



The Metacomet-Monadnock Trail

Frank Bequeart

Trail History: The Metacomet-Monadnock Trail is a long distance hiking footpath, running approximately 117 miles from the Metacomet Trail on the Connecticut state line to Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire. The Massachusetts portion of the trail is maintained by the Berkshire chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club and other volunteers. The New Hampshire portion, which runs through Richmond, Fitzwilliam, Troy, and Jaffrey, is maintained by Frank Bequeart of Fitzwilliam and assisted by Russ Provost of Richmond. The trail crosses both public and private land.

The M-M Trail was originally built by the late Prof. Walter M. Banfield in the 1950's, and has been evolving ever since. For more specific information on the trail route, including information on ordering a trail guide, see <http://amcberkshire.org/mmtrail>.

Trail Route: The Richmond portion of the trail enters New Hampshire over the Massachusetts border along Falls Brook. It crosses Greenwoods Road and travels east of Wheeler Pond for a mile northward through pathless woods. A junction is then made with an abandoned town road which proceeds downhill to the present end of Monument Road, 1 mile from NH Rt. 119. The trail crosses Rt.119 onto Old County Road and travels northward along old roads with a few gradual ascents and descents. It crosses the valley where Tully Brook begins and enters Fitzwilliam north of the Morgan Reserve. It then ascends Little Monadnock with panoramic views of Mount Monadnock and the surrounding countryside. From there the trail descends through woods and along old roads to Troy Village. It then continues across Rt 12 and Gap Mountain to Mount Monadnock. At the summit of Monadnock, the trail connects with the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail. (For more information on the MS Greenway see www.magic.org or msgt.org)

In August, Frank and Russ will be leading 3 hikes on the Richmond portion of the trail. Saturday, August 9 Greenwoods Rd. to Royalston Falls and return. This 2 hour hike will take us alongside the cool and shady Falls Brook and will include visits to 2 natural bridges. This area is one of the hidden scenic wonders of Richmond and well worth the small effort. Saturday, August 16 this 3 hour hike will start at Greenwoods Rd. and end at Rt. 119 and return via "The Monument" Saturday, August 23 this 3 hour hike will begin at Rt. 119 and go to Fitzwilliam town line and return. All hikes are relatively easy and will begin at 8am rain or shine. To sign up, or for more information, please call Russ Provost at 239-7058 or email at chloe911@localnet.com

CALENDAR OF AUGUST ACTIVITES

Aug 2 Music Program

Aug 7, 6:30pm Arts in Park

Aug 8 & 9 Blueberry Fiddle Festival

Aug 9 Metacomet Hike 8am

Aug 9 Brown Baggin 4:00pm

Aug 12 Shoreland Protection 6:00pm

Aug 16 Meadowood Auction 10am

Local Artist Reception 10-11:30

Metacomet Hike 8:00am

Aug 16 RUMC Bake Sale Walmart 10-2
Story at Pavilion 5:00pm

Aug 19 Contra Dance 7:00pm

Aug 20 Open House Keene Lions

Aug 23 Metacomet Hike 8:00am

Richmond Archives 5:00pm

Aug 30 RUMC Yard & Bake Sale

Aug 31 Fireman Chicken BBQ

State Primary Election

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The NH Primary Election will be held on September 9, 2008 at the Veteran's Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. People not yet registered to vote may do so on the day of the election.

Voters registered as Undeclared may receive either a Democratic or Republican ballot by first stating their party preference to the check-in clerks. Voters wishing to return to Undeclared status should go to the Supervisors of the Checklist table after voting. Voters registered as Republican or Democrat will only be given the ballot of the party to which they are affiliated. The last day to change party before the State Primary was June 3rd. No party changes may be made until after the State Primary. If you will

not be in town on Election Day, you may contact the Town Clerk's office to obtain an absentee ballot. See you at the polls.

New Registration Forms

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

On June 17th, the State of New Hampshire, Department of Safety delivered a new laser printer to the Town Clerk's office. This was the first step in a statewide implementation of a program to print new vehicle-related forms. Most of the printers were funded through a grant from the University of NH. We expect to begin using the new registration forms in late July or early August.

