



## Romancing The Cold Judith M. Graves

The common cold certainly has nothing romantic about it. Stuffy noses and sore throats can dampen our spirits when winter blusters and the chill frosts are all around us. Here are some herbal soothers that have been around for generations and were used by our forefathers.

Our grandmothers and their grandmothers before them brewed up aromatic herbal mixtures to pamper the body long before there was a corner pharmacy. This is the time to get into your comfy robe, settle in front of a glowing fire, and try one of these herbal remedies.

Like many, when I first feel a cold coming on I get out my vitamin C and add more to the diet. There are natural rose hips that nature so generously supplied this special vitamin in, as well as many fruits, oranges for one, and adding more of this vitamin to a cold is a must. There are always new ideas floating around that change things each year. My grandmother used to say that "When you get a cold put 10 dry beans in your pocket and take one out a day" as the common cold lasts 10 days. But even if this were true a cold needs the extra vitamin C to provide quick relief and added comfort.

Rose hips can be bruised and brewed alone or blended into a tea with other herbs. A mixture of equal parts of rosehips, hibiscus and peppermint is an especially tasty tea and adds vitamin C to your diet.

Below you will find some other herbal mixtures to keep yourself and family more comfortable during the cold and flu season.

Honey added to your teas has a bacteria killing property that can make the herbs more effective. In fact, honey and thyme were the basic ingredients to an old time cure for whooping cough.

Even with these herbal soothers, a cold could still last the proverbial 7-10 days. Never neglect to consult your doctor about your symptoms, but by treating yourself to herbal brews you will be pampered with good care and comforted by being in touch with the past. AND, I think you

will find a vital sense of enjoyment in the curing process.

**Freshen Air and Kill Germs:** set pan with thyme or rosemary on radiator or back of stove. Used in French hospitals to clear the air and purify.

**Stuffy Nose:** Inhale vapors from few drops of oil of thyme or eucalyptus in a bowl of boiling water.

**Scratchy Throat: Licorice stick:** Suck like a lollipop to soothe throat.

**Herbal Cough Syrup:** 1 tablespoon thyme into 2 cups boiling water, let steep 'til cool. Strain, and add 1 cup honey. Keep syrup in refrigerator and take 1 tablespoon a day to aid coughs. (Remember thyme can be gotten from under the snow and is a perennial herb)

**Herbal Gargle:** 1 tablespoon blended thyme, sage, and marjoram in 1 c. boiling water. Steep 'til cool, strain and use as herbal gargle.

**Tea for Sore Throat:** This great combination has codled generations of sore throats. Place 1 tablespoon blended thyme, sage, and ginger in 1 c. boiling water, steep 3-5 minutes and strain. Sip slowly to soothe sore throat and warm the body as well. (Catmint/catnip or chamomile for a natural sedative, ginger tea for motion sickness, raspberry tea for pregnant ladies)

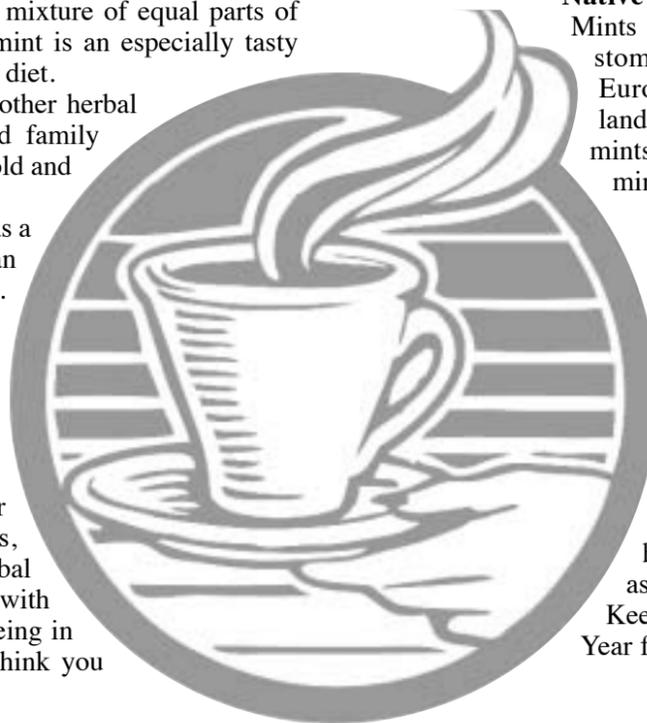
### Native American Indian Tea:

Mints have been correcting upset stomachs since well before European colonization of this land. Mix 1 tablespoon mixed mints in 1 c. boiling water, steep 5 minutes, strain and sip.

I hope this helps you with some ideas of how naturally to assist your family's colds.

These are just a few of the common reasons to use herbs. Put these herbs on your list of 'have to grow in 2011' and be ready next year to take care of your family. In the meantime if you are looking for dried herbs you can give me a call as I do have some in my studio.

Keep healthy, and Happy New Year from Periwinkle Cottage.



**Notes from Town Hall  
Selectboard**

At the end of December you received your second issue tax bill. We apologize for getting them out so late. We understand many of you have questions about this year's tax rate and tax bill. Before addressing these questions, let us remind you that if you expect to file for an abatement, or want to discuss your questions in person, please come to a Selectmen's meeting and we'll talk. A legitimate reason, based on your tax assessment, is required for requesting an abatement. Abatement forms are available in the Selectmen's office and must be completed and filed no later than March 1, 2011.

**The Tax Rate**

As you know, the 2010 tax rate of \$24.76 is made up of four separate tax rates: County \$2.98, State School \$2.34, Local School \$14.99 and Town \$4.45. The 2009 tax rate was \$21.85 with the following breakdown: County \$2.95, State School \$2.33, Local School \$13.13 and Town \$3.45.

You ask why the Town tax rate increased when the town budget was cut last year. Short answer is that 2010 town revenues were significantly less than in 2009. That means we had less non-tax revenue to offset appropriations. Coupled with an \$83,000 balance of uncollected taxes in 2010, \$160,000 in exemptions, \$23,965 in abatements and \$13,500 in credits, we were left with a very meager general fund balance in 2010. For example, the land use change tax received was \$8,160 less than 2009, interest & penalties on delinquent taxes and inventory penalties were \$4,475 less, excavation tax was \$370 less,

motor vehicle permit fees were \$25,000 less, other fees and permits were \$3,400 less, and in 2009 the town received \$23,800 from FEMA for the 2008 ice storm damage that wasn't received in 2010.

