



## 20 Years Ago: Richmond's Soapstone Quarry

Pete Tandy

Most people who have lived in Richmond for any length of time have heard of the Richmond Soapstone Quarry; some fraction even know where it is and how to find it. But very few have known of its historical past and the continuing interest professional geologists have in it.

Often known as the Harris Soapstone Quarry (being located on the Lorenzo Harris property at the time it was being worked) the quarry was noted by Charles T. Jackson in his 1844 geological survey of the state. In William Bassett's 1884 "History of the Town of Richmond," the Jackson report is quoted as saying "The land in this town is hilly, but none of the elevations are of sufficient height to receive the appellation of mountains. The rocks are granite, mica, slate, hornblende rock, and talcose rock, or soapstone. The soapstone bed is two miles S.W. by S. from Richmond meeting-house, on the south side of Roaring brook and one mile from the Massachusetts state line, and on elevated land... The bed is 42 feet wide and has been traced for the distance of a mile on the hills to the southward, or to the state line.

In opening the quarry, the following accompanying minerals were thrown out, and were derived from the wall rock of the bed: quartz, feldspar, phosphate of lime, pinite rutile, iron pyrites, garnets, calcareous spar, and hornblende crystals. Anthrophyllite [sic] and iolite of great beauty are found. Iolite is a rare mineral, and no other locality in this country furnishes so finely colored specimens as this spot."

The quarry was worked for a number of years, but the soapstone was of marginal quality and the vein soon played out. Although local awareness of the mine gradually diminished, the interest of geologists continued. In August of 1978, I was cross-country running north on Parker Hill Road when I came upon some unexpected activity. A light truck bearing Massachusetts plates and a University of Massachusetts logo on its side was parked just off the road, and I could hear voices and the sounds of steel on stone.

As a member of the Conservation Commission, I thought I'd better have a look. As it turned out, the "Prospectors" were Dr. Peter Robinson, from the U-Mass Geology Department, and a group of visiting German geology students. He informed me that "Iolite Hill," as he called it, was known by geologists around the world. He mentioned that he has brought graduate students to the Richmond Soapstone Quarry from Japan, Indonesia, and Austria.

The next step was to contact the NH State Department of Environmental Services. The Conservation Commission was soon contacted by Ms. Mary E. Dowse, the Assistant State Geologist.

She gave us a quick course in the geology of soapstone and informed us that "The anthrophyllite and cordierite (also known as iolite) which occur at the Richmond site distinguish it from all other soapstone occurrences in the state."

Ms. Dowse went on to say that the soapstone bodies at Richmond are the southernmost known exposure in New Hampshire. She stated that the nearest known soapstone along the trend in New Hampshire is 80 miles north, in Orford. She mentioned that the Richmond body is the northernmost exposure of a belt of soapstone found in Massachusetts.

This touched some personal history for me, as I grew up in the little Massachusetts village of North Dana (now beneath the waters of the Quabbin Reservoir), where there was a bigger quarry along the same geological trend. My childhood winter nights in the

unheated bedroom were made more bearable by the double-brick-sized hunk of soapstone that had been warmed on the back of the woodstove, then wrapped in flannel, and placed under the covers at the foot on the bed. Next best thing to having a warm partner.

Ms. Dowse traveled over from Durham late that October and inspected the site with the Commission. She subsequently provided a thorough report of the site, stating, in part, "... The large crystals of blue cordierite found in the veins are highly prized by collectors,

who have blasted and excavated the veins to obtain fresh samples of the mineral..."

Along with her technical analysis, Ms. Dowse mentioned that more than twenty scholarly articles have been written about the Richmond Soapstone Quarry, and that studies of the site have helped geologists to "...understand the environments of deposition and the metamorphic and tectonic history of the region."

She concluded that: Because the Richmond outcrops have been so well studied it is recommended that the Harris Soapstone Quarry and nearby outcrops be kept open and access maintained. Geologists will then be able to continue using this site as a teaching laboratory and to sample for future studies. Research is an ongoing commitment, and it is desirable to expand upon the information already compiled from this locality.

As you know from the last issue of the Richmond Rooster, the present owners of the property, Tree Growers, Inc., have granted the town a license of protection for this important site. This license grants access to the quarry and its associated outcrops, with the right to extract mineral samples for non-commercial private and scientific use. Hand tools only are allowed.



Richmond's soapstone quarry.

We hope all visitors will treat this newly protected site with the respect it deserves. A good rule of thumb for visitors would be (with apologies to the Sierra Club) to "Take only samples and leave only footprints."

**Notes from the Selectmen's Offices  
Selectboard**

Office Renovation. By the time you read this article, the renovation of the Selectmen's office will be in full swing. If you would like to help paint, move furniture or just offer support, please pay us a visit. We appreciate your patience during this renovation and will do our best to meet your needs. Staff will be in during regular office hours, but equipment and files may be temporarily unavailable. The telephones will be on during this time, but the computers may be out of service for a limited time. Please watch for a "painting party" posting!



Chief of Police Brendan Bosquet

New Chief of Police. The Board of Selectmen welcome Richmond's new Chief of Police, Brendan Bosquet, who was appointed to the position of Part Time Police Chief by the Selectmen on August 29, 2011. Chief Wood tendered his resignation as Chief and it was accepted, with regret, by the Selectmen on August 29, 2011. Wood will continue to serve Richmond as a Lieutenant in the Richmond Police Department.

Chief Bosquet, whose dad was the first full time chief of police in Hollis, NH, has been on duty as a part time sergeant with the Richmond Police Department for seven years. For the past nine years, Bosquet has also been a full time sergeant and Supervisor of Campus Safety at Keene State College. He will continue in this position, while

working 15 hours a week for the Town of Richmond as chief.

Bosquet completed the Police Academy in 2000; served as a firefighter in the Hollis Fire Department and on the Hollis Ambulance Squad; completed FEMA emergency preparedness training and the NH Fire Academy Incident Command program; and is a First Responder qualified in CPR and AED. Bosquet is a trained educator for safety in the workplace, and completed a police mountain bike program and a security for businesses and educational institutions program.

Chief Bosquet says his favorite part of the job in Richmond is working with the community, and one of his proudest accomplishments is starting the bike rodeo program in Richmond. We welcome Chief Bosquet and thank him for his ongoing commitment to our town and its residents.

Thank you Chief Wood. On behalf of all Richmond residents, the Selectmen thank Chief Wood for his 14 years of service as Chief of Police of the Town of Richmond. We commend him for his commitment to building the Richmond Police Department into a professional force for the town. His exemplary service and dedication to the people of Richmond and cooperation with police officials in surrounding towns set a very high standard for future Chiefs of Police. Richmond residents have benefited from Chief Wood's firm and compassionate

approach to policing, his calm and professional style of communication, and his willingness to respond to calls any time, day or night. We look forward to continuing to work with Richmond's new Lieutenant Wood.

Volunteers. The Selectmen commend all our volunteers for their work and commitment! If you are not a volunteer yet, we'd like to encourage you to serve. Several committees have openings right now. The Recreation Committee and the Parks Committee focus on creating opportunities for engaging youth and building community. Both the Voluntary Energy Committee and the Agriculture Committee are seeking new members. If you are interested in working on any town committees, please call Roberta or Bev at Town Hall to volunteer. Thank you all.

**Town of Richmond, NH  
Request for Qualifications**

DOT Project #21190 bridge #160/071, Fay Martin Road over Tully Brook

The Richmond Board of Selectmen requests Engineering qualifications per RSA 21-I:22 for Bridge Design and Construction. Firms to be considered for selection must demonstrate experience in the disciplines required (bridge design and highway design) and have a minimum of two licensed professional engineers on staff, one of whom shall be registered in the branch classification of structural engineer.

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The successful engineering firm will review Department of Transportation Bridge Inspection reports and will be required to follow all New Hampshire Department of Transportation State Bridge Aid requirements.

Statements shall address the following elements.