Following are some changes that you'll notice when you register your vehicle(s). The information on the registration will be arranged in a different format. There will also be a bar code on the new form, which confirms the data on the registration. The carbon-less format has been eliminated. Instead, three copies (one for the State, one for the Town Clerk, one for the owner) will be printed on a tri-perforated, 8 1/2" by 11" sheet of paper. As a result, you will need to

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sign three registration forms for each vehicle that you are registering. To those of you who register multiple vehicles at any given time, Pam and I extend our appreciation for your patience and understanding during your visit here. And lastly, your registration will be a different size – about 8 1/2" x 3 1/2", rather than 5" x 5 1/2". When you receive your new registration, Pam and I will be happy to answer questions that you may have.

Town Clerk's Office

Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Dates to Remember

- Sept 1, 2008 CLOSED for Labor Day
- Sept 2, 2008 Last day to register to vote with Town Clerk
- September 9, 2008 CLOSED for State Primary Election

Health Officer Position Open

Beverly Hart, Selectmens Office

The Town of Richmond is looking for a Health Officer. The position, at this time is vacant. This is a "volunteer position" For questions, please call the Town Hall at 239-4232 or visit the Selectmen on Monday

ROOSTER STAFF

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Richmond Public Library

Wendy O'Brien

Summer Reading Program Koala Airlines arrives back in Richmond on Saturday, August 2nd, 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans' Hall 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 and even touch a real live Red-necked Wallaby, Carpet Python, Australian Goanna and more!

We will be having a Steve Irwin look-alike contest. Each child dressed up as Steve Irwin will receive a Wildlife Encounters Zoo magnet. The child judged to be dressed most like Steve Irwin will receive a free Wildlife Encounters Zoo T-shirt.

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

Library Float Building for Richmond Day This year we will once again have a float in the Annual Richmond Day Parade! We are seeking help from Richmond's children with painting and decorating the float on Saturday, August 16th at 11:00 a.m. in

the Library parking lot. Hot dogs and drinks will be served. Come and support your Library!

Used Book Sale and Silent Auction It's once again time for our annual Book Sale and Silent Auction on Richmond Day, Sunday, August 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Library parking lot. Stop by and see our great selection of used books, as well as our outstanding prizes for the Silent Auction. All proceeds from the Book Sale and the Silent Auction will be used for children's books and programming. Have books to donate? We are currently seeking books for the sale. Feel free to drop them off when the Library is open, or we can come to you! Just give us a call at 239-6164.

New Additions and Expansion of Collections We are pleased to announce that through series of generous donations, we have greatly expanded our Parenting Collection and established a Christian Fiction Collection. Stop by and let us know what you think!

Things from the District July 2008

Jim Carnie and Neil Moriarty

In the Courts The Emergency Meeting Is On. We don't have the details as neither of us has read the ruling; however, the judge ruled (on July 15, 2008 – the day we need to submit this) in favor of the MRSD special meeting to vote on the teacher's contract.

Town of Sullivan Suit for Declaratory Judgment Sullivan's request for Declaratory Judgment (the judge would rule Early Retirement is, or is not legal), has not come up; someone close to the subject has said the hearing will be in September 2008.

Budgets update OUR (Default) Budget for FY 2007-08. Your school board could not stop at spending \$500,000 (their agreed amount to spend) of your surplus; it has now spent just

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short of \$600,000 of your surplus. We don't yet know the figure on the teacher's contract warrant article however, \$600,000 would go a long way to pay for the first year of it.

Budget Committee Investigating the Cost Per Pupil I, (Neil) supplied a quick study, based on NH Dept. of Education figures, showing that our cost per pupil exceeds that of other schools in the area – most outstanding is our high school costs at \$14,000 per pupil (*which just happens to be the same as Washington DC*). Your budget committee agreed and George Trembley of Troy is going to collect and summarize some background on the whys of our per pupil costs.

