



Jeffrey M. Candura – Budget Committee

My name is Jeff Candura and I am running for the Budget Committee in order to provide appropriate guidance and oversight for the budget for North Yarmouth and contribute to a sustainable and thriving future for our town. Budgets are more than numbers, they are a statement of our collective values. Our town budget has real consequences for taxpayers. An increase in taxes may mean hard choices for household finances. Ignoring public safety or infrastructure needs now could cost us more down the line. Our budget is a reflection of what we care about, and how we see our community. I hope to work to help our town's staff and elected officials present a budget that is responsible, reasonable, and serves our town well.

North Yarmouth is lucky to have strong leadership and management from the town manager, Select Board, and town employees. We are also a small town experiencing significant change. The Budget Committee can and should work with the town manager and Select Board to develop short- and long-term plans to anticipate and prepare for future changes. We can't continue to budget and finance the town the way it was 15 years ago, we must be preparing for how we envision it will be 15 years from now.

I am currently the Development Director for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics Foundation and have spent over 20 years in non-profit fundraising and leadership where I have had significant responsibility over organizational budgeting. As Development Director for the Maine Democratic Party, I had responsibility for raising funds that would keep offices open and staff paid. As Director for Advancement for Gould Academy in Bethel (where my family lived for six years before moving to North Yarmouth), I was responsible for annual giving and major capital campaigns, including oversight of the \$1.2 million renovation of a historic classroom building. I have an undergraduate degree in English from Ithaca College and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Colorado. My graduate degree focused heavily on non-profit and public sector management, including the creation and stewardship of governmental budgets.

I have been involved in several volunteer activities: past Board member for Inland Woods and Trails, current Finance Committee member for the Maine Democratic Party, and serving as a youth soccer and t-ball coach. I have lived in North Yarmouth since 2018 with my wife and two children and we have truly found a home here. There is a pretty good chance you will find one of us running, biking, or hiking along a local trail with our dog, Tippy. I look forward to serving my fellow residents of North Yarmouth.