

Warrant 2021

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sullivan in the County of Cheshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, Tuesday, the ninth (9th) day of March next at 11:00 AM of the clock to act upon the following by written ballot; the polls not to close before 7:00 PM.

Article 01: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year

Article 02: Are you in favor of amending the **Community Planning Ordinance Article IV, General Provisions. to add "P."** to read as follows:

P. Junk Yards. In order to preserve public safety by preventing fire, to protect public health by preventing the spread of disease, to serve the general welfare by preventing harm to the environment, and to safeguard the material rights of inhabitants against unwarrantable invasion, all junk yards shall be subject to the following regulations:

1. All junk yards shall be licensed annually following a hearing before the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to RSA 236:111-129.
 - a. At the hearing the Selectmen may take into account the nature and development of surrounding property.
 - b. An existing junk yard location may have its license renewed without a hearing if there have been no violations of statute, or failure to comply with conditions during the license period.
 - c. Any unlicensed junk yard location shall be declared to be a nuisance, which may be the subject of an enforcement action (see Article VII).
 - d. License approval is to the applicant and/or company for a specific location and it is not assignable or transferable.
2. All junk yards located within 1,000 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way or visible from the main traveled roadway shall be screened by natural objects, plantings, fences, or other appropriate means so as not to be visible from the main traveled roadway, or shall be removed from sight.
3. All junk yards shall be located at least 300 feet from the right of way of a Class V highway.
4. All junk yards shall be fenced.

- a. Any junk yard shall be completely surrounded with a solidly constructed fence at least 6 feet in height.
- b. Where the topography, natural growth of timber, a natural barrier, or other considerations accomplish the purposes of this ordinance in whole or in part, the fencing requirements may be reduced by the local governing body, upon granting the license.
- c. The fence shall have a suitable gate which shall be closed and locked except during the working hours of the yard or when the applicant or their agent is within.
- d. All motor vehicles and parts shall be kept within the enclosure of the junk yard except as removal is necessary for its transportation in the reasonable course of operations.

AND

Are you in favor of amending the **Community Planning Ordinance Article VII, Administration**, to insert language (Underlined Below), to read as follows:

The Board of Selectmen shall administer the provisions of this Ordinance in the name of the Town. The Selectmen may appoint an agent to administer this Ordinance. The fire chief or his/her designee shall have the authority to make inspections in accordance with NFPA 101 - The Life Safety Code to determine the condition of dwellings located within the town in order that the health and safety of the occupants of all dwellings and the general public shall be safeguarded. The Health Officer shall have the authority to conduct sanitary investigations into complaints and nuisances, such as accumulations of junk that attract vermin, that may endanger public health. Whenever a health officer knows or has cause to suspect that any nuisance or other causes of danger to the public health is in any building or enclosure, he/she may obtain an administrative inspection warrant under RSA 595-B, which may include, when necessary, authority for forcible entry. The Selectmen or their representative at their discretion may enter a junk yard for inspection without incurring any liability to the property owner or junk yard owner. If an accumulation of junk is found in a hazardous or dilapidated building, the Selectmen may seek an order from the district court to repair or demolish the structure. The fire chief has authority to deal with junk accumulations that pose a risk of fire. Remedies provided in RSA 276:127, RSA:128, RSA 676:15 and RSA 676:17 are hereby made

available to the Selectmen except that no fine shall exceed \$100.00 per day for each day a violation continues.

AND

Are you in favor of amending the Community Planning Ordinance article XI, definitions, to add the definitions of "Junk", "Junk Yard", and "Nuisance" to read as follows:

Junk. Old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber debris, waste, or junked, dismantled, or wrecked automobiles, or parts thereof, iron, steel, and other old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous material.

Junk Yard. A place used for storing and keeping, or storing and selling, trading, or otherwise transferring junk. The term includes, but is not limited to, automotive recycling yards, machinery junk yards, and motor vehicle junk yards. Per RSA 236:92, an accumulation of motor vehicles or auto parts amounting to two or more vehicles, or machinery over an area exposed to public view of greater than 500 square feet, is enough to be considered a junk yard. This definition does not include any motor vehicle dealers registered with the director of motor vehicles under RSA 261:104 and controlled under RSA 236:126.

Nuisance. A condition, activity, or situation (such as a loud noise or foul odor) that interferes with the use or enjoyment of property; especially a non-transitory condition or persistent activity that either injures the physical condition of adjacent land or interferes with its use or with the enjoyment of easements on the land or of public highways.