The tax rate is set by the Department of Revenue Administration and tax rates for the County, and State and Local School taxes are not negotiable by the town. The only tax rate over which the town can exercise leverage is the Town tax rate. And to impact the total tax rate in any appreciable way, the Town tax rate would need to decrease significantly, which would directly impact local government services like roads, police, fire and other municipal services. Monies from the unreserved general fund at the end of the year can be used to reduce the town tax rate but that wasn't a fiscally responsible option this year. Suffice it to say that if there had been enough money in the unreserved fund balance to use to reduce the tax rate, we would have done so. [Remember the tax rate for the first issue bill in June 2011 is one half of the December tax rate. The June tax rate is \$12.38.]

The Department of Revenue Administration recommends retaining between 8% and 17% of the regular general fund operating revenues, or no less than two months of general fund operating expenditures to mitigate future risks and ensure stable tax rates. The Selectmen, anticipating similar payouts and reductions in revenues in 2011, decided to retain 100% of the unreserved general fund balance this year, rather than using some of it to reduce taxes. At the close of 2010, Richmond's general fund balance was \$265,373, which is less than two months general fund operating expenditures, and 12.5 % of the general fund operating revenue in 2010.

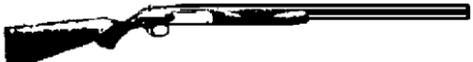
The uncollected taxes are a significant issue for Richmond and increase the tax burden on all town residents. We'd like to remind everyone with an outstanding tax balance, that when your taxes are overdue, a 12% to 18% interest rate applies to the balance. Should you find yourself in the position of not being able to pay your taxes in full, you may be able to apply for a lower interest rate loan from your bank to pay your taxes.

**The New Safety Windows**

The Department of Labor, as authorized by RSA 277, Workplace Violence, found the Town of Richmond to be in compliance regarding the safety of its employees and the safety audit, begun in 2007, was closed. Installation of the windows avoided an imposed fine of \$2,500 and was the final step in closing the audit.

The Selectmen and staff recognize, and regret, the imper-

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sonal atmosphere these windows create in the Town Hall offices. While the windows allow you to sit or stand when doing business with the tax collector or town clerk, they seem to interfere with the congenial interaction we have come to associate with our rural town. Please be patient as we all try to adjust to this new situation. The Selectmen thank Rick Lewis, who installed the Town Clerk's window, and JC Boudreau, who installed the Tax Collector's window, for their volunteer time and labor.

**Dates to Remember**

**The Budget** (pre-warrant) Hearing will be held on Thursday, February 10th at 7 PM in the Veterans Hall. We invite you to attend for a thorough discussion of the 2011 budget and the plans and priorities on which it is based.

**Voting Day** is Tuesday, March 8th at the Veterans Hall with polls being open from 11AM to 7 PM.

**Annual Town Meeting** will be held on Friday, March 11th at 7 PM in the Veterans Hall. See you there.

**Licensing Your Dog**

**Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk**

RSA 466:1 states, "Every owner or keeper of a dog 4 months old or over shall annually cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed for one year in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which the dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar to which shall be attached a metal tag..."

Dog tags are available at the Town Clerk's office. If you licensed your dog in 2010, that tag expires on April 30, 2011. You may license your dog any time prior to the expiration date. Remember to have your dog's rabies vaccination current. If you had your dog vaccinated recently, please bring the rabies certificate with you.

For those who have recently added a puppy to your fami-

ly, you are required to vaccinate your puppy for rabies within 30 days after it reaches three months of age. After you've vaccinated the puppy, you will need to license it. Please bring the rabies certificate when you license your puppy.

If you have recently acquired an adult dog, you are required to have it vaccinated for rabies within 30 days after acquiring it or moving to NH. Once you have done so, please bring the rabies certificate to the Town Clerk's office to get your dog licensed. Thank you for your cooperation in licensing your dog(s).

**Dates to Remember**

**Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk**

February 1, 2011

Last Day to Petition Selectmen for Warrant Article for Town Election/Meeting

February 10, 2011

7:00 P.M. - Public Hearing on Annual Budget at the Veteran's Hall

February 21, 2011

CLOSED - President's Day

February 24, 2011

Last Day to Register to Vote with Town Clerk (May Register to Vote at the Polls on Election Day)

**Richmond 250 Cane**

**Pam Goodell**

The Richmond 250 Cane is given each year to the oldest person residing in town. It has been given since 2001, which was Richmond's Bicentennial year. It represents the fact that age itself is to be venerated.

The present holder of the cane has a birth date of May

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11, 1913. If you know of anyone who lives in town who is older than this, please let Pam Goodell know at 239-4790. The deadline for notifying Pam is Feb 15, 2011.

The cane will be presented at the March Town Meeting in 2011.

### Town Hearing, Meeting & Election Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

The public hearing on the annual budget will be held on February 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall. The Board of Selectmen will be presenting the budget and the attending public will have the opportunity to ask questions at the time of the hearing. No voting will be done at this time.

RSA 39:1 states, "A meeting of every town shall be held annually on the second Tuesday of March..." The town meeting is composed of two sessions.

The first session, also called the town election, is when the voting by official paper ballot is conducted. The voters have an opportunity to vote on the town officers and any other action required by law to be placed on the official ballot. As stated in RSA 669:1, "All towns shall hold an election annually for the election of town officers on the second Tuesday in March..."

The second session, also called the town business meeting, is when the voters have an opportunity to discuss, amend and vote on the proposed annual budget and other questions on the warrant. The voting during the second session occurs in a pub-

lic forum. At the March 9, 2010 town election, the majority of voters voted to hold the second session on a day other than the day of the first session. As per RSA 39:2-a, this authorizes "the selectmen to choose another day for the second session..."

This year, the first session of the Town Meeting will be held on March 8, 2011, at the Veteran's Hall. The polls will be open from 11:00 AM until 7:00 p.m.

