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MARCH 2011

TOWN OF RICHMOND



The Selectmen's Corner: By Daniel Dunton

I hope everyone is enjoying this great Maine winter! This year is certainly putting us to the test. I would like to extend our gratitude to all town personnel for their service during these brutal months of cold and snow.

I recently had the opportunity to ride along with Public Works as they worked through one of our biggest storms of the year and was impressed with the skill and determination for which they operate their equipment. The Board wishes to extend a huge thank you for keeping our roads in such great shape.

The board would like residents to be aware of a newly enacted ordinance. It is the "Pace Ordinance" for Energy Efficient Home Improvements.

Maine's Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program offers 5, 10 or 15 year loans of between \$6,500 and \$15,000 at a 4.99% fixed interest rate. PACE will be available to homeowners in communities that have passed a PACE Ordinance and are eligible for Efficiency Maine's Energy Savings Program (HESP).

HESP offers incentives of up to \$2,000 for pre-approved energy efficiency projects, regardless of income, (up to \$1,500 in rebates from Efficiency Maine and up to \$500 from federal tax credits). Eligibility requires participants to conduct a home energy assessment (energy audit) by a Participating Energy Advisor, with a minimum energy savings of 25%. Eligible buildings include homes or 1-4 unit buildings of between 1-3 stories.

As of 12/31/10, HESP has experienced 36% in average annual energy savings, or approximately \$1,000 in total annual savings per homeowner. For more information on HESP, visit www.energymaine.com/athome/hesp_program or call 866-376-2463 or email energymaine@energymaine.com

The board hopes this will help residents to make improvements to their homes in an economical and energy efficient manner.

Another topic that is a concern to the town is a renewed push to lower or eliminate Excise Tax in Maine. I'll be the first in line to say I despise

paying this tax every year, however, with Maine's current tax and funding set up, this is Richmond's second largest source of revenue. A vote to cut or eliminate Excise Tax is a vote to cut town services or raise property taxes. Due to the current economic conditions we will not be able to replace this revenue. Please remember this as you make your choice at the polls.

The board is starting to have meetings to discuss the 2011-2012 budget and would appreciate any input from you the citizen. Please call any member of the board or attend a meeting and see what is happening. Please also consider filling a vacant seat on one of the boards in town.

REMINDERS

- March 13th Daylight Savings Begins!
- Nomination Papers available March 21st!
- Town Meeting June 7th
- Elections June 14th

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NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE MARCH 21ST

June Election Openings

BUDGET COMMITTEE: 1 OPENINGS/2 YEAR TERM
 SELECTMEN: 2 OPENINGS/ 3 YEAR TERMS
 SELECTMEN: 1 OPENING/1 YEAR TERM
 UTILITIES DISTRICT: 1 OPENING/ 3 YEAR TERM

Board & Committee Opening

Appeals Board 1 OPENING/ 3 YEAR TERM

Nomination papers available **March 21, 2011** and must be returned to the Town Office by **April 24, 2011**.

Elections to be held **June 14, 2011** at the Richmond High School Gymnasium 8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. Absentee ballots to be opened at 8:00p.m.

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SENIOR NOTES FOR SENIOR FOLKS

March

3rd-10a.m. AARP Free Tax Help

9th-11:30am-St. Patrick's Day Dinner \$6.00 at the (Shepherd of Faith Church)

16th-10a.m.-Dave Brown of Brunswick Spectrum to speak on activities

21st-10a.m.-Noon-Savvy Caregiver Classes Begin. Call 1-800-3282-0764 to sign up!

30th-10:30am-Noon-Joanne Joy of Healthy Communities speaking on Living Well

April

9th 9a.m.-Tour of Wilburs Chocolate Factory in Freeport, lunch and shopping!

12th & 26th 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m.-Down Memory Lane with the 3rd Grade!

13th-11:30am-Free Spaghetti Dinner. Deserts are welcome!

