

Bruce Murphy - Caucus Nomination Remarks

Thank you Ben for the kind words and thank you for your leadership on the Finance Committee.

How time flies. This will be my fifth time making a nomination speech in front of this body. I first ran for this position to fill the seat that opened up when my friend Dick Boffa retired in 2008. At the end of my current term I will have served 11 years on the Board. If I am elected and complete my next term I will have served more time on the Board of Assessors than I did on the Finance Committee. To date I have served the town of Bedford in an appointed or elected role for twenty-three years. How time flies.

To be honest, this year I realized that I am reaching an age when I need to think about cutting back. Lora will tell you that I probably should have reached that conclusion a year or two sooner based on my ambient stress level.

So I had some decisions to make. Do I retire from full time teaching and cut back to part-time teaching? Do I drop off the Board of Directors of my professional association? Do I resign from the Advisory Board of the UMass Boston Supply Chain Program? Do I cut back on my consulting work? Do I not run again for the Board of Assessors?

Well I am here in front of you good folks so we all know that running again not one of the one I chose. Let me tell you why. The coming years will be eventful for the Board of Assessors. We will be replacing our Director of Assessing. The Board has voted to significantly reorganize the management of the professional and administrative staff and the process of exploring and developing the new configuration and presenting it to the voters has started. And finally, the MITRE Pilot program will come to an end during the current term and the Assessors will have a role to play in contributing to the negotiation of a new Pilot deal. These are all unique and interesting problem solving opportunities and I would like the opportunity to participate in them.

I would hope you would conclude that my long service to the town in this and other roles would qualify me to do so. And so, I am asking for your support tonight in the upcoming election in March.

Thank you for your time and attention.