

# 2016 General Elections Saratoga County

## Saratoga County Coroner

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Susan M Hayes-Masa**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## Saratoga County County Clerk

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Craig A Hayner**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## Saratoga County - Sheriff

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Michael H Zurlo**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** A graduate of Mechanicville High School, Criminal Justice Degree from Schenectady County Community College; numerous law-enforcement trainings and certifications.

**Experience and Qualifications:** Saratoga County Sheriff since 2014. A former judge of the Town of Stillwater, Sheriff Zurlo has spent more than 30 years of his law enforcement career working for the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, as a deputy, sergeant, lieutenant

and senior criminal investigator.

**Key Endorsements:** New York State Police, New York State Law Enforcement Officers Union Council 82.

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

**For more information:** Sheriff Zurlo resides in the Town of Halfmoon with his wife Jane. They have two adult children.

**Campaign Mailing Address:** Friends of Michael Zurlo P.O. Box 445  
Mechanicville, NY 12118

**Campaign Email:** mikezurlosaratogacountysheriff@gmail.com

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What special skills, knowledge, experience or training do you bring to this position?*

**A:** Saratoga County Sheriff since 2014. More than 30 years of law-enforcement experience serving as a deputy, sergeant, lieutenant, senior criminal investigator and now as sheriff with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Zurlo has also served time on the bench as a respected Town Justice in the Town of Stillwater.

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

**A:** The two most critical issues facing the office today is the heroin/opioid issue and keeping our communities safe. Heroin abuse and addiction are serious issues affecting every county across New York State. To deal with this serious issue we must stay focused with a strong proactive law – enforcement approach combined with community education and effective treatment programs. We will continue to work with civic and government leaders to host and attend community forums such as the Capital District Heroin Task Force Forum that focused on building community based solutions to overcome heroin and opioid abuse and addiction. Community safety is my number one priority. To achieve this my administration will continue to promote training, pursue grant funding and technologies that will assist the men and women of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office with their job in keeping our streets, schools and communities safe.

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

**A:** My primary goal as Sheriff will continue to keep our communities safe across Saratoga County. We will continue to expand the use of technology across the Sheriff's department to include expanding interoperability between neighboring counties and launching a state-of-the-art shared Computer Aided Dispatch and Mobile E-911 system that will decrease response times and help make communities safer. Additionally, my team will continue to work with community groups and elected officials to find solutions to the serious opioid abuse problem that has affected so many lives.

## **Saratoga County Ballston Supt of Highways**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Joseph M Whalen**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded

## **Saratoga County Ballston - 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 1):**

**Timothy J Szczepaniak**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Ballston Tax Collector**

**Description:**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Anne C Hogue**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Ballston 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):**

**John Antoski**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Kelly A Stewart**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Charlton Town Clerk**

**Description:** The Town Clerk records the official activities of Town Government, serves as Records Management Officer, Filing Officer, Licensing Officer, Election Coordinator and Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Brenda L Mills**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Charlton 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):**

**Joseph S Grasso**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

Biographical Info:

**Education:** Bachelors of Landscape Architecture, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

**Experience and Qualifications:** 2014 - Present: Councilman, Charlton Town Board; 1996 - Present: Associate Vice President, Senior Project Manager, CHA Consulting, Inc.; 2014 - Present: Advisory Council Saratoga P.L.A.N.; 2017 - Present: Saratoga County Youth Advisory Board; 2008 - 2013: Town of Charlton

Agricultural Task Force; 2011 - 2013: Saratoga County Farmland and Land Preservation Committee; 2011 - 2013; Board of Directors, Saratoga P.L.A.N.

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

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

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 257-0224

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 1218 Eastern Avenue, West Charlton, NY 12010

**Campaign Email:** grasso1162@gmail.com

**Questions:**

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

**A:** Having helped grow an engineering company from 250 to over 900 employees during my career, I understand the importance of maintaining a strong financial position, elating your clients through exemplary service and empowering staff at all levels. These are the same qualities that I have brought to the Town of Charlton during my tenure on the Town Board, with proven positive results. My background in community planning and public works infrastructure has been instrumental in helping the Town plan for slow, responsible growth and maintain its roads and water supply system.

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

**A:** It is important that as a representative of the Town you create an environment that allows residents an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about Charlton with you. I plan on continuing my tradition of being visible in the community through my work on the Town Board, by attending various community activities, meetings and events and fostering a sense of open and honest communication with all Charlton residents. Residents who I have had the good fortune of interacting with, know that I will always make myself available to answer questions or listen to concerns, whether in person, by phone or via e-mail.

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

**A:** Fiscal Responsibility: The Town of Charlton has no Town tax, so we must continue to seek ways to provide essential services while keeping expenditures consistent with our revenues. Each Town Board member personally reviews every expenditure by the Town. This helps us identify areas of potential cost savings and optimizing value. To better understand the Town's long term financial picture and plan for future expenditures, the Town completed a qualitative assessment of all Town roads, completed a life cycle cost analysis of our highway equipment, and routinely looks at multi-year financial forecasting. Cell Phone Service/High Speed Internet: The need for these services has grown from one of convenience to one of necessity, providing an effective business tool and enhancing safety and security of our residents. We must work with the service providers and residents to identify the best, least impactful ways to get these services throughout Charlton.

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

**A:** Because Charlton continues to have no Town tax and no Highway tax, the 2% tax cap is moot. A better descriptor for Charlton is a self-imposed 0% tax cap. Every municipality in New York State is impacted by the need to balance services against the ability to pay for them, and Charlton is no different. I continually listen to the needs of the residents and Town departments, and work with the Town Board on providing the financial resources to meet these needs, whether it be funding the two emergency medical services that cover our Town (Ballston Lake EMS and Galway EMS), funding annual roadway repaving projects by the Highway Department, or making improvements to our parks.

## **Erin E Miller**



**Party:** DEM

Biographical Info:

**Education:** B.A. in Music Industry from SUNY Oneonta

**Experience and Qualifications:** 2006-2007 - Sales Assistant - Regent Broadcasting in Schenectady 2007-2010 - Director of Development - Heritage Health Care Center in Utica 2010 - Present - Freelance Social Media work 2012-2013 - Inbound Marketer - Mountainside Medical Equipment in Utica 2013-2015 - Community Manager - Adjusters International/Basloe, Levin & Cuccaro in Albany (based in Utica) 2015 - Present -

Licensed Real Estate Salesperson at HUNT Real Estate ERA Current - Member of Capital Region Chamber's YPN Planning Board

**Party Endorsements:** Democratic Party

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**Campaign Phone:** (518) 222-4590

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 1918 Amsterdam Rd, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

**Campaign Email:** charltondems@gmail.com

**Questions:**

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

**A:** I am a member of the younger generation, the generation that is beginning to move into the town and raise their families. I have a unique outlook on things that I feel represents those in my generation. We are full of new ideas and are not afraid to try and fail. I hope that my experiences are able to assist the town in creating better communications, increased community involvement, and programs to help those in need in our community. I am a big proponent of fairness, integrity, and inclusiveness. In my experiences everyone has something they can bring to the table and provide benefit to others, I hope that my ideas can help lead Charlton into a world that is blended with 21st century attributes while keeping our historic and rural character front and center.

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

**A:** I want to look at the website & see how to make it more user-friendly & more current in today's online landscape; or see if another program would be better suited. In addition, I'd like to add a Facebook page. The Charlton Town Police & Highway Department each have their own FB page that they do a nice job with, they are kept up regularly with a variety of content types. So why does the Town of Charlton not have a Facebook page? It's a fast, efficient way to get info out to the public, as well as fostering an online community that's more likely to take action & invest in their community. A monthly email newsletter, as well as hard copies available for pickup, is essential. It does not have to be as in-depth as the main newsletter, which in all fairness I like, but this is more as a reminder of happenings in the town & recap happenings at board & committee meetings within the month. I feel if information is more accessible and available we might have more people looking to get involved.

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

**A:** One big thing in the town is the cellphone tower and its placement. I'm a firm believer in preparedness & see the lack of cell service as a safety issue. The current plan for the tower has come to a standstill as we wait on answers for Verizon. I'm not opposed to putting this cell tower on private land, but I personally feel that should be entertained after exhausting the possibility of using all town-owned parcels. While the revenue brought in from the cell tower isn't a crazy amount, I would rather see it benefit the town first. I have already addressed the need to increase and better our communications, something that I think can easily be done. Another concern is our level of preparedness for a major disaster or even small disaster. I would like to work on a comprehensive safety plan, involving all of our first responders, as well as some sort of support plan for the seniors regardless of a disaster occurring.

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

**A:** Given that we don't have a town tax I don't think this is really an issue at all right now.

## **Douglas M Ranaletto**



**Party:** REP, CON

Biographical Info:

**Education:** United States Navy, Morrisville State College, Business

**Experience and Qualifications:** United States Navy Veteran 15 plus years as a successful businessman Four yrs Board Director, NYS Propane Gas Assoc. Six yrs Youth League baseball coach Two yrs Youth League Board Director and Sponsorships 10 plus years on

Charlton town Committees, Environmental Conservation and Zoning Board of Appeals Husband, married 27 years Father to one boy and one girl

**Party Endorsements:** Republican Committee

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 596-2347

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 4027 Jockey Street Charlton, NY 12019

**Campaign Email:** dranaletto@gmail.com

### **Questions:**

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

**A:** I believe my experience as a Navy Veteran, leader, businessman, father and a committed, active participant including 10 plus years spent on various town committees and now a Councilman will enable me to represent ALL of the people in Charlton. Having both business and government experience it has given me a keen awareness to what is important for residents and business's. My goal is to concentrate on providing the important services to our residents while keeping the town free of any type of town or highway tax.

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

**A:** I plan to spend time meeting with residents through various evening community events, dinners, rotary and periodic door to door visits. I would also like to send an email out to all of our residents who have one so that they have my email address and personal cellphone number in case they ever need to contact me about an issue. I would also like to revise our town newsletter so that it includes an update by me for the departments that I have oversight for.

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

**A:** One of the most pressing issues that you consistently hear about is the lack of good quality cellphone service. With the help of all residents we have to identify and decide on a palatable location on Town of Charlton property.

**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 Charlton does not have a town or highway tax. Our water district is under the 2% tax cap.

## **Edmund W Snyder**

**Party:** DEM, IND

Biographical Info:

**Education:** Degrees in: Industrial Electronics, Electrical Technology, Engineering Mechanics, Masters Business Administration, Power System Engineering Program, US Coast Guards Master Captain Credentials

**Experience and Qualifications:** 39 years with General Electric Co. Corporate Operations Officer for GTS Energy, NYS Certified Assessor-Advanced, Construction Cost Estimator, US Dept. of Energy Nuclear Security (Secret clearance), US Homeland Security (TWICs) credentials

**Key Endorsements:** Greater Capital Region Building and Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO

**Party Endorsements:** Independence Party member Democratic Party

**For more information:** Certified Search and Rescue volunteer for Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Previous Police Officer (NY), Previous NYS Department of State registered Armed Guard licensed Tristate Search and Rescue Scuba Diver

**Campaign Email:** Charltonindependent@ Yahoo.com

### **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 been actively involved with Charlton for 36 years. I have been an Elected Assessor for a period of time and have balanced the assessment roles and equalized all the values. I have performed a total revalue for the town's properties and performed these duties under budget and under the time allowed. I have been involved with the building of infrastructures of multiple projects around the world and have a proven track record of getting things accomplished. I have US Patents which have benefitted business and personnel. I have a vast background with construction and trade organizations. Numerous labor organizations support my abilities and have endorsed me as someone which is knowledgeable and fair with everyone. My education from various colleges show that I have electrical and mechanical abilities. I returned to college at 55 years of age and proceeded to acquire an Masters in Business Administration in 19 months with a grade point of 4.0 helping to rationalize town's finances.

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

**A:** I am a firm believer that all the town's citizens should have their input into major projects or issues. To that end, I have set up an Email address for many of the town's people to contact me with concerns or suggestions as we go forward. I strongly believe that there should always be an opportunity for our town's folk to be able to VOTE on major decisions and issue resolution. If the timing is such that this won't be timely, I believe that a mailer to every household should be done to make all the citizens aware of something that could involve them. Having a past of closed door decisions making by the



present Town Board and lack of regard to whom is effected is not good government by my thoughts. I along with my running mates will commit to one nightly meeting per week for the citizens to voice their ideas.

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

**A:** I have seen numerous closed door sessions where the citizens were not allowed to be involved. This needs to stop immediately. Government by one or four is not good government by my standards. The present town board has taken away all the citizens of Charlton ability to elect some of our representatives. The present town board has eliminated the elected Assessor's position and went to an appointed Assessor. The town's people cannot remove this Assessor if necessary. If I am successful in my endeavor I will push to have a permissive referendum to go back to an Elected Assessor. I am strongly pushing for a committee of citizens to work with the NEW Town board to get other ideas and inputs. This committee will be from various political party background, not just Republicans. There are numerous talented people of other parties or no party at all. I want to hear from them. I have an extensive background as a Construction Cost Engineer and will review all COST projects for the town.

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

**A:** Our town has been more impacted by the huge law suits that have taken place under the present town board. This fact has put Charlton into a terrible financial situation which is impacting our road repairs and up dating of necessary equipment. Charlton could decrease the costs associated with running the Government if the right people could make the right decisions. I believe that the 2% tax cap helps the average citizen deal with the multitude of other expenses that we all see. When I see some of the present tax assessments for individuals on the town board, I remember what I found when I was an Assessor. The idea that some should get better treatment in their assessments is not fair to the rest of the citizens. I fought this before and won and will do what is necessary to level the playing field again.

