



## In Memory of Dot Robbins

Pam Goodell

Former Richmond Town Clerk, Dot Robbins, started out as my mentor and ended up as my friend. In 1987 I received a call from her asking if I'd like to be her deputy town clerk. Since my husband and I and my daughter were new to town, I figured it would be a good way to get to know the people of Richmond. I accepted her offer.

Dot worked from her home. Customers entered her dining room and sat beside her desk to register their vehicles. A sign out front of her house stated the hours that she was open to the public. Truth is, however, she waited on people whenever they knocked on her door. If she had adhered strictly to the posted hours she would have been paid at a rate of about 11 cents an hour. So you can figure she earned far less than that and was not in it for the money.

Dot became Town Clerk in 1972 and continued until 1991 when she became my deputy. She remained my deputy until 1993, retiring then only because her eye sight was making it difficult to see the tiny 14 digit vehicle identification numbers. I worked with Dot for seven of those years. I saw her every week for two hours at the beginning and for four days each week at the end.

The Dot I came to know was a truly conscientious, hard working person who enjoyed people. On the surface she appeared to be all business. However, I soon learned that she would give the shirt off her back to help anyone if need be. She would call residents to remind them that it was time to renew their registrations before they were late. It amazed me then, and still does, that she knew what kind of vehicle and what color vehicle everyone registered. Dot treated everyone equally and fairly. If she had just baked her whoopee pies or whatever, she would share them with whatever customer happened to come in.

When we still worked at her house, Dot showed me how to prepare vehicle registrations and titles. She showed me what numbers to put where and how to make the calculations. All registrations had to be figured by hand and typed on her typewriter. All renewals for a given month were figured and typed at the end of the month before. All new registrations and titles were figured and typed as the customer waited. Frequently, as Dot or I typed, Dot's cat Patty would sit in a nearby chair and watch. Patty was never far from Dot.

In our early days of working together, our work was often done and we had a lot of free time as we waited for customers. This is when I really got to know Dot. We talked about our families, our pets, our work, our town, news events, cooking and anything else that might come up. Sometimes Dot pulled out some of her recipes and allowed me to copy the ones I wanted. Sometimes I helped her hang curtains or bring in coal or reach food from the bottom of her freezer. There was even time, occasionally, to perm her hair for her. Dot let me pick some of her grapes and told me how to make grape juice from them. She gave me some of her raspberry bushes to plant at my house. (We still get raspberries from them.) She shared a cutting from her bridal wreath bush with me as well as her beautiful Christmas cactus. Dot enjoyed giving me house decorations that she had made.

Dot shared her happiness, her worries, her questions and her uncertainties. She talked of the past and was fascinated by the present. When it became necessary to move to the Town Hall to work, she was willing. When she felt the need to cut back a little, she still continued to work, but now as my deputy as I had

been hers. When computers became our mode of preparing registrations, Dot was willing to learn and mastered her responsibilities with them. I think Dot would have worked forever if her eyes hadn't finally caused her too much trouble. Even after she retired for good, she was still a help to me. More than once I locked myself out of the Town Hall and walked to her house to borrow her key.

Dot missed working and still liked to keep track of what was going on. She truly appreciated the scanner that the town had given her upon her retirement. It and the telephone were her lifelines. If she missed something on the scanner, she would call my house to see if I knew the details. After Dot gave up driving, I took her a few times around Richmond to see the snow, or the leaves turning, or to see a new house.

This past April I stopped to visit Dot at the nursing home to tell her I had done the same thing she and I had done twenty years earlier. I stepped down to the deputy clerk position and my deputy, Annette Tokunaga, took over the Town Clerk position. She was delighted to see me and went through quite a lot of effort to be lifted into her wheelchair so that we could visit in the sunroom (her favorite spot). We had a nice long visit. She never got over missing Richmond and wanted to know what everyone was doing. She asked me to give her best to all those who knew her. Dot Robbins passed away on July 25, 2008. I will miss her. I consider it a privilege to have known her, both as my mentor and my friend.