20th-10:30am-Noon-Joanne Joy of Healthy Communities speaking on Living Well

26th-6:30pm-Ice Cream Social

30th -10a.m.-2p.m.-Medication Collection-Unused, over the counter, veterinary medications should be in their original containers with labels.

May

5th-8am AARP Safe Driving Class \$12.00/AARP Members, \$14.00/Non-members.

11th -11:30a.m. Pot Luck Dinner-Bring a dish to share.

REMINDERS & UPDATES AT THE TOWN OFFICE

TRANSFER STATION

2011 Sticker Prices

\$10.00 Richmond Residents
 \$15.00 Dresden Residents
 \$30.00 Commercial

Hours will be 9:00a.m.-
 3:00p.m. Saturday and the
 first Sunday of the month
 starting April 1st through
 November 30th.

- Applications for Home-
 stead Exemption and
 Veteran Exemption
 must be on file before

April 1, 2011. Ques-
 tions call 737-4305 ext.
 201

- April 1st is the assess-
 ment date of your prop-
 erty taxes.
- The second half of prop-
 erty taxes are due May
 10, 2011
- 30 Day notices go out in
 June for unpaid taxes
 and liens are issued in
 July.

Property Assessment:

If you have questions on the

assessed value of your property
 you can make an appointment
 to see the Assessor please call
 Laurisa at 737-4305 ext. 208
 we are currently scheduling
 appointments for March 9th.

Notary Services available,
 please make sure you bring
 your photo ID with you and
 you must sign the document in
 front of the notary. There is a
 \$2.00 fee per signature.

Need a Loan?

The Town of Richmond has community revolving loan funds that are available to provide low interest loans to eligible property owners and businesses throughout Richmond. Applications are available at the Town Office for anyone interested in borrowing money.

CDBG Loans

Are available to: Make energy conservation improvements, install septic or water systems, replacement heating systems, repair roofs and other home repairs.

The maximum aggregate amount to borrow is \$20,000 with repayments up to 10 years at 4% interest.

TIF Loans

Are available for Richmond Businesses to make building improvements or repairs, purchase business equipment and business marketing cash flow.

The maximum aggregate amount to borrow is \$25,000 with repayments up to 5 years at 5% interest. For more information please stop by the Town Office and pick up an application or call Laurie Boucher at 737-4305 ext. 200.



News from the UMBERHINE Library

Library hours are Monday and Tuesday 2-8p.m., Wednesday 9-2p.m., Thursday 2-8p.m, and Saturday 9-12p.m.

New books are on the way! While you are patiently waiting for the new one, come in, browse and select an old favorite to curl up with during the many snow days we seem to be having. How about checking out one of our beautiful perennial flower books, you can almost smell spring as you gaze at the beautiful photo-

graphs. We have some truly wonderful books on our shelves, we also have a nice comfortable chair and three oversized bean bag chairs to curl up in if you would like to read here. Don't forget we have three public computers for your use. They are always busy. If you want to be assured one, call ahead and reserve one, or let us know if you would like to use it for more than 1/2 hour.

Story hour is still Wednesday morning from 9:30-

10:30a.m. We do stories, crafts, sometimes games and a small snack. Our regular kids are great, but we always welcome new ones with open arms.

Wish List (Donations Appreciated)

Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother-Amy Cheya
Strategic Moves-Stuart Woods
The Inner Circle-Brad Meltzer
Gideon's Sword-Douglas Preston
One Thousand Gifts-Ann Voskamp
Dead or Alive-Tom Clancy
The Judas Gate-Jack Higgins
Breaking the Rules-Suzanne Brockman
Love You More-Lisa Gardner
Live Wire-Harlan Coben

Richmond Utilities District

The Richmond Utilities District will be raising the sewer rates by 12%. This increase will likely go into effect July of this year. The increase is to cover the cost of the loan payments for the Sewer infrastructure improvements that have been going on for the last couple of years. The average bill will likely go up around \$9.00/Quarter.