## **Saratoga County Charlton Town Justice**

### **Description:**

Town courts have jurisdiction over a broad range of matters, including vehicle and traffic matters, small claims, evictions, civil matters and criminal offenses

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

**Vernon L Ketchum**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Charlton Town Council (Remainder)**

### **Description:**

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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 1):**

**Mark N Hodgkins**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Charlton Hwy Superintendent**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Michael A Emerich**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Charlton - 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 1):**

**Alan R Grattidge**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** A.A.S. Degree in Agricultural Science from SUNY Cobleskil Agricultural & Technical College

**Experience and Qualifications:** Business owner of a local company for 39 years. Served on the Zoning Review Committee for 5 years. Elected Town Board Member for 9 years. Appointed Deputy Supervisor for 2 years. Elected Town Supervisor for 12 years. Elected as Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors in 2013. Served as Chairman of County Committees including Law and Finance, Public Works, Public Health and Legislative and Research. Graduate of the Pellitier Institute from NYSAC. Member of the NYSAC Ag. Task Force.

**Key Endorsements:** Senator James Tedisco. Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh. Sheriff Micheal Zurlo

**Party Endorsements:** Republican Party, Independents Party, Conservative Party

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 882-9757

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 4228 Jockey St. Charlton N.Y. 12019

**Campaign Email:** agrattidge@gmail.com

**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:** Continue to provide a high quality of service for the residents of Charlton in a fiscal responsible manner while maintaining a No Town or Highway Tax policy. Help to preserve farmland and open space while respecting landowners rights. Continue to improve Town parkland and 47 miles of Town roads. Continue to work with neighboring Towns and Saratoga County with Shared Services in purchasing supplies, providing services and road maintenance.

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

**A:** I enjoy representing the residents of Charlton. My skill and knowledge comes from over 25 years of being involved in Town and County Government. I started on the Committee to review the Town Zoning, then I was elected to the Town Board and served for 9 years learning how to best handle the ever changing issues that face local government. Being Supervisor for the past 12 years has given me the experience to continue the successful path the Town is on providing quality services in a fiscally responsible manner. Being a small business owner has also contributed to my ability to successfully govern the town.

**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 facing Saratoga County is the NYS unfunded mandates that continue to drive property taxes higher. These mandated programs from the State consumes all of the property taxes collect by the County with no say on how the programs run. Public safety continues to be a critical issue the County faces with growing opioid crisis.

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** I believe the Board of Supervisors is a good form of government for this County. I would not change it at this time.

**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 continue the successful utilization of the County's current Open Space and Farmland Protection Program while balancing growth business development in designated commercial areas.

**Albert W Wilson**

**Party:** DEM

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** B.S. Business Management SUNY Plattsburgh

**Experience and Qualifications:** Founder and operator of successful retail business, Cycle Therapy, in Burnt Hills, NY. 6 years of work as manager and executive in nonprofit organizations. 20 years of experience leading, motivating and mentoring employees.

**Campaign Email:** charltondems@gmail.com

**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:** Creating a town government that is balanced and utilizes the entire talent pool of town residents and having a decision making process that is open and allows timely community participation. Our current roster of committee and board appointments is dominated by residents from one party. We are missing a large opportunity by only considering the talents of half of our town residents to serve on committees and boards. Vacancies should be announced publicly and qualified applicants sought through a more competitive, open process. Key decisions are made without adequate public notice or time for public response. Better utilization of our town web site and other forms of communication well in advance of such decisions is needed.

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

**A:** I have a genuine desire to serve Charlton and lead a balanced government that considers the needs of all of our residents. My background in retail and non-profit management has helped me to balance multiple priorities while dealing with diverse employee groups and their competing interests.

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

**A:** Sustaining economic growth in key sectors while balancing the need to keep Saratoga County a desirable place to live. We are fortunate to live in a county that has a robust economy with strengths in manufacturing/technology, tourism and agriculture. However, given fast changing competitive conditions, particularly in manufacturing and technology, new opportunities must be constantly evaluated. Balancing development pressures with a need to maintain existing farmlands in our rural towns remains a challenge.

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** Current form of county government addresses issue of proportional representation. Unless there is a compelling reason to change that involves minimal or no cost to county residents, I see no need to change this structure.

**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:** Continued use of conservation easements to help preserve current farmlands. Greater use of cluster development to meet actual housing needs, but minimize size of land used and minimize infrastructure that will need to be maintained.

## **Saratoga County Charlton Tax Collector**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Susan M McBurnie**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Clifton Park - County Supervisor**

**Description:** The Supervisor represents the Town on the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Jonathan G Schopf**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND, RFM

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Clifton Park Town Council**

**Description:**

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**Candidates (choose 2):**

**James J Romano**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Lynda M Walowit**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND, RFM

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Clifton Park Town Clerk**

**Description:**

The Town Clerk records the official activities of Town Government, serves as Records Management Officer, Filing Officer, Licensing Officer, Election Coordinator and Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Patricia O Donnell**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Clifton Park Town Justice**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**James F Hughes**

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Clifton Park Hwy Superintendent**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Dahn S Bull**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND, RFM

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Bachelors, SUNY Fredonia, 2009

**Experience and Qualifications:** I am the current Highway Superintendent.

**Party Endorsements:** Republican, Conservative, Independence, Reform

**For more information:**

<http://www.cliftonpark.org/index.php/departments/highway>

**Campaign Mailing Address:** Clifton Park Republican Committee PO Box 56 Clifton Park, New York 12065

**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 the current Highway Superintendent of the Town of Clifton Park. I am running and wish to continue in this position to modernize the department, improve communications between the Town and residents and continuously improve our aging infrastructure. This will help Clifton Park adapt to the changing landscape of our community, economy and growth. As the Highway Superintendent I have worked to ensure that we are focusing on improving storm water management, maintaining a paving schedule that improves our heavily traveled roads and providing services that are not available in many other communities across the state.

**Saratoga County Clifton Park - 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 1):**

**Philip C Barrett**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND, RFM

The Candidate has not responded.

### **Saratoga County Corinth Town Clerk**

**Description:** The Town Clerk records the official activities of Town Government, serves as Records Management Officer, Filing Officer, Licensing Officer, Election Coordinator and Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Rose E Farr**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

### **Saratoga County Corinth Hwy Superintendent**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Shawn K Eggleston**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

### **Saratoga County Corinth - 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 1):**

**Richard B Lucia**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

### **Saratoga County Corinth Town Council**

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**Candidates (choose 2):**

**Calvin E Butler**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

**Edward C Byrnes**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Day 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):**

**Jeffrey W Gray**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

**April L Schmick**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Day - 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 1):**

**Preston L Allen**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Day Town Clerk**

**Description:** The Town Clerk records the official activities of Town Government, serves as Records Management Officer, Filing Officer, Licensing Officer, Election Coordinator and Registrar of Vital Statistics.



**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Carol A Vaillancourt**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded

**Saratoga County Edinburg 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 1):**

**Gene C Greco**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

**Marie E Penino**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Galway Town Justice**

**Description:** Town courts have jurisdiction over a broad range of matters, including vehicle and traffic matters, small claims, evictions, civil matters and criminal offenses.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Justin F Cappon**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Galway 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):**

**Frederick W Arnold**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Michael A Smith**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Galway Town Clerk**

**Description:**

The Town Clerk records the official activities of Town Government, serves as Records Management Officer, Filing Officer, Licensing Officer, Election Coordinator and Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Margaret L DeFoe**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Galway 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 1):**

**Paul E Lent**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Galway Supt of Hwys**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**David D Costanzo**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Greenfield Town Justice**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Elizabeth Fairbanks-Fletcher**

**Party:** DEM

The Candidate has not responded.

**Deborah Hopkins**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## Saratoga County Greenfield 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):

#### **Ricky Capasso**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

#### **Emily F Mastrianni**



**Party:** DEM

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Cornell University BS degree

**Experience and Qualifications:** Business Executive with over 20 years of diversified experience setting organizational direction, managing business processes and budgets, leading people and driving positive change

**Key Endorsements:** Town of Greenfield Democratic Committee

**Party Endorsements:** Town of Greenfield Democratic Committee

**For more information:** <http://saratogacountydems.org/town-committees/>

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 229-6565

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 19 Copperfield Road Greenfield Center, NY 12833

**Campaign Email:** emilymast@aol.com

#### **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 resident of Greenfield for 24 years, I have remained committed to serving a wide variety of community-based organizations. I was a highly involved Greenfield Elementary School volunteer, coordinating the vibrant arts-in-education program while my children were students there. I have been Board President of Saratoga County's resident theater company, Home Made Theater, and I'm currently Board President of Saratoga Arts', the County's regional arts council. With my background in budget oversight, human resources, and management I am uniquely prepared and committed to giving back as a public servant to the Town of Greenfield.

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

**A:** I believe in open and fair governance and believe voters should have a choice in whom they elect--including representatives from more than one

political party. I will work with the current board to improve communications with all Greenfield residents through emails, phone calls and community meetings.

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

**A:** Open lines of communication, smart, planned growth, helping our under-served residents and keeping Greenfield as a beautiful rural town. I would address these with more accessibility to Town Hall, help with the oversight of our community services for the children, the elderly and veterans, and carefully consider growth and any proposed zoning changes so that our rural community keeps its character.

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

**A:** I do not have enough information on this topic to reply at this time.

**Kevin Veitch**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded

**Saratoga County Greenfield 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 1):**

**Daniel Pemrick**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Greenfield Town Supt of Highways**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Walter Barss**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

.The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Hadley Town Clerk**

**Description:** The Town Clerk records the official activities of Town Government, serves as Records Management Officer, Filing Officer, Licensing Officer, Election Coordinator and Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Pauline Smead**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Hadley 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):**

**James Brewster**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

**Carl Lawrence**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Hadley Town Justice**

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

**Leland Aldrich**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County 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 1):**

**Arthur Wright**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Hadley Town Tax Collector**

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

**Katherine Austin**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

## Saratoga County Hadley Town Supt of Highways

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Andrew Gilbert**

**Party:** REP

The Candidate has not responded.

## Saratoga County Halfmoon Town Justice

**Candidates (choose 2):**

**Joseph Fodera**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Katherine Suchocki**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** J.D., cum laude, Albany Law School of Union University; B.A., magna cum laude, Syracuse University - College of Arts and Sciences, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs; Shenendehowa High School

**Experience and Qualifications:** Town Justice, Town of Halfmoon, 2014 – present; New York State Bar Association, Director, Continuing Legal Education and

Law Practice Management; Albany Law School Lawyering Program/Legal Writing and Research Program, Teaching Assistant; Albany City Court, Albany, New York, Law Clerk/Judicial Extern; U.S. District Court - Northern District of New York, Albany, New York, Law Clerk; Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, Syracuse, New York | Intern; New York State Senate

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

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate for this office?*

**A:** I have served as a Town Justice for the Town of Halfmoon since 2014. I have a thorough understanding of the legal system and the importance of maintaining professionalism in our town courts. Having lived in the Town of Halfmoon my entire life, I have an in-depth understanding of the challenges facing our residents and the community as a whole. Being fair and impartial are key qualities for a town justice. With my experience in the legal field as an attorney, licensed to practice law in the State of New York, I have appeared in hundreds of courts across the state. My knowledge of criminal law practice and procedure, combined with my civil litigation experience has helped me in my role as a Town Justice this past term. I am dedicated and committed to public service having been involved in community and legal activities throughout my career. I hope you find my experience, credentials,

and character a good fit for this position. I look forward to serving another term as a Town Justice.

### **Saratoga County Halfmoon 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):**

**Jeremy Connors**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Paul Hotaling**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

### **Saratoga County Halfmoon - 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 1):**

**Kevin Tollisen**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

### **Saratoga County Halfmoon Town Tax Collector**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Karen Pingelski**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

A: Candidate has not responded

### **Saratoga County - Malta Town Clerk**

**Description:** The Town Clerk records the official activities of Town Government, serves as Records Management Officer, Filing Officer, Licensing Officer, Election Coordinator and Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Jennifer Holmes Golden**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County - 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):**

**John Hartzell**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Tracy O'Rourke**



**Party:** DEM

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Graduated from High School in the Chicago area.

**Experience and Qualifications:** I am a long time resident of Malta and while working for the School District I see first hand the rapid growth and all that comes with it.

**Key Endorsements:** AFL-CIO Saratoga Area Labor Council.

**Party Endorsements:** Democrats

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 391-3085

**Campaign Mailing Address:** Malta Democratic Committee PO Box 362 Round Lake, NY 12151

**Questions:**

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

**A:** Having been a resident of Malta for over 25 years and working for the school district has allowed me to see the rapid growth and the problems that can come along with poorly planned development. I raised my children here and my parents retired here. I would like other families to have the same privilege.

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

**A:** By being accessible to everyone in the community. By keeping informed and seeking out information related to Malta and sharing that information with the community.



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

**A:** Over development. Poorly thought out development is a threat to our quality of life affecting the entire community at all economic levels. People should be able to afford to live in the community where they work. There should be jobs available to the people that live in the community. Lack of affordable housing while still encouraging commercial development isn't good for anyone. Not the people or the businesses in the community. Developers should be encouraged to build homes that would be feasible to many income levels. Thus attracting people that businesses will employ.