### Voluntary Energy Committee Update

*Pete Majoy*

Since Warrant Article 41 (The Climate Change Resolution) passed at our Town Meeting in March of 2007, a Voluntary Energy Committee was formed which has met almost monthly since then.

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the SWRPC (Southwest Regional Planning Commission) and passed the energy resolution at the 2007 Town Meeting, we automatically are members of ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives). CA-CP (Clean Air-Cool Planet) and ANEI (Antioch New England Institute) have joined forces to coordinate local energy initiatives in the SWRPC towns. The Town of Richmond VEC has met with reps. from CA-CP and ANEI and the guidance we have gotten has helped us move forward in our role of making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

To help celebrate Earth Day on April 22, 2008, VEC helped set up a table in the Town of Richmond Library with books, pamphlets and handouts regarding energy use.

On May 10, 2008, VEC organized the first town energy "Meet-Up" with representatives from 7 households. The meeting was graciously held at the Marsdens on Whipple Hill Road. Each participant received a "Starter Kit" that included a large/reusable "Cool Monadnock" shopping bag, a CFL bulb, a faucet attachment, an electrical outlet cover with a message on it and other literature and refrigerator stick-ons. Each household has had the opportunity to give on-line feedback about their progress. More "Meet-Ups" will be organized in the near future.

VEC has recommended that the BOS initiate a policy whereby all town government operations use only 100% recycled paper, 100% recycled folders, and energy efficient (Energy Star) lighting within six months. On August 4, the Board of Selectmen voted on, and did pass, this recommendation

There has been an ongoing process involving VEC and the BOS regarding the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Community Challenge as well as the PSNH energy audit of the Town of Richmond. VEC recommended that the BOS sign the EPA Challenge letter agreeing to have the Town of

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Richmond participate. The Board of Selectmen did sign the Challenge letter.

By the start of August, VEC member, Jack Marsden, completed the town energy audit which he submitted to Christa Koehler at CA-CP/ANEI. We have been assigned a volunteer who will be adding the information into a software program that will produce the data and analysis of our town energy use and from that make recommendations that will help us continue to move forward toward our goals of energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as a town.

At our VEC meeting on August 21, 2008, we will have discussed the following items which will translate into recommendations we bring to the Board of Selectmen: (1) to save on energy costs, cutting down the number of days Town Hall is used and the possibility that the ZBA meet in the CD building unless a large crowd is anticipated; (2) the possibility of organizing an "Old Tire Day"; (3) formalizing a "Fast Facts" energy column in the Rooster that might also find us partnering with local advertisers which could then make money for the Rooster; (4) a program, "No Senior Citizen Is Forgotten" where needed energy assistance is provided to seniors on fixed incomes. This would involve donations of oil, propane, wood pellets, cords of firewood and gasoline. (5) the possibility of utilizing Camp Takodah

and/or the Vets Hall on an emergency basis for those in need of a warm place this winter.

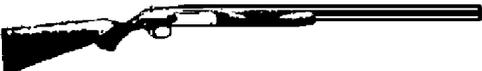
Here are some recommendations and "Fast Facts" for our neighbors across the Town of Richmond: (A) Recommendations: (1) Use [www.coolmonadnock.org](http://www.coolmonadnock.org) for area information (includes Richmond) about energy use, efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; (2) Adopt immediately doable energy saving practices even if a bit more expensive because in the long run you will be saving money as you save the planet. Buy 100% recycled paper for your printing needs, 100% recycled manila folders, biodegradable trash bags, and begin to change your light bulbs to CFL's or LED's with Energy Star ratings; (3) Read Bill McKibben's book, "Fight Global Warming Now: The Handbook For Taking Action in Your Community". (B) Fast Facts: (1) In 2007, white LED bulbs reached an output of 130 lumens per watt of electricity; fluorescent bulbs (CFL) had outputs as high as 110 lumens per watt; lastly, and least efficient of all were traditional incandescent bulbs producing 15 lumens per watt used. LED and CFL bulbs are more expensive but last much longer than incandescent making them much cheaper in the long run. (2) 100% recycled plastic plates are dishwasher safe and can be used over and over again. (3) Recycled aluminum foil uses only one-twentieth the energy of non-recyclable foil. (4) Organic produce does not use pesticides to be grown and consumes less energy in the process. If anyone has suggestions, ideas or energy tips, e-mail me at [pwmjoy@earthlink.net](mailto:pwmjoy@earthlink.net). or call 239-6058. Thanks. Pete Majoy

