



MEMBERS OF RICHMOND BOY SCOUT TROOP 775 SALUTE THE RAISING OF THE U.S. FLAG AT THE FITZWILLIAM 2008 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES



Richmond Boy Scout Troop 775 and Cub Scout Pack 27 marched in the Memorial Day Parade at Fitzwilliam on May 26, 2008.

photos Catherine Margand

Summer Ideas

Judith M. Graves

Summer is here!!! We waited for it so long. Back out in our yards getting them planted with pretty flowers, herbs, and bushes, moving all the items that we just sat there in the winter. I always walk up to the road to see how our drive bys see our home. This is one of the tricks I use to be sure things are as they should be. Our yards are one of the things that New Englanders take pride in. We know our neighbors and those out riding around our country roads are enjoying what they see as well. Pride in our town is another reason to get our yards in shape. Now we just need to keep up the watering and pruning and enjoy our yards. The patio furniture is back out and cleaned; ready for our cookouts and gatherings. Ahh, summer in New Hampshire!!! Start it early and it is going to give us several months of pure pleasure.

The perennials are something that make our woodland edges bloom all summer and fall. The annuals give us so much color as edgings and container plantings, and the ease of gathering an armful to take inside to place in a vase or take to a friend is just so satisfying. We work so hard in this growing zone to get gorgeous gardens only to lose them so quickly to frost; but we do it again the next year for our love of beauty. Vegetable gardens are in and now we watch as the seeds explode into delicious foods. Can hardly wait for that first tomato!!! Have been chopping chives for weeks already and picked the chive blossoms to hang upside down to dry and add to a vase or basket.

Container gardens are the perfect addition to our yards, when you have a patio or just on the front steps. I find, as the years go by, they are the easiest for me to tend. The colors can be your choice. Some years I opt for three colors like white, purple, and pink, and other years like this one I have all of those colors and more. Just felt after the long hard winter that I needed color in my life.

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Wes Vaughan

Along with getting our summer ideas out in our yards to enjoy, we also need some other summer ideas for inside and out. So here are some that I have found work that I would like to share. I am sure you all have other ideas that can be shared to make others lives easier as well.

Being a person that strives for green living and doing things naturally, I found that if you have ants put small piles of cornmeal where you see the ants. They eat it, take it 'home', can't digest it so they don't come back. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed.

Do you get fruit flies? To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it 1/2 with apple cider vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid, mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup are gone forever.

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser, and keep it in the glove compartment in your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser!!! Works better than a cloth.

To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

Keeping weeds out of the garden is easy. Work the nutrients in your soil. Wet colorless newspapers and layer around the plants overlapping as you go, cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic but they will not get through wet newspaper.

If you have aphids on your plants, mix a bit of dish soap in water and spritz it on the leaves and plants. This will not hurt edible herbs or plants. Aphids may return but another soapy spray will just keep them at bay naturally.

Here is a trick that I have used for years. Pick some pansies and place them face down on a screen. Let them dry. They dry with a pliable shape. Place one in what I wish for you today'. Consider a pansy for you today from me. Happy Summer!

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Meet Gwyn Powers

Elaine Moriarty

Gwyn Powers moved to Richmond three years ago with her husband Andy. She is employed at Monadnock Community Early Learning Center. In January 2007 Gwyn implemented a Toddler/Preschool story hour for the Richmond Public Library. Once each month on the second Saturday she conducts a themed story hour with art projects. Gwyn enjoys the little ones and listening to their stories as well.

She assisted with the summer reading in 2007, signing up children on the kickoff day in June and obtaining items for the silent auction at the closing party. Gwyn is available to assist at this year's summer reading. Gwyn is looking forward to "creating new Toddler/Preschool story hours" when they resume in September. The programs will remain monthly until May 2009.

Gwyn spends her free time with family and her dog Levi. Music and camping are the others enjoyments in her life. Thank you Gwyn for the time you devote to the youngest library patrons.

Library News

Wendy O'Brien

Summer Reading Program

Join us on Aussie Kids Day, Fri., July 11th, 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Hall! We will have aboriginal mask painting, other crafts and fun games. We will be awarding bonus points for the "Crazy Crocodile Quiz" to all attendees. The weekly quiz takes place at the Library and features fun questions about Australia. The child with the most correct answers at the end of the program will win a gift card to Target.

