



## ***Sullivan Community Newsletter***

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### **SCHOOL & TOWN ELECTION DAY March 10<sup>th</sup> - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

#### **Town & School Elections**

Elections for Sullivan School Board members and Town officials will take place on Tuesday, March 10 from 11 am to 7 pm at the Town Hall. When you vote you will receive 3 separate ballots—one for town officers, one for warrant articles and one for school district officers. A complete list of those running for office follows inside.

#### **Register to Vote**

If you have not registered to vote, you may do so at the polls on March 10, with the Supervisors of the Checklist on Feb. 28 at the Town Hall 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 warrant articles at the meetings on March 11. Registrations will not be accepted on March 11.

#### **Absentee Ballots**

Just a reminder - if you are worried that you won't be able to get in and vote, 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 Town Elections and School Elections. Call 847-3316 or come in for an application.

#### **Photo ID's**

Please remember to bring your photo ID. A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

**The Town Clerk will be closed on Election Day!**

### **SCHOOL & TOWN MEETING March 11 - 7 p.m.**

Voting on the school and town warrants will take place at the Town Hall Wednesday evening beginning at 7 pm. The school district meeting will convene at 7 PM. The town meeting will convene at 7:30 PM. If the school district finishes after 7:30 PM, we will simply begin the town meeting when the school district meeting concludes. If you want to vote on the articles this evening, you **must be a registered voter**. The last day to register for this will be March 10 at the polls.

### **NOTICE OF HEARING for ROUTE 9 RECONSTRUCTION – MARCH 3**

A public hearing to discuss the proposed reconstruction of Route 9 will be held at the Sullivan Town Hall on March 3 at 7 pm. Plans will be available for inspection ½ hour prior to meeting time for interested persons.

**SEE INSIDE – CANDIDATE STATEMENTS, TOWN BALLOT QUESTIONS, TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY AND MORE!**



## Town of Sullivan, New Hampshire Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

The Town of Sullivan, New Hampshire is accepting resumes until March 20, 2015, for the position of Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.

This multi-faceted position provides assistance and administrative support to the Board of Selectmen as assigned and directed by the Board and will include a variety of general administrative tasks and minimal accounting functions. In general, the hours are 17 per week, Monday through Thursday, and will require attendance and minute taking at Board meetings every Monday evening. From time to time, the hours may exceed 17.

Interested persons must possess the following **minimum** qualifications: Proficiency with Microsoft Word and Excel, ability to effectively communicate with the general public and other municipal departments, and ability to work with limited supervision. Knowledge of municipal processes and general accounting highly desirable. Dependability and flexibility a must. This is a non-benefitted position. Pay commensurate with experience.

Respond by March 20, 2015, with resumes to: Town of Sullivan PO Box 110, Sullivan NH 03445 **ATTN: Board of Selectmen**

The Town budget document (MS737) and the Town report are available in print at Town Hall or the Public Library beginning February 23rd. Please feel free to pick up a copy in preparation of March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

### CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICE\_\_

#### **Selectman – 3 years**

No Candidate

#### **Road Agent – 2 years**

Randy Smith

#### **Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 years**

**Roger Sweet** - I have enjoyed working with my colleagues Chip Woodbury and Butch Brooks and (Alternate) Jim Casey. Together we have put together a Sullivan-specific reference manual for Trustees of Trust Funds and have negotiated a most satisfactory arrangement with the Mackensen Company, who manage our investment portfolio and prepare reporting requirements on a monthly basis. I would appreciate your vote for a three-year position on the Trustees of Trust Funds.

#### **Library Trustee – 3 years**

**Marsha Cook** - Hi! Marsha Cook here and I am running for Sullivan Library Trustee. I moved to Sullivan a little over one year ago and am very happy to live here. When I moved to town, one of the first things I did was to visit the library. I was very impressed by the services this very small library offers to the town residents. I joined the Book Club. Next I joined the Friends of the Library, a small group dedicated to raising funds for those library extras.

When an opening in the Trustee group came up this year, I decided to run. I have no deep seated political agenda. I simply want to give back to the town I have joined and the library I have come to love. In all honesty, I will be leaning on the other members to learn the job but I will bring my common sense and life long learning to the position.

Thank you for taking the time to vote. If you could place your mark next to Marsha Cook, Library Trustee, I would appreciate it.

**Cemetery Trustee – 3 years**

**Mary Hull** - I am running again for Cemetery Trustee. I have been involved with the cemeteries since before the expansion and would appreciate your vote.

**Budget Committee – 3 years (2 positions open)**

**David Jakway**

**No candidate for second position**

**Zoning Board of Adjustment – 3 years (2 positions open)**

**Ron Hull** - I am currently on the Zoning Board of Adjustments, enjoy being on the board and would like to continue being on it. I would appreciate your vote.