A. Engineering Study, which shall include:

1. Existing conditions
2. Design criteria
3. Proposed roadway alignment
4. Bridge type, studies and recommendations
5. Boring layout and logs
6. Hydrologic studies
7. Cost estimates
8. Environmental considerations

B. Preliminary Plans

C. Finalized Plans, and contract proposal

D. Bridge Load Rating Analysis

E. Construction Services

F. As-built Plans

Consultant selection shall be based on:

1. Firm history and description including state licenses and affiliation
2. Experience with similar projects that the firm has designed and also experience with NHDOT Bridge Aid program.
3. Familiarity and understanding of the project including proposed project approach and schedule.
4. Descriptions of budgeting, cost, and quality control procedures.
5. Ability to meet proposed or required project schedule.
6. Ability to assure project consistency, if changes in the Engineering Firm staffing should occur.
7. Familiarity with applicable Federal and State regulations.
8. Possession of satisfactory record of performance (additional professional references supplied upon request).

Project Team

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Please include resumes and qualifications of key personnel to be assigned to this project along with an organizational chart. The Town of Richmond is an equal opportunity employer; all statements will receive consideration without regard to race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation or national origin.

General Information

Qualifications must be submitted (three copies) in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Municipal Bridges" no later than 5 PM, Monday, October 24, 2011, sent to the attention of Richmond Board of Selectmen, 105 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, NH 03470.

After the closing date and time listed above, the Board of Selectmen will open, review and short list all statements. Within ten working days, interviews will be offered to and conducted with the top three choices. The firms will be rated and the town will enter into negotiations with the top rated firm for a fee proposal for engineering services. If not mutually agreeable, the Town of Richmond will entertain a fee proposal from the firm rated second and so on, until an agreement is reached.

Award will be made by the Board of Selectmen at a regular Board meeting.

Project Contact:

Lori Scanlan, Selectman, at 603/239-4771 or by email at ashbyway@aol.com

**From the Town Clerk's Office  
Annette Tokunaga**

The office will be closed on October 10, 2011, in observance of Columbus Day. Because the office is regularly closed on Tuesday, office hours for that week will be Wednesday from 9-noon and 1-5 and Thursday from 9-noon.

**Hello Richmond Residents  
Mark Beal, Road Agent**

It has been several months since I last wrote. I have been busy and hope you all have noticed. Many of the ditches and culverts in town were cleaned and I am working on the highway barn yard. The gate at the town barn was replaced and the town

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shed was cleaned. I made repairs to the town truck and removed the old lettering. New lettering is coming soon.

Cleaning the ditches and culverts allowed the town to weather the big storm with little damage. The storm also moved to the west of Richmond and that helped. My thoughts go out to Vermont and surrounding towns that did not have our luck.

I would like to thank the people who stopped before the storm to let me know they would be there to help. Most of the storm damage is cleaned up or will be cleaned up by the time you read this.

As soon as the weather cooperates I plan to begin grading. I will begin prepping for winter and the nasty four letter word—snow (No offense to the snow lovers in Richmond). Brush cutting will be on the list of fall chores.

As always you can call me at 903-2184 for help or insight.

### Things From the District October 2011 Neil Moriarty

Note: The High School and Middle School are in one building under one principal—I am going to use the abbreviation MRHS to refer to the school. Given an item refers to one or the other – I will so specify.

#### It's School Start Time

Schools opened on schedule with the majority of the building projects completed: Mount Caesar has its new fire alarm and sprinkler system; the Gilsum school has its renovation to core open area (it's like a patio area that is almost surrounded by the building) from filling with water and freezing over; MRHS has a majority of its renovations complete. With \$1million-plus spent on the high school and we can't see the improvements is tough on the psyche — trust me, a huge amount of electrical improvements have been made to the 50 year-old building. 9,500 hours of work completed over the summer. Smart lighting is being installed in the elementary schools and the MRHS will follow. Smart lighting turns off when no one is present, and on when someone appears.

#### Resource Officer – High School

The Sentinel (September 4, 2011) ran an article on the lack of a resource officer on MRHS opening day. Wonders of all wonders, didn't a 13 year-old bring the school to its knees – according to the Sentinel and police chief: no officers could respond (call from Assistant Principal unnamed) to the school due to heavy Swanzey workload. Even the chief was too busy to bother with the school. Kudos to Jed Butterfield —Jed did not even mention the “disruptive kid” incident at the school board meeting (September 6, 2011) as the principals all reported on opening day activities. No, Jed (and others) just went off and found a grant to cover the missing amount of funds (\$12,000); the school board accepted Jed's idea. The Officer is now on duty (made the cover/above the fold story in Sentinel Sept 7th.)

Grumbling over short time between MRHS classes – time between classes was shorted from four minutes to three minutes to create a “Help Student (my term) Period.” Lunch is cut to 20 minutes for the same purpose. I heard the grumbling; however, the student body president praised it—let's give it a chance. I sent an alternative we had back home to Jed.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013 With a goal of getting at or near the state average cost per pupil in five years, the budget committee took the lead this year and recommended to the administration that they put together a budget of \$31,777,000 (including the Food Service and SAU 93 costs). This is a 4% decrease from FY2011-2012; however, any raises given in the three union contracts (that will appear on separate warrant articles in March 2012) would increase the cost per pupil. It also does not address declining enrollment within MRSD.

127 days to Deliberative Session for all to turn out and stop things like \$918,000 being added to the budget – that no one asked for.

If you have concerns, questions, or comments, please feel free to contact me at 239,4031. Jim Carnie will be glad to address any district concerns you have at 239-4948.

### Library News Wendy O'Brien

#### Storytimes

There will be a brief story hour for younger elementary school-aged children on Tuesday, October 4 at around 2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays with Wendy continue at 10:00 a.m. throughout the fall. Come enjoy themed stories, a craft, and a small snack.

If you would like a special storytime for your daycare, home school group, or other group of children, please do not hesitate to contact the library at 239-6164. We can come to you!

#### Special Pony Story Time

On Saturday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m., we are pleased to welcome Devon Garone from Fairfield South Farm and her ponies for free pony rides. Come take a look at our great selection of horse books, have a pony ride, and enjoy some cider and doughnuts.

#### Reading with Kodah & Louie

We have planned a visit with Kodah and Louie for October 22 at 11:00 a.m. Kodah and Louie are volunteers for Monadnock Therapy Pets. They offer gentle listening ears for children just learning to read or who wish to be more confident in their reading. Come by for a story or just a pat—no reservations needed!

#### Ongoing Book Sale

We have an ongoing indoor book sale that will feature different types of books each month. This month we are featuring popular fiction writers. Stop by and take a look—our volunteers have been busy alphabetizing by author so you can quickly find what you are looking for. Paperbacks are \$0.50 and hardcovers are \$1.00. Also available is the children's cart—any item is just \$0.25. We hope to see

you!

### New Store Hours Joanne Cote

The Richmond Four Corner Store is changing its hours effective October 1. The new hours are Sun. 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Mon.-Wed. 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Thurs.-Sat. 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

### What a Summer it's Been! Betsy Pearsall

It's the middle of September, and we're only 64 days out from the 2011 Arizona 3Day! Wow, has time flown right by! So many of you have offered words of support and kindness over the past months, that I just wanted to take a moment and thank you for all you've done!

You've sent me letters and emails of support. You've made phone calls. You've offered to walk some training miles with me. You've made donations to my account. You've given your cans and bottles to redeem. You've donated goods to my yard sales. I could not ask for better family, friends and neighbors by my side during this journey. I am truly blessed by having each and every one of you in my life.

I am a firm believer in the concept of “Paying It Forward.” Several years ago, when I was struggling to meet my minimum goal of \$2300, a stranger reached out and made a donation to my account that put me over the edge and allowed me to walk that year. Since then, I have promised myself that once I reach my minimum goal, I will set aside funds to help other walkers reach their goals. It's great to say that I've raised a huge amount of money, but it's greater still to have more participants on the roads, raising more awareness and touching more lives on the journey toward a cure. This year, we've raised more than \$3400. WAAAYYY over my minimum goal of \$2300, and over my personal goal of \$3000. With the extra dollars you've sent my way, I was able to help six other walkers around the country meet their goals. I thank you for this generosity.