Are you traveling this summer and in need of a lightweight, quick read? Stop by our Paperback Express, where you can pick up current paperbacks on the honor system. If you would like to keep the book, we ask that you donate \$0.25. Have some current (2005 and newer) paperbacks to donate? We would love to expand our collection!

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

Town Beach and a Huge Thank You

Elaine Moriarty

A forestry maintenance program dictated the end of the tree in the middle of the road at the Richmond Town Beach. The unfortunate part of an approved cut was damage to a Richmond Town Beach sign purchased by the Town in 2007. When I came upon the incident I enlisted the aid of Dana Taylor to retrieve the sign. He brought it to my home as I'd asked. Neil and I thought we could repair the sign. Ultimately the damage was beyond repair.

Enter a recommended sign business, Custom Designs on Krif Rd in Keene. His business card states "owner and nice guy" With the donation of time and resources by Custom Designs and this fine businessman, the beach now has a new sign.

We would urge anyone considering sign work to patronize the business of more than "nice guy". Jim Vitous is a compassionate, very pleasant person, one who we highly recommend, and one who proves there are angels among us on earth.

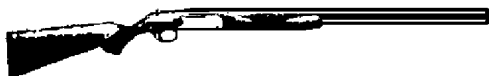
School District June 2008

Jim Carnie and Neil Moriarty

The School District Budget Process Where are we going? Each of the last three years we have run huge surpluses within the district. All of these budgets have been default budgets. Some of this money is excess revenue (not property taxes) and is returned to the voter. While some of the surplus money is property

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taxes and is not all being returned to the voters; but' is being spent by your school board. One example is raises for non bargaining unit employees which is not covered by any default budget. A case could be made to have the non bargaining unit employees waiting for the teachers to get a raise - before getting a raise every year Most of you who read the Sentinel Blog now know about the four TVs at the high school cafeteria - that is your surplus at work! The worst offense on spending surplus default funds has to be the hiring of new position employees. These new employees become employees with contracts and then the following year are in the default budget. This just doesn't seem right. A case in point is the Facilities Director at a cost of about \$85,000 a year - was hired with default surplus funds.

Town of Sullivan Suit on Early Retirement. The town of Sullivan agreed to wait until after the March election on their suit for Declaratory Judgment (the judge would rule Early Retirement is or, is not legal) on the existing Teacher's Early Retirement Provision. This case is yet to be heard we feel strongly that it should precede the teacher contract emergency meeting (see below)

Teacher Contract - Call for Special Meeting On June 12, 2008 the court heard testimony on the school board request for a special district emergency meeting for the voters to take up the teacher contract. Lawyers for the school board and teacher's union spoke for the special meeting (an emergency exists); lawyers for the towns of Sullivan and Fitzwilliam spoke against (an emergency does not exist). Additionally, the Monadnock School Taxpayers Association also testified against the need for a special meeting. The judge did not indicate when he would make his ruling on the need for an emergency meeting of the district voters.

Student Progress Testing (AYP [Average Yearly Progress])The elementary School in the Town of Sullivan also passed AYP - my oversight (neil)

OUR (Default) Budget for FY2007-08 Currently the surplus is projected at about \$850,000; however, your school board has decided to spend \$500,000 of the surplus and is rushing around awarding contracts. Things like fill-

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ing the oil tanks a nice idea; however, that is spending money for next year is this legal? They Awarded \$200,000 roof contract without bids (current roofer to get a no bid extension). \$85,000 for seats for the high school auditorium we have no bid, and we never discussed auditorium seats last year. One would wonder how valid the other items that were deleted from facilities warrants at the last minute last year to get the union contracts passed. How about the documented NEASC building items fix items (the auditorium seats are not one of them)?

