



## *Sullivan Community Newsletter*

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### **SCHOOL & TOWN ELECTION DAY**

March 9<sup>th</sup> - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### **Town & School Elections 2021 Version**

Elections for Sullivan School Board Members and Town Officials will take place on Tuesday, March 9 from 11 am to 7 pm at the Town Hall. The procedures will be unchanged from last fall's elections. Entry will be from the door facing Centre Street (follow the ramp from the parking lot) and exit will be through the door facing the parking lot. Face masks will be required to vote in the hall, but accommodations for those who cannot wear a mask will be available. To speed up the check-in procedure, please have your ID ready when you enter the hall.

**The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Election Day!**

#### **Register to Vote**

If you have not registered to vote, you may do so at the polls on March 9, with the Supervisors of the Checklist on Feb. 27 at the Town Library between 11 and 11:30 am or with the Town Clerk at least 10 days before the election. You must be a registered voter to vote on Election Day and on the bond issue for Broadband at Town Meeting.

**Registrations will not be accepted at Town Meeting.**

#### **Absentee Ballots**

Just a reminder - if you are worried that you won't be able to get in and vote or concerned about being out and about due to Covid-19, don't despair! Contact the Town Clerk's office to find out how you can vote by absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots are available for both the Town Election and School Election, but not for the Bond Issue.

### **SCHOOL & TOWN MEETINGS**

March 10 - 7 p.m. – Sullivan Church

Town Meeting and the Sullivan School District Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, March 10 at the Sullivan Church. **Please note the change in location.** In keeping with CDC guidance, participants will be required to wear masks and to sit at least 6 feet apart, unless the people are from the same household. **You must be a registered voter to vote, either by hand, voice or ballot, at the town and school meetings. The last day to register for this will be March 9 at the polls.**

After much discussion between the Selectmen, the Moderator and several others, it was realized that the largest meeting facility in town is the church. There are some 40 pews on the ground floor of the building—each approximately 6 feet long. By staggering the seating, assuming that couples sit together, and using the seating in the balcony we can accommodate the 40-55 people who usually attend the Town Meeting. There is ample room for overflow in the adjacent Friendship Hall. The church has a sound system that can be used to enhance its good acoustics. The only detail yet to be worked out is accommodation for citizens wishing to join us remotely. As of this writing, it has been determined that it seems feasible, and the Selectmen are working out the equipment that will be needed.

To view Election Day Ballots or to listen/watch Town Meeting remotely,  
see the Sullivan webpage.

<https://townofsullivannh.com/>

# DO YOU WANT FASTER INTERNET?

## Cast your vote at Town Meeting

Voting for the Bond Issue for faster internet will take place at Town Meeting, March 10 at the Sullivan Church. This will be a ballot vote, and in order for it to pass, 2/3 of the voters present must vote in the affirmative. Faster internet is not going to happen by itself – people have to vote for it! Polls for the Bond Issue will be open for one hour. Keep in mind, in order to vote at Town Meeting, you must be a registered voter. Registrations cannot be taken at the meeting.

The Broadband Advisory Committee has been working toward improving internet access throughout Sullivan. Their goal is to facilitate construction of a fast, reliable and cost-effective internet infrastructure. With many people working from home and children learning remotely, the need for broadband (high-speed internet) has never been greater. The town currently does not have fiber optic or cable internet available, and existing DSL and satellite coverage suffers from reliability and bandwidth issues.

The amount of the bond (\$500,000+) will not affect our taxes. It will be paid off through a service charge on each broadband subscriber's bill. This means the bond will only be paid for by people using the service.

While the contract is still in negotiation, the initial fee schedule is as follows. Please note this is based on two-year promotional rate and includes a fee to repay the bond, but not any utility tax that may be applied to the fee. Also note, the speed is the same for both up and download. 15 Mbps - \$59.95/mo.; 50 Mbps - \$72.95/mo.; 100 Mbps - \$82.95/mo. and 1 Gbps - \$97.95/mo.

The Selectmen, upon recommendation of the Broadband Advisory Board, have selected FiberCast of Dover NH to provide broadband service for Sullivan. There is still a lot to do to make this happen and they need your support with a vote in the affirmative.

