



JIM ZISSON BOARD of SELECTMEN CANDIDATE

My wife Laura and I live in Naugus Head with our 2 school aged daughters who attend Marblehead Public Schools. I have a long track record of community involvement in both Marblehead and Salem. I am a Registered Professional Engineer, so I will bring a unique set of skills to the Board of Selectman to deal with our aging infrastructure. I will advocate for road and sidewalk improvements, sustainability initiatives, and thoughtful affordable/senior housing solutions. I have dedicated a great deal of personal time to make Marblehead a better place to live and raise a family, and at the same time, preserve the unique character and history of Marblehead.

My experience base is deep having served on the Brown School Building Committee, Naugus Head Association (President), and several other Boards including the Salem Y. On the Brown School Building Committee, I was part of the Value Engineering Team that reduced the cost of the school by \$2 Million dollars while building a school which is considered a national educational model. I also led the effort to use traditional red brick for an additional \$55,000 cost savings. I will bring this smart spending way of thinking to rebuilding the infrastructure of this town.

Sustainability and environmental issues are important to me. Last year at Town Meeting, I suggested Marblehead Public Safety add Hybrid vehicles to their fleet. Initially skeptical, the Town reviewed data I supplied and I am pleased to report they are purchasing 3 Ford Interceptor Hybrids this year. I have also been a continuous advocate to make sure the Brown school is energy efficient and ready to accept solar panels and charging stations. In my personal life, I often commute to work on my bike to Lynn. Lastly, all my landscaping equipment is battery powered including a low impact lawn mower, weed whacker, and even a chain saw.

As a former member of the Salem Housing Authority, affordable housing is not an abstract concept, but something I have worked very hard at making a reality. Simply put, I am very proud I have had a hand in helping families and seniors find safe and affordable homes. With this background, I am very well prepared to support affordable/senior family housing solutions in Marblehead.

I want to thank the LWV for this opportunity to reach out to the voters. Having been in public service for the past 30 + years, I have continued to maintain a land line phone, so my number is in the book. I am easy to find. I'd love to hear from you! I would appreciate your vote on June 22.