

New Murals in Progress



No doubt you have noticed the new murals on the Richmond Town Center building. Radiate Art Space murals are painted every spring. They are the result of a collaborative process. This year's theme of community was met with creativity by many artists of all ages.

For more information about the murals, for pictures of the artists at work and for statements from the artists about their work look on the Radiate website: radiateartspace.org

Judy Bush, who has led the work with others on the colorful panels, said, "We hope that the creation and viewing of the murals cultivates a sense of unity and belonging, and adds to the pleasant feeling of the Town Center for all members of the community."

If you are interested in helping plan, design and/or paint next year's murals contact Judy Bush at judybbush@gmail.com to get on the mailing list.

Richmond Fourth of July Celebration

From the Richmond Fourth of July Committee

Everyone is invited to participate or simply attend the wonderful July 4 activities to be held in Richmond. The theme for this year's parade is FAIRY TALES. Everyone is welcome to wear their favorite costume to support their most loved fairy tale. Many floats already signed up for the parade have their costumes and signs prepared. The town band is practicing their tunes. Horses are already being groomed.

The Fun Run starts at the school at 10:30 am. The roads will be closed by 10:30 am. The parade begins at 10:35 at Harringtons on East Main Street. Cash prizes will be awarded for the parade winners and ribbons for the winning horses.

The annual July 4 Richmond Community Band Concert will be held at the bandshell at 1 pm. Later in the afternoon, beginning at 3 pm, Karaoke will be held for kids and, at 5 pm, for adults at the bandshell. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best Karoke performances. The band, 48 VOLTS, will play on the field beginning at 7 pm until the fireworks presentation at 9:45 pm.

All day, at Volunteers Green, there will be food trucks, annual chicken BBQ to be held at noon, raffle opportunities, vendors and FUN!

This year, funds raised at the coin drop will make available many free activities for children. These activities include the kid's bouncy house, facepainting, many games and activities.

Everyone is welcome to test the misting tent, especially if it is hot that day. You will find it very refreshing.

Information and sign up forms may be found on the Town of Richmond Website: <https://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-meetings/parade-and-fireworks-committee>.

For more information email: paradeandfireworks@gmail.com

Remembering Harriet Riggs

Richmond's Oldest Resident, Author & Town Historian, 104



by Martha Turner

When Harriet Riggs passed away a few weeks shy of her 105th birthday, she left behind a remarkable legacy. For more than 60 years she was Richmond's historian and archivist. She was a leader in the Richmond Congregational Church, a founding member of the Historical Society, a writer, traveler, cook, and gardener. Her chicken-and-biscuit recipe was the featured entrée in the Richmond Congregational Church's annual Chicken Pie Dinner, and her book RICHMOND, VERMONT ~ A HISTORY OF MORE THAN 200 YEARS will be read and appreciated for generations to come.

Harriet Wheatly Riggs was born in Rutland, Vermont, on June 4, 1919, and grew up in Chester, Vermont. After high school, she attended UMass Amherst, graduating with a BS in Home Economics in 1941. She met Heath Riggs at a Sugar on Snow party in 1942 and they married a year later. Early in their marriage, they moved to Chicago, where Heath worked on his doctorate in Mathematics at the University of Chicago. To help make ends meet, Harriet took a job as food writer for the Cereal Institute.

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Elliot Sands, Kyle Taft, Joe Christiansen and Cullen Plumer at MMU graduation.

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Share the Road Contest Winners

At meetings and public forums a lot of discussion has taken place about different users of the road and who should/shouldn't be on the road. Everyone: cyclists, walkers, runners, people with baby strollers, etc have the right to use the roads. In order to promote this concept, a subgroup of the Richmond Transportation Committee held a Share the RoadYard Display contest to promote tolerance and looking out for each other on the roads.

There were three categories: drivers/motor vehicles, walkers/runners, and bicyclists/other with three prizes in each category.

Tremendous shout out to East Main, West Main, and Cochran Road for having the most signs and displays. Many thanks to all who participated. It was fun to see all of the creativity.

The winners were:

- First - Debbie Krugipudi
- First - Asta Chastain
- First - Marilynne Johnson
- Second - Katie Nelson
- Second - Cali Rankin
- Second - Tim Patterson
- Third - Jack Kiernan
- Third - Avery Cooper
- Third - Niel DanisThere

Katelyn Macrae and the Richmond Congregational Church, and Duncan Wardwell from the town offices also participated, but did not want a prize.

Thank you to the local businesses that generously donated to this contest: Bivo, Northfield Savings Bank, Sweet Simone's, Belgen Cycles, Stone's Throw, Stone Corral, and Local Motion.

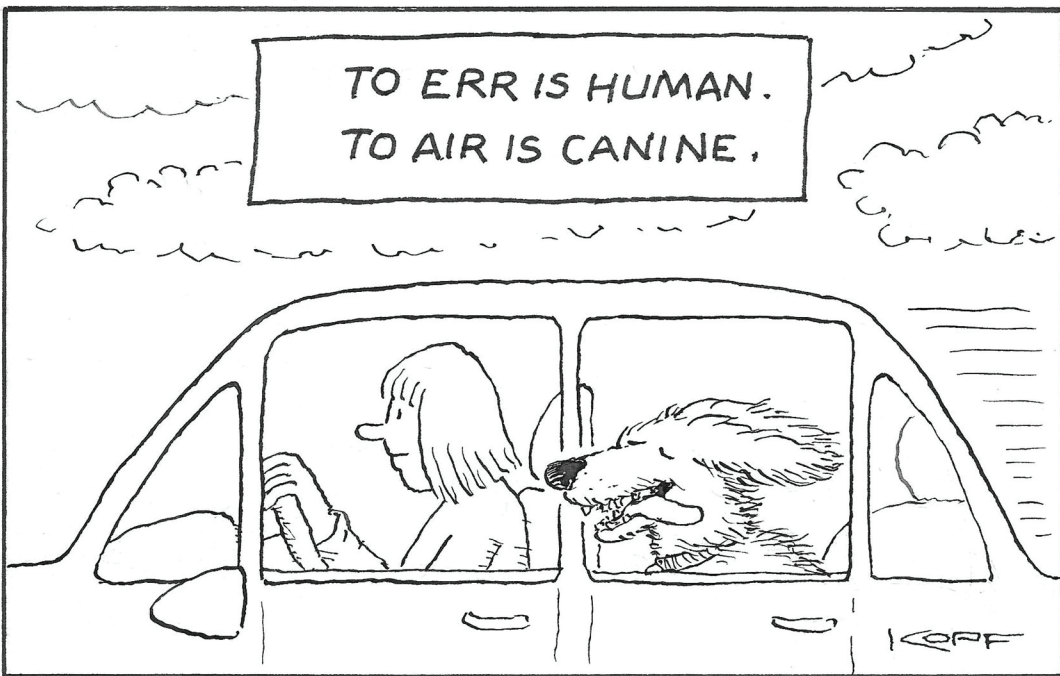
—Share the Road Subcommittee
Susan Wells, Lynne Knowles, Lisa Kory, Ann Naumann, and Marley Jennings



Two of the first place displays in the Richmond Share the Road Yard Display contest. Courtesy photo

Donate Blood in Richmond

The next local American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, noon to 6 pm, at Richmond Congregational Church located at 20 Church Street. Type O blood is in high demand; all blood types are needed. New and loyal donors are welcome. Appointments are required. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go online to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> for more information, and to make an appointment.