For more information:

<https://townofsullivannh.com/> > Community > Broadband

## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

### **TOWN OFFICES** (school candidates follow town information)

**Selectman (3 years) – Marsha Cook, incumbent** - I am asking for your vote as Selectman. Having really enjoyed serving the town and gaining experience in my role as Chair of the Board of Selectmen, I like to think I also bring to Sullivan an ability to listen and respect for each citizen. I have lived in Sullivan since October 2013, and really love this community. I would like to keep doing this work, keeping the town viable and a place people want to live.

**Selectman (2 years) – Paul Bolduc, incumbent** – It was a year ago that I was approached by the Selectmen to serve on the Sullivan Board of Selectmen. After giving it a bit of thought, I was honored to take on this opportunity to further contribute to our community. This role has been a challenging, yet rewarding experience. I have learned a great deal about what it takes to keep the town of Sullivan running smoothly. From our Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment to our Highway Department and Trustees to interpreting State statutes, I have just begun to understand the intricacies of these important Town departments. I look forward to continuing this work to serve on the Select Board - working with and for the people of Sullivan.

My wife and I have called Sullivan home since 2002. It has become more to me than simply a place to live. Its forests, ponds and streams have helped nurture wonderful experiences for our children and family. What really makes Sullivan special however, are its people. There are so many giving, warm and dedicated people that care for their neighbors and their town. I too have found it important to get involved in town affairs. I first became interested in the town as a teacher, to explore richer educational options for our kids to attend Keene schools. I have been serving on the Sullivan School Board now for seven years. I have also been a member of the Sullivan Fire Department since 2017 and became a certified firefighter as well as a certified EMT. I would be honored by your trust and support and your vote to serve as your Selectman.

**Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years) - Will Thorndike, incumbent** – Three years ago my wife, Sarah and I moved to this wonderful little town. After 37 years of teaching Middle School math & science, and Sarah working in Special Education, we settled in Sullivan to enjoy retirement. She has fully embraced that goal. I do not so much. I am running for a position as a member of the Trustees of Trust Fund because I have always had an ability to work with numbers, and I have respect for the work done by the previous members of this committee.

**Trustee of Trust Funds (2 years) – Doug Keene** - I'm running again to continue the work I've been doing as a Trustee of the Trust Funds. We (my wife Risa, my 3 daughters & I) have been living in Sullivan since 1994. I've previously served on the Budget Committee & feel it's important for me to support my town in this way. I look forward to receiving your vote. Thank you.

**Trustee of Cemeteries (3 years) – Mary Hull, incumbent** - Once again I am running for Cemetery Trustee. I've been a trustee now for quite a few years now. I would like to continue.

**Budget Committee (3 years) – Dave Jakway, incumbent** –

**Library Trustee (3 years) – Becky Cummings, incumbent** – I have lived in town many years and have always made the library one of the places I frequent. I enjoyed bringing my kids there, beginning even before they could read on their own (40+ years ago!) and have kept up regular visits ever since.

The past 3 years as library trustee were an enjoyable learning experience. The trustees and librarians work together to improve technology, acquire more of the materials you request and listen to suggestions of what can be done to improve your library. I would enjoy continuing to help and would appreciate your vote – thank you.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment 2 positions (3 years) – Roger Sweet, incumbent** - The ZBA is The Zoning Board of Appeal. A quasi-legal board, it meets on an as-needed basis to hear appeals of residents who wish to have an exception granted to their wish to go beyond some stipulation about use of their property. For example, you might wish to build an addition to your house, and the addition would not meet the Community Planning Ordinance's requirement that any building be 20 feet from your property line. You would need an extra 5 feet to complete the addition and would appeal the planning board decision reminding you of the 20-foot requirement. I have served on the ZBA for one three-year term and hope to have your vote for a second three-year term. I have lived in Sullivan for the past 28 years and have walked many of its neighborhoods. Thank you for your consideration.

