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My first visit to Marblehead was on a date in 1998 with my now husband. I was mesmerized by the harbor as we explored Crocker Park and then charmed by the downtown as we ate flatbread pizza at the King's Rook on State Street. I fell in love with Marblehead. A year later, we were engaged and living on Washington Street in an apartment across from Old North Church. Fast forward 20 plus years, and I still love this town. I have two children and many members of my extended family are here. It is that love for Marblehead, knowledge of the town, and a passion for helping others that prompted my run for Board of Selectmen.

Professionally, I am well qualified. I am a tenured Department Chair, and Chief Pilot, for North Shore Community College's Aviation Management and Professional Pilot degree programs. I have experience with complex federal and state regulations, hiring and recruitment, union negotiations and contracts, pensions, education, small business, finance, and grants. I worked my way up through several barriers to fly as a professional pilot for the past 20 years, and I have licenses to fly everything from a small Cessna 2 seat airplane to a 737. I am the first-ever female Chief Pilot of a collegiate pilot program in Massachusetts.

I am trained as an educator and a pilot to analyze a problem, find the most effective and efficient solution, and then to take action. Sometimes that means thinking of something that has never been done and sometimes that means following procedures. But it always means taking action when appropriate and finding solutions. When people's lives depend on your ability to make decisions you take that responsibility very seriously.

I will apply that same passion for learning and an unflagging commitment to finding solutions to the Town of Marblehead. I am not afraid to make tough calls. It is the core of my professional experience-to educate myself and others and then act decisively.

Hand me a problem, I look for a solution.

In 2015, I was serving as the Coffin Gerry School PTO president. A distraught parent approached me about her concern over the lack of a security door at the Coffin School. This parent approached the superintendent at the time and was told that the administration was unable to help. This parent turned to me. We recognized the problem, found the funding, and coordinated with Marblehead Police and Marblehead Public Schools to install security doors before school started again the following year.

I have volunteered with Marblehead Public Schools for 8 years, as well as serving for 10 years with Marblehead Youth Soccer as a coach and vice-president of the girls' soccer program. I have been a basketball coach for Marblehead Parks and Recreation and a volunteer for the Odyssey of the Mind program at the Community Center. Much of my free time over the last decade has been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for Marblehead's children.

In the year 2021, there are challenges facing these children and the entire Town of Marblehead.

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As a coastal community, it is critical that we dedicate significant energy to short- and long-term planning. Our beautiful surroundings demand thoughtful stewardship. We need to continue working on sustainability and carbon neutrality.

Nature has bequeathed us stunning surroundings, yet on land, our sidewalks and streets are in terrible shape. They are in desperate need of repair. Trees need replacing.

Infrastructure now includes information technology. Marblehead deserves 21st century management resources, especially in our schools.

The lack of affordable housing and options for all families is a concern, especially for our seniors. Marblehead attracts young families, but we also have a significant senior population that has supported the town for generations.

These are just a few of the challenges facing Marblehead. It is time to turn our vision statements and plans into **real action**. It's time to apply for federal and state grants. It's time to brainstorm new ways of doing things. It's time to tap the expertise and experiences of Marbleheaders, and research best practices from other communities.

We need to get things done.

As a member of your Board of Selectmen, I will do just that. I want you to feel heard, no matter who you are, who you know, or whether you've been a resident for 50 years or 50 days. You deserve to have your voice heard in your government.

The Board of Selectmen is a committee, one that needs to work as a team, and I am a team player. I believe we are all on the same **Team Marblehead**. Every single resident. This is our home. This is my home, and I want to help. No challenge is too daunting for us. We can solve them together.

I would be honored if you choose Alexa Singer as one of your 5 choices for Marblehead Board of Selectmen on June 22. Thank you.