

2013



# Voter Guide

League of Women Voters  
of Saratoga County

## Saratoga County

### Saratoga County Coroner

Candidates (choose 1):

#### **Susan Hayes-Massa**

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**Education:** Associates Degree Business Management Certified Surgical Technician Certified Eye Bank Technician Coroner 101 Course for new coroners, 1997 and 2012

**Experience and Qualifications:** Over 30 years experience as a certified surgical technician in the Operating Room. Coroner's assistant performing autopsies since 1995. Deputy Coroner appointment 2011, County Coroner appointment July 2013. Director of Donor Services with the Lions Eye Bank at Albany dealing with grieving families and offering the option of donation.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County Republican Committee, Independent Party and Conservative Party.

**Parties:** Republican

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** It has always been a goal to run for coroner when other elected coroners decided to step down. My years of experience with the coroner's office, not only as an autopsy assistant but in the role of Deputy Coroner will provide a seamless transition. I bring a vast knowledge of disease processes, an ability to dialogue with medical professionals and understand medications and their prescribed use.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** The probability of governmental involvement in the coroner's office. The development of specific policies and procedures that have not been in place which will be mandated by state and or federal entities. I am well versed in policy and procedure development through my involvement as Director of Donor Services with the Lions Eye Bank at Albany. I am also a member of the New York State Association of County Coroners and Medical Examiners who address this very issue.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** The development of policies and procedures for the Coroner's Office and become involved in Mass Casualty Disaster Planning for Saratoga County. I feel the Coroner's Office plays an important role during mass casualty disasters. With the Knolls Atomic Power Program in our County all emergency

response agencies must be on the same page so each agency knows what their role will be to expedite whatever is necessary to ensure the safety of county residence.

## Saratoga County Clerk

Candidates (choose 1):

### Craig A. Hayner

Party: REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded

## Saratoga County District Attorney

Candidates (choose 1):

### James A. Murphy



Party: REP, CON, IND

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**Education:** Bates College, BA, 1983 Pace University Law School, JD, 1986 John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Certificate in Leadership, 2011

**Experience and Qualifications:** The D.A.'s office prosecutes over 9,600 criminal cases and nearly 100,000 vehicle and traffic cases each year. Members of the DA's Office are in the county's 44 justice courts, grand jury and in county court each day to ensure that violators of the law are held accountable. Since taking office in 1998, D.A. Murphy has strengthened criminal prosecutions, expanded the role of the D.A.'s Office in the community, and promoted crime victims' rights. Specifically: Achieved one of the highest conviction rates on all indictments, judging each felony on a case by case basis to ensure that justice is served and that victims rights are protected. Adopted a "no plea bargaining" policy for DWI repeat offenders and established a special DWI Prosecution Unit. Established a Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit and Task Force, working closely with domestic violence victims service agencies to hold batterers responsible for their criminal conduct. Joined the Advisory Board of "Jane Doe No More" ([www.janedoenomore.com](http://www.janedoenomore.com)). The mission of the organization is to shorten the time from crime to healing. Murphy was asked to join the Board after the prosecution of John Regan who was convicted of kidnapping and attempted kidnapping for his crimes in Connecticut and Saratoga County. Helped victims of rape and sexual abuse by instituting the Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse Examiner (SAFE) Program to improve the collection of forensic evidence. Further assisted in expanding the SAFE exams to children at the Child Advocacy Center (CAC), training law enforcement and prosecutors and working with Saratoga Hospital to provide medical exams at the CAC. Created a Narcotics and Forfeiture Prosecution Unit and implemented a Drug Enforcement Task Force comprised of local law enforcement agencies, the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police. This initiative developed into an especially designated Northern Branch of the Drug Enforcement Task Force focusing on the capital district and Saratoga, Washington and Warren counties, supported in large part by the sheriffs of those counties. Promoted gun safety through a Trigger Lock Giveaway, whereby free trigger locks were distributed in Saratoga County along with gun safety literature. Initiated an anti-gang collaboration among law enforcement, our schools and the community to keep gang violence from spreading to Saratoga County. Started the Crime Victims Advocacy Unit in the D.A.'s Office. Helping victims understand and participate in their case in order to obtain substantial justice. Distributed over 8,000 donated cell phones for domestic violence victims and senior citizens to quickly make "911" emergency calls. Appointed NYS Co-Chairperson of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, Inc., investing resources to combat bullying and cyber crime. Promoted the Safe and Stable Families Program and pre-school programs for crime prevention and other educational efforts. Assisted in creating standards and protocols for the

DNA databank as a member of the NYS Commission on Forensic Science. Lead the state's 62 district attorneys as President of the New York State District Attorneys' Association to work on statewide criminal justice initiatives Served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the District Attorneys' Association of the State of New York Protected children and infants from harm by assisting in the establishment of the Harriet M. West Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in Saratoga County. As part of the Center for the Family, the CAC provides comprehensive counseling, medical and law enforcement contact at a single location where all agencies convene to deliver services. Established Felony and Misdemeanor Drug Treatment Courts for addicts and substance abusers so they can receive the treatment, rehabilitation and education they need to rejoin our communities as active, law abiding participants. Brought county law enforcement professionals together routinely for collaboration, sharing of equipment and personnel to more efficiently deliver investigative and prosecutorial resources to the residents of Saratoga County. Obtained the single longest sentence in the history of Saratoga County in a double homicide which resulted in back to back life sentences. Strengthened the offices relationship with the DEA by assigning a member of the DA Investigations Unit to the unprecedented position of membership to the DEA Task Force to focus on regional narcotic transport and sale conspiracy cases and dealers. Transformed the district attorney's office from one full time assistant and part time prosecutors and no computer system in 1998 in the first term to 19 assistant district attorneys and a state of the art computer network, with a focus on career prosecutors who practice in criminal court on a full time basis. With full time police and full time judges and now have full time prosecutors who are experts in their specific field i.e. domestic violence, sexual assault, DWI, etc. Collaborated with the Parents Who Host lose the Most initiative. Parent's who Host Lose The Most is an anti underage drinking initiative with a goal toward educating parents and teens of the danger of underage drinking. In particular, parents who host underage parties need to know that providing alcohol to someone less than 21 is a crime, punishable by up to a year in jail. Further, as well intended as a parent may be regarding underage drinking, parties often get out of hand in today's world of instant messaging, email, and cell phones. Developed an excellent working relationship with federal authorities as a graduate of the FBI National Citizens' Academy. The Alumni Association of the FBI Citizens' Academy is a community-based and supported organization, distinct and separate from the FBI, designed to promote a safer community through community service projects and a process of educating business, labor, media, medical, minority, religious, government, senior citizens, and other community leaders about law enforcement, with particular emphasis on the mission, resources, and limitations of the FBI. Each member of the FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association is a graduate of an eight-week FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association curriculum which focuses on federal law enforcement issues and challenges. Graduates of the curriculum are eligible for participation in the FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni organization. That network of alumni meets periodically to update graduates on federal law enforcement issues and provide education on state and local law enforcement matters. Reached out to area law schools to recruit interns to assist attorneys in the office with special research and writing projects and to allow interns an opportunity to become certified by the appellate division to prosecute criminal cases, as students, while being supervised by the prosecutors. Collaborated with Saratoga Springs City School District Superintendent to co-host a first of its kind, "Educational Summit", together with the Partnership for Prevention, identified risks associated with substance use and underage alcohol use, learned about the developmental reasons for risk-taking behavior by adolescents and engaged community members in a conversation about youth and the challenges they face today. Appointed by the Governor to the Task Force for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. Established an Integrated Domestic Violence Court (IDV) in the Saratoga County by working with the Office of Court Administration, Supreme, County, Family and City Courts so that victims of domestic violence have one court that handles all cases, rather than separate courts handling only parts of the case. Assigned a full time assistant DA to help victims of domestic violence in IDV court. Elected to the Board of Directors of the New York Prosecutor's Training Institute (NYPTI). NYPTI trains prosecutors across the state throughout the year and at Syracuse University Law School during its summer college. Established a White Collar Crime Unit to review cases of fraud, theft and conversion that are criminal in nature to work with victims and police.

**Key Endorsements:**

**Parties:** Republican, Independence, Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** As the DA and prosecutor for the past 25 years I've had the privilege of serving the People of Saratoga County by working with victims of crime, police, and advocacy groups to make an impact on

the quality of life and public safety in our community. I do this by treating domestic violence as a crime, not plea bargaining repeat DWI offenders, and sending violent, armed, and dangerous criminals to prison. The position allows me to apply fairness, balance and reason to difficult & complex crimes.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** We live in the fastest growing county in NYS, but as population rises, so does crime. To maintain our position as a county with the lowest crime rate, & one of the highest felony indictment conviction rates, we must maintain a highly skilled group of attorneys who are smart, courtroom savvy & trial ready. Second, technology has introduced new crimes like cyber-bullying, stalking, identity theft, and fraud. The laws in NYS have not caught up to 2013. Laws need to be enacted to cover new crimes.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** Keep the quality of life in Saratoga County as high as possible ensuring that people can enjoy our county, feeling safe and secure. Staff the office with ADAs who are highly skilled and trial experienced. Work with our electeds to pass legislation to cover crime linked to emerging technology. Develop a county wide system where all law enforcement agencies record defendant's statements so that we can show a jury, at trial, that the defendant's statement is voluntary and in compliance w/Miranda.

## Saratoga County Sheriff

Candidates (choose 1):

### Phillip A Lindsey



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**Education:** Graduate of Hudson Falls 1981, attended Adirondack Community College, Clinton Community College and Castleton State College. Majored in Criminal Justice and History.

**Experience and Qualifications:** Certified Police Officer, certified Police Instructor.

**Key Endorsements:** Endorsed by Saratoga County Conservative and Democratic parties

**Parties:** Registered Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** To improve the quality of public safety for the citizens of Saratoga County. I bring 30 years of police experience in respect to dealing with issues affecting the public.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** One of the issues that I see is a rise in the use of narcotics. I propose an expansion in the drug unit and increased collaboration with other law enforcement agencies. Secondly, I feel there is a lack in overall training of the officers. Providing officers with updated training will improve the quality of policing within the county.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** In my term, I would like to bring in revenue by taking in boarders into the jail. Also, use part time transport officers to bring inmates to court ,hospital, etc. By using the part time officers, it will increase the amount of road officers and improve the response time for calls. I would also like to have a work release program for first time offenders. By doing this it will free up jail space and save money.

### Jason W. Longton

**Party:** SC

The Candidate has not responded

### Michael H. Zurlo



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**Biographical Info:**

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**Education:** A native of Mechanicville, N.Y. Michael is a graduate of Mechanicville High School, and earned a Criminal Justice Degree from Schenectady County Community College.

**Experience and Qualifications:** Michael Zurlo began his law enforcement career in 1974 with the Mechanicville Police Department before transitioning to the Saratoga County Sheriff's department where he worked for more than 30 years. There he rose through the ranks of patrol officer, sergeant, investigator, lieutenant, and senior criminal investigator. Zurlo recently stepped down as the Stillwater Town Judge to run for the office of Saratoga County Sheriff.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County Sheriff James Bowen New York State Assemblyman James Tedisco Congressman Chris Gibson The Saratoga County Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Association (SCDSBA) – Includes: Corrections, Communications, Civil, and Records Divisions of the Saratoga County Sheriffs Office New York State Senator Hugh Farley New York State Law Enforcement Officers Union, Council 82 New York State Assemblyman Daniel Stec Saratoga County Republican Committee Saratoga County Independence Committee CSEA Saratoga springs Firefighters

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** To keep our communities a safe place to live, work and raise a family. I will bring more than 30 years of law-enforcement experience to the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office where I worked as a patrol officer, sergeant, investigator, lieutenant, and senior criminal investigator. I have also served as judge giving me the unique experience of serving the people from multiple perspectives.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** Community and Technological advancements within our Sheriff's Office are two issues that I will focus on as Sheriff. I will focus on having more of a presence in our neighborhoods and form a 'Saratoga County Teen Safety Advisory Committee' that will meet regularly within our schools to discuss issues affecting youth throughout Saratoga County. I will also implement the use of social media and a new department website to disseminate information to help keep the public informed and safe.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** To continue to keep Saratoga County a safe place to live and do business. We can achieve this through strengthening our relationships with local police agencies, joint training and technological advancements that will assist in keeping the general public aware of public safety issues in our communities.

## Ballston Town/County Supervisor

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Patrick Ziegler



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**Campaign Web Site:** <http://www.zieglerforballston.com>

**Education:** B.A., Molloy College M.A., University at Albany PhD. student, University at Albany

**Experience and Qualifications:** I have consistently risen to positions of leadership in my academic, professional and political careers. Additionally, I have experience as both a personnel manager and a policy analyst.

**Parties:** Endorsed by the Republican, Conservative and Independence Parties

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I am running for this office to bring civility and common decency back to Town Hall. It is imperative that our elected officials and our Town residents are able to work together in a respectful manner even when we disagree. Local issues have been marred by a disturbing level of personal animosity and

pettiness that undermines the legislative and policy-making process. Regardless of any differences we may have on issues, we must all behave in a manner consistent with the offices we hold.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** The two most pressing issues facing Ballston today conflict with each other in a number of critical ways. The first is the desire to protect open space and farmland, primarily on the west side of Town. The second critical issue is the need to expand or update existing infrastructure in the population centers of Burnt Hills and Ballston Lake and on the east side of Town. We must strike a balance between growth on the one hand without negatively impacting land preservation efforts on the other.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** First, the population of Saratoga County, like much of the country, is aging and people are living longer. This puts a strain on the local health care system as well as relief services provided by the County. Second, with increases in population come infrastructure, public safety and education pressures. We must continue to encourage businesses to settle in the County to ease residential tax levies. And finally, the population growth must be managed so as to prevent congestion.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** Unfortunately, I believe we reside in a state that is, and will continue to be, fiscally distressed and this has a negative impact on counties and municipalities across the state. One potential mitigation proposal is the consolidation of services at the county level coupled with better use of technology to reduce cost and improve efficiency. In addition, the state must end the practice of imposing unfunded mandates and allow for a greater "self-determination" at the County level.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** From my time campaigning these past six months, I would suggest that local government is about proper zoning and planning. I believe we must encourage commercial growth in properly zoned districts--such as the Route 50 corridor in Burnt Hills and Route 146 in Clifton Park--while we make a concerted effort to prevent over-population through excessive development and protect open space and active farmland in the County to maintain the semi-rural feel of Saratoga that makes it a unique environment.