Next year's "Surplus" fiscal year 2008-09

Without the ink even drying on this years budget your administration and board are busy seeing how to spend the health insurance savings (the difference between the not to exceed estimate of November 2007 and the actual billing on May 2008). Basically, these are raises for non bargaining unit employees. While raises may be a valid way to spend a surplus if a surplus does in fact exist in June of 2009 – what happens if something unexpected happens in the next 11 months? Do unexpected things happen? How about the collapse of the home financing market where your house value fell 12% this year? How about gas increasing to \$4.00+ a gallon? Heating oil at \$4.59 a gallon? Yes, Things Happen!!!

Buildings Update Building Plans Middle School

The architect presentation was made on June 15th. There are many options ranging from about \$26 million to about \$55 million. The latter would be a new middle school and a refurbished high school. Smaller amounts are also being discussed the latest is what can be done for \$9,000,000? What will be the proposal on the warrant in March 2009 stay tuned...

As usual if you have questions, concerns or com-

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 Russ Provost

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What Not to Bring: Empty Containers, Latex Paint, Ammunition, Fireworks, Radioactive Materials, Make-up & Toiletries

Other Information: Do Not Mix Products. Containers Must Be Labeled as to Contents. No Containers larger than 5 Gallons, 10 Gallon Maximum

Questions Call: 352-5739

Evening of Arts in the Park
 Terri O'Rorke

Your neighbors at The United Church of Winchester are hosting an evening of Arts In the Park on Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 pm, Bring your lawn chair to Winchester's Town Park by the Gazebo and join your neighbors in celebrating summer with a night of Arts in the Park. Call Kate or Penny at 239-4465 for more information or to perform.

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Summerfest 2008 at the Pavilion

SATURDAY AUGUST 2, A Music Program sponsored by the Richmond Historical Society. Folk-singer, song-writer Warren Rasmussen will be performing music prevalent in the early years of our country. There will be a pot-luck supper beginning at 5:00pm. Please bring a covered dish. Dessert and beverage will be provided by the Society. **Free to the Public**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 4:00PM.

BROWN BAGGIN' AT THE PAVILION

The 2nd annual Brown Baggin' would like to welcome back the Phatt Kats. Enjoy a great "brown bag" meal consisting of a roll-up sandwich, fruit, dessert and a drink. There will also be an auction featuring the creative talents of local artisans. Take a chance! (If you'd like to make a donation for the auction, call 239-4595.) All this for the nominal fee of \$10. Proceeds to benefit the Rural Preservation Committee. Please remember to bring your own chair or a blanket to sit on.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, the Richmond Historical Society presents "The Mary Rowlandson Story". Born in England in the 17th century, Mary came to New England where she and her children were captured by Indians, brought to Lancaster, Mass., to Hinsdale, Chesterfield and then to Vermont. Six years later she was "redeemed". Six years after that she published a narrative of her captivity. This program begins at 6:00pm. There will be a pot-luck supper at 5:00pm, please bring a covered dish or come for dessert and beverage provided by the Society. **Free to Public**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, the Richmond Archives presents "...And They Wrote it Down." This program is new using powerpoint to present through pictures and readings some of the many writings of people who lived here at one time. Local residents

provide voice to past writings. Come at 5:00pm and bring a picnic supper. Dessert and beverage will be provided free of charge. The program begins at 6:00pm. **Free to the Public.**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 RICHMOND FIRE DEPT ANNUAL CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE 12noon to 3:00pm. Parade begins at 11:00am. There will be raffles of cordwood and an all terrain 4 wheel vehicle. There will also be a Bike Rodeo for the children. These things and many more will be going on. Ask any member of the Richmond Fire Department about obtaining tickets.

With the price of gas escalating at a tremendous rate, many of us in Richmond will not be traveling far. It is hoped that the programs available right here in our town will be well attended, supported and enjoyed by everyone. Many members of our community have worked hard to bring SUMMERFEST to Richmond.

Annual Bake & Yard Sale

Hugh and Alison

It's time to clean out and recycle - and to discover new treasures! The Richmond Community Church will sponsor its annual Bake and Yard Sale on Saturday, August 30th. Members of the church will offer homemade confections including pies, muffins, cookies and breads at the bake sale table. Donations to the Yard Sale can be brought to the Church on Friday, August 29th in the evening or call Alison at 239-4494 for pick up (in Richmond). The Bake & Yard Sale runs from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Old Brick Church, at the intersection of Routes 32 & 119. See you there!!

