

LETTERS

Mention of McCain was to illustrate the argement

To the editor:

In Judy Sharp's Feb. 14 letter she took vigorous exception to the apparent alignment of the N.H. Rebellion (NHR) with John McCain. She indicates that she gleaned this information about McCain from the Rebellion's website. She states that he/they are "piggybacking on the intense feelings we have regarding criminal government corruption for political gain." She takes exception to McCain's political history and wonders why the Rebellion chooses such an alliance.

I don't believe that the Rebellion intends some kind of symbiosis here. The mention of McCain on the website was to illustrate that years ago, pre-McCain/Feingold, he cited what he called a system of corruption. McCain was challenged to point out those who were corrupt. His response was that everyone in the Congress is the victim of what has grown to be a corrupt political system that is not answering to the electorate.

His words were used to point out that this is what the N.H. Rebellion's mission is. The Rebellion is not interested in outing individuals. The Rebellion is about exposing a system

that has effectively been allowed to make our representation in Congress responsive to monied interests instead of "the people." So Sharp's use of the word "criminal" does not accurately reflect the Rebellion's intent.

I believe the N.H. Rebellion is focusing on only one thing by asking every 2016 presidential candidate to answer just one question. "How are you going to end the system of corruption in Washington, DC."

Undergirding that strategy is the belief that two things have to happen for a sea change to take place regarding the financing of elections. There has to be unmistakable action on the part of a large segment of the citizenry that change is necessary accompanied by leadership from the top. Presidential leadership has almost always been necessary for significant social and political change to take place.

Peter Finch famously said in the movie "Network," "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore." If this describes you, check out the N.H. Rebellion and add your voice to those of your neighbors and friends.

Dick Pollock
North Conway

Mean-spirited attack on Kenney was morally wrong

To the editor:

I have been an Independent for as long as I can remember. I follow my own conscious and beliefs and vote on a candidate's values. If those values match mine, the candidate gets my support and vote regardless of his or her political affiliation. In the case of Joe Kenney whom I have known for over sixteen years, his core values fit quite well with my own. Moreover, his leadership background in private business, military, and the legislature

(as an elected state senator) uniquely qualifies him over his opponent Michael Cryans. Instead, and disappointedly, Cryans embraces and welcomes the support of a Conway Sun columnist who stepped into the gutter to attack members of Joe Kenney's family. That was mean-spirited and personal; it was morally wrong. Hopefully and likely, it will have a boomerang impact.

Ted Sares
Conway

Changing hours won't increase meeting attendance

To the editor:

To the voters in the town of Albany: This follow up response in regards to a former letter from a past selectman is to clear a few points. For those that read the minutes of the meetings, you will see that since 2009 we have attended better than 80 percent of the selectmen's meetings as observers. During this time, on at least two occasions, times of future meetings had been adjusted to accommodate either Joe Ferris or Sara Knox because of other commitments. Jack stayed neutral and was agreeable to their changes.

I believe Kelly ran for office because of the times that Joe and Sara had set, as it fit with his family and business schedules. Kelly won the seat and replaced Joe. Kelly was new to elected office and showed us his willingness to learn and work for the betterment of Albany.

At a future meeting with no forewarning to the sitting board, Sara announced that she had accepted a good offer on a job and wanted the meetings again to change to accommodate Her. Kelly became the object of

her target, as Jack stayed neutral and would serve the town at any time frame decided. Kelly bent as far as he could without resigning and Sara could not, so she resigned.

At some point in time Kathy's wages were approved by the majority of attendees at a town meeting and should not be used as a personal vendetta by several disgruntled, against her.

As far as the selectmen conducting the business of the people in public, it is except for the few non-public sessions, needed to protect the applicants privacy.

In the years we have been observers, you could count on one hand the number of times other residents have attended to witness our selectmen in action.

We don't believe changing hours, which might help, will in any way over a period of time, increase attendance unless they are there to speak with the board.

We hope this letter does not cause any hard feelings but feel we owe it to the voters to tell it the way we see it.

Lee Grant
June Johnson
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