## **Ballston Town Council**

### **Candidates (choose 2):**

#### **John Antoski**

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** My motivation for running for office is to help in serving the community to become better for everyone. I feel that I have the skill set that allows me to carefully acknowledge issues, research them, and make decisions based on logical facts and input from the constituency of the town of Ballston.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** The two most pressing issues involve the future planning, as well as the fiscal aspects of the Town of Ballston. Proper planning is integral to future growth and prosperity to a town. Having a Comprehensive Plan is a good baseline, but I believe any plan needs to be revisited and updated on a regular basis. Evaluating costs and looking for ways to reduce spending while keeping the level of service available is a difficult balancing act, but can be accomplished with a proper running Board

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** Communication is very important. Talking with residents, sharing information and decisions, and attending community events allows elected officials to be true "public servants."

## **Kelly Stewart**

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**Education:** Colgate University B.A. in Political Science 1990, Albany Law School J.D. 1993

**Experience and Qualifications:** Legal Practice, Town of Ballston Community Library Board of Trustees 1998-2008, Town Council November 2012-Present

**Key Endorsements:** Town of Ballston Republican Party, Saratoga County Conservative Party

**Parties:** Republican

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I have lived in Ballston for 18 years and I love the community. My children are growing up where their family has lived for generations. I would like to help ensure that it continues to be a great place to live and raise a family. For the past 20 years I have worked in the state legislature researching and drafting legislation for a bi-partisan commission. I understand the need for a fair, open and objective governing body.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** 1. Fiscal responsibility. As a representative it is my job to be knowledgeable regarding the town's finances and to make sure that taxpayer dollars are used properly. As a board we need to be accountable and use public funds prudently to provide needed and beneficial services. 2. Planning. The board should ensure that all development is consistent with the comprehensive plan. We should ensure that the planning process is open and fair and achieves the goals of the comprehensive plan.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** The public should be encouraged and welcomed to participate in public hearings and town meetings. In my first term I proposed bi-monthly meetings and additional agenda items for unfinished business. The town website should provide detailed information on government activities. As representatives board members should listen with an open mind to all points of view and provide opportunities such as workshops and forums for discussion and sharing of information and ideas.

## **Ballston Town Hwy Superintendent**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Joseph Whalen Jr**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded

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## **Ballston Tax Collector**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Anne Hogue**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded

# Charlton Town/County Supervisor

Candidates (choose 1):

## Alan Grattidge

**Party:** REP, CON, WF

The candidate has not responded

# Charlton Town Justice

Candidates (choose 2):

## Vern Ketchum

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## Phil Rodriguez

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

# Charlton Town Council

Candidates (choose 2):

## Joseph Grasso



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

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**Experience and Qualifications:** 1996 - Present: Vice President, Project Manager, CHA Consulting, Inc. 2008 - Present: Town of Charlton Agriculture Task Force 2011 - Present: Saratoga County Farmland and Land Preservation Committee 2011 - Present: Board of Directors, Saratoga PLAN

**Key Endorsements:** Charlton Republican Committee, Saratoga County Republican Party, Saratoga County Independence Party, Saratoga County Conservative Party

**Parties:** Republican

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** Having been blessed to live in a wonderful community, I believe it is the time in my life to give back to that community by serving on the Town of Charlton Town Board. I have served in various positions in the past that have given me an opportunity to get to know many of the great people who live and work in the Town, and I believe I can represent their interests well. My community roots and professional background have given me the business and personal skills to excel as a Town leader.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Fiscal Restraint: The Town of Charlton has no Town tax, so we must continue to seek ways to provide essential services to the Townspeople while keeping expenditures consistent with revenues. Protection of Rural Character: The Town's Comprehensive Plan identified the protection of Charlton's

rural character as one of the most important issues to the Townspeople. We must continually promote agriculture and carefully allow well planned development done in accordance with our land use laws.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** It is important that as a representative of the Town you create an environment that allows constituents an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about Charlton with you. I plan on continuing my tradition of being visible in the community by attending various activities, meetings and events and fostering a sense of open communication with all Charlton residents.

**Mark Hodgkins**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## **Charlton Hwy Superintendent**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Michael Emerich**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded

## **Charlton Tax Collector**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Linda LaRue**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## **Charlton Town Clerk**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Brenda Mills**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## **Charlton Town Assessor**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Rachel Holbrook**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

# Clifton Park - Town/County Supervisor

## Candidates (choose 1):

### Phil Barrett



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Campaign Web Site:** <http://www.cliftonparkgop.org>

**Education:** B.S. Business Admin.- Providence College

**Experience and Qualifications:** Town Supervisor, 13 years, VP-Banking Industry, Sales Professional, Officer-US Army, Town Volunteer

**Parties:** Republican, Independence, Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** Serving as Clifton Park Town Supervisor for over 13 years has been a challenging and rewarding experience. Aside from being a parent, serving my community has been my most gratifying and important responsibility. We are proud of our record in office and I have been humbled by your support. My diverse experience and acumen in key areas has prepared me to serve in public office and manage a large organization. Clifton Park is our home. I enjoy working to improve our community every day.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** As the Town ages, infrastructure investment will continue to be a top priority. In 2013, we allocated \$2.4mm for sewer projects and paving. Significant investments at the Clifton Common also were completed this year along with many road and drainage projects. Maintaining our community character will always be a work in progress. Permanent preservation of 1200 acres, new parks, 13 miles of trails, historic preservation efforts and comprehensive plan updates have been completed in recent years.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** In NYS Medicaid costs are shared by the counties. The cost of this program accounts for a large percentage of your county tax. Unfunded mandates as a whole continue to pressure every government entity. We need your help to lobby all levels of NYS for relief on the local level. All municipalities should complete proactive, long range planning activities and implement the findings based on public input as we have done in Clifton Park for many years. Coordinating these efforts is vital.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** Steps have been taken in recent years to improve the financial outlook of the county. However, a comprehensive and continuous review of operating expenses is vital for every organization. We have worked with CSEA and taken tremendous steps in Clifton Park to significantly reduce healthcare spending and other fixed costs. Any relief from unfunded mandates will have a significant impact on county finances and that must remain a priority.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** Balancing economic development, while enhancing community character can be accomplished through thoughtful zoning along with investments in infrastructure and recreational opportunities. Our county vision should be a product of forward thinking studies based on empirical data, traffic studies, identifying sensitive resources and significant public input opportunities. One way to support a diverse community and land preservation efforts is to support your local farm.

### Wanda Zygmuntowicz



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**Education:** BS in Commerce with Highest Honors, DePaul University, Chicago.

**Experience and Qualifications:** President of CUSTOMERicity, a women-owned partnership focusing on collaboration & fusing marketing intelligence & creative problem-solving to produce creative, memorable & effective customer experiences to drive business growth for clients. My 35 yrs of business marketing & management expertise has been applied to developing communications & product marketing programs for business, education and law enforcement initiatives & serving in management at advertising agencies in Chicago & New York.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County and Clifton Park Democratic Committees, The RFK Club, and Eleanor's Legacy

**Parties:** Democratic

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** A need for jobs, infrastructure improvements & our County now one of the most fiscally stressed should motivate us to embrace new ideas to move us forward. Yet we find ourselves standing still embracing the same old way of running things. My broad experience in the corporate world, as an owner, & as a board member of several organizations will better balance our Town Board. I offer a much needed fresh perspective on how to move forward & better represent the diverse needs of all our residents.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Managing growth is an ongoing problem that hasn't been addressed satisfactorily with thousands spent. Need to finally implement earlier studies that the current town board has ignored for too many years. Create pedestrian & bike pathways in new developments & around Exit 9. Also need to assess all infrastructures, create a priority based on age, importance, risk & cost & act to prevent further deterioration. Also identify properties appropriate for new ball fields, parks & town center garden.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** While Global Foundries provides hundreds of jobs it also increases environmental & development pressures that must be controlled responsibly. A lack of appropriate accommodations for our aging population makes it difficult for seniors to continue to live comfortably here. A lack of forward thinking & action to address the brain & youth drain is a problem for younger people who travel to work in the County but cannot reside here due to a lack of affordable rental units in many of our towns.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** It's a failure of county leadership that we are identified as a fiscally stressed area. County government is failing to represent our best interests by favoring developers with little fiscal planning & too many tax breaks leaving initial development costs a burden on residents. If the costs of new infrastructure & emergency support services are not covered through fair tax levies on the industries that require the increased support, the county will be only driven deeper into fiscal distress.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** Located in countryside near Albany should be an economic & environmental magnet. With proactive leadership we can grow to be an attractive area with an identity beyond just a mall or a stop on the Northway. Towns with parks full of athletes of all ages competing in sports without traffic congestion. Towns thoughtfully planned to be inviting to everyone, with affordable, well connected walkable communities, still protecting our rural heritage through preservation & thoughtful investment.

## Clifton Park - County Supervisor

Candidates (choose 1):

### Anita Daly



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**Biographical Info:**

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**Education:** M.S.Ed. Education B.S. Health Education

**Experience and Qualifications:** I have held this office for almost 20 years and have obtained a high level of experience in public office. In addition, I continue to stay

informed on issues by attending conferences, participating in outside education opportunities.

**Parties:** Republican Conservative Independence

**STATEMENT AT CANDIDATE FORUM:** <http://www.youtube.com/v/774wCjTCJ8c>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I am very exciting about returning to this office to continue the work which is on-going at the present time. Some of these initiatives include our new efforts in economic development and the newly established Capital Resource Corporation.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** We must continue to support the efforts of the LLC to find an appropriate and qualified buyer for our nursing home. We are also committed to the sale of our landfill and designing and implementing a strategic plan for economic development to reflect the current economic climate.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** I do not believe we are distressed. We have used surplus funds to balance our budget as opposed to raising taxes over the 2% cap and we are in the process of securing buyer for the landfill and closing on the property. The LLC will bring financial relief to our annual budget once a buyer for the nursing home is secured.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** My vision to continue the quality of life here for our residents - a balance between development and commitment to agriculture and open space. I want there to be jobs for all who want to work and here and the opportunity for businesses to establish and grow here as well as pursuing our efforts in trail development, tourism and continued recreation opportunities.

## Clifton Park Hwy Superintendent

(choose 1):

### Richard Kukuk

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## Clifton Park Town Clerk

Candidates (choose 1):

### Pat ODonnell



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

# Clifton Park Town Council

## Candidates (choose 2):

### James Romano



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

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**Education:** BS Economics Siena College

**Experience and Qualifications:** Retired with 32 years of service from National Grid. Over 30 years of that experience is at the management level involving administration, budgeting, marketing, planning, work force development, community and government relations.

**Parties:** Republican, Conservative, Independence

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I have been a proud resident of Clifton Park for 34 years 29 of which include involvement in many volunteer activities including youth sports, local businesses, town committees and boards. I want to continue serving my neighbors, that is why I am running for re election to the Town Board.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Maintaining a fiscally responsible budget and preserving the quality of life in Clifton Park. By continuing to leverage my managerial experience and community involvement protecting the quality of life issues I've worked for.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** Just like I have done as Chair of the Open Space Committee and the past 4 years as a Councilman by involving our residents and stakeholders in the process thru public workshops, surveys and open forums.

### Lynda Walowit



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**Campaign Web Site:** <http://www.cliftonparkgop.org>

**Education:** Ohio State University

**Experience and Qualifications:** Councilwoman since 1995, founder of Community Watch, Seconds Count and Chamber Angels program. Coordinator of RUOK program

Town Board liaison to Emergency Services Advisory Board.

**Key Endorsements:** Republican, Conservative and Independence Party

**Parties:** Republican, Conservative and Independence Party

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I enjoy helping people solve problems. My background with the town's seniors, emergency services, Chamber and other groups has allowed me to meet many of Clifton Park's dedicated community volunteers.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Maintaining the Town Board's commitment to no town tax, conservative budgeting and having a healthy surplus on hand for downswings in the economy.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** I will continue to be accessible via phone, e-mail and in-person meetings with any residents who have concerns or issues.

## Clifton Park Town Justice

Candidates (choose 1):

### James Hughes

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## Clifton Park Councilman (unexpired term)

Candidates (choose 1):

### Nancy Bellamy



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**Education:** Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Schools Class of 1961

**Experience and Qualifications:** former member Town Board of Clifton Park 1988 to 1991, active in community for years

**Parties:** Democratic Party & Independence Party

**STATEMENT AT CANDIDATE FORUM:** <http://www.youtube.com/v/jyAxCURVbSo>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I have run for this office before, I am running because I feel there needs to be a diversity of opinion on the town board, I served on board 1988 to 1991. I have retired from NYS Dept. of Tax & Finance after 25 years. I am on County Water Quality Comm. I have taken accounting classes at college. I have been an officer in a number of organizations. I like to talk with people and help where I can.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** I believe traffic at the Northway near Exit 9 needs attention and I believe there needs to be more controlled growth, leaving areas for wildlife and giving residents breathing space. The schools have to be considered also. The Rexford Bridge needs a better plan to handle traffic backup thru morning rush hour, a staggered work schedule or another bridge might be helpful.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** We are working as a committee to get the word out, about candidates debate with LWV in Library Oct 9th at 7 pm, we have worked at a County Fair booth, I have road signs and brochures for door to door distribution. I have written letter to editor at Community News about some of my issues, I have been in community working .

### Amy Standaert



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**Education:** Regents Diploma with honors from Shenendehowa, B.S. from The College of St. Rose in Elementary Education, M.S. from SUNY Albany in Educational Psychology & Statistics

**Experience and Qualifications:** Clifton Park Town Councilwoman, NYS Certified Teacher, NY State Assembly Legislative Aide for Assemblyman Jim Tedisco, Served on

Clifton Park Zoning Board of Appeals, Chairwoman for Clifton Park's G.R.E.E.N Committee (Government Re-Thinking Energy & Environment Now), Skano/Koda PTA member, 2nd Grade Catechist for St. Edward the Confessor Church in Clifton Park

**Key Endorsements:** Endorsed by the Republican Party, Endorsed by the Conservative Party

**Parties:** Endorsed by the Republican Party, Endorsed by the Conservative Party

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** My kids are my motivation for wanting to continue serving. Growing up in Clifton Park has given me a deep appreciation for what makes this Town exceptional. My experience as a NYS Teacher, Legislative Aide & mom shows my diverse background that provides me with a unique perspective to be an active supporter for youth and families. I understand the daily needs of families and will serve with honesty and integrity to ensure that we all continue to have a strong, dependable and safe community.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** An ongoing initiative the Town continues to focus on is improving the infrastructure. Due to sound fiscal management & responsible budgeting, we have been able to invest a significant amount of money to the sewer system and paving Town roads. Over the past several years the Town has invested in creating a beautiful trail system. Currently, expanding the trail system is something that the Town Board supports as we look forward to projects such as the Crescent Road trail slated to begin next year.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** During my service as Councilwoman, I have made it a priority to make myself available at any time to any resident, concerning any issue, via email, phone or meeting in person. I recognize that weekday business hours are not always the best for many residents, so I therefore emphasize that I am able to accommodate busy schedules by being available to meet evenings as well as weekends. Serving the residents is my top priority and maintaining accessibility and effective communication is essential.

