

Meet Jill Fonnemann - Candidate for Charlestown Town Council

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Charlestown Roots and Community Connection

A proud Charlestown resident for more than 11 years and a lifelong South County native, Jill Fonnemann has made Charlestown her true home. Along with her family and their four beloved pets, she is deeply committed to the town's small-town charm, natural beauty, and sense of community. Jill is well known for her hands-on work in **animal rescue**, her support of local residents in need, and her dedication to maintaining Charlestown's unique character.

Commitment to the Environment

As an advocate for **wildlife, open space, and dark sky preservation**, Jill is passionate about protecting the natural landscapes that define Charlestown. She enjoys hiking, camping, and cultivating native flower gardens — always mindful of the delicate balance between people and nature that makes Charlestown so special.

Professional Experience

With over **28 years in the hospitality industry**, Jill has developed strong skills in leadership, mediation, and problem solving.

She has spent more than a decade at the **Charlestown Rathskeller Tavern**, advancing from bartender to **Beverage Director**, where she oversees all aspects of beverage operations — including budgeting, negotiation, inventory, and staff leadership. Managing a team of more than 20 employees, Jill has built a reputation for fairness, teamwork, and accountability.

Community Involvement

Jill serves on the **Charlestown Parks and Recreation Commission** and its **Office Subcommittee**, helping to improve recreational programs and community spaces.

In addition, she is an **active volunteer and fundraiser** for local events and initiatives that directly support Charlestown residents.

A Collaborative Approach to Leadership

Jill believes that leadership begins with **listening, respect, and collaboration**. She is a natural mediator who values different perspectives and works toward common ground.

Her goal as a Town Council member is to preserve Charlestown's historic character, protect its environment, and maintain the community spirit that makes it such a special place to live.