

THE BEDFORD CITIZEN

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Incumbent and Caucus Nominee



Events:

No events scheduled

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2016 Citizen's Caucus Statement

It has truly been a privilege to serve on the Planning Board for the past three years. I suspect that most people think our work consists primarily of approving – or not – subdivisions and shopping centers, and this is certainly a large part of what we do. But I consider our deeper and more critical obligation to be that of stewards. The work I do on the Planning Board affects the health and wellbeing of this community not just now, but far into the future. And I take that responsibility very seriously.

These last three years have been busy, productive, occasionally frustrating, and always stimulating. When I started on the Planning Board, work on the Comprehensive Plan was in its final stages. At its completion, the Board quickly began to prioritize then implement its suggested actions. That work continues today and will guide our initiatives into the future as well. I've long been concerned about our aging business zones and the negative impact that has on residential tax rates so I'm pleased that the citizens passed the packet of industrial zoning amendments that the Board brought to Special Town Meeting in 2014. That work continues too, because this March, we will again put before the voters an ambitious series of proposed industrial zoning amendments that will bring our industrial districts into the 21st century.

Economic revitalization is critical to maintaining our tax base, but preserving our historic resources and the physical character of our neighborhoods is critical to maintaining our unique identity. This is why the Planning Board will also be bringing to the voters in March an amendment that will adjust our residential height regulations, helping new construction to better fit into our existing neighborhoods and bringing them more in line with regional standards.

Three years ago, I first ran for the Planning Board because I was interested in the issues that the board confronts. What I didn't quite realize at the time was just how much I'd love the work we do – even the hard parts. As a child, I worked alongside my father and grandfather in our family's small construction business. Dinnertime conversations in typically centered around topics of business development, historic preservation and land-use in my small hometown. And these early experiences left me with an abiding interest in all aspects of planning, design, and architecture.

I feel very fortunate to serve on Bedford's Planning Board, and I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve for another term. Thank you so much.