unique gifts, and an overall pleasant experience—complete with tempting refreshments and a free gift at each shop.

When you visit any of the four participating shops, you'll receive a tour map and a ticket to be stamped by each shop along the tour. Tickets stamped by all four shops will be entered to win one of eight \$25.00 Spring Gifts from one of the shops.

Homeward Designs Cottage Style 308 Route 202	Rindge, NH	898-9545
Mary Ellen's 147 West Lake Road	Fittsfield, NH	383-6534
Vintage Rose Boutique & Botanicals 77 Main Street	Jeffrey, NH	393-3533
Webb Hill Farm 158 Webb Hill Road	Fittsfield, NH	383-5442

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**Sat. April 23, 2011 1:00 p.m.** The Met Opera-Live in HD: LCapriccio: Renée Fleming performs the entire work, in which the composer explores the essence of opera itself.

Town: Peterborough. Expected Running time: 3 hours

Box Office: 603.924.7585

Single Tickets: \$25 adults \$20 students (Student ID required)

Lunch catered by Sunflowers before the opera-backstage

Peterborough Players

55 Hadley Road, Peterborough NH

Website: www.peterboroughplayers.org

**Mon., April 25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Spring Family Farm Day

Spring fun on the farm for everyone!

Prices are \$25.00 per person age 16-adult, and \$15.00 per child age 2-15. Rates include lunch, tax and gratuity. All children must be accompanied by and adult. Reservations are required.

The Inn at East Hill Farm

460 Monadnock Street, Troy, NH.

Phone: (603) 242-6495

Website: www.east-hill-farm.com

**April 28-May1, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** Spring Round Robin

FREE events, giveaways, raffles, refreshments (See Rooster article.)

Maps & Tickets available at: Vintage Rose in Jaffrey, Cottage Style in Rindge, Mary Ellen's and Webb Hill in Fitzwilliam.

**Fri., Apr. 29, 8 p.m.** An Evening With Linda Eder Colonial Theatre, 95 Main Street, Keene, NH 03431 Business Office 603/357-1233

**Sat., Apr. 30, 9 a.m.--1 p.m.** Conservation Plant

Sale Pick Up, Alyson's Orchard, Walpole. Pick up your Conservation District plant orders, and learn from a series of speakers on planting, pruning, pest management, compost tea and mushroom growing. 756-2988 ext. 116.

**Sat., Apr. 30, 9-11 a.m.** Pruning Ornamental Trees and Shrubs, Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge. Learn pruning techniques from Master Gardener Ann McEntee. Call the Cheshire County UNH Extension office. 352-4550.

**Sat., Apr. 30, 1 pm.** The Met Opera-Live in HD: II

Trovatore: James Levine leads this revival, starring four extraordinary singers.

55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, NH, 03458

Expected Running time: 3 hours

Office: 603.924.7585

Single Tickets: \$25 adults

Single Tickets: \$20 students (Student ID required)

Website: www.peterboroughplayers.org

**Sat., Apr. 30, 6 p.m.** 4th Annual May Day

Celebration. Tracie's Community Farm, Fitzwilliam. Participate in a farm tour, bring a dish and/or drinks to share for the potluck, sit by the fire, and bring an instrument to play.

Traciesfarm.com.

**Sat., Apr. 30, 6 p.m.** Spring Wine Dinner- Five Course Meals paired with South American Wines. Hosted by the Inn and Perfecta Wines. The cost is \$80 per person (not including tax & gratuity).

Monadnock Inn, 379 Main St., Jaffrey, NH,

**Sat., Apr. 30, 8 p.m.** Comedian Bob Marley

The Colonial Theatre, 95 Main Street, Keene, NH 03431. Business Office 603/357-1233

**April 30 - May 2 Sat-Mon.** Edible Forest Gardening

Workshop II, Piedmont-Fleischmann

homestead, Emerson Brook Forest,

Gilsum. Learn to establish a forest garden in a

residential setting. Sliding scale fee includes food

and camping. Call for pricing and reservations.

352-1887 or 357-0860.