**Roger Sweet** - The issues facing the ZBA have been interesting, important and challenging. I would like to continue as a member of the ZBA and would appreciate your vote

**Overseer Public Welfare – 1 year**

**No candidate**

**School Board – 3 years (2 positions open)**

**Stephanie Jacques**

**Malinda Sherpa**

**School Board – 2 years**

**No candidate**

**The Sew & Sew's will not meet on March 9<sup>th</sup>, the night before Election Day.**

**The Sullivan web page has copies of the ballots posted.**

<http://ci.sullivan.nh.us/>

**Furry Friend Reminder:** Once again it is getting time for us to think about our furry family members. Notices will be sent out shortly or you may stop in and get your pet's license at any time. We keep the rabies information up to date here at the town hall as we receive them.

## **'Library Footnotes'**

As I sit here looking out my kitchen window the snow is falling. Once again, the forecast calls for about a half foot or so. I happen to enjoy all of the seasons and the changes they bring, even the snow, but I've heard from so many people who would like to have a chance to turn off the snowfalls until next December 24. This is for those of you who ask, "When will spring get here?" The spring equinox will occur March 20 at 6:45 p.m. EDT. In the meantime I

suggest you look up a few snow ice cream recipes online. It sure beats shoveling.

Did you know the **library's WiFi** is open for public use? Even when the building isn't open, you may use the WiFi from our parking lot. We do ask that you don't plug your device into our building's outlet, and that you clean up after yourself, and Fido, too, if he comes along.

Another great resource for our members is the **NH Downloadable Books** website. <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com/> This collection of audio and eBooks is available 24/7 from the comfort of home and new titles are added weekly. In order to enjoy these items you need to know your library card number and the special prefix that will allow you to check out materials. If you need assistance, call the library at 847-3458 or come in.

I've had the sense that there's a desire for a second type of book group in town, so I'm going to give it a whirl. Beginning Saturday, March 14, at 10 am, the **Second Saturday Book Group** will meet. This group will read lighter types of books than the **Third Thursday Book Group**: popular current authors, a variety of genres, young adult, and focus primarily on fiction. Anyone can come to either or both book groups. For the first meeting, bring what you're reading now and a list of titles you'd like the group to read and discuss. In order for me to interlibrary loan them, books will have to be at least six months old because most libraries won't ILL them before then.

**Library Dates to remember:**

## March

5      Preschool story time  
5      Friends of the Library  
12     Preschool story time  
12     Trustees meeting  
14     Second Saturday book group  
19     Preschool story time  
19     Third Thursday book group  
20     Spring equinox  
26     Preschool story time

## April

2      Preschool story time  
2      Friends of the Library  
9      Preschool story time  
9      Trustees meeting  
11     Second Saturday book group  
16     Preschool story time  
16     Third Thursday book group  
23     Preschool story time  
30     Preschool story time

I'd like to take a moment to **thank the following people** for their gifts and service in the past few months: Becky Cummings, Cliff Dempster, Chris & Gaynelle Pratt, Chip & Kathy Woodbury, Rachael Richardson, Nancy Jakway, Carol Little, Jim Lessing, Ginny Yawarski, Virginia Howard, and a very special thank-you to Kathy Woodbury who is stepping down after having served several terms as a library trustee.

If you've got a touch of cabin fever, why not come over to your library for a visit?

Denise McFarland  
Librarian

**The Friends of the Library are working on bringing back Sullivan Tee Shirts! They will be available at the Spring Plant Sale so be on the lookout!**

## **From the Archives** **by Chris Pratt**

It is time once again for town meeting and the annual look at the archives collection of annual meetings from the past.

**10 years ago.** The 2005 warrant contained 34 articles signed by selectmen Michael Carney, Richard Hotchkiss and Richard Labadie, Sr. The cover of the town report featured the Soldier's Monument in winter. The Selectmen's Report noted that there were three major issues—revaluation, land use and dogs. The report noted, "So I guess you can see that there were few serious problems when dog related problems are on the top three list." It was a year that saw the master plan updated, two more federal grants to support emergency management, and over a ton of trash collected on clean-up day.

**25 years ago.** The 1990 warrant contained 23 articles signed by Selectmen Leslie Goodnow, Joe Mosley and Harvey Swett. The most contentious issue for the Town Meeting was whether or not to have the selectmen appoint the road agent to a two year term. After much discussion, the meeting voted 22 to 28 to defeat the article. That meant we would continue to elect the road agent to a one year term. The Selectmen's Report noted repairs that were made to several town buildings. However, the failure of the furnace at the town hall was unexpected expense. Some progress was made rebuilding some of our roads.