**Stephen Parker, incumbent** -

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES**

**School Board (3years) – Malinda Sherpa, incumbent** - Hi, my name is Malinda Scherpa and I am asking you to consider voting for me for Sullivan School Board member. I have been on the Sullivan School Board since our withdrawal from the Monadnock School District and was also on the withdrawal committee. I am a pediatrician working in Keene as well as the mother of 3 children, 2 currently attending Nelson School and 1 at Keene Middle School. I feel it is very important for all of our children to have access to high quality public education that will help them reach their full potential. I also understand the importance of doing this in a way that is affordable to the taxpayers of Sullivan. Thank you, and I hope you will consider voting for me on March 9th.

**School District Treasurer (3years) – Milton Trimitsis (incumbent)** -

**From the Selectmen's Office:** Residents are reminded to close their garages when not at home; this will help avert theft or vandalism.

**WOOF, WOOF!**

**Soon it will be license renewal time...** Guaranteed, your dogs will be proud to wear their own shiny little tag that says their rabies shots are up to date! If you are not sure when the next shot is due, call the town clerk's office at 847-3316 and check. Hours are: Tuesday thru Thursday from 10 – 2 and the second & last Thursdays from 6 – 8.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its monthly meetings on March 11, April 8 and May 13, 2021 at 3:30 PM at the library. The purpose of the meeting will be to formally receive any donations, hear reports and conduct any business related to the administration of the library. As always, the public is welcome.

### **Ordinance Amendments: Road Frontage, Junk Yards (next page)**

Warrant Articles for changes to the Community Planning Ordinance as they will appear on the ballot on 3/9/2021 are on the following page. Changes are underlined.

**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. The minimum setback from the highway right of way shall be 50 feet.

## From the Archives

by Chris Pratt

Here is the annual look back at previous town meetings.

**10 years ago.** The 2011 warrant contained 23 articles signed by Selectmen Richard Hotchkiss, Mark Paquette and Robert Thayer. The articles all passed with some amendments to change dollar amounts. Apparently, several typographic errors had occurred regarding what the budget committee had approved versus what was printed in the warrant. J.J. Prior made the announcement that a committee had been formed to study the feasibility of withdrawing from the Monadnock Regional School District. Ann Sweet announced that the town had formed a committee to study energy efficiency in town buildings and to explore ways to make improvements that would reduce the cost of energy. The cover of the town report included a drawing by Hilliare Wilder depicting the entrance to the Sullivan Town Hall. Road Agent Randy Smith noted the installation of a wood fired furnace at the town barn. He also noted the installation of the highway department's first computer. Alan Henry noted the fire department's purchase of a thermal imaging camera. This device allows firefighters to detect hidden hot spots in a fire as well as for search and rescue missions. The camera was paid for with money raised by the department with its various fund raisers. The all-volunteer department logged some 2500 man hours in responses to emergencies and training.

**25 years ago.** The 1996 warrant contained 43 articles signed by Selectmen Joseph Fitzpatrick, Edward McCann and Richard Katze. The first 14 articles dealt with updates to the Community Planning Ordinance that changed various definitions to conform to new state laws. The town meeting voted to approve a capital reserve fund to expand the Sullivan Public Library and to establish a capital reserve to purchase a new police cruiser. The relocation of the town barn had revealed a hazardous waste site and the town appropriated money for a cleanup. Article 33 appropriated funds from the sale of the Pinetum Land and combined it with funds pledged privately for the purposes of constructing a new town hall. Articles 34 and 35 appropriated money to move the town barn to a new location on Church Street and to swap land between the town and the church. These three articles finalized the work of the Sullivan Town Center Committee. The meeting further recognized the work of John Hoffman in bringing about the changes. The meeting also approved an article to allow the selectmen to appoint the police chief rather than have him elected. Alan Henry reported on the slow progress of Sullivan's adoption of the 911 system. There had been numerous corrections to make to the maps which had several homes located in the wrong places. The Sullivan Planning Board reported the completion of the town's master plan and adoption of site plan review regulations. The Sullivan Conservation Commission reported on two hikes during the year that showed Sullivan's flora and fauna as well as sites of historical interest.