More July 4...

Win a Float Tube

This year the Richmond Land Trust will be raffling off two float tubes at its lemonade booth on Volunteers Green after the parade.

They're made from heavy-gauge PVC and feature a backrest and beverage holder perfect for a relaxing float down the mighty Winooski or any other stream.

Raffle tickets are only a dollar – and with two prizes, each ticket brings two chances to win. As always, the non-profit will be selling big, ice-cold cups of organic lemonade as well.

Proceeds from the raffle go to the Richmond Land Trust's work to conserve and steward important natural, historic and recreational places throughout the community.

Help Needed for Land Trust Lemonade

Richmond Land Trust could use a bit more help at its lemonade booth on Volunteers Green right after the parade on July 4. It's fun, easy work, and it helps support projects like Gillett Pond's new dam, and upkeep on our public preserves across town. Your shift would start at 11 am and end at 12:30, giving you plenty of time to roam the Green and all the other booths and activities. Please drop me a note if you can help. Spouses, friends and older kids are welcome, too.

Thanks for your support -- past and ongoing!
—Brad Elliott

Fourth of July Festivities

☆☆☆ Schedule of Events ☆☆☆

10:15 Fun Run

Starting at Richmond Elementary School, Jericho Road, to Volunteers Green

10:35 Parade starts

Starting at Harrington's on East Main Street to Thompson Road
Awards for best float, best walker group, horses
Parade awards
Horse awards sponsored

Events at the Park, following the Parade:

Free face painting & balloon animals & children's games
Food Trucks • Fun • Flea Market • Car Show • Music
Bouncy House for Kids • Misting Tent
BINGO near the Chicken BBQ tent

In the Bandstand

1 pm Richmond Community Band (bandshell)
3 pm Karaoke for Kids • 5 pm Karaoke for Adults

On the Field

Supersounds on the field

7 pm 48 Volts (Band on the field until fireworks)
9:45 FIREWORKS!!

Holiday Market is Back

A small group of local crafters will be hosting a Richmond Holiday Market on December 7, 2024, 9 am to 3 pm. This market will coincide with the Richmond Free Library Book Sale, with vendors on the second and third floors of the Richmond Town Center and in the Richmond Congregational Church. A Silent Auction is planned to benefit Toys for Kids.

Vendors and volunteers are needed. Vendor table proceeds will benefit the Richmond Food Shelf. Handmade crafters or something similar are encouraged to sign up. For more information: spo chop@uvm.edu.

Green Burial Program

The Huntington Cemetery Trustees have been looking into having a Natural Burial Site (familiarily called Green Burial) in the town as there is keen interest.

The Board is working with death doula Avery Lavoie to present the Huntington premiere of the documentary film, FROM EARTH TO EARTH: THE LOST ART OF DYING IN AMERICA, at the Huntington Public Library on Sunday, July 21, 4 pm.

Avery Lavoie explained, "Natural burial is a way to give back to the planet that sustains us in life and this documentary showcases the beauty and significance of the experience." The film includes the first burial performed at Vermont Forest Cemetery in Roxbury.

The film is by donation (\$0-35) and all proceeds benefit the Vermont Forest Cemetery. A discussion will follow.

Harriet Riggs

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Harriet Riggs in Richmond's Round Church

the Cereal Institute. Writing press releases and magazine articles about breakfast cereal, she launched what was to become a 60-year career as a published author. Her lifetime resume includes articles in VERMONT LIFE, YANKEE MAGAZINE and TRAVEL MAGAZINE, as well as more than 300 feature stories in the BURLINGTON FREE PRESS and, of course, her comprehensive Richmond History book.

In 1953, Harriet and Heath returned to Vermont to raise their three children in Heath's hometown of Richmond. They soon became community leaders. Tilden Avenue neighbor Carol Adams recalls: "Harriet was one of the first people I met when we moved to Richmond in 1959. We didn't know a soul, but after about two or three days this lovely woman appeared at my door. She had her baby Kent in a stroller and a casserole in her hand." Harriet invited Carol to attend a Home Demonstration Club meeting with her ... and a decades-long friendship was born.

Over the years, Harriet served as a 4-H Leader for Richmond-area youth and President of the Richmond Parent Teacher Association. Heath's service ranged from chairing the Richmond Civic Club to representing Richmond on the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. Heath had a hand in establishing the Mount Mansfield Union School District and in creating the Volunteers Green recreation area. Harriet was the first woman to serve as a Deacon of the Richmond Congregational Church and was a wonderful goodwill ambassador – welcoming church visitors warmly and sincerely, just as she welcomed new Richmond neighbors.

Harriet and Heath both loved history, especially Richmond history. For many years they served on the Historical Society's Board of Directors. They were also long-time Round Church guides, helping to keep this National Historic Landmark open to the public. Harriet gave tours to local school children and trained other Round Church volunteers as well.

As a journalist fascinated with "history in the making," Harriet was an avid collector of stories. For 70 years, she photographed every community event she attended. She also saved copies of her many articles published in the BURLINGTON FREE PRESS - enough to fill five large loose-leaf binders. By the 1970s, she was tape-recording interviews with Richmond old-timers, folks whose first-hand memories stretched back to the 1890s. She also saved obituaries and other news clippings about Richmond residents, and purchased old postcards, ledgers, books, and other local-interest artifacts – singlehandedly creating "archives" for the Richmond Historical Society.

A long-standing ambition lay behind Harriet's collection work: to produce a comprehensive history of her adopted hometown. The resulting book – RICHMOND, VERMONT ~ A HISTORY OF MORE THAN 200 YEARS – was published in 2007 after decades of



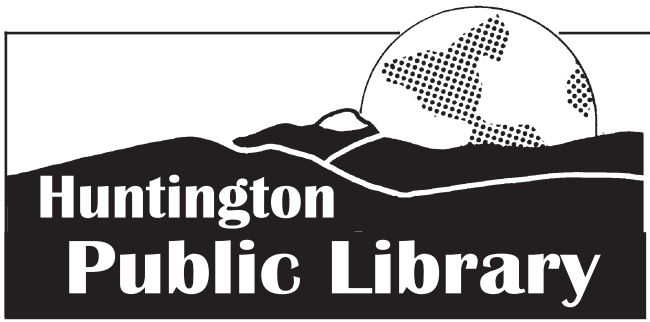
Harriet Riggs as a young woman

information gathering. Harriet corresponded with descendants of early Richmond settlers, made trips to the Library of Congress, and recruited dozens of volunteers to fulfill specific research tasks or draft chapters. After its publication, she always stressed that the book was a collaborative effort. But to those who knew her, it will always be "Harriet's Book."