Building Plans - Middle School The architect was not ready on 3th and will reschedule to June 17, 2008. This presentation will be on the middle school building on district owned property northeast of Mount Caesar. As usual if you have questions, concerns, or comments, call Jim at 239 4948, or Neil at 239 4031 - have a happy summer

NH Legislative News

Barbara Hull Richardson

This legislative session has officially ended with a final special session called by Governor Lynch to deal with the looming budget shortfall. Following a fairly contentious evening of debate, the Governor's requests were voted into law shortly before midnight on June 4th. A series of measures to deal with a possible \$180 million revenue shortfall in the two-year \$10.3 billion state budget had been proposed by the Governor. This fiscal year is expected to end in the black but next year the state is estimated to have an \$83 million deficit if there were no borrowed money. The final deal passed by the legislature allows the Governor to borrow up to \$40 million of the money for school construc-



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tion aid each year if revenues drop below a certain amount.

The Pease Development Authority will be required to repay about \$10.5 million it has owed the state for years. The community college system is authorized to borrow \$5.5 million to complete the sale of its Stratham campus and renovate its Pease campus.

The 25 cent per pack increase of the New Hampshire cigarette tax will not go into effect if the state gets at least \$48 million in revenues from the existing tax between July 1st and October 1st. Massachusetts is considering raising its tax \$1 to \$2.51 per pack. Our state tax is \$1.08.

Retailers now get a 20 percent discount when they buy wine at the state warehouse and a 15 percent discount for buying it at state liquor stores. The discount would drop to 10 percent in both places. Retailers who sell no more than \$350,000 annually would be exempt from the cut in the wine discount.

Problems for our most vulnerable citizens have been alleviated to some extent. There have been modest rate increases for service providers in residential care, home and health care and day care. Some of these providers had not had rate increases in more than a decade. Funding has been directed to address lead poisoning in children and steps have been taken to reduce the time on the waiting list for people with developmental disabilities. The legislature provided an increase in funding for dropout prevention to help more young people graduate from high school, expanded adult high schools and access to the career and technical education centers. Workforce housing has been expanded so that educated young people can stay in the state and contribute their skills. Thank you for your comments and suggestions.

New Pastor Welcome

Lois Ray, Lay Leader, RCUMC

Pastor Shinhyung Ahn ("Pastor Shin") has been appointed to the Richmond Community United Methodist Church by Bishop Peter D. Weaver, resident Bishop of the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church. According to New Hampshire District Superintendent Rev. John M. Blackadar, Pastor Shin will assume his duties on July 1. Because Pastor Shin will also be ministering to Grace UMC in Keene as well as to United Methodist Churches in

Claremont and North Charlestown, he will be assisted by Lay Ministers. Mr. Jack Sears of Grace UMC, who is studying to become a UMC Certified Lay Minister, will preach in Richmond and Keene on an alternating schedule when Pastor Shin is preaching in Claremont and North Charlestown.

Pastor Shin graduated from university in Korea with a degree in German Language and Literature. He then served 3 years in the Army (service is mandatory in Korea) after which he taught English for seven years. He moved to the United States 7 years ago from Seoul, Korea, with his wife and 2 daughters after answering God's call to the ministry. On May 17, 2008, he graduated from Andover Newton Theological School where he earned his Masters of Divinity degree. He has a passion for music, a strong singing voice and plays piano, guitar, and flute. He is a Local Pastor and a Certified Candidate in the process toward ordination in the Elder track of the United Methodist Church. The Ahns make their home in the Claremont parsonage.

Pastor Shin is excited about bringing some innovative and fresh change to the worship services and study opportunities. He was a praise and worship leader in his last church and hopes to use some contemporary music along with some traditional favorites in worship services. An invitation is extended to all area residents to welcome Pastor Shin at the Richmond Community United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 6, 2008, for the 8:45 AM worship.

Local to Walk 60 Miles

Betsy Pearsall

New Hampshire Walker Encourages Local Residents to Join the Breast Cancer Movement

Betsy Pearsall of Richmond, NH will join thousands of other dedicated women and men at the Washington, DC Breast Cancer 3-Day walk benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure and National Philanthropic Trust. After months of training and fundraising, participants will walk 60 miles during three days to raise awareness and funds for critical research and community outreach programs.

