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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Emily Mitchell**

*By Robin Grace*

I am writing this letter in support of Emily Mitchell's candidacy for Bedford's Board of Selectman. Although my relationship with Emily does not extend beyond our work as Bedford Free Public Library trustees, my confidence in her ability to sit on the board of selectmen is absolute.

In the two years that she and I have worked together as trustees, I've found her to be dedicated, disciplined and organized, characteristics that are key to effectively discharging the duties of an elected official, particularly one seated on the Board of Selectmen. As our current library board chair, it is clear from her probing questions and insightful comments that she has a thorough grasp of the subject in question. She is a skilled communicator and an equally respectful listener, open to considering those whose opinions differ from her own and conceding graciously when necessary. She fulfills her role as board chair with a steady hand and a calm demeanor.

What I most admire about Emily is her ability to seamlessly weave together her roles as working woman, wife, mother, library trustee, church lady, school volunteer and champion of the arts. All this and she still finds time to sing with a local band! To me, and perhaps more importantly, she makes a splendid role model for the young men and women who are starting their own journey into the future and looking to the current crop of leaders to show them the way.

Emily Mitchell is exactly the sort of person I, as a 25-year resident, would like to see on the Board of Selectmen. In addition to her intellectual curiosity, broad experience and love of Bedford, she will bring a fresh voice and perspective as a new selectman and the board will be all the better for it.

Emily will be greatly missed on the library board but our loss as library trustees will be the town's gain. Please cast a vote for her on March 9<sup>th</sup>; I have no doubt she will serve and serve well.