**50 years ago.** The 1971 warrant contained 20 articles signed by Selectmen Ronald Frazier, Sr., Raymond E. Motter and Harvey W. Swett. The town meeting voted to move the selectmen's office to the Community Hall in East Sullivan. That was the last function still using the town hall (now the public library) and its removal would clear the way to repurpose the building. One of the main issues that year was the establishment of a planning board. The meeting approved the board by a vote of 49 to 37. The new board set about its work and presented the town with a land use ordinance and a request to authorize the board to regulate subdivisions at a special town meeting on 13 September 1971. The voters defeated the ordinance by a vote of 92 to 86. They allowed the board to approve or disapprove subdivisions, but only by a vote of 90 to 89. Obviously, the town was not happy with the new board and, in fact, voted to abolish it at the next town meeting.

**100 years ago.** The 1921 warrant contained 16 articles signed by Selectmen Edward L. Jewett, Herbert S. Currier and Frank L. Rawson. 1921 was the first time that selectmen were elected to three-year terms. Before then, selectmen were elected to one-year terms which meant that all three were elected at once. Under the new system the terms would be staggered. The town meeting voted to accept state aid to upgrade the "Cheshire Road." This was the beginning of a state/town partnership to upgrade what is now Route 9 through Sullivan. This was part of a state program to upgrade its trunk road system, so motorists could expect consistent road quality from town to town. The road in question is what we now call the Old Concord Road. The aid program would eventually be expanded to include Centre Street. The school report noted the continued shortage of teachers. That resulted in the closure of some of the town's schools and the failure to meet the new standard of 36 weeks of school. As the year progressed, however, the school district finally managed to find some teachers.

**200 years ago.** The 1821 warrant contained 11 articles signed by Roswell Hubbard, Samuel Seward and Calvin Locke. Most of the articles dealt with appropriations—\$300 for highways, \$275 for the schools and \$200 for the town charges. There was also a committee appointed to see to the last remaining property dispute in town. When Gilsuam was laid out, its proprietors did so without regard to the Masonian lands created by the Masonian Patent Line (mainly

Stoddard and Packersfield). When the boundary was finally fixed, it created several “gores” that were disputed between property owners from the three towns, when Sullivan was created. By 1821 these disputes had all been resolved except for a piece to the east of 358 Centre Street. This was intended as a school lot and therefore public land, but was never used for that. The committee apparently concluded that the dispute was moot since the land was already under the control of the Comstock family.

## **SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP**

**May 1**

Help us clean up the roadsides this spring! We didn't get to it last year because of the virus, and, despite the virus still being around, we're sponsoring Town Clean-up Day this year, although without lunch. Your help would really be appreciated. Once the snow melts, many cans, bottles and “you name it” become visible along the roads. If you could take one section of your road and pick up the rubbish, it will make a difference.

**Meet in the Town Hall parking lot at 9 am** for road assignments and to pick up a few of the familiar blue bags. After you finish “your” road, leave your bags in the salt shed at the Town Barn and Todd & Paul will then bring everything to the recycling/refuse center.

**Can't make it on the 1<sup>st</sup>?** Blue bags will be available ahead of time at the Town Hall and Library. Drop your blue bags off at the salt shed the week of April 26<sup>th</sup> and no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you in advance for your help! – Sullivan Conservation Commission -

## **SULLIVAN COUNTRY STORE UPDATE**

Hello everyone! It was kindly brought to our attention that although we had provided updates on the store via Facebook, not everyone is on Facebook and many others may also be interested in hearing from us here.

Firstly, we want to thank all of you for your patience. We know we hit the ground running and assumed we could open the store by the end of January. Like an onion, we began peeling layers back and discovered there is much to be done before we feel comfortable opening. This includes some much-needed electrical updating to both the store and the residence. Along with electrical updating, we are in the process of installing new heating to the store. Other than the necessary projects mentioned above there are cosmetic projects that we wish to pursue to make the store feel like ours, this includes flooring, lighting and some new fixtures. Funding for these projects has just, very recently come through. This took much longer than we thought it would as well.