The Board of Trustees agreed to a change to Article X, section 9 of the Districts Sewer Use Rules and Regulations. The new change will go into effect immediately and will allow the District to fine customers who have illegal connec-

tions quarterly rather than annually. This measure was taken to accomplish two goals; one is to prevent people from re-connecting cellar drains, roof drains and/or any other source of unpolluted water back into the sewer system. The District's second goal is to prevent new illegal connections. All of this is part of the District's efforts to avoid "Financial Disincentives" from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The District has been threatened with fines if we do not enforce our Sewer Use Rules and Regulations which prohibits illegal connections.

The District will be replacing a number of sewer service lines this summer that have been found to be faulty. The projects will begin this summer and last until fall. All affected customers will receive notification from the District and will be asked to attend a public hearing later this spring. Homeowners are responsible for service lines from the foundation to their connection to the Sewer main. If you do not receive a letter from the District but would like to have your service line replaced please call the office by May 1st.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT By: Darryl Sterling

The Town completed the ConnectME Grant Project to install broadband high speed internet in rural areas of Richmond on January 27, 2011. The contractor, Time Warner Cable, has placed cable in the Pitts Center-New Road-Lincoln Street Target Area. Approximately 21 homes will now be able to have access to high speed internet service. The \$66,010 ConnectME Project is a major step toward meeting

the Town's goal to bring high speed internet to all residents.

The MidCoast Regional Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Initiative (MRWEED) Project to make energy improvements to the Town Office has gone out to bid. The energy conservation measures will include replacement of windows and doors; heating, ventilating, air conditioning system; and hot water heaters. The

\$20,400 project will result in energy usage savings and fuel savings. The Town has also applied for \$17,000 in Round 2 MRWEED Grant Funds to make energy improvements to the Police Station. If approved, both projects would be completed by April 30, 2011. The Director continues to explore other grants and resources to create jobs in Richmond.

Richmond Downtown Revitalization Plan Update

The "Richmond Village Downtown Revitalization Plan" was completed in 2004. The Plan identified five (5) strategies for guiding the community's vision for downtown revitalization:

1. Improve the Downtown and Waterfront,
2. Enhance the Streetscape of Main Street,
3. Develop a Master Plan for the RBMC and High School Area,
4. Make Richmond the most Walkable Village in Maine,
5. Expand Housing Opportunities in and around the Village.

Since 2004, the Town has made significant efforts to implement the community's revitalization goals. Accomplishments to date include:
2005 Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District

2006 – 2011 Business Expansion Assistance along Main Street

2006 Downtown Parking Master Plan

2006 Downtown Storm Drain Infrastructure Improvements

2007 Downtown Façade Improvements

2007-2009 Streetscape Improvements on Main Street, Front Street, and Lane Field

2007-2008 Business Retention/Attraction/Facilities Improvements at the RBMC

2008-2009 Streetscape Improvements on Main Street, Front Street, Pleasant St.

2008-2010 Waterfront Zoning and Master Plan and Water-

front Improvements

2009-2010 Downtown Sewer Infrastructure Improvements.

As Richmond moves forward with the success that it has, it is important to re-examine and update the original Plan as downtown continues to evolve. The Town is working with Wright-Pierce in the Downtown Plan Update process to evaluate implemented efforts for community improvement goals as identified in the prior Plan, opportunities to further implement prior Plan goals, receive additional public input, and make new planning considerations.

2011 CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant Application

A Public Hearing at the Meeting of the Richmond Board of Selectmen was held on February 9, 2011 to discuss the Town's application for a 2011 CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant in the amount of \$600,000 to continue streetscape improvements including rehabilitation of sidewalks on Main Street and continuation of pedestrian lighting and installation of site amenities from Front

Street to Williams Street. The private sector is investing \$1,250,000 as leverage match for the Project. It is expected that these investment incentives will create 50 new jobs in the downtown area. The grant application is due on March 4, 2011 with funding notification to be in April. If the grant application is funded, the project would be completed by June 30, 2012.

The Town should also receive notification in April from the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), on the funding status of the Town's Quality Communities Program Grant Application to construct the first leg of the Merry Meeting Regional Trail in Richmond. The Project would include trail improvements to connect the High School/Middle School to High Street.