**50 years ago.** The 1965 warrant contained 14 articles signed by Selectmen Walfred Wiklund, Harvey Swett, and Gardner Turner. The Town Meeting voted to authorize the Sullivan Selectmen to issue permits for the placement of mobile homes in town. 1965 marked the end of an era as John H. McMahon stepped down after 23 years as the town clerk. His place was taken by Lois G. Woodbury. Votes of thanks were made to Gardner Turner for his long service to the town and to the Ladies Home Circle for making new curtains for the voting booths.

**100 years ago.** The 1915 warrant contained 14 articles signed by Selectmen Will Harris, Winfred J. White and Carl M. Barrett. The school board reported that all 4 of Sullivan's schools were able to offer fall, winter and spring terms for the first time in several years. Teachers were recruited from Nelson, Hancock and Derry.

**200 years ago.** The 1815 warrant contained 12 articles signed by Selectmen Roswell Hubbard, Samuel Locke and John Mason. In addition to the usual appropriations, the town was asked how to take care of Maney Hibbard. She was in need of public assistance which had been voted at previous Town Meetings. In those days such assistance consisted of "bidding out" which was a family agreeing to take in the person in need and the town compensating them. Maney Hibbard was so difficult that most families would not bid for her. So, the 1815 town meeting bid her out to 12 different families for a period of one month. Bids ranged from \$3.50 to \$3.95. The meeting also resolved to compensate the members of the militia who enlisted in the War of 1812. These were referred to as the "men who went Portsmouth" because their regiments went there to protect the harbor from attack. The meeting voted \$15 to each man, but met again in October to vote \$100 for the group. Finally, the town voted to set up a committee to settle the land claim by Abel Allen to the Four Corners Cemetery. The settlement finally gave the town clear title to the cemetery land.

### **Public Notice**

The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on March 12, April 9, and May 14, 2015 at the 7 PM at the library. The purpose of the meetings 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.

## **SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP & LUNCH!**

**May 2**

Everyone's help is needed to clean Sullivan's roadsides again this spring. Unfortunately, spring and snow melt generally means many cans, bottles and "you name it" become visible along our roads. If you could take one section of your road and pick up the rubbish, it would be a great help.

**Meet at the Town Hall at 9 am** for road assignments and to pick up a few of the familiar blue bags. Afterwards, a noon lunch sponsored by the Sullivan Conservation Commission will be served in the fellowship hall at the church. The food is good and the company even better. For those new to town, it's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors! There is no fee for lunch.

If you can't make it on the 2<sup>nd</sup> but would like to help, call Roger Sweet at 847-3463 to get bags ahead of time.

## **11th ANNUAL FIRE DEPT. YARD SALE**

Are you ready to throw out that snow shovel and all of the other clutter that has accumulated...along with the snow? Step away from the trash can and donate it to the Sullivan Fire and Rescue for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser. Donations of all types (except oversized furniture and televisions) are being accepted. To arrange donation pick up or drop off please contact Bonnie Blanchard at 847-9680 or leave a message at the fire station at 847-9020.

The Yard Sale will be held at the Fire Station, rain or shine, from 9:00AM – 3:00PM on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## ***Hospice at HCS Offers "Picking Up the Pieces" Support Group***

Hospice at HCS will offer "Picking Up the Pieces," a bereavement support group in Peterborough starting on March 9 and continuing on Mondays from 5:00pm to 6:30pm through April 13. This group will offer support for individuals aged 65 or under who are grieving the loss of their spouse or partner. Come talk with others, find support, and share your own experience and wisdom. The group will meet at Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services (HCS), 45 Main Street, Suite 316, in Peterborough.

There is no charge to participate, but registration is necessary. Call Marguerite Cheney at 532-8353 for more information or to register.

Hospice at HCS is a comprehensive non-profit hospice program, providing end of life care to patients and support to family members. Care is offered in the home, in assisted living facilities or in nursing homes throughout southwestern New Hampshire.

## **PLANNING BOARD NEWS AND APPEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS**

At its December 3, 2014 hearing, the planning board approved the 2015 edition of the town's Master Plan, incorporating the conservation commission's Natural Resources Inventory as part of this edition. The 2015 Master Plan is available on the town website. The Natural Resources Inventory is available from the conservation commission for \$20.00.

The planning board needs new members. Being a member is a wonderful way to learn about the town and it is a great help to residents seeking subdivision or driveway permit. The planning board meets the first Wednesday of every month at the town hall at 7 p.m.

Please join us. All our meetings are open.

Steve Hamilton, Chairman

## **Recipe Corner & Helpful Hints**

with Ginni McByrne

This was my grandmother's, who I called Oma, recipe. I remember visiting her home and this was the cake she always served. There are different variations to it depending on your liking. The rum can be omitted and the cocoa powder can be substituted with cinnamon. I thought I would share it with you. If you have a recipe or a helpful hint that you would like to share, we would love to hear from you.