Article 03: Are you in favor of amending the **Community Planning Ordinance article III, Use Application, C (Area and Dimensions for Structures and/or Buildings)** to insert language (underlined below) to read as follows:

5. The minimum lot width at the road frontage is 200 feet on a class V or better road, or a road shown on a map or subdivision approved by the Sullivan Planning Board and recorded in the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds, pursuant to RSA 674:41.

AND

Are you in favor of amending the Community Planning Ordinance article IV, General Provisions, N, (Alternative Development), to insert language (underlined below) to read as follows:

Minimum lot width at the road frontage shall be 200 feet on a class V or better road, or a road shown on a map or subdivision approved by the Sullivan Planning Board and recorded in the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds, pursuant to RSA 674:41. and the minimum setback from the highway right of way shall be 50 feet.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Sullivan Congregational Church in said town, Wednesday, the tenth (10th) day of March to act upon the following subjects. The meeting will begin immediately following the Sullivan School District meeting that begins at 7:00 PM.

Article 04: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$570,000** for the purpose of **Broadband Installation**. \$570,000 of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and the to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) **Requires a 3/5 ballot vote.**

Article 05: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,257** for **Health and Welfare Programs** for the ensuing year. The selectmen and budget committee recommend. (majority vote required)

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| Health | \$6,257 |
| Welfare | <u>\$4,000</u> |
| Total Health and Welfare: | \$10,257 |

Article 06: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$185,841** for **General Municipal Operations** for the ensuing year. The selectmen recommend **\$185,941** and budget committee recommend **\$185,841** (majority vote required)

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| General Government | \$ 176,726 |
| Planning | \$ 1,715 |
| Cemetery | <u>\$ 7,400</u> |
| Total General Municipal Operations: | \$ 185,841 |

Article 07: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$469,334** for **Highway Operations** for the ensuing year. It is anticipated that said appropriation will be offset by the State Highway Block Grant. The selectmen and budget committee recommend. (majority vote required)

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| Town Highways and Bridges | \$ 294,334 |
| Highway Special Projects | <u>\$ 175,000</u> |
| Total Highway Operations | \$ 469,334 |

Article 08: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$102,906** for **Public Safety** for the ensuing year. The selectmen recommend **\$102,706** and the budget committee recommends **\$102,906** (majority vote required)

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| Police Services | \$ 45,045 |
| Fire and Rescue | \$ 36,050 |
| Other Emergency/Rescue | <u>\$ 21,811</u> |
| Total Public Safety | \$ 102,906 |

Article 09: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,940** for **Culture, Recreation and Conservation Commission** for the ensuing year. The selectmen recommend and budget committee recommend. (majority vote required)

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| Public Library Services | \$ 21,895 |
| Conservation Commission | \$ 2,045 |
| Recreation Committee | <u>\$ 1,000</u> |
| Total Conservation, Library, and Recreation | \$ 24,940 |

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000** for deposit into the **Capital Reserve Fund for Revaluation of the Town**. The selectmen and budget committee recommend. (majority vote required)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for deposit into the **Capital Reserve Fund for Reconstruction and Resurfacing of Bituminous-Surfaced Roads**. The selectmen and budget committee recommend. (majority vote required)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,000** for deposit into the **Capital Reserve Fund for Major Repairs to Town Buildings**. The selectmen and budget committee recommend. (majority vote required)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for deposit into the **Capital Reserve Fund for Town-wide Emergencies**. The selectmen recommend and budget committee does not recommend. (majority vote required)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for deposit into the **Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Department Vehicles**. The selectmen and budget committee recommend. (majority vote required)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for deposit into the **Capital Reserve Fund for Breathing Apparatus**. The selectmen and budget committee recommend. (majority vote required)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for deposit into the **Capital Reserve Fund for Land Conservation**. The selectmen recommend and budget committee does not recommend. (majority vote required)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for deposit into the **Capital Reserve Fund for Master Plan Update**. The selectmen and budget committee recommend. (majority vote required)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for deposit into the **Capital Reserve Fund for Bridge Maintenance and Repair**. The selectmen recommend and budget committee does not recommend. (majority vote required)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,000** for deposit into the **Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Major Equipment**. The selectmen and budget committee recommend. (majority vote required)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Reports of Agents and Committees as printed within the Annual Report

Article 21: To transact any business which may legally come before this meeting and to listen to opinions of a purely advisory nature as regards the conduct of Town affairs for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands and seal 22nd day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One.

Selectmen of Sullivan:

A true copy of the Warrant Attest:



Marsha Cook, Chairman


Joseph Lewandowski, Selectman



Paul Bolduc, Selectman