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

**A:** The 2% tax cap is a "safety valve" that would protect property owners from a significant rise in property taxes in a single year. This "safety valve" is especially important to people on fixed incomes and business that budget for their annual town and county property taxes and a significant rise in one year would be fiscally devastating. I believe that through proper planning and efficiency in government we can avoid unexpected increases in the Town's budget and avoid rapid and unexpected tax increases. In my view Malta's heavy reliance on shared sales tax revenues is risky in that an unexpected down turn in sales tax revenues by the County could have a significant impact on the Town's budget necessitating a Town to make up the difference.

### **Sharon Schiera**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

### **Cynthia Young**



**Party:** DEM, WF

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** BS Political Science from SUNY Oswego

**Experience and Qualifications:** Member of the Board of Assessment Review, former member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Malta Youth Commission. Former Deputy Town Clerk, Assessment Data Collector and Webmaster

**Key Endorsements:** Town of Malta Democratic Committee, Saratoga County Central Labor Council, Eleanor's Legacy.

**Party Endorsements:** Democratic Party and Working Families Party

**For more information:** [youngformalta@facebook.com](mailto:youngformalta@facebook.com)

**Campaign Mailing Address:** PO Box 362, Round Lake, NY 12151

**Campaign Email:** [youngformalta@gmail.com](mailto:youngformalta@gmail.com)

**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 been a resident of Malta for more than 30 years. In that time I have been an active member of the community. I have served on the Board of Assessment Review, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Malta Youth Commission. I have worked as Deputy Town Clerk, Assessment Data Collector and Webmaster. I have regularly attended town meetings for many years. I believe that my experience makes me uniquely qualified. I also take every opportunity to talk to residents often and make an effort to understand all sides of any issue.

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

**A:** I think that any significant policy decisions need to be made in an open arena. Malta is home to people from all over the world. These residents have ideas and skills that we should tap into. I hope that we can get anyone who wants to be involved, empowered to help keep Malta a great place to live, work and raise a family.

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

**A:** Growth and development in Malta is one of the most significant issues. We need to find a balance between smart growth and at the same time maintain our quality of life. Commercial growth will help ensure our fiscal health, help keep our taxes manageable. While development is important to our fiscal health, I support the protection of our rural areas. I think it is important that we protect our farms and open spaces. This delicate balance will help to maintain great quality of life in Malta. Another issue facing our town, is to make sure that our emergency services have the resources that they need to perform their functions. An issue facing them is to attract, train and retain quality volunteers.

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

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County - Malta Town Justice**

**Description:** Town courts have jurisdiction over a broad range of matters, including vehicle and traffic matters, small claims, evictions, civil matters and criminal offenses.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Steven Gottmann**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## Michelle Storm



**Party:** DEM, WF

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Graduate of local SUNY Albany and Albany Law School.

**Party Endorsements:** Endorsed by the Malta Democrats and Working Families.

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 727-9882

**Campaign Mailing Address:** Friends of Michelle Storm, PO Box 1422, Clifton Park, NY 12065

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate for this office?*

The Candidate has not responded.

## Saratoga County - Malta Hwy Superintendent

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Roger Crandall**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## Saratoga County - Malta - 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 1):**

**William Breheny**



**Party:** DEM

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Political Science State University at Brockport

**Experience and Qualifications:** 32 year resident of Malta, NY. In addition to my 30+ years as a professional in the IT industry and Financial Services, I served and volunteered on many sports, school, civic, religious and business associations and committees over those years.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County Central Labor Council

**Party Endorsements:** Democratic Party

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 810-1247

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 17 Bellflower Road Malta, NY 12020

**Campaign Email:** bill.breheny80@gmail.com

**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:** From listening to my fellow residents I would say that the top issues, which are related, are traffic congestion, over-development, and affordable workforce housing. I would add that those problems put stress on the town's services – from fire and police protection to water and sewage. One of the first things I would do is to revisit the Town Master Plan. The plan was drawn up 10 years ago, and most people agree it was a good plan but should be reviewed and updated. I would start there and bring the plan current by getting input from residents and the department heads of the services that will be impacted. I feel that the Town Master Plan, developed with resident input, needs to be more closely adhered to and not continually being modified for the different developer/special-interest group preferences. There are well-established development principles for "smart growth" which other communities and states have adopted with great success.

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

**A:** My motivation is to give back and continue to help and serve a community that my family and I have lived in for 32 years. During that time I have served and volunteered in many different ways – as a sports coach, executive board member of the Ballston Spa Soccer Club, an Odyssey of the Mind mentor, board member of the Ballston Spa Business and Professional Association and religion teacher. From my involvement in the community, I have developed a deep understanding and appreciation of what my friends and neighbors feel is important in the community, and what their hopes and expectations are of their local government officials. The position of Town Supervisor lets me apply what I know about the town and its people with the business skills I have cultivated and developed in my professional life. In my career in IT services and financial services, I have been successful in listening to people's concerns and problems and delivering solutions that address and achieve their goals.

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

**A:** In my view, the most critical challenges facing Saratoga County are similar to those facing Malta: over-development, traffic congestion, infrastructure and public services, and affordable housing. Then add in public safety, a decaying infrastructure and health care costs at the same time, and it's a challenge trying to keep budgets reasonable and efficient for the residents. Practicing smart growth and thoughtful, long-term planning are needed. That can be accomplished with a diversified approach to governing. It will take an active, not reactive approach to these issues and a willingness to "think outside of the box" for new and possible different ideas, while remembering the interests and values of the people we serve. Saratoga County will continue to change and grow. The question is: Will the towns and county step up and manage the change or will the change overwhelm us and change what we are?

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** I would be open to creating a commission to look at changing county government's current structure. We have to be at least open to the idea and explore the options, and look at whether it would be more effective and economical in serving the people of Saratoga County. A lot of things have changed in 30 years, and I believe it would be worth looking at.

**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:** The techniques I will use to guide me are based in the Smart Growth concept. Smart Growth Principles comprise an accepted process used by other states and communities in the country. Every community has different characteristics and opportunities, but these guidelines are useful in evaluating whether a proposed project will likely contribute to the community achieving its overall objectives. For example: • Locate new development near existing development and infrastructure. • Increase the range of housing opportunities. • Protect open space and critical natural resources. • Create a vibrant mix of uses. • Create or enhance transportation choices, and design for personal interaction and walkability. • Respect the desired character of the community. • Be sustainable in the context of the community. If we stay alert and don't get complacent with our current economic growth, we can continue to be the Saratoga County where people can live, work and play

### **Vincent Delucia**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Mechanicville Commissioner of Accounts**

**Description:** The Commissioner of Accounts is the Department Head of the Accounts Department. The Commissioner serves as: City Clerk, City Assessor, Purchasing Agent, Insurance Officer, Records Management Officer, and Registrar of Vital Records.

The Office of the City Clerk records and keeps minutes of the Council meetings, is the custodian of all City documents, keeper of the City Seal, and issuer of licenses and permits.

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

#### **Kimberly Dunn**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded

**Josephine Pisculli**

**Party:** DEM

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Mechanicville City Mayor**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Dennis Baker**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** 2 Years of college

**Experience and Qualifications:** 4 years Mayor of Mechanicville, 15 Year member of Mechanicville Board of Education. Several Years as President, Retired Police Officer, 21 years as Regional Manage of Loss Prevention for Hannaford Supermarkets.

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

**For more information:** Mayor Dennis Baker Facebook Page

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 707 Broadway Mechanicville, NY 12118

**Questions:**

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for Mechanicville in the next 10 years?*

**A:** During my administration the City has made major improvements to the Cities fiscal health as well as significantly upgrading the roads, bridges and public building throughout the City. Because of improvements we are making, businesses are currently contacting the city about expanding in and relocating to Mechanicville. Over the next several years we are planning to aggressively pursue businesses to fill the Cities commercial corridors.

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this job? What unique qualifications do you have that make you the right candidate for this office?*

**A:** As the current Mayor I think we have made major strides forward during the past (4) four years. As a lifelong resident of the community, my goal in a second term will be to continue to make the improvements necessary to make the City of Mechanicville, once again, a vibrant community that will attract both commercial businesses and to continue to encourage and help our residents make upgrades to their properties.

**Anthony Sylvester**

**Party:** DEM

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Mechanicville Comm of Finance**

**Description:**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Jodie Gilheany**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## Saratoga County Mechanicville Commr Public Safety

### Candidates (choose 1):

#### Tony Delvecchio

**Party:** DEM

The Candidate has not responded.

#### Barbara McGuire



**Party:** REP

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Graduated from Mechanicville High School, Class of 1978.

**Experience and Qualifications:** I have lived in Mechanicville for all of my life and retired from State service after 36 years with the Department of Labor. I have the time to devote to this position and want to serve my community.

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 858-4124

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 101 S. Second Ave., Mechanicville, NY

**Campaign Email:** bmcguire7@nycap.rr.com

#### Questions:

**Q:** *Given the growth in population and economic development in Saratoga County, what is your vision for Mechanicville in the next 10 years?*

**A:** I envision an attractive and bustling downtown where entrepreneurs view our community as a wonderful place to set up shop and partner with us in making Mechanicville a destination place not just a great place to live work and raise a family. Lets make empty store fronts a thing of the past. There's no reason why our downtown can't be as successful as Ballston Spa, Greenwich and other smaller/older communities. Lets get a first time homebuyers program back and an aggressive program to help homeowners with rehabilitation costs. I would like to rejuvenate and restore our parks and playgrounds. I would like to expand services for our seniors. When I see our Seniors struggling to get to medical appointments, I ask myself why? I would like to look into partnering with our neighbors in Halfmoon, Stillwater and Schaghticoke to share services that will allow us to offer more opportunities for everyone at a more affordable cost to all.

**Q:** *What is your motivation for running for this job? What unique qualifications do you have that make you the right candidate for this office?*

**A:** I have decided to seek the position of Commissioner of Public Safety because I am convinced that together we can move our City in a more positive and prosperous direction. While Mechanicville, because of its small size is not able to share the growth of Malta, Stillwater and Halfmoon, there is no reason why we haven't experienced a healthier business climate and stronger housing market. Some have sold our community short and it's time we raised the bar on what is good for our community and the services we offer our citizens. A developer coming in and building 227 apartments in a

business district, with inefficient square feet per person being tolerated, offering inadequate green space, improper storm water runoff, inadequate parking, insufficient ingress and egress and with a 20 years of tax abatement so we pay and they don't, I say enough. As a life long resident, you know me, you've seen me, I will be a phone call away. I'm not looking for a job, I'm looking to make a difference.

## **Saratoga County Mechanicville Commr Public Works**

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

**Anthony Gotti**

**Party:** DEM

Candidate has not responded

**John Messore**

**Party:** CON

Candidate has not responded

**Ralph Verdile**

**Party:** REP, IND

Candidate has not responded

## **Saratoga County Milton Town Justice**

### **Description:**

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

**Timothy M Brown**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

Biographical Info:

**Education:** \*Graduate Ballston Spa High School  
\*Graduate Hudson Valley Community College with  
A.O.S. Electrical Technology \*Zone 5 Bureau of  
Municipal Police Graduate \*D.A.R.E. Officer, Instructor  
\*Certified Level 2 N.Y.S. Fire Investigator \*Criminal  
Investigator training \*Forensic Evidence Collection \*Sex  
Crime and computer predator training \*Evidence  
collection and chain of custody trained \*Case  
management and trial preparation \*Multiple in service  
trainings and 26 years of hands on experience in courts.

**Experience and Qualifications:** After retirement, I was interviewed and selected to serve as Town Justice and have completed 7 months doing the job. I have made several changes to the court to better serve the people in an efficient manner. I have witnessed and conducted court business in every Saratoga County Town Court, Saratoga County court, Federal Court in Albany, Supreme Court and worked closely with the Saratoga District Attorney's office to bring multiple cases to a successful prosecution.



**Key Endorsements:** I have the support of Sheriff Michael Zurlo, District Attorney Karen Heggen, Public Defender Oscar Schrieber. All of whom I need to work with and maintain a professional relationship with. Most importantly, I have the endorsement of my family. I also feel confident in having anyone speak with former colleagues or defendants I have had contact with. I believe all would agree I am fair and take each case on its merit when considering any decision.

**Party Endorsements:** I have been endorsed by the Republican, Independence & Conservative Parties.

**For more information:** I am a very accessible community person. I can be found at home, the court every Tuesday at 9am and occasionally at the Union Fire Station. I also answer my phone.

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 810-7473

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 102 Locust Ct. Ballston Spa, NY 12020

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate for this office?*

**A:** Outside of the above mentioned qualifications, I believe most importantly, that my addition to the Milton Town Court provides access to the court 24 hours a day. I retired from the Sheriff's Office and have been very active in fulfilling my appointed role as town justice. Since my appointment I have answered requests from the Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, Ballston Spa Police, D.E.A. and conducted 127 after hour arraignments ranging from daytime calls to 3am calls. I am committed to making the court accessible anytime. I have worked with my co-justice and established an "on-call" schedule to ensure those needs are met. I have completed the Office of Court Administration training and have a full array of support to be successful. I have the ability to find answers and the willingness to do so to make good decisions. It is impossible to know everything. I have a vested interest in this community, I have raised a family here, been raised here myself and want Milton strong.

