

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am running for Selectman in the town of Lee. I have filed for the 3 -year seat that is currently held by Jim Griswold. There is also a 2-year seat open. That seat is held by Joe Lombardo, who did not file. That open seat is sought by Frank DiRocchi and Martin Castle. So when you go out to vote on March 9<sup>th</sup> ( and please do ) you will actually be voting for two different seats on the Board of Selectmen, each with two candidates.

Many of you know me and what I believe, but there seems to be some confusion (on the part of many who don't) as to how I would vote on some of the issues facing the town. I thought I would take a moment to let voters know more about me, and why I am running for this position.

I have been a resident of NH for all my life. Earlier generations of my family lived in Manchester. At the age of 12 our family moved from Manchester to New Boston, NH and lived there for many years. I joined the Army in 1972 and served as a Special Forces Medic on an A team for 3 years and then as the Ambulance Supervisor and Paramedic at Keller Army Hospital at West Point until the end of 1978. I started my career in the Fire service in Goffstown NH. I then moved to Merrimack Fire Department for 5 Years. I came to the Seacoast to work in Fire Protection at Seabrook Station. I Left Seabrook for a position as a Shift Commander ( Captain )in the Durham-UNH Fire Department in 1987. I retired from Durham Fire Department in 2008 after holding the ranks of Captain and Assistant Chief. I am currently a member of the Lee Fire Department and the Lee Firemen's Association. I assist my wife in her vocation as a Dentist by managing her practice at Lee Family Dentistry.

I have lived in Manchester, New Boston, Merrimack, Dover, Newmarket, Barrington and Lee. I have called Lee home for 91/2 years. I came to Lee because of the sense of community that exists here. Many of you know my wife Ann, our son DJ, and our Golden Retriever, Mandalay.

I have filed for Selectman *because I would like to contribute to the community*. This is a role that I could not fill before I retired because of time constraints.

Here is what I have to offer the Town of Lee;

I now have *the time and energy* to serve.

I am a *good listener* and will hear all sides of any discussion before I make a decision on a course of action.

I am a *fiscal realist*, I don't believe in spending money we don't have. I do not believe that we should be applying for any government grant for something we don't need, simply because the grant is available. What we truly need (not just want) should be evaluated in light of cost VS Benefit. To that end I would *oppose more full-time Firefighters* for our town .

I believe *every person that authorizes expenditures for the town should have a fiscal stake* in those expenditures.

I am a strong proponent of a good educational system, but I *don't believe that money alone creates optimal education.*

*I believe the town needs balanced, structured growth* to help offset the tax burden on our citizens.

I believe that *I can work with all the towns committees and commissions* to achieve what is right for the overall good of the community.

I believe that all *government should do business in the light of day* unless otherwise dictated by circumstance. To that end I would ask that the boards meetings be televised on the community channel. We all act our best when we know someone is watching.

If I have a question or need to clear something up, *I go to the source.* I will never ask you what someone else thinks. I make no assumptions and am disappointed when they are made about me.

*I believe in doing the right thing.* It isn't always the easiest or most opportune thing to do, but it is the right thing. I use a simple litmus test for things: "would I do this if my mother was watching?" That has always served me well.

Well, you now know more about me than I have ever told anyone at one time. If you have any questions about how I feel or what I would do, call me. I'm around, and I will listen to whatever you have to say. We may not agree, but I will listen.

Thank you,

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