

2015 Primary Elections

This LWV Saratoga County Voter Guide covers four local Primaries in Saratoga County:

- **Hadley Supervisor**
- **Malta Town Council**
- **Milton Town Council**
- **Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Public Safety**

Hadley Town/County Supervisor

Description: The Supervisor is the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Officer, and Chief Executive Officer of Town Government. The Supervisor is the Chairman of the Town Board, and conduct Town Board meetings, public hearings, and public information meetings. The Supervisor represents the Town on the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors.

Candidates (choose 2):

Andrew R. Bovee

Party: REP

No response



Arthur M. Wright

Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Education: Graduated Hadley Luzerne Central School class of 1982

Experience and Qualifications: 18 years on the Town of Hadley Town Board the last 8 as Supervisor

Party Endorsements: Running in Town of Hadley Republican Primary Endorsed by the Conservative Party

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Questions:

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

A: I feel the most pressing issue is continuing to provide key services and still stay under the New York State mandated Tax Cap. We as a Town Board will continue to be smart with budgeting and make decisions not only with the immediate future in mind, but also the long term well being of the Town.

Q: *what is your motivation for running for this office? What special skills, knowledge, expertise or training do you have.*

A: I originally ran for the Town Board because I care deeply about the Town of Hadley and still do today. I feel I am a good leader and have learned how Town Government works over the last 18 years as well as County Government the past 8 years. I have attended many training sessions sponsored by the New York State Association of Towns and Villages and the New York State Association of Counties. I am also a graduate of the Pellitier Institute of County Government.

Q: *What are the most critical issues facing Saratoga County today and in the near future? Please explain your answer*

A: The most critical issue in my opinion is the County budget and keeping taxes low. This has become very difficult with the state of the economy and the spiraling cost of insurance and other commodities that we have no control over. State mandates are a very hot topic that people are talking about, but nothing seems to change. We hear promises from the State Government all the time about mandate relief, but very little is being done.

Q: *Given the growth and development in Saratoga County, what specific growth management techniques would you propose to meet new needs while preserving the quality of life in our communities?*

A: I would propose that Saratoga County continue on the path that the Board of Supervisors has started down with the recently adopted Economic Strategic Plan, and the development of the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership. We need to continue to engage all entities in the County as well as listen to all of our constituents, to balance economic development with quality of life. I feel the strategic plan has done this by including and identifying every communities strengths and creating a clear path for a better Saratoga County. We need to continue with the idea that the success of the county is based on the success of all towns, villages and cities, not just the big ones.

Q: *What are your ideas about the responsibilities of Saratoga County for health and wellness services for its citizens*

A: I think the County does have a responsibility for the health and wellness of our citizens, but I also feel that the County should not be expected to bear all responsibility. The State needs to partner with the counties and come up with a plan to relieve the counties of some of the financial burden. Saratoga County does a great job providing these services but could use some help paying for them.

Malta Town Council

Description: The Town Board is the legislative appropriating, governing and policy determining body of the Town. It determines the types and levels of service to be provided. The board annually adopts the Town budget which reflects the cost of conducting operations and monitors Town operations. In its

legislative capacity, the Board passes resolutions and enacts ordinances and laws which govern the functions of town government and ensure the safety and well- being of all residents

Candidates (choose 2):



TIMOTHY F. DUNN

Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Education: BS, MBA - University at Albany

Experience and Qualifications: More than a decade of experience in semiconductor industry and economic development; advisor to State and Local governments, colleges, non profits and school districts; experience working in State government, big companies, non profits and small businesses; former member of LFTC Community Response Board, current Alternate on Malta ZBA; married father of two young children; Malta/Round Lake Tee Ball Coach; member of the Board of March of Dimes NE NY.

Party Endorsements: Malta Republican Committee, Saratoga County Independence Party

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Questions:

Q: *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate to meet the current needs of our community*

A: I'm probably the most unique candidate in this year's race, for a few reasons. First, I've never run for office before. I'm completely new blood that comes without political baggage or grudges. I think that's important. We often hear the desire for change, but rarely do we have a real choice to effectuate that change. Second, I have really ideal professional experience that can help Malta as we manage challenges and opportunities presented by growth. My experience seeing the growth of the semiconductor industry around the world means I've seen examples of how to do it right - and problems to avoid. I guarantee I'm the only candidate who has been inside clean rooms on 3 continents. Third, I'm the only candidate raising a young family in this Town. When elected, I'll bring that perspective to Town Hall, balancing our community needs with reality - just like we all do in our own homes.