On a personal note, I have a favor to ask. I LOVE getting mail...Snail Mail at 3Day Camp to be exact. Cards and letters of support are cherished at the end of a 20 mile day! Do you remember what it was like to get mail from home while you were a kid at “sleep-away” camp? How exciting was it to get an envelope with your name on it? Well, multiply that by 1500 walkers! (At the time of this writing, the mailing address is unavailable. If you would like to send me a note or card, please email me at parallax@ne.rr.com, and as soon as the address is available, I will forward it to you! Or you can send it to me at Betsy Pearsall, 20 Old Homestead Highway, Richmond, NH 03470. Mark the envelope “3Day Mail” and I will take it with me to Arizona and open it there!)

If you want to show a little extra support to the 3-Day for the Cure participant in your life, you can send her or him sweet dreams with a personal note and a custom 3-Day chocolate medallion from

Edward Marc, Chocolatier. For a \$10 donation, the staff of the 3-Day will put together a notecard with your personal message, along with a custom 3-Day chocolate medallion, for me to pick up at the 3-Day Lounge in camp. Follow this link for more information and to send a “Sweet Dreams” treat. This is only available for a limited time, so please make your “Sweet Dreams” treat donation\* at:

www.the3day.org/site/PageServer?pagename=2011\_sweet\_dreams\_treat

(\* The fair market value of the “Sweet Dreams” treat provided by the 3-Day in connection with your \$10.00 contribution is \$3.00. Therefore, the amount of your donation to the 3-Day that may be tax deductible is \$7.00. Please check with your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of your gift. Donations made for a “Sweet Dreams” treat are not credited to a participant's fundraising account.)

Blessing to you all, and again, many many thanks!

### The Khan Academy Neil Moriarty

The Khan Academy is a free education website via YouTube. My daughter Holly, a teacher in Connecticut, turned me on to this. Khan provides 10-minute modules on any topic from very basic math, algebra, calculus, to science. It is being used in schools in California, and endorsed (and some funding provided) by Bill Gates. It has been on PBS. It has many great uses, including helping autism students learn. I recently used it to refresh how to do something within statistics. A quote from the author:

“Our library of videos covers K-12 math, science topics such as biology, chemistry, and physics, and even reaches into the humanities with playlists on finance and history. Each video is a digestible chunk, approximately 10 minutes long, and especially purposed for viewing on the computer.”

“I teach the way that I wish I was taught. The lectures are coming from me, an actual human being who is fascinated by the world around him.” —Sal

You can work online and be tracked by Khan Academy, or just do the modules yourself. Working online offers benefits of tracking progress. I'll leave that up to you.

I think our home schoolers could use it, and I will see if MRSD education community would like to look into its use; especially in basic math. The Center should also give this a good look for their students. The site is at: www.khanacademy.org/.

I don't know how well you could view this on dial up connection; you may in fact have to download the modules and use them after you receive them. This should not be a problem as the modules work stand-alone. Additionally, at least two modules I looked at used Excel (a Microsoft trademark spreadsheet). You can view the Excel instructions within the Khan module; however, you need Excel (or equal, see below) to create your own examples. Fortunately, there is a FREE spreadsheet module called Open Office (a suite of open-source office

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**2nd Annual Haunted House  
Terri Siilanpaa**

Once again the Fitzwilliam Historical Society will sponsor a Haunted House to take place within the historic Amos J. Blake House Museum, Rt. 119, on the Common in Fitzwilliam NH. This 1837 structure is an ideal setting for an entertaining visit and tour to take place over the three Friday and Saturday evenings leading up to Halloween. Times have expanded over last year's event due to the incredible response! Open hours are 7:00-10:00 p.m.; dates are Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29. That's six nights of spooky, bone chilling fun! Try not to scream too loud, you'll wake the dead in the backyard cemetery!

This event is non-strenuous and completely new and unique this year with frightfully appropriate period costumes, decorations, and gripping storyline to enhance your visit. Also new this year will be an expanded and interactive graveyard walk on the property, sure to make more than one visitor race away in fear! This fundraising event is being expertly handled by Rick Hoyt & Valerie Coates, your hosts for the evening.

Refreshments will be served. Cost per person is \$2. Join us if you dare! Find us on Facebook. [fhs@myfairpoint.net](mailto:fhs@myfairpoint.net)

**Greetings from Concord**

**Representative Richard J. Dwinell  
Representing District Cheshire #5**

Governor Lynch on June 27th, 2011 vetoed SB 129, the Voter Identification Law which was passed by the legislature. I voted for this bill as there have been instances of college students and others voting in national, NH state and municipal elections while still voting in the state they were originally from.

This bill would require voters to show either a federal or state-issued photo ID showing their place of residence. By showing proof that they're legally eligible to vote in that city or town clears up any doubts about their residency. It is a proven fact that state residents have voted in NH elections and also the states where they are temporarily living. Non residents are required by law to vote in the states where they're registered voters by absentee ballots, which they can obtain from their city or town clerks where they're legally registered

to vote.

When people open or withdraw funds from bank accounts, rent a car or buy plane tickets, they have to show a photo ID. Showing our ID is a very common practice that we have to do on a daily basis that shouldn't be considered an undue burden when voting.

Voting is one of our greatest rights as citizens and shouldn't be taken lightly. I feel that a person's civil rights are not being violated by this bill.

**Out and About  
John Boccalini**

Sat/Sun Oct. 1-2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Cheshire Craftsmen 38th Annual Fair:** Keene Recreational Center, 312 Washington St.

Sat. Oct. 1, 1 p.m. **One Man, Two Guvners**, Peterborough Players Playhouse, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough. Tickets: \$25 adults, \$20 students.

Sun. Oct. 2, 1:45 p.m. **Worcester County Model A Car Event:** Cathedral of the Pines Rindge

Sun. Oct. 2, 12-4 p.m. **Geo Challenge Fundraiser**, Mariposa Museum. Location: 26 Main St. Peterborough.

Sun. Oct. 2, 12-4 p.m. **October Fest Party with Otis and the Elevators**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn, Fitzwilliam

Thurs. Oct. 6, 7 p.m. **In God's Name - Documentary Film:** Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge.

Fri. Oct. 7, 5-9 p.m. **First Friday - Downtown Peterborough:** Grove Street, Depot Square, Main St. Peterborough.

Fri. Oct. 7, 8 p.m. **Northern Stone**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn, Fitzwilliam.

Fri. Oct. 7, 7:30-10 p.m. **Parish Hall Open Stage:** Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Main Street, Peterborough, NH (Next to Ocean Bank). Sign Up Times: Performers show up between 6:30PM-7:30PM and sign-up at entrance for a performance slot, or email and sign-up by contacting [jackkidmusic@gmail.com](mailto:jackkidmusic@gmail.com)

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 7-8, 7:30 p.m. **Frost Heaves Comedy Variety Show.** Peterborough Players Playhouse 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough

Sat.-Sun Oct. 8-9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **Fall Foliage Art Studio Tour: Tour** 19 Monadnock towns: Keene, Swanzey, Rindge, Antrim, Stoddard, Spofford and more. For more info call Gill Truslow at 357-4382, Email: [ltruslow@ne.rr.com](mailto:ltruslow@ne.rr.com) or visit [www.fallfoliageartstudiotour.com](http://www.fallfoliageartstudiotour.com)

Sat. Oct. 8, 8 p.m. **The Blue Shots**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn, Fitzwilliam.

Sun. Oct. 9, 5 p.m. **4th Annual Foliage Concert**, Hancock Community Church

Tue. Oct. 11, 2 p.m. Senior Series, **The Tea Route: Discovering the Elixir of the East** Mariposa Museum. 26 Main St. Peterborough

Tue. Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m. **Kings of Salsa**, Colonial Theater, Main St., Keene

Fri. Oct. 14, 7 p.m. **Myth & Reality: A Trip to Iran**, Mariposa Museum. 26 Main St. Peterborough.

