



My name is Jim Zisson and I live in Naugus Head with my wife Laura and 2 daughters who you may know from the Muffin Shop. I'm an engineer by training and trade and that probably tells you what you need to know about me. No BS.!

First, in support of our Town seniors and Vets, I will decline the Select Board Salary and donate it to the CoA. I feel that strongly about supporting our seniors and Vets. And by the way, like many, although of Medicare age, I am still working full time and will be for the foreseeable future. I get it.

My father was a sniper, combat rifleman, and Platoon Sergeant serving with the Night Fighters of 104th Timberwolf Infantry Division during WWII. They attacked at night with fixed bayonets and orders not to shoot less give away their position. He would eventually be severely wounded and come home a disabled Vet. All by the age of 19. He never let us forget the horrors of Hurtgen Forest and slave labor camps at the Nordhausen V-2 rocket factory and the blood our Veterans shed to fight Hate. I get it.

My interest in the Select Board will focus on finance, operations and Capital improvements. While much improvement has been made to the Towns's Financial tools,

there is still work to be done and I will support that. One area we need to improve on is timely and accurate free cash forecasting which has been hobbled by archaic tools.

As a registered professional engineer (P.E.), project execution is a passion of mine and as a member of the Brown School Building Committee I am extremely proud we came in \$1.5 M UNDER budget . I look forward to overseeing the many capital projects that are underway.

My decision to run was not on a whim, but it has been 4 years in the making. I have spent the last 4 years volunteering on town committees, attending meetings, and most important of all, meeting and listening to people in Town. And I emphasize the word listen rather than talk!! I am shovel ready for the Select Board. I am committed to Marblehead.

I presently serve on the Town Charter committee and I can say in all sincerity that it could not be a better group of dedicated people. I thought I knew a lot about Marblehead municipal government prior to this, but I was wrong.

I have been a regular for years at the Select Board and Fincom meetings. But it is not just showing up, I listen very carefully to what is said including public comment. And occasionally give constructive feedback.

I particularly enjoy listening to people whose opinion might be different than mine. Being on the Select Board is not about personal opinion, but doing what is best for Town. That is a big difference, and for the past 4 years I have been working towards that mind set. That

may sound like a trite and disingenuous campaign phrase, but actually doing it requires a lot of discipline and hard decision making.

I have many other thoughts. In the interest of time I'll just list a few. Reinvigorate effort for new web site, betterment fee for private roads so they can be fixed at no cost to the Town, putting purchased services out to bid, and of course Traffic Safety which is a major concern for virtually everyone Town. **Thank You. Then Marblehead forever!**

God bless the good old town