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

A: I have already spent a lot of time ringing doorbells and attending events, but I think much more needs to be done. Our leadership is detached from the people. A fact that is made clear every time I'm in Round Lake and see a mess of road construction for roundabouts that 500+ neighbors said they didn't want or in Maltaville and seeing a continued lack of reality-based zoning. Regardless of how you feel about the roundabout project itself, when over 500 people feel like their input was ignored, we have a major problem. Similarly, when local residents give their input on zoning directly impacting them, then the input is ignored, they're rightly upset. But that becomes farcical when the Town Board then rolls out ANOTHER zoning/planning project for the area, instead of just listening to residents to begin with! I don't think it's complicated - ask people for their opinion, then listen to them!

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

A: Taxes/spending - I am opposed to any new taxes in our Town and would like to see the Town really refocus spending on priorities. I love parks and rec programs, but we need focus budgets toward necessities, not amenities. I'm not sure the incumbents feel that way. Economic development challenges - we are hovering dangerously close to completely missing the window of opportunities opened by GlobalFoundries. We cannot sit back and hope someone fixes our problems, we must have a real economic development strategy in Malta. Professionalism - when we elect people who lack the professional management experience necessary to run a Town, bad things happen. And in Malta, those bad things have resulted in the Town agreeing to a 6 figure settlement because the Town Clerk can't act professionally. That's wrong. Traffic - Malta is growing and with that comes more traffic. But we need leaders that understand planning and economic development, not ones that jump at any Fed/State dollar dangled

Q: *Given the 2% tax cap, has your town been impacted by the need to balance services and ability to pay?*

A: Absolutely. This year, the Town budget overspends revenue by \$200,000. That's because our leadership is spending on the wrong priorities and inching us dangerously closer to a Town-wide tax. I'm concerned that our leadership either doesn't understand the budget well enough to get that or that they're doing this on purpose. Either way, it's a very dangerous proposition for the taxpayers of Malta. Even worse is the fact that we've done nothing to attract new companies to Town beyond GlobalFoundries. Even though there's no Town tax in Malta, many of our residents pay taxes to the Ballston Spa School District. As Superintendent Dragone has warned, if new companies aren't brought into Town to offset the drop-off that will occur when the initial GlobalFoundries PILOT expires, we're going to have a major problem.



PETER S. KLOTZ SR

Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Education: BA Psychology and Religious Studies SUNY Buffalo, Masters of Divinity: Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Experience and Qualifications: 32 years of leadership experience as Pastor. Leadership roles in Malta Ambulance Corps as President and Captain. Budgeting experience as Pastor and Treasurer of Malta Ambulance Corps. Town government experience as first Ethics Board Chairman and Planning Board Chairman. Recognized by Statewide Planning Federation for expertise in planning. Eight years on Town Board, Training from New York State Association of Towns, County Planning Department and New York State Emergency Organization

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Questions:

Q: *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate to meet the current needs of our community*

A: I have served the people of the Town of Malta for the past 27 years as Pastor, a volunteer with the Malta Ambulance Corp, in our schools, in Town government, and as a member of the Town Board. As I have seen Malta grow and develop and have been active in our community helping to manage and shape that growth and development. I served on numerous citizen committees where plans for growth have been developed by residents, business owners and consultants. My training and experience in planning and zoning matters is more extensive than any other candidate. I have attended and presented at many planning training events and was recognized by the statewide New York Planning Federation for my experience and expertise in planning. I have taken advanced training in disaster response and recovery from State Emergency organizations and Department of Homeland Security. As I live and work in Malta, I am available to meet any time with constituents, staff and consultants who work with the town.