The second session will be held on March 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall.

For those who will not be able to come to the polls on March 8th, absentee ballots will be available to those qualified to receive them. The conditions under which a voter qualifies for an absentee ballot are as follows:

Will be absent from the town where the voter is registered to vote.

Cannot appear in public due to religious reasons.

Is unable to come to the polls due to a physical disability.

Or is unable to come to the polls during polling hours because the voter is at work or is in transit to or from work.

All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and request forms are available at the Town Clerk's office. Please call 239-6202 if you have any questions regarding obtaining an absentee ballot.

### Things from the District Jim Carnie and Neil Moriarty

Deliberative Session 10:00, February 5, 2011, Monadnock Regional High School

Please try to get to the high school on that day. 75-plus percent of your taxes go to the school. More of your tax dollars are at stake here than the town meeting. One or two hours could save you a great deal of money. See Voting On... below for warrant articles.

#### FY2011 -2012 MRSD Budget

By the time you read this, the public hearing will have taken place (January 13, 2011) and we will be getting ready for the deliberative session (above). The school board has recommended a flat (no increase) operating budget for FY2011 -2012 budget. The budget committee votes up or down after the public hearing; however, it has the power to change the operating budget amount.

#### SAU 93 Start Up

The committee has met several times and recommended improvements to the process between the old SAU 38 and new

SAU 93. We have converted the procedure manual and set up the voting procedure, to name a couple. This committee has no power and recommends only. It is up to the new school board, elected in March, to adapt (or reject) these ideas.

#### Voting On the MRSD Warrants

March 8, 2011, at the Veterans Hall (town voting hours). Some MRSD Warrant Articles besides the operating budget:

Full Day Kindergarten

Health and Safety Facility Projects

High School Improvement Program

Rumors (the following are rumored petition warrant articles and may, or may not, be on the warrant:)

Multi-purpose Room for Mount Caesar

School Resource Officer Funding

#### State Building Reimbursement Program

Our state is in its own financial difficulties and we cannot rely on our normal reimbursement that our past couple of years of facilities improvements (with your tax dollars) would normally get back as the state's portion of construction projects. However, in the queue of possible reimbursement is \$670,000 to Monadnock - lets hope it works out in our favor. Because of the problems in Concord, no attempt (no special warrant article for the voters to decide) will be made to hold this money for future projects - the money will, if received, go to relieving taxes.

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

### Tax Tidbits What's New for the 2010 Tax Season? Bill Patnode

As a reminder for 2010, Congress did not renew the \$2,400 exclusion in unemployment compensation. Therefore, all unemployment compensation received in 2010 is generally subject to Federal Income Tax. Check with your tax advisor for information relevant to your tax situation.

### Do You Want More? Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk

Town Meeting is next month. At the second session to be held on Friday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m., all attending registered voters will have a voice in determining what Richmond's town budget will be. I would like to let you know about two services that I am not currently offering but that are available. These services are NOT included in the budget that will be presented to you in March.

One of the services involves what is called "Renewal Mailers" or "Renewal Letters." You, the owner of any vehicle(s), would receive in the mail a letter describing the vehicle registration(s) that will expire in the coming month. Included in this letter are instructions for doing the renewal either by mail or in person and the necessary fees. There are several advantages to this service. One, you are reminded of your registrations that are about to expire. Second, you could renew your registration(s) by mail, provided there is no change in the information on the expiring registration(s). Third, if you choose to do the renewal(s) in person, you could bring either the original registration(s) or the renewal letter. Bringing the renewal letter may be simpler for those who are registering multiple vehicles. There is no additional charge to register vehicles with this service. The cost to ADD this service to my budget would be about \$560 annually.

The second service includes the above-mentioned Renewal Mailers AND gives you the ability to renew your vehicle registrations online. After logging on, you would provide the required information, including the plate number(s) and your bank account number and routing number. We would process your renewal(s) the following business day, and your renewed registration(s) would be mailed to you. There would be an additional charge to you of \$1.50 per registration and \$.35 per log-in. Normally, there would be fees charged to the town totaling about \$900 annually. The \$900 includes use of the on-line service and updates to the software provided by the vendor. These fees have been temporarily waived. Whether these fees will be reinstated is unknown at this time. The estimated annual cost to my budget to add both services would be about \$800. Should the waived fee of \$900 be reinstated, the total annual cost would be about \$1700.

Many are still feeling the impact of the economic downturn. Many may not feel like increasing the town budget. I completely understand. Nonetheless, one of my commitments is to offer the best service that I can. By informing you of what is available, I am fulfilling my commitment to you. If you would like to have one or both of these services made available to you, the article on the warrant for the "Election, Registration and Vital Statistics" budget would need to be amended and passed with the applicable increase in the proposed budget.

Please attend the second session of the Town Meeting on March 11th and let your vote count. And please feel free to ask me any questions that you may have, either before or at the Town Meeting.



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Stay tuned for... St Patrick's Day Party!



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**From the Old Brick Church  
Alison VanBrocklin**

At a recent meeting at the church, a decision was made to focus this year on local mission and community outreach. We hope to continue to reach out to individuals in need of assistance as we have in the past - families who have lost much in a fire, experienced changes in their family, or have gone through periods of ill health, unemployment, or the loss of a loved one. Each situation presents unique needs. Please don't hesitate to call the church (239-7369), Hugh or Alison (239-4494) or Pam (239-4790) if you or someone you know could use some help.

We would like to extend many thanks to those who support the Richmond Food Pantry through cash and non-perishable food donations. We also appreciate the support the food pantry receives through a FEMA grant, designated Monadnock United Way donations, and Scouting for Food. Our partnership with the NH Food Coalition and the Keene Community Kitchen helps us provide holiday food baskets to families in Richmond. The food pantry is open at the Town Hall throughout the year.

Keep watch for coming events - announcements will be in the Rooster about community dinners, and the revival of the Dessert Theatre! Hope to see you there!

**Three Petitions to Amend  
Town Zoning Ordinances**

**Kim Mattson**

Three petitioned articles will appear on Richmond's 2011 Ballot. All of the three petitioned articles below need your NO vote. Your NO vote will allow Richmond's Planning Board to move forward, limiting impact from tax exempt corporations as described under Petition 1. Your NO vote will allow our rural residential areas on Class 5 highways to stay rural and residential, limiting impact on your taxes.