## **Corinth Hwy Superintendent**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Shawn Eggleston**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Corinth - Town/County Supervisor**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Richard B Lucia**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Corinth Town Clerk**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Rose E Farr**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Corinth Town Council**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Charles A. Brown**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

### **Edward C Byrnes**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Day - Town/County Supervisor**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Preston L. Allen**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Town Clerk**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Carol A Vaillancourt**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Town Council**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Jeffrey W. Gray**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

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### **April L Schmick**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## Day Town Council Candidates (choose 1):

### **Curtis J. Schreiner**

The candidate has not responded

## Edinburg Town Council Candidates (choose 1):

### **Gene C. Greco**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

### **Marie Penino**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## Galway Town Clerk Candidates (choose 1):

### **Margaret L. Defoe**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## Galway Supervisor Candidates (choose 1):

### **Regina Doi**



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**Education:** Bachelors of Science, Chemistry SUNY Albany

**Experience and Qualifications:** 23 years of experience as a manager, educator, budget administrator, grant writer, library director and web developer in the fields of marketing, fund development, communications, community programming, and non-profits.

**Key Endorsements:** Galway Democratic Party, Saratoga County Democratic Party, Saratoga County Independence Party, Eleanor's Legacy

**Parties:** Galway and Saratoga County Democratic Party, Saratoga County Independence party

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** For 5 years as the Galway Library director, I've listened to folks wish that our Town Government was more transparent, responsive and reachable. It's time to give voice to our Town Tax Payers and

act on their concerns. My leadership has proven to our tax payers that: I am accessible, my management skills are fiscally sound, I communicate the library's services, and actions on a weekly basis to the public, I use current web technology for outreach, I diligently pursue grant funds, and "I care".

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Encourage young families to move to Galway; maintain a country feel that is prosperous for local businesses. Through careful zoning include provisions for land conservancy and farm land development rights, soften current zoning so that: multiple family constructions are allowed in special districts, have new single home construction require less per acreage than we currently allow, incentives are made to land owners to conserve land and develop "smartly", create special business districts.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** Saratoga was the fastest growing county in the Capital Region and 8 of our towns were among the top 100 fastest growing towns in the state. Considering such rapid growth, the three critical issues facing the county are: Affordable Housing and Social Services, Sustainable Development, Cost/ care for Aging Infrastructure Regardless of issues facing the County, it's my goal to have Galway folk know the county issues and encourage them to voice their opinions so that I may act on THEIR behalf.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** The County needs to enhance its budgeting strategies by relying less on issuing short-term debt, and instead: making accurate and reliable estimates of revenues, appropriations and fund balance, ensuring that inter-fund activity is properly recorded, and designing budgets that are transparent and accountable to the taxpayers. Many times, poor record keeping contributes to a local government's financial decline.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** For Galway I envision agriculture, small businesses, and workforce commuters choosing a well-planned rural quality of life over that of unplanned housing sprawl. I'll encourage young families to invest by strengthening Galway's economy through the creation of a chamber of commerce, service business districts (ie. pharmacy), a farmers and artists network that caters to tourism, and work with the county for the establishment of a daily work bus run to reduce the amount of commuter traffic.

## Paul E. Lent



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**Education:** A.S. RF Engineering - Graham College, Boston Mass - Public Administration - HVCC

**Experience and Qualifications:** Town Board Member and Deputy Town Supervisor  
Past member and Chairman of Town Planning Board Complete NYS Comptroller's  
School for Local Finance Former Senior Management - Regional VP in Private Industry

**Key Endorsements:** Galway Republican Party - Saratoga County Conservative Party

**Parties:** Republican

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** My motivation to run for the position of Supervisor is to continue to serve the residents of Galway as I have as a member of the Town Board, as Deputy Supervisor and past Chairman and member of the Galway Planning Board. My blend of private sector senior management experience combined with my many years of service in county government as Director of Emergency Services for Saratoga County has provide me with the required experience, knowledge and training to be an effective Town Supervisor.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** We at the town government level are faced everyday with the challenges of keeping taxes affordable while providing the services expected by the residents. Financial management of tax dollars is vitally important to keep Galway an affordable place to live. We also need to update our technology

base at the Town Hall so that we can be more effective at allowing residents to use today's technology to access town government, such as an updated and more robust town webpage with more functionality.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** The county must rebuild its fund balance to provide for a good financial foundation. We must find a way to manage ever increasing state mandates that strain county resources. Saratoga County has a large infrastructure of highways, bridges, buildings and other systems all of which require monitoring and good management to keep costs in check and yet keep this infrastructure up-to-date so it is efficient and effective.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** As the county takes steps to rebuild its fund balance I believe we will be removed from the list of fiscally distressed counties. The State Comptroller took issue with our recent draw-down of the fund balance to offset potential tax hikes and now we are taking steps to replenish the fund balance. I believe that effort to rebuild the fund balance will be viewed very positively by the State Comptroller's office.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** Over the next 10 years the county must develop cost effective ways to deal with managing the growing demands on our county infrastructure and our public safety services due to increased population. I see the county taking well-thought out and methodical steps to meet those demands while keeping costs in check. I see building on the achievements it has made such as the development of the Zim Smith trail system for all residents to enjoy and balance green space needs with growth.

## **Galway Councilman**

**Candidates (choose 2):**

### **Frederick W. Arnold**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

### **Michael A. Smith**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## **Galway Hwy Superintendent**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **David D. Costanzo**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

### **Frank Schwab**

**Party:** DEM

The candidate has not responded

## **Galway Town Justice**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Justin F. Cappon**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## **Galway Councilman (unexpired term)**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Rod Lee Wilday**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## **Greenfield Town Justice**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Deborah Hopkins**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## **Greenfield Hwy Superintendent**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Walter Barss**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## **Greenfield Town Council**

**Candidates (choose 2):**

### **Walter Chandler**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

### **Daniel Pemrick**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## **Greenfield - Town/County Supervisor**

Candidates (choose 1):

### **Paul Lunde**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## **Hadley - Town/County Supervisor**

Candidates (choose 1):

### **Arthur M. Wright**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Hadley Town Clerk**

Candidates (choose 1):

### **Pauline G. Smead**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Hadley Town Council**

Candidates (choose 2):

### **James M. Brewster**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

### **Carl Lawrence**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Hadley Town Justice**

Candidates (choose 1):

### **Leland D. Aldrich**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## Hadley Hwy Superintendent

Candidates (choose 1):

### Andrew C. Gilbert

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## Hadley Town Tax Collector

Candidates (choose 1):

### Katherine M. Austin

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## Halfmoon - Town/County Supervisor

Candidates (choose 1):

### Kevin J. Tollisen



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**Education:** College of Saint Rose, magna cum laude, 4 year degree in history/political science; Albany Law School, Juris Doctor Degree

**Experience and Qualifications:** Small business owner; former Town Councilman in the Town of Halfmoon, Former Town Justice of the Town of Halfmoon; Lifelong Resident of Halfmoon; actively involved in the Community

**Key Endorsements:** Republican, Conservative, and Independence Parties

**Parties:** Republican, Conservative, and Independence Parties

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I want to make Halfmoon an even better place to live, work and raise a family and I am ready to put in the time and energy it takes to make that happen. I have lived in Halfmoon my entire life and I have gained critical experience from working in our community. I have served on the Town Board and as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board. For the past 10 years, I have been the Town Justice. I will put the skills I have gained from the Town and in the private sector to work as Town Supervisor.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Zoning is a very pressing issue facing Halfmoon today. Our Town has experienced unprecedented development and growth. As Supervisor, I will make sure that we protect our Town's character through responsible planning and greater involvement of the public in decisions that affect our Town. Another issue is budgeting and keeping Halfmoon town-tax free. We need to ensure Halfmoon continues to have a surplus through wise long-term planning. I am committed to maintaining no Town or Highway tax.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** 1. Jobs: I believe our County needs to do all it can to cultivate an environment that keeps jobs in our area. Saratoga County has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the region but we need to work hard to keep it that way. 2. County Budget- Saratoga County, like Halfmoon, needs to be responsible with the people's money and produce budgets based on verifiable historical data. 3. County Nursing Home- This issue needs to be carefully reviewed and seek input from the public.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** Local governments, like our families were affected by the downturn in the economy. While the County's sales tax revenue and mortgage tax are improving, we need to develop short and long term plans to prepare for any future downturns in the economy. More importantly, county government needs to be efficient and responsible with our tax dollars while at the same time promoting economic development that generates sales tax revenue to offset property taxes.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** I believe that Saratoga County will continue to enjoy its status as a premiere place to live, work and raise a family. As our communities grow, there are issues that need to be addressed like the impact on our schools, infrastructure, and tax base. We need to develop plans, both at the Town and County levels, that encourages smart and responsible growth, while protecting the character of our community.

## Halfmoon Receiver of Taxes

Candidates (choose 1):

### Andrew A. Anton



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**Education:** College of St. Rose Class of 1990 BS Business Administration/Cum Laude

**Experience and Qualifications:** 10 yrs Mortgage Banking 10 yrs Fin. Analyst w/Albany Community Development Agency Currently NYS Housing Trust Fund Corp.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County Democratic Party

**Parties:** Democrat Independent

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I want to give the voting public a qualified choice. I wanted to get involved in the town where my family and I have lived for nearly 20 years. Having over twenty years of home acquisition/rehabilitation experience, I am quite familiar with tax escrow accounts and the submission of taxes to municipalities. I am proficient in spreadsheet analysis and pay close attention to detail.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** I am not aware of any issues facing the office of the Receiver of Taxes. I will not engage in any politicizing of this office, negative or otherwise.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** I want to achieve a true sense of transparency and accountability in all aspects of town government.

### Karen S. Pingelski



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**Education:** Graduate of Burnt Hills Ballston Lake High School 1974

**Experience and Qualifications:** Current Receiver since 2002.

**Key Endorsements:** Halfmoon Republican Committee, Saratoga County Conservative Party, Saratoga County Independence Party

**Parties:** Halfmoon Republican Party

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I have been the Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Halfmoon since 2002. Since being elected, it has been my goal to bring the operation of the office into the 21st century. During my years in the position, I have been able to make it possible for property owners to access their bills online, make online payments for tax bills and ACH payments for water bills. My office has convenient hours for those who work by opening on Saturdays and staying open on Wednesday evenings until 6pm.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** I believe the access of statements and being to pay online is important to so many who do this with all their bills. It is the way of the future, and Halfmoon is leading the way. The second most important is the connection that I have with the banks and tax services that handle escrow accounts. Escrow accounts are a messy business, and I am not afraid to tell a bank when they are wrong in handling someone's money. Banks make many mistakes, and it is my job to correct this problem for tax payers.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** My goal in the next 4 years is to continue the outstanding service my office is dedicated to. I am fortunate to have the respect of the County Treasurers Office, and a wonderful working relationship with banks, property owners and my fellow town officials and employees. I am proud of the work I do and the wonderful working bonds that I have. I will continue to strive for keeping Halfmoon Receiver of Taxes in the front of the pack for service and knowledge of the tax system.

## Halfmoon Town Council

Candidates (choose 2):

### Joseph N. Christopher



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**Education:** BA SUNY at Albany MA Russell Sage College

**Experience and Qualifications:** I am a teacher who is active in the community and I am a life-long resident of Halfmoon. My family has been in the town for five generations and I am truly committed to bringing health to Halfmoon.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County Democratic Committee, CSEA, Working Families

**Parties:** Democratic, Working Families

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** My motivation for running for a seat on the Halfmoon Town Board is to provide balance, transparency and integrity to town government and offer residents a candidate who is accountable to the people. I have personally witnessed disconnect between the town government and the best interests of its constituents. Years of appointments and uncontested elections have destroyed the competition necessary to perpetuate accurate and just representation. My candidacy will provide legitimacy to the process.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Infrastructure concerns and increasing class sizes in our schools must be addressed immediately. Halfmoon needs to be fiscally sound so that we can address these issues and take control of our future. I am an advocate for students and will promote sustainable growth practices. I am beholden to

no one, and I will make clear decisions about the development of our town and the allocation of its resources.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** As an elected official, I will do everything I can to represent all of the residents of Halfmoon and go the extra mile to encourage the involvement of all citizens in governmental affairs. I am a teacher who has three boys in the public school system. My children play sports and I am active in the community. I share the same interests that are of concern to the majority of Halfmoon's residents and will naturally address them.

## Paul Hotaling



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**Education:** High School Graduate

**Experience and Qualifications:** 7 Years as Halfmoon Town Councilman Husband and Father Lifelong resident of the Town of Halfmoon

**Key Endorsements:** REP / CON / IND

**Parties:** REP/CON/IND

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** As a lifelong resident of the Town of Halfmoon, I celebrate its rich history of people giving back to the community. Seven years ago, I decided that I wanted to become one of them. These past seven years as Councilman, I have been committed to truly listening to the needs of our residents and helping resolve any issues they have. I bring with me my mechanical and engineering knowledge from the private sector to help with structure and development of our town.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** The biggest issue is our annual budget and the lack of consistent sales tax revenues. I propose to create an Economic Development Committee, promote small business, and create a commercial development plan for our Route 9 Corridor. The second issue is the growth and development of our town and its infrastructure, highway, traffic and environmental impact. I believe we need to have public workshops with our Planning and Zoning Boards and other department leaders.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** I support Open Government, promoting smart growth, creating short- and long-term plans, financial stability and conservative spending. I would like to offer structured workshops and open forums for our residents. I am committed to working hard to keep Halfmoon a great place to live and raise a family.