Fri. Oct. 14, 8 p.m. **Rickie Lee Jones**, Colonial Theater, Main St., Keene.

Fri. Oct. 14, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. **Deadbeat** Harlow's Pub, 3 School St, Peterborough.

Sat., Oct. 15, 1 p.m. **MetLive in HD: Anna Bolena**, Colonial Theater, Main St., Keene..

Sat., Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. **Frost Heaves Comedy Variety Show.** Peterborough Players Playhouse 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough.

Sat., Oct. 15, 8 p.m. **Hot Mustard Bluegrass**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn, Fitzwilliam.

Sun. Oct. 16, 10 a.m. **Yankee Pot Luck Car Club:** Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge.

Sunday, October 16, Wed. Oct 19, 6 p.m. 19 **Free film - "Hacking Democracy"** Fitzwilliam Library Meeting Room

Fri. Oct. 21, 7 p.m. **Silk Road Stories "Journey to the West" and Tai Chi for Families** Storyteller Li Min Mo. Mariposa Museum. Location: 26 Main St. Peterborough.

Sat. Oct. 22 9 a.m. **Medicine Wheel Workshop:** Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge.

Sat. Oct. 22, Noon-8:30 p.m. **Keene Pumpkin Festival**, Main St. Keene. A day of family packed fun.

Sat Oct. 22, 12:30 p.m. **Pumpkin Festival Children's Costume Parade**, West Street to Main Street.

Sat Oct. 22, 12-3 pm. **Heirloom Apple Tasting**, Alyson's Orchard, Walpole. [Alysonsorchar.com](http://Alysonsorchar.com)

Sat Oct. 22, 1 p.m. **The Kitchen.** Players Playhouse, 55 Hadley Rd. Peterborough. Tickets: \$25 adults, \$20 students.

Sun. Oct. 23, 5 p.m. **Oktoberfest with live Oompah music:** It's an Oktoberfest celebration, The Inn at East Hill Farm, 460 Monadnock St., Troy. Prices are \$22.95 per person age 16-adult, \$12.95 per child age 5-15, and \$7.50 per child age 2-4. Please add tax and gratuities to these rates. This is a BYOB event and reservations are required.

Tues., Oct. 25, 2 p.m. **Senior Series - The Paper Trail.** Mariposa Museum. 26 Main St. Peterborough.

Fri. Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m. **An Auction of Historic Proportions.** Historical Society, 246 Main St. Tickets are \$50 per person. For tickets and more information, call 603-352-1895 or visit [www.hscen.org](http://www.hscen.org).

Fri. Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. **Vegas Rat Pack - LIVE!** Colonial Theater, Main St., Keene.

Fri. Oct. 28, 8 p.m. **Christa Renee Band**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn, Fitzwilliam.

Fri. Oct. 28, 8 p.m. **Jaffrey Legion Costume Party.** CJ the DJ. Jaffrey American Legion Hall, Jaffrey.

Fri. Oct. 28, 9:30 p.m.-12 a.m. **Murphys Blues Band**, Harlow's Pub, 3 School St, Peterborough.

Sat. Oct. 29, 7 p.m. **35th Parallel Convert** Mariposa Museum. Location: 26 Main St. Peterborough.

Sat. Oct. 29, 7 p.m. **Monadnock Humane Society Hair Ball:**

Elegant black-tie-optional fundraiser. Hidden Hills, Route 202, Rindge.

Sat. Oct. 29, 8 p.m. **Sugar House Band**, Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn, Fitzwilliam.

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Every Thursday 7-10 p.m. **Open Mic Night.** Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam.

Every Thursday 9 p.m.-1 a.m. **CJ the DJ** Grumpy Don's Sports Bar and Restaurant in Hillsboro.

**Edible Flowers  
Judith M. Graves**

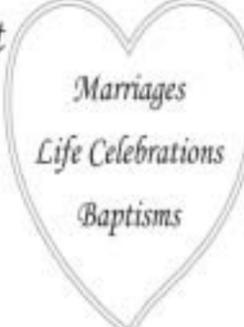
Eating flowers may seem to be an odd thing to do, but by not adding them to our foods we are missing some exotic flavors and additions to make an ordinary meal gourmet. Using flowers in the kitchen is fun, so be creative and experiment, but proceed with caution. Usually a combo of two flowers is enough, flavors can become muddled. If you appreciate good foods and pretty flowers, they go hand and hand. A solution for both is to grow flowers you enjoy, bring them into your kitchen, experiment! Plant a lot of what you like and use often. Use flowers to add color and interest as well as a new taste to your table. Be sure to rinse your flowers to remove insects before you eat them.

Here are RULES FOR EDIBLE FLOWERS as all flowers are not safe to eat.

1. Eat flowers only when you are positive they are edible.
2. Just because it is served with food does not mean a flower is edible.
3. Eat only flowers that have been grown organically.
4. Do not eat flowers from florists, nurseries, or from garden centers.
5. If you have hay fever, asthma or allergies, do not eat flowers.
6. Do not eat flowers picked from the side of the road. They are contaminated from car emissions.
7. Remove pistils and stamens from flowers before eating. Eat only the petals.
8. Not all flowers are edible. SOME ARE POISONOUS! So do your homework before eating.
9. There are many varieties of any one flower. Flowers taste different when grown in different locations just like herbs do.
10. Introduce flowers into your diet the way you would

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## Living History With Ernest Perry

by Bob Weekes

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Oliver Perry was one of Richmond's early settlers, moving here from Mendon, Massachusetts, in 1783 or 1786, according to records that have descended with the Perry family. He settled on Lot 20, Range 2 in the far northeast corner of town, on what later maps show as the Cyrus Merrifield Place. At that time his farm was probably accessible via Activity Road from the west, Old Richmond Road from the north, and by the old road that ran directly north up the east side of Grassy Hill from Old County Road into Troy. Today his cellar hole is all but inaccessible as the old roads have grown up into woods. But it was at this remote spot in Richmond where Oliver Perry chose to put down new roots two centuries ago...and to vigorously defend them when he felt he had to.

Neith Boyce, in her book about Richmond's history, *The Town in the Forest*, tells us that from time to time, parts of Richmond were lopped off by neighboring towns as borders were realigned. She relates that when surveyors arrived at Oliver Perry's farm in 1815 for such an adjustment to the line between Richmond and Troy, "a farmer living near the boundary questioned the surveyors and found that the land was to be included in Troy. He stepped into his house and came back with his shot-gun. 'I was set out to Richmond,' he remarked, 'and I'm going to stay in Richmond.'" The land now shows a jog, where the farmer's land is marked as part of Richmond."

Whether this curious jog in Richmond's survey line was settled as a result of that bold Yankee confrontation or also influenced by other factors (e.g., the topography of that area), we may never know. But Ernest Perry of West Swanzey, who is also Oliver Perry's great-great-great grandson, has something more to embellish his family's oral history tale. And that is the actual gun that was used in this Richmond stand-off almost 200 years ago.

Ernest relates that this circa

1808 flintlock military rifle was also used by Oliver's son, Nahum, who carried it in the War of 1812. Nahum died during his service and the gun was returned to Oliver who, upon his own death, passed it on by will to his son, John. John had moved to Swanzey, to what was and still is known as the "Perry Farm" on Taylor Hill Road, which is situated just north of the Richmond/Swanzey line. (In 1807 John built a sawmill across the road from his house which cut cordwood and made boxes, barrel staves, shingles and clapboards. The foundation of the old sawmill can be seen next to Perry Brook, which rises farther up Taylor Hill in Richmond in the meadow behind Kim Mattson's house. The Perry farmhouse today is owned by Dr. Lewis Kibler and his wife, Priscilla Perry Kibler, also a direct descendant of Oliver.)