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

A: Because I live and work in Malta, I am accessible at any time to talk by phone or in person with members of the community. I have worked with organizations and citizen committees, including congregations as a leader and facilitator, working for consensus and working toward common goals. My one cell phone number is posted on the town website and church website. I regularly participate in community events such as Malta Day and Family Day at Shenentaha Park where I spend a considerable amount of time talking with people informally. I volunteer with the Malta Ambulance Corp. which regularly puts me in touch with emergency service people. I teach classes at the Community Center for the Emergency Response Team and have presented to the Malta Seniors group. I am often called upon by people in the community in my role as Pastor and heard many personal and community wide concerns. I helped develop the new interactive Malta website which provides for a two way sharing of information.

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

A: I hear concerns for keeping taxes low, a concern that I share and pledge to continue to work on. As a Pastor, I know the responsibility that comes with spending other people's hard earned money and I know the challenges faced by people with low incomes and fixed incomes. I will continue to be a fiscal conservative and keep spending under control. Another way to address budgetary concerns is to encourage partnerships with community groups like we have with the Malta Athletic Association at the softball fields and at the Malta Dog Park. Having community groups help manage these parks reduces tax supported staff and resources. I also support groups seeking funding from grants. Growth is another concern. I am very with the planning and zoning tools that we have in place. We need to continue to review, refine and update them. Zoning and planning are processes that need ongoing attention. We need to compare actual growth with projected growth patterns and revise our plans accordingly!

Q: *Given the 2% tax cap, has your town been impacted by the need to balance services and ability to pay?*

A: Our carefully controlled spending for town programs has allowed us to stay well under the 2% tax cap.



TARA M. THOMAS

Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Education: BFA, School of Art and Design at Alfred University, Marketing and Graphic Design

Experience and Qualifications: Town Councilperson, 8 years President, Malta League of Arts Inc President/Owner, Thomas Media Group LLC Chairperson, Malta Web and New Media Past volunteer service to the Town of Malta includes the Planning and Zoning Review Committee and Chair, Malta Trails Committee

Party Endorsements: Saratoga County Independence Party Working Families Party

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Questions:

Q: *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate to meet the current needs of our community*

A: As a two term incumbent and lifelong resident of the Town growing up in Maltaville, I have extensive knowledge about the Town which makes me an ideal candidate for the job. I understand the challenges we face as a community and have the vision and passion to get us where we need to be without losing our character and at the same time keeping Malta financially strong. I have kept Malta Town Tax Free and have worked tirelessly for projects and programs that bring our community together. I have made it a top priority to make Malta Government accessible to the community with a future designed by all of us.

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

A: As Councilwoman, Malta has continued to avoid a town property tax while improving youth, recreational, and health services and open space protection efforts. I have also earned a reputation for effectiveness in handling constituent issues. Malta has always been my home, and a place my family and I love very much. I am committed to working with our residents to make Malta an even better place for our families. My knowledge of the town and the issues we face make me an ideal candidate for the job. I will continue to be an independent representative for Malta. In addition I created a committee to upgrade our Town Website and other media venues for residents to receive news through digital platforms like social media,

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

A: My platform for a third term includes an update to the Town's Generic Environmental Impact Statement, a Master Plan Update, updating the Town's 5 Year Capital Plan, continued economic development town wide and support for small businesses, Senior Outreach for our growing community, Downtown plan for realizing the completion of the Parade Ground and an Arts District, Transportation focused on a Park and Ride plan for employees in the Tech Park, Exit 11A development, and keeping Malta Town Tax Free. I am proud of my record of protecting taxpayers while effectively expanding the services Malta residents rely on every day. I am equally proud to be known as someone who is always there, for any problem big or small. If I continue serving, Malta residents will always have an advocate and friend in town government.

Q: *Given the 2% tax cap, has your town been impacted by the need to balance services and ability to pay?*

A: The Town of Malta is financially strong with an updated bond rating, thanks to fiscally responsible budgets. I am pleased to be part of a team who continues to stay under the 2% tax cap while ensuring essential government services to our community year after year.



CRAIG M. WARNER

Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Education: Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1978 and an Associate's Degree from Berkshire Community College of Pittsfield Massachusetts in 1975

Experience and Qualifications: I began my career in engineering design with GE in 1984 for Ordnance Systems. Past 25 yrs as Senior Designer for GE Power and Water, designing turbines for the energy industry. I believe in giving back to the community. For example, being appointed Deputy Supervisor, volunteering on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Round Lake Library Assistant Trustee, Open Space and Agricultural Committee, past President Malta Sunrise Rotary and planning board of NY Tech Valley Regional Robotics Competition.