**Petition Article 1.**

1. Add a new Section 401.8 - Schools shall be permitted. Voting a yes on this article will allow private schools in the same locations as public schools. Public schools are basically

allowed to build anywhere.

Basically, a "public school" would not choose to build on a Class 5 town road. A public school would serve the entire surrounding area, choosing a location that would be as central and accessible for all the surrounding towns they would service.

Private schools who service a limited amount of the public could choose to build anywhere, including Class 5 roads. Now building on a Class 5 town road which would be similar to our current situation in town creates an impact for taxpayers. Upgrading and maintaining would be shared by all taxpaying residents, not solely by the private school owners.

Let's take the most recent impact that Richmond has been dealt. When the Planning Board finished the site plan review for the 10,000 plus square foot school with a temporary chapel in the gymnasium/all purpose room on Fay Martin Road, the Planning Board had put 100 percent of the upgrading of the road and bridge on the applicant. I personally would call this creating an infrastructure to service a corporation's traffic impact.

With the revised conditions negotiated by our Selectmen and ruled on by the courts, a "shared" cost with taxpayers will most likely happen. Richmond taxpayers will be responsible for \$137,500, reflecting Richmond's 50 percent to upgrade the Fay Martin Bridge (currently estimated at \$175,999) and 33 percent of the cost to upgrade Fay Martin Road from the bridge to the driveway of the former Steve Boscarino property (currently estimated at \$150,000; approximately 3000 feet). The Town of Richmond shall apply for all applicable state and federal bridge and road aid and shall return to the SBC its proportional share of any state or federal aid received. The Town of Richmond has six years to raise all funds and to improve the road and bridge. If this is not done the applicant (SBC) will have their money returned to them with interest and the Town of Richmond shall be responsible for the full cost of upgrading both Fay Martin Road and the bridge.

The upkeep of Fay Martin Road and the bridge will continue to impact the resident's tax base to allow for the overuse of one of our many substandard Class 5 town roads.

**Petition Article 2.**  
2. Add Sect. 401.7- Houses of worship shall be permitted.



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Amend 1401.6 to provide "manufacturing and commercial use may be permitted by Special Exception, subject to the conditions of section 1001 of this Ordinance" (removing "houses of worship").

Amend 1001.1 to remove "and uses for houses of worships."

Voting yes for this petitioned article would allow houses of worship anywhere in Richmond. Similar to Richmond's most recent dilemma with a school on Fay Martin Road, the impact would be reflected in Richmond's increased tax base to upgrade our substandard roads to allow for the burden of increased traffic from a corporation. Voting yes would endanger the rural character of Richmond allowing large tax exempt corporations on our Class 5 substandard roads and in our rural residential areas.

**Petition Article 3.**

3. Add a new section under Article 15 - Definitions to provide new paragraph 1515 - A HOUSE OF WORSHIP - Real property used for religious exercise regardless of religious denomination or creed.

Voting yes will allow "real" property to be considered a house of worship. Would or could this mean that ANY piece of "real" property that is used for ANY kind of religious exercise become tax-exempt? If a prayer group meets at a private home once a week is that considered "religious" exercise, and may they become tax exempt? Now, would this Petitioned Article require the homeowner to carry my tax-exempt status or not? If a private prayer group became large enough to impact parking would the Town of Richmond have the power to prevent the "impact" on area residential homes? The simplicity of this definition, in my opinion, walks a very risky line.

Below is the amended zoning ordinances as proposed by our Richmond Planning Board.

THE PLANNING BOARD believes they have covered all State and Federal regulations by limiting the impact large corporations may have in our town. The Planning Board has put forth the following warrant for Richmond's voters to consider. I would like you to consider backing our Planning Board in the revision of our zoning ordinances.

Town of Richmond.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to allow Houses of Worship without Special Exception in a specific area of Richmond.

**ORDINANCE:**

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401.7 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Ordinance, houses of worship (see definition 1657) shall be permitted by right in an area along the major highways in Richmond, NH, Routes 119 and 32, all buildings and infrastructure, including parking and impermeable surfaces shall be located on land within 500 feet of the said highways right-of-way.

**DEFINITION:**

1657 Houses of worship shall be defined as a building set apart for public worship, a venue for any religious group that can provide written documentation that the US Internal Revenue Service has determined that it qualifies for the tax-exempt status as a religious organization. Dwellings for residential purposes as a principal use do not qualify as a house of worship even if religious instruction is provided there because such instruction is considered incidental to the principal use of the structure.

401.6 Manufacturing, Commercial use may be permitted, by Special Exception, subject to the conditions of section 1001 of this ordinance. [Adopted March 12, 1996] [REV- March 12, 2002]

**1101.1 Special Exceptions**

The Richmond Board of Adjustment may, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards, make special exceptions to the terms of this Ordinance to permit manufacturing and commercial use in the residential district. All exceptions shall be made in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance and shall be in accordance with the general or specific rules contained in the ordinance. All lot size, frontage, setbacks and other requirements, as stated in this ordinance for residential dwellings, shall apply as a minimum to special exceptions. The board, in acting on an application, shall determine that the following criteria are met: [REV- March 12, 1996] [REV- March 14, 2000] [REV- March 12, 2002]

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95 Main St., Keene NH

Date: Sat., Feb. 5 Valentine Dinner & Dance  
American Legion  
295 School St (Route 12), Winchendon, MA.

Saturday, Feb 5, Frozen Farm Fest  
1- 4 p.m., education programs  
4-8 p.m. contra dance, food, and drink  
Stonewall Farms  
242 Chesterfield Rd., Keene NH

Sat - Feb 05 -Feb 06 - Yogathon  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Donation, all proceeds will be donated to the listed charities or non-profits. Performance health and fitness and yoga Instructors are donating space and their time to many charities and non-profit organizations all over the world and you can be a part of it!  
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Sunday, Feb 6 Keene Chamber Orchestra  
Time: 4:00 p.m. - \$17 adult/\$5 student  
Colonial Theater , 95 Main St., Keene NH

February 10, 2011, 7:00 p.m. - Public Hearing on Annual Budget at the Veteran's Hall

Feb. 11 - Ailey II Dance Company  
8:00 p.m - \$39/\$35/\$25  
Colonial Theater , 95 Main St., Keene NH

Feb. 11. - Farmer Appreciation Night  
Sat. 3 - 10 p.m.  
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Sat, Feb. 19, Keene Winter Farmers Market  
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Stonewall Farms, 242 Chesterfield Rd., Keene.