**Ongoing Events**

**Every Sunday through April 17.** Monadnock Winter Farmers' Market at Noone Falls - Peterborough. Weather permitting 10 am - 2 pm. Held in the function room adjacent to Monadnock Fusion Kitchen more info: Roy Gandhi-Schwatlo 313-9768

**Every Sunday, 2-4 p.m.** "What is Co-housing?" Nubanusit Neighborhood & Farm, Peterborough. Learn what it is like to live in a supportive, family friendly, intergenerational, ecovillage heated 100% with wood pellets. Free tour of super energy efficient homes, Common House, boiler room, farm & open land. Potluck at 5:30 (RSVP). Located on Steele Rd, one mile west of downtown Peterborough off Union St. 924-7491 peterboroughcohousing.org

**Monday Night Contra Dancing 8 p.m.**

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Town: Nelson, NH Town Hall

**Wednesdays, 9:30-11 p.m.**

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3 School Street, Peterborough, NH, 03458

**Thursdays** Open Mic Night. Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn, Fitzwilliam, NH. Come sing, play, read a poem, or listen by the fire in the Tavern.

Local food served, some local beverages.

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

### April is National Volunteer Month

*Elaine Moriarty*

Many organizations rely on volunteers to run effectively. Even a minimal amount of time can make a difference. Please consider "I CAN, I WILL" and put forth an effort to provide assistance to needful causes. You will be rewarded with the satisfaction of your contribution to improving someone's life.

There is currently a display in The Richmond Public Library, for the entire month of April, honoring their volunteers and organizations and causes where you can make a difference. Please stop in!

### Lyrical Speaking

*Bob Weekes*

Through a lifetime of work and happenstance I've made the acquaintance of a number of icons of American country music including Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Glen Campbell, Conway Twitty and, more recently, Lyle Lovett, who was introduced to me by his good friend, Paul Clipper, our neighbor who each month designs your Richmond Rooster. While I love all kinds of music from jazz to classical, I have a special fondness for country and the musicians who make it happen. And not just because I hope to play pedal steel guitar in my next life but because I enjoy the word play that is found in many of its song lyrics. Country fans have been collecting these reflections on the human condition for years and perhaps you've come across some of these gems. I hope you will enjoy some favorites of mine that I'm listing below.

"Thank God and Greyhound you're gone."

"She stepped on my heart and stomped that sucker flat."

"She talks in her sleep but she always gets my name

right."

"My wife ran off with my best friend...and I miss him."

"When the phone don't ring you'll know it's me."

"I turned out to be the only hell my Mama ever raised."

"While I was busy holding on, you were busy letting go."

"I'd rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy."

"She's just name droppin' and she's droppin' mine."

"I'd love to live with you again...but then I couldn't live with me."

"The worst you ever gave me was the best I ever had."

"She took everything but the blame."

"I've been a long time leaving but I'll be a long time gone."

"It's not love...but it's not bad."

"How can I miss you if you won't go away?"

### Quotable Quote

*Terri O'Rorke*

"He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it."

Martin Luther King

### Tip Of The Month

*Michelle Connor*

Are you busy or are you productive? Planning & organizing helps you to achieve goals!

What are the benefits of getting organized?

It ensures that priorities are met and that there are fewer mistakes being made. It helps you to prepare for crisis and change. Being organized gives you more time to do a good job and achieve better results for a great return on your investment (ROI).

Organize your computer:

Establish a system for naming files; stick with it!

Maintain an effective filing system

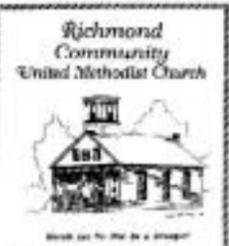
Keep a working folder for current files

Organize bookmarks

Clean up your hard drive periodically

Keep your Inbox to a minimum by setting "rules" for emails

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Organize your time:

Use Prime time to your advantage -- Are you a morning person?

Delegate, delegate, delegate

Manage Interruptions - Control your time!

Set clear time limits for meetings

Deal with issues on the spot

Stand-up to signal the end - conclude conversations firmly!

Think about it, when you are interrupted it takes about 5 minutes to get back on track so:

A 10 minute interruption + 5 minute recovery time, 5 times a day = 1¼ hours of lost time a day.

That's 6¼ hours in a week --- almost a day of lost productivity!

Organize your paper: Throw it out, Act on it, Put it aside as an action-item or File it

When dealing with the piles: create these categories

Immediate action - Low priority - Pending - Reading materials - Everything else

So why is planning and organizing so important?

Bottom-line it helps you to your achieve goals!!

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Ed's Crossroads Pizza & Subs**

**Bonnie McCarthy**

Ed Yoerger is a serial restaurant chef and entrepreneur. On June 2, 2010, he opened Ed's Crossroads Pizza and Subs in the Crossroads Complex of Fitzwilliam at the junction of Routes 12 and 119. Prior to this he has successfully owned, operated, and sold two Fat Boys Pizza & Subs restaurants in Rindge and Troy, and Pudgie's Pizza & Subs in Westmoreland. Why the name changes? Ed has slowly lost a whopping 80 pounds! He enjoys living and working in small towns where he and his staff can get to actually know their customers. To paraphrase an old TV sitcom, they will "know your name" as well as what your food and TV preferences are. Ed says, "That's always been my way of doing business."