Party Endorsements: Malta Republican GOP Endorsed: With a philosophy that government must be limited for people to be tr

For more information: Malta has been my home since my family of 5 settled here 25 years ago. Having been transferred to the capital region with General Electric, we chose Malta as our family community, a community which is now the envy of many towns.

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Questions:

Q: *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate to meet the current needs of our community*

A: I have the ability to listen to community residents and build consensus first before making important decisions that will effect town residents. As the next Malta Town Board member I will put the voice of the residents first by utilizing transparent leadership, keeping Malta tax free without any general tax and promote smart, responsible growth while preserving the quality of life which first brought me and my family to this community.

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

A: As the the next Malta Town Board member I will publish a monthly subscribed email discussing issues of the month. Each letter will address the pro and cons and the impact of on our community. I believe this tool will build transparency and dialogue while encouraging community feed back. The voice of the

respondents will influence how I vote. As a member and former President of Malta Sunrise Rotary and member of the planning board of New York Tech Valley Regional Robotics Competition I saw the need to partner with Global Foundries, local corporate supporters and schools to build good results quickly. If elected I will continue to partner with the residents, business and continue what has worked for me.

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

A: What are the most pressing issues facing your town today? How would you propose to address them? While going door to door I have listened carefully to the needs of residents. My family lives by a budget and I believe Malta should too. Residents have clearly spoken their concerns to me and growth and traffic are issues they are very concerned about. I believe we need to nurture growth and find the balance to keep our community a safe family community.

Q: *Given the 2% tax cap, has your town been impacted by the need to balance services and ability to pay?*

A: Given the 2% tax cap, has your town been impacted by the need to balance services and ability to pay? Given the tax cap of 2% it does effect most towns. Malta is no different. Other states have been following this same model such as Massachusetts for much longer and will effect all services so we must budget within these limits set. Malta needs a long-term plan to live within the realities of the tax cap while ensuring programs and services will continue to be available to residents.

Milton Town Council

Description: The Town Board is the legislative appropriating, governing and policy determining body of the Town. It determines the types and levels of service to be provided. The board annually adopts the Town budget which reflects the cost of conducting operations and monitors Town operations. In its legislative capacity, the Board passes resolutions and enacts ordinances and laws which govern the functions of town government and ensure the safety and well- being of all residents

Candidates (choose 2):



BARBARA A. KERR

Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Education: Graduate Shaker High School Latham NY Graduate Albany Business College Albany, NY

Experience and Qualifications: I became interested in Town of Milton politics about 15 years ago. I attended Board Meetings, Planning and ZBA meetings over that time. I was an alternate on the Planning Board as well as on the committee to revise our Zoning Regulations. I was also instrumental in establishing the Milton Ethics Reforms and establishing the present Ethics Board

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Questions:

Q: *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate to meet the current needs of our community*

A: My past four years as a Councilwoman on the Milton Town Board has provided invaluable knowledge and hands on working experience in addressing and resolving concerns of town residents. My previous position at Skidmore College, establishing the Campus Card Office provided me with opportunities to interact with many people of varied background. I was entrusted with providing access to all Campus buildings as well as interacting with the Community. I negotiated contracts with Saratoga Springs businesses and established a debit card system benefitting local merchants as well as students and staff. This was a benefit to the entire community.

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

A: Prior to being elected as Councilwoman, I was deeply committed to my community through attendance at Town Board meetings, Planning Board Meetings, and contributing my knowledge and skills on Town Committees and volunteering my efforts to local charities and organizations. My community involvement includes membership in Ballston Spa VFW Axillary #358, Ballston Spa American Legion Auxillary #234 and Ballston Area Seniors. At the County level I am a member of the Republican Chairman's Club and on the Board of the Women's Republican Club. These activities allow me to meet and assist Milton residents as well as establish intra municipal relationships throughout Saratoga County. I have made myself available to all residents and openly share my contact information including phone numbers.