"I am not a survivor of breast cancer, but have had my own 'scars' with shadows on my mammograms. Three generations of women in my extended family

Update

have diagnosed with breast cancer, so for my children, this is a real concern. My life has been touched by several friends' personal struggles with this disease, and many others have told me of their trials. I walk for those who can't, and in memory and honor of those who have lost their battles with cancer of all types," said Betsy Pearsall. "This year I am a member of a team based in Chicago. That's one of the great things about these walks, meeting new friends and reconnecting with old ones all over the country." To help Pearsall reach her goal, make an online donation at <http://08.the3day.org/goto/betsynh>. To learn how to participate or volunteer visit www.The3Day.org or call 800.996.3DAY.

August 16th. or more information please call Coordinator Shelly Pagan at 239-4105 or leave a message for Penny Vaine at 239-4465 All the proceeds of this hard work will support the Youth Trip to Tennessee this summer for the National Youth Event.

5th Annual Golf Tournament

Roberta Royce

To Benefit The Winchester Learning Center Child Care* Preschool* Family Resource Center Saturday June 21, 2008 ~ 8AM Oak Ridge Golf Course Gill, MA 18 Holes Golf & Cart and Steak Dinner Free hotdogs and hamburgers on the 8th hole Raffles-Prizes \$75 per person Call Gary Beaman to register at (603)336-7783 or The WLC at 239-7347 Hosted by Gary Beaman & Friends The WLC is a Monadnock United Way Agency

**The Blues are on CD,
the Reds on DVD**

Frank Behrens

BLUES I don't know where the people at Archeophone Records get their material, but their catalogue of CDs is an Aladdin's treasure horde of vintage recordings of popular music from early cylinders to the last of the acoustic (non-electric) discs of the 1920s. Among their latest offerings is "Ain't Gonna Settle Down": the pioneering blues of Mary Stafford & Edith Wilson."

With the usual Archeophone thoroughness, the 30-page booklet in the jewel case gives a detailed account of the careers of these two singers and the reasons why female blues singers were relatively neglected by the record companies. Stafford and Wilson seem to have been exceptions (listen and you will see why). Therefore, this set includes on two CDs, 14 recordings by Mary Stafford and 32 by Edith Wilson. "Blues" seems to be a contraction of "Blue devils," an expression that came to mean the result of too much alcohol. In Black music, "blues" meant a depressed mood, and the musical depictions of that feeling call for some complex analysis beyond the scope of this report.

However, when one considers the titles of the songs with no reference to the music, it is obvious what causes the female to be blue: "I've lost my heart to the meanest girl in town," "Ain't got nobody to grind my coffee in the morning," "What do you care?" "I don't know and I don't care blues," "It's gonna be a cold, cold winter," "My handy man ain't handy no more," and (as a logical conclusion to what went before) "I'll get even with you."

Of course, there are some optimistic lyrics to vary the mood: "He may be your man (but he comes to see me sometimes)" and "He used to be your man but he's my man now." But even then, one feels the situation will soon switch to "The penalty of love."

So here are the ancestors of "Stormy weather" and



Birth Announcement

Kimberly Touya

Gianna Grace Touya was born April 25, 2008 at Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, NY. She is the daughter of former Richmond resident Kimberly Hadley Touya and her husband Stephane. Her proud grandparents are Pam and Boyd Goodell of Richmond, Richard Hadley of Hillsboro, and Jean and Magda Touya of Brooklyn, NY. Great grandparents are Harry and Grace Moore, Gert Hadley and Maria Auguste. Gianna weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. She lives with her mom, dad and dog Apollo in Patchogue, NY.

Rent A Youth.. A Win Win!!

Terri O'Rorke

The Youth Group of the United Church of Winchester has an offer you won't want to miss. They will "rent" their muscles and elbow grease, child caring skills and computer knowledge to you! They will make all those chores go away by coming in teams of two or three to complete your chores to your specifications.

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“Love me or leave me,” sung by artists who seem to know what the lyrics really mean. One almost feels guilty enjoying the blues of others, but these two singers know what they are about and make this Archeophone set a Must for lovers of American popular music.

BOSTON RED SOX I occasionally hear about a certain game played in this country in which one can become a millionaire by hitting a ball and running counterclockwise around a series of bases. I further believe there is a “team” called the Boston Red Sox that has attracted the loyalty of a few (hundreds of thousands, possibly) people who pay good money to see this happen.

So I suppose there will be some interest in a boxed set of six DVDs from A&E titled “The Boston Red Sox Essential Games of Fenway Park.”

