



I'd like to share some thoughts on issues affecting Plympton and give you some information about myself.

Possibly the top issue we're faced with is how to balance keeping Plympton as it is while introducing growth in tax revenues to ease the burden on the homeowner. Other issues in town such as schools, supporting our seniors so that they can afford to stay and continue to contribute to our community, and maintaining the integrity of our by-laws would require much more to properly discuss them than the 300 words I've been allotted here. One common element of them all is the need to bring all of our residents on-board in addressing them.

I have been married for 12 years and have lived in Plympton for 11 years. We quickly set down our roots and intend to live here the rest of our lives. As a member of our Finance Committee, I've worked on five budget cycles for the town. I've also volunteered at the Library to provide activities for adults and children. For 20 years, I've worked as a Research Engineer for the U.S. Army. My projects concern the development of protective equipment for our soldiers. I've managed budgets ranging from thousands of dollars to millions of dollars, and led a research team. For the past three years, I've taught at Northeastern University. At home, hobbies include astronomy, music and home restoration.

As Selectman, I would view my role as a privilege, a trust, and an important responsibility. Through my Finance Committee role I know first-hand, the competing demands to provide services on our limited dollars. I can provide leadership to the town in bringing the community together to define our priorities to secure for us our common goal - maintaining Plympton as a beautiful and friendly town.

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