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

A: Returning the Town to fiscal stability and lowering or eliminating Town tax is a priority item. Creating a business friendly environment is the key to attracting new business investment, which can only be done through an intelligent comprehensive plan, implemented with the cooperation of the full Town Board. I am committed to finding the best people who can provide the professional advice to achieve our desired results. My goal is to improve the quality of life in Milton by providing the environment which will attract increased goods and services for our residents.

Q: *Given the 2% tax cap, has your town been impacted by the need to balance services and ability to pay?*

A:) The Town of Milton consistently struggles with providing required services and keeping tax increases under the 2% cap, as a result of a tax base which does not include sufficient commercial taxable properties, and an inadequate share of County Sales Tax revenues. As an elected official it is my duty to

establish a long term plan for economic development. We must look at being conservative in our spending and establish funds for future growth such as Town Hall replacement. I want our future generations to stay in Milton; this will happen by controlling the tax burdens and increasing the quality of life.



ANNA M. STANKO

Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Education: Clarkson University 1984 BS Civil Engineering

Experience and Qualifications: Saratoga County Real Property Tax Service (27 yrs); Village of Ballston Spa ZBA; partner Stanko & Sons Heating & Cooling; Ballston Spa Business and Professional Association; Women's Republican Club of Saratoga County; past Board Member Gateway House of Peace; Girl Scout Leader ('92-'04); Pop Warner Cheerleading Coach ('06-'07)

Party Endorsements: Endorsed by the Town of Milton Republican Committee; Saratoga Co Cons. Party; Saratoga Co Ind. Party

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Questions:

Q: *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate to meet the current needs of our community*

A: My 27 years of employment with Saratoga County has given me unique insight into the functions of local government. Years of experience in a supervisory position, as well as daily interactions with tax payers, attorneys and other professionals have strengthened my decision making abilities and people skills. Countless hours of volunteering have taught me the value of team work, diligence and perseverance. I am a mother of four, two daughters and two step sons, have one grandson and own a small business with my husband. I realize the importance of family, hard work and fiscal responsibility. I have been involved in my community for years and am eager to take the next step and serve the residents of Milton.

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

A: I would like to hold public forums throughout the town giving residents the opportunity to meet and speak with public officials in an informal setting. Our seniors and veterans are some of our most valued

residents. I would like to form a focus group to determine how we can better assist with their needs. We need to expand electronic media, posting agendas and meeting minutes in a timely manner. I am encouraged by recent sharing of municipal services and would like to see these expanded.

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

A: I feel the most pressing issue facing the Town of Milton is maintaining our unique character while encouraging economic growth. While economic development is essential, we need to preserve open space and continue working towards expanding our trails systems.

Q: *Given the 2% tax cap, has your town been impacted by the need to balance services and ability to pay?*

A: The Town of Milton has been fortunate to be able to maintain a balanced budget without raising taxes or sacrificing services. We have experienced growth without "ugly urban sprawl" . Utilizing the skills and knowledge of our town employees has saved the town over 1.5 million in upgrading the infrastructure in town center.



BENNY L. ZLOTNICK

Party: REP

Biographical Info:

Education: Graduate of Ballston Spa High School, Associates Degree in Marketing from Hudson Valley Community College, 2004 Graduate of Leadership Saratoga, ISO certified Internal Auditor, trained in the shipping and handling of hazardous materials.

Experience and Qualifications: I have been a member of the Milton Planning Board since 2002, becoming the Chairman in late 2013. I am a member of the Milton Matters committee, which recognizes an outstanding citizen or business for substantive contributions to our town. I was also recently appointed to the Feasibility Committee to explore options for a new Town Hall and relocation of the Highway Department facilities.

Party Endorsements: Milton Republican Committee, Saratoga County Independence Party

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Questions:

Q: *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate to meet the current needs of our community*

A: In the mid 1980's I worked with Paul Brown as a member of the Town's first Industrial Development Committee. I was the youngest person entrusted with this responsibility and this opportunity fueled my desire to be involved in the future of my town. During my thirteen years on the Planning Board, many projects have been successfully completed, and thus I have experience balancing the benefits to the town and the desires of the residents against the wants of the developer. My diplomacy, negotiation skills and the ability to find common ground have been finely honed over this time.

