

Moderator

1 seat, 1 year

Michael K. Fee, Candidate for Re-Election

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Qualifications: Elected Moderator of Town Meeting each year since 1997. Former Finance Committee Member and Chair; Former elected Town Meeting Member. Attorney, Former Federal Prosecutor; Partner Ropes & Gray LLP.

Goal: Keeping Town Meeting lively, accessible and meaningful for all.

Selectman

2 seats, 3 years

Gerald A. Wasserman, Candidate for Re-Election

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Qualifications: 12 years Selectmen, 9 years School Committee, 27 years Town Meeting, Governor's Local Government Council, Suburban Coalition, Consultant: Organizational Development and Planning, Healthcare Administrator, Associate Professor. MBA- Columbia University, BA-UMass

Goals: We must provide efficient and effective local services in a difficult economy, without over burdening property tax payers. Approaches include:

Building our commercial tax base in the business center and downtown.

Improving state aid.

Ensuring efficient operations.

Properly maintaining and updating infrastructure.

Thorough planning

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Qualifications: Selectman (two terms – twice Chair); Committees – Finance (6 years – once Chair), Senior Center Exploratory (Co-Chair), Field Study (Chair); Town Meeting (11 years); Lawyer; Commonwealth of Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Council.

Goals: Efficiently managing the operating budget and capital plan is critical when dealing with a difficult economy and diminished local aid. Prioritizing the Town's departmental and infrastructure needs will retain essential services and best use tax dollars. Ensuring proper maintenance of recent construction projects will protect our long term asset investments.

Assessor

1 seat, 3 years

Kevin J. Foley, Candidate for Re-Election

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No Reply Received

School Committee

2 seats, 3 years

Michael Greis, Candidate for Re-Election

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Qualifications: School Committee 2005-11, Chair 2008-09, negotiations 2009-11, finance liaison. Resident since 1991, TMM since 1995. Two children in schools. Co-founder, Citizens for Needham Schools. Chair, GreenNeedham. Sales/marketing, technology, finance expertise.

Goals: Continuing progress on FINANCE (successfully negotiating yearly budget, multi-year planning, long-term sustainability, operational improvements), DISTRICT GOALS (scholarship, citizenship, personal growth), MANAGEMENT (oversee and work with superintendent, develop and retain talent, fair and affordable contracts) and community-wide COLLABORATION to justify and enable selected investments (class sizes, offerings) that improve our schools.

David Ecsedy

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Qualifications: Parent; Town Meeting Member; Financial Background; Degrees in Law, Engineering, Science; 23-year Town Resident; Substitute Teacher; Adjunct Professor; Want the Best for Our Children; Employed as Software Engineer; Independent Voter

Goals: Communicate concerns of the community to the committee and school officials, and explain actions of the committee to the community. Especially to personally understand the school budget and its relation to the town budget so well, that I can make good decisions and clearly explain any changes to the community.

Catherine Kurkjian

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Qualifications: Lifelong Needham resident. Bachelor of Science Degree, Cum Laude. Framingham State. Established business as a contractor, providing technical support to Military. Son at NHS. Insight into standards-based education and Powerschool.

Goals: Provide a motivational and interesting learning environment that will inspire students to reach their potential, achieve success, and find a career path. With continued cuts in local aid, it is imperative that effective home-school collaboration exists and standardsbased education is optimized by adhering to its goals.

Kim Marie Nicols

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Qualifications: Parent (Hillside & Pollard Students); Town Meeting Member since 2003; Co-Chaired High Rock Override 2008; Hillside PTC Volunteer; Former Middle School Counselor; Master's Degrees in Educational Administration and Social Work.

Goals: Maximizing educational opportunities and preparing students to be successful and informed global citizens. * Retaining, attracting, and supporting exceptional educators. * Fostering a shared vision between schools and community, cognizant of fiscal constraints and on-going facility needs. * Advocating for increased state funding for special needs students and building renovations.

Trustee of Memorial Park - Veteran

1 seat, 3 years

John S. Gallelo, Candidate for Re-election

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No Reply Received

Trustee of Needham Public Library

3 seats, 3 years

Thomas M. Harkins, Candidate for Re-Election

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Qualifications: 60+ years Needham resident; 35+ years Town Meeting Member; 30+ years Library Trustee; 30 years School Librarian (retired); MS in Library Science from Simmons College

Goals: As a trustee I shall work to see that the library meets the goals set forth in its recently completed Strategic Plan. Also, (not wanting to start any rumors) the trustee's may well be involved in the important task of selecting a new director.