## Walter F.Polak Jr

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## Deanna L. Stephenson



**Party:** DEM, WF

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**Campaign Web Site:** <http://balanceforhalfmoon.com>

**Education:** BA Biology Currently working on Masters in Health Administration

**Experience and Qualifications:** Deanna is a healthcare administrator with experience in financial oversight, outcomes management, strategic planning, team and resource management. She is currently employed by Elderplan.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County Democratic Committee, Halfmoon Democratic Committee, CSEA, Working Families

**Parties:** Democrat, Working Families

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I seek to bring balance, fiscal health, smart growth and an ethically centered voice to a government that has lost the faith of many of its residents. I have been an active community volunteer and leader for numerous groups and in 2011 co-founded Future Halfmoon, a grassroots bi-partisan organization made up of residents who, collectively and cohesively, have brought a much needed level of scrutiny to the town's handling of planning and growth.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** To work collaboratively with the elected board to establish a transparent, balanced government that works in the interests of ALL the citizens of Halfmoon as well as create a fiscally healthy environment that includes strategic planning and forecasting to assure Halfmoon resources and reserves are allocated and tracked appropriately to avoid shortfalls and deficits of any kind. A sound comprehensive growth plan needs to be established, one that represents the town, its residents and their needs.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** It is essential that ALL residents of Halfmoon are represented and have a voice in their government. Different issues affect different residents, but all must be heard and addressed. A cohesive, collaborative, transparent and balanced government will effectively work for all the citizens it represents. Open, constant communication is key to any good government. This can be accomplished through small community meetings, social media and web casting of meetings in order to reach all town residents.

## Halfmoon Town Justice

### Candidates (choose 2):

#### Benjamin J. Balzer Jr

**Party:** WF, GRN

The candidate has not responded

#### Katherine Suchocki



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

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**Education:** Albany Law School of Union University, JD, cum laude; Syracuse University College of Arts & Sciences/Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, BA, magna cum laude, double majors Political Science and Policy Studies; Shendendehowa High School

**Experience and Qualifications:** Katherine Suchocki is a life-long resident of the Town of Halfmoon. A licensed attorney in the state of New York, she is admitted to appear in both state and federal courts. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Syracuse University College of Arts and Sciences and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. She received her Juris Doctorate, cum laude from Albany Law School of Union University. She has served as a member of the Town of Halfmoon Open Space Committee, Youth Commission and Board of Assessment Review. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association and serves as its Director of Law Practice Management. She is a member of the Saratoga County Bar Association, the Association of Continuing Legal Education, the American Bar Association and the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York.

**Parties:** Endorsed by the Republican, Conservative and Independence Parties

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I am a life-long resident of the Town of Halfmoon and I am committed to public service. As an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of New York, I have a thorough understanding of the legal system and the importance of maintaining professionalism in our town justice courts. I would be the first female judge to serve in Halfmoon. My character, credentials and legal training, combined with my experience in both civil and criminal matters, make me uniquely qualified for the position.

## **Lester Wormuth**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## **Malta Hwy Superintendent**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Roger W. Crandall**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## **Malta Town Council**

**Candidates (choose 2):**

### **John Hartzell**



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**Campaign Phone:** (518) 867-5257

**Education:** B.S. Management - Clarkson University J.D. Syracuse University College of Law

**Experience and Qualifications:** I have 17 years experience as a county officer in New York; including serving as the County Administrator, Budget Director and County

Attorney for Jefferson County. I also have 10 years experience as a private practice attorney, primarily representing business clients in a wide variety of matters, including litigation and transactions. I am presently a partner in the Albany law firm of Nolan & Heller, LLP.

**Key Endorsements:** I have been endorsed by the Town of Malta Republican Committee, the Saratoga County Independence Party, and the Saratoga County Conservative Party for re-election

**Parties:** I am running on the Republican, Conservative and Independence Party lines.

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I am running for Town Councilman because I believe I can make an important contribution to a prosperous future with continued high quality of life for the people of Malta. I have been fortunate to have been given many opportunities to be involved in local government, the law, and business enterprises. During my time with Jefferson County government, that county was the fastest growing county in the State. This experience, and my role as a husband and father, make me a well-rounded councilman.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** 1. Luther Forest Tech Campus. We now have one, very large business in the Campus, using most of the infrastructure capacity. And the owner of the rest of the Campus is unable to pay the Town for road maintenance. I will advocate broadening the strict zoning requirements for the Campus, and work with the State, County and utilities to develop a plan to attract additional diverse business and transfer the roads to the County. 2. Exit 11A. I will support all efforts for a new exit on I-87.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** I will knock on doors in every neighborhood and on every street and road in the Town in seeking re-election, and will take as much time as it takes to listen to concerns and to provide information and answer questions.

## **Carol P. Henry**

**Party:** DEM

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**Campaign Phone:** (518) 316-1718

**Education:** BA Engineering, Lafayette College, Easton, PA

**Experience and Qualifications:** I continue to serve on numerous town committees, including OATS (open space and trails), Planning and Zoning Update, and LFTC Community Response Board (chair). I was regional director for National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) where I oversaw the activities of nine chapters, and represented these chapters on the national board

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County Democratic Party

**Parties:** Democratic

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I have been attending town board meetings since 1995 and feel that the board no longer represents all of the town's citizens. Our town has become more diverse and that diversity needs to be heard. I also see a lack of respect and civility that detracts from conducting and executing town business. I serve on several town committees and work well with town staff and other volunteers to achieve positive results. As a member of NAWIC, I have served on local and national offices.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** It is time to update the townwide GEIS and comprehensive plan. Much has been accomplished within these plans, but with the continued growth within the town, we must reassess the goals and direction the town wants to go. We must form a bipartisan committee that represents the various neighborhoods, businesses, and environmental groups.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** It is necessary to go out within the community and meet with civic, business, and environmental groups to find out what they concern to be serious issues in the town. We must continue to reach out to all citizens to serve on town committees.

## **Margaret L. Ruisi**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

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**Campaign Phone:** (518) 937-4326

**Education:** Graduate of Shenendehowa High School, attended SUNY Albany

**Experience and Qualifications:** currently serving as Councilwoman, Chairman Round Lake Road Mini Master Plan Update Committee, Chairman Employee Relations Team, Chairman Employee Health Benefit Committee, member Volunteer Firefighters Service Award Program Committee, former member Historic Preservation and Review

Commission, former member and Chairman Trails Committee

**Parties:** I have been endorsed by the Republican, Conservative and Independence parties.

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I feel very blessed to call myself a life long resident of the Town of Malta. Having grown up here, I have the unique background of having watched the town grow and change over the course of my lifetime. I have watched challenges be overcome and turned into opportunities through hard work and a love of community by the people that have come before me. I have worked diligently in my first term to continue that tradition and I look forward to bringing that love of community to a new generation.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Living in and representing the Town of Malta, obviously Global Foundries is never far from mind. Managing the commercial and residential growth that has resulted from this project has been ongoing during my first term and will continue to be in the forefront for the foreseeable future. Work done on the rezoning of the downtown area to a cutting edge form based code and ongoing traffic analysis on our roadways are just two examples of attempting to strike the right balance in Town.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** The most important aspect of this job is public outreach. It is my belief that the best way to reach the public is to sit down and talk face to face. Walking door to door in neighborhoods is a wonderful way to reach out to residents and getting that feedback is vitally important to our town.

## Malta - Town/County Supervisor

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Peter S. Klotz

**Party:** CON

The candidate has not responded

#### Paul J Sausville



**Party:** REP

**Biographical Info:**

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**Campaign Web Site:** <http://townofmalta.com>

**Education:** BS In Civil Engineering from the University of Vermont, Graduate Study at SUNY Buffalo.

**Experience and Qualifications:** Thirty-five years as Program Chief for the NYS Department Of Environmental Conservation; President of Sausville and Schriber Engineers; Six years as Malta Councilman, Eight years as Malta Supervisor, Chair of Malta Planning Board, Commissioner of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission and civic leader.

**Key Endorsements:** Endorsed by Malta Republican Party and Independence Party.

**Parties:** Malta Republican Party

**STATEMENT AT CANDIDATE FORUM:** <http://www.youtube.com/v/IUtMlt40bI4>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I am motivated by the belief that we all should contribute to making the world a better place for our children and grandchildren. For the skills that I possess, I can make the biggest contribution to the world right here in Malta. I have 8 years of experience as Town Supervisor, 6 years as Councilman, 35 years as a Professional Engineer, many years leading the Planning Board and Zoning Update committee. I am a graduate of the University of Vermont with a BS in Engineering.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** 1) Malta is growing too fast. We need to take bold steps to control and manage growth by creating a "balanced community." Slowing population growth and increasing job growth creates balance. The effect of a balanced community is a reduction in the number of commuters, reduced traffic congestion and a focus on local businesses that grow our economy. 2) We also need to streamline government, reduce regulations and work hard to keep Malta free of town-wide taxes.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** The 3 most critical issues facing the County in the near future are State unfunded mandates, the need to grow our economy and growing employee expenses including post employment expenses.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** The Comptroller's fiscal stress monitoring system rates governments that have a small fund balance as "physically stressed." The County could raise taxes to escape the fiscal stress warning of the Comptroller but has chosen not to do so. The better path is to sell the County Landfill and privatize

the Maplewood Manor nursing home. With these fiscally responsible measures, I expect by 2015 our reserve will be back to 10% and we will receive a favorable rating.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** A great future is in store for Malta and Saratoga County. A new and modern Round Lake Road will be constructed to solve existing traffic problems. GlobalFoundries will be building FAB 8.2 that will create 21st Century jobs for our children and grandchildren. Brown's Beach will be restored for public use. The Hudson Valley/Malta TECH SMART Campus will expand to educate future high-tech workers; The Round Lake Preserve will be constructed and have a new canoe launch.

## Cynthia C Young



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**Education:** BA in Political Science, SUNY Oswego

**Experience and Qualifications:** Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Assessment Review, Deputy Town Clerk, Assessment Data Collector

**Key Endorsements:** CSEA Region IV

**Parties:** Democratic Party, Working Families Party

### Questions:

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I believe that the Town of Malta needs new leadership. Malta faces development pressure and we need to face the future with a realistic vision. I also hope to promote a more open process and transparency. I have served the town in many different capacities and believe that I have the skills and knowledge needed to fulfill the position.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** The most pressing issues are development and open government .I support the current zoning. I believe that we can preserve our rural character in other areas of the town by concentrating our commercial growth in the "Downtown District". I would promote open government by making certain that the town is held to the highest ethical standard .I would like to see meetings web cast .I also think that there should be a repository for studies that the town undertakes so that residents have easy access.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** In Saratoga County, development pressures, maintaining our quality of life and making sure that we are fiscally sound are, in my opinion the most pressing issues. We need to encourage economic development by finding creative incentives to businesses. Saratoga has a lot to offer and is a great place to live and work.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** The Comptroller's audit rates the county in 2 separate areas. Environmentally the county is in fine shape. Fiscally, the rating of stressed indicates that some work needs to be done. We need to have a strong economic development policy to attract new businesses. I do not support limiting the public services provided to our residents.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** I believe that Saratoga County will become a region on the cutting edge of new technologies. We are already encouraging growth in STEM education and technologies. I hope that this trend continues. New industry and jobs will help to make us fiscally sound.

## Malta Town Clerk

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Florence Sickles

**Party:** REP, CON

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**Campaign Web Site:** <http://Malta GOP.com>

**Education:** Associate Degree in Management

**Experience and Qualifications:** 21 years of public service as Town Clerk- 2 years of public service as Deputy Town Clerk

**Key Endorsements:** Republican, Conservative and Independence Parties

**Parties:** Republican, Conservative and Independence

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I am currently serving my 11th term as Malta Town Clerk. First elected in 1991, my first duty was to inventory records, vital statistics and past minutes. I started a Records Management Program and have received over \$35,000.00 in grant monies for the Department. I am the first Town Clerk to bring the document imaging program to Saratoga County for the purpose of record retention and department research. I have served as the President of the Saratoga County Town Clerk's Association for 18 years.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** 1. Dog licensing- We are in the process of developing a dog park in Malta which will also help the town to get dogs licensed. It is vital that dogs receive the rabies vaccination to protect themselves as well as the public sector. Dog owners purchase the park permit in the Town Clerk's Office which will help to verify that the dog has both a license and the rabies vaccine. 2.Document Imaging- The Town continues to support the document imaging program through a part-time employee.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** My twelfth term to serve as the Malta Town Clerk, I envision the completion of the back log of documents to be reviewed, inventoried and scanned into the imaging program. I would like to see the Animal Control Department activate a dog enumeration program to account for all dogs in the town to make sure they have a license and proper vaccinations. The first Global Foundries building will be the next path for the Records Management Program for 2014, including grants for imaging.

#### Amanda T. Sovern

**Party:** DEM

The candidate has not responded

## Malta Town Justice

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Steven H. Gottmann



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**Education:** B.A. University of Delaware; Juris Doctor, Syracuse University; LLM University of Denver and 15 Years of Continuing Legal Education.

**Experience and Qualifications:** Attorney with 15 years of practical legal experience, including traffic, misdemeanors, landlord tenant, small claims and zoning.

**Key Endorsements:** Republican Party and Independence Party

**Parties:** Republican Party Independence Party

**STATEMENT AT CANDIDATE FORUM:** <http://www.youtube.com/v/RKRbUMoWQfA>

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** As an attorney and student of the law, I greatly respect the Judiciary and the rule of law. An independent and impartial judiciary is crucial to the proper enforcement of the law and the protection of individual rights. Serving as a Justice is the highest calling of my profession. As Town Justice, I will be able to meaningfully serve the community of Malta by bringing my legal education, legal training and practical experience to the Court. Thank you for your consideration.

## Ellwood A. Sloat Jr



**Party:** CON

**Biographical Info:**

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**Campaign Web Site:** <http://www.JudgeSloat.com>

**Education:** Attended Dutchess Community College, New York State Police Academy 1978, New York State Police Non-Commissioned Officer School, New York State Police Commissioned Officer School

**Experience and Qualifications:** 35 Year Criminal Justice Professional with extensive experience in the NY State and Federal Courts, Instructor of Ethics, Court Procedure

and Trial Preparation, Prosecuted Traffic Tickets as a Trooper, Audited Courts as an Internal Affairs Member

**Key Endorsements:** Conservative Party, Former Superintendent Wayne E. Bennett, NYS Police

**Parties:** Conservative

**STATEMENT AT CANDIDATE FORUM:** [http://www.youtube.com/v/J-C-kD-\\_O8o](http://www.youtube.com/v/J-C-kD-_O8o)

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I entered mandatory retirement in December of 2012. It is a natural progression of my life and career to take this next step into the justice court system. My two daughters are now mature adults, and I can focus all of my passion and energies into the justice court. During my 35 year career, I received the law education and training unique to the Justice Court. I have a wealth of experience to offer and our town needs a full time justice who does not have young family or employment conflicts.