The six games selected are those of 9-30-67 (Minnesota Twins), 1975 World Series, Game 6 (Cincinnati Reds), 4-29-86 (Seattle Mariners), 1999 MLB All-Star Game, 1999 ALCS, Game 3 (NY Yankees), and 4-22-07 (NY Yankees). The latter, by the way, was the game in which four consecutive home runs were hit by Boston. There are actually too many bonus features to list here, but the first of them, “The Origins of Fenway Park,” should especially interest many viewers. The running time without the bonuses is 16.5 hours. Enjoy.

THIS MONTH'S RSA
Terri O'Rorke

Now that summer days have finally arrived, it's so nice to be able to get out on my road for a walk, but to see the amount of trash there is very disheartening. I knew there had to be an RSA concern-

ing littering somewhere and here it is. TITLE XII PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE CHAPTER 163-B LITTER CONTROL LAW Section 163-B:1 163-B:1 Declaration of Intent. – It is the intention of the legislature by this chapter to provide for uniform prohibition throughout the state of any and all littering on public or private property and to curb thereby the desecration of the beauty of the state and harm to the health, welfare and safety of its citizens caused by individuals who litter. Source.1971,144:1,eff. July 25, 1971.163-B:2

Definitions. – As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following words or phrases shall have the following meanings:


I. The word "litter" means all rubbish, refuse, garbage, trash, debris, dead animals or other discarded materials of every kind and description. Source. 1971,144:1,eff. July 25, 1971.

163-B:3 Unlawful Activities. – It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave, or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in this state, or in or on ice or in any waters in this state, unless: I. Such property is designated by the state or by any of its agencies or political subdivisions for the disposal of such litter, and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to use such property;

II. Such litter is placed into a litter receptacle or container installed on such property; III. Such person is the owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property, or has first obtained consent of the owner or tenant in lawful possession, or unless the act is done under the personal direction of said owner or tenant, all in a manner consistent with the public welfare.Source. 1971, 144:1, eff. July 25, 1971.163-B:4


Penalties. I. Any person violating the provisions of RSA 163-B:3, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, or, in lieu thereof, in the sound discretion of any court in which conviction is obtained, any such person may be directed by the judge of such court to pick up and remove from any public street or highway or public or private right-of-way, or public beach or public park, or with prior permission of the legal owner or tenant in lawful possession of such

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Firehouse News

Sean Brewer

To date the Richmond Fire Department and Rescue Squad have responded to 49 calls for emergency services.

We would like to congratulate Firefighter Adam Smith for successfully completing his State of New Hampshire Firefighter Level 1 certification.

We would also like to welcome Brian McDonald as a new member of the fire department.

In April, the fire department hosted a presentation on Landing Zone Emergencies. The guest speaker was Lt. Jeremy Souza from T.F. Green Airport Fire Dept. in Warwick RI. Lt. Souza spoke to us about how to deal with emergencies that could occur when we call for a helicopter to come to our designated landing zone to pick up a patient for air transport. Also in attendance were firefighters and E.M.T.s from Fitzwilliam, Troy, Meadowood, and Royalston MA.

In May, Fire Warden Ed Atkins instructed brush fire training to the department. This was very timely training as we had two actual brush fires within the following two weeks. With assistance from Winchester, Fitzwilliam, and Swanzy we were able stop these fires with only minimal damage. Less than two acres between the two fires.

In June, we conducted First Alarm Structure Fire training. We did everything from setting up the engines to supply water, dragging hose lines into a building, laddering a building, search & rescue of trapped occupants, and radio communications. All of this is done while wearing self contained breathing apparatus (S.C.B.A. or Scott Air-Paks).

Every month we train on a different subject, and then when we have gone through them all, we start all over again!

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Our annual chicken BBQ is going to be held on Aug. 31 this year. Set the date aside and see a firefighter for your raffle tickets.

