

Dear Temple Residents,

My name is Steve Andersen and I am a candidate for selectman. During my 33 years in Temple, I have served in the U.S. Marine Corps., on Temple's planning board and, for the past four years, as your Budget Advisory Committee chairman. My knowledge of municipal budget law and how Temple's finances work will make me a great selectman.

- **Town Expenses:** As your budget advisory committee chairman, I have helped stabilize the town's operating budget. The budget advisory committee, working closely with the selectmen and department heads, has kept individual budgets the same or less every year for four years.

High taxes are the product of lost revenue and warrant articles.

- **Town Hall:** What's wrong with the project? Absolutely nothing!!! Restoring an historical building with minimal tax dollars is wonderful for the town!
- **Official Ballot Voting (SB2):** I support Official Ballot Voting because it gives plenty of time for all voters to decide on what they want. Taxpayers have at least 30 days to review the warrant before voting at the polls. Secondly, it allows more people a chance to vote. The polls are open for nine hours on voting day or you can submit an absentee ballot. **Focusing on "fair"**, not on the outcome, is very important to me.
- **Conservation:** High taxes threaten the 70% of Temple land still open today. High taxes forced my parents to sell their historic farm. I support land use change tax going into the general fund to offset high taxes. I support voting on our conservation projects as a community at town meeting. It's everyone's money and everyone should decide whether they like the project or not. The town should welcome any and all conservation projects for discussion. The town of Temple appreciates all of the landowners who have weathered the high tax storms and have kept their land open.

I hope that I have clearly stated my opinions on the "hot" topics of the town. We all need to work toward lowering Temple's high tax bills, focusing more on the needs of our seniors and how difficult it is for the average working family to make ends meet. I will do everything that I can toward this goal. With your help and your vote, I will serve the town as any public servant should... by being fair and up front on all issues. I ask for your vote on Tuesday, March 14, 10 am to 7 pm, at the Temple Town Hall.

Respectfully,



Steve Andersen