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I would like to thank the League of Women Voters of Marblehead for asking candidates running for public office to submit personal profiles. There are times when I have headed to the polls myself without being informed about local candidates as much as I would have liked.

My wife and I have lived in Marblehead for the past 17 years and we have two children who attend public school here. I have spent the past 30 years working in the financial industry, with many of those years in management. I currently work for National Grand Bank. Outside of my job, I enjoy attending my daughter's track meets and my son's baseball games, as well as coaching my son's basketball team for the Marblehead Youth Basketball Association. You may also spot me jogging around town, from time to time. When I am not hanging out with my family or friends, I enjoy reading and of course spending time at the library.

I was a patron of the Abbot Public Library for many years before becoming a trustee. When my kids were younger, my wife and I loved taking them to the Children's Room at the library and were always grateful for the resources that were available to us there. However, I also thought that the library could be improved and, shortly after I began serving as a trustee in 2016, I championed the renovation of the Children's Room. The chair of the Abbot Public Library Board of Trustees, Phyllis Smith, worked tirelessly on the project with support from myself and the other trustees.

Recently, I served on the selection committee to hire our new library director. The committee was thrilled to hire our first choice for the position, among many very qualified candidates. Our new chair, Nancy Arata and the board worked tirelessly to prepare Article 35 - for repair and extensive renovations of the library – which passed at the town meeting. I am awed by the amount of work my fellow trustees and volunteer committees, along with the Driftwood Garden Club, dedicate to the Abbot Public Library. I like to think I have performed my bit part.

My dear friend Dr. Ann McGreevy, also a trustee, first encouraged me to run for Abbot Public Library trustee, back in 2016. I was appointed by the Board of Selectman and was then subsequently elected. I am now seeking another 3-year term at an incredibly exciting time in our library's history. It is my hope that you and the rest of our wonderful town will vote YES on June 22nd for the desperately needed Abbot Public Library repairs and renovations.