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

A: I have met many of our town's residents through my involvement with Boy Scout Troop #1, coaching my children's sports teams and as a former business owner and remain in contact with many of them. During this and other campaigns, I have knocked on literally hundreds of doors and listened to residents' opinions. I will continue to attend local community meetings and events to keep myself abreast of current concerns and will, as always, be available by phone, email and by scheduling informal sessions at locations around town.

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

A: Continuing to be fiscally responsible to our residents is a must. Milton Town Hall is in need of an upgrade or replacement. With the completion of the Town Center project, the Highway department needs to be relocated. Both of these needs can be met with sound financial planning. Citizen input should and will be a critical element of the process. Milton has limited remaining available commercial space. I will work to attract appropriate businesses to locate here to best serve the needs of our residents.

Q: *Given the 2% tax cap, has your town been impacted by the need to balance services and ability to pay?*

A: The Town of Milton has not been negatively impacted by the 2% tax cap. Milton is currently in a good financial situation with adequate reserves. With careful planning, controlled economic development, responsible spending and the Town Board working as a team, we can ensure Milton continues to be an affordable place to live.

Saratoga Springs

Commissioner of Public Safety

Description: The Commissioner of Public Safety supervises the Department of Public Safety - the Police Department, the Fire Department, Code Administration, Animal Control, and Parking Enforcement. The Commissioner serves on the City Council which has legislative powers.

Candidates (choose 1):



Sarah J Burger

Party: DEM

Biographical Info:

Education: Saratoga Springs High School; B.A. Drexel University, History & Political Science; J.D. Villanova University School of Law

Experience and Qualifications: City native; local business owner (law practice); represented law enforcement clients; participated in internal investigations while working for national law firm; counseled small businesses on workforce strategies and policies; negotiated contracts for a variety of clients.

Key Endorsements: My candidacy is supported by local businesses, professionals, as well as a diverse group of Democrats, Republicans, other party and non-affiliated voters.

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Questions:

Q: *Tell us your thinking on the necessary balance between economic development and maintenance of environmentally sensitive surroundings. How would you achieve this balance?*

A: We are fortunate that our City is not only the summer the place to be, but a year round destination where businesses want to invest and where people want to live and raise their families. With that it is important that we are always mindful of our environmentally sensitive surroundings. There are many areas of our City which contain either DEC or Federal protected wetlands and it is critical that we always communicate effectively and appropriately with all necessary agencies to ensure legal compliance. As a member of the City Council I will advocate for smart development which protects our City's integral "City in the Country" concept while simultaneously allowing for continued economic development and job growth. We can preserve open space better through clustered residential development and comprehensive mixed-use uses in our City's core.

Q: *What unique qualifications do you have that make you a good candidate to meet the current needs of the community?*

A: As an attorney contract negotiations are arguably the primary area of my practice. Negotiating is about achieving compromise and balance. Its about weighing options. I believe as Commissioner of Public Safety in the fourth largest city geographically in NYS we face urban challenges and the ability to

compromise is paramount. As an attorney that has worked with public safety personnel I also have an understanding of many issues. As a Saratoga Springs native with deep roots and knowledge of the community and as individual that has lived and worked in both Philadelphia and New York City, I bring a unique perspective with fresh new ideas back to Saratoga Springs.

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

A: As Commissioner of Public Safety I will put the focus back on law enforcement, ensuring adequate emergency services city wide and creating community partnerships. Our city has many needs and we must explore every opportunity for additional or alternative funding through Federal and State grant initiatives and stop leaving money at the table. During my first term we will form a Civilian Review Board which fits our community. As Commissioner of Public Safety I would like to make our City more pedestrian friendly by strengthening enforcement of traffic laws and improving pedestrian signage and access. I also hope to work with my fellow council members to explore a long-term plan to expand City sidewalks and improve neighborhood connectivity. This is an issue that touches multiple departments.

Q: *Describe your decision making process when faced with controversial issues.*

A: The first step is to carefully define the issue itself. As Commissioner of Public Safety my office will gather all necessary information and facts and consult all appropriate experts. To the extent possible my office will provide the information to the public. Next I will thoughtfully explore any and all potential resolutions. We must consider and carefully weigh our options before making a decision. During my first term we will form a Civilian Review Board which may assist in getting to the bottom of controversial issues.