As passionate as she was about Richmond history, Harriet Riggs was also a "present tense" person. After she moved to Mansfield Place Assisted Living at age 99, she would often question visitors about their friends and family, plans and projects. Harriet liked to stay in touch. Details mattered, and so did friendships. Her kindness, generosity, and wide-ranging commitment to the Richmond community will be missed.

(Martha Turner is a member of the Richmond Historical Society.)

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Yoga on Hillside, a benefit for the Friends of HPL, took place on Saturday, June 1 and was a resounding success. The weather was as perfect as we could have hoped for.

Thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you to all who supported the event: Jubilee Farm and Pleasant Mount Farm for generously donating gift certificates for the raffle, Evergreen Erb who provided a sweet harp accompaniment, and the hosts for providing the amazing view of Camels Hump.

And, most importantly, a huge thank you to Kerry Walker for guiding a lovely yoga practice.

As always, thank you to everyone who supports the Friends' events. Every donation goes to sustain and grow programs at our Library.

Summer Reading Program The Library is gearing up for the summer. The Summer Reading Program has something for everyone. This year's Summer Reading Program theme is ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY. There will be Friday Morning Field Trips to exciting places such as the Birds of Vermont Museum, Vermont Heavy Timber, Pleasant Mount Farm, and others. Again we will have a Family Reading Raffle with prizes, Guessing Jars, Book Bingo and crafts. Don't miss the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge. More details to come.

Save the Date Local Author Rusty Charpentier visits the Library Saturday, July 13, 10 am.

Join us for Rusty's new book, *It's BEAUTIFUL OUTSIDE TODAY*. Rusty will have books available to purchase.

Lego Club Fridays June and July, 2 pm – 4:30 pm. Come create with your friends. There are also games and drawing supplies for anyone who would needs a break from LEGOs.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Friends of Huntington Public Library we can proudly offer the three following sets of books:

Red Clover Books The Red Clover Book Award is designed for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. Each year thousands of Vermont school children read the 10 nominated picture books and vote for their favorite in the spring. The award has been handed out annually since 1997.

2024 -2025 Red Clover Books A DAY WITH NO WORDS by Tiffany Hammond; ANCESTRY by Hannah Salyer; ELEPHANT OF SADNESS BUTTERFLIES OF JOY by Patricia Austin; I AM A TORNADO by Drew Beckmeyer; JUMPER by Jessican Lanan; NELL PLANTS A SEED by Anne Wynter; STRANDED: A MOSTLY TRUE STORY FROM ICELAND by AEVAV por Benediktsson; SWIMMING TOWARDS A DREAM by Reem Faruqi; THE YOUNG TEACHER AND THE GREAT SERPENT by Irene Vasco; WHO'S AFRAID OF LIGHT? by Anna McGregor.

Golden Dome Books Collection, Grades 4 -8 Created to honor excellence in children's

literature. Each year since 1957, Vermont students in grades four through eight have selected their favorite book from a list of nominees. It is recommended that students read at least five of the year's nominated titles before voting. Voting takes place in the spring, usually beginning in April.

2024-2025 Golden Dome Books THE DREAMATICS by Michele Cuevas; ENEMIES IN THE ORCHARD: A WORLD WAR II NOVEL IN VERSE by Dana VanderLugt; FARTHER THAN THE MOON by Lindsay Lackey; THE FIRE, THE WATER AND MAUDIE MCGINN by Sally J. Pla; THE GHOSTS OF RANCHO ESPANTO by Adrianna Cuevas; THE GIRL FROM EARTH'S END by Tara Dairman; THE GRACE OF WILD THINGS by Heather Fawcett; HALF MOON SUMMER by Elaine Vickers; Hamra and the Jungle of Memories by Hanna Alkaf; Lasagna Means I Love You by Kate O'Shaughnessy; THE LOST LIBRARY by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass; THE LOST YEAR: A SURVIVAL STORY OF THE UKRAINIAN FAMINE by Katherine Marsh Mexikid by Pedro Martin; THE MONA LISA VANISHES: A LEGACY PAINTER, A SHOCKING HEIST AND THE BIRTH OF A GLOBAL CELEBRITY by Nicholas Day; NO MATTER THE DISTANCE by Cindy Baldwin; NOT AN EASY WIN by Chrystal D. Giles; THE REMARKABLE RESCUE AT MILKWEED MEADOWS by Elaine Dimopoulos; SAVING SUNSHINE by Saadia Faruqi; SIMON SORT OF SAYS by Erin Bow; THE SWIFTS: A DICTIONARY OF SCOUNDRELS by Beth Lincoln; TWO TRIBES by Emily Bowen Cohen; WHAT HAPPENED TO RACHEL RILEY? by Claire Swinarski; THE WINDEBY PUZZLE: HISTORY AND STORY by Lois Lowrey; YOU ARE HER: CONNECTING FLIGHTS by Ellen Oh.

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ALPHABET by Brian Floca; IF I WAS A HORSE by Sophie Blackall; THE BOOK OF TURTLES by Sy Montgomery; FIGHTING WITH LOVE - THE LEGACY OF JOHN LEWIS by Lesa Cline-Ransome; HOW ROCKET LEARNED to Read by Tad Hills;

Adopt-An-Author Over two decades ago former Huntington resident and Library Trustee Mary Dobson started the ADOPT AN AUTHOR PROGRAM. It has since morphed into two additional versions including ADOPT AN ILLUSTRATOR and ADOPT A GENRE. This month we have five popular author's new books to add to the collection thanks to five generous Library patrons who sponsor the following authors: John Grisham; Shari Lapena; Ruth Ware; Susan Ella MacNeal; Rebecca Roanhorse; Jacqueline Winspear.

We are grateful to the many patrons who have participated in the program as sponsors - a generous way to augment the book budget while contributing to the HPL collection. Sign up by choosing a favorite author, illustrator or genre for any age or interest. Not sure? Ask Anne or Stacey for recommendations. We will do the ordering and processing and you pay a discounted price and are the first to read the book.

Book Group Saturday, June 23, 10 am. The groups meets on the fourth Saturday of every month at 10 am. Join a group of avid readers who love to discuss books. June's read is PUNCH ME UP TO THE GODS by Brian Broome. New readers always welcome.

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Please note that the Library will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in honor of the holiday.

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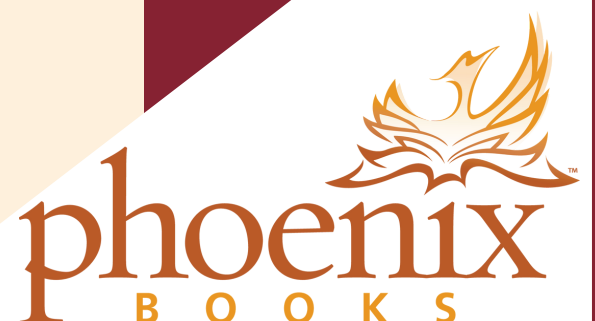
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Summer Reading Program Every summer, we join the Vermont Department of Libraries and libraries across the country in offering reading program materials around a common theme. This year the theme is **ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY**. Registration for the program will begin on June 18. A flyer detailing all of the special programs and events happening at the library this summer is available at the Library or check our website for a complete calendar listing. Below are just a few of the special programs of the summer.