## Mechanicville Mayor

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### Dennis Baker



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**Education:** High School Graduate 1966

**Experience and Qualifications:** Mechanicville Police Officer 1971-1991 Divisional Manager Loss Prevention at Hannaford 1987-2008 Mechanicville Industrial Development Agency 2002-2012 Mechanicville Board of Education (15 years of service) Mechanicville Area Community Service (Past Executive Director)

**Key Endorsements:** Republican Party Conservative Party

**Parties:** Republican Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I have been a life-long resident of this community and have witnessed a decline in our City's overall condition. Our financial problems have plagued the City's ability to move forward in a positive economic direction. Over the past 20 years I have participated in organizations such as the Industrial

Development Agency, Board of Education, Mechanicville Community Center and served over 20 years at the Mechanicville Police Department giving me the experience necessary for this position.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Mechanicville today and in the near future?*

**A:** The most significant issue facing our City is the current financial status. We need to get our finances under control and revise our budgeting process. Of similar significance is business development within the City. Our City needs to promote our existing businesses and develop long term growth by attracting new businesses. The water dilemma is another important issue. We need to address the 6 million dollar debt by increasing capacity or going with the county plan.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County what is your vision for Mechanicville for the next ten years?*

**A:** The City of Mechanicville is ripe for positive change. Our neighboring communities have had continued economic growth that will have a positive impact on the City. With a balanced economic growth plan, our City can serve as a hub for local industries such as Global Foundries and the railroad.

## **James R Peluso**

**Party:** DEM, WF, IND

The candidate has not responded

## **Mechanicville Comm. of Finance**

### **Candidates (choose 1):**

## **Chris Boyark**

**Party:** REP, CON

**Biographical Info:**

**Email:** gipper2016@aol.com

**Education:** B.A. Business Management-Honors Graduate

**Experience and Qualifications:** I have directed all financial planning for multi-million dollar supply accounts, including accounts payable/receivable, asset management and performing weekly reconciliations of all expense accounts. I also develop projections, create and present reports and financial analysis of company budgets including all revenues and expenditures. I was also challenged to research and implement computerized account logs and software for annual budgets and accounts. I direct spending for multiple units and departments including financial approvals and government compliance.

**Key Endorsements:** Michael Zurlo-candidate for Sheriff Craig Hayner-candidate for County Clerk State Senator Kathy Marchione County Coronor Tom Salvadore County Treasurer Sam Pitcheralle Mechanicville Republican and Conservative Committees

**Parties:** Republican and Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I am a USAF combat veteran who served at Al-Jaber Air Base in Kuwait, I am also an Honors graduate of American Public University with a B.A. in Business Management. My background in managing government budgets will give me the experience needed to improve our city's finances. I have been actively involved in Mechanicville politics for over a decade including previously running for office. I strongly believe in giving back to the community and I am dedicated to keeping our city moving forward.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Mechanicville today and in the near future?*

**A:** The biggest issue facing our city is the State Comptroller's audit of the city government. This has put us in a very bad situation as pointed out by the comptroller's office. We need continuity in the finance office as well as commissioners who can make the right decisions for our city. Currently this has led to a lack of transparency through missing financial documents and unrealistic city budgets. This has also led to a lack of support for city emergency services and economic development.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County what is your vision for Mechanicville for the next ten years?*

**A:** I will work with local business owners and investors through the Saratoga County Economic Development Council to bring small businesses to Mechanicville. We have empty lots and an empty industrial park that the city council has made no effort to fill. My goal is to use the space we have available to grow our tax base through business development and easing the burden on city taxpayers. I would also like to revitalize our city by giving homeowners interest free loans for property improvements.

### **Jodie A Gilheany**

**Party:** DEM, WF, IND

The candidate has not responded

## **Mechanicville Comm. of Public Works**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **David J Higgins**

**Party:** DEM

The candidate has not responded

## **Mechanicville Comm. of Public Safety**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Timothy J. Hipwell**

**Party:** DEM, WF

The candidate has not responded

### **Bea Timpanaro**



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**Education:** SUNY Empire State College with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Management & Economics, HVCC with an Associate's Degree in Marketing, Mechanicville High School, Class of 1980, Computer Trainer Microsoft Applications, Over 25 Years' Experience in Management, Administration & Customer Service, CPR Certified

**Experience and Qualifications:** Bea owned and operated a business (Joyce's Log Cabin) in Mechanicville. Bea's first job was for the City as a playground attendant in 1978. Presently, in addition to working for the Mechanicville Junior/Senior High, she is also a medic for the Schaghticoke Youth Commission's summer program. She was a member of the 1994 NYS Department of Motor Vehicle's Excelsior Application Assessment Committee and worked alongside the Director of Bus Driver Certification for DMV, training schools in bus driver safety requirements and regulations. In addition, Bea worked for not-for-profit agencies for over 25 years.

**Key Endorsements:** Mechanicville Republican Committee, Saratoga County Independence Committee and Conservative Committee

**Parties:** The Mechanicville Republican Committee, Saratoga County Independence Committee and Conservative Committee

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** Bea decided to run for office in the City of Mechanicville when she saw the city was in trouble, believing she could help. In addition to her education and work history Bea has training in areas such as conflict resolution, dealing with difficult people, effective meeting skills, and effective negotiation.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Mechanicville today and in the near future?*

**A:** In addition to Mechanicville's financial troubles and record keeping issues, the city's recreational facilities need to be maintained properly for the safety of our children. The city also needs informed advocates to represent the interests of all the residents as opportunities for growth arise.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County what is your vision for Mechanicville for the next ten years?*

**A:** Bea's vision for Mechanicville is to continue community growth while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

## **Milton Town Justice**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Carlos M Calderon III**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## **Milton Town Council**

**Candidates (choose 2):**

### **Frank S Blaisdell**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

### **John A Mancini**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## **Milton - Town/County Supervisor**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Daniel P Lewza**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## **Moreau Hwy Superintendent**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Bill Fitzgibbon**

**Party:** DEM

The candidate has not responded

## Paul A Joseph



**Party:** REP, IND, MT

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**Education:** High school

**Experience and Qualifications:** worked for the highway department for 10+ years before running for the Highway superintendent ,For a total of 14+ year. Also did side construction jobs for 30+ years. Running all types of equipment. I have attended annual training at Cornell local roads program the last four years and also association

of towns meetings.

**Key Endorsements:** CSEA

**Parties:** Republican , Independent, Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** To continue to improve town roads and all safety issues that may arise. I have working knowledge & operating experience from being here at the town for a total of 14+ years with four of them being highway superintendent. I do annual training with the Cornell Local Roads Program for Highway Superintendents .I also attend monthly Saratoga County Highway Superintendent Association meetings and storm water meetings.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** Maintaining infrastructure [Roads, Culverts] that are ageing rapidly & maintaining equipment while staying in the confines of a tight budget. Road safety is a top priority. Roads & culverts rebuild, replace as much as we can in house. Budgets only allow so much. Upgrade equipment in the most cost effective way so that the taxpayer is not paying for repairs on machinery that is aging, when it should be replaced.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** Make the Town roads as safe as I can & stay with in my budget, Have the public be Happy with the job that is done. Have a good relationship with the public. I am not here for the politics I am here to get the work done. Have the town residents be proud to say they live in the Town of Moreau!!!

## Moreau Town Clerk

Candidates (choose 1):

### Jeanne M. Fleury

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## Moreau Town Justice

Candidates (choose 1):

### Timothy J Alden

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

# Moreau Town Council

Candidates (choose 2):

## Bobby Dick

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**Education:** New York City High Schools - Genesco Management Training - Adirondack Community College / Real Estate

**Experience and Qualifications:** Successful businessman as leader of band, Bobby Dick & The Sundowners; Territorial Sales Representative; Marketing for panelized housing industry; Residential Home Builder/Remodeler; Previous member of Town of Moreau Zoning Board; Life Experience

**Key Endorsements:** Town of Moreau Democratic Committee; Saratoga County Independence Party

**Parties:** Democratic Party; Independence Party

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** Always had interest in politics but as leader of my band Bobby Dick & The Sundowners, never had the time. I left the band in 2011 & now have the time to pursue other interests. My skills include being a successful businessman in the very unpredictable music business. My career was & is, built around not leaving anyone "out of the mix" & playing venues from The Hollywood Bowl to the local fire house. My housing experience includes excavation, blueprints, construction, sales and customer service.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Obviously, there are always the roads, bridges, culverts, that need to be maintained. But as opposed to "pressing issues"... a town board should have the vision to plan for growth, and that means improving & providing infrastructure for the future with adequate water source or sources, sewers, etc. that developers require before considering a town or city to build their businesses. There's also a trend & need for better parks & recreation, ie: bike lanes & trails, sports fields, facilities, etc.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** My name is in the phone book, my phone number is on my campaign literature, I live close to town & my music career has been and is successful because I always try to honor requests, whether they be for a song or should I be elected, to lend an ear to my neighbors requests and or concerns and would do all within my power to address, provide, research and answer their questions as if their wishes were my own. Also, as a musician, playing all kinds of gigs, all over the place, I'm very accessible.

## Theodore T Kusnierz Jr.

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## Elizabeth Lanfear

**Party:** MT

The candidate has not responded

## Robert L Prendergast

**Party:** REP, IND, MT

The candidate has not responded

## **Moreau - Town/County Supervisor Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Keith E Baker**

**Party:** REP, MT

The candidate has not responded

### **Preston L Jenkins Jr**

**Party:** DEM, IND

The candidate has not responded

## **Northumberland - Town/County Supervisor Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Willard H Peck**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Northumberland Town Clerk Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Denise D Murphy**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Northumberland Hwy Supt Candidates (choose 1):**

### **Neil B Petteys**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Northumberland Town Justice Candidates (choose 1):**

### **John C Mannix Jr**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Northumberland Town Council**

**Candidates (choose 2):**

### **Paul S Bolesh**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

### **George M Hodgson**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Providence Town Council**

**Candidates (choose 2):**

### **Cheryl Lee**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

### **Elizabeth K Vandenburg**

**Party:** DEM, REP

The candidate has not responded

### **Jeffrey Welch**

**Party:** DEM

The candidate has not responded

## **Providence Supervisor**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **John L Collyer**

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## **Providence Hwy Superintendent**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **George C Whitney**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

# Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Public Works

## Candidates (choose 1):

### William J McTygue



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**Education:** Saratoga Springs City Schools, Hudson Valley Community College/AAS Highway Technology

**Experience and Qualifications:** Employment related experience includes a long broad public work experience in Civil/Highway Engineering, Industrial/Utility Property

Valuation and Government Purchasing and Contract Administration. Served as Saratoga Springs Deputy Commissioner of Public Works from 1999 to 2001 and Director of Public Works 2001 thru 2009.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga Springs Democratic Committee, Saratoga County Independence Party, Working Families Party of New York State.

**Parties:** Democratic Party, Independence Party, Working Families Party

#### Questions:

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** My motivation in seeking public office is based on a near lifetime of experience in dealing with all operations of the City's Public Works Department. My family's long and successful history in public service and elective office in Saratoga Springs, coupled with my 12 years serving as a top administrator within the City DPW, has provided me with the necessary insight, experience and ability to effectively serve on the City Council and carry out the duties of Commissioner of Public Works.

**Q:** *If there is a controversial issue coming before the council, describe your decision making process. How would you involve members of the public to ensure widespread input from the community at large?*

**A:** All important issues facing the City, must be handled with full public transparency by the City Council. Transparency that includes a sufficient number of public hearings that allows for adequate public input from all City residents. Transparency that provides adequate space for such public hearings without citizens being forced to stand outside the City Council Chambers. Transparency that guarantees residents sufficient time to speak at all meetings of the City Council without being silenced.

**Q:** *What measures do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** As the elected administrator of the DPW, I plan on restoring popular and dependable City services to the residents and taxpayers of Saratoga Springs. New efficiencies will be instituted in the Department of Public Works that will save time and resources. Productivity of the workforce will be a priority. As a member of the City Council, I want the opportunity to work on issues related to the future success of our downtown business district including the problems caused by large trailer trucks.

**Q:** *With Saratoga Springs facing significant development pressures, what is your belief about the city's defining character? How do you think we should manage development issues in the future such as traffic congestion, City in the Country philosophy, gambling and other issues?*

**A:** Saratoga Springs currently has in place zoning code criteria that protects the City's outer district from overdevelopment or commercialization. That definitive "City in the Country" criteria must be included in any update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Currently, the City's does not have the infrastructure capability (water and sewer) to accommodate any large scale development much beyond what already exists. I would institute a re-evaluation of our infrastructure needs and priorities.

## Anthony Skip Scirocco



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**Education:** Saratoga Springs High School

**Experience and Qualifications:** Anthony "Skip" Scirocco has served the people of Saratoga Springs in public office as Commissioner of Public Works and previously as Supervisor. With over 40 years of service to the city and people of Saratoga Springs, Skip has a deep-rooted understanding of the unique character of the community he represents.

**Key Endorsements:** Republican & Conservative Parties.

**Parties:** Republican, Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** As the current Commissioner of Public Works I've worked diligently to improve the city's infrastructure for the well-being of our community today and for future generations. We've done more with less to make certain our city taxpayer is getting the best possible service. DPW has restored the entrances for two of our most recognizable landmarks, City Hall and the Canfield Casino; the flowers continue to be planted, roads plowed and salted, and lawn debris picked up by DPW road crews.

**Q:** *If there is a controversial issue coming before the council, describe your decision making process. How would you involve members of the public to ensure widespread input from the community at large?*

**A:** It's important that we as city council members stay in touch with residents of the community. I'm always looking for public input as controversial issues arise, because we work for the people of Saratoga Springs. Since taking office in 2008, my focus has been on making sure that the Department of Public Works is working for everyone throughout the community. So when a tough decision comes up I look for public input and work to make a decision that is positive for our entire city.

**Q:** *What measures do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** My goal is to continue building up the infrastructure of our city so that we continue to be a great place to live, work, visit and raise a family. I've spent my years in office improving the water infrastructure, updating the water facility filters, improving the Geyser Crest pump station and now operating the Bog Meadow wells to solve the water source capacity problem. I'll work diligently to ensure that we have the infrastructure to continue being a successful city.

**Q:** *With Saratoga Springs facing significant development pressures, what is your belief about the city's defining character? How do you think we should manage development issues in the future such as traffic congestion, City in the Country philosophy, gambling and other issues?*

**A:** We need to work within the guidelines of our city's Comprehensive Plan to ensure that we are preserving our historic charm while also preparing for the future. The plan is currently under review by local residents, community leaders, and business owners who are thoughtfully planning the next steps for our community. I've worked in DPW to eliminate traffic problems by improving intersections and increasing safety for pedestrians with safe sidewalks and crosswalks.