As the name suggests, the specialty is pizza. Not just any pizza, but hand tossed New York style pizza with a New England flare. The thickness of the crust is best described as medium, and the choice of toppings is

extensive. For those who are conscious of their weight, Ed makes his "special" (remember the aforementioned 80 pounds) pizza on your choice of deli wrap, light tomato sauce and veggie toppings; meat is optional. He also offers 12 salad variations; cold, hot, and oven baked subs; calzones; pasta; burgers; hot dogs; breads, appetizers; and homemade desserts to die for. Wednesday is Wing Day, and I dare anyone, on any day, to order the decadent Sweet Potato Sizzler. As if this is not enough, by the time you read this article Ed will have stoked up his outdoor barbeque grill on weekends, and will be offering traditional southern style meals of ribs, pulled pork, and beans.

Ed's Crossroads Pizza and Subs is more than a restaurant which prides itself on cleanliness and the freshness of the food served. They offer a fully stocked bar, and two strategically located large screen TV's for your viewing enjoyment, If you are more interested in participating in your enjoyment, join CJ the DJ for karaoke nights at Ed's . You can dine in or carry out, and delivery is available. What more could anyone ask for from a friendly, small town restaurant whose owner is also the chef?!

**Harris and Faye Return  
from 1951 Radio**

**Frank Behrens**

Radio Spirits has come through again! "The Phil Harris/Alice Faye Show" was one of the earliest spinoffs in broadcasting history. As the seldom sober, acidic bandleader of the "Jack Benny Show," Harris partnered with his glamorous spouse Alice Faye to appear in their own show in 1946, then called "The Fitch Bandwagon," which centered around absurd situations brought about by the Harris ego or bad advice from his (fictional) guitarist, Frank Remley (played by Elliott Lewis).

It was a given that the stars would sing a song each, few of which had absolutely nothing to do with the plot. Apparently in their living room, Alice would more or less demand that she "rehearse" a song for their radio show; and listeners would just assume the presence of one complete band ready to accompany her.

Other characters included tough guy Sheldon Leonard, the eternal mobster, and the most repulsive youngster in America, Julius, played by Walter Tetley. Then there were Frank Nelson (one of Benny's frequent

antagonists), Gale Gordon (the perennial enemy Our Miss Brooks and later of Lucy), and many others.

Some time ago, the wonderful Radio Spirits people released on tape and CD a collection of the Harris/Faye shows, which I reviewed at the time. Now they have come up with a sparkling new set titled "The Phil Harris/Alice Faye Show: Private Lives," which contains on 10 CDs 20 shows from 1951, when the sponsor was RCA, makers of the very television sets that put radio series out of business. Heard one or two at a time (so you can catch your breath between hearings), you will laugh at the man that you would do anything to avoid in real life-and then laugh at yourself for laughing at the silliness that made each episode what it was.

Example: Phil and Frank decide to write a song. After they come up after 8 hours of work with only the opening note, Sheldon Leonard insists that they record his version of "Mother" (here pronounced "Mudder"), in which the "d" stands for dum dum bullets, and so on. Or the men's male version of "All About Eve" to show Phil's dramatic potential.

Somehow, however, Alice acts as a catalyst to keep things slightly above the level of The 3 Stooges! Enjoy.

**Road Agent Position  
Town Selectboard**

The Town of Richmond seeks applications for position of Road Agent. Part-time position: supervises, coordinates and participates in all aspects of bridge and road maintenance, repair and construction, working with independent contractors and employees. Ability to work with the public and be on-call for road related emergencies. Familiarity with town roads and experience that demonstrates possession of the required knowledge, skills and abilities required. Town of Richmond is an equal opportunity employer. Send qualifications to rfraser@richmond.nh.gov by Monday, April 4, 2011.

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 31 January 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis  
Read mail and signed checks.

Fire Chief Mike Pearsall addressed the Board and discussed last fiscal year's budget and the current fiscal year. He also asked the Board to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for a grant to reprogram the P-25 compli-

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ant radios for the Fire Department. Chairman Boudreau signed the grant application. The Board asked Chief Pearsall to reduce his request for the fire equipment capital reserve fund from \$25,000.00 to \$1,000.00 and he agreed.