Very Merry Theatre Presents A Little Princess Vermont's only touring company for actors ages 6-15 will present an entertaining, home-grown musical version of this familiar story. Bring your picnic lunch to enjoy while you watch the show on the back lawn. Don't forget your sunscreen. No registration is required for this show that is for all ages on Tuesday, July 2, at noon.

Story Stones Story stones are a fun way to spark your creative story telling skills. Create a unique set with small stones, rock paint, cut-out magazine pictures and Mod Podge. Youth ages 6-12 please register in advance by calling or emailing the Library. Join us on Wednesday, July 3, at 10:30 am.

Make Space for Pollinators and T-Shirt Craft It is time we paid more attention to our important friends, the butterflies, bees, bats, and other pollinators. Children's educator, Jerry Schneider will show us how to create and maintain their habitat. Participants will create a unique t-shirt using fabric dye spray and cutouts. Youth ages 6-12 please register in advance by calling or emailing the Library. Join us on Monday, July 8, at 10:30 am.

Octopus Puppets Participants will receive a kit with everything necessary to sew a cute octopus puppet. Instruction will be provided by members of the local chapter of the Embroiders Guild of America. Youth ages 6-12 please register in advance by calling or emailing the Library. Join us on Tuesday, July 9, at 1 pm.

Family Game Night We will have the community room set up with tables and lots of board and card games and even a puzzle or two. Bring the whole family to play together and meet up with other kids and families who love a good game. We'll also have some backyard games available as well as ice cream! Join us on Wednesday, July 10, at 6:30 pm.

Spanish Immersion Treasure Hunt Eva, our friend from Argentina, will give you a chance to use your Spanish language skills or be exposed to the language for the first time. We will follow

clues throughout the library which will lead us to treasure! Plus, music and freeze dance! No registration is required for this fun program for ages 4 - 10. Join us on Monday, July 22, at 10:30 am.

Busy Morning Band Concert and Story The Busy Morning Duo of Linda Bassick and Greg Rothwell will share original tunes and their new picture book **SQUIRREL IN A TREE**. Kids will enjoy singing, hopping, and flying along while they listen. No registration is necessary for this program for ages 2 - 10 on Monday, July 29, at 10:30 am.

Cookbook Club Join us on July 13 at noon for an hour of dining and discussion. This month participants will prepare dishes from **SIMPLY PHO: A COMPLETE COURSE IN PREPARING AUTHENTIC VIETNAMESE MEALS AT HOME**. To register, drop in to check out a copy of the book and sign up for a recipe by July 6. On August 8, we meet to discuss **ALOHA KITCHEN: RECIPES FROM HAWAII** by Alana Kysar. Books will be available after the July meeting. Email Suzanne at skrohn@richmondvt.gov with any questions.

Barbie Movie Ready for a beach-off? Join us Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30pm for a night of trivia, themed snacks and one of the biggest movies of last summer. Costumes and pink encouraged! For adults and teens.

Knitting & Stitching Group Drop in to knit, embroider or do other needlecraft with your neighbors on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm.

Seed Library Stop in to check out some of our seeds generously donated by High Mowing, FedCo, Annie's, Seed Savers Exchange and gardeners here in Richmond. If possible, plan to save and bring back some of your harvested seeds for next year!

June Art Show Drop by to see the work of Elizabeth (Betsy) Chapek. Her work is created from a variety of processes including mono print, colored pencil and collage.

Device Advice is Back Jim Poulin will be available on the last Wednesday of each month to help anyone who needs to tame their electronic device whether it's their smart phone or tablet or laptop. Come see Jim from 5:30 to 7 pm. First come, first served.

Do You Enjoy Classical Music? The Richmond Free Library will soon have (2) passes to the Craftsbury Chamber Players Summer Music Festival valid July 10 through August 15. Performances take place on Wednesdays at the Elley Long Music Center and Thursdays in Hardwick. To learn more about the Players: <http://craftsburychamberplayers.org/site/> Let us know if you'd like to be notified when the passes arrive.

(Mostly) Fiction Book Group Join us in the Mezzanine Lounge on July 9 at 6 pm to discuss **GOODNIGHT IRENE** by Luis Alberto Urrea. Contact Gwen Landis (802-434-5012, gwenne1972@yahoo.com) for information on joining this group.

Mystery Book Group Join us in the Mezzanine Lounge on July 18 at 7pm to discuss **THE LIFE WE BURY** by Allen Eskens. Contact Maureen Parent (802-434-2055, msparent@gmavt.net) with any questions.

Trustee Meetings are on the second Monday of the month, at 6:30 pm, at the Library. All

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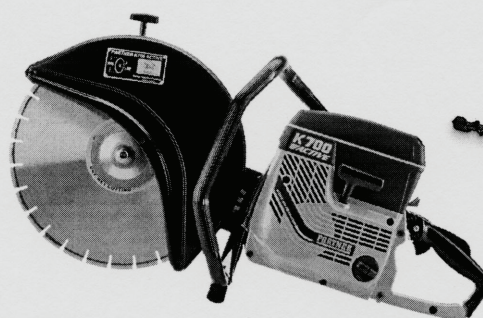
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A man wearing a blue baseball cap and an orange jacket is shown from the chest up, looking down and working on a trail. He is holding a green and black tool, possibly a shovel or a marker. The background is a blurred green field. In the top right corner, there is a logo for Richmond Mountain Trails, which is a yellow diamond shape with a black outline. The logo contains the text "RICHMOND MOUNTAIN TRAILS" and "EST. 2017". The man's cap also features the same logo. The text "Volunteers gave over 2.9k hours of their time to trail stewardship in the 05477 zip code in 2023." is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "What can you contribute?" is also in white, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the website URL "https://www.richmondmountaintrails.org/" is displayed in white, sans-serif font on a black background.

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Reported by Paul Susen

The Huntington Selectboard held three meetings on May 8, May 20 and June 3. Agenda items included driveway applications and policy, potential conflict of interest of a Selectboard member, grants, the appeal to state environmental court, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) project review, rules of procedure and meeting format, highway operations, traffic enforcement, contract for FY25-27 audit, child care payroll tax, HVAC in town offices, Chittenden Solid Waste cleanup fund, request for public records, certificate of appreciation, First Friday, public comment and appointments.

Selectboard members noted that the driveway application process seemed to be working but that without a formal policy, the threshold requiring a permit and instances where exceptions could be provided lack certainty. The Selectboard decided to set up a two-person committee to draft a proposed driveway policy. The application for a permit on Texas Hill Circle was revisited and approved after surveyors resolved an apparent boundary discrepancy. An application for a permit for 9613 Main Road was removed from the table and then denied approval because of concerns over safety. Four members dissented and one member abstained. An application for an alternative site was discussed. Due to a possible conflict of interest, the town signature will not be that of the Zoning Administrator but instead the Chair of the Development Review Board. An application for a driveway on Trapp Road for the Community Forest was approved after an explanation from former Town Administrator Elliott.