## Saratoga Springs Mayor

Candidates (choose 1):

### Shauna M Sutton



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**Education:** Russell Sage College, Bachelor of Arts Saratoga Springs High School, Diploma

**Experience and Qualifications:** Deputy Mayor of Saratoga Springs, 2008 - present Greenridge Cemetery Association, Secretary-Treasurer, 1981-present Various volunteer and leadership opportunities in the community, 1994 - 2012

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga Springs GOP Saratoga Springs Conservative Party

**Parties:** Republican Party Conservative Party

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I've been fortunate to serve as deputy mayor of our award winning city for the past 6 years. I am committed to continuing the successes we've created during the last 6 years, fighting to keep your taxes low and keeping Saratoga Springs a great place to live. Being deputy mayor provides me the skills and knowledge to lead the city. I have managed multiple City Hall departments, handled budget issues and provided leadership to complete key projects (like the Rec Center).

**Q:** *If there is a controversial issue coming before the council, describe your decision making process. How would you involve members of the public to ensure widespread input from the community at large?*

**A:** Our unique government structure facilitates effective communication with our informed and engaged public. As your mayor, I will be honest and straight-forward. I will always be responsive to residents' opinions and concerns and act as their representative. We will use the vehicles available to us - special meetings, our strong local press and social media - to engage the public and encourage discussion about important city decisions.

**Q:** *What measures do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** Scott Johnson and I have fought to keep your taxes low. As your mayor, I will continue to spend every dollar responsibly, lead by example and identify new opportunities that take the burden off of our citizens. I will support our historic community, including our world-class Race Course, and enhance our environmental resources with green initiatives.

**Q:** *With Saratoga Springs facing significant development pressures, what is your belief about the city's defining character? How do you think we should manage development issues in the future such as traffic congestion, City in the Country philosophy, gambling and other issues?*

**A:** Ultimately, our city's character is defined by its people. Saratoga Springs has always been a city in the country whose citizens enjoy a vibrant downtown, as well as significant green spaces, history and a great quality of life. My philosophy on managing development is simple - smart economic growth. Use public/private partnerships with the business community to add jobs and revenue to keep our taxes low.

## Joanne D Yepsen



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**Education:** B.A. Hartwick College

**Experience and Qualifications:** Joanne has been Saratoga County Supervisor representing Saratoga Springs for nearly eight years (4 terms). Joanne owns a small business that provides fundraising and strategic guidance to non-profits, and previously worked in the development and the President's office at Skidmore College. She has served in many volunteer leadership roles in the community, including as President of the Saratoga Arts Council, co-founder of Sustainable Saratoga, co-founder of Guardian House, and co-founder of Saratoga ThoroFan.

**Key Endorsements:** Democratic Party, Independence Party, Working Families Party, US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, US Congressman Paul Tonko, Former Mayor Ray Watkin, Former Mayor Ken Klotz, CSEA, AFL-CIO, Saratoga Springs PBA, New York League of Conservation Voters, Eleanor's Legacy, RFK Club, Citizen Action

**Parties:** Democratic, Independence, Working Families

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I am a mother of three children, a small business owner, and a four term Supervisor for Saratoga Springs. Through my business I work to advance start ups and non-profits through strategic planning,

board development, public relations and fundraising. During my four terms as Supervisor I have worked to shine a light on county business, secure funding for Guardian House for Homeless Women Veterans, founded Sustainable Saratoga, and brought \$600,000 back to our community through "Grants to You".

**Q:** *If there is a controversial issue coming before the council, describe your decision making process. How would you involve members of the public to ensure widespread input from the community at large?*

**A:** As Supervisor, every time an issue has faced our City or County, one of my greatest strengths has been bringing together from varied backgrounds to determine the best path forward. As Mayor I will continue this practice, holding public hearings, and reinstating the comment period during City Council meetings. My door will be open, the barricades in City Hall will come down, and I will be a Mayor of the people.

**Q:** *What measures do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** 1. Improve Constituent Services 2. Hold the line on taxes by increasing the efficiencies within City Hall, diligently pursue grant funds, seek projects to increase the tax base, and conduct long range fiscal planning 3. Balance well-thought out development and preserve our quality of life 4. Build our economic development and job opportunities by creating an entrepreneurial hub, supporting small business, and tourism 5. Bi-partisan and collaborative approach to governing for better results

**Q:** *With Saratoga Springs facing significant development pressures, what is your belief about the city's defining character? How do you think we should manage development issues in the future such as traffic congestion, City in the Country philosophy, gambling and other issues?*

**A:** As both a small business owner and a founder of Sustainable Saratoga, I have a great appreciation for the competing pressures facing the City of Saratoga Springs. But sustainability and development aren't mutually exclusive. As Mayor of Saratoga Springs, I will work to bring together both constituencies and weave together development and sustainability for the best of both worlds for our growing and changing city in the country.

## Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Finance

Candidates (choose 1):

### Michele Madigan



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**Education:** MLS SUNY Albany, 1991: BA SUNY Plattsburgh, 1989

**Experience and Qualifications:** I am the current Commissioner of Finance for

Saratoga Springs and provided the city with an overall tax reduction for budget year 2013 while increasing essential city services. In addition, I have managed budgets in

both the public and private sectors, having created business and finance library & research centers for the NYS Small Business Development Center, the US Small Business Administration and for a commercial lender, Heller Financial. I have crafted and executed 3 to 5 year plans, managed departments and staff. I have also served on legislative committees for the New York Library Association, the Illinois Special Library Association and worked for the NYS Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

**Key Endorsements:** I have been endorsed by the Democratic, Working Families and Independence Parties, and the Saratoga Springs PBA. I have not actively sought other endorsements as I am running unopposed during this campaign season.

**Parties:** I will be running on the Democratic, Working Families, and Independence Party lines.

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** Having been Commissioner of Finance since January 2012, I want to continue to strengthen the delivery of essential services in a sustainable manner; to ensure that our city government is transparent; and, that all our constituents' voices are heard on important matters. I have presented

two well-constructed Budgets to the City Council and taxpayers, increasing essential services with an overall decrease in taxes for 2013, and plan to propose a minimal change in 2014.

**Q:** *If there is a controversial issue coming before the council, describe your decision making process. How would you involve members of the public to ensure widespread input from the community at large?*

**A:** There are always controversial issues coming before the Saratoga Springs City Council. It is important to listen to the public, offer the public appropriate public hearings on controversial topics in order to assess the public's feelings on issues before the Council. It is also important that the Council work together in developing programs and projects to best serve the needs of the public within the financial means of our taxpayers.

**Q:** *What measures do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** I want to seek out innovate ways to control/reduce city expenses sustainably. Working with community leaders in my sponsorship of the City's first SPA Solar Park, I have begun a process that should see a significant reduction in city energy costs. Lets take advantage of the high-tech region in which we live to investigate and implement other exciting, innovative high-tech projects that will reduce expenses and potentially lead to alternative sources of revenue, thereby stabilizing our tax rates.

**Q:** *With Saratoga Springs facing significant development pressures, what is your belief about the city's defining character? How do you think we should manage development issues in the future such as traffic congestion, City in the Country philosophy, gambling and other issues?*

**A:** All cities must work with developers/contractors to make city living better - from improving the timing of traffic lights, creating a useful smartphone parking app, to achieving the promise of complete streets. These should improve access to our retail sector, enhancing quality of life while increasing sales tax revenue. I am hopeful the Comp Plan Review Committee will present a vision that protects our City in the Country, while encouraging viable and vital economic development.

## Saratoga Springs - County Supervisor

### Candidates (choose 2):

#### Kenneth Ivins Jr



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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Parks from West Virginia University, Graduate of the Institute for Organization Management, From the US Chamber of Commerce

**Experience and Qualifications:** I have served the City taxpayers in elected office as Commissioner of Finance, a position I held from 2008 - 2012. With my finance

background I have unique experience that would be an asset as a Supervisor that would be overseeing a County budget of \$233 million. I gained a great deal of knowledge about municipal finances serving as Commissioner of Finance. I worked as President of the Southern Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce (now called The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County) for seven years. As a computer consultant I can bring knowledge of technology that will benefit the county for years to come.

**Key Endorsements:** Republican and Conservative

**Parties:** Republican and Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I am running to represent the citizens of the City on the County Board of Supervisor. I have served the City taxpayers as Commissioner of Finance, for four years. This gives me a unique experience that would be an asset as a Supervisor. I was the President of the Southern Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for seven years. In that timeframe I established many relationships all around the County. Those contacts provide me with a broad perspective of our County.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** The three most critical issues facing Saratoga County are taxes, jobs and growth of the County. These issues are strongly connected to each other and if managed properly the County taxpayer will be the benefactor. With the right leadership we can ensure a strong economic climate that will keep our taxes low, allow our children to find good paying jobs in the County and see improvements to an already great quality of life in Saratoga.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** Maplewood Manor has negatively affected the strong financial position this county has maintained over the years. It has been losing more than \$10 million per year. The Board of Supervisors has taken steps to sell the nursing home and reduce the budget deficit attributed to Maplewood Manor. The Board has also begun the process of selling the unused landfill. The revenue from this unused asset will also help reduce the stress on the County budget by adding a much needed revenue stream.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** Many counties are envious of Saratoga County. There is a song titled "My future is so bright I have to wear shades." That is us right now. By bringing in Global Foundries, we have taken a big step toward a very bright economic future. The key now is to direct the future so we can maintain a strong quality of life. In ten years our county will look dramatically different than it did 10 years ago. We can embrace that change and leverage it to ensure an even better quality of life.

## Peter R Martin



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**Education:** BA - Boston College, magna cum laude, JD - Boston College Law School - cum laude

**Experience and Qualifications:** Over 20 years as a senior officer of a successful financial services firm; Immediate past Chairman of the Board of the Arthritis

Foundation, Northeast Region, Saratoga County Clerk.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga Springs Democratic Committee, Saratoga Springs Independence Party, CSEA

**Parties:** Democratic, Independence, Working Families

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I foresee opportunities and risks that I am prepared to address. I worked over 20 years as an officer of one of the area's most successful financial services firms. I used my education in economics, finance and law to achieve success there. Governor Cuomo appointed me county clerk where I have opportunity to participate in the operations of our county's government. I have been able to efficiently enhance service to the public and I have observed lost opportunities for improving county service.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Start by fostering growth of our historic industries – tourism, horses and farming. Add the infrastructure to service clean manufacturing and professional development: jobs that will bring young families back to Saratoga; OUR ANTIQUATED INFRASTRUCTURE- roads, water sewer and utility service- plan for future growth that doesn't include traffic jams and pollution. We need imaginative mass transportation solutions; OUR ENVIRONMENT: plan green space, parks and trails

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** The comptroller's score: 63.8%, moderate stress, reflects inadequate general fund balance; for years, spending more than we took in- dipping into fund balances to pay for ongoing expenditures. Factors include losses at Maplewood Manor, money pumped into the county landfill before eventually selling it for a loss and poor revenue estimates. Sale of Maplewood and landfill should reduce the fiscal stress for 2014, but we need to investigate lost county revenue opportunities and improved budgeting.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** We must play to our strong suits while preparing infrastructure designed to cope with the growth. Foster tourism by protecting our green space and enhancing parks and trails. Welcome our new clean manufacturing base by preparing for the stress on our roads and utilities. Protect the history and character of Saratoga Springs. Have shovel ready projects available for transportation and infrastructure development. SEDC and a long term plan are not mutually exclusive; rejecting SEDC was a mistake.

## Matthew E Veitch



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**Education:** Saratoga Springs High School class of 1990, B.S. in Education, SUNY Plattsburgh, 1994, A.S. in Applied Information Technology, Pace University, 2005

**Experience and Qualifications:** Saratoga County Supervisor since 2008, current Chairman of Racing Committee, Technology Committee, former chairman of the Trails

Committee and Legislative & Research Committee. Serves on Public Safety, Public Health, Trails Committees, NYSAC Standing committee on Public Safety, formerly served on Public Works, Social Programs, Economic Development committees. Serves on Board of Directors of Saratoga Casino & Raceway Foundation, Saratoga County EOC, Saratoga Springs History Museum, NYRA Local Advisory Board. Formerly served on Saratoga Springs Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County Republican Party, Saratoga County Conservative Party, Saratoga County Independence Party, Saratoga Springs Police PBA, Police Conference of New York (PCNY)

**Parties:** Republican, Conservative, Independence

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I am running for Supervisor to continue to serve the public at the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. With my professional life in technology, and what I have learned in government, I have seen issues with efficiencies in government, and led me to propose solutions to solve them. During my three terms as Supervisor I have continued to develop my skills in working with others, in order to get us what we need as a City at the County level.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** The three biggest issues facing Saratoga County now, are the continuing fiscal issues with unfunded State Mandates and keeping our fiscal condition strong, the potential effects of full-scale Casino gambling on our community, and making sure we are planning for our future in Economic Development. All three of these issues have and will effect our County's bottom line, the tax rate, jobs, and quality of life and my job is to protect make sure the public's interest in these issues is represented.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** This problem is already being addressed and is something we are always looking at at the County level. The steps taken to remove the tax burden of the County's nursing home, to continue to promote our strong retail sector to gain tax revenue, and by creating a long-term Economic Development plan, we are doing what we can to correct any fiscal issues we are having. As a County that is among the lowest-taxed and fastest-growing in the State, I see our situation improving over the next few years.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** I see the County continuing to grow over the next ten years. I have always supported prudent and comprehensive economic development, and the County has undertaken a Economic Development strategic plan, that will guide our actions over the next decade. We have to continue to have balance in our growth and be supportive of efforts to preserve green space, to provide public amenities such as multi-use trails, and to make sure that we are preserving the County's quality of life for our residents.

# Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Accounts

## Candidates (choose 1):

### John P Arpei



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**Experience and Qualifications:** Over 30 years as a State Auditor. Audited Cities, Counties, Hospitals, Electric Utilities, School Districts and Authorities. Facilitated policy level meetings. Provided oversight of fiscally troubled governments & school districts.

**Key Endorsements:** Assemblyman Tony Jordan; Assemblyman James Tedisco and Former Assemblyman Robert D'Andrea

**Parties:** Republican Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I want to bring a more effective, efficient, open and cooperative governance to our City. I am a retired State Auditor, with over 30 years of experience training local government officials, auditing local government finances, facilitating meetings, and providing finance related oversight to troubled local governments and school districts.

**Q:** *If there is a controversial issue coming before the council, describe your decision making process. How would you involve members of the public to ensure widespread input from the community at large?*

**A:** I would speak with the principle stakeholders to ensure a better understanding of the central issue. I would consult with the City Attorney regarding statutory concerns. I would then ask for input from the public. If time permits, I would hold listening sessions in more than one location in the City. I would perform an analysis of the costs, benefits, environmental and social impact. Finally, I would meet with members of the City Council to build consensus.