Lastly, in order to operate, we, of course, need to obtain the necessary licensing. This has presented its own set of challenges and hurdles because it requires documentation that has been difficult for us to obtain at a state level. We don't want to put an exact date on our reopening just yet, because we don't want to get everyone's hopes up and then have to once again back-pedal if any situations arise. We are aiming for spring, and once we have a more tentative date we will let everyone know via social media and of course the newsletter. If there are any questions, please reach out to us at, [sullivancountrystore@gmail.com](mailto:sullivancountrystore@gmail.com).

Thank you everyone for your kindness and patience!

Megan & Will

## **“LIBRARY FOOTNOTES”**

With open arms, we all welcome March and April. Spring is here. A time to leave the storms and gloom of winter behind and look ahead to budding trees and the first sounds of returning birds and lawn mowers. It's also a time to dust off January's seed catalogues, give them a serious look, and think about summer gardens.

Don't forget to put Sullivan Public Library on your list to things to do. Come in and browse through our selection of gardening books. Of course, the advent of Spring brings thoughts of shedding those winter pounds that sneak up on us and getting fit for all the summer activities we have been dreaming of. With spring vegetables beginning to sprout, why not browse our cookbook selection for new, healthier meal ideas?

To everyone's delight, the Nubanusit Co-Op videos are back in circulation. The video bags circulate throughout the participating Co-Op libraries on a bi-monthly basis. It is with great pleasure that we announce that the Sullivan Library is finally receiving its own Inter-Library Loan (ILL) Service. Direct ILL delivery began on February 19<sup>th</sup>. As those who have ordered books through the system know, we have had to pick up our ILL's from the Keene Public Library which added more time to the process. Now, we will be receiving a direct drop-off on Fridays. This should significantly decrease the wait time!

Paulette and I want to thank all our patrons for their patience, mask wearing and support during this Covid-19 crisis. We appreciate the community support in trying to keep everyone safe. We would also like to thank those patrons who donate materials and time to the library. We really appreciate your support.  
Dott Miles, for the Librarians

## **Better Lawns & Gardens with Less Work**

### **Tips from a Master Gardener**

Submitted by Leslie Casey

I recently completed the Master Gardener course through UNH Extension, and it really changed my way of thinking about lawns and gardens. I hope to periodically share some tips that you might find helpful!

Even though I am a graduate of an agricultural college, I surprised myself with my interest in becoming a Master Gardener. If you are like me, you spent a lot of your childhood summers weeding the family vegetable garden and hating it. Meanwhile, our busy dads were mowing, weed whacking and spraying the rest of the yard into submission. Also hating it.

The good news, I have now learned, is that it can be so much easier!

First, think about having less work by having less lawn. Sure, we don't want to have to walk through a field and get covered in ticks every time we go into the house, so some lawn makes sense. But there is a lot to be said for allowing other areas to grow up into field: they will look pretty, there will be more flowers for the bees, and there will be a variety of seeds and insects for the birds to eat. {Bonus: you will save on buying food for the birds.} Best of all, it is less work. Just mow or brush hog those areas once a year in the spring, after the bees and butterflies have emerged from their hiding places in the leaf litter.

Second, use that cardboard from your Amazon deliveries to cover up turf so it can be converted to gardens (great if you want to plant trees, shrubs, perennials, etc.). Weigh down the cardboard with bricks or rocks and wait 3 months to a year. All that turf will have composted down and the area will be ready for planting. Trees, shrubs and flowers that are native to the Northeast are especially good choices for encouraging birds and other wildlife, and they are low-maintenance.

Finally, keep garden beds moist and weed-free (almost, anyway) by putting down a couple layers of damp newspaper in between plants and covering lightly with bark mulch or last year's mulched leaves.

I hope you have enjoyed these tips. If you have gardening questions, email me: [LCasey29@hotmail.com](mailto:LCasey29@hotmail.com). I will try to find you the answer or I will forward your question to one of our UNH Extension experts.

## **Monadnock Humane Society**

### **2020 Outstanding Volunteer & Employee of the Year Awards**

On Thursday, February 4, 2021, Monadnock Humane Society announced the awards for Volunteer and Employee of the Year at their 2020 virtual Annual Meeting.

