

THE BEDFORD CITIZEN

Caroline Fedele – Candidate for Selectman

Incumbent and Caucus Nominee



Events:

No events scheduled

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2016 Citizen's Caucus Statement

Before I begin, on a snowy night like this, I am reminded to appreciate that our DPW is second to none. No doubt, our safe travels home will be because of their outstanding work.

My name is Caroline Fedele and I am a lifelong Bedford resident. I was a student at Lane School, JGMS and BHS. I grew up watching my parents, Lou and Bobbie Ennis, enjoy and give back to this community. I attended Ithaca College and moved back to Bedford afterwards where I met and married another Bedford native, Rich Fedele. We are happy to be raising our family here in the place that we've always called home. After our work days, we coach and volunteer. I love Bedford - I know you all do too. It is this passion and community that makes tonight and our town in general, so special.

For my professional background, I have been a dedicated and loyal employee for over 20 years beginning my career in Sales and developing into Management. Just over a year ago, I made the personal decision to shift my career path towards something more rewarding and joined the American Red Cross. I wanted to directly impact people in need and be able to help others. I take great pride in knowing that my work ethic, leadership, dedication and care and concern for others have been the primary reason for my professional success.

Over the past decade, I have served our town in a variety of volunteer roles. At the beginning, I focused on our children's activities such as coaching sports and being on the PTO. Over time, I joined the Recreation Commission and became Chairman of Springs Brook Park Committee. Saying yes to new opportunities to tackle a problem or explore an idea is exactly what I enjoy doing and hope to continue to do for many decades to come.

All of that led me to stand in front of you 3 years ago at the Town Caucus in 2013. Wow, 3 years went by so fast...

In my first term, I listened and learned and I am proud of the efforts that Bedford has taken to keep our town a positive place to live and work. I am thankful for the work of elected officials, committee members, volunteers and staff and their progress to collaborate and work toward common goals. Our priorities have remained strong in the safety of our citizens, supporting our local businesses and strengthening our community to be welcoming to all. We are continuing to work towards increasing our commercial tax base to allow for some tax relief to our residents. Our efforts in capital planning will help prepare the town to maintain our infrastructure and tackle space needs in our municipal buildings. We need to make thoughtful decisions about how best to support the future of our town's great assets like Fawn Lake, Springs Brook Park and our Fields. We support Complete Streets, Safe Routes to School, a future pilot program to expand transportation to our residents and we are exploring ways to conserve energy and protect our planet.

Throughout all of this, we continue to balance our town's character while being open to progress, weighing our wants and needs against our resources and leading Bedford through important decisions about the kind of town we will be.

I promise to continue to be transparent, available and responsive. I believe I have served the town well and I am so thankful for the opportunity that you have given me to represent you. I will be honored for the chance to continue this great work for another three years.

I very respectfully ask for your vote on March 12th.

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