**Q:** *What measures do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** I want to: Return civility to City government; Ensure that city employees have the training and resources necessary to do their jobs; Reduce taxes Make our City government more user friendly and less restrictive.

**Q:** *With Saratoga Springs facing significant development pressures, what is your belief about the city's defining character? How do you think we should manage development issues in the future such as traffic congestion, City in the Country philosophy, gambling and other issues?*

**A:** Saratoga Springs is a unique City and we need to ensure that we do not destroy that which makes us unique. A greater emphasis should be placed on green space, traffic flow, delivery truck access to businesses, pedestrian safety, and parking. If full casino gambling is approved for our City, we must ensure that the State will provide adequate funding to cover the impact on our infrastructure and city services. We should also seek to be actively involved in the planning phase

### John P Franck



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**Education:** Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting - Siena College Class of 1985.

**Experience and Qualifications:** Over 28 years of operation and financial management experience in a range of executive positions and proven record in taxes, municipal finance and financial planning.

**Key Endorsements:** Democratic Party, Independence Party and Working Families Party.

**Parties:** Enrolled Democrat

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I grew up in Saratoga Springs with very little means, over the years as a youth, many residents assisted me as mentors. This allowed me to stay on the right path as a youth and taught me the value of hard work, allowing me to receive a college education. I have made my life here in Saratoga Springs and I feel it's important to give back to the residents and this wonderful City which gave me everything I have today! I'm a CPA, Licensed Assessor and Senior member of the City Council.

**Q:** *If there is a controversial issue coming before the council, describe your decision making process. How would you involve members of the public to ensure widespread input from the community at large?*

**A:** My decision making process over the last eight years is made up in three steps; Step 1 - do my due diligence on the issue, research the welfare and costs to the City residents; Step 2 - consult with City Council members to get their feedback and; Step 3 - discuss with City residents both in the public at large and at the City Council meetings via public comments. I then weigh everything and vote based on the above mentioned steps.

**Q:** *What measures do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** The following measures I want to continue during my upcoming term: 1) Stand against City-Wide re-assessments! 2) Continue to work tirelessly against special breaks for Mega-Mansions and Condos. 3) Continue open government with on-line assessment database and grievance classes. 4) Continue doing more with less, my 2014 budget will be down 6% from 2013 and is at lower levels than 2008. 5) Hold the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority accountable.

**Q:** *With Saratoga Springs facing significant development pressures, what is your belief about the city's defining character? How do you think we should manage development issues in the future such as traffic congestion, City in the Country philosophy, gambling and other issues?*

**A:** I believe the City's defining character will be directly linked to the new and revised Comprehensive Plan which should be brought forth to the City Council by year's end. I believe the City must move forward on traffic congestion, most importantly Truck Traffic which must be re-routed off of Broadway. I've been going door to door and speaking to residents and the general consensus is our citizens do not want a full fledged Casino in the City.

## Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Public Safety

Candidates (choose 1):

### Christian E Mathiesen



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**Education:** St. Peter's Academy, Saratoga Springs, Class of 1968 Boston College, BA Psychology with Pre-Med Core Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Dentistry

**Experience and Qualifications:** Commissioner of Public Safety 2012-2013 Zoning Board of Appeals 2000-2006 (Chair 2005-06) Leadership Saratoga Class of 2000

Saratoga Springs Democratic Committee 1994-2008 Organized Dentistry-District Board and State-Council leadership positions for many years Local health care professional with Chamber of Commerce membership for over thirty years Saratoga Springs resident since early childhood

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga Springs Democratic Committee Working Families Party

**Parties:** Democratic Working Families Party

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** As the Commissioner of Public Safety over the past two years, I am the individual who is most qualified to continue in this position. Having lived in this community for most of my life, raised my children here, been a member of the local business community for over 35 years, served on a land use

board for a full 7 year term and paid close attention to local government for many years, I have the knowledge and understanding necessary to oversee Public Safety and to serve on the City Council.

**Q:** *If there is a controversial issue coming before the council, describe your decision making process. How would you involve members of the public to ensure widespread input from the community at large?*

**A:** During my tenure as Commissioner, there have been a number of controversial issues including taking over ambulance service, exploration of sites for a third fire/EMS station, street crimes involving attacks on women, a registry of vacant buildings and late-night problems in our nightclub district. We use the expertise of those in our and other City departments in reaching decisions and we have had workshops, meetings and regularly scheduled forums in order to involve the community at large.

**Q:** *What measures do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** We are strongly committed to bringing fire and EMS service to underserved parts of our City. We are bringing staffing in police department back to pre-layoff levels and continuing to re-organize that department so that it can as efficiently as possible deal with crime in our community. We will continue to follow up on the progress that we have made in reducing noise and late-night violence in our nightclub district. We will encourage neighborhood watch groups and maintain transparency.

**Q:** *With Saratoga Springs facing significant development pressures, what is your belief about the city's defining character? How do you think we should manage development issues in the future such as traffic congestion, City in the Country philosophy, gambling and other issues?*

**A:** I am strongly committed to the City-in -the country concept with growth and re-development in our core and elimination of sprawl. We are in the process of having a study done of our Broadway corridor that will hopefully improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety. We are trying to eliminate truck traffic on Washington St. While I do not think that the Racino has had a negative impact on the City, I would not be disappointed if the state-wide referendum the expansion of gambling failed.

## Richard C Wirth



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**Education:** Adelphi University - Masters of Professional Studies/Recreation

Administration New York State Office of Local Government - Attended series of seminars on Communication & Management, Decision Making & Problem Solving, and Effective Personnel Supervision. Unity College - Unity, Maine - B.A. Psychology

**Experience and Qualifications:** Previous Commissioner of Public Safety, 30 year private investigator, 35 years working in the public sector with various forms of municipal government experience acknowledging the benefits and drawbacks of each. This experience will assist me in serving the people of Saratoga Springs and providing for their safety.

**Key Endorsements:** Republican, Independence, and Conservative Party, Assemblymen Tony Jordan & Jim Tedisco.

**Parties:** Republican, Independence, Conservative.

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** A deep love and appreciation for the City of Saratoga Springs, and the recognition of the great people who make it such a wonderful place to live, work and visit, is my motivation in running for this office. I previously served as the Commissioner of Public Safety and believe that under my administration we kept crime under control, maintained an efficient police and fire department, and utilized cost-effective budgeting to best serve the public.

**Q:** *If there is a controversial issue coming before the council, describe your decision making process. How would you involve members of the public to ensure widespread input from the community at large?*

**A:** I've earned a reputation for including all stakeholders in important decisions to arrive at the best solution to a problem. The most important stakeholder of all is the public, and their opinions and positions are the driving force behind good public policy. One of my initiatives is to improve and enhance the neighborhood watch program citywide to improve community safety; this will also increase communications with the public in the community at large.

**Q:** *What measures do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** We need an improved line of communication between the public safety department and members of the public. The commissioner should be open to ideas and suggestions from the public, small business owners, and community leaders. There also needs to be a renewed focus on providing safety throughout the entire community, the current commissioner has spent too much time emphasizing politically expedient topics while residents concern over their safety grows due to increasing crime in the community.

**Q:** *With Saratoga Springs facing significant development pressures, what is your belief about the city's defining character? How do you think we should manage development issues in the future such as traffic congestion, City in the Country philosophy, gambling and other issues?*

**A:** Maintaining our unique and historic charm while supporting a growing community is something we must be mindful of as elected officials. With open and accountable city government, we can include the public in important decisions and solve problems as they arise. In public safety, it's important that we work diligently to provide peace of mind to residents so they can feel their family is safe in this wonderful city we call home.

## Saratoga Town Council

### Candidates (choose 2):

#### James F Jennings



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**Experience and Qualifications:** Served 4 year term as Town Councilman. Currently Serve on the Town Highway, Senior Citizens, and Parks committees. Served in the United States Coast Guard. NYS DOT Bridge Repairmen 1967-1998. NYS DOT Bridge Repair Supervisor 1998-2003. Active member of the Quaker Springs Fire Department

for 40+ years

**Parties:** I am a Republican but have the Democratic and Honesty Party lines.

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I was motivated to run four years ago when town leaders tried to pursue land that was owned by the Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club. As a club director, this action concerned me and I thought it was time to become active in our town politics. I have been a Councilman for the last 4 years and have seen first hand the opportunities and risks that our town may face in the future. I currently serve on the Town Highway, Senior Citizens, and Parks committees, and volunteer for Quaker Springs Fire Department.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** We need to relieve the burden on residential taxpayers by fostering commercial development. By aggressively creating an environment that promotes commercial development we can broaden the tax base and help the many people who are having a hard time coping with rising taxes. This will help the existing businesses in our town continue to thrive and grow with the residential growth that we can bring to our area. Another issue is the completion of the state-of-the-art Regional Visitor Center.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** I have and will keep an open dialogue with the town residents about what is going on at the Town level. I believe that an open and transparent government, one that listens and responds to the will of its voters, will be one that receives broad-based community support. I pledge to represent all residents regardless of party affiliation or whether they live in one of our two villages or in the more rural areas of the town. I will always be fair and try to do what is best for our town residents.

## Daniel McCabe



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Email:** sarlinshan@gmail.com

**Education:** Associates Degree School for Lifelong Learning / University System of New Hampshire, USAF NCO and Senior NCO Academy courses. Accepted at Empire State College to pursue coursework in Political Science/Public Administration January 2014.

**Experience and Qualifications:** Extensive supervisory and managerial work, financial planning, budgeting, purchasing and resource management.

**Key Endorsements:** Republican, Conservative and Independence Parties

**Parties:** Republican

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** Frustrated with National and State politics I have decided to try and make a difference by asking the voters to allow me to serve my local community and "NOT" special interest groups. I believe that "OPM" stands for "Other Peoples Money"; the taxpayers money, that should be safeguarded with wise stewardship and frugality. I bring years of extensive supervisory and managerial work experience in areas such as financial planning, budgeting, purchasing and resource management. I believe in teamwork!

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** 1. Unfunded Mandates - Engage with our elected representatives at the County, State Assembly and Senate and invite and encourage open meetings with the Town Board and residents! 2. Local Business development promoting our rich historical heritage - Establishment of a business corridor along Rt29 and promote the "Historic Old Saratoga" theme!

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** By encouraging all residents of the Town, Villages and Hamlets to participate by attending Town Board meetings, offering suggestions to improve services, provide feedback and ask questions so that their voices may be heard and their opinions respected!

## Michael MCloughlin

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## Saratoga Town/County Supervisor

Candidates (choose 1):

### Thomas N Wood III



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**Education:** Schuylerville Central School, Cornell University BS,SUNY Oneonta MS,SUNY Plattsburg MS & CAS

**Experience and Qualifications:** School teacher and principal 37 years, Town supervisor 10 years, Town of Saratoga historian 18 years, Town of Saratoga Zoning Board of Appeals 21 years

**Parties:** Republican, Independence, Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I will provide the leadership to listen to the town residents and move the town forward in a positive direction that will maintain our low tax rate, support a strong agricultural industry, and promote economic development that will create jobs. As a retired school principal and teacher and current

Town of Saratoga Supervisor for the past ten years I have the training, experience, and knowledge required to lead town government and manage the financial responsibilities of the Supervisor position.  
**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** The two most pressing issues facing the Town of Saratoga are keeping the town tax rate low and promoting a strong agricultural industry while at the same time encouraging business growth and job creation within the town. We can keep the town tax rate low by closely monitoring and controlling spending and by increasing business development that broadens and expands the tax base. We can develop a balance between a strong agriculture and business growth by careful planning that involves residents.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** The three most critical issues facing Saratoga county are (1) keeping a low tax rate, (2) promoting business and industry to create jobs and expand the tax base and sales tax revenue, and maintaining a high quality of life that involves a clean environment, open space, recreational opportunities, cultural events, quality educational opportunities, good police, fire and EMS service, a good transportation system, and a social services safety net in place.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** Saratoga County should continue to promote industry and business by maintaining its low county tax rate (the second lowest in the state) and promoting the high quality of life that we enjoy in the county. More business creates jobs, increases the property tax base, and stimulates spending which increase county and town revenues , The county should continue to closely control spending, and continue efforts to privatize the nursing home and sell the county landfill.

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** My vision for the next ten years is that Saratoga County will continue to be a leader in job creation and business development. This will be done following a plan developed by the involvement of a variety of residents. The county will continue to be a safe area in which residents can live and enjoy the multiple assets that we have including open spaces, a clean environment, cultural and historical events and places, quality educational opportunities, and available social services.

## Stillwater Hwy Superintendent

Candidates (choose 1):

### Mark Minick



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Campaign Web Site:** <http://stillwatergop@gmail.com>

**Education:** I attend the Cornell University Local Transportation Assistance Program (LTAP) yearly, Emergency Management and Disaster Trained, Certified New York State Department of Health Water Operator, CDL License

**Experience and Qualifications:** Over 30 years of excavation and road reconstruction, water and sewer experience, NYS Department of Health Certified, Emergency Management training

**Parties:** Saratoga County Republican Party, Stillwater Republican Party, Saratoga County Conservative Party, Saratoga County Independence Party

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I am a life long resident of Stillwater where my grandfather worked on building the bridge over the Hudson River. Over the years I have taken pride in my success of building and maintaining a better road system in our community. Safety, service and cost control is always a priority. I attend classes and update my certifications yearly. I have established a good working relationship with other area towns which is a benefit.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** The most critical issues that I face are budgeting and growth. Budget - I have to efficiently manage the budget for daily operations while material prices are constantly rising. I am always looking for cutting edge technology so we can get more for our money. Growth - While our town continues to grow, I am always working to maintain the same level of service and quality with the resources I have.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** I will continue to provide the same quality maintenance programs for our road system; ensuring safe roads at a reasonable cost.