QUOTE (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

submitted by Terri O'Rorke

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

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*Terri O'Rorke, Richmond Rescue Captain*

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On Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Richmond Fire Dept., there will be an Open House for all who are interested in finding out more about EMS. We would like to show you what it is that we do as EMT's for the town of Richmond. Please join us from 10:00am to 12:00pm as we make ourselves available to answer questions, take blood pressures, show you what is required to join the rescue squad, test your blood sugar, and basically hope to bring you on board! Even if you have only the tiniest bit of interest in EMS, come check us out! You'll go away knowing so much more!

If there is enough interest, there will be an EMT Basic course given in Peterborough two mornings a week, Mon. & Thurs. Please contact Gary Zirpolo at 924-4616. Of course, if there is enough interest, a course could be put together right here in Richmond. Your Rescue Squad is looking forward to seeing you and answering your questions on Sat., Oct. 4, at the Fire Station. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! HARD WORK! LONG HOURS! NO PAY!** Just a great sense of self-satisfaction!

**Aquifer Protection Update**

*Pete Majoy*

A very important bit of progress took place regarding the work of the Town of Richmond's Aquifer Protection Sub-Committee (APSC). After a July 15, 2008 presentation of recommendations to the Planning Board, the PB made several suggestions and requests.

The APSC worked on those suggestions and

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requests. At the August 5, 2008 Planning Board meeting, we made a final presentation to the board including the need for the board as a whole to discuss the recommendations that now included board requests made on July 15, 2008.

In brief, here is what the Planning Board will be discussing regarding this very important matter, our water supply:

First, the APSC informed the board that a civic group in town, the Rural Preservation Committee, had taken up the work of applying for a \$2500 grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund for the purpose of helping to educate the town regarding aquifer protection. If the application is successful, the town becomes the fiscal agent of the grant.

Second, the APSC recommended that both the Subdivision Regulations and the Site Plan Review process contain Best Management Practices (BMP) for Groundwater-Aquifer Protection. The Board said that this recommendation depended on recommendations #3 and 4 which follow;

Third, the APSC recommended the creation of an Aquifer District in warrant article format containing special exception options requiring the ZBA to utilize Best Management Practices (BMP) when considering such a request. The APSC provided a rough draft of such an article using the current Article 6 (Wetland Conservation District) as its model. Some



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of the language was imported from work done in Stratham, Wilton and Rindge.

Fourth, the APSC recommended that “Article 202” of the Zoning Regulations be amended to address aquifer protection by adding both a part “E” to the article and to include whatever definitions were necessary in the section on definitions. The PB was provided with information from Rindge, Stratham and Wilton as well as DES info on Best Management Practices (BMP) to use in this discussion.

Fifth, the APSC recommended to the PB to add a section under “Water Resources” in the Master Plan relative to both aquifer protection as well as for use in other situations across town. After having gotten some of the wording suggested by the PB on July 15, 2008, the APSC came up with the following which must now be discussed and edited by the board: “Protect our aquifer through zoning regulation and by careful monitoring of building permits and septic system locations guided by ‘Part ENV-Wq Best Management Practices for Groundwater Protection’ of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules as also reflected in ‘WD-DWGB 22-4 Best Management Practices (BMP’s) for Groundwater Protection 2007’, as well as ‘Common Sense Rules for Protecting Drinking Water’.