## Mark A Juda



**Party:** DEM

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Canisius College B.A. Ohio Northern University J.D.

**Experience and Qualifications:** I am a practicing litigation attorney with over 25 years experience which I believe makes me uniquely qualified to serve as Town Justice

**Party Endorsements:** Democratic

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 377-3077

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 34 Van Tassel Lane  
Ballston Spa, New York 12020

**Campaign Email:** mjuda@markjudalaw.com

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate for this office?*

**A:** As a practicing litigation attorney and a former prosecutor with over 25 years experience I believe that I am uniquely qualified to run an efficient ethical and fair Town of Milton Justice Court.

## **Saratoga County 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):**

#### **Frank S Blaisdell**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Bachelor of Science - University of Vermont  
Bachelor of Science - University of Illinois  
Master of Science - University of Illinois  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine - University of Illinois

**Experience and Qualifications:** Resident of the Town of Milton for 38 years, serving 20 years as a Clinical

Veterinarian and business partner in Ballston Spa. Supervisor and Director in my current position with the Department of Health. I am proud to have served 3 terms as councilman in the Town of Milton. The combination of all of these experiences have given me a unique insight into the workings of the town and the concerns that the town residents have for their families, their land and their businesses.

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

**For more information:** Contact me at: [Councilmanblaisdell@gmail.com](mailto:Councilmanblaisdell@gmail.com)

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 951-2670

**Campaign Email:** [councilmanblaisdell@gmail.com](mailto:councilmanblaisdell@gmail.com)

**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 Veterinarian, Businessman, Supervisor, Director and Town Official, I have worked with individuals and groups under many different circumstances. I have learned the importance of quietly and respectfully listening to people's concerns, working to find a reasonable solution and following up with the individual to be sure that their concerns have been appropriately addressed. The experience that I have gained working with the town residents and the officials at the town during my previous terms on the

council will be a very valuable asset to the town and myself as we continue to move forward in Milton

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

**A:** I believe that it is important to keep every citizen of the town informed about what is happening in the town and especially what is happening with the town government. This can be accomplished by: Posting all meetings and events on the town web site. Utilize local media. Encourage residents to attend town meetings Consider broadcasting meetings in on local channels

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

**A:** 1. Assuring that the town budget is appropriate and reasonable to carry the town forward for many years to come. Work with the council, residents and financial advisors to determine exactly where we stand at this time and determine the best way to move forward. 2. Assure continued reasonable growth in the town while maintaining open spaces and agriculture land Maintaining town and planning boards that are properly trained and educated in the laws related to building and land development. Continue to encourage good businesses to move into the town center. 3. Assure that all residents have access to plentiful clean water. Work water companies to investigate sources of clean water and how to move it to the residents that need it. 4. Repair or replacement of Town Hall Continue to support committees of town employees, town officials and town residents that are looking into these issues and methods to finance them.

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

**A:** I do not believe that the Town has any problems meeting its financial obligations at this time. I do believe that we need to watch this issue very carefully and assure that we maintain good services for the town residents and assure that we can maintain our ability to meet our financial obligations.

## **Sergia C Coffey**



**Party:** DEM, WF, WEP

Biographical Info:

**Education:** PhD Economics from NYU BA Political Science and Economics SUNY Brockport

**Experience and Qualifications:** I have been a community activist for many years. I am the chair of the Saratoga Health Committee. I have been a resident of Milton for 19 years and was a volunteer at PTO and cub scouts, I managed a small business and understand the challenges a small business faces. I am a Member of Saratoga Progressive Action and MoveOn.org. I have a PhD in economics and have taught college courses in economics and business. I have supported the political campaigns of Bernie Sanders, and other candidates.

**Key Endorsements:** Building and Construction Trades AFL-CIO

**Party Endorsements:** Democratic Party, Working Families Party, Women's Equality Party.

**For more information:** [www.facebook.com/MiltonBoard2017](http://www.facebook.com/MiltonBoard2017) twitter @sergiacoffey

**Campaign Email:** [sergiacoffey@gmail.com](mailto:sergiacoffey@gmail.com)

**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 a background and education in economics and business which will allow me to ensure sound fiscal policy through the review of revenues, expenditures and a sound annual budget. I have a certificate in solar installation and have studied energy efficiency at Hudson Community College, which will allow me to help the Town transition to more energy efficient building renovations and the adoption of solar to reduce the energy operating costs. I have been a volunteer and community activist. I have volunteered with the PTO, cub scouts and soccer when my son's were young. I have been a community activist and am chair of the Saratoga Health Committee, advocating for the NY Health Act and other issues related to health care as a right.

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

**A:** I will have the Town Board meetings video recorded and posted on the Town site and ensure that the minutes are detailed. I commit to have regular question and answer sessions. I will be responsive to all the resident's concerns and operate in a non-partisan manner. I am currently having a Coffee with Coffey session every Saturday morning from 10 a.m to 11 a.m at the Coffee Planet.

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

**A:** 1) Town business is not easily accessible to the public. I will videotape Town Board meetings and post videos and detailed minutes on the Town website. I will hold regular question and answer meetings with the public and be open and responsive to the input of town residents. 2) The administration of the town is not adequate, I will commit to open information about town revenues, expenditures and annual budgets, careful review of the physical plant and savings from the adoption of green energy saving technology, and I will honor FOIL requests in the interest of open government and to avoid unnecessary legal fees. 3) Ethics and decorum in the town government is often absent. The Times Union and other papers have reported numerous problems with unethical behavior. I commit to integrity and ethical behavior consistent with the town's ethics code, and civil behavior as a member of the Town Board.

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

**A:** The 2% tax cap should be upheld, to prevent the raising of taxes. It is important that the Town of Milton operate within this limit and examine all its expenditures and revenues to make sure that they do. My background in

economics will allow me to review and examine ways to balance revenue and expenditures.

## John J Frolish



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

Biographical Info:

**Education:** Saratoga Springs High School Hudson Valley Community College

**Experience and Qualifications:** 10 year Planning Board Member 15 year elected Fire Dist. Commissioner 31 year local business owner 44 year firefighter/Chief/EMT past chairman Saratoga County Fire Advisory Board member of Emergency

Preparedness Committee for Town of Milton member of Zoning revision committee Sixty four year resident of the Town

**Party Endorsements:** Republican Conservative Independence

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 584-1111

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 595 Grand Avenue Saratoga Springs NY 12866

**Campaign Email:** frolishmilton@GMAIL.com

### Questions:

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

**A:** 1. As a 15 year publicly elected member of the Milton Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, I have been jointly entrusted with millions of dollars of tax monies and assets. During my service, we have always had clean NYS audits. Municipal budgets, public works contracts, spec and bid procedures and municipal insurance are all items with which I am very familiar. As a business owner for 31 years, our focus is on customer service, understanding the needs and products to suit each customer. This applies to the Town Council as their focus should be on the needs of the community and working to fulfill these needs. As a ten year member of the Milton Planning Board, member of two Zoning revision committees and the Emergency Preparedness Committee, I understand the needs of our community first hand. The needs for balanced growth and economic development exist along side the recreational and open space needs of our growing community.

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

**A:** 2. Reaching out to the community is part of what the Town Council should do at every opportunity, through social media, attending public events, satellite informational meetings and more. The involvement of our Milton community is of benefit to many committees and projects and with my years of connections, expect to gain input from many qualified professionals within the Town. Support and involvement will be gained thru clear and accurate communication with residents.

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

**A:** 3. The number one issues facing the Town today is our budget. Mismanagement over many years has led to a crisis where needs are not being funded. Secondly, the physical facilities are deteriorating with no plan for their maintenance and/or replacement. Water services are needed in specific areas which need to be addressed and solved. All three of these issues involve long range planning, a commitment to the plan, and a common sense accurate budget to solve these problems.

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

**A:** 4. The 2% tax cap has impacted the budget and our ability to pay for goods and services. When essential items increase more than 2% it becomes impossible to maintain these services without reducing other essential areas. The community needs to be aware that budget line items like road paving, snow removal, building permits and more are impacted by this. When it is necessary to increase by greater than 2%, more emphasis needs to be on public education through the Town website, public meetings and press releases to explain the reasons clearly.

## **Meg Stevens**



**Party:** DEM, WF, WEP

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** AAS in Business Administration from Adirondack Community College

**Experience and Qualifications:** I've sat on multiple boards in the community and I know how to get things done in a positive manner.

**Party Endorsements:** Democratic Party, Working Families Party and Women's Equality Party

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 951-9795

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 13 Whippletree Rd Ballston Spa, NY 12020

**Questions:**

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

**A:** I've been active in our community for over 25 years and have been attending all town board, zoning board and planning board meetings for over 10 years. I know how to be an effective board member and I want to make our town board a citizen driven board by listening to my neighbors in this wonderful community. I also have experience with budgeting and would be invaluable in creating a balanced and fair budget for our town.

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

**A:** I want to have all town board meetings available online. The town web page needs information on to contact our elected officials, not just a voice mail box that gets ignored by many of the town board members. . Utilizing

current and updated technology will create a more open and transparent local government.

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

**A:** The budget errors will be impacting our town for too many future years unless the town board finds ways to cut expenses without cutting services and jobs. It may mean belt tightening and being very selective as to expenditures in the town.

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

**A:** Until the error was caught in the budget by the auditors, it appeared that the town was in good financial shape. Depending on the amount of the error, which has yet to be shared with the public, it may make a huge difference. I would never want to raise the taxes above the cap and would vote against it. If at all possible I would like to see the tax level remain the same or even lower.

## **Saratoga County - Milton - 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 1):**

#### **Barbara A Kerr**



**Party:** RFM

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Shaker High School Albany Business College

**Experience and Qualifications:** 1 Year Milton Planning Board Zoning Committee for Abandon Cars and Solar Displays Six Years Milton Town Councilwoman

**Key Endorsements:** Upstate Conservative Coalition

**Party Endorsements:** Reform

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 369-5271

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 220 Stone Church Road Ballston Spa, NY 12020

**Campaign Email:** bkerr@skidmore.edu

#### **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:** There are several pressing issues which must be addressed, and primary is the balancing of the growth of our town and the demand for services with

the ability to find increased sources of revenues while at the same time, controlling unnecessary spending. Economic development of our Town Center is critical to providing the goods and services for our residents, which in turn generates additional sales tax revenues to help provide income for our capital projects. Our Town Hall is badly in need of repair or replacement as well as new facilities for our Town Garage, and strategic long term planning is part of that agenda. Decisions made today will have long term ramifications on our residents, so communication and cooperation with the members of the Town Board and employees, and developers is my vision as the key to success.

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

**A:** Over the last 15 years I have been involved in Town and County government , initially by attending various board meetings and later by serving on Town committees and other Boards. The sole purpose for my involvement has always been for the greater good of the community, and it has been that involvement that keeps me motivated to serve the residents of the Town of Milton and Saratoga County. I have served on the Town Planning Board, on committees to rewrite Zoning, and for the last six years it has been my privilege to represent the Town of Milton residents as their elected Councilwoman. During my terms, I have taken every opportunity to attend training in all aspects of Town Government. I presently have completed certification through the NYS Association of Towns in the positions of Supervisor, Councilperson and Planning and Zoning and attended classes in other areas. I attend most town meetings (Planning and Zoning Board etc.) to have a better understanding of Town operations.

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

**A:** In my opinion, the most critical issue facing Saratoga County is the rapid growth we are experiencing and the challenges of working to keep up with this growth while continuing to provide the services the residents need and to keep taxes low and affordable for the middle class. This takes an effort by every Town, City and Village in Saratoga County along with every County Department to coordinate this successfully. I have seen firsthand how the County has work together, whether it be the Sheriff's Department, providing expanded coverage for the County, the County Clerk's Office working towards better ways to serve and increasing revenue, DPW keeping our roads safe, or Planning Department, coordinating a County Trail System, all are working towards the betterment of Saratoga County and management of our rapid growth. An ongoing area of concern are the unfunded mandates put upon us by NYS. We must continually work closely with State elected officials to pursue relief in these areas.

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** Thirty years ago, the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government based upon factors which were



anticipated but never materialized, and not relevant in Saratoga County. Over this period of time, Saratoga County has proven to be a very effective form of government, which has been run by resourceful, intelligent elected officials, showing that the County has a system that works efficiently, as proven by the fact that Saratoga County maintains the lowest tax rates in all of NYS. I would not be in favor of changing this system.

**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:** Over the years, Saratoga County has become the fastest growing County in the State, and this influx of growth with people and associated problems was recognized by County leaders many years ago. Our County leaders had the foresight to anticipate these problems of growth and have addressed them with intelligent planning. There are in place already, established management techniques, technology, and resources that are fluid and can be adapted to conditions as they arise. Saratoga County has the formula to build upon what has already been established, and my position would be to work with and improve, the winning ideas of my predecessors.

## **Scott T Ostrander**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** High school diploma. Associates degree Criminal justice

**Experience and Qualifications:** Public servant past 30 years. Good people skills, able to solve difficult problems, good working relationship with the public

**Key Endorsements:** Jim Tedisco, Elise Stfanik.

**Party Endorsements:** Republicans, Independent, Conservative

**For more information:** Life long resident for 50 years

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 470-0484

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 617 Sunny Lane Ballston Spa, NY 12020

**Campaign Email:** Scott.Ostrander12020@gmail.com

**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:** 1) Budget issues - Secure a solid budget. 2) Transparency create a solid working relationship with the board members and the town. 3) Lack of leadership - Create a Liaison between the board members and the town employees. 4) Economic Development - secure businesses to come into our town to help with our taxes. 5) Create a grant writer to secure money for the town.