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

**Meadowood County Area Fire Dept  
Melanie Ellis**

Recently in your mailboxes you may have found a letter from the Meadowood County Area Fire Department. This is our annual fund drive letter. MCAFD is a non-profit fire department that has provided trained fire/dive/rescue personnel and other specialized fire/rescue equipment free of charge

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**Agricultural Commission  
Presentation  
Kim Mattson and Jean Tandy**

The Richmond Conservation Commission and The Rural Preservation Committee have teamed together to present to our neighbors the Agricultural Commission. To aid in the process of educating the public we have invited Amanda Costello, District Manager for the Cheshire County Conservation District. Amanda has teamed up with Jeff Littleton, Chair of the Monadnock Farm and Community Connection Inventory Committee and principal ecologist of Moosewood Ecological, to present a PowerPoint presentation, followed by a question and answer session at 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 8, 2010 at the Veterans Hall.

Their program will explain the purpose of an agricultural commission, explore some of the benefits they have found in other New England communities, and offer information on how an agricultural commission can serve as a voice and advocate for the agricultural community in our town. This will be a non regulatory town board that serves as a voice for agriculture in Richmond's town decision making. No financial contribution will be requested from Richmond residents as this

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will be an organizational year for our commission.

A petition will be circulating around our town and we will place one at 4-Corners to ask registered voters for their support and signature. We are asking for our Warrant Article to be presented at Town Meeting on Friday March, 11, 2011 to allow for an open discussion with town residents.

**Sample Petition:**

To see if the Town of Richmond NH will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission pursuant to RSA 674:44 e which would function as an advisory board only (not regulatory), and that the Select Board shall appoint five (5) regular members and three (3) alternate members. Whenever possible, the majority of both the regular and alternate members shall be or have been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. Upon passage, the current members of the Richmond Agricultural Exploratory Committee shall be nominated to the Agricultural Commission. Subsequently, all new members shall be selected from a list of nominees provided to the Select Board by the Agricultural Commission or nominated and appointed by Selectmen.

Recommended by the Richmond Selectmen, Richmond Conservation Commission, Richmond Planning Board and the Rural Preservation Committee.

**Local Food**

*Emily Mason*

Local food enthusiasts, meet your neighborhood tavern. The Cheshire Tavern at the Fitzwilliam Inn is serving a powerhouse mix of local, seasonal foods, warm atmosphere and a pricing scheme that is very user-friendly. This November marked the Nickerson and Crocker Family's one year anniversary of owning and operating the area's historic 200 year old inn. How fitting that what makes this inn cutting edge today is the family's commitment and return to the very (local and seasonal) culinary roots that would have been so traditional and commonplace in its first 100-plus years of operation.

The Cheshire Tavern (formerly the Thistle and the Crown) is currently sourcing all of their meat, dairy, grain and vegetables from area farms such as Tracie's Community Farm (veggies) in Fitzwilliam, NH, Manning Hill Farm (dairy) in Winchester, NH, Four Star Farms (flour and grains) in Northfield, MA, Smith's Country Cheese in Winchendon, MA, Adam's Farm (pastured meats) in Orange, MA, Diemand Farm (turkey) in Wendell, MA, Hijinks Farm (flowers, herbs

and veggies) in Jaffrey, NH, Monadnock Berries in Troy, NH, and their family's own EIEIO Farm. It is truly a family owned and operated business from farm to table. Impressively, year-round tomatoes, red onions and oil have understandably been the only exceptions to the otherwise all local cuisine.

I met with Leesa, Rachele and Roxanne (owner, chef and bartender, respectively) of the Crocker family, who were all equally passionate about keeping it local. Rachele and Roxanne, who grew up on the family farm, developed their commitment to local food from experience. According to them, their dedication to local foods was a process. As kids on a farm, local was just the way it was done; it was always a part of their lives and how they thought about food. Over time, they learned more and more about the nutritional value that real food and pastured meats provide, and of course they could taste the difference.

The great thing about tasting the difference between local and industrial foods is that it has made practical business sense as well. All three of the Crockers agreed that by using good-tasting, high quality area foods, they don't need to get elaborate with the recipes to doctor foods of lesser quality into something better. This saves money! By keeping their menus simple, flexible and in-season, the Crockers have been able to keep their purchasing costs down, and consequently, their menus are surprisingly affordable.

Another benefit to sourcing locally has been the relationships that the Crockers have built with their farmers. The Monadnock area and tri-state region farmers have a rich network established and are mutually invested in the success of the local economy. If one farmer is short on potatoes, for instance, that farmer will know who is flush with them and can offer suggestions. Money spent on local foods, after all, is money spent on local farmers rather than the packaging, advertising and transportation costs of industrial foods from afar.

On the horizon for the Cheshire Tavern are even more local food ideas. Rachele is planning an expanded pub menu that will include homesteaded foods (such as cured meats, pickles, homemade sausages and sauerkrauts, and wild foods and herbs) as well as locally sourced but classically identifiable pub fare in the form of hot wings, pizza and area beers.

For more information about the Fitzwilliam Inn and the Cheshire Tavern, or to see their current menu online, please visit [www.fitzwilliaminn.com](http://www.fitzwilliaminn.com). Hours: Thursdays-Saturdays, 5-11 p.m. If you have had the opportunity to experience the Tavern's local foods this year, please do enter your comments online.

**The Tax Bill**

*Russ Provost*

I am sure everyone in Richmond was shell-shocked when they received their latest tax bill. I was. The first thing people are going to blame is the lawsuit settlement with the SBC. The settlement was paid by the NHLGC, not the town of Richmond. There were lawyer costs but this only added minimally to the taxes. The second thing people are going to blame is local spending, but remember at town meeting we voted down almost every request by every department to increase their budget.

