

Dear Editor:

I am running for Temple Selectman to offer voters a clear choice between two very different candidates.

A native of Brookline, NH, I worked as a youth at the Temple Mt Ski Area. I have a BS from Norwich University and a Masters degree from the University of Michigan's Graduate School of Business Administration. I have 35 years of business experience as a partner with a global consulting firm. Six years ago, I retired to Temple because of its rural nature and sense of community.

Since returning, I have served on several non-profit boards and town committees, including Temple's Capital Improvement Program Committee and Conservation Commission.

Following are summaries of my positions on important topics:

- **Town Finances:** Recent attention has been focused on small expenses with inadequate review of large items including health insurance costs and capital equipment. The Town routinely grants large no bid contracts. The Selectmen should lead a review of our expenses and adopt a required bid policy.
- **Town Hall:** Townspeople voted overwhelmingly at two Town Meetings to restore our Town Hall – including an addition. The “Friends” have raised \$350,000 for this purpose. I support these votes and using the “Friends” funds to pay for the work vs. raising taxes.
- **Communication:** I will re-establish open forums to provide an opportunity for residents to learn about and be heard on important Town matters.
- **Planning:** Temple is growing and we must plan for the implications of that growth. New developments have increased our tax rate. Protecting the individual's right to develop property while balancing the ability of the Town to absorb the costs is crucial to long term planning. As Selectman, I will work with our Boards and Committees to balance the needs of all residents.
- **Conservation:** In the survey that preceded our Master Plan, residents confirmed the importance of maintaining our rural character. I believe that as land in Current Use is developed, a portion of penalties paid should be invested in protecting that rural character. I led the Town's efforts to preserve three important Temple farms. Through an LLC, my wife and I own the former Temple Mt Ski Area and we are currently working with the State to add it to Miller State Park.

Temple deserves good leadership. My financial management skills and my ability to lead and work with people, will serve Temple well.

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