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Shawn Hanegan – Candidate for Planning Board

Incumbent and Caucus Nominee



Events:

No events scheduled

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2016 Citizen's Caucus Statement

Thank you, Lisa, for that excellent nomination speech. Thank you also to all of you for being here. As Lisa mentioned, I've lived in town with my family since 2011. One thing that I have learned and become convinced about during that time is that Bedford is a great town. With its fabulous school system, great services, large number of interested citizens, and its small town character, I couldn't be happier with a place to raise my children in.

Being a great town, however, is not something that is earned once, put on the shelf, and automatically kept forever. It must be constantly renewed as times change and new challenges are faced. I am proud to have been a part of that process the last four years, and ask for your support to continue on into a second full term on the Planning Board.

It has been a true pleasure serving on the Board. My fellow Board members are conscientious, caring, and ultimate professionals, and I am very proud of the way we function together. We are also blessed with an incredibly talented and diligent staff.

During my first term on the Board, we created a Comprehensive Plan, a vision for the town's future based on extensive public outreach, and have begun to implement it. With a second term on the Board, I plan to continue the work of implementing the Comprehensive Plan. In some ways, the implementation is harder than the crafting of the plan. For laws and regulations are complex and intertwined with many other factors, and often lead to

unintended consequences. I will draw from my background in housing related volunteer work and my paid work in the engineering of systems to help understand the consequences of changes in zoning laws in order to ensure that changes we propose will adequately provide the basis in law for the vision of the Plan to unfold. I will continue the work of ensuring we have an adequate business base to relieve pressure on residential tax rates. I will continue to work on making the town more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. I will also never forget that a person's primary home is their most important investment, and work to help ensure new developments are compatible with neighborhoods.

People sometimes ask why I want to run for and be on the Planning Board. I enjoy being a part of this town's government, and I want to help make sure that someone will stand up here 5, 10, or 20 years from now and also state that Bedford is a great town. I ask for your support here tonight and your vote on March 12. Thank you.

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