



NANCY WOLK
ASSESSOR

Caucus Nominee: Yes

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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

My name is Nancy Wolk, and my home on Daniels Drive. We moved here in early 2003 and have found a vibrant community that has supported our family over the years. Both of my children have moved through the Bedford Public Schools. My youngest graduates this June. I was a Bedford-Hanscom Girl Scout leader for 13 years and still offer help to local troops.

For some background on me, I grew up in Western New York, near Buffalo, NY. I moved to Long Island and spent 6 and a half years at Stony Brook University earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees of science. After my degrees, I started working at the Center for Astrophysics, Harvard and Smithsonian in Cambridge. Most of my career has been there with a 4 and a half year diversion at Lincoln Laboratories.

I am running for the Board of Assessors for two reasons. The first is that there was an opening this year. A friend mentioned that they needed a new person to run for the Board of Assessors, so I did. The other reason was that I now have more time to give back to the town. Our town works when citizens step forward to help. Now's my turn.

With my experience and skills, the Board of Assessors is the best fit for me. I am interested in learning more about the assessment process and excited that there is a course and exam as part of the Board. I don't have the full details of the assessment process yet, but the 10-hour course will help bring me up to speed. I am good with paying attention to process and details: I have been part of a spacecraft operations team and everything is done with procedures and checks. The goal is to get the job done correctly.

The Board of Assessors also handles applications for tax exemptions and abatements of real and personal property taxes and car excise taxes. This is certainly an area of government that needs to be fair and objective to benefit both the town and the property owners and I would approach these with a confidential and fair evaluation.

I want to thank you for reading and I hope that I serve you as a future Board of Assessors member.

REPLIES TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS QUESTIONS

Q1—Why are you interested in serving as an Assessor and how do your skills and experience prepare you for this role?

We moved to Bedford in 2003 and raised our kids here. Now that my youngest is graduating this June, I feel it's the right time to give back to the town. My main goal in this position will simply assure the process remains fair to our residents.

This is a position that follows the law and precise methods to assign the assessments. My professional experience includes spacecraft science operations on NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory. We follow well scripted protocols and check and double check every command and expected response. The Board of Assessors will require similar attention to detail.

Q2—As an Assessor, there is lots of technical and legal information you will need to understand. What is your plan to prepare yourself in these areas?

The Board of Assessors covers some of the most important information in town; how we assess the value of property and vehicles. At the moment, I am aware there are many things to learn. The Commonwealth has an online course that is about 10 hours long that covers the legal and practical details of the process. I expect to take that course as soon as reasonably possible if I am elected. I am generally a quick learner, but I will not hesitate to ask my fellow board members for assistance as needed.