Sometime after the gun arrived at the "Perry Farm" about 1818, one of John's children was slightly injured by its attached bayonet while playing with it. It is said that the Perry women immediately confiscated the gun and hid it in the rafters of the house where it lay undiscovered for the next two generations! Then, two of Oliver's great-great-grandsons, Herman Perry and Elmer Holbrook (father of Allen Holbrook who lives today in the old Noah Perry/Hosea Ballou house on Fish Hatchery Road) rediscovered it in the attic. The gun again became a plaything, suffering some damage to its stock. Subsequently young Herman grew into adulthood and married. Years later in the mid-1950's, his widow Gladys passed the gun on to Ernest, the great-great-great grandson of its original owner, who restored the gun and treasures it to this day.

I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Ernest and examining the gun in his "treasure room" in his home in West Swanzey. Ernest is 88 years young and attended the 70th reunion of his class at Keene High School in August. To call him alert and spry would be a substantial understatement. He doesn't get around

in a wheel chair; he gets around in a 2000 Subaru Forester, his 1950 "woody" Ford station wagon and his 1914 Model T Ford touring car which, like himself, he keeps in good running condition.

The 97 year old Model T is a two-owner car (both owners were Perrys). It was purchased new by Ernest's father, Arthur, in 1914 and the then-weekly Sentinel advised its hungry readers that Arthur B. Perry of Richmond had purchased a new 5-passenger car. Arthur had only an 8th grade education, grew up at another Perry house (his father Byron's) on Taylor Hill in Richmond and graduated from Richmond's School #4, which until fairly recently stood at the intersection of Lang and Bullock Road in what was then known as the "Polecat" neighborhood.

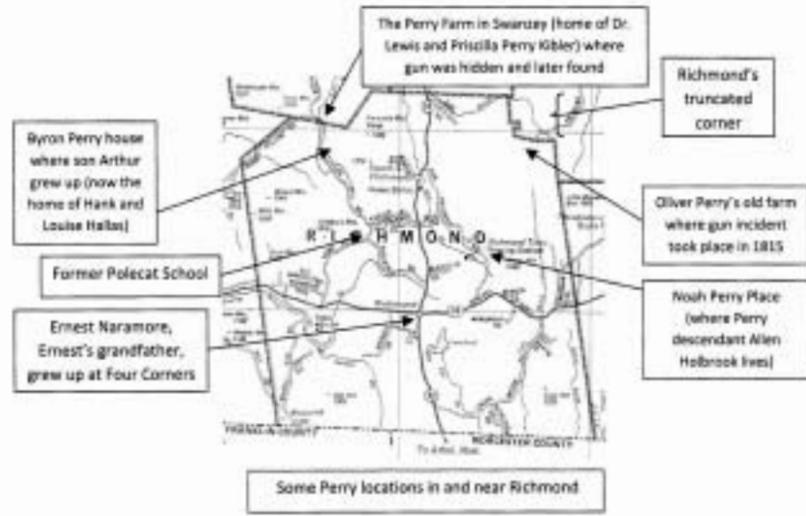
Subsequently Arthur became a successful carpenter, traveling from town to town to do his work (he and his uncle built the Depot Store in Fitzwilliam). As Ernest tells it, his father hated horses and wanted a more fashionable way to get around. His solution was a 1914 Ford Model T touring car. Ernest has fond memories of riding in this car as a child along back roads in Richmond, Swanzey and Winchester for picnics and other Sunday jaunts. In the photo below, his father and mother are shown driving with friends and relatives to what Ernest speculates might have been one of a number of "Richmond Old Home Days" that he recalls attending with his father.

Ernest believes this photo might have been taken up on Taylor Hill near the Perry homesteads. And not being one to ignore my challenge, and despite Hurricane Irene, which blew through less than 24 hours after I issued it, closing the roadway on the south—but not the north—side of Taylor Hill, Ernest drove the Model T up Taylor Hill to recreate this photo. Unfortunately he did not have a Richmond banner to complete the picture.

Other Perry family connections to Richmond: Ernest's maternal grandfather, Ernest George Naramore, grew up in Richmond at the house across from the 4 Corners Store formerly owned by George Blais, now the home of Arlene and Bruce Crowley. Ernest's father, Arthur, was a contemporary of Harold Dickinson, who wrote *Gaskill's Haven*, a book of historical fiction about life in early Richmond. At Dickinson's request Arthur read the original manuscript to help make sure the author was not saying anything that might provoke a lawsuit. And Ernest figures he is 6th cousin to Dick Martin, whose book about the Martin Mills, *The Only Mill in Town*, I edited and helped publish in 1995 to benefit the Richmond Public Library. Ernest is also a distant cousin of Harry and Franklin Morse, friends and former neighbors of mine who lived just south of the 4 Corners. But I'm sure the foregoing will barely scratch the surface of Perry history in Richmond. It's my hope that others, some of whom I met in the pursuit of this story, will contribute more in future issues of the Rooster.

In closing, Ernest Perry is a repository of living history of this area and fascinating to chat with, as each of his stories invariably leads to another and another. Those of us who revere old houses are wont to say, "if only these walls could talk." It's a boon for history lovers when they still can! What struck this writer about both flintlock rifle and Model T touring car was their extraordinary provenance... both having been owned by and directly descended through a succession of Perrys in both Richmond and Swanzey all the way to Ernest, who is more than willing to tell us about them. And don't worry about where gun and car will wind up next. Following a family tradition that began two centuries ago with Oliver, Ernest and his wife Arlene have made sure there are lots more Perrys left in the area to safeguard these rarities and their stories!

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Ernest Perry with his historic flintlock. (Photo courtesy of Judy Perry)



The Polecat School in 1911. (Photo courtesy of Ernest Perry)



Arthur and Mrs. Perry and friends, circa 1914. (Photo courtesy of Judy Perry)



Ernest Perry in his Model T today. (Photo courtesy of Judy Perry)

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new foods to a baby—one at a time in small quantities.

11. Smell flowers, aromas are a large part of the taste, then nibble to know the flavor.

12. Don't overwhelm a guest with large flowers. Pull off petals and scatter lightly over dish.

13. Identify flowers correctly.

14. All edible herbs have edible flowers which right there give you a good start to feel comfortable with.

The BIG TEN most edible flowers are: Calendula, Chives, Daylily, Mint, Nasturtium, Pansy, Rose, Sage, Squash Blossoms, Lavender.

ALL CULINARY HERBS—If the leaf of an herb is edible; so is the flower with a milder flavor than the leaves. For example Borage has a cucumber flavor, both leaves and flowers, and Chives have an onion flavor, both leaves and flowers.

EDIBLE FLOWERS: Bergamot (petals), Calendula (petals), Chrysanthemum (petals), Dandelion (petals), Daisy (petals), Daylily, Gladiola, Hyssop, Hollyhock, Lilacs, Nasturtium, Pansy, Scented Geraniums, Tulip, Violets and all edible herbs.

Ideas of how to use edible flowers in your dishes.

- Pansy and Violets can top a cupcake, dollop of whipped cream, or scattered in a salad.

- Tulip, Hollyhock, Daylily, and Squash flowers can have the stamen removed and filled with a tuna salad and set on a bed of lettuce.

- Scatter petals over a frosted cake.

- Every punch bowl can float edible flowers or freeze in ice cubes for a frosty glass of ice tea.

- Garnish any meal with a small bouquet of edible flowers tied with a chive stem.

- Add petals in cookie dough.

- Sample each bloom to see how it tastes, and which food it will go best with.

- Scatter chive blossoms over a cheese omelet

- Sprinkle some violets over a plain vanilla custard.

- Heap a perfect tulip blossom (stamen removed) with chicken salad for a beautiful spring luncheon.

- Try a scoop of fruit sherbet in gladiola flowers for a dramatic summer dessert.

- Squash flower filled with a dip set on a plate with crackers.

I will not give here any toxic flowers to confuse you. There are many books out there on edible flowers; if this sparks your interest be sure to look into them. I hope this has found you adding interest, color and flavor to your family meals.