Ralph Randall from NEOPA addressed the Board with a building permit application on behalf of Shawn & Susan Blair. They would like to put an addition on their home. Additional information is needed and Mr. Randall will return with the information.

Bob Coy, Emergency Management Director, addressed the Board and gave them the Vt Yankee drill schedule for 2011. He also informed the Board that the railing on the bridge on Fay Martin Rd. was damaged and needs to be repaired.

Police Chief Andy Wood addressed the Board with a report about the apprehension of burglars on January 14, 2011. Chief Wood's written summary:

"Sgt. Bosquet and I (Chief Wood) were actively patrolling our secondary roads. Through proactive police work, Sgt. Bosquet spotted a vehicle matching the description we had been given on recent burglaries. Sgt. Bosquet attempted to stop the vehicle but lost sight of it on Morgan Road. Sgt. Bosquet provided me with a description of the vehicle and its occupants. I located the vehicle on Route 119 near County Road. I attempted to make a motor vehicle stop on the car when the driver led me on a short pursuit before losing control of the vehicle as he was turning on Fish Hatchery Road and crashing into the snow embankment. I took the passenger of the vehicle into custody but the driver fled into the woods. I called for assistance from Winchester Police, Swanzey Police, Fitzwilliam Police, Cheshire County Sheriff's Department, and the NH State Police. I saw a basket filled with electronics, games and change in the backseat of the car, which was consistent with items that had been taken in prior burglaries. The State Police K-9, Ranger along with Trooper Stephen Lee responded to Richmond from Claremont and began to track the subject. Officers from the NH Fish and Game as well as Harrisville and Troy Officers later joined the tracking efforts. The track ended approximately 8 miles through the woods and snow after Trooper Lee spotted the suspect and deployed Ranger as the suspect attempted to run away. It was confirmed that the suspects had just committed burglaries in Richmond as well as Fitzwilliam. Further interviews of the sus-



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pects have revealed that they have been involved with between 10 and 100 burglaries in Southern New Hampshire and may lead to solving burglaries in Vermont and Massachusetts as well."

Signed Intent to Cut for Map 409- Lot 058,059- A temporary bridge over Turnpike Rd will be required for this logging operation. Also, the road agent will need to be aware of this intent to cut.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

**Date: 07 February 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.**

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
 Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis

Read mail and signed checks.

Dick Drew addressed the Board and discussed perambulation of the town.

Wes made a motion to go into non-public session under 91-A:3 II (e) JC seconded it. Motion carried and non-public was entered at 8:20 p.m.

JC made a motion to reconvene the public session. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried. Public session was reconvened at 8:30pm. The Board voted to seal the non- public minutes.

Dana Taylor, road agent, called during the meeting and informed the Board that he took a look at the Whipple Hill Road bridge and is obtaining estimates to repair it. He will also repair the railing on the Fay Martin Rd bridge as weather permits.

Town clerk, Annette Tokunaga, addressed the Board and discussed a petitioned warrant article regarding the creation of an agricultural commission. She will find out if it should be on the warrant or the ballot.

The Board discussed the warrant articles in anticipation for Thursday's budget hearing.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

**Date: 14 February 2011 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis

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Read mail and signed checks.

Sandy Perry addressed the Board and asked for permission for four ZBA members to attend a seminar regarding RLUIPA, Free Exercise & Local Government Land Use. The fee is \$60.00 per person. The Board noted there are funds in the PB/ZBA budget for training.

Bill Johnson addressed the Board requesting a building permit for M405-L082. The property is one acre and the Board will do more research to find out if it is a lot of record that can be approved for a building permit. If not, Mr. Johnson will need to apply to the ZBA for a variance.

The Board discussed questions that were asked at the recent budget hearing that was held. There were questions asked that will need to be answered at the Town Meeting and the Board is gathering information.

Intent to Cut for M409-L058, 059 was approved with a letter requiring a temporary bridge over Old Turnpike Road to access the logging area.

The Board discussed putting a request for proposal in the newspaper for replacement of the bridge over Tulley Brook on Fay Martin Road. It will be advertised this week.

The audit for 2009 was discussed and questions were answered and the management letter was signed to complete the audit. The 2010 audit

will be scheduled soon.

Rebates were approved for over-payment on taxes for M405-L078, 405-084, 405-108,411-034, 405-024

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

**Date: 21 February 2011 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis  
 Read mail and signed checks

Dave Marazoff from Cross Country Appraisal addressed the Board and discussed the cyclical revaluation contract.

Dana Taylor, road agent, addressed the Board and discussed Whipple Hill bridge and the status of it. Dana has inspected the bridge and has a plan in place for what needs to be done. He is staying in contact with the state.

