

The Hollis Democrats Mission: to work for good government in our town, state and country through voter education and activism.

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March 2017

Hollis Democrats

HOLLIS, NEW HAMPSHIRE

- *Aware & Active* -

Meet our New Leaders Judy Carr, Chair Candidate



I'm Judy Carr and I describe myself as "an unabashed liberal".
BRAVO JUDY!

I'm committed to the ideals of integrity and transparency in our political system. I've been deeply concerned by the threats to civil liberties and the

increasing sense of intolerance in both state and national political discourse. I moved to Hollis in 2014 and jumped right into political activism with the last election. I'm devoted to my dog, my chickens and ducks and my garden.

Anne DiCicco, Vice Chair candidate



I am happy to be on the ballot as Vice-Chair this year, and hope I can count on your support and vote. I truly believe we are stronger together and look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie

TOWN VOTING March 21 Hollis Democratic Caucus Tuesday March 28, 2017



Town Voting from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Lawrence Barn, Tuesday, March 21st!

What's a Caucus you say? It's a vote for the Hollis Dems' new leadership! Although we have a full slate of officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary) we allow write-in candidates and we have volunteer positions that are available.

We will provide refreshments, solidarity and ballots! You bring yourself, your curiosity and a friend to join the fun, cast a vote, and take part in the discussion with our newly installed (unless there's an upset!) Executive Board.

ahead. Now more than ever, local involvement and grassroots activism is needed to build the power and foundation we need to advance and hone our platform. I am excited to hear your thoughts and ideas about our short and long term goals, and how we affect the policies and leadership of Hollis, Hillsborough County, NH District 12, the State House and our Federal Government in Washington.

Hollis Dems March Meeting

Tuesday, March 28TH, 2017
Start Time: 6:30PM
Lawrence Barn, 28 Depot Road, Hollis, NH

We love getting together!



This picture was taken two summers ago at our Family Fun Day event at Nichol's Field. We didn't take any pictures during last month's Potluck, so we thought you wouldn't mind seeing our kids!

Thanks to those who attended February's Potluck, with NHDP speaker Nick Taylor (thanks Nick!). We had long-time members, some who haven't come out in a while and quite a few new people. It was a wonderful mix and a good time was had by all!

The best thing we can do as Democrats is to keep meeting, sharing and planning in an effort to ensure our readiness for the mid-term elections. It's of critical importance to have a strong community within our party who know

Please come to cast your official vote and show support for our in-coming board. Only Registered Democrats may cast votes - but all are welcome to come and join us for a lively discussion. Lawrence Barn, 6:30 PM Tuesday, March 28th.

If you are interested in becoming a delegate to the state convention, come write your name in for one of the two slots being decided at the Caucus!

Don't miss the NH Legislative Report

Brian Rater of the Brookline Democrats is providing us with his invaluable weekly Legislative Report (posted to the Hollis Dems website each week [here.](#))

This report holds a wealth of information on how to take effective action on bills that matter to you.

If you want to receive the report directly each Monday recapping and providing a preview of each week's State House happenings send your email request to:

BrooklineDemocrats@gmail.com
to be added to the email list.

How Are They Voting? Charts will be available at the Lawrence Barn during Town Voting. Sneak preview below!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

and trust each other as we forge our way out of the current political morass. To that end, it might interest folks to know that both our Chair and Vice Chair were Bernie supporters. In this regard, its kind of cool to see new people stepping into the leadership, who were energized by a non-traditional, progressive candidate with a strong and true progressive message. The Democratic agenda will be as important and our party-unity. So staying connected with what's happening in our local and state elections--as well as at the national level--has never been more important.

The 2018 mid-term can be a YUGE win for Democrats - but we must keep engaged if we are to sway hearts and minds beyond the usual suspects. Having a vibrant town committee is the first step to creating that win--from the ground up. We look forward to all the fun we'll have making our tomorrow's brighter. That is, after all, our primary goal as Citizens in this great democracy.

Upcoming Days of Action:

- APR 1 - **Fire the Fool March** in DC and all over US (aka. FIRE THE LIAR)
- APR 15 - **March for Trumps Taxes** in DC and all over US
- APR 22 - **Science March** on Earth Day in DC and all over US
- APR 29 - on **March for Justice, Equality & Climate** in DC & all over US

All DC marches will have Concord and likely Boston companions. Let us know if you'd like to carpool to Concord for the NH version of any of these important protests!

HOW ARE THEY VOTING? MARCH 2017 REPORT				
NH Governor	State Senator	State Rep.	State Rep.	State Rep.
 Chris Sununu (R)	 Kevin Avard (R) District 12	 Jim Belanger (R) District 27	 Carolyn Gargasz (R) District 27	 Keith Ammon (R) District 40
REPEAL LICENSING FOR CONCEALED CARRY GUN PERMITS (SB12) Sen. Avard sponsored. Passed Senate on party vote 13-10. House passed the bill 200-97. NRA pushed this repeal.				
Sununu Signed	Avard YES	Belanger YES	Gargasz Excused	Ammon YES
TRANSGENDER EQUALITY (HB478) Bipartisan support for the testimony received on this bill in committee resulted in a 15-2 vote coming into the House. With strong opposition from Speaker, Shawn Jasper the first vote (shown below) was asking to 'Table' or defeat the bill asking for protections under the law. vote was 187 YES (to table) to 179 NO. A second vote to un-Table the bill (take it back up in the House for a vote) died when all our reps voted NAY (168-180).				
Sununu N/A	Avard N/A	Belanger YES	Gargasz NO	Ammon YES
PROHIBITS COMMON CORE EDUCATION STANDARDS (SB44) Sponsored by Senator Avard. Prohibits the New Hampshire Department of Education from requiring public schools to use the Common Core Education Standards. The bill passed the Senate on party lines, but has not come for vote in the House - please contact your Reps to let them know if you support our schools and their current standards.				
Sununu N/A	Avard YES	Belanger N/A	Gargasz N/A	Ammon N/A
WEAKENING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING 'MODEL BILL (SB11) prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union. Known as 'Right the Work', this bill is a 'model bill' meaning it came from out of state via ALEC - the American Legislative Exchange Council. The bill passed the Senate 12-11 on party lines. It had 3 votes in the House, 2 to kill it 1) ITL (Inexpedient to Legislate), 2) Indefinitely Postpone and 3) to Reconsider. All 3 Reps voted to keep the bill alive (shown below). They all voted YES to reconsider the bill, (which would have given it new life during the session). The bill was narrowly defeated by 11 votes during reconsideration.				
Sununu N/A	Avard YES	Belanger YES	Gargasz YES	Ammon YES
ABORTION AMENDMENT (HB578) Prohibiting abortion after viability. (without any definition of viability) Vote failed in the HOUSE 178-189.				
Sununu N/A	Avard N/A	Belanger YES	Gargasz NO	Ammon Not voting
REMOVAL OF BUFFER ZONES (HB589) Repeal of the 25' buffer zone at family planning clinics that allow for the harassment of clinic patrons and staff.				
Sununu N/A	Avard N/A	Belanger YES	Gargasz NO	Ammon YES
Legislative activity reviewed at: www.gencourt.state.nh.us Produced by the Hollis Democrats www.hollisdemocrats.org Like US: www.facebook.com/hollisdemocrats				

State House Roundup

NHDP Grassroots Newsletter

We're also posting the latest New Hampshire Democratic Party Newsletters on the Hollis Dems website: www.hollisdemocrats.org but **Here's a link to the latest issue.**

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