Enjoy the last of the summer. Gather the hydrangea's and hang till dry. Fill all your baskets for winter enjoyment, tuck into your holiday trees, and top a gift with a small bouquet. Gather some goldenrod and hang upside down to add color to your dried arrangements

as well. NO ONE IS ALLERGIC to goldenrod, it is the ragweed that comes out at the same time that gave the goldenrod such a bad name.

### Friends Remember Jack John Bocalini

Jack Marsden passed away on August 28, 2011. He was our friend. John Bocalini, Pete Majoy, Sean McElhiney, and Russ Provost were lucky to be present in his life, especially during the final six months of ups and downs, during which Jack displayed great courage and a sense of humor. A major activity we regularly looked forward to was the competitive, hilarious, surprising, and sometimes nonsensical world that evolved at Jack's pool room in his house on Whipple Hill Rd.

Jack, thank you for the life and death lesson you shared with us. The brotherhood we experienced playing pool is remembered in the following poem:

#### Pool Cue Smile

In the pool room we gathered  
cause our friendship really mattered  
through the end and beyond.  
It was always a cool room  
though our shots were just finite booms  
but laughs were forever.  
In the time it takes to shoot  
five amigos bond took deep root  
as time ticked and tide ebbed.  
It was our gangland hangout  
where pool cues were what life's about  
the quantum leap of now.  
In the end game when time stops  
pool cues are hints of our tear drops  
hidden within our grief.  
It is time to now return  
to the pool table as we yearn  
for Jack's great smile on cue.

### Meadowood County Area Fire Dept Melanie Ellis

The Meadowood County Area Fire Department will be holding a Fall Fire School in October. October 15-16, firefighters from around the area will be participating in classes ranging from Firefighter Safety, which will teach the newest member of the fire department how to safely use their protective clothing and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus to the more advanced Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) which will give the firefighter the skills needed to perform rescues of other firefighters who have become trapped or lost; and also how to perform self-rescue procedures when confronted with life threatening conditions.

MCAFD still has some cookbooks left. "Cookin' with Fire" con-

tains some of the favorite recipes from our members and a few funny tidbits. If you haven't received your cookbook yet, please contact a Meadowood member.

October 9th -15th is Fire Prevention week. This year's theme is "Protect your family from fire." Make sure all family members know what to do in the event of a fire. Draw a floor plan with at least two ways of escaping every room on each floor. Be sure the plan shows important details: stairs, hallways and windows that can be used as fire escape routes. Choose a safe meeting place outside for all members to meet, and never go back inside a burning building. On November 6th, we will be changing the clocks back. This would be a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

### Questions Neil Moriarty

1. What is the Bill of Rights?
  2. What is the capital of New Hampshire?
  3. Who is the current governor of New Hampshire?
  4. Who becomes President of the United States if the President and the Vice-President should die?
  5. Who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?
  6. Can you name the 13 original states?
  7. Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death."?
  8. Which countries were our enemies during World War II?
  9. What are the 49th and 50th states of the Union?
  10. How many terms can a President serve?
- Answers: See page 13

### October RPC Column Jean Tandy and Kim Mattson

August 13 was a beautiful summer day to celebrate RPC's 5th Annual "Brown Baggin" event, and the years that our small group has been dedicated to promoting town laws and supporting community interests. As one of many town organizations, our celebration was made possible by very special talents of neighbors & friends from Richmond, Keene, Royalston MA, Warwick MA and Orange MA. Gifts for the raffles, silent auction table, the recycled gifts table, for Richmond's Agriculture Commission exhibit, the baked selections of yumyum goodies, were generous to the core. J. Graves arranged the recycled gifts & T. O'Rorke the silent auction tables into art forms. The Friendly Town Band from Orange, MA, played on at the south end of the Pavilion, while L. Goodnow's "Gallery 2 B" (constructed the night before), was hung with paintings, hand made quilts & poems along the NW wall & corner of the Pavilion. Bronze cast sculptures & tables, clay sculptures, and poems were exhibited in front of the Gallery 2 B walls, near C. Polk's baked goodies table. K. Goodnow did her usual brilliant creation of Richmond calendars, offered for sale. J. LaPlume offered a selection of goods at her private sales table.

Seventeen paintings by eight fine painters, six hand made quilts

by two exquisite quilters, four cast bronze pieces by two bronze artists, several selections of poetry by three poets and five hand built clay sculptures were exhibited on this day. T. Majoy wo-manned the Agricultural Commission's plant & veggie swap with Richmond-grown produce while J. Graves and D. Graves efficiently tracked & announced constantly changing events. M. Beauregard manned the new horseshoe pits, while our police officer Brendan Bosquet ran the bicycle rodeo and awarded four youngsters with brand new bikes, generously donated by W. Hillock of Whipple Hill Road. Alex Hoar invented a new trend in spoon and egg races by engaging adults rather than children in these jolly, fun games. P. Rooney was kept occupied painting cats & other faces on children and dinosaurs on an elderly lady. And do not forget the food court with ravishing offerings of fried dough and other favorites by Todd and Kathy Tremblay.

The day's programs wound down with a visual/historical presentation of a selected period from Richmond's history by N. Thibodeau, Richmond's accomplished and expert archivist. In deep gratitude we wish to thank the artists, poets, quilters and musicians for their very generous gifts of sharing their works and talents on this country summer day. From Richmond: Jeani Eismont, (jeani@eismont.com) Jordan Eismont, Rosti Eismont, Elaine Laitinen, Peter Majoy, Terri O'Rorke, JC Tandy, Janice Weekes, and Robert Weekes.

From Warwick, MA: B.G. Thurston.(bgthurston@verizon.net)

From Royalston, MA: Jeff Bronnes, and Jodie Bronnes. (royalstonartsfoundry.com)

From Keene: Gill Truslow. (www.gilltruslow.com), and Hilary Tandy, (hitandy@vassar.edu).

From Hartford, CT: Chris London, clay artist

The "Friendly Town Sound" members: Dick Tandy-trumpet. Adam Whitten- fluglehorn/trumpet. Sue Tandy-Songer-clarinet.Elise Tandy-bass clarinet. Dana Tandy-trombone. Scott MacDonald-drums. Tom Deam-electric bass.

Many special talents and much planning and long hours went into making this day memorable. A heart felt thank you to all who made it possible for the enjoyment of the Richmond Community, from the RPC members.

### The Ecological Assault Elaine Moriarty

Beginning in July, one cottage owner located on Cass Pond took it upon himself to remove aquatic plants from the pond. He snorkeled with what seemed like an obsession, pulling up pickerel, water lilies and small grasses.

As I well know, I've been referred to as the "Beach Nazi" so I chose to observe him for a while.

On Sunday July 24 he turned loose in the pond, dead ahead of our town beach, a large (approximately 12 ft long) tangle of his harvestings. Fortunately the wind was blowing in the right direction and it floated to the shoreline near the former Hornet's

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Nest Day Camp.

On another day he released a second pile, again dead ahead of our swimming area and once again this drifted to the shoreline, to the left of our beach but closer to us.

Several times debris lined the shoreline of our beach and three of us concerned residents cleaned it up, along with a massive amount trapped in the living plants near the beach area. One of the other cottage owners also worked diligently to clean up two wheel barrels full, from in front of his cottage. I spent the entire afternoon one-day removing plant debris from the actual swimming area.

I contacted our Selectpersons, the Richmond Police Dept and the NH Dept of Environmental Services, Protection of Lakes and Ponds in Concord. The DES suggested I contact our local Conservation Commission which I did.

It all came to a head on Friday Aug 12 when a concerned beach lover confronted him as he continued his destruction. He was rude and taunting with his comments.

This man has caused damage to the ecology of Cass Pond. Internet research done by me, showed it was illegal without a permit. The wildlife from dragonflies, fish, turtles, frogs, snakes, ducks and blue heron all rely on plants for food or cover, they have been deprived of their habitat and nutrients. The pond's O2 has been diminished and it's opened up to exotic waterweeds taking root. Plus plant debris goes into survival mode, making the possibility of prolific reproduction.

