

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CANDIDATES GUIDE

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Background and qualifications:

I received my degree in civil engineering from the University of Lowell in 1989. I began my engineering career at Raytheon Technical Services Co. working on Airport and FAA designs and project management. I earned my license as a Professional Engineer in 1996. In 1999, I founded a small civil engineering firm in Woburn, MA. I designed and consulted on small residential subdivisions as well as commercial and residential site developments in communities such as Woburn, Lexington, Burlington, Billerica, Winchester, and Wakefield. In the process of designing such projects, my services included numerous presentations to planning boards, conservation commissions, and boards of health. I also attended meetings with town/city planners regarding balancing land development projects with the needs and limitations of the community and applied these concepts into project designs. I feel I can utilize these experiences and “lessons learned” during my consulting efforts, to influence developers toward land uses suited to our community. While, I have recently accepted a position as a principal engineer with my first employer Raytheon, working on airport/homeland security projects, I am still actively involved in land use consulting.



1. How do you balance development with maintaining the character of Westford?

In recent years, we've noticed the face of development change and adjust to the needs of our modern society. Each town is different and has its own character, however, Westford is unique. As a consulting engineer, I've often faced the challenges of balancing the needs of towns with the economic feasibility of land owners & developers. My goal has always been to conclude with successful projects which preserve the character of a town and serve the public's interest, while not burdening the infrastructure and services of the community. I think it is imperative to engage land owners and potential developers early in the conceptual stages of a development. It is of up most importance that we keep our towns' character in the forefront of the minds of the developers, planners, engineers, and architects as they begin the design/development process.

The recent changes in the real estate market combined with the current state of the economy will also pose serious challenges for both the developer and the town. I believe the key to balance in development is to value the character of our town and to influence future developers that keeping this character is in asset to their projects.

2. What single issue most influenced you to run for planning Board and how would you address it?

The speed of our development and recent growth of our town has prompted me to seek this position. As a young child growing up in Burlington, Westford was this sleepy little

town where my uncle took me for ice cream at Kimball's (worth the trip), or that little town where I learned to ski. A lot has changed since then. While I have only been an actual resident of this town for a year, I've had friends here much of my life. Over the years, I have watched the growth of Westford accelerate quicker than many of our surrounding communities. My concern is if this growth is not governed and guided in the right direction, many features of our town (such as its character) may be degraded. Guiding future development to meet the needs of our community without overburdening municipal services is the key to insuring the best possible future for Westford.