Richmond Artist Exhibits in Fitzwilliam

Fred Casselman of Richmond will be exhibiting prints from his online Earth Echo Galleries at the Fitzwilliam Town Library, August 16 through September 27, 2008. Fred feels we have within our hands and our hearts the ability to create a New Earth of harmony, love and beauty. The purpose of his art is to expand our human awareness and consciousness in that direction. Library hours Mon. 2pm - 8pm, Tues. & Thurs. 2pm- 6pm, Wed. 9am-12 noon, 2pm- 8pm, Sat. 9am - 12 noon, closed on Friday. Come meet Fred at the opening reception, Saturday, August 16, 10am - 11:30am. Fred has exhibited at several venues including the Chelsea Waterfront Gallery (Massachusetts), the Institute of Noetic Sciences (California), the Boston Cyberarts Festival, and the Omega Institute for Holistic Studies (New York, current exhibit). His art appears on book and CD covers and has been appropriated for numerous MySpace pages. His website, www.earthecho.com, celebrated its twelfth anniversary in May 2008. The site has received many honors including selection as a USA Today Hot Site. Fred is listed in Who's Who in America.

Richmond Blueberry Fiddle Festival Sister Maria Philomena, M.I.C.M.

Thank you, Richmond residents, for your faithful support and enthusiasm for the annual Richmond Blueberry Fiddle Festival. It is getting bigger and better this year, with two days of affordable family fun. Two of the new items on this year's schedule are a Friday Fish Fry and Saturday's Fiddle Contest (with special group and picking divisions) sponsored by the North American Fiddle Judges Association. So please, come join us again for a weekend of fantastic entertainment. A one-time parking fee of \$5

opens the gate to live music, a real auctioneer and fiddlers of all ages stepping up to the microphone for a chance at a gold medal! Please note: the Blueberry Bake-off entries need to be submitted at the Cheshire Fairgrounds (*this is different from last year*). See you there!

Community Kitchen Fundraiser Jan Ray Thomas

The Sunday School kids (with help from their adult friends) of the Richmond Community Church will be sponsoring a BAKE SALE at the Keene Wal*Mart on Saturday, August 16th from 10-2. All proceeds will be donated to the Keene Community Kitchen, to help our neighbors who are struggling with tough economic times. Please stop by and support our bake sale...you'll be glad you did! For more information or to donate baked goods, please call Jan at 585-3053.

Shoreland Protection Act Carl Hagstrom

The Fitzwilliam Conservation commission is pleased to invite you to a special presentation. Arlene Allen, Shoreland Protection Outreach Coordinator, NH Department of Environmental Services will be presenting an update on the DES Shoreland Program on August 12, 2008 at the Fitzwilliam Town Hall (upper Hall). The presentation begins at 6:00 PM.

In June 2007, the NH Legislature enacted significant amendments to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) that went into effect on July 1, 2008. This presentation will provide an overview of these changes and include information on the new shoreland permitting requirements, impervious surface allowances, the standards that apply in the waterfront buffer the grid and points system for managing trees and saplings in the waterfront buffer RSVP to Carl Hagstrom at (603) 585-2272.



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**Meadowood
 Melanie Ellis**

A reminder that on August 16th Meadowood will be holding its Annual Auction at the Meadowood Assembly Hall, Bowkerville Rd in Fitzwilliam. The Auction will be begin at 10am and the preview of items will start at 9am. The public is cordially encouraged to attend. If you have a new or in good condition item that you would like to donate please contact a member of the Meadowood Fire Dept or Asst Chief Win Wright at 585-6808 or Martin Nolan at 242-3482. The Meadowood County Area Fire Department is a privately funded, non-profit fire department that was established 55 years ago. We supply mutual aid to surrounding communities in a 50 mile radius with firefighters as well as a dive team and swift sater rescue team. We also provide a Fire Training Center for local firefighters where they train in the basics; SCBA (breathing apparatus), Vehicle Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Pump Operations, as well as other aspects of firefighting.