As of this writing, the Conservation Commission is issuing a cease and desist order and hopefully the cottage owner will issue an apology to the town and it's beach users for his reckless behavior and the amount of time others have spent cleaning up after him.

### Letter to the Editor

William J. Pearsall

The statement by the Selectboard that "Uncollected taxes increase the tax burden on all taxpayers" leads me to question the fiscal ability of the people managing the town. I wish I personally had such a burden. That is, effectively lending money at 12 or 18 %, with collateral worth over 200 times the loan, and the ability to borrow money at the town's interest rate. What is that, about 5%?

### The Richmond Chicken?

Terri O'Rorke

There's a new monthly addition to our mailboxes who are currently looking for advertisers. I thought to take them up on it by presenting a check for three months worth of advertising for the "Chronology of the SBC Inc." website. This website has been advertised on and off here in the Rooster for several months. Instead, what I got back in the mail recently was my check, the ad and a short mis-

sive from the editor and publisher of this mailing, William Fall, stating; "The advertisement you submitted through Doug Bersaw is, in my opinion, not acceptable as it is for a website which I consider to be divisive to the Richmond community. Therefore I am returning your check herewith."

What is this publication so afraid of? The referenced website is a 20+ year timeline showing when the SBC arrived, who brought them here and how their buildings came to be. In my opinion, and the opinion of many others in town who have read this timeline, it accurately chronicles events and factual documents leading up to and the establishing of their compound here in Richmond. This is an important part of Richmond's history and has been woven together so that there is no doubt in the reader's mind as to how that development was accomplished. Any date on the website can be "clicked on" and the corresponding document(s) will open for the reader to verify the validity of the chronology. These public documents are protected under New Hampshire's "Right-to-Know" laws. Why fear the revelation of true events? Why deny the townspeople their choice to educate themselves, or not?

Perhaps the monthly mailing should rename itself "The Richmond Chicken." <http://sites.google.com/site/sbctimeline/>

### Quotable Quote

Terri O'Rorke

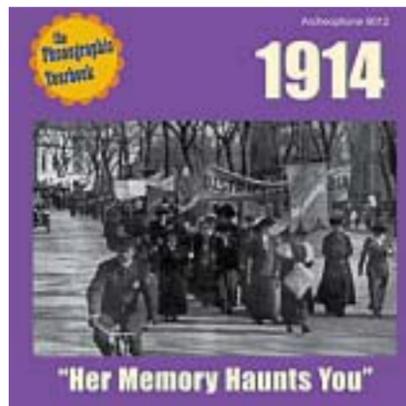
"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

—Martin Luther King

### The Hits of 1914

Frank Behrens

After a considerable time from Archeophone Record's last entry into its marvelous The Phonographic Yearbook series of CDs, "1914, Her Memory Haunts You" is now available. But first, a look at what was going on that year.



Woodrow Wilson began his term as President and was quickly accused of running things behind closed doors. (Sound familiar?) He was concerned with trouble in Mexico, but not with women who were strongly campaigning for the right to vote. Wilson did, however, respond in a way by establishing Mother's Day. The first income tax payments were made (with the promise, I recall, that they would never rise over 3%). The Panama Canal was opened to commercial traffic. ASCAP was formed to protect the rights of those who created the songs

America sang.

Among the best sellers of the day were three "Penrod" novels, while some major poets were making themselves known: Robert Frost, Vachel Lindsay, Amy Lowell, Joyce Kilmer, and Emily Dickenson (posthumously). On Broadway, Jerome Kern contributed a (now classic) song to "The Girl from Utah," ("They didn't believe me").

On this new Archeophone CD, 24 of the popular songs of 1914 are gathered in their glorious acoustic (pre-electric) sound. Among those that many of us "old timers" will instantly recognize are "When You Wore a Tulip," "Little Grey Home in the West," "By the Beautiful Sea," "The Aba Daba Honeymoon," "Ballin' the Jack," "He Had to Get Under," "An Irish Lullaby," and "It's a Long Way to Tipperary." "Cohen on the Telephone" is a spoken vaudeville sketch acted by Joe Hayman, making fun of the accents of many immigrants who were still struggling with English pronunciation.

Those already familiar with this series will recognize vocalists Irving Kaufman, Nora Bayes, Henry Burr, Billy Murray, Ada Jones, and the American Quartet. All of these stars have anthologies of their own on Archeophone discs.

As always, the booklet of program notes is alone worth the price of the album. The pictures are very well chosen and present a visual context for the singing styles and lyrics heard on the CD.

I urge my readers to look at Archeophone's website, [www.archeophone.com](http://www.archeophone.com), to see the entire catalogue. A really special treat is "Sophie Tucker: Origins of the Red Hot Mama, 1910-1922." She is something else!

### Answers to Questions

1. The first ten amendments to the constitution
2. Concord
3. John Lynch
4. Speaker of the House of Representatives (today John Boehner)
5. John G. Roberts, Jr.
6. New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Rhode Island, and Maryland
7. Patrick Henry
8. Germany, Italy, and Japan
9. Hawaii and Alaska
10. Two, although he or she can serve 10 years as president

### Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Date: 15 August 2011 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Attending: Sandra Gillis, JC Boudreau, Lori Scanlan  
Read mail and signed checks.

The Selectmen performed a site walk evaluation of 580 Winchester Rd. No decisions were made and the Board adjourned and reconvened at the town hall at 6:30 p.m.

Gary Robarge, owner of Avitar Assessing Company, addressed

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the Board and discussed services that Avitar would offer the town and how it could benefit the town.

Annette Tokunaga, town clerk, addressed the Board and asked for two meeting minutes to be signed.

Mark Beal, road agent, addressed the Board and informed them that he would like to purchase sixteen sheets of sheet rock to finish the walls at the highway shed. He also informed them that the fire department is running a raffle for a cord of wood and the department would like to use the town dump truck to deliver the wood to the winners and the Board is okay with that. Mark would like to purchase a York rake and a spreader for the town. He has obtained quotes from Osgood Inc- \$11889.50, H.P. Fairfield, LLC- \$11738.00; E.W. Sleeper- only sells a York rake- \$7343.00. The Board discussed options of how the equipment can be paid for and what fund or budget line can be used. They also discussed the possibility of leasing the equipment. Mark will gather more information about leasing and will get back to the Board. Sandra asked Mark about what his plans are for brush cutting on the roads and he explained the different roads he is planning on cleaning up. JC reminded Mark to adhere to the weight limits on the bridges with town equipment.

Russ Provost addressed the Board and discussed the perambulation for the town. Russ discussed what needs to be done and how it will be handled. The surrounding towns will be notified. He has contacted the LGC, asking what the notification period needs to be so people can be notified that the perambulation is happening. Russ will be contacting many people to help and will coordinate the project. He will inform the Board of the progress at next week's meeting.

Terri O'Rorke addressed the Board and asked about an article in the Keene Sentinel recently that indicated that the Local Government Center owes taxpayers money. Terri would like to know what the town is going to do about it. Sandra explained the article is not true and that it is just part of ugly rumors that have been going around for a couple of years now about the LGC. Terri also asked about a policy about people using public utilities without permission. There is a person that is plugging into the library outside the building to charge their computer quite often. Terri reported it to 911 this morning and is now informing the Board. JC does not have a problem with the usage, and Sandra and Lori do.

Kit Bednar addressed the Board and asked about the tax collector's hours. She also asked for and received information about a parcel she is interested in purchasing.

Andy Wood, Police Chief, addressed the Board and discussed the general duties and responsibilities for Andy and Brendan Bosquet, once Brendan becomes Police Chief. They discussed how the transition will work and how Andy will train Brendan. Andy will become Lieutenant and will work together with Brendan as much as possible. JC asked about the new Lieutenant position and why Andy will not be a Sergeant. Andy explained that he has been on the force for thirteen plus years and he has more experience than a Sergeant's position. The

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Sergeant's position will not be filled. Brendan will make a recommendation to the Board as to what the Lieutenant pay will be. There will be a swearing-in ceremony of Brendan as Police Chief sometime in the near future.