Two residents, one a town official, stated that a Selectboard member chosen to be on the subcommittee to draft a driveway policy had a conflict of interest. The Selectboard member stated that he did not believe his role on the subcommittee would give him an unfair advantage and the matter was not considered any further.

Town Administrator Argo stated that Huntington had submitted the necessary paperwork to the Vermont Agency of Transportation to participate in the grants-in-aid program. This process provides the opportunity for the town to receive some funding to mitigate stormwater runoff from roads to the waterways. In a separate application, a bicycle and pedestrian grant will be pursued for the Lower Village.

An appeal of a decision by the Town of Huntington has been filed with the Environmental Court. According to the Vermont Judiciary website, the appeal is scheduled for June 24. There are two appellants and interested parties including the Town of Huntington and two residents.

The Selectboard discussed various ARPA projects including the Conservation Commission items, Library technology and Library solar.

A discussion on meeting format was agreed to be delayed pending the outcome of unresolved legislation. Amended rules of procedure for meetings of the Selectboard were approved.

Road Work Under highway operations, Yogi Alger received support to purchase a chloride

sprayer used to keep gravel in place and reduce dust. After a discussion on maintenance of culverts and end of driveways, the suggestion was that the Foreman and former Foreman needed to be consulted. Residents should be aware that Main Road in Huntington Center near the Town Office will be paved the last week of June.

State Police Contract The Board met with a representative from the Vermont State Police to review the year ending June 30 with the intent of establishing the parameters for the FY2025 contract. The discussion concerned the number of hours of coverage and the focus areas for enforcement.

Professional Audit After a discussion regarding what constitutes major programs and where the town stands relative to federal grants, the Selectboard approved RHR Smith to be the company responsible for the professional audit for FY25, 26 and 27.

Childcare Payroll Tax The 2023 Childcare Bill, Act 76, requires that, effective July 1, 2024, towns pay a tax of 0.44%, which will enhance access and provide funding for child care. Towns were provided the option of splitting the cost with employees or paying the entire cost. The Selectboard moved that the town should assume the entire payroll tax.

Committees Updates The Energy Committee has received a proposal for the solar project on the Library roof. HVAC for town offices continues to be a discussion. The Old Firehouse Committee has completed the necessary forms to request monies from the Chittenden Solid Waste District clean-up fund.

Public Records A resident has requested a large array of public records. Argo will provide the Selectboard with salient information from the state statute.

Ken Russin Recognized The Selectboard recognized Ken Russin for his decades of service to the Town of Huntington as the local Fire Warden.

First Friday Safety Huntington Valley Arts is discussing possible ways that safety concerns around First Friday can be addressed ranging from improving the sidewalk to changing the location of the food truck.

Public Comment Under public comment, a resident expressed a concern regarding the plan to install a speed hump on Main Road near the town office. She was worried about the effect on farm equipment, as well as the resulting noise for neighbors. In a separate discussion, a resident brought her suggestions to the Select-board regarding traffic calming on Bridge Street during the period of the detour off Main Road because of bridge repair.

Appointments Barb Winters was appointed member, and Guthrie Smith alternate, to the Chittenden County Solid Waste District Board. Adam Argo was appointed to be a member of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Advisory Committee.

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Richmond Selectboard

Reported by Mark Aiken

The Richmond Selectboard held two meetings this month that were heavy on conversations about sidewalks.

When the Richmond Selectboard met on May 20, 2024 – the first meeting after Amy Gifford, co-owner of Richmond Community Kitchen announced during the May 6 meeting’s public comment that her business would, in all likelihood, be forced to close or move if the four parking spaces in front of their business were eliminated as part of the proposed Bridge Street sidewalk plan – plenty of people had comments about the sidewalk.

During the May 20 meeting’s public comment session, Selectboard member Jay Furr offered that he would not support any sidewalk plan that would force such a valuable local business to close. “There’s no way I’ll support it,” he said. Gifford returned to present a petition asking that a pause be put on the sidewalk plan until a vote among town residents could be held. Two hundred and seventy residents signed the petition. Richmond resident Denise Barnard requested that both agenda items relating to the sidewalks be moved to the top of the agenda.

Heidi Bormann, former chair of the Richmond Economic Development Committee, gave some relevant history. She stated that downtown Richmond wasn’t always the thriving town center it is today. Many buildings were boarded up and there was a serious lack of parking. The Economic Development Committee looked at the parking problem and secured much of the parking now enjoyed downtown, notably the circle of parking spaces behind Richmond Dental. She discouraged the Selectboard from moving ahead with the sidewalk project due to the cost, and because the sidewalk would mean the loss of not only the parking spaces in front of Richmond Community Kitchen, but also four spaces by the Northfield Savings Bank and two handicapped spaces by the Library. She said that the loss of those spaces and the problems that would create would be a step backwards after so much gain.

Richmond Town Clerk Linda Parent, who also serves on the five-person Town Cemeteries Commission, expressed that she and her fellow commissioners opposed the sidewalk project because of concerns that it could disturb the remains of people who had been laid to rest at the Town Cemetery’s edge along Bridge Street.

Richmond resident Cara LaBounty said she served on the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) committee that recommended the sidewalk project. Upon review, however, she said she doesn’t support the project if it means drilling into the ground or doing anything that might upset remains in the cemetery. She said that it seems like there’s more work to be done than what was in the original proposal. She said one of the arguments for the sidewalk was to improve accessibility. “If we’re eliminating handicapped parking spaces,” she said, “that’s worse.”

Selectboard member Bard Hill, remembering that when the ARPA committee discussed the project, it enjoyed widespread support. “I know it’s awkward,” Hill said. “Does anyone that supported the project want to speak now?”

Selectboard member Jay Furr gave his synopsis of where support came from. “Many residents were concerned about safety in the Town Center,” he said. It was one of the top five mentioned items in the public outreach survey done when ARPA discussions began, and the sidewalk was put forward to address those concerns, he said, adding that many residents spoke at the 2022 Town Meeting about sidewalk concerns on Bridge Street. “There seems to be adequate concerns with the project now that we ought to think two or three times about it,” he said.

That set the stage for a discussion about the

first agenda items. The first item was supposed to be a discussion of whether to hold a special Selectboard meeting at a future date to discuss the sidewalk matter (the date discussed was June 10 but was later changed to June 24 – a few days before press time).

Selectboard chair David Sander acknowledged that his sense was that people wanted to discuss the sidewalk project now. Although this conversation digressed into much discussion about the pros and cons of the project, Board members ultimately agreed that the discussion was not properly warned to hold it immediately.

Amy Gifford spoke up saying that she believed that her petition bound the Selectboard to hold off on any further progress with the project until it could be put to a town vote.