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 M-SAT 10-9, SUN 11-6, 352-8815

LORDEN PLAZA, RT.101A, MILFORD, NH  
 M-S 9-9, SUN 11-5, 673-1738

The warrant for the replacement of Fay Martin bridge was also discussed.

JC explained the warrant article that is proposed regarding contracting the maintenance of the roads and not employing a road agent. Dana feels that it is not allowed per state statute and that the town must have a road commission in order to not have a road agent.

JC asked Dana what he has learned as road agent the last three years and what he would do in coming years regarding the town and the roads. Dana talked about the culverts around town and maintenance that needs to be done.

Bill Johnson addressed the Board regarding his application for a building permit. Mr. Johnson was in to see the Board last week and requested a building permit for M405 L082. More information has been gathered by the Board regarding the parcel. The building permit was denied and a letter was issued to Mr. Johnson that states: Per Richmond Zoning Ordinance 403, the Selectmen deny the building permit for property located at the intersection of NH Route 32 and Fish Hatchery Road, reference tax map 405, lot 082 because the parcel in question is less than 3 acres. Referring to zoning ordinance 906, non-conforming uses, the Selectmen were unable to determine if the parcel was a lot of record prior to March 30, 1990 when a 3 acre minimum building lot was required. Mr. Johnson was referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to request a variance for the parcel.

Sandra explained that Trout Unlimited has a program available to towns that have water going into the Ashuelot River. It is called the Ashuelot River Stream Crossing Improvement Project. The town must answer certain questions and submit the application. Trout Unlimited will then select three culverts of high priority for replacement from towns that have submitted an application.

Approved an Intent to Cut for M408- L085

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

**Date: 28 February 2011 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis  
 Read mail and signed checks.

Steve Boscarino, tax collector, addressed the Board regarding the taxes collected and the outstanding bills due.

The Board discussed the upcoming Town Meeting

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and what needs to be done to prepare.

JC made a motion that the Board of Selectmen will provide the Veteran's hall free of charge on the Thursday before the first session of Town Meeting every year in March for the purpose of a candidate awareness forum. Wes seconded it. Motion carried.

There are some parcels that need to be corrected on the tax maps and property record cards. Roberta and Bev will do research regarding the incorrect parcels and will report back to the Board.

The Board discussed the possibility of re-applying for state bridge aid.

Pistol permit #338541 was approved.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned at 9:45 pm.

**Date: 07 March 2011 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: JC Boudreau, Wes Vaughan, Sandra Gillis  
 Read mail and signed checks.

Bob Coy addressed the Board with the budget for the VT Yankee RERP grant for 2011-2012.

Dan Firmin addressed the Board and discussed the costs of replacing bridges and the different types of bridges that are available for construction.

The Board discussed and gathered information for the upcoming Town Meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Board reconvened at the Veteran's Hall to set up for the election.



*Spring is on the way!* (p. clipper)

**Town Business Hours**

- Board of Selectmen:** J.C. Boudreau,  
Sandra Gillis, Lori Scanlan
- Mon. 7:00 —7:30 p.m. Town Departments
  - Mon. 7:30 —? p.m. Public Concerns

**Town Secretary:** Beverly Hart

- Mon. 6 p.m. —9 p.m.
- Wed. 8 a.m. — 12 noon, 1:00 p.m.- 5p.m.
- Fri. 8 a.m. —12 noon, 1:00 p.m.— 4p.m.

**Town Clerk:** Annette Tokunaga

- Deputy: Pamela Goodell
- Mon. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —4 p.m., 6 —8 p.m.
  - Wed. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —4 p.m.
  - Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. —Noon

**Tax Collector:** Steve Boscarino

- Mon. 7 p.m. —8 p.m.
- Wed. 2 p.m. —4 p.m.

**Planning Board:** Richard Drew, Chairperson

- Meetings held at Civil Defense Building  
1st & 3rd Tues of the Month —7:30 p.m.

**Transfer Station & Recycling Facility**

- Tues. 8 a.m. —4 p.m.
- Thurs. 8 a.m. —7 p.m.
- Sat. 8 a.m. —5 p.m.

**Town Library:** Wendy O'Brien, Librarian

- Tues. 4:30 p.m. —8 p.m.
- Wed. 9:00 a.m. —12 p.m.
- Thurs. 4:30 —7 p.m.
- Sat. 10 a.m. —2 p.m.

**Fire Warden:** Ed Atkins**EMERGENCY: POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE ■ 9-1-1**

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