Rural Preservation Committee #3

Kim Mattson (Kandace)

Saint Benedict s Center, Inc. v. Town of Richmond and the Town of Richmond Zoning Board of Adjustments, Docket No. 08-E-0005 Petitioner's Summary Statement

Now Come, the Petitioners, through their attorneys, and respectfully submit this summary statement in accordance with the notice of structuring conference dated Feb. 19, 2008. In support hereof, the Petitioners state as follows The Intervenor, Saint Benedict Center, Inc. (hereinafter, "SBC") is the owner of real property consisting of three tax lots, Map 412, Lots, 18, 19, and 20, located at 95-115 Fay Martin Road (collectively, the "Parcel"). The Parcel is located in within the Residential Zoning District and is currently improved by four buildings and a cemetery. Under the Richmond Zoning Ordinance, schools are not a permitted principle use within the Residential District and house of worship are only permitted as a principal use by special exception The buildings on the property have been permitted or used generally for residential or workshop purposes since 1989. However, in 1989, Blessed Sacrament Community, Inc. (BSC), began to use the basement of the so-called monastery building for what is described as incidental school and house of worship purposes.

According to Town and construction records, the school improvements predated the house of worship improvements. A building permit was issued to allow for alteration to satisfy the State Fire Code's "mixed occupancy" standards. Nevertheless, BSC acknowledged in writing that it would need approvals to erect a school or a house of worship on the Parcel. The current owner SBC filed an application for site plan approval dated September 24, 2006 with the town of Richmond Planning Board (the "Planning Board") to "construct a 10,230 S.F.(footprint) church/classroom building" on the Parcel. When issues arose as approval for the house of worship and school uses, SBC asserted a prior site plan approval or site plan approval was found. It further represented to the Planning board that the school was an accessory use to the house of worship, as a matter of law, under the decision in City of Concord v. New Testament Baptist Church, 118 N.H. 56 (1978)

After numerous hearings, on or about May 9, 2007, the Planning Board granted site plan approval subject to several conditions, including merger of the tax lots and the following. Applicant must obtain from the ZBA a special exception for a house of worship in a residential zone as well as a determination that as to whether or not a school is an allowed accessory use to this house of worship. If a school is not an allowed accessory use to an approved



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house of worship, the applicant must get a variance from the ZBA

SBC appealed these two conditions to the Zoning Board of Adjustments in May 20-07. SBC disputed that it needed further approvals asserting that, even though no record of an approval existed, it was expanding an existing house of worship and the school was an allowed accessory use as a matter of law. SBC did not, timely or otherwise, amend its administrative appeal. After an initial public hearing in August 2007 and consultation with counsel, the ZBA held, in part, that no special exception was necessary for the house of worship because the town knew it was there and the school was an allowable accessory use.

The Petitioners filed a timely motion for rehearing with the ZBA challenging both of their determinations. The ZBA granted rehearing on November 14, 2007. After the rehearing, the ZBA nominally affirmed its decision that the school was an allowable accessory use, but it required a variance. The ZBA also reversed itself on the issue of a special exception for the house of worship. SBC filed a request for rehearing with the ZBA by letter dated November 10, 2007 requesting that ZBA find that no special exception was required because there was no change in current use and no variance was required because the school was an allowable accessory use. The ZBA on December 19, 2007 voted to deny the motion, but "clarified" its November 14, 2007 decision.

The Petitioners appealed within thirty days of that decision and, as a matter of precaution given the "clarification", filed another motion for rehearing, which was also denied. The Petitioners amended their appeal to cover that decision as well. SBC has asserted that the Petitioners' appeal was untimely as they should have appealed while SBC continued to pursue the matter before the ZBA. Such a position is contrary to the plain language of the statute and promotes a procedural posture which the "Supreme Court has described as absurd. Moreover, as the Petitioners now have intervenor status in SBC's appeal from the same decision, the issue is moot. The Petitioners concur with the ZBA's ultimate determination that the proposed house of worship and school uses require a special exception and variance

respectively. However, the Petitioners assert that the ZBA's underlying finding that the proposed school use represents an allowable accessory use to the proposed house of worship use is erroneous and unreasonable.

More specifically, SBC asserted that the school was an allowable accessory use based upon an alleged approval of which there was no record and upon the decision in *City of Concord v. New Testament Baptist Church*, 118 N.H.56 (1978). The Concord decision was not decided under the accessory use doctrine, but rather was based upon the interpretation of a specific municipal ordinance not at issue here. As such, it cannot support a finding of accessory use and SBC has no further evidence or authority of support of its position.