**Ashley Okola honored as Employee of the Year (Assistant Shelter Manager/Feline Coordinator)** - Employee of the Year nominees are chosen based on the person's ability to consistently go above and beyond in their job, as well as their demonstrated passion and commitment to the MHS mission. Eligible nominees must be an MHS employee for at least a year.

**Steve Schumacher honored as Volunteer of the Year** - The Volunteer of the Year was chosen based on how the person demonstrates passion and commitment to the MHS mission. This person can always be relied upon to do whatever is needed, and in many cases, even more.

### **Adoption Center Hours**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Adoption Center is currently closed to the public. We are offering adoptions BY APPOINTMENT. Please call 603.352.9011 ext. 101 to make an appointment to visit with an adoptable pet. Adoptable pets are listed on the on our website under PET SERVICES. <https://monadnockhumanesociety.org/>

# SULLIVAN SCHOOLS

## Nelson School

We are so excited to be back in school 4 days a week! When we returned on February 1st, we were able to forgo the hybrid model and instead have all in-person students back 4 days a week. Our enrollment allows us to have all students in the building while still maintaining six feet of distance between students. Our staff and students are very happy to be back. We continue to offer a remote option for those that choose it. We have one teacher teaching the K-2 remote students and the 3rd through 5th graders are actually live streaming into their classrooms. The Nelson School community has done a tremendous job adjusting to all the changes we continue to face during this pandemic.

We are currently looking to fill some positions at the school. We are looking for a food services coordinator, daytime custodian, Title I Tutor, as well as a full-time tutor position. If you are interested or know anyone that may be, please check out SAU 29's website for the postings and application. [https://www.sau29.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1248278&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1474061](https://www.sau29.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1248278&type=d&pREC_ID=1474061)

### Important Dates:

March 1- Nelson School Board Meeting

March 19- End of second trimester

March 26- No School/ Workshop Day

April 5- Nelson School Board Meeting

April 10- Nelson School Annual District Meeting

April 26-30- No School/ Spring Vacation

Kelsey Kilburn, Principal

## Sullivan School District Update

As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, SAU 29 schools are back in person at least part time. **Nelson School** has determined that with their current enrollment it is safe to bring students back into the building all at the same time. This means that for the students whose families have chosen in-person learning, they are in school 4 days per week with Wednesdays being remote learning days. Students whose families chose the fully remote option continue to be taught remotely.

Our **middle and high school** students have returned to the hybrid model that was being used prior to Thanksgiving break going to school in person either Monday & Thursday or Tuesday & Friday and working independently on the other days. Snow days continue to be remote learning days for all Sullivan students.

Malinda Sherpa, for the Sullivan School Board

## Congratulations to one of our students!

Congratulations to Keene Middle School 7th grader Sionne Bolduc, who recently won an essay contest sponsored by NH VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars). The essay topic was "What Patriotism Means to Me." Sionne won for the Keene VFW and attended the zoom awards ceremony. She ultimately placed 4th out of the 5 essays that were chosen for her age grouping!

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 4 6:30am

Join an early morning group at the Sullivan Congregational Church for Easter Sunrise Service on the church lawn. Welcome spring with some hearty souls and a brief message by Pastor Chris accompanied by some special music. CDC guidelines for spacing and masks will be followed.



## Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Camp Scholarships For kids ages 5 to 20!

The Cheshire County Conservation District is now taking applications for the Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Camp Scholarship! Applicants should be age 5-20 and Cheshire County residents

Does your child have interest in farms or gardening? Would he or she like to explore these interests this summer? The Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship endeavors to connect young people with agriculture and the natural world around them. Jeff felt it was everyone's job to keep the soil protected and cared for, so that it would always be there for us, our children and our children's children to enjoy and have foods that keep families happy and healthy.

