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Bio/Background:

Board of Assessors - current

Community Preservation Committee - 8 years, 2 as Chair

Town Gov't Study Committee - Chair

Lakeview Committee

Open Space & Recreation Committee - 1 year

Investment Professional - 25 years (Fidelity, Geode, Acadian, Loomis Sayles)

Baseball coach - 16 years (HWLL, Babe Ruth, Academy, Freedom, Fishermen, Weymouth Rec)

1) As the Board transitions to 5 members how will you work to build collaboration?

I would take the same approach as I did as Chair of the Town Government Study Committee, which recommended expanding the Select Board to five members. The committee was composed of some very strong personalities, and we worked to make sure that all voices were heard, not just the loudest. We started each meeting with public comment and ended with a discussion on our next agenda. The agendas belonged to the entire committee. We constructed a framework for our research, posted all of our documents on Wenham's public website, conducted surveys, and openly debated the pros and cons of making this important change. We proofed and critiqued each other's work, and generated a final report, respecting both the majority and minority opinions.

In today's political climate, we proved that healthy debate is still possible, and disagreement did not necessarily lead to animosity. Our Select Board has to become a more inclusive body, and the Town Government Study Committee showed that collegiality can work.

2) As the Master Plan is being developed, what is one thing you hope to see from the process?

Our Master Plan should become the blueprint of Wenham's future. The preliminary documents show great promise. Balancing Wenham's pastoral feel and smart commercial development is a difficult challenge. I believe we have some opportunities to rezone some areas to allow viable mixed-use properties - first floor businesses with residential units above.

3) How do you plan on creating a sustainable town to reduce the carbon footprint of residents, businesses, schools and the town as a whole?

There are many low cost avenues available to Wenham to reduce our environmental impact.

All bathrooms in public buildings should be fitted with dual flush toilets to reduce our water usage.

We need to look to our rooftops and parking lots to install solar panels, similar to what has been done at Beverly High School.

Wenham should partner with Beverly/Salem to share water resources. Much of their drinking water is stored in Wenham. We can use that as a negotiating tool to get favorable water rates and lessen our impact on the Ipswich River, especially during summer months.

I'm out of space, but there are a lot more opportunities here.

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