The record does not otherwise support the ZBA's finding that the school had been, and would be, an allowable accessory use to the house of worship. It was undisputed that SBC's predecessor represented that the school and house of worship were both incidental to the monastery when they were first established and, as a matter of law, a use cannot be accessory to another accessory use. Similarly, there is no record of an approval establishing the house of worship as a lawful principal use of the property.

In addition, the school improvements and an accessory use must serve an existing principal use. There is no evidence in the record that the school use was ever minor in relation to any house of worship use as required by law. Finally, SBC's own plans and traffic studies demonstrate that the school would be a principal use of the Parcel under its proposal. In short, the record demonstrates that the school was never had been And would not be an accessory use to any house of worship use and ABC proposed to change it to a principal use of the parcel

Meadowood

Melanie Ellis

June 5th was the 1st Annual Meadowood Golf Tournament. It was a very good turnout and an enjoyable time. Thank you to all the sponsors and players who participated and helped make this tournament a success. We are already looking forward to next years tournament.

August 14th is the 3rd Uno's Meadowood Fund Raiser. As in the years past the fund raiser works by presenting our coupon when you pay your bill and up to 20% of you tab will be donated to the Meadowood Burn Building Fund. It is good all day on the 14th for dine in or take out. If you are interested in having dinner out and helping Meadowood at the same time, please see a Meadowood firefighter for a coupon.

August 16th is our Annual Auction at the Assembly Hall, Bowkerville Rd in Fitzwilliam, NH. The auction preview will start at 9am and the auction will start at

10am. If you have a new or in good/usable condition item that you are looking to donate for the auction you can give Marty Nolan a call at 603-242-3482 or Assistant Chief Win Wright at 603-585-6808. The public is welcome and there will be refreshments served

SELECTMEN MINUTES

May 12, 2008 Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Annette, Town Clerk, was in to see about a date when the safe in her office will be removed. She needs to make room for an incoming printer. The Board will consult with Norma Thibodeau about the historic significance. Allen Holbrook from Fish Hatchery Rd. was in about road conditions. He reported missing signs which had already been reported to us as stolen. The Road Agent will gather a list of signs to put on order. Jeremy Patria was in with a building permit application for a house.

He went over the building permit with JC. Map/Lot 411-028-2. Mr. Patria will return with missing information. Lauren Shearer came in with a petition for a Class V road layout for Bowker Road (a discontinued road). The selectmen will request legal advice. Fred Goldberg was in with road questions/ concerns. JC reported that he drove past a demolished building at the end of Bullock Road to verify a recent complaint, and also stopped and looked at the culvert near the

M a t t s o n homestead. Mary Taylor came in for a building permit to move her storage shed. The selectmen voted to have a holiday on Memorial Day and Labor Day. There being no other business to

come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

19 May 2008 Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. Dana Taylor, Road Agent, was in to discuss missing signs, road conditions, and scheduling of roads to be worked on this spring. Vets Hall rental forms signed for Sally Morton for June 15, 2008 and ZBA for the dates May 28, 2008 and June 4 2008. Signed pistol permits R338477 & R338478 Signed Timber Tax Levys. Gerri Lutz, groundskeeper, came in by request of the Selectmen, to go over her plans for landscaping maintenance for the town buildings this year and the hourly wage. Gerri was asked to put her plan in writing and submit it to the board. Jeremy Patria was in to review his building permit with JC, Map/Lot 411-028-2. Jeremy supplied dimensions and a street address, then paid \$50.00 fee. The Board approved

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permit #2008-005. Mark Beauregard was in regarding road conditions, and he is concerned about the sand and leaves in the road ditches. Annette Tokunaga, Town Clerk, came in to discuss the Internet connection problems she is having. Fran Dutton was in regarding his television show and putting a trailer on his property for studio work. We gave him a building permit application. Fran had a question on a police matter. David Kelly came in at the request of the selectmen to complete a demolition permit to remove the old school house, a garage and a shed. Permit 2008-006 (a 10 dollar fee) was signed. Bryce Daugherty was in with questions about Old County Road and Public Service. PSNH needs to have trees cut along Old County Road in order to receive power. Bryce submitted a petition per RSA 231:172 for a hearing to consider cutting trees on Old County Road for utility poles and power lines. Marie Knowlton came in to ask about the vote at 2008 Town

