

# MONROE MATTERS A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## A NOTE FROM YOUR MODERATOR

I expect there will be more absentee ballots cast in the primary election than usual. To make sure we have time to process all of them that day I will start opening the envelopes and casting the ballots at 9:00 A.M. Also, if anyone is interested in helping on the election in some way please contact [denwar@roadrunner.com](mailto:denwar@roadrunner.com) with a subject line of “election Monroe” so that I won’t think it is junk mail.

Voting for the primary elections and for the general election will be held, as they always are, in the Monroe Town Hall with polls opening at 8:00 AM and closing at 7:00 PM. The Primary is September 8<sup>th</sup> and the General election is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is my intent that all residents feel comfortable coming to the town hall to vote. There will be some changes made in how the election officials do their work and in how voters proceed once in the hall to accommodate concerns anyone has about contracting Covid 19. We will have a variety of masks, sanitizers, sneeze guards, face shields, gloves, gowns and other material available for use, some by the voting public and some for the election officials. The flow from the time you enter the town hall until you leave will be set up to minimize bunching up of people, and the booths will be set apart as much as we can to accommodate the 6 foot spacing that is recommended. Your vote is important! It has always been my goal that if any eligible Monroe resident wants to vote, and they make the effort to vote, we will find a way to help them to vote. If you are concerned about your safety enough that you do not want to come to the town hall, remember you can vote by absentee ballot. Call the Town Clerk, 638-2644, to find out how to apply for an absentee ballot, when you can apply, and when it needs to be back.

Denis Ward

### STATE PRIMARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

Town Hall from 8am-7pm

### TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE

\*Closed Labor Day for regular business but will be open from 3-5pm for absentee voting. Ballots can be requested if you haven’t done so or you can turn in ballots you have filled out.

\*Closed all day the 8<sup>th</sup> for the NH State Primary

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

Change is in the air. As the fall season approaches, we want to bring you up to date as to some of the many projects we have going on.

1. The new floor was installed at the Town Hall. This was a major undertaking and took many months, but the result was worth the wait. This beautiful floor should last as long as the last floor did (or longer). Watch for the announcement of when the Town Hall is once again open for use.
2. Coppermine Road Culvert project will be going out to bid soon. This project has been delayed due to changing of the Board of Selectmen but is now back on track. Look for this project to be completed in 2021.
3. Recycling - we are now moving over to our new recycling system. Look for the signs on what goes where. Correctly having items sorted is very important so we can save some money on this worthy endeavor.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at 603-638-2644 or by email at [monroeselectmen@roadrunner.com](mailto:monroeselectmen@roadrunner.com). Be sure to check our Facebook page and website ([www.monroenh.org](http://www.monroenh.org)) for announcements.

### PLANNING BOARD

**Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month**

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, meetings will have remote access. You may attend online or call in to the WebEx meeting. Please contact Diane, the Town Administrative Assistant at [dgibsonsmith@monroenh.org](mailto:dgibsonsmith@monroenh.org) to receive access information.

If you have a matter to go before the Planning Board, all documents and applications must be provided to the Town Administrative Assistant in digital pdf format one week prior to the meeting date so all board members have access.

### FINAL LARGE TRASH DAY OF 2020

**September 19<sup>th</sup>  
7am to 11am**

Employees will place items that may be reused or repurposed by the municipal building. These items are available for community members to take beginning Saturday at noon until Monday morning. Picking from the dumpsters is NOT allowed.



## IT OUT AT THE LIBRARY

Reopening to the public on September 1<sup>st</sup>  
With the following interim hours:

Tuesdays: 12 pm-7 pm

Wednesdays: 9am-4pm

2nd Saturday of the month from 9am-12pm until further notice

### FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED

- To begin, library visits are by appointment only and are limited to members of one household at a time (limit of four people.)
  - Children 12 and under **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Time limit of 20 minutes per appointment may be used for choosing library materials and/or using the printer/copier and computer.
- Curbside Pick-up is still available to anyone

Appointments may be made by calling the library at 638-4736 during open hours or emailing [hsf3staff@gmail.com](mailto:hsf3staff@gmail.com) (same day appts are available)

**\*\*See further guidelines and protocols on our Facebook page\*\***  
(Plans are subject to change at any time necessary)

## Libraries and Homeschoolers Go Together Like



If you're homeschooling this year, contact us to learn what we can do for you.

## MONROE PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Part Time Position  
for Saturdays 8:45am-12:15pm

Please contact Jessica at the Library for a complete job description and more info.  
[monroepubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:monroepubliclibrary@gmail.com) or 638-4736



**LORD'S ACRE AUCTION COMMITTEE  
SPONSORS 'TOKEN AUCTION SALE'**

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am until sold out  
Monroe Community Church (Village)**

While the COVID-19 virus caused the cancellation of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Lord's Acre Auction, the committee wants to ensure this event is continued on an annual basis without 'missing' a year. Please come by and help ensure the traditional Lord's Acre Auction event is continued.

**\*home-made donuts      \*pies      \*pickles      \*fudge      \*assorted crafts**

BBQ Chicken will be available at \$8 per ½ large chicken. Pre-order yours by calling Marguerite Currier at 603-638-2331 (leave message if no answer)

Please practice social distancing and wear masks while at the tables.

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