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

**A:** My motivation is that I have been a public servant in this community as a police officer for the past thirty years and I want to continue to serve the residents of Milton for many more years to come. I grew up in this town and I

want to make Milton a better place to live and raise a family. I have been in the public eye for the past thirty years. I have been faced with life-threatening decisions and I believe I am a good problem solver and have excellent people skills.

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

**A:** The most critical issues facing the county is the rate of growth within our county. I believe that we have to create a strategic economic development plan. We need strategic infrastructure investment, more growth around innovated companies example (Global Foundries in Malta) that would create an opportunity for tax breaks to residents.

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** No I'm not in favor of changing the County Board of Supervisors has Power based on the amount of people with the township it allows a more weighted vote for the bigger towns within the county and I believe that the bigger the town the more weighed vote they should carry with board of supervisors.

**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:** We should keep certain areas within our communities rural and place a cap on the growth development that's going on in our community. I believe that with the expanded growth the our county is facing we need to preserve our green space.

## **Saratoga County-Moreau 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):**

**Reed S Antis**

**Party:** DEM

The Candidate has not responded.

## John G Hogan



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Hudson Falls High School, Adirondack Community College A.A.S. Business Administration, H.V.C.C. Police training

**Experience and Qualifications:** I think my time as a police officer helps in that I have had years of experience, listening to, addressing and trying to solve problems of the public.

**Party Endorsements:** Republican, Conservative and Independent

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 99 Hatchery Road,

Gansevoort, N.Y. 12831

### **Questions:**

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

**A:** I am very approachable, I am a good listener and I work well with others,

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

**A:** I am often at events that my children are involved with, examples softball, baseball, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, cross country. I try to take an active roll in their programs and am very happy to meet new people and discuss issues that affect our community at our local level. If elected I would further offer an email for contact that pertains to community issues.

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

**A:** I believe the most pressing issues facing our town today are, community development, both commercial and residential. The need for better infrastructure to support this potential growth. I realize these issues are being addressed but plans need to be finalized. I believe we need a better plan for recreational areas within the town and need to develop a master plan for continued success.

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

**A:** With the 2% tax cap our town has been impacted and I believe we are using up our reserves. I believe we have been able to keep up with the expenses but need to look at cost saving measures.

## **Kyle C Noonan**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Nathaniel A Smythe**

**Party:** DEM

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County-Moreau Town Justice**

**Description:** Town courts have jurisdiction over a broad range of matters, including vehicle and traffic matters, small claims, evictions, civil matters and criminal offenses.

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

**Timothy J Alden**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County-Moreau 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 1):**

**Therodore T Kusnierz**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Michael P Linehan**

**Party:** DEM

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County- Moreau Town Clerk**

**Description:** The Town Clerk records the official activities of Town Government, serves as Records Management Officer, Filing Officer, Licensing Officer, Election Coordinator and Registrar of Vital Statistics

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

**Lee Ann McCabe**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Moreau Superintendent of Highways**

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



**Paul A Joseph**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Highway School

**Experience and Qualifications:** 34 + years construction Field 18.5 years at the highway dept 8 of them as superintendent member of Saratoga count highway

superintendents Member of association of towns of the state of New York  
Better construction site management certificate from NYS DEC storm water  
program 7 years of highway association school

**Party Endorsements:** Independence (IND), Conservative  
(CON), Republican (REP)

**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 all town roads safe and maintained while staying in budget restraints, while updating aging infrastructure. To have the town residents to be proud to say they live in the Town Of Moreau !

**Q:** *Any additional information.*

**A:** I am a working person - not a politician. My Job is to get the work done and make our roads safe.

## **Saratoga County-Northumberland Hwy Supt**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Harold F Vance**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County-Northumberland 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):**

**Paul S Bolesh**

**Party:** REP, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**George M Hodgson**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County - Northumberland - 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 1):**

**Willard H Peck**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County-Northumberland Town Clerk**

**Description:** The Town Clerk records the official activities of Town Government, serves as Records Management Officer, Filing Officer, Licensing Officer, Election Coordinator and Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Denise D Murphy**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County-Northumberland Town Justice**

**Description:** Town courts have jurisdiction over a broad range of matters, including vehicle and traffic matters, small claims, evictions, civil matters and criminal offenses.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**John C Mannix**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County-Providence 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):**

**Richard F Cross**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Audrey G Lahoff**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Providence Superintendent of Highways**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**George C Whitney**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Providence 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 1):**

**Sandra Winney**

**Party:** CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Public Works**

**Description:** The Commissioner of Public Works is the Department Head of the Department of Public Works, including the Utilities Department. The Commissioner is responsible for the oversight of street and highway maintenance including snowplowing, leaf pickup and sanding and salting; the maintenance and beautification of the City's Buildings and Grounds; the maintenance and inventory of the City's infrastructure; water and sewer billing, the maintenance, use of Congress Park and the use and rental of the Carousel, the Casino and other City facilities; and oversight of the City Engineer office

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Anthony Scirocco**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Finance**

**Description:** The Commissioner of Finance is the Chief Fiscal Officer (CFO) of the City of Saratoga Springs. The duties of the Commissioner include: first substitute for the Mayor, City Tax Collector, Bursar of City Funds, Internal Auditor, Custodian

of City Monies, Keeper of City Financial Records, Budget Chairperson and Certifier of City Payrolls.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Michele Madigan**

**Party:** DEM, WF, IND, WEP

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County- 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):**

**Donald Braim**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND, RFM

Biographical Info:

**Education:** St. Peters High School Hudson Valley Community College, A.A.S. Criminal Justice Russell Sage College, B.S. Criminal Justice FBI National Academy Graduate

**Experience and Qualifications:** Saratoga Springs Police Department, 22+ years retired as a Criminal Investigator. Saratoga Harness Track, 20 years retired as the Sr. Vice President of Racing Operations

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga Springs Police Benevolent Association Police Conference of New York Police Benevolent Association of New York, Representing University Police, Encon Police, Park Police and Forest Rangers Police Benevolent Association of New York State Troopers, Inc., representing Troopers to the rank of Major Saratoga Springs Fire Department, Local 343 New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association, Inc.

**Party Endorsements:** Republican Party Conservative Party Independence Party Reform Party

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** My experience will be my strongest asset for this job. I served as a member of the Saratoga Springs Police Department for 22 years, retiring as a Criminal Investigator. I then spent 20 years working in management at the



Saratoga Casino and Raceway as Director of Security, retiring as Senior Vice President of Operations. In the Saratoga Springs Police Department, I led a Special Investigations Unit combating the scourge of illegal drugs, which is an important issue facing this city and others today. The key to our success then was a team approach based on strong coordination within our unit and interdepartmental cooperation with a range of other local, state, and federal agencies. At the Saratoga Casino and Raceway, I managed over 200 employees, while overseeing the safety of 2 million guests every year, along with 1,100 horses and over 700 horsepersons. My private sector experience will be used to manage the Public Safety Department.

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

**A:** The Commissioner of Public Safety job consists of a two-part role: that of leading the department and also legislating at the City Council table. One of my priorities for the department is to achieve equal emergency response times across the city for all taxpayers, including the East Ridge. My goal is to be an advocate for the taxpayer while improving the department overall, improving services, and building morale within the police and fire departments. As a Council Member, my goal is to put an end to the litany of Council related issues tied up in litigation. Using a logical teamwork approach, we can solve many of the outstanding issues facing the city and move on to productive, results oriented, work.

**Q:** *Do you support the proposal on the ballot to change the form of government in Saratoga Springs? Please explain your reason(s) for taking the position you hold.*

**A:** I am against changing the current form of government. The current form has worked well for us and is one of the many reasons that have made this city successful. It is the underlying reason this city has become a great place, leading people to move here, as well as dine, shop, and visit here. Very few cities are enjoying the success we now see. Any government will struggle with the wrong people working in it; that's why it's important to vote and elect individuals with the experience to get the job done correctly. The cost of the proposed charter change is largely unknown. It could be a very dangerous move that could jeopardize the success we now enjoy. Finally, our current form of government is the best opportunity to maintain our current tax rate.

**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 have seen great success building within the inner core, keeping vibrant business in the downtown area, and we need to continue that model. This city has developed exponentially in the past few decades; however, we need to ensure that that any progress is controlled and encouraged, simultaneously. The comprehensive plan needs to continue to be taken into consideration on all development. It is imperative we promote and encourage clean industry businesses to locate in the Grande Industrial Park (as well as other appropriate locations). They bring in valuable tax revenue that will help us decrease the tax burden to our citizens. Our environmental surroundings can be promoted and fostered with the greenbelt trail system. We already

have many pieces of this work accomplished with existing trails and pushing this project forward will benefit a great many of our citizens. I look forward to weighing in on safety measures and how they can be applied to the trail system.

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

**A:** For several decades affordable housing has been talked about and we have struggled with the issue. Finally, as a community, we are close to breaking ground on two important affordable housing projects, off West Avenue and the South Broadway project. This will help to alleviate some of the immediate need, but it is not the final answer. We need to ensure that other options become available so all Saratogian's can afford to work and live here. It's also important we place these housing options near public transportation, like the CDTA bus-lines (as are both the new projects). Other concerns on my mind are our elderly being priced out of their homes based on taxes that are too high. We need to make sure all of our children can afford to stay in Saratoga, if they choose to do so. Again, the affordable housing issue will take a teamwork approach at the City Council table so that we can control, and avoid increasing, the property tax rate, while still supplying the level of services.

## **Peter Martin**



**Party:** DEM, WF, WEP

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** BA Boston College; JD Boston College Law School; Series 7 Securities Broker; Series 24 Securities Principal; Series 65 Investment Advisor; Successful completion of New York State and Washington Bar examinations.

**Experience and Qualifications:** Saratoga County Supervisor; Saratoga County Clerk; Lawyer, General Counsel and Sr. Vice President, The Ayco Company; President, The Mercer Allied Company; Chairman, The

Arthritis Foundation, Northeast United States Region; Vice Chairman, Caffè Lena, Inc.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga County Labor Federation

**Party Endorsements:** Democratic Party, Working Families Party, Women's Equality Party

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** I have experience as a leader in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. For four years, I have served our citizens as County Supervisor, and participated in many county committees focusing on the needs of our city. I have gained meaningful insight into the workings and people in state, county and city governments. I started in government service as Saratoga County Clerk where I improved on efficiency and safety. Prior to that, I was a senior officer of a national financial services company, supervising a staff of professionals across the country. There, I formed a compliance department to insure adherence to the complex area of federal and state laws. My successful career allowed me to give back to the community, including working as a senior officer of several charities, like the Arthritis Foundation, Caffè Lena and Lakes to Locks Passage. The experience of leading these organizations has given me the ability to work with a variety of people, reach consensus and achieve goals

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

**A:** Foster sustainable growth while improving safety, health and well being of all residents. Implement 21st century plans including an updated city code with complete street solutions like enhancements for alternative transportation in lieu of increased automobile traffic. We need to provide enhanced public safety for a growing city without increasing our tax burden. To do this, implement intelligent shared service programs with the county and neighboring municipalities. We need sufficient police officers to re-establish community engagement efforts like foot patrols and consistent presence in our schools. We need sufficient firefighters to provide quick response times in all areas of the city. Increasing the EMS responses by our City Firefighters (rather than third party providers) will increase City revenues. These additional revenues, in combination with the reduced expenses for shared services, can increase our police, fire and code enforcement forces without increasing taxes.

**Q:** *Do you support the proposal on the ballot to change the form of government in Saratoga Springs? Please explain your reason(s) for taking the position you hold.*

**A:** I believe that, in the long term, the proposed charter would be more efficient than our current charter. I recognize that, regardless of whether the proposal passes or fails, we will be governed under the existing charter for at least the next two years, and I am ready, willing and able to serve in the Commission form of government for that time. Further, every form of government relies on the character, experience, vision and dedication of its elected officials for its success. If charter reform is passed, the city council will need to work cooperatively for the transition, and I will dedicate myself to making the transition as smooth as possible. If it does not pass, we need all departments in the City to engage civilly and work as a team, and I will use my experience in government, and the private and not-for profit sectors to bring enhanced cooperation to the council table.

**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:** Economic development and environmental sensitivity are not mutually exclusive. Rather, a long-term vision of development for the city requires planning to keep the unique character of our "City in the Country". As stated in the Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted by our city less than two years ago, "Sustainable development enhances economic opportunity and community well-being while protecting the human and natural resources, upon which the future of our economy and our community depend." We need to foster public-private partnerships that will increase the diversity of our economic base and reduce the impact of cyclical industry fluctuations on our city. We should accentuate our city's focus on health and wellness to attract new and innovative businesses to the city. We should expand our efforts to bring clean energy and information technology to all businesses and residences in Saratoga Springs.

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

**A:** We need a variety of approaches. We should take advantage of Federal and State programs promoting site specific workforce housing, as currently proposed for projects on South Broadway and near West Avenue. While revising our city code to conform to the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan, we should examine the capacity for increased density in areas of the city to allow additions (e.g. residences over garages) if used exclusively for workforce housing. Working with banks and contractors, we should re-examine inclusionary zoning with different formulas that will meet our community needs. We should not fear looking to other municipalities for plans that have been successful, even as we take great pride in our own city.