Lois Sockol, Candidate for Re-Election

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Qualifications: I have fifteen years experience as a Trustee helping our Library maintain it's commitment to the community. During my tenure, our Library has grown to meet current and future demands.

Goals: My goals for our library are to provide resources that enhance and contribute to knowledge, enlightenment, and enjoyment in an efficient manner to all ages and in all forms of media, and to collect, preserve, and make available library materials in print and in electronic formats.

Richard Hardy

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Qualifications: Northeastern University – MPA - Masters in Public Administration; Northeastern University – MBA - Masters in Business Administration; Board Member - Library Foundation of Needham;

Officer – Library Foundation of Needham

Goals: Inscribed above the reference desk at our library: **Information is the currency of democracy.**

— Thomas Jefferson

I wish to lend my talents and labor to preserve / support the town agency serving all town citizens – young, old, unemployed or needy offering them unfettered access to information- the currency of democracy

Board of Health

1 seat, 3 years

Edward Cosgrove, Candidate for Re-Election

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Qualifications: 40 yrs-teaching Northeastern Univ. & Univ. of MA/Boston. Director; Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program; Assistant Commissioner of Public Health MA. 20 yrs-Laboratory Administrator, Children's Hospital; 15 yrs-Needham Board of Health.

Goals: Continue to for Public Health in Needham and the the state. Specifically. Continue to strengthen the Needham Health Department in Communicable Disease Monitoring and Control and second, the prevention of youth substance abuse through education and increased public awareness. Additionally, continue supporting services to the elder population.

Planning Board

1 seat, 5 years

Bruce T. Eisenhut, Candidate for Re-Election

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Qualifications: 10 years-Planning Board. Needham Exchange Club, Community Preservation Committee, Town Meeting, the c. 40B Working Committee. Formerly; Community Housing Study Committee, Open Space Working Group and Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Goals: Apply my training, skills and mediation experience to reach common sense, legally justified and fair decisions. Support initiatives to encourage viable proposals for mixed use, a diversity of businesses and an aesthetically pleasing and pedestrian friendly Town Center. To listen, work hard and conduct myself in an ethical, professional manner.

Frank Gallelo

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Qualifications: Elected Planning Board member 10 years. Owned electrical construction company 25 years in Needham. Construction estimator/project manager for commercial and industrial buildings. Lifelong resident

Goals: Be the voice of the Needham residents while maintaining the by---laws and zoning codes. Listen to the majority. Inform the residents of changes of the new by---laws and how the changes will affect Needham. Review and if needed, change the business zoning by---laws to attract new business.

Needham Housing Authority

1 Seat/5-Year Term

William DeBear

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Qualifications: current member of Board of Commissioners (completing one-year term); attorney; prior service as volunteer member of legal services board and affordable housing non-profit board

Goals: If re-elected, in addition to continuing to serve the community, an important goal would be to participate in the completion and implementation of the Board's five-year plan, which, in turn, has as among its goals operational excellence and redevelopment or expansion of the Authority's affordable housing inventory.

Commissioner of Trust Funds

1 seat, 3 years

Louise Miller

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Qualifications: Cultural Council (Chair – evaluate grant requests for Needham's arts); New Year's Needham (Co-Chair); Executive Secretary - Finance Committee; School Committee; Town Meeting Member; PTC's; Degrees: MIT, BU (Law); Harvard (Masters)

Goals: Increasing public awareness of Needham's Trust Funds and promoting a dialogue with potential donors before donations are made so that the goals of the donor are better served and the intended benefit to the Town is maximized. We must also continue ensuring a strong and reliable return on our investments.

Park & Recreation Commission

1 seat, 3 years

No Nomination

Constable

2 seats, 3 years

Paul F. Hunt, Candidate for Re-Election

608 Webster Street

Qualifications: Six years experience as Constable and 32 years law enforcement experience with the Needham PD.(Retired)

Goal: To assist the town clerks office in posting related documents in a timely manner.

Charles G. Wright, Candidate for Re-Election

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Qualifications: Needham Constable for over 10 years. I have served the Town of Needham as Constable for over 10 years, my father Walter was also a long time Needham Constable.

Goals: The primary duties of this part time position are to serve civil process and Town Postings in the Town of Needham. I look forward to continuing my services to the town and continuing my excellent relationship with the Town Clerk's office and The Needham Police Department.