

What are your qualifications for the office that you seek?

I have been on the select board through one of the most difficult years in its history. I have lived in North Yarmouth for over 18 years. I have a BA in political science from USM, two years of experience as the treasurer of the Student Senate, I have a good working knowledge of how local government should/does function. Once I commit to something I rarely give up. There have been many resignations from the board, and very few stable members. Most people who run for select board have no idea what they are getting into until they are actually there. I know what I am signing up for, and I am prepared to see a full three year term through.

2. What motivated you to run for the office that you seek?

I am tired of all of the games that go on, and am willing to work with just about anyone to stop them. I got into office because I wanted to try to reduce spending, protect our parks and fields, keep our roads well maintained and keep the community safe. I'm also tired of the games being played around certain votes, and the run-around folks have been given when trying to address land use ordinance.

3. Do you have sufficient time/energy to devote to this position?

I have the near infinite "vim vigor and vitality" of youth, and have large amounts of time to devote to town business. I am also very enthusiastic about the role of selectman.

4. With one or two meetings a month, all boards are limited in what they can accomplish, how should the board decide what is most important?

Most of the stuff is important. The "correct" answer to this question is to show up once a week and do your job. Most people forget stuff over a two week period. Meeting once a week maintains a good "cadence", it keeps members accountable for their projects, allows for more business to be done, and allows for generally shorter meetings. The current select board has forgotten the existence of workshops, which would be good to hold on "off" weeks to set the agenda for the business meeting.

The chair generally picks what is most important to them when the board does not give direction as a body. In practical terms most of the stuff that any one board member wants to prioritize won't be brought up for months.

5. Think of an issue facing North Yarmouth that you care about. Do you have a positive solution that you want to bring forth?

Roads, the Fire Department, Parks & Land Conservation, and Sound Fiscal Management.

These are the primary responsibilities of the town government, and shape the discussion of all other issues presented to the board. We must ensure that our government is running efficiently and has sufficient funding and equipment to fulfill these responsibilities.

Revising The Land Use Ordinance: we should give the public the chance to vote on Land Use Ordinance amendments that would help the town maintain its rural (not urban) nature.