The main reason for the huge (29%) tax increase is the schools. Richmond is one of the smallest towns in NH, has no industrial base and, according to WMUR, the 12th highest birth rate per capita in NH. Since almost all of the burden of funding education falls upon the local property taxes, that is the main reason for the increase.

I am strongly in favor of public education. However, if something is not done to change this formula we may see our taxes double in the next 10 years.

Who can afford this burden? Please write or call your local state representative and senator and let them know how you feel on this very important matter.

**Increase Your Marketing!**

*By Michelle Connor*

How can you increase your sales by over 200 percent in three years?

During the recession in 1981 – 1982 the companies that maintained and increased their marketing programs averaged 256 percent higher sales growth for the following three years compared to competition who did not market during the recession. (McGraw-Hill Research)

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There is a lot to talk about when discussing marketing:

- Demographics
- Primary Markets
- Flanker Markets
- Psychographic Models
- Purchase Decision Chain
- Unique Selling Proposition
- Medium Channels
- Medium Message

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What is a Unique Selling Proposition & Guarantee? It is a plan to get your ideal clients or customers to feel compelled to do business with you instead of your competition because you are different than all of the rest. In order to come up with a compelling USP you really need to understand your customer and what they expect.

The following questions will help you discover or develop your competitive advantage or value proposition and a strong guarantee that removes the risk of doing business with you in the minds of your prospects. A good USP is much more than "we provide good service at a competitive price."

You need to articulate what makes you truly unique when compared with your competitors and your guarantee needs to put the onus on you to do business in a way that gives your customers the confidence that their worst fears will not be realized when they do business with you. Any good USP must take into account who your prospects are, how they think, what's important to them when they buy, what exactly they need and want, etc.

Here are a few questions that are designed to get you thinking about your prospects.

1. What scenarios or situations make your prospects first consider buying what you sell?
2. What needs, frustrations, fears, or pain do your prospects experience that motivates them to buy?
3. What do your prospects feel they need and expect as a result of their purchase?

Remember: Your marketing budget should be approximately 15 percent of your sales revenue.

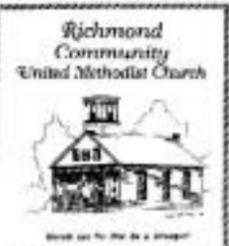
**Cure Breast Cancer Walk**

*Betsy Pearsall*

For the past five years you, my family and friends, have supported my efforts to walk to raise awareness and funds for the Komen for a Cure Foundation. I choose a different city to walk in each year, and usually begin my training about six months prior to my walk. I have experienced the 3Day in Seattle, Boston, Washington DC, Dallas/Fort Worth, and now San Diego. When I talk to folks about this effort, the first question I am often asked is, "Are you a Survivor?" And I am thankful and blessed to be able to answer the question with a resounding no!

I walk because I can. It's as simple as that. There are three generations of women in my children's family who were not so blessed. There are members of my own fam-

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ily who have had their own struggles with breast cancer. This leaves my children and their children at a much higher risk than the general population. I walk for those who have gone before me and those yet to come.

Many of you have called or written to ask, "So, how was the walk this year?" I've been pondering my response, trying to put it as succinctly and positively as I can. In a word, WET! Not exactly the word most people would associate with San Diego, but....

I chose the San Diego walk this year to celebrate. To celebrate five years of commitment to this cause, to celebrate the family and friends who have been at my side from the beginning of this venture, to celebrate the over \$15,000 that you have helped raise over the past five years toward a cure for this disease that takes one woman's life somewhere in the world every 69 seconds. This year, 4000 men and women walked 60 miles for a cure, and raised \$10.6 million!

I flew to San Diego several days before the walk to spend some time with a good friend. We had met through the 3Day, and had only met in person one time. It is this sense of friendship and family that keeps me coming back year after year! On November 19th, at 5:30 in the morning, we boarded a bright PINK bus that took us from San Diego up to the Del Mar Fairgrounds where our journey began. The day dawned cloudy, but the weather was warm, with temperatures in the high 60's. We walked along the coast, watched the dolphins play in the surf, walked through Del Mar Village, up through Torrey Pines State Park, past the Torrey Pines Golf Course and down into La Jolla.

We had lunch on the beach in La Jolla, and experienced the first of many rain showers to come. I stopped for a while and watched the sea lions lounging on the rocks in La Jolla village, and continued down through Bird Rock into Pacific Beach. It wasn't the sunniest day I've ever seen in southern California, but that was okay, we were walking! The day ended as the sun was setting over Mission Bay in San Diego. I got into camp to find that my friend's husband had already set up my tent, gathered my gear bag and was blowing up my air mattress! What a treat! I had dinner with a friend I met in Washington, DC several year's ago, took a long hot shower in the back of an

18-wheeler and toddled off to bed!

The next morning, the sun rose through the clouds, and we were off! I should have known we were in for worsening weather when the 3Day crew handed out rain ponchos to all the walkers! We were on the route for about 45 minutes when the heavens opened and the wind began to blow! Within a matter of minutes, we were all struggling to put the rain gear on and stay as dry as we could! Today's route took us around the western side of Mission Bay, past Sea World, and out through Ocean Beach onto Point Loma and along Sunset Cliffs. There wasn't much to see along the route as far as scenery went, because we couldn't see much through the rain and wind!

Just before lunch, one of our team members invited us to stop at her house along the route and change into some dry clothes. My friend and her husband went by camp and picked up a dry pair of shoes for me. After running my walking clothes through the dryer, we all got back on route and finished the day. A double rainbow over camp greeted us as we returned. I was never so happy to see my tent when I got back to camp! The water level rose so fast in the Bay that part of camp was flooded, and several

tents had to be rescued from the waves that had taken them! Luckily, my tent was dry, and so was my gear. When I got back to NH, I looked up the precipitation amounts for that day.... over an inch of rain in 6 hours with wind gusts up to 15 miles per hour. Dinner never tasted so good, and the showers were so nice and hot! A good night's sleep was had by all. Well, maybe not by all, but me!