The overall presentation of the APSC involved a focus on simplicity. It was the hope of the committee that the changes recommended were understood to be in the best interests of both the property owner and the Town of Richmond as a whole.

**Town Clerk’s Office**  
**Annette Tokunaga**

Dates to Remember:

September 1, 2008 CLOSED for Labor Day

September 2, 2008 Last day to register to vote with Town Clerk

September 9, 2008 CLOSED for State Primary  
 See you at the polls!

September 30, 2008 Transfer Station stickers expire. Purchase new ones at the Town Clerk’s office \$20 for the 1st one, \$1 for additional stickers

**Richmond Public Library**  
*Wendy O’Brien*

**Story Hours** It’s time once again for preschool story hours! On September 13th at 10:30 a.m. Gwyn Powers, an early childhood educator, will lead a story hour focusing on “Leaves.” Come for an hour of enjoyable stories, a craft and a snack.

**Summer Reading Program** A big “thank you” goes out to all who made our summer reading program such a success! We had 56 children register for the program (a new high!) and at the time of writing, 39 have completed it. A big thank you goes to Elaine Moriarty, who was integral to the whole program—we couldn’t have done it without you!

**Book Sale** We will have a full report on the Book Sale in the October issue of the Rooster, but we wanted to take this opportunity to thank Patty Budzik. She has tirelessly kept our back room organized all summer as the donations flowed in. We know that this year’s sale will go very well, since all the books are organized by category for the first time. Thank you Patty!

**2nd Annual Brown Baggin’**  
*Kim Mattson*

The organizers of the 2nd annual Brown Baggin’ would like to thank everyone for their support. This year Brown Baggin’ offered the Phatt Katt Band, a wonderful raffle table and an art wall. Our total, after all expenses weighed in nearly 4 X’s the amount last year. The recipient for this year was the Rural Preservation Committee to support their continued effort to keep Richmond green and rural.

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We would like to thank all of the local businesses, artists and neighbors for all of their donations. A complete list will appear next month. If you have a suggestion for a recipient for the 3rd Annual Brown Baggin' call Kim 239-6606.

## Festival Update '08

*Christine Bryan*

More eyes must have been turned skyward August 8 and 9 than on any other days in the whole year! The Sixth Annual Richmond Blueberry Fiddle Festival was held during a week filled with thunderstorms. Except for a brief shower Friday afternoon, the skies over our county fairgrounds were a beautiful deep blue ringed with great white clouds.

Festival organizers and attendees were delighted with the two-day event. Friday afternoon featured performances with children: the IHM Future Famous Fiddlers and the Well-tuned Trio, a group which has expanded to include three talented sons of two of the original members. Professional musicians also played before and after this year's melodrama, which was entitled: The Plunge, or the



*(McCann boys enjoy the Blueberry Crumble Pie*

*Unforgettable Tale of Fates and Fiddles. A fish fry was held during this entertainment with the special attraction of a secret family "beer batter" recipe. After dinner, the music continued with a family contra dance, while the bake-off judging was held nearby. Once again, several Richmond town officials braved the difficult task of choosing the winning desserts. Saturday's festival offerings included a continuation of the display of vendors' goods and the popular row of children's games, as well as repeat performances by the school children and the cast of the unforgettable melodrama. Proud owners exhibit-*

*ed their vintage cars and the Peoples' Choice Award went to a 1931 Ford two-door street rod.*

In the early afternoon, the bake-off awards were presented and all the desserts were auctioned off; one of the unique elements of this festival. Mary Carnie was the Grand Prize winner with a blueberry necklace pie. Eleonore Villarrubia's entry placed third: a butter pecan cake with blueberry cream cheese frosting. The Most Original Dessert Award was won by a young lady from out of town who made a red, white, and blue pie. A vacation raffle was held again this year and a Richmond craftsman, Nick Saginario, made and donated a delightful children's picnic table which was raffled also. A fun countdown of the sale of one hundred blueberry crumble pies was started Friday with "only eighty-nine left!" The pies were all sold by Saturday afternoon and some were eaten on the spot.