To run the department and the training grounds, the members of Meadowood raise money through-fund raisers such as the auction and suppers, we apply for grants from the state, and from the generosity of the public from donations. The members of Meadowood would like to thank everyone for their continuing support.

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**America Reads
 Neil Moriarty**

I volunteered for America Reads last year, a very rewarding time for me. I spent from one to three hours a week at Mount Caesar, helping a great teacher (Ms. Ansaldo) with her children learning to read. I worked principally with four kids but each class has its own requirements. America Reads provides training, and the teacher you help will also provide information. As a volunteer you will never be responsible for children – that is the teachers job.

With today's working parents volunteers are needed more than ever. Elsewhere in this month's Rooster, Suzette Borden (of America Reads) will explain the program much better than I can. It was truly a fun and great experience for me – if you have some time I hope you give it a try.

**Try Frank Behrens' Music
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 Neil Moriarty**

Although I could make Frank's July suggestions work (they were pretty isolated suggestions) try an online music site where you can listen to just about any music. With Frank's July suggestion it had no Mary Stafford or Edith Wilson, but it's new Edith was a blues singer and brought another blues female artist. The service is legal and the music is not downloaded to your computer. Pandora <http://www.pandora.com> lets you select by artist or song title. You can try it without signing up (if you want to continue to repeatedly use this site without signing up delete your cookies and other personal data). If you sign up you can create lists of your favorite artists, "tunes", etc.

I am not sure what level of service you get with dialup; however, on the cable you can let the music play in the background. I am signed up for about eight months – and I do receive a

music offer email – that I just delete (small price to pay for the service). If you are a music fan, I think it's worth a try.

THIS MONTH'S RSA

Terri O'Rorke

As a member of the Rural Preservation Committee (RPC), I've had the opportunity to look up many different land use laws and ordinances. Here's one of interest; TITLE LXIV PLANNING AND ZONING CHAPTER 676 ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES Local Conflicts of Law Section 676:14 676:14 Determination of Which Local Ordinance Takes Precedence. Whenever a local land use ordinance is enacted or a regulation is adopted which differs from the authority of an existing ordinance or other regulation, the provision which imposes the greater restriction or higher standard shall be controlling. Source. 1983, 447:1, eff. Jan. 1, 1984.

A Very Human John Adams

Frank Behrens

Interest in John Adams, our second president, seems to have reached television back in 1976 when a miniseries called "The Adams Chronicles" appeared on the small screen. This well done dramatization of several generations of the Adams family has recently appeared on an Acorn Media boxed set of DVDs. In 2006, Public Television made "John & Abigail Adams" part of the American Experience series. It emphasizes the relationship between the title characters and lets the historical details speak for themselves. It also is now available on DVD.

In 2008, those who subscribe to HBO viewed a 7-part series named simply "John Adams," based on the book by David McCullough and now available on a 3-DVD set from HBO Video.

The script follows, for the most part, John Adams' point of view. So at the start of the first episode we just miss the Boston "Massacre" and at the end we miss the Boston "Tea Party," because Adams did not witness these events. Indeed, we miss the entire American Revolution, because Adams was doing his job in Europe. So the challenge to the writers was to keep the character interesting enough to hold viewers for three episodes of about 100 minutes each and four of about 80 minutes each. To a large extent, they succeeded.

Paul Giamatti gives us a complex John Adams, a most imperfect man who spent a lot of time worrying about what history would think of him and whose quick temper did little to win the approval of those who lived in his own times. Laura Linney is a most sympathetic Abigail, whose only fault is that trendy way of whispering some of her dialogue to the point of incomprehensibility.

David Morse plays an understated George Washington, except for one telling moment in which he angrily dismisses two members of his cabinet for putting politics before country. What else is new? None of our "great forefathers" were perfect, nor should they be shown as such. Alexander Hamilton (Rufus Sewell) is a warmonger, while Thomas Jefferson (Stephen Dillane) spends a good time of his vice-presidency undermining President Adams and plays the antagonist to Adams' hero.