## **Saratoga County Saratoga Springs - County Supervisor**

**Description:** The Supervisor represents the Town on the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors

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



#### **Patricia Friesen**

**Party:** DEM, WF

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** BA in Psychology MS in Guidance & Counseling

**Experience and Qualifications:** Saratoga County Coordinator for the election of Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand; Regional Representative for two years with Congresswoman Gillibrand; Senior Fellow & Capital District Volunteer recruiter/organizer /mobilizer for the re-Election of President Obama; Former Saratoga Springs Democratic Committee Member and Chair of Democratic Women's and Political Action Committees

**Key Endorsements:** None other than two political party endorsements at this time.

**Party Endorsements:** Saratoga Springs Democratic Committee Working Family Party

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** I have been involved in politics and elections for a number of years and love the political process. I have always felt I would want to run for office at some point and when Peter Martin decided not to run for re-election, I felt it was my time. It is definitely time for more women to step up and have a voice on the current board. Women bring different sensibilities, perspectives and styles to the table which I feel is very important to the workings of any Board or Committee. Also, with the 2016 election, I became highly motivated to get off the sidelines as my former boss, Senator Gillibrand, has suggested. I want to advocate for Saratogians on the board and be their voice. Plus I want to push for a more open form of governing and add transparency to the procedures of governing on the board that make decisions that affect all Saratogians and county citizens .

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

**A:** Critical issues are jobs and economic development and making sure we continue to draw businesses to our region while also encouraging and supporting our small businesses. Infrastructure is vital and making sure the county continually stays on top of making sure our infrastructure is up to date. We must be pro active. If people and businesses are being recruited to move here, we need to be able to support a growing population and their needs. Public health is another issue that must always be addressed and again make sure the needs of the community are met . Services and access to those services is critical. Green space and trails balanced with the increased development must always be a priority. The County and our city are beautiful and draw so many people to live and work plus it is destination, so we want to maintain the charm and the appeal and continue to offer a wonderful quality of life.

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** I have reviewed the report as well as the report to the LWV of Saratoga County Government Study Committee. After reviewing, I think a Commission to review the current form of government is in order. It does not appear that

it has been done in recent history and I think it should be as it has been done with our city. There is always room for improvement and though the Board seems to address needs and appears to be running relatively efficiently, again a review is always needed at least every 5-10 years. An appointed Commission though must be equally represented by at least the three major parties and with men and women. The current Board structure is disproportionate with regard to party and gender, hence one of my reasons to run for the position as Supervisor. I am most concerned about what appears to be a lack of transparency and input from the public. All work happens in Committee from what I can see, and no opportunity for public input until recommendations come up for vote.

**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 have reviewed a number of growth management techniques and many are similar as they mostly promote "smart Growth". I really like the EPA...Environmental Protection Agency's definition and it's 10 basic principles. To review those principles please visit EPA.gov. Smart growth offers so many benefits for communities including environmental benefits. In particular Saratoga Springs and generally the County are implementing many of the principles including the initiation of "Complete Streets" so walkers and bikers can safely navigate the streets in the city. We have maintained our green belt and continually work to keep our city in the country status that is one of the draws to our community. The County and City have worked together on connecting trails for bikers and walkers. The city has worked to preserve spaces such as the Pitney Farm that was recently saved from development. Also important is transit and options available such as public transportation and rental bikes.

## Tara Gaston



**Party:** DEM, WF, WEP

Biographical Info:

**Education:** California Western School of Law, JD, 2010  
Auburn University Montgomery, BA, 2002

**Experience and Qualifications:** This is my first time running for office, but my experience living in communities with various approaches to governance and development under my spouse's military orders provides a unique viewpoint on representation. Additionally, as an attorney I am practiced at mediation/resolution and quickly analyzing problems to reduce points of pain.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga Labor Council, Greater Capital Region Building and Construction Trades Council, Saratoga Springs City Democratic Committee, New York State Young Democrats

**Party Endorsements:** Democratic Party, Working Families, Women's Equality Party

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** I am running to give back to the community that has given so much to my family, as well as to increase diversity and representation on the Board of Supervisors. In addition to the experience in varied communities listed above, my experience as an attorney and lay advocate has provided me with insight into working with diverse populations to solve problems.

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

**A:** 1. Industry - Saratoga Springs and Saratoga County are growing - and quickly. While this is generally good, I would like to see us consider more closely what sort of industry we are attracting to make sure that they will become a true part of the community. I would also like to encourage the growth of small businesses through incubators, grants, and education programs in order to keep more of our exciting entrepreneurial spirit here. 2. Infrastructure - We are an area with amazing history - but with that comes an older infrastructure. I would like to see the County make changes regarding planning for infrastructure, with a focus on thoughtful forward planning that will save municipalities money, while also using a proactive approach. I also want to look at newer infra like broadband. 3. Health - We need to make sure that while we are trying to save money, that we do not cause issues by decreasing programs or access to services, especially mental health and public health program

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** I think it is appropriate to regularly review the form and process of government to make certain that the residents feel as though they are being well-represented and that they have access to their elected officials. While I would support a commission to consider changing county government structure, before doing so I would find it appropriate to hold a series of town halls and/or surveys (ideally door-to-door) to see what concerns currently exist. This would be an upfront expense, but would also make the work of a commission easier because they would already know where there are concerns and can make recommendations in a more timely manner while also using the input of City and County residents, which I believe should be prioritized. I also think that such an evaluation should be done regularly,

regardless of any intent to consider a change in structure. As public servants, we must make sure that our constituents have ongoing access to us and trust in us.

**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 believe it is appropriate to review the zoning policies in the City and County to see how we can better manage growth with a focus on increased city density, multi-use development, and access to affordable and working class housing, while also maintaining the greenbelt. I believe that the addition of pocket parks can help encourage the "city in the country" atmosphere while allowing for an increase in density in some areas. It may also be appropriate to consider impact fees on new industry coming to the area to support some of these developments, as well as supporting the broader application of the Complete Streets plan.

## Joseph Levy



**Party:** GRN

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Cooper Union School of Art & Architecture

**Experience and Qualifications:** Worked for two years as a remedial reading tutor at the Harriet Tubman Community Center in Hempstead, NY. Designed a study for New York City that resulted in the replacement of separate fire and police street-level call boxes with unified emergency call boxes. Raised \$80K for Yaddo to repair the main mansion roof. Executive Director, Saratoga Arts Workshop, a predecessor to the current Saratoga Arts. Owner, Tempo Electric Custom Audio, a

manufacturer of high-end home audio components.

**Party Endorsements:** Upper Hudson Green Party

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** Citizen involvement is critical to democracy. Over the past 50 years, I've worked for federal, state, and local agencies, as well as owned two small businesses. I've also been a member of two labor unions and have lived in Saratoga County year-round since 1971, both in the City of Saratoga Springs and in the Town of Saratoga.

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

**A:** The Green Party's founding principles are based on social and economic justice for all. For decades, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors has



acted like a country club where only the well-off and well-connected are welcome and the poor and disadvantaged are ostracized. Saratoga Springs has been left on its own to deal with the homeless who migrate to the city from all over the county. While Shelters of Saratoga has commissioned a study that offers several solutions, the city can't implement them on its own and it's time for the county to deal with this issue.

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** In 1993, in a suit brought against the Nassau County, NY, Board of Supervisors, US District Court Judge Arthur D. Spatt ruled that the Board of Supervisors form of local government was unconstitutional based on the fact that it did not represent one person, one vote. Subsequently, that board, made up of supervisors from the three townships, was replaced by a 19-district legislature based on population, not town lines. It's time for Saratoga County to abandon it's unconstitutional form of government and adopt the same policy.

**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:** We need to examine the patterns of growth and find creative ways to prevent sprawl. While zoning is largely the domain of cities, villages, and towns, the county can help co-ordinate development between the various local subdivisions with a master plan that promotes sensible growth, without sacrificing the quality of life.

## John Safford



**Party:** REP, CON, IND, RFM

Biographical Info:

**Education:** Canisius College - Buffalo NY -MS US Army Infantry Officers - Ft. Benning GA. US Army Intelligence Operations - Ft. Devins MA. Control Data Institute - Certified Computer Programming. Burroughs Corporation - Certification in electronic communications technology. University of Buffalo, graduate of the first Emerging Entrepreneur Course. Certified Professional Managing Agent for Community Associations.

**Experience and Qualifications:** Commander SRU#4 in the Dawnstar network. Director of placement for Control Data Institute. Burroughs Corporation - Sales and installation of audit automation systems. Wang Laboratories and Agency Records Control - sold and installed turn-key Insurance policy automation Systems. Reco Inc./PCMaps - Owner - Sales and installation of Law Enforcement automation for Sheriff's , Police and Code

enforcement departments throughout N.Y. State. Professional Managing Agent for over 30 HOA Associations.

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** I have always been someone who leads from the front. This is no different. My generation still has a lot to offer this country in general and to our beautiful City in particular. It is only recently that I personally have directed my efforts toward political goals but running for office at this time in my life not only brings a wealth of experience but a commitment that is not born of political ambition but from a sincere desire to restore something that that was lost to my generation and to me in the 1970's. I am saying this: we who have lived through the trauma of the later years of Vietnam and have somehow retained the knowledge and belief in the values and principles of this unique country are in a position to say from experience that we can get through this current crisis of division and come out stronger and better.

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

**A:** Whether or not Global Warming is caused by CO<sub>2</sub>, the fact is that there are a number of possible and possibly increasing dangers that local governments must be prepared for. I applaud but will continue to encourage all forms of public safety initiatives at the county level. Not only a homeless (and veterans homeless) problem must be addressed but the growing Aging at Home population must be considered when Local, State and Federal programs are sought. However, these must be supplemented with Volunteer efforts. Saratoga Springs is one of the most generous cities in the country yet only about 20 % of the population are volunteers. This is where my generation can be most effective if motivated and lead.

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** As a Professional Managing Agent (similar to what is being proposed in Saratoga and used at the County) I am not aware of any desire to change the current form at the county. Frankly I have not thought much about it but am always interested in vetting existing management structures to make sure they are serving the best needs of the organization.

**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:** Zoning ordinances, well thought out and managed can be a wonderful tool for managing development. There are three criteria that must be carefully balanced for development to produce great outcomes. People, production and process, in my opinion, mean 1. How are our grandchildren going to define "Quality of Life" 2. How will the word "work" effect that definition and 3. what will the physical structures needed to support that work be envisioned and implemented?

## **Matthew Veitch**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND, RFM

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** B.A. Education-SUNY Plattsburgh, A.S. Applied Information Technology-Pace University

**Experience and Qualifications:** Elected County Supervisor since 2008. Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors in 2015; Chairman of Racing & Gaming Committee; Chairman of City Open Space Committee; Vice-Chair of NYSAC Public Safety Committee; President, Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation; Chair, Saratoga Casino Hotel Foundation. Served as

Chairman or member of every County Board Committee. Past Treasurer of Saratoga History Museum, and Saratoga's All-American Celebration.

**Key Endorsements:** IAFF Local 343 Saratoga Springs Firefighters

**Party Endorsements:** Republican, Independence, Conservative, Reform

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**Questions:**

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

**A:** I am motivated to run this office because I continue to have a passion for the City of Saratoga Springs and its citizens. The desire to serve my community has been instilled in me by my family, and many of us serve the City in various roles. In my 10 years as Supervisor, I have worked to have our City be a cooperative partner with the other communities in our County; as a Supervisor I have shown that I can work with others for positive outcomes for Saratoga Springs. In terms of qualifications, I have served on every County Board committee, and have chaired several of the committees. I was elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in 2015, which is a job with broad oversight of every aspect of County government. I am currently Chairman of the City's Open Space Committee, and prior to my time as a Supervisor I served on the Zoning Board of Appeals, so I believe I have the skills and knowledge from various levels of government to be an effective Supervisor.

**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 facing Saratoga County today is the State's Unfunded mandates, which put an undue burden on taxpayers to fund State Mandated services. In Saratoga County, 99.3% of all property tax is used to fund State mandated services such as Medicaid, Public Health, Mental Health, or Social Services. With the tax-cap limiting the amount of revenue the County can collect through property tax, there may be a time when non-mandated items such as the Animal Shelter, County bridges and roads, or Veteran's services would need have their budgets cut, or taxes raised at a significant level to fund them. The State needs to start fully funding services Counties are required to provide, or at least increase funding for those services. Looking forward, and somewhat related, is the overall growth of the County. As more residents move to our County, it places an increased demand on services, and the County must work to also grow its services reasonably, while keeping taxes low.

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** At the current time, I would not be in favor of creating a commission or changing the structure of County government to a Legislature form. I believe that the Board of Supervisors model still is effective for our residents, and to have each municipality represented at the County level is a more direct way for residents to connect with their County government. Saratoga County is still small enough where each municipality has unique needs, and those needs can best be expressed through each town and City being represented at the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, as a current Supervisor, I have not heard many, if any constituent concerns that the form of government needs to be changed at the County level, or that there is a broad dissatisfaction with the functioning of County Government. Having County Legislators and an elected County Executive may be a better form of government for Saratoga County in the future, but I think that right now it is not a high priority for the County

**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:** Saratoga County is one of the fastest-growing Counties in New York State, and in many respects that is a great thing. Low taxes, and great quality of life are things that distinguish us from other Counties in the State, and the Nation. With this growth comes challenges. Saratoga County has been doing several things to help with our quality of life such as continuing to fund our Open Space and Land preservation program, and starting a Trails reserve fund for trail development. I was at the forefront of starting a trails program on County forestland parcels, which are precious acreage the County owns that will be forever-forested parcels within the County. The County can do more, and I believe we should revise and update the 2006 Green infrastructure plan, which would help assist municipalities where new green

developments can be made. Continuing to fund our open space and trail projects within the County budget should continue.