Saturday's headline entertainment was provided by two brothers who traveled from New York. They stayed after their final set and joined in the musicians' jam at the end of the day, providing live music for several group dances. The Blueberry Man, present throughout the festival, made the dancing even more fun.

Brand new this year was the fiddle contest, endorsed by the North American Fiddling Judges Association. This event provided most of the music on Saturday. Each contestant, from the youngest at four years, to the oldest at eighty-four, played tunes of his choice in three specified dance styles, as in other contests and then added a show tune. The audience was treated to singing, dancing and some very fancy playing. One fiddler from Vermont gave an historic rendition of how a lone fiddler could play for a house dance by adding rhythm with his feet, two different simultaneous patterns!

Richmond winners were Sam Bednar, second place in the junior division and Cecilia Bryan, who came in third. Clara LaPlume placed second in the championship division. The top three places in the twin fiddle competition were won by Richmond residents: first place went to Clara LaPlume and Sister Mary Peter, with the tune called "St. Anne's Reel." Second place winners were Sister Maria Philomena and Cecilia Bryan, playing "Liberty," and Russell LaPlume and Clara harmonized in "Waltz Across Texas," placing third. (The Sisters teach fiddle class-



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es at IHM School and Clara gives private lessons here in town.) Another special touch to this first-time fiddle contest was a group division, won by the Bryan Family. Second place went to IHM's Blueberry Jammers. After the final awards were given, each of the judges, excellent musicians, performed for the audience.



*(Gabriella Bosonetto loves to pick-lueberries)*

**Cass Pond**  
*Elaine Moriarty*

We are so fortunate to have a beautiful beach in our town. I am, as many know, an avid beach lover, swimmer and protector of this asset to our town.

This summer's biggest issue has been between the mallard ducks and some of the families that invade their domain. The Pond is their natural habitat and this provides an educational experience for children. However so often there is a lack of respect for the ducks.

Instead of education, mistreatment is more the norm. I will describe the two worst scenarios of this

summer. One: a group of teenagers (guests of a resident), started to feed the ducks. I approached them and explained how harmful this was. In return I was mocked in a rude way and an escalation of tormenting the ducks occurred. They proceeded to feed them, chase them and remark on "how mean the big one was" This was merely the mother attempting to protect her brood. Two: A group of children feeding the ducks and then wildly harassing them by chasing them. I then observed one of the mothers in that group proceed to command a beach noodle to whack at the ducks repeatedly and chase them. Is it any wonder the children behave in the manner their mentors teach them? Many times parents also appear oblivious to their children's misbehavior. The two and three year olds that chase after the ducks are young enough to be curiosity seekers more than abusive but they are never too young to learn.

I've spoken to many families and most are unaware of the hazards involved in feeding the ducks. I've researched on the internet and these are the problems. Human food is detrimental to the ducks, as they then do not eat essential natural food in the pond. Human food causes the ducks to emit a parasite that causes swimmers itch in humans. Human food causes them not to migrate in the fall. Excrement on the beach from the ducks can make humans sick.

For me it has been a fun experience to observe the family of nine this summer. Mom

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and babes together in a tight knit group watching how rapidly they grow seeing them cuddle up into one big ball to nap while mom stands guard diving for nature's nourishment learning to take flight and come back with a splash landing.

There is so much children can be taught about nature (other than abuse) and this should be a parent's responsibility. Please have respect for the environment as well as respect for people. Thank you.

### Things from the District

*Jim Carnie and Neil Moriarty*

VOTE SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 Teacher

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As you can see the vote is on for a four year teacher contract. I was asked what Teacher Longevity pay is. Longevity pay is a pool of money divided (each year) by teachers who are no longer eligible for step raises (they have received the maximum step raise). Therefore they are the more senior teachers.