“I haven’t seen the language of the petition,” responded Town Manager Arneson. He noted that David Rugh of the law firm Sitzel, Page, and Fletcher, which the town uses for legal counsel was in the room and asked if Rugh wanted to comment.

Rugh said he had not seen the petition and, therefore, couldn’t know its legal implications. He mentioned some examples of petitions that could compel the Selectboard to do something and some examples that didn’t. Traffic matters generally fall into the latter camp. “But I haven’t seen the petition,” he repeated.

Selectboard member Lisa Miller said she wanted to see a traffic study that was done previously by the Transportation Committee that explained why the sidewalk improved safety in the downtown.

Selectboard member Adam Wood said that, if the discussion at the upcoming meeting was to speak about the sidewalk (which seemed to him to be a very “yes” or “no” topic), why not broaden the conversation to discuss ways to make the downtown area safer – and maybe even explore options other than a sidewalk that could achieve the same goals.

Selectboard members Hill, Miller, and Sander concurred with Wood, with Miller adding that a round table, idea-gathering type of meeting could generate ideas. LaBounty asked Wood if he had any ideas or alternative solutions. “No,” said Wood, who later added. “I’m interested in brainstorming ideas that improve safety and improve the vitality of our downtown.”

After 57 minutes of discussion, Selectboard members voted to pause all spending on the project, at least until a future meeting where new ideas might be raised.

The Richmond Selectboard meeting held on June 3, 2024 looked different: with Selectboard Chair Sander attending the meeting remotely, Vice Chair Lisa Miller sat in the Chairperson seat. “I’ve never chaired a meeting before,” Miller said. “I’d like to do it right.”

After a brief public comment, in which Mary Houle talked about flowers, graffiti, visitors, and litter in the Volunteer Green, Jack Linn made comments in which he accused the Board of hiring attorney David Rugh to refute the intentions of the sidewalk petition at the May 20 meeting. Arneson emphasized that Rugh had been present to participate in two matters that the Board discussed in Executive Session later in the meeting. He only made comments to shed light on whether a petition could stop a Selectboard from acting on a project like the sidewalk.

The sidewalk issue did rear its head again on June 3. Town Manager Arneson confirmed that the petitions do not compel the Selectboard to put the sidewalk matter to a vote. Spending on the matter remained paused, and a meeting was scheduled to discuss the downtown, safety, and vitality on June 24, 2024. It promised to be a very enlightening, interesting, and (most likely)

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MMUUSD Board

School Board Meetings May 2024

Superintendent John Alberghini announced that Mount Mansfield Union High School was ranked #1 High School in Vermont and ranked highly nationally by U.S. News AND WORLD REPORTS. This is the fourth time the school has achieved this distinction in the past five years. Alberghini believes this is a reflection of K-12 effectiveness.

An ESSER Grant (the elementary and secondary schoolemergency relief fund, a federal emergency education program developed to cope with COVID 19) in the amount of \$75,000 has been awarded to the District. It will be used to purchase high quality instructional materials to support the District wide literacy improvement efforts in grades K-4.

Concurrently, the District is developing an in-house solution to meet the challenge of many outside programs closed due to COVID-19. The District is creating classrooms at Smilie to accommodate the K-2 Alternative Program for those students who need therapeutic and educational programs similar to Mansfield Academy. Smilie has the space and the staff to handle this challenge. This change is within the budgeted parameters. Richmond Elementary School (RES) will offer similar services for grades 2-4.

The Policy Governance Monitoring Report concerning Executive Limitations (of the Superintendent) was accepted. Evidence that the limitations were met was submitted for the Board's inspection.

Mike Weston shared a presentation about the Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements. These PGBR standards have been updated from the 2015 Graduation Policy. The new policy goes into greater detail, Personal Learning Plans, the advisory program, and Senior Seminar.

Some points made were that the students in middle school are very well informed about the transition from letter grades to "meets the standard" (non-letter grades) in high school. Providing parents with equivalent letter grades helps their understanding, and helps with the college application process.

Personnel news:

The Board reports, with sadness, the passing of accountant Sam Hill. A moment of silence was observed. Sincere condolences are sent to his family.

Michael Abbott has been named Activities Director and will begin July 1.

The Board appointed James Granzow to fill the open Underhill Board position.

Huntington student Farmer Lindemuth is the new student representative on the Board. Senior Gracie Batsie was thanked by the Board for her service.

Mary Lundeen, Director of Student Services, is leaving MMUUSD this June and will become

the Executive Director of the Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators.

Retiring Board Members Diane Kirson-Glitman who has served for 20 years in many capacities. Alberghini praised her as an excellent leader and remarkable person.

Andrew Pond has served 20 years, as chair of Bolton School board and chair of MMUUSD Board after merger.

Eric Gildemeister has served for Underhill for six years, adding his perspective as a teacher to the Board.

Golden Apple Awards The Golden Apple Awards were presented on May 20 at Camels Hump Middle School. Some recipients of note are:

John Shumaker of Richmond Elementary School for his many contributions including to the Snowmotion program and to the ice rink.

Cathy Aikman of MMUHS for rejuvenating the Academic Boosters group.

Barbara Ryan of CHMS (now retired) for her 33 years of volunteering in and out of the classroom.

Lisa Loomis of Brewster-Pierce who has helped with many fundraisers. She transformed many areas of the school grounds with knowledge of horticulture and landscaping – right down to the 100 picnic benches created to cope with COVID-19 in outdoor classroom settings.

Committee Reports:

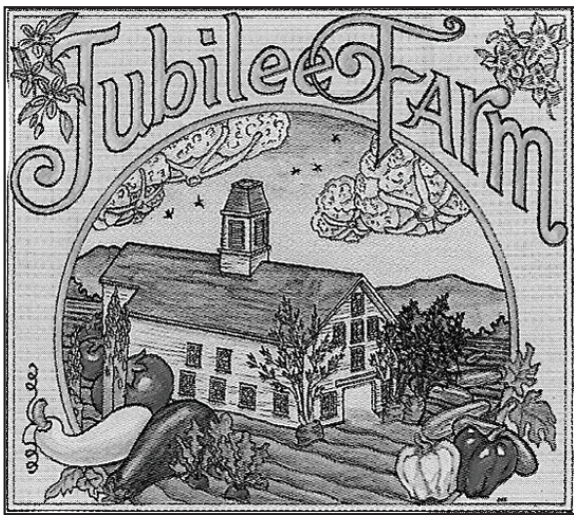
Community Engagement Alison Conant said she wants to emphasize to the community how much of their school tax bill is generated by the State, not the local district. In general, the committee members would like to be able to tell the community about the tax process, without overwhelming them.

Community members may not know everything the students and teachers accomplish every year – the committee discussed the possibility of publishing DISTRICT HAPPENINGS in print form, and mailing it out – perhaps on a quarterly basis?

DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging) The Brown's Family marker was discussed. DEIB is now embedded in Board orientation. (What is DEIB? DEIB is the practice of creating a diverse, equitable and inclusive workplace where employees and students feel like they belong. By creating equitable systems and an inclusive culture, organizations can create an environment where employees feel seen, supported and empowered to bring their whole selves to work.)