Meeting regarding holding 2009 Town Meeting on Saturday. The selectmen stated that they had discussed it, but don't plan to make any decisions until fall or early winter. Marie also asked

about the status of the playground equipment that was purchased several years ago. She is interested in putting together a Town Clean-up Day to help get the playground installed. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

2 June 2008 Selectmen's Meeting Attending: JC Boudreau, Sean McElhiney, Wes Vaughan Read mail and signed checks. The Selectmen went into executive session with Attorney David Tower at 7:00 P.M. Executive session ended at 7:35. Dave Marazoff was in to go over the BTLA matter of the Wojciechowski hearing on Wednesday. Steve Boscarino, tax collector was in. Selectmen went into executive session with Steve at 8:05 and came out of executive session at 8:10. Steve informed the board during executive session that his deputy has resigned and that he will be seeking a new deputy. Minutes attached. Lauren Shearer

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came in to discuss his petition to layout a Class V road over a private way, also known as Bowker Road. A hearing was scheduled for June 26th at 7:00 at the Veteran's Hall. Janel will post notices and send notices to abutters at least 14 days prior to the hearing. A second hearing was also scheduled at 8:00 the same evening for the Daugherty tree cutting petition. Norwood Keeney was in to ask some building permit questions. He spoke with JC and obtained some forms. Jose Batista, Billy Hillock and Sheri Reynolds came in to discuss a property on Whipple Hill Road that Billy and Sheri are intending to purchase. Wes stepped down as selectmen and spoke as a member of the public. Wes stated that all trailers will need to be removed from the property per court agreement. JC told Mr. Hillock that a new building permit would need to be obtained before any other structure was put on the property. Norma Thibodeau was in to discuss the bridge on Old County Road at the end of Bowl Road. JC explained there was a public hearing held and all Class VI roads were designated as Emergency Lanes and a footbridge will be installed this year. She also asked about electricity at the Pavilion and the selectmen will have an electrician look at it and repair it. Peter Hughes came in to ask the status of his Veteran's Tax Credit application. The Board has not reviewed the applications, yet. He will receive notification prior to July 1st of the Board's decision. Charles Schroeder was in for a building permit for a shed on map 409 lot 019. He was granted permit #2008-007. JC spoke with Al Jagusch who had a complaint about a logging operation that starts at 6 a.m. and also the dust that is being created by it. JC suggested he call the logging operation and explain his health concerns and possibly they could water down the road and reduce the dust. There being no other business to come before the Board, we adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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2008 Summerfest

Norma Thibodeau

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Saturday August 2. Richmond Historical Society is sponsoring Folk-singer, song-writer Warren Rasmussen performing music prevalent in the early years of our country. Pot luck begins at 5:00pm, bring a covered dish; dessert & beverage will be provided. Free

Saturday August 9 The 2nd annual Brown Baggin welcomes back Annie Lych & the Beekeepers and also the Phatt Cats. Enjoy a great brownbag meal, music and auction. Donation \$10 Proceeds benefit the Rural Preservation Committee. Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on

Saturday August 16 The Richmond Historical Society will sponsor "The Mary Rowlandson Story", a presentation by Warren Rasmussen. Pot Luck 5:pm, presentation 6:00pm. Bring a covered dish or come for dessert and beverage provided by the Society.

Saturday August 23, Richmond Archives present "And they wrote it down" Writings of people who lived here at one time will be presented through pictures and voice. 5:00pm bring a picnic supper; dessert and beverage will be provided. The program begins at 6:00. Free

Sunday August 31, Richmond Fire Department Annual Chicken BBQ. Noon-3:00pm. Parade begins at 11:00. Don't miss raffles of cordwood and an all terrain 4 wheel vehicle. There will be a Bike Rodeo for the children. Ask any member of the Fire Dept about obtaining tickets.

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Sean McElhiney, Wesley Vaughn
- Mon. 7:00 —7:30 p.m. Town Departments
 - Mon. 7:30 —? p.m. Public Concerns

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

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- 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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- Tues. 4:30 p.m. —8 p.m.
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