Richmond Fire Department Incident Summary Report

Richmond Fire Department			Date Range: From 12/01/2010 to 02/01/2011				
Incident Type Summary			Box Code: All				
			Exclude Mutual Aids: No				
			Exclude Exposures: No				
Code and Description	Incident Count	Number Attend	Average Attend	Total Length	Average Length	Average Man Hrs	Total Man Hrs
111-Building fire	3	13	4.33	9.0	3.00	14.33	43.0
114-Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	10	10.00	4.0	4.00	40.00	40.0
116-Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1	5	5.00	2.0	2.00	10.00	10.0
121-Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	1	7	7.00	3.0	3.00	21.00	21.0
138-Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	5	5.00	1.0	1.00	5.00	5.0
151-Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	2	10	5.00	1.0	0.50	2.50	5.0
322-Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3	21	7.00	3.0	1.00	7.00	21.0
324-Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	6	25	4.17	6.0	1.00	4.17	25.0
444-Power line down	2	8	4.00	2.0	1.00	4.00	8.0
463-Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	3	3.00	1.0	1.00	3.00	3.0
500-Service Call, other	1	4	4.00	1.0	1.00	4.00	4.0
520-Water problem, other	1	5	5.00	1.0	1.00	5.00	5.0
531-Smoke or odor removal	2	10	5.00	2.0	1.00	5.00	10.0
571-Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	7	7.00	1.0	1.00	7.00	7.0
651-Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	3	3.00	1.0	1.00	3.00	3.0
700-False alarm or false call, other	1	11	11.00	1.0	1.00	11.00	11.0
733-Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	6	6.00	2.0	2.00	12.00	12.0
911-Citizen complaint	2	8	4.00	2.0	1.00	4.00	8.0
Totals and Averages for All Codes:	31	161	5.19	43.00	1.39	7.77	241.00
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A Message from the Richmond SnoRovers By: Phil Dehetre

Happy Trails Everyone! I trust everyone has enough snow. The trails saw an increase in activity this year. Unfortunately, we lost valuable grooming opportunities, while two of our groomers spent time in the repair shop. On a good note we acquired four new drags to improve on our volunteer

grooming efforts. March 10th is an important date, and a meeting you don't want to miss! We will gather at the Sportsman's Club. Dinner is at 6:30p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00p.m. Nominations will be accepted right up until the vote. Votes will be taken by membership for the elected positions, in

hopes of avoiding a vote being taken under new business for dissolution of the club and its trails. We want to thank everyone that joined our membership this year in support and helping us to receive an all time historical count. We look forward to seeing you on the 10th!

Richmond Police Department By: Chief MacMaster

The Richmond Police Department would like to thank the community for all the positive comments on the newest vehicle to our department. The 2011 black 4x4 Chevy Tahoe has been on the streets for a few months and has been proven to be a wise investment for the town after all the snow fall we have had. The Police Department hopes to get the new vehicle marked soon.

Please do not forget to license your dog with the town. This helps in a speedy return should a K-9 get lost and saves you from expensive animal shelter fees and Town penalties.

The Police Department along with the Sagadahoc Sheriff's Office will be part of a prescription drug take back program on April 30, 2011. This will be a time to safely discard unwanted or unneeded prescriptions.

The Richmond Police Department has handled 644 calls since January.

Here is a brief summary of some of the calls:

Animal Problems	33
Assault	02
Burglary	02
Concealed Weapon	09
Disable Motorist	13
OUI	02
Domestic	10
Harassment	10
Probation Violation	02
Property watch	130
Traffic Accident	30
Traffic Accident/Injury	05
Ambulance/Medical Assistance	30

Richmond Public Works Department

A reminder that under law Title 29-A. **A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.**

Placing snow or slush in a public way can result in a \$165.00 fine.

This will be strictly enforced. Also a reminder the



parking ban remains in effect until April 15th from 11:00p.m. to 7:00a.m.