Human Resources Edye Graning named Chair. Human Capital Resources has been hired for the Superintendent search.

Finance Lisa Pawlik named Chair. Nicole Fortier reported the audit went smoothly. The District is in Federal Compliance.



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Area Residents Honored



Richmond Water Resources staff members Mike Hoyle, left, and Steve Cote with awards given for work done on upgrading systems and equipment for the town's water and wastewater systems, and for operations of the systems during the two 2023 floods that inundated both systems. Courtesy photo

Richmond Water Resources

Richmond Water Resources and two staff members recently received awards from the Green Mountain Water Environment Association (GMWEA), a nonprofit membership organization that supports Vermont's drinking water, wastewater, and storm water sector.

Richmond Water Resources received a 2024 Facility Excellence Award for both Water and Wastewater. These awards are presented

to facilities for exceeding system operation requirements and recognition is for the entire facility and staff. The recognition took place during the GMWEA Spring Meeting on May 24, 2024, at the Killington Grand Resort Hotel in Killington.

Superintendent **Steve Cote** received the Michael J. Garofano Water Operator of the Year Award, presented to an operator for outstanding performance in system maintenance, protecting public health, and achievement beyond normal

responsibilities. Cote was recognized for moving the water and wastewater systems forward by finding and repairing older, inadequate, and inefficient processes, equipment, and infrastructure, and then working with the town and consulting engineers to implement or develop infrastructure planning for the future.

Assistant Chief Operator **Brad Snow** was also recognized with the Bob Wood Young Professionals Award, given to professionals aged 35 or under who have made notable contributions to the water environment, water, wastewater, or stormwater operations, and/or to GMWEA. Snow was recognized as a critical team member of the two-man operations crew who navigated the two 2023 floods that surrounded and inundated both of Richmond's water and wastewater systems.

Founded in 1994, GMWEA is a nonprofit membership organization that supports Vermont's drinking water, wastewater, and storm water sector -- serving water quality professionals, preserving the environment, and protecting public health through technical trainings, public education, and policy advisories. To learn more, visit gmwea.org.

Phi Beta Kappa Scholars

James (Jax) Lubkowitz and **Kai Oakley Richter**, both of Huntington, were two of four male students inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society at St. Lawrence University in Potsdam, New York, signing the requisite register of inductees which dates back to the 1800s.

Presidential Scholar Spring 2024

Kai Oakley Richter, Huntington, Clarkson University, Potsdam, New York. He is a senior majoring in civil engineering achieving a minimum 3.80 grade-point average with at least 14 credit hours.

President's List Spring 2024

Champlain College, Burlington, Vermont

For achieving a grade point average of 4.0 or higher in the Spring 2024 semester.

Cameron Mincar, Richmond, majoring in Graphic Design & Visual Communication
Kenneth Moran, Starksboro, majoring in Computer and Digital Forensics
Akiva Nugent, Starksboro, majoring in Computer Science and Innovation

Plymouth State University, Plymouth, New Hampshire

Local students achieving a grade point average of 3.70 or better for the semester and completing at least 12 credit hours during the semester:

Mason Combs, Jericho, majoring in Elementary Ed & Youth Development
Ari McKennedy, Jericho, undeclared major
Aidan Woods, Jericho, majoring in Political Science

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We've all experienced it. The wind, the inquisitive raccoon, the overfull bin. Mark and Diane Lavine looked around their neighborhood and saw a broad variety of solutions that their neighbors were using, from large rocks, to rope to bungy cords, to keep the trash and recycling in the bin and not on the ground. They set about creating a simple solution.

Mark Lavine explained that they had the idea about five years ago to find a strong, yet reversible, solution to keeping the lid on the bin. They picked up the project about two months ago. In the intervening years, they moved to Vermont, sat tight through CO-

VID and then started experimenting with materials and designs.

The trash haulers, known as carters, own the bin, so the solution must be reversible. No drilling into the bin to install hardware or create holes to hook a bungie cord.

Bungee cords are also temperamental. If they are put on too tightly, they can snap back, causing an injury. Sometimes, the hook at the end straightens and the cord gives way. Rocks are heavy and need to be placed in a way that a gust of wind won't lift the edge of the lid and shift the rock knocking it off entirely.

It must install in minutes and fit any sized hinged bin. When it's time to empty the bin, it must be quick and easy – for the user and the operators on the truck. In fact, the haulers have been contacted and the Lavines have gotten the thumbs up from the smaller carters, who get out of the truck to dump the bins.

The Lavines now have a solution: Shut the Trash. It really looks too easy, but then things that work well give that impression. Mark Lavine explained that they looked at a variety of components and decided on two clips and a strap. Easy to install; quick to use. The clips are applied with "peel and stick tapes." It is permanent in that it won't come off unintentionally, but it can be removed if necessary, without leaving a residue. The tape is VHB (very high bond) with a slight thickness that enables the residue to be easily removed by rubbing gently and without chemicals, if the clips need to be taken off. He said that they did a lot of testing on tape thickness.

Diane Lavine explained that the clips do not damage the bin. "If you need to uninstall it, afterward you won't be able to tell it was ever there."

The strap is adjustable. If the bin is overfilled, the lids can still be secured, keeping trash or recycling in the bin.

The Shut the Trash device is assembled in the Lavines' home in Huntington. They have been dropping off samples on porches in the town to encourage residents to use them. Although the product has been "fully vetted," they are always looking to improve. Comments are welcome.

And, already they have identified an improvement: to find ecologically-friendly packaging, instead of the clear plastic shell now being used.

The Lavines are enthusiastic about Shut the Trash and are now looking to make it available in hardware stores and other stores. It's already available at Richmond Home Supply. And they now have the time to do the marketing since both are retired.

The couple met when they were both working at UL Solutions (formerly called Underwriters



Product: Courtesy Photos

Laboratories) in Santa Clara, California. UL is an organization that tests products for consumer safety – you can find the UL sticker on your computer, light fixtures, refrigerator, etc.

They came to Vermont via Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Diane Lavine was a high school math teacher and, in her retirement, is a guardian ad litem, avid gardener and writer. Mark Lavine has written five novels – two since moving to Vermont in 2021 – and is about to launch his latest work: a science fiction novel. (You can read more about this in a future issue of the Times Ink since Mark Lavine was interviewed by Liz Greenberg as part of her Local Authors series.) Several of the novels are available to borrow at the Huntington Public Library.



Mark and Diane Lavine visited the Huntington Town Clerk's Office recently and demonstrated their device. It was installed in less than two minutes – Mark Lavine recommends holding it on for about 30 seconds to ensure adhesion. He also explained that the adhesive sticks better when the surface is warm, and like any adhesive, the surface needs to be dry and clear of dust – and pollen! The Huntington Town Clerk, who has chased papers down the road on windy days and has tried other methods to keep the lid on the recycling bin from flipping open in this windy valley, is looking forward to testing the new device.