### **NUT RUM CAKE**

1 ½ cups sugar  
2 sticks butter  
2 oz rum  
½ tsp salt  
½ cup chopped walnuts

6 eggs  
2 tsp vanilla  
2 cups flour  
1 tsp baking powder

### **Chocolate topping**

2 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder  
1/3 cup chopped walnuts

1/3 cup sugar

Beat sugar and butter until light. Add eggs 1 at a time, beat well. Add vanilla and rum, beat well. Fold in flour, salt, and baking powder. Grease bundt pan, cover bottom with chopped walnuts. Pour ½ cake batter into pan, sprinkle with ½ chocolate topping, pour in the rest of the cake batter, sprinkle the rest of the chocolate topping on top. Bake at 300 degrees for about one hour. ENJOY!

### **\*\*\*HELPFUL HINT\*\*\***

\*\*To save space in your kitchen, keep your garbage pail under the sink\*\*

\*\*Put mashed banana on a burn on your skin to cool it\*\*

## **Getting to know you...**

By Marsha Cook

How many of you wave at other drivers or walkers in town? I have to say I do it all the time, one of my favorite things about small town America. One group I wave at (and even stop to talk to on occasion) is the Sullivan Road Crew. I have no idea what their real title is but that is what I call Randy and Paul.

I first met them about one week after moving here. They were doing some work on Cross Rd and I stopped to introduce myself. At the end of the quick conversation, I had learned that there are 21 miles of town road in Sullivan and it takes close to four hours to plow the town. So if I had to get out in a snowstorm, just sit tight and they will be back by in a little while. I loved that! Nothing like my previous town when you had no idea when (or if) you would be plowed out.

These two men are the basis for many of my favorite Sullivan stories. First, last winter I slid off my driveway. While I tried to figure out how to get back on the driveway, Randy stopped by to help. When he could not help with what he had, he told my neighbor who came over with his front end loader! Some of you may know that Cross Rd is a dirt road and has a great reputation as something to stay away from in mud season (I thought there were only four seasons until I moved here.) Well, more stories have arisen as I watch Randy and Paul keep up with the mud. They

plow and scrape, they add dirt, they spread gravel, anything one can think of to keep the road passable.

This summer I watched them work very hard on South Rd. It looked like they took up asphalt, leveled and expanded the road, dug up boulders, put down dirt, leveled and reworked the road. When I asked the next step Randy told me they hoped to get the road paved again next summer. He explained to me that while I may love dirt roads, most people who live close to the road are not crazy about the dust and dirt. That does make sense.

I see these fine gentlemen all year, everywhere in Sullivan. I urge you to not only wave at them but stop when you see them working and say thanks. They deserve it!

## SULLIVAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

The Sullivan Congregational Church continues the search for a new pastor. In the meantime we're fortunate to have a wonderful variety of supply pastors to fill the pulpit each Sunday and invite you to come hear them and share their messages. Services are at 9:30 a.m.

### EASTER SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday** Tenebrae service, preceded with a soup and bread meal will be held on April 2 at 6:00 pm in Friendship Hall at the church.

**Palm Sunday**, March 29 will include traditional palms. This service with Rev. Emily Preston will mark a return to the sanctuary after the cold winter season.

**Easter Sunrise Service** will be held on April 5 at 6:30 am in the field in front of Seward Mountain Farm overlooking Bolster Pond, "field conditions permitting". If conditions are not suitable, the service will be held at the church. Watch for an announcement closer to the date.

A traditional **Easter Service** will be at 9:30 am in the sanctuary with Rev. Emily Preston. Please join us for any or all services – **everyone is welcome!**

Regular Sunday services are held at 9:30 am. We hope to have you join us!

### Help for those in need includes but is not limited to...

The church continues with their monthly food pantry deliveries of food to families in town. The donations we have received from Sullivan residents are a wonderful help to our community. **Thank you to all!** If you would like to contribute, your non-perishable food items can be left at the Sullivan Library, Town Hall or given to any church member.

The church also prepares 3 different types of Church World Service Kits annually - baby, health and school. The CWS mission is to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice at the national and international level through collaboration with partners abroad and in the US.

## NH MAPLE WEEKEND

The New Hampshire Maple Producers Association will be hosting the 20th Annual Maple Weekend on March 28 – 29, 2015. Join the fun at a local sugar house! Sugar makers statewide will open their doors inviting the public to share in the centuries-old craft of maple sugaring. Come and talk to the producers in your local area. See <http://www.nhmapleproducers.com/maple-producer-events/maple-weekend-and-month/> for a sugar house near you!

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