

Letters & Opinion

Professional Politicians Aligned with Elitist Mindset

To the editor:

Our founding fathers recognized the importance of having citizen politicians. Citizen politicians defined over 238 years ago as people who participate in the political process, and these people come from all walks of life, such as farmers, businesses, law practices, inn keepers, chimney sweepers and schoolteachers.

These citizen politicians participated in the people's government resulted in fresh new realist practical ideas from the communities they live in. These ideas coming from the community bringing reality and cultural inspiration based on real world experiences. These citizen politicians representing the people's government and after their politicking is done they simply travel home to their private citizen lives once again.

What is deeply saddening is the evolutionary process of the professional politician, who's only goal in life is to stay in that elected seat full-time and forever. Resulting in stagnant ideas, with no possible sense of connection to the real people that elected them. In addition, a lack of connection to any sense of reality at all, these professional politicians are more closely aligned to an elitist mindset nowhere grounded to the community they are supposed to represent.

Our founding fathers never intended to make citizens full-time politicians, or they would have written term-limits into the constitution for all elected officials from dogcatcher to the president, do you agree?

Special Regards,
Dr. Pietro (Pete) Savo
Mont Vernon

Please Support Souhegan High School Project Graduation 2014

To the editor:

WHAT is Project Graduation? Thanks to the ongoing support of our community and local businesses, the all-night event known as Project Graduation has been a great success for many years. Working together, parents and community businesses help provide a safe, substance-free, fun environment for our senior class on the night of their graduation. The class of 2014 will be participating in the 9th annual Project Graduation celebration at the Hampshire Dome on Friday June 13th.

WHAT can you do to help? We have wonderful sponsors of this event in our area and two of our local eateries are holding fundraisers for Project Graduation. Not only can you help but you will have a great meal too!

April 9th: Uno's 593 Amherst St. Dine in or take-out, Uno's will donate 20% of your bill to Project Graduation. Coupon required and can be downloaded from our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SouheganHSProjectGraduation

April 23rd: Chili's, 610 Amherst St. Chili's will donate 10% of your bill to Project Graduation. Coupon required and can be downloaded from our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SouheganHSProjectGraduation

We appreciate any type of donation, both monetary and prizes. We hold many fundraisers so we can keep the cost low enough for all of our seniors to participate. We appreciate your support and generosity. For monetary donations please send checks to:

Project Graduation
c/o Meg Dworkin
12 Homestead Road
Amherst, NH 03031

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Thank you,
Nancy Protzmann
Publicity, 2014 Souhegan Project Graduation

New Voters – SHS Students at the Amherst Polls, March 11



Moderator Steve Coughlin swears in Kim Grasset, Souhegan High School senior, as assistant moderator for election duties.



Cynthia Emery with her son and new voter, Marcus.

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McMillan and start the recruitment process. The following is the job description.

Director of Parks and Recreation

The Town of Amherst is seeking an exceptional individual to lead its recreation program and services. Amherst with a population of approximately 11,200 is located in southern New Hampshire.

The successful candidate will be responsible for leading, planning and managing community-based recreational and athletic programs, facilities and services including Peabody Mill Environmental Center, Baboosic Lake and community shared athletic fields.

The Director serves as a member of the Town Administrator's management team supporting the overall town government mission and as such interacts with community groups, volunteers and supporters of parks, recreation and environmental affairs across the community.

Bachelor degree in Recreation and Leisure Services Management or comparable degree in a related field and at least two years of managerial work experience in the field.

Email cover letter and resume to tdemanche@amhestnh.gov. The salary is \$54,476 to \$67,392, depending on qualifications, and includes a comprehensive benefit package. Closing date: April 18, 2014

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the daytime mid week coverage. They recommended paying/offering these hours to the on-call staff for the first three months to utilize our own on-call staff before looking outside of the department to fill the shifts. The Ways and Means are reported to have said that any additional coverage found by using this method would be an improvement over what we currently have.

The selectmen stated that they have been wrestling with the idea of a possible merger between Fire department and EMS for a while. At this time, they believe it makes more sense to concentrate on a study to appoint a focus group to determine if the merger will help to fill in the hours, before the town spends or asks for additional funds.

In addition to coverage, the response time of the department to an alarm was reviewed.

In January at the BOS meeting Fire Chief Mark Boynton said that the initial response should be four minutes (one truck with four fire fighters on it) and nine minutes for a full complement of fire fighters (fifteen firefighters) on scene. At this time, our response times are at twelve minutes, plus with one or two people. The Mutual Aid would be in addition to those times. Additionally, depending upon the area in town where the Mutual Aid is called the response times can be from twelve minutes to an example of twenty-six minutes to a recent propane leak in town.

Fire Chief Boynton said that fortunately we have not had any major calls where we were unable to respond. The one incident that we did have was the recent propane leak on Amherst Street where it took twenty-six minutes to get Mutual Aid on scene.

Amherst Garden Club Plant Sale – May 10



Amherst Garden Club members digging in gardens on Horace Greeley Road in preparation for the Amherst Garden Club's annual plant sale, May 10. April is the month for digging and the club is always looking for gardens in the area that need plants divided. Dividing plants is an excellent way to rejuvenate an old overgrown perennial that is overcrowding other plants in the garden. The club is also looking for donations of used garden/yard tools (antique or modern) to be reconditioned and sold in the "Tool Shack". If you want more information or are interested in donating tools or plants to the plant sale, please contact Marti Warren at 673-7054 or martiwarren@comcast.net.

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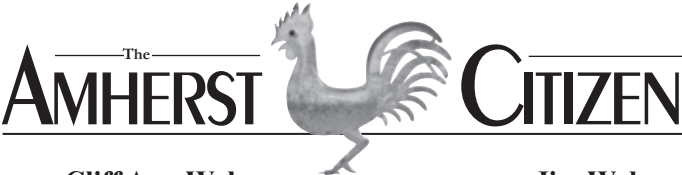
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