The Shut the Trash website guarantees its effectiveness in extreme temperature, but makes no guarantee about keeping bears out of the garbage, offering with a touch of levity: "My money's on the bear (although if there's a completely unprotected bin right next door, then the bear might be discouraged enough to go for your neighbor's bins instead.) But a bear is stronger than Shut The Trash."

To contact the Lavines: shutthetrash.com

Town of Huntington

Notice of Public Hearing Revisions of Regulations

July 9, 2024 • 7 pm
Huntington Public Library & Zoom*

The Huntington Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on July 9, 2024 at 7 pm at Huntington Public Library to receive public comment on proposed changes to the Land Use Regulations.

The purpose is revisions, as follows:

Proposed Amendment 2.1 Replace Maximum Enclosed Space per Lot with Maximum Footprint per Structure and Maximum Lot Coverage. Table 4.02 – Land Use Table – Dimensional Standards Related to Lots & Buildings. Maximum cumulative enclosed square footage above grade for the permitted use(s) to maximum footprint per structure and maximum percentage of lot coverage. The geographic areas affected are all Districts.

Proposed Amendment 2.2 Woodland-Conservation Districts Boundary Definition. The land use maps in Addendum B of the current land use regulations incorrectly show the boundary between the Woodland and Conservation districts is at an elevation of 2,500 feet. The text in Section 4.05 of the land use regulations states that the purpose of the Woodland District is to protect environmentally fragile high elevation areas between 1,500 and 2,000 feet above sea level from incompatible use. The text in Section 4.06 of the land use regulations states that the purpose of the Conservation District is to protect pristine and sensitive areas above 2,000 feet from the adverse effects of development and growth. The changes correct the map and clarify the text to state that all land within the elevation limits is included in the districts. The geographic areas affected are the Woodland and Conservation Districts.

Proposed Amendment 2.3 Clarify Regulations of Fences, adding Section 5.30. Eliminates the requirement for a permit to construct a fence, except within Special Flood Hazard Areas; allows for fences to be constructed within the setback to the boundary lines. The geographic areas affected are all Districts.

Proposed Amendment 2.4 Approximately 60 new definitions are proposed to clarify terms identified in the document. A specific list of terms and definitions will be incorporated into Article VIII of the Land Use Regulations. The geographic areas affected are all Districts.

Copies of the proposed revisions, as well as a report on how the proposed changes comply with State Statute and the Town Plan, are available on the Town website (www.huntingtonvt.org) at the Town Office, Beaudry's Store and the Huntington Public Library. A list of the affected section headings follows, as required pursuant to Title 24, Chapter 117 V.S.A. Section 4444 (b).

Table 4.01 – Zoning districts: Maximum Footprint per Structure & Maximum Percentage of Lot Coverage

Section 5.30 – Fences

Section 4.05 – Woodland District

Section 4.06 – Conservation District

Article VIII: Definitions

—Heidi Racht, Clerk
June 17, 2024

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Meeting ID: 858 2166 6427 Passcode: 277642



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Honors

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College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

Lily Korczykowski, Jericho Center, majoring in Exercise Science
Jada Diamond, Jericho Center, majoring in Psychology

Student Honors List Spring 2024

Community College of Vermont, Montpelier, Vermont

Anabel Hernandez, Huntington
Alizon Mariana Rodriguez Cruz, Richmond
Braden H. Lucier, Richmond
Garrett P. Marchant, Richmond

Area Graduates, May 2024

Hayden Felkel, Jericho, earned an AAS in Arboriculture and Landscape Management from Paul Smith's College, located in the Adirondacks in Upstate New York.

Edward Kane, Richmond, received a bachelor of arts degree from College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Zoey O'Donnell, Richmond, graduated in the University of Georgia's Class of 2024 with a AB International Affairs. The college is located in Athens, Georgia.

Community College of Vermont

The following students at the Community College of Vermont (CCV) earned associate degrees:

This honor recognizes part-time students with a 4.0 grade point average.

Dean's List Spring 2024

Kaitlin Ford, Richmond, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, having completed 12 or more credits and achieving at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Brenna Redmond, Jericho, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 Redmond is a Forensic Science major.

Alex R. Fergerson, Huntington, Community College of Vermont, Montpelier, with a grade point average between 3.5 0 and 3.99.

Reilly Stevens, Jericho Center, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, majoring in Psychology.

Kaiya Linn, Richmond, Emmanuel College, Boston, achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Caille Comeau, Richmond, Bryant University, Smithfield, Rhode Island, having a GPA of 3.4 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work.

Connor Philbrick, Jericho, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, New Hampshire, achieving a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.69 and must have completed at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Philbrick is a Finance major.

Liam Thompson, Richmond, Lasell University, Newton, Massachusetts, completing at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Russell Sage College, Troy, New York

Students earning a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while carrying a minimum of 12 credits:

Jeffrey Stearns, Richmond
Mason Remington, Jericho

Champlain College, Burlington

Local students achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher:

Bryan Mather, Richmond, majoring in Accounting
Kaden O'Neal, Huntington, majoring in Game Art
Avery Luther, Jericho, majoring in Computer Networking & Cybersecurity

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts

Ella Agran, Richmond, Class of 2025, majoring in Aerospace Engineering
Ty Haessig, Jericho, Class of 2027, majoring in Biomedical Engineering

WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A-level in courses and projects.

Clarkson University, Potsdam, New York

Samuel Hayden, Richmond
Ceilidh Kiegle, Jericho



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Concrete Progress on Gillette Pond Dam



After 120 or more years of steadfast service, Gillette Pond's stone dam is history. Contractors removed it on June 11 to make way for a new and much stronger one. The Richmond Land Trust, owner of the Pond, expects the dam to be finished this summer – the capstone of a \$1.1 million fundraising project. (Bob Low photo)



Each night some local, flat-tailed hydraulic engineers volunteer their talents with sticks and mud to try plugging the Pond's temporary drainage channel. Meanwhile, Richmond Land Trust is looking ahead, working to raise the last \$10,000 of the \$40,000 needed to provide for the dam's long-term maintenance.



Excavation began immediately for the new dam's foundation, anchored in bedrock beneath the Pond's outlet. The solid concrete structure will be 250 feet wide to meet the latest safety standards, deepen the Pond and put an end to its fluctuating water levels. (Bob Low photo)



Crews discovered one reason the old dam shrugged off floods and ice jams for well over a century – its builders used concrete, too. Richmond's Jane Dorney, a consulting geographer who looks at how Vermont's cultural landscape patterns relate to the natural landscape, confirmed that "Concrete was used in some building projects in the early 20th century, although many refinements were made later." (Bob Low photo)

On June 17, the new dam at Gillette Pond began taking shape as rebar was installed and huge forms built across the Pond's opening. Four days later, crews arrived to pour the first of an eventual 145 yards of concrete for the structure. Photo: Jon Low
More photos on page 12.



Town Center Mural Progress and Results



Murals radiate community in the heart of Richmond Village. Courtesy photos.