It's a great chance to learn how to grow all sorts of wonderful foods and/or an opportunity to learn to help take care of animals. If this is of any interest, waste no time in applying for one of our free farm camp scholarships. Find the form at: <http://www.cheshireconservation.org/monadnock-localvores> Deadline to apply is March 31<sup>s</sup>

## Monadnock Region Community Supported Solar for Farms Cheshire County Conservation District

The Monadnock Region Community Supported Solar project, or CSS, is designed to bring together farmers, investors and champions to use available financial models to help local farms realize the potential of the renewable energy economy. This project will help to stabilize and lower costs of electricity for participating farms through a community supported solar framework and in turn, increase the viability of those farms.

Have you ever dreamed of owning solar, but can't make it happen for one reason or another? Well, here's your chance! Shares in this group net metering project are going fast! Don't miss out on your chance to stabilize and lower your electricity costs. Shares are available to purchase outright, or utilize our annual payment plan of only \$905/year (for 5 years). Farmers may purchase as many shares as they want, but the total output cannot exceed the total power the farm consumes on an annual basis.

Interested farmers should contact Amanda Littleton directly at the CCCD to reserve their shares; first come, first served until sold out. Either send an email to [amanda@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:amanda@cheshireconservation.org) or call 607-756-2988 x4 and leave a voicemail. <https://www.cheshireconservation.org/solar>

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection!

*A great opportunity to clean toxic wastes from your basement, workbench, garage, and cupboards.*

Waste collections generally begin in March.

**The spring schedule had not yet been posted when we went to print. Check the website for exact dates.**

<https://ci.keene.nh.us/public-works/household-hazardous-waste-schedule>

**All collections run 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Keene Recycling Center, 55 Old Summit Road, Keene

### What to Bring

Products marked toxic, poison, corrosive, irritant, hazardous, flammable, danger.

If you think it's hazardous, bring it up.

**What Not to Bring:** empty containers (can be recycled), latex paint, ammunition, fireworks, radioactive materials, makeup & toiletries

**Other Information:** Containers must be labeled as to their contents. Limit per resident, per collection day is 10 gallons. No containers larger than 10 gallons will be accepted.

*Collection takes approximately 10 minutes from time of arrival.*

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter. However, you should always call ahead or check the website to confirm dates, times, location and other information.

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**SULLIVAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Sunday service 9:30 am 847-9030  
Sunday Worship is remote for the time being. Contact  
us and have your name added to our "remote list"  
**Pastor Christopher Cornell**  
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## **"NO-FEE" TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AVAILABLE!**

Providing "no-fee" transportation for people who do  
not have access to transportation because of age,  
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circumstances. Our trip purposes include non-  
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(603) 499-8956; Gary  
OR

**CVTC** 1-877-428-2882, ext. 5

<https://www.cvtc-nh.org/>  
If you can volunteer some of your time, we  
can always use more drivers!

### **ANGEL WING FARM STAND**

The crew at Sullivan Center for Sustainable Agriculture would like to thank everyone for helping our 2020 season be so successful. Although the farm stand at Angel Wing Farm has officially closed for the season, we will have occasional "pop-up" markets, when we have cool stuff available from our greenhouses. Many of our past customers, neighbors and friends know that we have spinach, arugula, onions, garlic, oranges, Meyer lemons and fresh ginger which is harvested throughout the fall and winter, depending on the crop. To know more about the winter markets, check us out on Facebook or go to our website.

Steve, Rich & Carol Sullivan

Visit us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/AngelWingFarm>

Go to our website for market updates

<http://sullivancsa.com/>

### **Voting at Town & School Meetings:**

Residents are reminded they must be registered voters to vote at both the Town and School meetings.

### **Register to Vote!**

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Sullivan Library on Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> between 11 and 11:30 am. Bring proof of residency, citizenship and age. Residents may also with the Town Clerk and on Town Election Day, but not at Town Meeting.

### **TOWN PHONE NUMBERS**

Town Hall 847-3316

Town Highway Dept. 847-3366

Fire Station 847-9020

Sullivan Church 847-9030

Sullivan Library 847-3458

Sullivan Post Office 847-9720

Nelson School 847-3408

Keene Middle School 357-9020

Keene High School 352-0640

Sheriff (non-emergency) 352-4238

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**Deadline for the next newsletter is 20 April.**

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