## **Saratoga County Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Accounts**

**Description:** The Commissioner of Accounts is the Department Head of the Accounts Department. The Commissioner serves as: City Clerk, City Assessor, Purchasing Agent, Insurance Officer, Records Management Officer, and Registrar of Vital Records.

The Office of the City Clerk records and keeps minutes of the Council meetings, is the custodian of all City documents, keeper of the City Seal, and issuer of licenses and permits.

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

**John Franck**

**Party:** DEM, WF, IND, RFM

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Saratoga Springs Mayor**

### **Description:**

The Mayor is the chief executive officer and official representative of the City. The Mayor is the presiding officer of the City Council and is responsible for preparing the final agenda for each City Council meeting by obtaining a list of agenda items from each City Council member and the city's supervisors.

The Mayor appoints the City Attorney and the members of the City Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Design Review Commission, Ethics Board, Urban Heritage Area Program Board, the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority Board of Directors; and the Recreation Commission pursuant to Civil Service Law and the Public Authorities Law.

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

**Mark Baker**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND, RFM

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin: Habitational Resources

**Experience and Qualifications:** U.S. Air Force Veteran, President and Executive Director of the Saratoga Springs City Center (1983 - 2016), President of the Downtown Business Association, Saratoga Economic Development Council Advisory Committee, Founding Board Member of the Saratoga Arts Council, Historical Society of Saratoga Springs

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

**Campaign Mailing Address:** Baker For Mayor PO Box 194, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

**Campaign Email:** mark@baker-for-mayor.com

**Questions:**

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

**A:** Proven Leadership. As the former Executive Director of the Saratoga Springs City Center for over three decades and former President of the Downtown Business Association, the relationships I established and knowledge I gained are invaluable. My proven success of established credibility and integrity with 8 Mayors and over 20 City Commissioner allowed me to accomplish the growth and success of not only the City Center but to be the stimulus for the prosperity of downtown. I was a resident before downtown became what it is today—a vibrant, year 'round destination. My partnership with the downtown business community and elected officials illustrate my ability to build coalitions and solution based partnerships. My past efforts have helped downtown to become “the place to be”, and business has become the lifeblood of our community. We must foster this prosperity and build upon the vibrant atmosphere and people our city attracts. I can do that.

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

**A:** I will serve as an access-point and voice for every resident of our community regardless of political leanings, because in our community, we are all Saratogians first. It is my goal to have a city government that is accessible, responsive and is responsible to our community. I want a strong, partnership with my City Council, focused on maintaining the trust our constituents place on us is of the utmost importance. The City Center taught me the skills required to balance a budget, and run a facility of its magnitude in a fiscally responsible manner. Over the 33 years at the City Center I worked cooperatively and created a positive relationship with all of the departments in City Hall; Police, Fire, Account, Finance and Public Works. These are the skills I will bring to City Hall next year, and ensure Saratoga Springs continues to move in a positive direction. As your next Mayor, my desire is to facilitate the continued prosperity of our downtown and the well-being of our citizens.

**Q:** *Do you support the proposal on the ballot to change the form of government in Saratoga Springs? Please explain your reason(s) for taking the position you hold.*

**A:** No. Any form of government will only work well depending on the quality of people who are elected to represent the public. I am confident that I can and will be able to work successfully within the current Commission form of governance by building consensus with the individual Commissioners, showing ethical leadership, and allowing the Council to properly serve the needs of this great city. Unfortunately for the citizens, the Review Commission did not offer a better option for the community to consider. The “pick-one-or-the-other” leaves no choice but to maintain the form of government that has produced the award-winning community and prosperous downtown we have experienced. I find several areas troubling in the new proposal; cost and, more importantly, accountability. I support a healthy dialogue and discussion about alternatives when they can be

beneficial to Saratoga Springs taxpayers, but I cannot support charter change as presented.

**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:** The balancing act between developmental ingenuity and environmental sensitivity is a delicate one. We must be willing when appropriate, to expand on the economic aspects of our community and provide a large enough revenue stream to keep taxes for resident's low, while at the same time preserving the natural charm that is ingrained in Saratoga Springs. The Mayor must be an individual who can listen to all interested parties (residents & project representatives) of a prospective project, and take these thoughts and feelings to the other council members. No one individual can achieve this balance, so it is imperative that the Mayor create an advisory board of individuals (unbiased, leaving personal agendas at the door) to use as a "sounding board" to help the Council understand the temperament and sprite of the community toward specific changes in the community. Ultimately, the Mayor must deliver the message of the people to the council when development plans are ongoing.

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

**A:** Saratoga Springs is the "place to be" for people from all backgrounds, ethnicity, educations professions and positions—all are welcome to our community of opportunity and prosperity. It is important that we maintain the wide range of skills and talents needed to make our community successful and nurture the spirit and culture that has made Saratoga Springs so unique and desirable. Individuals and families elect to make Saratoga Springs their homes and as such personally see the ability to grow and prosper. The great community needs to be conscious of the infrastructure and assets we need to make Saratoga Springs the city offering opportunity and capacity to succeed.

## **Meg Kelly**



**Party:** DEM, WF, WEP

Biographical Info:

**Education:** Bachelor of Science - SUNY Brockport, Saratoga Springs High School

**Experience and Qualifications:** Deputy Mayor - City of Saratoga Springs, Founder and Executive Director - Saratoga Children's Theatre, LPGA Class "A" (retired), Editor - Saratoga Lifestyles Magazine, Author - Easy Golf

**Key Endorsements:** Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Paul D. Tonko, Mayor Joanne Yepsen, NYS Young Democrats, Saratoga County Central Labor Council AFL-CIO, NYS Young Democrats, Eleanor's Legacy

**Party Endorsements:** Saratoga Springs Democratic Party, Women's Equality Party, Working Families Party

**For more information:** Website: MegKellyForMayor.com, Facebook: MegKellyForSaratogaSpringsMayor, Instagram: MegKellyForMayor, Twitter: @MegKelly4Mayor, YouTube: Meg Kelly For Mayor

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 229-6208

**Campaign Mailing Address:** Meg Kelly for Mayor, P.O. Box 122, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

**Campaign Email:** MegKellyForMayor@gmail.com

**Questions:**

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

**A:** I grew up in Saratoga Springs, working in the healthcare field, teaching golf professionally, and eventually starting multiple small businesses centering around athletics and the arts. My professional experience and personal integrity provided a solid foundation for joining the mayor's office as Deputy Mayor in 2016. City departments must work together to advance the community's priorities, and I believe that my strengths of collaboration and negotiation are critical to achieving results. I've gained valuable insight into how the city's government operates and will apply my leadership skills and business savvy as the next mayor of Saratoga Springs.

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

**A:** • There are specific opportunities to improve city services I want to focus on: Continue to optimize turnaround times for permitting in the building department, increase responsiveness to residents from all departments, improve collaboration with all departments by providing effective leadership. • Work with public and private organizations to develop workforce housing projects that meet the needs of our community. • Continue to establish the Greenbelt Trail • Establish a Downtown Parking Plan • Assist the community in finding a permanent home for Code Blue

**Q:** *Do you support the proposal on the ballot to change the form of government in Saratoga Springs? Please explain your reason(s) for taking the position you hold.*

**A:** I am in favor of change to a Council-Manager form of government because I believe it will improve the quality and professionalism of our city leadership and increase efficiencies of city operations. As Deputy Mayor I have seen first-hand how difficult the commission form of government can be to maintain momentum on long-term and inter-departmental projects. This change would allow our elected officials to govern the vision and set the policies, leaving the day-to-day operations of City Hall to a qualified, professional City Manager. The services provided by the various departments are critical to a well-functioning progressive city. Several mayors, past and present, a majority of current City Hall employees and other community leaders have advocated for this change. They support the Council-Manager form of government because as the city continues to grow, our government can be more responsive to new ideas, more efficient with its resources and offer more citizens a chance to serve.



**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:** As mayor, I will work diligently to adhere to the vision statement in the 2015 Comprehensive Plan -- that the overriding philosophy to guide future development of our "City in the Country" will be sustainability. Working with council members, I would lead us in creating long-term implementation plans for economic development and services. The city's land use boards are critical to this process as well, and I will give thoughtful consideration to their appointments with this vision in mind.

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

**A:** Having grown up in Saratoga Springs, I am deeply committed to policies that make it possible to live and work here. As Deputy Mayor, I have and will continue to advocate for programs that support workforce housing and will collaborate with developers who can meet our community's needs. Our office is currently involved with several mixed-use projects starting this Fall that will include workforce housing on West Avenue and South Broadway.

## **Saratoga County Saratoga Springs City Judge**

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

#### **Andrew Blumenberg**



**Party:** REP, CON, RFM

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Hobart College, BA 1989 Syracuse University, JD 1994

**Experience and Qualifications:** Admitted to practice law in New York 1995 & North Carolina 1997. Saratoga County Public Defender's Office from 11/07-present.

**Key Endorsements:** Retired former Saratoga County Court Judge's Scarano and Williams.

**Party Endorsements:** Republican, Conservative & Reform parties.

**Campaign Mailing Address:** Friends of Andrew Blumenberg PO Box 165, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

### **Questions:**

**Q:** *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate for this office?*

**A:** I've been the Saratoga County Public Defender assigned to Saratoga Springs City Court since November of 2007. I've handled over 5,000 criminal cases out of City Court among my many other duties in the Saratoga County Public Defender's Office. In addition to being knowledgeable with all aspects of criminal law I am intimately familiar with the workings, personnel and litigants of Saratoga Springs City Court from my ten years of representing the public on criminal charges there. There is no lawyer over the past ten

years who has had more of a presence in that courtroom and I believe my extensive experience there "uniquely qualifies" me for the position of Saratoga Springs City Court Judge.

## Francine Vero



**Party:** DEM, WF, IND, WEP

Biographical Info:

**Education:** Albany Law School of Union University, Juris Doctor, cum laude, 2006; Providence College, Providence, RI., B.A. English, minor-Development of Western Civilization, cum laude, May 2003.

**Experience and Qualifications:** Judge Francine Vero has experience presiding over thousands of civil and criminal matters. She is solely responsible for all domestic violence and civil cases, including landlord/tenant eviction proceedings. She also handles the DWI, vehicle and traffic and parking enforcement calendars, as well as felony arraignments. Judge Vero

is a former trial attorney with ten years of experience litigating in Supreme, Federal and City Courts. She was senior counsel with Harris Beach, a top law firm.

**Key Endorsements:** Saratoga Springs Firefighters - Local 343; Saratoga County Central Labor Council

**Party Endorsements:** Democratic (endorsed unanimously); Independence; Women's Equality; Working Families

**For more information:** [www.judgefrancinevero.com](http://www.judgefrancinevero.com); [www.looktvonline.com/francine-vero-interview-2017](http://www.looktvonline.com/francine-vero-interview-2017); Facebook - @judgefrancinevero

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 253-3929

**Campaign Mailing Address:** Committee to Elect Judge Francine Vero, P.O. Box 810, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

**Campaign Email:** [committee@judgefrancinevero.com](mailto:committee@judgefrancinevero.com)

**Questions:**

**Q:** *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate for this office?*

**A:** As the incumbent, I know firsthand what is required to preside over the diverse civil and criminal matters that come before the Saratoga Springs City Court. As judge I have experienced and gained perspective of the skills needed to control a courtroom and oversee cases involving adversarial lawyers and powerful emotions among all parties. Moreover, I am solely responsible for the specialized Domestic Violence Compliance Court. For thirteen years prior to taking the bench I volunteered and worked with community members to provide services for individuals and families threatened with domestic violence. My years of commitment to this cause have given me the knowledge and experience necessary to preside over Saratoga Springs' specialized court to address domestic violence. I also understand the commitment and dedication required for judicial service. I

know the position requires availability on a 24 hour basis to handle off-hour court proceedings because I have lived it.

## **Saratoga County Saratoga 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):**

#### **James F Jennings**

**Party:** REP, HON

Biographical Info:

**Education:** Graduated Heatly High School, Green Island, N.Y. 1966

**Experience and Qualifications:** 8 years as Councilman. Listen, work hard, & stay focused to residents & community needs.

**Key Endorsements:** Residents of Town of Saratoga/Residents of Village of Schuylerville/Residents of Village of Victory Mills/Keep taxes as low as possible.

**Party Endorsements:** Republican Party has never endorsed me. "Yet"

**For more information:** Never taken a raise in last 8 yrs. Only vet on town board.

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 695-6861

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 101 Minnie Bennett Rd Schuylerville, NY 12871

#### **Questions:**

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

**A:** Resident of town 50 yrs./Volunteer Fireman (Quaker Springs) 45 yrs./Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club 45+ yrs!/Represent all residents in the Town of Saratoga.