Sunday dawned, much like Saturday. We started in sunlight, but the clouds quickly rolled in. Luckily for us as we walked eastward along Mission Bay into San Diego proper, the showers were much lighter, and completely stopped by the time we entered Old Town San Diego. The sun came out and we had a terrific rest of our journey. Up through Old Town, in and out of Mission Hills and Hillcrest, and down through Balboa Park. We ended our day at the home of the San Diego Padres, Petco Park. I made new friends, re-connected with old ones, and faced and conquered some personal challenges. It was a beautiful walk, as they all have been. I am proud to say, NO BLISTERS this year!

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After drying everything out in my motel room on Monday, I took a long drive along the route. The sun was out, and it was warmer than the weekend. I got to see all the beautiful scenery and vistas that would have greeted me but for the rain. There was one thing though that was not dampened by the weather, and that was the community support along the route. Everywhere we went there were families and friends with flowers, hot cocoa, chips and salsa..... and what we needed most, lots of hugs and cheering. Nothing makes your soggy steps lighter than the sight of some one who has struggled with this illness standing for hours in the rain with her umbrella just saying "Thank you" to all who pass her way. Or passing the two young boys holding a sign that proclaims their pride in what their mom is doing to find a cure. I think it was the little girl in the pink tutu, dancing in the puddles, singing a little nonsense verse that she made up about "saving boobies" that will stay with me forever.

Thanks to each and every one of you who has wanted to talk to me about this walk each year. Thank you for each can and bottle you have sent my way. Thank you for your yard sale donations. Each of you in your own way has helped me along my journey. Together we have done wonderful things! Next year I will be celebrating again, this time my 50th birthday by walking in Arizona. I'll keep you all informed of my efforts, both in training and fundraising! I know you will be by my side every step of the way!

**Happy 95th Birthday to Harry Moore  
Pam Goodell**

Harry W. Moore of Claremont is turning 95 years old! Mr. Moore's son, Brian Moore of Fitchburg, MA, and daughter, Pamela Goodell of Richmond, NH, are having a birthday celebration for their dad on Saturday February 12th, 2011 at the Earl M. Bourdon Center at 67 Maple Avenue in Claremont.

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They would like to invite all friends, neighbors and former students to stop in any time from 2-4 p.m. for refreshments and a chat with Harry. (Please use the upper parking lot.)

Mr. Moore was born in Shrewsbury, MA, on February 15, 1916 to Lucy (Knight) Moore and Frank Burley Moore. He graduated from Fitchburg Teacher's College in 1939. In 1941 he married Grace Goodale of Oakdale, MA and moved to Swansea, MA where he taught at the Steven's School for Boys. Next he went to Ludlow, VT. There he worked full time



Harry W. Moore

as a teacher at Black River Academy. He also worked part time at the Ludlow Shoddy Mill.

In 1944 they moved to Claremont and he began teaching at Stevens High School. Mr. Moore continued teaching there until 1963. During this time he earned his Master's Degree from Columbia University and received several grants for study from the National Science Foundation.

He also taught several years in Hanover, NH and in the Clarkstown School District in Nyack, NY before retiring back to Claremont in 1981. Over the years he taught aeronautics, physics, physical geography, and mathematics.

Mr. Moore has been quite active in Claremont activities. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church and has been Sunday School Superintendent and chairman of the Men's Club. He has peeled potatoes for many church suppers and has supported them for many years by treating 30 to 40 family members to eat at them.

Mr. Moore is also a member of Hiram Lodge #9 of Free and Accepted Masons, having been a Past Master. He was honored a few years ago with a 50-year membership pin and ceremony. He has also held offices and been a member of the Webb Chapter, the Columbia Council and the Sullivan Hugh Da Payens Commandry. He was a Dad Advisor for the local Demolay from 1960-1962.

From 1981-2001 Mr. Moore could be seen on voting days at Claremont's Ward 2, first as ballot clerk and then as assistant moderator.

Mr. Moore enjoys people and is known for his sense of humor. He and his wife (of 69 years) meet friends most every morning at a local restaurant (McDonalds), where

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they share good times and much laughter. At Halloween and Christmas it is common to see the pair in costume at local banks and grocery stores. At other times Mr. Moore enjoys the comments he gets from wearing his "Old Geezer" cap.

Mr. Moore is an avid sports fan with baseball being predominant and the Yankees being his favorite. In the 1940's he was the JV baseball coach at Stevens High.

Mr. Moore never forgets former students and friends and really is delighted to reminisce with them. He is looking forward to seeing everyone on February 12th. If you can't make it but would like to help celebrate, give Mr. Moore a birthday hello by calling 603-543-3550 or send cards to 12 Barton Street, Claremont, NH 03743.

**Quotable Quote  
by Terri O'Rorke**

"The highest result of education is tolerance." — Helen Keller

**Old Ziegfeld Tunes  
Come to Life Again  
Frank Behrens**

It is strange how some of the most influential composers and/or lyricists of the early days of the American musical have been almost utterly forgotten. Luckily, however, they are not forgotten by students of the subject and recording companies like New World Records that specialize in the recreation of historical melodies from the first imported folk songs to composers like Louis A. Hirsch (1881-1924). Yes, I know: Who's he?

New World has released a CD titled: "Midnight Frolic: The Broadway Music of Louis A. Hirsch." The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, directed by Rick Benjamin, offers 17 examples from this prolific composer. The excellent program notes supply much detail about his life and works, as well as information about each selection on the disc. All of them were written for reviews, especially "Ziegfeld Follies."

By the way, "Midnight Frolic" was the name given to the shows on the roof of the Ziegfeld Theatre that were performed by the exhausted cast of the evening performance for yet another audience who seemingly had no need for a good night's sleep.

The disc starts with the Overture to "Ziegfeld Follies of 1915" and ends with "The Ziegfeld One Step" from the "Midnight Follies" of the same year. I can't tell how many will be familiar with most listeners; but I instantly recognized

"Hello Frisco" from an Alice Faye film and the melody of "The Love Nest" that was used as the theme music for the Burns and Allen radio and TV shows.

Among the unfamiliar pieces are "My Rainbow Girl & The Alimony Blues," "Any Old Time at All," "The Wedding Glide," and "Cupid's Lane." The vocalists, Bernadette Boerckel (soprano) and Colte Julian (baritone) perform in the style of singers back then. Play some of the Archeophone CDs of original recordings of the period to compare.