The pool starts out in the first year at \$100,000 dollars (fy2008-09), goes up to \$250,000 in the fourth year (2011-2012) of the contract. Each teacher earns points for years of MRSD service. The points are totaled up and divided into the pool, example (not a true case): 100 teachers in the pool, say they have 250 points between them. \$100,000 divided by 250 points; each point would be valued at \$400. A teacher with 10 years above step raises would receive \$4,000; a teacher with one year over step would receive \$400.

Additionally, the taxpayers are responsible for 15% over and above for FICA and NH retirement. Year one costs \$115,000, year four costs \$287,500.

Note: Do not pay any attention to the values for longevity shown in the warrant – the values in the warrant are only the additional dollars to the pool in that year.

The Teacher Contract: Our teachers do, indeed, deserve a raise in pay. This contract offers a generous raise in pay that more than compensates our teachers for their payment of 20% of Blue Cross Blue Shield. Our teachers can receive free insurance if they take the lower cost plan. Jim and Neil will be voting against the contract, for the following concerns:

A. Yet another seven teachers will be paid to stay home (EARLY RETIREMENT) by you the MRSD TAXPAYER (THIS IS NOT STATE RETIREMENT, IT IS LOCALLY PAID RETIREMENT) - cost to you = \$840,000. We hear complaints about teacher turnover and we paid 25 of them to leave – isn't that amazing?

B. The rumors are strong, (it is not a rumor for the school board who has received the document) that there have been teachers resigning from MRSD, and other teachers transferring because of administration issues, not the amount of pay. thirty-four MRSD staff members signed this document. It is too bad they didn't release it publically; however, one can see their concerns; let's hope they change their minds about releasing it to the public.

Additionally, we have had three teachers return to the district in the last year that had left previously.

C. The TAXPAYER LOST \$850,000 because the teachers would not switch to CIGNA for health care insurance carrier. There are 47 million people with no insurance, and we can't get our teachers to change carriers to save us money, isn't that amazing?

That \$1,940,000 (\$840,000 plus \$850,000) would pay for teacher's raises for four years (not including FICA and NH retirement)! Any comments, concerns, etc., call Jim 239 4948, or Neil 239 4031

### Musicals Might Bring Back Memories

*Frank Behrens*

Blessings on DRG Records for bringing out CD transcriptions of old musical LPs, especially those of Broadway shows. The most recent include three musicals that had some but not great success on stage; and each has something of interest to the student of the American musical.

"Me and Juliet" (1953), with a run of 358 performances, was considered a Rodgers and Hammerstein flop. (I remember seeing it and agree.) "No other love have I" is the only song that was performed out of context and was immediately recognized as having the same melody as "Under the Southern Cross" from Rodger's music to "Victory at Sea." "Marriage type love" isn't bad and "Keep it gay" is rather catchy but suffers today from linguistic change.

"Happy Hunting" (1957) ran for 412 performances because of star Ethel Merman. Rehearsals were a

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nightmare with co-star Fernando Lamas constantly degrading her work to the point where she had to bring him up on charges before Equity. The book was weak, the music pleasant enough and “Mutual Admiration Society” was the one song that outlasted the show. The music is by Harold Karr.

“Milk and Honey” (1961) is a salute to the then 12-year-old state of Israel and ran 543 performances. The stars were Robert Weede (an operatic baritone), Mimi Benzell and the veteran of the Yiddish theatre Molly Picon. It was all very optimistic, tuneful but not memorably so and was aimed mostly at a specific audience. It had an afterlife on Catskill summer stock stages for quite some time after. The music and lyrics are by Jerry Herman.

Let me add to these a recording of Maurice Jarre’s music to the film “Is Paris Burning?” Awkwardly, there are only four tracks, two short and two with lots of separate melodies. Like most film scores, it is not very interesting divorced from the film itself; but it makes for some nice ambient music when one is otherwise engaged. The total running time is a very short 36:43 minutes. Collectors of film scores will appreciate it nevertheless.