British actor Tom Wilkinson plays Benjamin Franklin, without the usual "isn't-he-just-wonderful" clichés, as a wily politician who knows how and when to apply pressure subtly. John Adams is too blunt to tolerate that kind of subtle statesmanship, and viewers are left to decide which of the two is right.

Granted the writers could draw upon lots of personal writings from the main players in this historical drama, but one must always be cautious of biased reporting and the fact that this is indeed a dramatization. There are sequences that tend to drag. On the other hand, there is one scene that would have been far better to have occurred off-camera—one involving a primitive bit of surgery with the patient quite awake in these pre-ether times.

One aspect that I found especially annoying was the frequent tilting of the camera to produce some sort of effect: a delicately balanced situation, the world out of joint? The purpose was not clear and the result is predictable after a while and most unwelcome after the fifth or sixth time.

There are the usual bonus features such as "The Making of 'John Adams,'" and a look at McCullough as an historian. This HBO set is, all in all, quite a viewing experience and perhaps, one chance in a million that some of the politicians of this day might just try to worry about the country as a whole and not their sacred political parties or most recent pork projects. One can only hope.



SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2008 Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Steve Boscarino, tax collector in with the Balance Report Summary. Gerri Lutz, Cemetery Trustee, and Lloyd Goodnow were in regarding the upcoming new cemetery extension. Map/Lot 202-031. JC made a motion to accept the bid submitted by Lloyd Goodnow. Wes seconded. The motion carried unanimously by the Board. Certificate of Insurance is being forwarded by Lloyd via fax. Bonnie and Dan Pratt were in with a timber tax report, which Janel will process. The Selectmen voided a 2007 building permit at the request of the Pratts. Building permit #2007-014 for a 16' x 40' small barn. Terri O'Rorke came in regarding some questions she had submitted last week regarding tax exemptions. Alex Hoar was in to pick up and pay for his copy of "Hard Road to Travel". He discussed Fay Martin Road and a guardrail that he had put up on the town right-of-way with former road agent Joe Davis' permission. JC advised Alex to call Dana. Lauren Shearer came in to discuss laying out a Class V road on Bowker Road off of Whipple Hill Road. The selectmen requested that Mr. Shearer return with a formal petition. Kim Mattson was in to show the selectmen pictures of runoff from a culvert onto her property. She also raised some questions about two recently demolished structures on Bullock Road. The selectmen will look into this. Andy Wood, Police Chief, came in to discuss some issues in Town. There has been some vandalism on Fish Hatchery Road and Taylor Hill Road. He also wanted to talk about the pistol permit process. Discussed safety issues and cleaning projects in Town Hall and Veterans Hall, including the possibility of using the town welfare workfare program to provide some man hours for this potential work. There being no other

business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 11:00.

16 June 2008 Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector, was in and discussed the Deputy Tax Collector. Steve informed the Selectmen he has a few interested applicants. A letter of resignation has been received and accepted from the Health Officer, Ron Raymond, by the Board of Selectmen. Lauren Shearer was in to discuss the Bowker Road issue. Mrs. DeLalla was in to renew her building permit #2007-009 for map 411 lot 28-5 which is about to expire. Her present permit was renewed with changes. JC advised her to contact the manufacturer for the energy audit information due to the heating changes. Dan Wahl was in to see the Selectmen about his tax bill. Jonah Ketola was in to go over gravel pit concerns. A "Notice of Intent to Cut" was signed off by the Selectmen for Ketola. Map/lot 402-014. The "Intent to Excavate" is on hold by Selectmen awaiting bond from Ketola. Russell LaPlume came in to ask questions about the Saint Benedict Center tax exemption and how it works. He was specifically asking about map 412 lots 18 and 19. We do not have any record of receiving application(s) for exemption for those two properties. We signed pistol permit #338479. We signed an Intent to Cut for Map 408 lots 26 and 27. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

