

Please provide a short bio. (500 characters)



I am an educator, teaching Physics at CCSU and Springfield Tech CC. I also serve at the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals in Ellington

What qualities and qualifications make you best suited to be an effective Selectmen? (700 characters)



I am good with numbers and like a data driven approach to managing our town's resources. In our current situation where affordability is becoming an issue, I can analyze the budget presented to the town and use my vote on the Board of Selectmen to steer the budget to better represent the town's priorities.

What will be your top three priorities as a Selectman and how you will address them? (900 characters)



1. Presenting a responsible budget that does not make living Ellington unaffordable.
 2. Bring more community voices and ideas into town administration.
 3. Discuss any proposals in open recorded meetings and making sure that all voices are given respect.
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Describe your approach to working with people that have opposing points of view. (700 characters)



As a scientist by training, I believe in being open-minded to all viewpoints, as long as they are respectful. Criticism is necessary in order to safeguard community welfare but it should never come down to ad hominem attacks on individuals. It is important to listen to everyone's views in a nuanced manner and avoid stereotyping our neighbors in order to build a community that is inclusive.

What steps will you take to build and/or maintain a resilient and vibrant community? (700 characters)



I would propose a more active outreach effort to voters to bring better awareness of issues facing the town administration. Help create events that welcome new citizens and residents to Ellington that emphasize community involvement in town management. Invite ideas to showcase farms and attract businesses that will support farmland preservation.