## Stillwater Town Justice Candidates (choose 2):

### Ralph A Peluso

**Party:** DEM, CON, WF, IND

The candidate has not responded –

### Edward Richardson Jr



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## Town/County Supervisor Candidates (choose 1):

### Brian C Cofresi

**Party:** DEM

The candidate has not responded

### Edward D Kinowski



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**Campaign Web Site:** <http://N/A>

**Education:** Fulton Montgomery Community College (NY) - AAS SUNY Albany – Continuing Ed. New School for Social Research (NYC)– BS (Human Resource Management Major) Military Academies in-residents Non-Commissioned Officers School (TN), Academy of Military Science-USAF Commission (TN), Squadron Officer Training (AL), Air Command and Staff College & Air War College (AL) Military Training Schools in- residence Administration - MS, Logistics - CO, Financial Management - MS, Personnel Management (MS), Aircraft Maintenance Operations (CO), Aircraft Accident (NM), Senior Leaders (DC), Logistics (CO), Plus over 2000 hours of other Civilian and Military courses

**Experience and Qualifications:** Town of Stillwater Supervisor & Saratoga County Board of Supervisors 4yrs. County Committees: Chair of Trails Committee, Health Committee, Vice Chair Economic Development & Veterans Committees, Personnel Committee. Appointed to Saratoga county

Water Authority. Director of Logistics for the Combined Air Operations Center (Qatar) for the entire Iraq and Afghanistan Air War Operations. Responsible for over 600 aircraft, Multi-million dollar contracts and Management of all supplies, equipment and troop movement throughout the War zones; additionally responsible for care and distribution of all War Reserve Material. - Vice Commander of the 109th Airlift Wing, Scotia, NY. Responsible to the Commander for all Air Base Operations and three permanent Remote Bases in Greenland, New Zealand and Antarctica.; overall morale and welfare of Base population; Vice chair for all Boards to include Financial Management of a Multi-million annual budget and Base Facilities at all locations. - Vice Chair of the National Maintenance Council for all Air National Guard C-130s Advised Air Logistics Center of all related long and short range logistic issues facing the C-130 Cargo fleet – Over 700 aircraft. - Director of Logistics, 109th AW. Managed over 300 military and 100 civilian personnel-- resourced tens of millions of dollars for the New York Air National Guard and National Science Foundation (NSF) to secure a viable Air Operations programs for Polar Science. Developed and negotiated million dollar International Air Maintenance contracts. - Director of Personnel, 109th AW. Managed all Wing personnel and recruiting programs to sustain a base population of over 1100 airmen. Developed and published personnel policies, training programs and inspection criteria.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County Republican, Independent and Conservative Parties

**Parties:** Stillwater Republic Party

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I served in the Military almost 38 years. I find it exciting, enjoyable and rewarding to serve my community, county and State in the same way. I possess significant skill sets to meet all aspects of a Supervisors role; such as: Budgeting, Management, Supervision, administrative, Logistical, Oral and written expression and emergency management.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Budgeting will always be the most pressing issue. I address budgeting on a daily basis and insure all department heads keep the Supervisor informed. The second most pressing issue is maintenance of Town infrastructure. I implemented formal plans to address both short and long term maintenance programs by insuring a sound Highway 284 Plan is in effect and contingency funding available to meet emergency needs.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** Maintaining a low tax rate while meeting all budget requirements. Securing a solid strategic plan for short and long term Economic Development. Insure strong, vibrant, and state of the Art Adult Health Care Services facilities throughout the county -- including Maplewood Manor.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** I believe the Comptroller is in error. Saratoga County is growing fiscally, by population and jobs. Our budget is improving and we are still the lowest taxed county in the State. Now all we need is relief from State Mandates -- a significant cost to all taxpayers!

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** My vision is to insure we have experts providing us accurate and sound advice to bring us into the next Ten Years. This begins with a plan currently in the works, with implementation next year.

## Stillwater Town Tax Collector

Candidates (choose 1):

### Kathrynn R. Lilac



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**Education:** Graduated, Stillwater High School, 1966. Certified in Technical and Desktop Applications. Certified Trainer in Hardware and Software management. Certified Northeast Regional Director of Technology for AXA Advisors Financial Group.

**Experience and Qualifications:** April 2004 – 2012: Director of Operations, Beebe & Gabriels Financial Services, Clifton Park, NY 12065, AXA Advisors October 1981 – April 2004: Northeast Regional Director of Technology for AXA/Equitable Financial Offices; Hiring and Licensing Coordinator for AXA Advisors Albany; and Record-Keeping for AXA Financial Offices.

**Key Endorsements:** Stillwater Democratic Party and the Working Family Party

**Parties:** Democratic Party and Working Family Party

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I have always loved working with the public, and I feel this is one more way of doing what I enjoy. I have expertise in computer technology as that was my lifetime career. I also trained in hardware and software so new programs are not a problem. I am certified in Microsoft Office and I'm proficient in MS Word and Excel. I run my own business, so I understand budgets and record keeping. I am self-employed and have lots of free time to be available to the public.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** Time is most critical for the position of Tax Collector. People should have easy access to meet me and to pay their taxes, and I intend to make myself available for the public. I am committed to convenient hours for all Stillwater Taxpayers. Understanding the General Tax Bill; when notices are mailed out to the public, payments are made and applying the different levies from Town, County and Special Districts are basic to the Tax Collector's position.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** I want to fulfill my position as Tax Collector and I will have convenient hours for the Taxpayers. I will help anyone I can, avoid any penalties that may occur by assisting them in making their timely payments, and answering any questions or concerns they may have in regard to their billing.

## Anne Robyck



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**Campaign Web Site:** <http://www.facebook.com/StillwaterRepublicanTeam>

**Education:** Graduate of Keveny Memorial Academy

**Experience and Qualifications:** Town of Stillwater Tax Collector since being appointed January 2008 and elected there after. I have served as Secretary of the

Stillwater Consolidated Health District for 25 years charged with the responsibility of taking and preparing the minutes, payroll, budget preparation, prepare and submit annual fiscal report to comptroller and records management. Medical Secretary for Dr. John Vinett for over a decade charged with responsibility of handling daily receipts and other administrative duties.

**Key Endorsements:** Stillwater Republican Committee; Saratoga County Republican Committee, Saratoga County Conservative Party, Saratoga County Independence Party

**Parties:** Republican

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** Having lived in Stillwater all of my life, I know and love the people of Stillwater and it is an honor and privilege to serve them. I really enjoy the position of Tax Collector. I love working with numbers and I'm a real stickler for accuracy. I attend Tax Collector seminars and training to stay current with new processes and laws. I attend Computer Training Classes annually to remain current on changes and improvements to the tax program.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** I do not anticipate any critical issues at this time. Most issues, should they arise, are dealt with at that time. For example, problems with underpayments and over payments are handled as they arise by contacting the resident and/or the escrow company.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** Continue to serve the people of Stillwater with same efficiency and integrity I have for the past 5 years.

## Stillwater Town Council

Candidates (choose 2):

### Arthur P Baker



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

### Bonnie F McClements

**Party:** DEM

The candidate has not responded

### Jason J Mehan

**Party:** DEM

The candidate has not responded

### Kenneth Petronis



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## Stillwater Town Clerk

Candidates (choose 1):

### Sue Cunningham



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

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**Education:** Graduated from Stillwater Central School

**Experience and Qualifications:** 1992 to 2001 Deputy Town Clerk 2002 to Present Town Clerk 1994 to 2001 worked for the Assessor and Tax Collector. 2008 worked as Planning & Zoning Secretary.

**Key Endorsements:** Republicans Independence Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I bring twenty years of experience and knowledge of how all departments work in the Town Hall.

**Q:** *What are the two most critical issues facing your office? How do you propose to deal with them?*

**A:** Critical issues are the unfunded mandates passed along by the state, which my office has had to pick up the cost and the responsibility for.

**Q:** *What do you want to achieve during your term?*

**A:** I want to continue to achieve efficient service to the people within my ability.

## **Crystal A Shippey**

**Party:** DEM, WF

The candidate has not responded

## **Waterford - Town/County Supervisor**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

### **John E Lawler**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded –

## **Waterford Town Council**

**Candidates (choose 2):**

### **James E Boudreau**

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

### **Laurie A Marble**

**Party:** REP, CON

**Biographical Info:**

**Email:** wlmarble@nycap.rr.com

**Education:** Associate Degree in Criminal Justice

**Experience and Qualifications:** Business owner. Past president Waterford Youth Soccer, Past president WHHS sports booster club, past member Town planning board, current member Waterford Lions Club.

**Key Endorsements:** REP and CON

**Parties:** REP and CON

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I have been involved in the community for over 20 years serving on various committees and participating in clubs. Prior to my appointment to the Town Board I served on the planning board for four years. As a business owner I feel I bring fiscal knowledge and organizational skills to the Town Board.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Keeping taxes affordable to residents and providing the needed services to the community. I would work closely with the other board members to assure we meet all the needs of the town residents making sure we live within our means.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** As a member of the Town Board in collaboration with the other board members we would make ourselves available to public. The website and newsletter provide alot of information to the residents of Waterford.

## Waterford Town Justice

Candidates (choose 1):

### David G Fusco

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

## Wilton Town Council

Candidates (choose 2):

### Scott R Kinglsey

**Party:** CON

The candidate has not responded

### Joanne A Klepetar

**Party:** DEM

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**Education:** Rome Free Academy/Albany Business College

**Experience and Qualifications:** No Political experience, only practical life experiences

**Key Endorsements:** Democratic Party, Working Families Party, Justice Party

**Parties:** As above

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** My motivation for running for Wilton is frustration with the present Board's refusal to listen to the residents whom they represent and with the direction in which or Town is heading I have no special skills, knowledge or training for this position other than the desire to make our Town a better place in which to live. I believe that just from experiencing life I am qualified to do a better job to serve the people than our current Board. I have no hidden agenda; I will listen to the people.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** I feel that Wilton needs to look at the rapid development and traffic in our Town. A review of our current Master Plan is in order; the Plan is 10 years old and loopholes need closing. Fiscal responsibility. I think that we need to look closely at where we are spending money in the Town and make sure that it is being spent in the right places. Over he past 2 years we should have saved \$ on salt because the winters are milder. Where has that \$ gone. I'm practical & thrifty in my own life so...

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** This is an excellent question. I think that community is very important and that is lacking in Wilton. If people feel more important & connected as members of our community they will become more involved. I'd have a master e-mail list so I could communicate to them what is going on, hold monthly Town meetings at a Wilton location where all Board members take turns and bring back more "home town" activities to get to know one another. Locally owned businesses & Cafes' could help with this as well

## John D McEachron

**Party:** REP

The candidate has not responded

## Robert K Rice



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**Education:** BS Resources Management from SUNY ESF @ Syracuse; AAS Forest Technology from NYS Ranger School, Wanakena, NY

**Experience and Qualifications:** Presently serving Wilton as Town

Councilman/Deputy Town Supervisor. Served 5 years on Town of Wilton's Planning Board, Founding member Wilton Rotary; Board member Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park

**Parties:** Republican and Conservative

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I have served Wilton residents for many years through my volunteer efforts with Wilton Rotary, Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park, Wilton/Saratoga Springs YMCA and, four years ago, successfully entered the political arena as Town Councilman. I believe we have a great success story here in Wilton, a story built on small government and the efforts and talents of Wilton's residents, and I want to continue working for our residents to keep it going.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** Unlike many municipalities, Wilton is in excellent fiscal shape. Striking the balance between discretionary spending and saving for a potential economic turndown remains a challenge. With the amount of our fund balance approaching our annual budget, there are many suggestions as to how the Town should utilize those funds. We've followed a traditionally conservative approach since @ 75% of our revenue is sales tax generated. An economic turndown could reverse recent trends and force the Town to dip into its reserves. In addition, we have a largely unutilized Industrial area at Exit 16 that has the potential to attract solid businesses and the jobs our residents and their families need

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** There are many channels of communication available, direct at our monthly meetings, via the Town's website, and through our many not for profits. Town Board members are accessible through the Town's website, or personal e-mail. I've worked to make myself available to all our residents, and have had lengthy phone conversations and e-mail exchanges to discuss issues of interest to them. Our Town meetings are broadcast on a Public access channel through Time Warner for residents unable to attend the monthly meetings.

## Wilton Town Justice

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Gerald A Worth

**Party:** REP, CON

The candidate has not responded

# Wilton - Town/County Supervisor

Candidates (choose 1):

## Arthur J. Johnson

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**Experience and Qualifications:** Town assessor 14 years Town Board and Deputy Supervisor 8 years Town and County Supervisor 11 years

**Parties:** Republican Conservative Independence

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I have served Wilton residents in different capacities for over 30 years. I'm proud of my accomplishments and believe I have made Wilton a better place to live. I love the town and the job.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** The town is fiscally sound. There have been no town or highway taxes in 32 years and has a very healthy fund balance. The main issue is to continue sustained quality growth through proper planning and zoning. My goal is to promote economic development along our Ballard Road corridor and create much needed jobs for our residents and their children.

**Q:** *What are the three most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future?*

**A:** Saratoga County is fortunate to have the lowest tax rate and unemployment rate in in New York State. The growth we are experiencing is a challenge and need to address and plan for future infrastructure needs. A positive but critical issue is to capitalize on Global Foundries through a strategic plan for economic development now being created.

**Q:** *The NYS Comptroller has listed Saratoga County as "fiscally distressed". How do you believe this problem should be addressed?*

**A:** The Comptroller's office just released its audit results and reports that Saratoga County has taken all the right steps in administering the budget and dealing with the financial drain that Maplewood Manor has had on the budget. The County continues to monitor spending and staffing for all Departments

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for the next ten years?*

**A:** The County has contracted with an economic development professional to develop a strategic plan that will guide us over the next ten years. The plan will evaluate the county's assets and needs and will seek input from the public and a variety of stakeholders in the County.

## Wilton Hwy Supt

Candidates (choose 1):

## Kirklín D Woodcock

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded

## Wilton Town Clerk

Candidates (choose 1):

### Susan E Baldwin

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The candidate has not responded -

## Waterford Town Council

Candidates (choose 1):

### Francis McClement

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**Experience and Qualifications:** Appointed to Town board February 2013 Member Zoning Board of Appeals 2011-2013 Experience in business and human services. Army Veteran-Airborne Infantry

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County Republican Party Saratoga County Conservative Party

**Parties:** Republican

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this office ? What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** I care very much about our community, and it is a great honor for me to have the opportunity to play a role in ensuring Waterford remains as great a place for my children to grow up as it was for me. I have worked in the private sector as well as in government, and I have also been involved with different community organizations. I also feel I represent and can relate to the younger generation of Fordians well.

**Q:** *What are the two most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them during your term of office?*

**A:** We must always strive to provide the best possible services to our citizens while maintaining a strong financial footing, and to continue to keep taxes affordable. We can achieve this by passing a solid budget, and exploring opportunities for grant funding when available. I will also work with the other board members to ensure we are doing what is needed to keep our residents safe.

**Q:** *How will you reach out to your community to assure broad based community support?*

**A:** I will look to interact with our community organizations and the other members of the Town Board to see where we as a town government can best continue our support. I plan on visiting our neighborhoods and listening to the ideas and concerns of constituents.