23 June 2008 Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Steve Boscarino (Tax Collector) was in to inform the Selectmen that he has a candidate for the deputy tax collector position which is presently vacant. The selectmen agreed to meet the candidate next week. JC called Casey Sahey (OCE North America, Document Printing Systems) regarding the town hall copier. The selectmen unanimously agreed to lease an IM2330 Copier from OCE North America. Casey will drop off the contract on Wednesday, June 25. Repairing the current copier is cost prohibitive. Chris Goodnow was in to request permission to cut some trees on town property in order to begin the new section of the Earl Howard Extension. Chris explained that this cutting is necessary for accessibility by the heavy equipment. The selectmen approved the cuts, and requested that Chris contact the state regarding one tree that may be in the state's right of way. Lauren Shearer was in to discuss his property off of Whipple Hill Road which will be the subject of a selectmen's hearing on Thursday evening at Veterans Hall. Selectman stated that all discussion should be saved for the hearing. Bill Hillock was in to see about town regulations in possibly placing a

trailer on some property he will soon own. JC told him that he needed a contiguous foundation under the mobile home. JC advised Bill to talk to the Planning Board. Pete Hughes was in to ask about Veterans tax exemptions. Terri O'Rorke was in for a raffle permit. Assigned #2008-00. Chris Jackson came in with further questions about an addition/renovation he is planning for his house, map 405 lot 077. The selectmen signed an intent to Cut, map 403, lot 006. Signed appointment forms for Victoria Provost and Susan Marsden for three years terms on the Richmond Voluntary Energy Committee. Signed Pistol Permit #R338480. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:00 pm.

30 June 2008 Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector, was in to present a candidate for deputy tax collector. Bill Hillock was in to go over with the

Selectmen the foundation required to set his trailer on. Gwyn Powers was in with questions for a building permit to extend a shed and add a greenhouse. Terri O'Rorke was in for the second week in a row to inquire about the maintenance of Whipple Hill Rd. Terri is concerned with the washing out of the roadside culverts and ditches. Bev will send an email to Dana to ask him to check the wash-outs on Whipple Hill Road and to look at the culverts. Terri brought up RSA 231:62.a . Kim Mattson came in to discuss road bonding for logging operations with the selectmen due to the condition of Taylor Hill Road from a logging operation. Kim said Don Mueller from Taylor Hill Road spoke with DH Hardwick, the logging company, and was told that Hardwick was going to be repairing the road with cold patch. Kim feels that RSA 236:11 on Restoration infers that they need to put the road back to the condition it was in originally and that hot tar will probably be need-

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ed. Janel will contact Dana to go look at Taylor Hill Road and make a list of the repairs that need to be made. Steve Boscarino was back in and asked the Board about the status of the Ellis property that had been deeded to the Town but is in the process of being deeded back to the owner. Janel will check with Attorney Tower and attempt to contact Mr. Ellis. Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk, came in to discuss a 91-A request with the selectmen. Christopher Jackson was in with plans for his renovation. Selectmen signed building permit #2008-012 for map 405 lot 077. Dave Marazoff delivered his abatement responses. The selectmen agreed with his recommendations and approved one abatement and denied three. The Board also approved three applications for Current Use and

denied one and approved one application for Veteran's Tax Credit. Signed Building Permit #208-010 for a shed on map 412 lot 036. Signed an appointment form for Denise Nolan as Deputy Tax

Collector. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Fitzwilliam Historical Society

Terri Sillanpaa

Remember contradancing at the Town Hall? It's time to get reacquainted! Carey Bluhm will fiddle his way through the crowd on the evening of August 19th, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall as the performer for

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>A brief business meeting will be held with yearly reports by the officers and the election of officers for 2008-2009. Refreshments will be served. This wonderful program is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there! fitzhs@peoplepc.com, 585-7742

The Keene Lions Club

Ronna Rajaniemi

The Keene Lions Club is holding an Open House on Wednesday, August 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Kay Fox Room in the Keene Library. We're holding this open house to provide interested people with information about our 57th Annual Musical Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Carousel". Light refreshments will be served. Please come and enjoy.

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 - 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.
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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.
 - Thurs. 4 p.m. —6 p.m.

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