The Public Works Department has been working steadily this winter to keep your local roads clear of ice

and snow. We would like to thank the residents of Richmond for your patience.

After a busy winter we will be preparing for spring clean up, road sweeping, brush trimming and clean up. If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Allan Moeller at 737-2035 or email at:

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Code Enforcement Update By: Brian Morse

March is here, spring will be here soon! The winter weather we have had has stopped most of the outside projects that were underway here in Town.

As a reminder we are under new building codes, if you are not sure if your project needs a permit please call 737-4305 ext. 205 or email at:

ceo@richmondmaine.com.

The charge for work started before the issuance of a building permit is presently DOUBLE the permit fee.

2009 Uniform Plumbing Code

2009 International Building Code (IBC)

- 2009 International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
- 2009 International Residential Code (IRC)
- 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
- 2007 ASHRAE Standard 62.1 (Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality)
- 2007 ASHRAE Standard

62.2 (Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings)

- 2007 ASHRAE Standard 90.1 (Energy Standard for Buildings except Low-Rise Residential Buildings)
- 2006 ASTM E1465-06 Maine Model Radon Standard for new residential construction.

To purchase a copy of the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code visit www.iapmo.org, to purchase the International Building Code 2009 visit www.internationalcodes.net & www.ashrea.org.

The CEO has been studying and completing online training for the new building codes as well as health training for various issues.

A reminder to all residents E-911 requires all residences to be numbered with 4" numbers of darker color than the façade of the residence. This is for your safety, for Fire, Police and Rescue so that they may find your residence..

Effective January 18, 2011 the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Fees are as follows:

Engineered System	\$200.00
Non-Engineered	\$250.00
Primitive/1 alt toilet	\$100.00
Separate Grey Waste	\$ 35.00
Seasonal Conversion	\$ 50.00
First-Time System	\$ 20.00

Department Reviews

Engineered System	\$100.00
Min. Lot Fee	\$ 50.00
Multi-user Fee	\$100.00
Licensed Review	\$ 20.00
Microfilm Record Search	\$ 5.00

Effective January 7, 2011 Internal Plumbing Fees are as follows:

Min Fee up to 4/Fix.	\$40.00
Individual 4+	\$10.00
Hook-up to Public Sewer	\$10.00
Hook-up to subsurface	\$10.00
Piping w/no fixtures	\$10.00
Permit Transfer	\$10.00

Building Permits Issued 12/1/10

Tom Connelie 66 Mansir Lane-Foundation

Bob Soucy 73 Sunset Lane-Tree Cutting

Ryan Chandler 398 Lincoln St.-Deck

James Peacock, 292 Alexander Reed Rd.-Addition

KJK Wireless, 41 Alexander Reed Rd-Antenna

Larry Donahue, 430 Brunswick Road-Demolition



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&
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CRAFT FAIR APRIL 2ND!



The Richmond Fire Department will hold a Craft Fair on April 2nd from 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. at the Richmond Fire Station. Tables are \$20.00 each. For more information or to reserve a table

please call Ian Alexander at 841-0608.

Calendar of Events

- 3/7 Fire Dept. 6:30p.m.
- 3/8 RUD 6:00p.m.
- 3/9 Selectmen 6:00p.m.
- 3/13 Daylight Savings Time
- 3/14 Fire Dept. 6:30p.m.
- 3/21 Fire Dept. 6:30p.m.
- 3/22 Planning 6:00p.m.
- 3/23 Selectmen 6:00p.m.

- 4/4 Fire Dept. 6:30p.m.
- 4/6 Selectmen 6:00p.m.
- 4/11 Fire Dept. 6:30p.m.
- 4/12 RUD 6:00p.m.
- 4/18 **Town Office Closed**
- 4/20 Selectmen 6:00p.m.
- 4/25 Fire Dept. 6:30p.m.
- 4/26 Planning 6:00p.m.

The Fire Department meetings are held at the Richmond Fire Station.

RUD meetings are held at the Sewer Plant on Water Street.

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