**BELL** Those who keep count of such things have lost count of how many recordings there are of Antonio Vivaldi’s “The Four Seasons.” Is then any new recording too superfluous to consider seriously? For devotees of violinist Joshua Bell, the new Sony Classical CD is far from unwelcome.

The liner notes have Bell justifying his version because “there is so much room for improvisation and individual interpretation.” As always, the listener will be the judge.

What for me is more interesting is the inclusion of Giuseppe Tartini’s “The Devil’s Trill,” a 14-minute piece that the composer claimed came to him in a dream in which the Devil played the melody on a

violin. This along with Bell’s technique, I believe, makes this Sony CD a very good buy

## DEFINITELY DEFINITIONS

*Terri O'Rorke and Jean Tandy*

When people don't know where their taxes are spent - they're in trouble. If they don't even ask, they're done for. Local taxpayers literally subsidize several non-profit corporations located in Richmond. So we need to be clear on what subsidize means to taxpayers.

**SUBSIDY** *n, pl. dies* 1. Monetary assistance granted by a government to a person or group in support of an enterprise regarded as being in the public interest. 2. Financial assistance given by one person or government to another. 3. Money formerly granted to the British Crown by Parliament. **SUBSIDIZE** *tr.v.*- dized, dizing, dizes 1. To assist or support with a subsidy. 2. To secure the assistance of by granting a subsidy.

## CORPORATION *n.*

1. A body that is granted a charter recognizing it as a separate legal entity having its own rights, privileges and liabilities distinct from those of its members. 2. Such a body created for purposes of government. Also called "Body Corporate". 3. A group of people combined into or acting as one body. 4. *Informal* - a protruding abdominal region; a potbelly. Taken from the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language. 4th Edition

## Motion to Amend and Join Defendants “Continued”

Kim Mattson

Inserted in the Aug. issue of The Richmond Rooster was a flyer expressing the interpretation that many Richmond Residents had for the allegations associated with 12 of our town’s elected volunteers by a Corporation. A corporation that is made up of individuals that reside and work within our close woven community. You need to ask yourself, a 10,000 plus sq. ft. building, in a “residential” zone, on a class 5 highway with one egress, which has greatly impacted the neighbors, road maintenance and safety of all involved. At what point do you “outgrow” your location? At what point have you overused the neighborhood? Richmond’s 12 individuals are, named in their official and individual capacity. in Docket Nos: 07-E-0101, 08-E-0006, 08-E-

0005. This amendment strikes a nerve asking "good" neighbors "would you like to run for office , spend countless hours and take your chance on the "wheel of fortune" to be named in a lawsuit that is charging malicious discrimination against Richmond's individual board members? An issue which began in 1988 or 1989 when a variance/special exception WAS NOT applied for after the Selectboard determined one was needed. If the original site plan with necessary variances/special exceptions WAS NOT completed should the applicant be allowed to expand on a non conforming use?

Both John Bisson, Attorney for the Intervenor and Daniel J. Mullen Attorney for the Town of Richmond, offered an objection to amend the Corporation's allegations and dismiss. The

defense goes on. Zoning regulations in Richmond must apply to everybody, AND they need to be enforced for the good of EVERYONE in our town.

**Goal has been reached...**

*Kim Mattson*

The Rural Preservation Committee would like to thank all of our neighbors for helping with our plight to support the Winchester Learning Center. We have reached our goal of \$500.00 which will be matched by a very generous neighbor to allow a full donation of \$1000.00 given in Richmond's name, to aid in the early development, education and classroom readiness of many children in our area.

## SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

**7 July 2008** Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Wes is on vacation 7 July 2008 through 14 July 2008. Peter Majoy was in regarding a meeting at the CD Building about the Aquifer on July 8, 2008 at 7:00. On behalf of the Voluntary Energy Committee Peter requested that the Town buy only recycled paper products. We have already begun to purchase recycled paper for this office. He would like to see a policy set forth by the Selectmen on this. The Selectmen discussed and decided to wait for Wes to get back from vacation. Steve Boscarino was in by request of the Selectmen regarding the Ellis property. Janel will work on contacting Mr. Ellis this

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week. Lauren Shearer was in to get an update on the property map 415 lot 005. JC related that the lawyer was to look at it. JC will talk to Janel when she comes in. Lauren inquired as to any questions that need to be responded to from the hearing. JC advised Lauren that any further discussion would have to take place at the next public hearing. The Road Agent called and informed the Selectmen that the bridge on Fay Martin Rd over Tully Brook was in dire need of new planking. The Road

Agent will order the new materials and will schedule a time to repair it. Rob Hart was in from Camp Takodah regarding the Groundwater Discharge Application that is a State requirement. He needed

some information to help him fill out the application. Bill Hillock and Sheri Reynolds were in to go over their building permits with the Selectmen for map 410 lot 040. A demolition permit #2008-013 was issued for the existing structure. Building permit #2008-014 for a 14x70 mobile home was started, but still needs an Energy Audit before the selectmen can sign it. Russell LaPlume came in to ask about the A-9 form for Saint Benedict Center. He believes that 3 forms were submitted at the same time for the 3 Saint Benedict Center. We will ask Bev what she knows about this. He also believes an abatement was filed for 2007, but we have no record of receiving it. Douglas Croteau and William Johnson were in to obtain a building permit for map 405 lot 078-3. Permit # 2008-015 was assigned. Jessica Arriens came in from The Keene Sentinel

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to introduce herself as the reporter designated to our Town. Blair and Spencer Heise were in to inquire about a raffle permit. JC presented some initial plans he drew up for floor plan changes for the Selectmen's Office. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

**14 July 2008** Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau and Sean McElhiney Read mail and signed checks. Last week's minutes listed Wes as attending the meeting, but he did not. Wes is still on vacation this week. Russell LaPlume was in to get a copy of St. Benedict's completed A-9 and we provided him with it. He also was inquiring about getting his house inspected. Bev called the Fire Chief Mike Pearsall for him and gave a message to Mrs. Pearsall to have Mike call Mr. LaPlume and the Selectmen's office. The Selectmen's Office will be advertising for a new Health Officer. Bev will put an ad in the newspaper. Bob VanBrocklin was in to report that he will be mowing behind the fire station next week. Police Chief Andy Wood was in with police issues. Chief Wood stated that he has set up two patrols per shift at the Town Beach. JC talked to Lloyd Condon. He will be putting a new storm window on the middle balcony window at the Vet's Hall and he will be raising the side door of the P.D. to stop water seepage sometime this fall. Bill Hillock and Sheri Reynolds were in to update the Selectmen on meeting their requirement to obtain a building permit. Building Permit #2008-014 was issued for a mobile home on a permanent foundation. Wayne Dancause was in with a tax question for the Selectmen. Map/lot 402-079. The Selectmen referred the question to Janel. Sue Heilman from Bowl Road came in and addressed the selectmen about people trying to use Morgan Road to get to other places like Troy and Fitzwilliam. She would like a "No Outlet" sign placed at the beginning of the road so everyone will know it is a dead end. We will contact Dana with this request. The Board discussed possible new locations for the old safe in the Town Clerk's office. No decisions were made. JC spoke about the building permit form that he has been working on updating. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 9:30

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  - Mon. 7:30 —? p.m. Public Concerns

- Town Secretary:** Beverly Hart
- Mon. 6 p.m. —9 p.m.
  - Wed. 8 a.m. — 12 noon, 1:00 p.m.- 5p.m.
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- Town Clerk:** Annette Tokunaga  
Deputy: Pamela Goodell
- Mon. 9 a.m. —Noon, 1 —4 p.m., 6 —8 p.m.
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- Mon. 7 p.m. —8 p.m.
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- Planning Board:** Robert Coy, Chairperson
- Meetings held at Civil Defense Building  
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