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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Emily Mitchell

By Sarita Pillai

I am writing to express my strong support of [Emily Mitchell](#)'s candidacy for Selectman in town elections on March 9. I encourage Bedford voters to become familiar with Emily's staunch commitment to making Bedford more accessible, more livable and more inclusive - all issues that are very dear to me as a Bedford resident.

I have known Emily for approximately 6 years through our fellowship at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. At St. Paul's, Emily devotes a considerable amount of her personal time to fellowship, fundraising and youth development activities, to name just a few areas to which she gives of her time and talents. In addition, we have also served on the board of The Bedford Citizen (TBC). In fact, it was at Emily's behest that I joined TBC's board more than 2 years ago. This is one of Emily's many admirable qualities - her desire to engage more residents in fully participating in the civic life of our town.

In 2017, Emily led the planning of the TBC sponsored [One Book, One Bedford](#) community wide read of the John Lewis graphic novel series. The complex program of activities that resulted included graphic novel workshops, book discussions, movie screenings and keynotes by local luminaries Dr. Irene Monroe and former Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and civil rights activist Robert Parris Moses. Emily was the linchpin of the program, managing many aspects of the design, marketing and facilitation of the events. It is just one example of her dedication to enhancing the quality of life for all Bedford residents and to keeping issues of equity, diversity and inclusion at the forefront of community life in Bedford.

Emily has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to this town and a deep understanding of the many governance, financial and operational issues Bedford must grapple with. She is highly organized, detail oriented and capable of taking on and managing, in my opinion, a staggering amount of personal and professional commitments.

I believe Emily would make an outstanding and dedicated Selectman who would work tirelessly for the betterment and benefit of Bedford and all its residents. Please join me on March 9th for voting for [Emily Mitchell](#) for Selectman.