

Hello Marblehead.

My name is Ben Berman. I'm proud to be running for a position on the Marblehead Board of Selectmen and humbly request your vote.

My family and I are longtime community members. My wife Julie and I moved back to Marblehead to start and raise our family. We could not be happier or prouder of our community. Our Marblehead passion runs deep.

Beyond that passion, I come with experience. I've spent ten years serving on the Finance Committee, many as Chair. I've served on the Brown School Building Committee since its inception as well as other sub committees, including the current budget and forecasting committee.

In partnership with town officials and fellow community members, I've developed both trusted relationships and the steady hand necessary to help lead Marblehead. I am committed to ensuring the very best for our town and school services. This means working collaboratively with stakeholders to meet our goals - addressing not only our immediate priorities, but also critical infrastructure and building needs in our budget planning and forecasting.

I fully understand the need to balance the tax impact on residents of our community while also providing the level of services and high-quality education that we have come to expect in Marblehead. Striking that balance is as important today as it has ever been. Collectively, in recent years we have done a good job achieving that balance, rebuilding positive working relationships between town officials, school officials, the Finance Committee and the trust of our citizens. I am proud of the role that I have played in that.

I have spent much of my career as a senior corporate attorney, directing legal and related corporate growth initiatives. I enjoyed nearly a decade on the team at Kayak.com, where I supported the company's successful IPO and subsequent sale and helped guide significant international expansion efforts. Currently, I am the General Counsel of Jobcase.com, a job marketplace and social platform dedicated to helping people improve their work lives.

As a 40-something, a husband, a father of three children in the school system and son-in-law of Headers, my focus has always been on balancing the needs of all Marblehead's citizens. As Selectman, I will continue to honor that balance, working to ensure the very best for our town.

For more information about my goals and vision, please visit bermanformarblehead.com and click on the "My Priorities" link.