Q: *Saratoga Springs has a rich history of a diverse population. How can we ensure that working people can continue to live here?*

A: Many people that work in Saratoga Springs do not live here because they cannot afford to. As Commissioner I will advocate for affordable housing. Our current zoning seems to promote larger single family residences which inevitably are more costly. We may want to consider requiring clustered residential development in certain areas or making other changes to our zoning ordinances.



Christian E Mathiesen

Party: DEM

Biographical Info:

Education: St. Peter's Academy '68 Boston College BA Psychology-Pre-Med '73 Fairleigh Dickinson U. Dental School '77

Experience and Qualifications: Resident of Saratoga Springs since 1954. Local Business owner since 1977 (Dental Practice) Leadership Saratoga lass of 2000 Zoning Board of Appeals 2000-2006 (Chair 2005-06) City Council as Commissioner of Public Safety 2012-present

Key Endorsements: Many local Democrats, Republicans, other party and non-affiliated voters support my candidacy.

Party Endorsements: Saratoga Springs Democratic Committee Independence Party Working Families Party

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Questions:

Q: *Tell us your thinking on the necessary balance between economic development and maintenance of environmentally sensitive surroundings. How would you achieve this balance?*

A: Saratoga Springs is the envy of NYS because of its well conceived Comprehensive Plan which was recently updated by this City Council. The 1999 and 2001 Comp. Plans were based on the concept of assigning commercial and dense residential uses to the core of the City while protecting the greenbelt area from commercial and residential sprawl. This 'City in the Country' concept has served the community well and, despite recent attempts by special interests to undermine our zoning standards, the 2015 Comp. Plan does re-enforce this theme. I have been an instrumental voice on the City Council for protecting our greenbelt from expanded commercial interests and I will continue to do so. I am also committed to encouraging the commercial and dense residential uses in our City's core and especially to broadening the mixed uses in our very successful downtown.

Q: *What unique qualifications do you have that make you a good candidate to meet the current needs of the community?*

A: Having lived in Saratoga Springs for nearly all my life and being a part of the business community since 1977, I bring an important perspective to the City Council. As one of the five people who are given the responsibility for all major decisions facing our City, I believe that my judgment and experience are very valuable. My background with the ZBA and all the training that that entailed has helped me tremendously as we completed the final steps of updating the all important Comprehensive Plan as well as giving me a full understanding of the requirements for open meetings. As a business person, I fully understand the need for careful spending balanced against necessary community investment. As Commissioner of Public Safety, I have been overseeing police, fire/EMS, code enforcement and parking enforcement and regulations for nearly four years. These functions have all improved under my administration. Crime rates are low and the Fire/EMS Dept. has taken on an ambulance service.

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

A: My highest priority for my next term is to bring more complete Fire/EMS service to the City. We have taken major steps towards acquiring land in an ideal location for a necessary third Fire/EMS station. Fire Chief Williams has a well thought-out plan for staffing three engine crews instead of two and two

ambulances instead of one with minimal overall increases in staffing. I would also like to take measures to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety throughout our City and to focus on the needs of our residents and our neighborhoods. We haven't done enough in this area. Another area of importance for me is to make more progress towards establishing housing resources for all income levels. We need workforce housing and low and moderate income units to bring diversity back to our City..

Q: *Describe your decision making process when faced with controversial issues.*

A: I take a lot of time to think about controversial issues. I try to identify the pros and cons and to fully understand the perspectives of all parties. I then try to visualize the present and future impacts. I then make my decision based on what I perceive as what is best for the community. I am very independent and I do not allow special interests to dictate to me how to run the DPS or what to say or do at the City Council table.

Q: *Saratoga Springs has a rich history of a diverse population. How can we ensure that working people can continue to live here?*

A: See above. We have recently spoken to people who represent companies that focus on bringing workforce and affordable housing units to communities. I will continue to press for such projects. We also must encourage developers to look into building more inclusive projects. We should also have a community discussion of whether zoning ordinances to require affordable housing should be enacted.