JC asked about the problem of someone plugging into the outside of the library and Andy stated that it is "theft of services." He will contact the librarian and see if the library is okay with people using the outside outlet.

Andy has done more research about the phone system he would like to install at the police station. The Board will read the information and will get back to Andy.

Lori informed the Board that she and Sandra went to Houston's on Friday and found some furniture that they liked for the office renovation. JC looked at the proposed cost of the furniture. Lori made a motion to purchase furniture from Houston's at a cost of \$585.00. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried.

Sandra submitted two policies that were discussed last week.

**Town Display Sign Policy**

Effective August 8, 2011

The Town of Richmond advertises various municipal meetings and events using a display sign owned by the town and placed outside the Veterans Hall. The Town of Richmond also makes the Veterans Hall available to community organizations and Richmond residents for private events for a rental fee.

Under no circumstances is the town display sign to be used for any event that is not sponsored by the Town of Richmond or its governmental sub units. Signage may be placed in front of the Veterans Hall for private or community sponsored events announcing the event. This signage must be placed and removed by the event sponsor no earlier than one week prior to the event and removed no later than 24 hours following the event. All signage is subject to approval by the Selectmen.

**Employee Reimbursement Policy**

Effective August 8, 2011

The Town of Richmond encourages all employees and appointed or elected municipal volunteers to plan ahead so personal reimbursement is no longer necessary. Not only do we believe our volunteers or employees should not have to spend their own funds for town expenditures, but to improve financial tracking and maintenance of a clear and auditable log of expenditures, we prefer to pay a vendor directly for any and all town expenditures.

The town has store credit cards or charge accounts with local stores and, if you are not authorized to sign such accounts, we are able to give you a letter authorizing you to charge on the card or account once the expense is known and approved by the department head or Selectmen, via the administrative assistant. You can also obtain an invoice or purchase order from the vendor if we do not have particular store card or charge account. A check can be cut and signed within a week of receipt of such a purchase order or invoice. In this way, all expenditures can be properly tracked.

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Sandra made a motion to enter non public per 91-A:3 II (e) Lori seconded it. Roll call vote was taken and motion carried. Entered at 9:35 p.m. Reconvened at 9:50 p.m. Sandra made a motion to seal the minutes. Lori seconded. Motion carried.

The Board signed a request to extend the MS-1 due date, due to the fact that there are new current use values and they will not be available to the town until October.

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

**Date: 22 August 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: Sandra Gillis, JC Boudreau, Lori Scanlan

Read mail and signed checks.

Mr & Mrs. Hallas addressed the Board regarding five old maple trees, three of which seem to be on their property and two that are in the town's right of way. The road agent will evaluate the trees in the right of way.

Kim Mattson addressed the Board and Lori made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (c )

Sandra seconded it. Motion carried. Entered at 7:35 p.m. Reconvened at 7:55 p.m. Sandra made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

Paul Knowlton addressed the Board asking if 408-048 is a business. Due to the condition of the property and what is allowed to be done on the property he has some concerns. The Board explained to Mr. Knowlton that there are limited ordinances in Richmond to regulate home occupation and they are not aware that anything is being done against an ordinance.

Lori made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (c ) Sandra seconded it. Roll call vote and all said Aye. Motion carried. Entered at 7:35 p.m. Reconvened at 7:55 p.m. Sandra made a motion to seal the minutes. Lori seconded. Motion carried.

Annette Tokunaga addressed the Board and explained that dogs

and the owners are now confidential. Also, any information obtained during the course of a motor vehicle transaction is confidential. Lori asked about registering a car and Annette explained that anyone can register a car, but title transfers have to be done by the primary owner.

Annette discussed the certification week she recently attended and different workshops she participated in and what she learned.

Lori made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (c ) Sandra seconded it. Roll call vote and all said Aye. Motion carried. Entered at 8:25 p.m. Reconvened at 8:45 p.m. Minutes have been sealed.

Lori made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (c ) Sandra seconded it. Roll call vote all said Aye. Motion carried. Entered at 8:45 p.m. Reconvened at 9:05 p.m. Minutes have been sealed.

Sandra made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Chief Andrew Wood effective August 29, 2011. Lori seconded. JC explained that instead of accepting his resignation immediately it gives time for the Board to hire a new Chief. Motion carried.

Lori made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (c ) Sandra seconded it. Roll call vote all said Aye. Motion carried. Entered at 9:15 p.m. Reconvened at 9:25 p.m. Sandra made a motion to seal the minutes. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

Sandra contacted the DES regarding aquatic plants being pulled out of Cass Pond. The DES is aware of it and Elaine Moriarty is handling the issue.

Sandra made a motion to accept the Employee Reimbursement Policy. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

Sandra made a motion to accept the Sign Policy. Lori seconded it. Motion carried.

The Board would like the road agent to review all intents to cut and to approve the road usage for the cut prior to the board receiving them for signature. The Board discussed the Irene Baker property and what they should do with the property.

Lori has a tentative start date from Lloyd Condon for removing the walls. Sept. 15 will be the start date. Lori had four different companies come and evaluate the computer systems. Lori liked Antrim Computers. She will talk to Matt Remick about the wiring.

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

**Date: 29 August 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: Sandra Gillis, JC Boudreau, Lori Scanlan

Read mail and signed checks.

Russ Provost addressed the Board and informed them that he spoke with a cartographer at the LGC, David Pierce. The first step is to swear Russ in as a perambulator. Winchester/Richmond line has been done many times. No legal requirement for State boundaries.

The perambulator cannot touch a marker, only find them. They do not have to walk the boundaries. Russ proposed to do research, using previous perambulations, and find the markers on the Troy/ Swanzey border, which hasn't been done since 1969. The towns will be notified and asked to walk with Richmond. Lori moved to appoint Russ Provost as perambulation officer for a term of one year effective August 29, 2011. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried.

Sandra made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (e ) Lori seconded it. Motion carried. Entered at 7:30 p.m. Reconvened at 8:00 p.m. Minutes have been sealed.

Steve Filipi, builder, and Michael Kearney, owner addressed the Board and discussed a building permit. Mr. Kearney recently purchased the property at 80 Fay Martin Rd. His original plan was to demolish the existing house on the property after the new one was built. He would now like to convert the existing house into a barn. Mr. Filipi had the plans for the building permit. Mr. Filipi signed an agreement with the town regarding a temporary bridge over Fay Martin Bridge for the period of two and a half months. The Board approved the building permit for 412-004-1.

Marcus Beaugard addressed the Board and discussed plans he has for next year at the pavilion area, including trash management, port-a-potties and additional parking spaces.

The Board discussed the property at 580 Winchester Road, m409-1

040 Lori made a motion to tax deed the property and then expedite the sale of the property. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the exempt status for Athol YMCA. The Board would like to speak to the president and Roberta will contact him to attend a meeting.

Lori gave an update on the building plans for the office renovations. The project will start on September 15th. The Board discussed obtaining oil/ propane bids for the heating season. Roberta will obtain bids from several companies and bring it back to the Board.

The Board discussed the possibility of changing assessing companies from Cross Country to Avitar. Avitar has sent a proposal to the town. The conversion will start in 2012 if the Board decides to change. Each member will read the proposal and then the Board will discuss it at a later time.

Sandra made a motion to enter non-public per 91-A 3 II (e ) Lori seconded it. Motion carried. Entered at 9:50 p.m. Reconvened at 10:10 p.m. Minutes have been sealed.

The Board discussed the Local Government Center volunteer of the year award. The Board agreed that Richmond had many valuable volunteers to choose from. The Board of Selectmen nominated Norma Thibodeau for the volunteer of the

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**Town Secretary:** Beverly Hart

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- Wed. 8 a.m. — 12 noon, 1:00 p.m.- 5 p.m.
- Thurs. 8 a.m. —12 noon, 1:00 p.m.— 4 p.m.

**Town Clerk:** Annette Tokunaga

Deputy: Pamela Goodell

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- Thurs. 9 a.m. —Noon

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