I think the matter of authenticity is quite important in restorations of vintage songs, because they were written for a certain style of delivery—which included clear enunciation, mind you—and anything less does the material no justice.

I urge local vocal groups to hear CDs like this and perhaps prepare a really unusual program without the over-heard selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein and other works from the 40s on!

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 20 December 2010 Time: 7:00 p.m.**

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

Tracy Tryba, Trustee for the Richmond Library, addressed the Board with the proposed library budget. The requested budget is \$28,422.00. Wes made a motion to accept the Richmond Library budget for 2011. Sandra seconded it. Motion carried.

Steve Boscarino, Tax Collector, addressed the Board regarding the status of the tax rate and the tax bills. The Board informed him that they will be setting the tax rate that evening and then the tax warrant can be created after the state processes the form.

Melissa Herman and Joseph Tonwebber addressed the Board regarding the Supervisors of the Checklist budget. There is only one election this year so the budget request is less than last year. The requested amount is \$985.00. JC made a motion to accept the 2011 Supervisors of the Checklist budget. Wes seconded it. Motion carried.

As noticed in the paper, opening of sealed bids for M409 L033. There were two sealed bids for the property that is being sold by the Town of Richmond. Mr & Mrs. Hillock were present for the bid opening. JC read the notice that was posted in the newspaper.

Martin J. Weinstein bid \$90,000.00

Edward Methe bid \$87,575.00

JC made a motion to accept the highest bidder, Martin J. Weinstein, in the amount of \$90,000.00 for M 409L033. Wes

seconded it. Motion carried. Mr. Methe's deposit of \$5000.00 will be returned to him. Mr. Weinstein will be contacted.

Sandy Perry and Dick Drew addressed the Board regarding the Planning Board budget. Dick would like to have a land use assistant instead of a secretary. The land use assistant may be asked to do more than just secretarial work. The requested budget is \$ 11,758.00. Wes made a motion to accept the 2011 Planning Board budget. JC seconded it. Motion carried.

Mr. & Mrs. Bannister addressed the Board. They had requested last week that M201-L034-1 be improved by the town. The Board did some research and came up with several other rights-of-way in town that are that are not Class 5 roads and are privately maintained. The town is unable to spend money on their driveway. Their property card has been corrected, reflecting the correct acreage.

The Board wishes to thank Rick Lewis for volunteering his time and labor and for building and installing the safety window in the Town Clerk's office.

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

**Date: 03 January 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.**

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

Steve Boscarino, tax collector, addressed the Board and informed them that the tax bills were sent out last Thursday.

Peter Majoy addressed the Board regarding the master plan priorities and the energy committee work. He also presented the moderator's budget. JC made a motion to accept the moderator's budget. Wes seconded it. Motion carried.

Annette Tokunaga addressed the Board and discussed the people in positions on boards and committees that will be reported in the annual report. She also discussed the safety window that was installed in the Town Clerk's office and a resident's reaction to it.

The Board has installed two security windows that were mandated by the State of New Hampshire Department of Labor per RSA 281-A:64. If these windows were not installed there would be a \$2500.00 fine everytime the DOL inspected the premises. The DOL inspector inspected the premises on December 29 and found the town in compliance and waived the fine. The Board recognizes that the windows create a less personal atmosphere felt by both the resident and by the staff and we ask that everyone bear with us as we all get used to it.

Chris and Maureen Daugherty addressed the Board regarding their building permit # 2010-009. They have completed their home and presented the Board with the certificate of occu-

pancy, which the Board signed.

David Kelly addressed the Board to discuss his tax bills. He received two and wanted to make sure they were correct. Roberta looked into it and they were.

Philip Szczygiel addressed the Board regarding his tax bill. He doesn't think his house is assessed correctly. The Board recommends that he fill out an abatement application.

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

**Date: 10 January 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.**

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

Dick Drew addressed the Board with an estimate for doing the perambulation for the Town. He also submitted a proposed warrant article for review of ordinances.

Peter Majoy, John Bocalini, The Honorable Barbara Hull-Richardson and Kendra Ulrich, of the Safe & Green campaign, presented a letter for the Selectmen to consider signing regarding the decommission of the VT Yankee Nuclear Plant.

The Board discussed the 2010 budget that just closed and the proposed fiscal year 2011 budget. They also discussed different department budgets.

The Board created and discussed the executive budget and the general government budget.

JC signed the contract for Arbogast Energy Auditing Co. to perform the building energy audits for the town. This will be paid by a grant received by the town.

The Board considered the DOT report on the Whipple Hill Rd Bridge and will ask for the Road Agent to look at it.

The Board would also like to thank JC for volunteering his time and labor and building and installing the window in the Tax Collector's office.

Last week the Board received figures from the Department of Revenue Administration to set the tax rate. Additional information was discovered this week regarding revenue and abatements and the Board needed to revisit the tax rate. Sandra made a motion to reconsider the motion made last week regarding the tax rate. Wes seconded it. Motion carried. Wes made a motion to leave the amount of \$265,373.00 in the retained fund balance and to add an additional \$23,965.00 to the overlay for abatements that were paid. JC seconded it. Motion carried. Sandra made a motion to authorize the Selectmen's assistant to sign the 2010 tax rate form for the DRA. Wes seconded it. Motion carried.

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

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**Town Secretary:** Beverly Hart  
■ Mon. 6 p.m. —9 p.m.  
■ Wed. 8 a.m. — 12 noon, 1:00 p.m.- 5p.m.  
■ Fri. 8 a.m. —12 noon, 1:00 p.m.— 4p.m.

**Town Clerk:** Annette Tokunaga  
Deputy: Pamela Goodell  
■ Mon. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —4 p.m., 6 —8 p.m.  
■ Wed. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —4 p.m.  
■ Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. —Noon

**Tax Collector:** Steve Boscarino  
■ Mon. 7 p.m. —8 p.m.  
■ Wed. 2 p.m. —4 p.m.

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■ Meetings held at Civil Defense Building  
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■ Wed. 9:00 a.m. —12 p.m.  
■ Thurs. 4:30 —7 p.m.  
■ Sat. 10 a.m. —2 p.m.

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