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

**A:** Listen & talk to residents of the town & trying to meet their needs now & in the future.

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

**A:** Developments, agriculture, open space, good roads, sound government, government mandates, & school taxes.

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

**A:** Watch spending very close. Stay within our budget.

**Michael D McLoughlin**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Saratoga (Town)- 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 1):**

**Thomas N Wood**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Schuylerville Central School, Cornell University BS, SUNY Oneonta MS, SUNY Plattsburgh MS & CAS, Pelletier Institute on County Government

**Experience and Qualifications:** School teacher and principal 37 years, Town Supervisor 14 years, Town of Saratoga Historian 18 years, Town of Saratoga Zoning Board of Appeals 21 years

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

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

**For more information:** Thomas N. Wood, III 1104 Rt 29 Schuylerville, NY 12871-1902 518-695-6780

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 695-6780

**Campaign Mailing Address:** Thomas N. Wood, III 1104 Rt 29 Schuylerville, NY 12871-1902

**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:** The most pressing issues facing the Town of Saratoga today 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. Communication with and involvement of the residents of the town is critical in the decision making process. When everyone is involved in the process then the decisions are better.

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

**A:** As a lifelong resident of the Town of Saratoga, I understand and appreciate the responsibility of leading the town. I want to insure that the town continues to be a pleasant, peaceful, economical community in which to live and raise a family. As a retired school teacher and principal I have the leadership skills, communication skills, training, knowledge, and experience required to communicate with the residents. I believe in setting goals and developing plans for their achievement.

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

**A:** The most critical issues facing Saratoga County today are keeping taxes low, maintaining a strong agricultural industry, encouraging economic development, increasing the number of good paying, quality jobs, making reasonable cost housing available, and enhancing the quality of life by supporting and encouraging natural, cultural, educational, and historical assets.

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** No, I would not be in favor of changing the structure of Saratoga County government. The Board of Supervisors form of government has served Saratoga County well since the county's creation in 1791. The success of this form of government is reflected in and resulted in the low county tax rate, low unemployment rate, low crime rate, high number of new jobs created, fastest growing, and healthiest county in New York State. The Board of Supervisors form of county government provides a direct link to the town and city government operations and benefits both the towns and county by the communication and sharing of information that is possible. Approximately one-half of the counties in New York State use the Board of Supervisors form of government. This form eliminates duplication of efforts and results in a more streamlined and efficient government operation.

**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 believe in research based, data driven, shared decision making. This process requires the involvement of stakeholders from the beginning to the end of each decision. In the end the will of the majority must prevail while still protecting the rights of the minority. Often times some compromise is required so that in the end the best decision is reached. A county based economic development organization is essential in order for the county to be competitive in economic development. This county led organization must work closely with the entire county and move the county forward in a direction that reflects the desires of the county residents. Each individual town must maintain its right to establish and achieve its own plan for the future. This plan must recognize that they are a part of the larger county.

## **Stillwater - Town/County Supervisor**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Edward Kinoski**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Stillwater Town Supt of Hwys**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Mark Minick**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

.The Candidate has not responded.

## **Stillwater Town Justice**

**Candidates (choose 2):**

**Ralph Peluso**

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

The Candidate has not responded.

**Edward Richardson**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Stillwater Town Tax Collector**

**Description:**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Danielle Cowin**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

Candidate has not responded.

**Amy Williams**

**Party:** DEM

Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Stillwater Town Clerk**

**Description:**

The Town Clerk records the official activities of Town Government, serves as Records Management Officer, Filing Officer, Licensing Officer, Election Coordinator and Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**Sue A Cunningham**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Stillwater Town Council**

**Candidates (choose 2):**

**Arthur Baker**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Justine Culora**



**Party:** DEM

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Graduate of Stillwater high school  
Associates degree in photography from Adirondack  
community college LPN from WSWHE BOCES

**Experience and Qualifications:** Member of the  
Stillwater democratic committee. Lifelong resident of  
Stillwater. Understanding and compassionate.

**Key Endorsements:** Patrick Nelson. Stillwater  
democratic committee.

**Party Endorsements:** Stillwater democratic

committee

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 588-7414

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 5 Hallum road Stillwater NY 12170

**Campaign Email:** Paullilac@yahoo.com

**Questions:**

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

**A:** I understand the issues that are adversely effecting the people of Stillwater. Compassionate and driven. Willing to advocate for the people of Stillwater.

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

**A:** Canvassing and phone banking. Listening to people’s concerns and grievances.

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

**A:** High taxes and high fees. I would speak out against indiscriminate spending and oppose any unnecessary spending and raising of taxes above the cap. Limiting to 3 terms.

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

**A:** The town has not been impacted because they raise taxes above the cap repeatedly.

**Michael Finck**

**Party:** DEM

The Candidate has not responded.

**Kenneth Petronis**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Waterford 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):**

**James Boudreau**

**Party:** REP, CON

The Candidate has not responded.

**Laurie Marble**

**Party:** REP, CON

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Waterford - 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 1):**

**John Lawler**

**Party:** REP, CON

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Waterford Town Justice**

**Description:** Town courts have jurisdiction over a broad range of matters, including vehicle and traffic matters, small claims, evictions, civil matters and criminal offenses.



**Candidates (choose 1):**

**David Fusco**

**Party:** REP, CON

The Candidate has not responded.

**Saratoga County Wilton Hwy Supt**

**Description:**

**Candidates (choose 1):**

**John Helenek**

**Party:** DEM, PUB

The Candidate has not responded -

**Kirklin Woodcock**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Schuylerville Central School Cornell Local Roads Program Quartermaster School, Fort Lee Virginia

**Experience and Qualifications:** I have 30 years experience as Wilton's Highway Superintendent

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

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 147 Traver Road Gansevoort, NY 12831

**Campaign Email:** carousel.nycap.rr.com

**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 is to continue with the successful work that I and the rest of the Wilton Highway Department have accomplished over the past 30 years. I have the knowledge and experience to do the superintendent's job. I love my job and I love working with my colleagues. I have attended the Cornell Local Roads Program for the past 29 years. This program consists of seminars on road construction and other topics related to highway management. I am a member of the NYS Highway Superintendent's Association and currently vice president of the Saratoga County Town Highway Superintendent's Association. I have been working closely with all our town departments, including the emergency squad and the fire departments. I have also been involved with the information technology that we instituted to help with the maintenance of our equipment.

**Q:** *Any additional information.*

**A:** One of the many things I am proud of is the Gavin Park trail. This project is essential for the exercise and health of our residents. I am also proud of the helipad we constructed at Fire Station 1, which was needed for the residents. I was able to advocate for funds to make our roads wider for our

residents' use. I am also proud of helping to save the historic fire tower on Scout Road by doing some construction work for the foundation. I have also been involved with some of the construction work at Wilton Wildlife and Preserve.

## **Saratoga County Wilton 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):**

#### **Duane Bogardus**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** AAS Community Recreation Leadership, Additional credits in Psychology, Ab Psych, Sociology, Leadership and Management

**Experience and Qualifications:** 32 years as a Law Enforcement/Peace Officer with NYS. 23 years as a firefighter/EMT-Currently a Deputy Chief. I Sit on local Critical Incident Management Committees. One of three people who established the "R-U-OK" Program in Wilton. Currently sit on that committee. Actively involved/coordination of community events (Parkfest, Gavin Park Holiday Events, Opening Day for Wilton

Youth Baseball, etc).

**Party Endorsements:** Wilton Republican Party Saratoga County Independence Party Saratoga County Conservative Party

#### **Questions:**

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

**A:** I am new to running for an elected public office. I have witnessed many different styles of elected officials. There are some that are very popular and others that are not. I hope to bring my hometown personality to this position. Wilton is Wilton! We should not be judged by the national political stage. Wilton is by far a better place. I am a people person. I talk to a lot of people. I know a lot of people. I listen to a lot of people. Each has concerns and ideas. I will bring these people's voice to my position. I realize that everyone says this, but I live by it. In my position as a Deputy Fire Chief, my firefighters voices are heard in the workings of the department. I will educate myself to any and all business that is brought before the board. The voters will expect my decisions to be based upon a solid understanding, and not by how other board members vote. My decisions will be based on facts and community input. The right thing to do is not always the easiest thing to do.

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

**A:** I am a firm believer that meeting the voter does not end on election day. I will continue to meet my fellow Wilton Townspeople. I am in attendance at town events. After the election, I will be able to speak to the townspeople as a voice of their local government. I will still be randomly knocking on doors to get input and feed back. The voices, thoughts and ideas will make my input stronger. I will not be speaking for myself, but for you, the resident of the Town of Wilton. I will establish an easy line of communication to me.

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

**A:** As I speak to people, the biggest concern I hear, is traffic congestion. Through my experience, I am familiar with this issue. The town has been conducting studies into this concern. The traffic studies identifies the town's busiest roads and their conditions. The town is making roads wider when repaving, to make pedestrian traffic safer. The town's regulatory authority is limited by outside agencies. Traffic control devices are a difficult process to accomplish. We can not just put up a red light or control speed limits. There is a complex process involved.

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

**A:** No, we have not been impacted. We currently have no town or highway tax. Previous/current fiscally responsible Republican Leadership has put us in this position for three decades. I will maintain fiscal responsibility.

## **Kenneth Garcia**



**Party:** DEM, PUB

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** University of Maryland, College Park HVCC, Troy

**Experience and Qualifications:** \*Congressional Intern, Economic Development Analyst, NYS Senate, \*Legislative Director, NYS Assembly \*Legislative Analyst, NY Taxation and Finance \*Health and Safety Legislative Director, Defibrillator Legislation, NYSUT,

\*Insurance Professional, Liberty Mutual and Adjusters International. 2004 Florida Hurricanes, 2005, Katrina, 2006 Binghamton Floods \*AT&T/ Verizon Wireless B2B Sales

**Party Endorsements:** Democratic/Public Servants

**Campaign Phone:** (518) 584-2837

**Campaign Mailing Address:** 3 Kings Mills Road Gansevoort, NY 12831

**Questions:**

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

**A:** I care about people. I listen. Use common sense. If you are willing to ask "what do you want?", be quiet and listen, it's easy to find a way for people to

get what they want. When I last ran in 2007, I learned about how our town can better serve its homeowners . In that year I learned of certain homeowners who had wet basements which had never before happened. It was an unusually high water table from winter thaw and rains simultaneously. I asked the planning folks at the town to raise the basis point for all future construction 1/2 foot/ foot , they did it. Easy response to future problems for future homeowners.

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

**A:** Whenever a variance or the like is done, the town sends out notices to a certain number of homes, depending on the scope of the project. I'll send out more. Just because the Towns Website is Robust, people are busy. You have to do more to get there attention.

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

**A:** Here's what I've learned from various people on the campaign trail . Affordable Housing. Growth . Traffic . We need to go after business like Roy McDonald/ Ray O'Connor did. It would be great if we could get a developer to do a mixed use multi dwelling structure with small apartments/studios where the rents can be under 700/800 bucks as opposed to starting at 1200 and up . That's a lot to ask of a new working professional or laborer .

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

**A:** No, there is no town tax, however the town has to keep an eye on the likes of Amazon. Their sales have Rocketed to 3-1 over the nations number 1 retailer, Walmart. With these trends for big box retailers you have to start asking what are you going to do to supplement sales tax as it's diminishing from retail . Eateries are great, that's why we have to start thinking of areas where people congregate, spend money, to drive the tax revenue that is poised to slowly evaporate from traditional retail landscape. I'm sorry we recently lost Dollar General distribution warehouse to Amsterdam. Perhaps if we never got rid of a capable Town Planner Ms. Maynard. She might have done the RFP's to DOT, the county, etc, to see the project thru.

## **John McEachron**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Saratoga Springs GM technician online courses, Saratoga BOCES, volunteer fire training at over 300 hrs and continuing

**Experience and Qualifications:** Current Town Councilman, trained in leadership, problem solving, team building

**Party Endorsements:** Wilton Republican Committee, Saratoga County Independence Party, and Conservative Party Endorsements

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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 four years of experience on the Wilton Town Board. I am a local business owner in the town. I am an active volunteer at the Maple Avenue Fire Department. As an officer, we continue to train in leadership, problem solving, and team building. Most importantly, I have a wife and six children that we raised together in this town. Currently, I am a grandfather to six.

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

**A:** I have been, and will remain, accessible to the people of Wilton. I have answered many questions by phone, by email, and at my place of business. I will to continue to put residents needs ahead of outside interests.

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

**A:** The town of Wilton is in great shape. People continue to want to move here. Under Republican leadership, Wilton remains a family friendly place to raise your kids or retire. My goal would be to continue on with that tradition and keep Wilton a safe, affordable place to live.

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

**A:** No, because we do not have a town or highway tax. During my past four years our surplus has continued to grow while we have added various community services such as the spray park and the ice skating rink.

## **Paula Tancredi Penman**



**Party:** DEM, PUB

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Earned an MBA from Yale School of Management and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Rutgers University and completed the honors program at the Eagleton Institute of Politics

**Experience and Qualifications:** Has led several successful business efforts during more than 20 years in marketing, including multi-million dollar budgets requiring crucial strategic planning and thorough tactical implementation.

**Party Endorsements:** Wilton Democratic Party, Public Servants 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:** During high school and college, I worked for several political campaigns. I always felt that being involved politically is important because it is the responsibility of a citizen to get involved, stay informed, and exercise the rights we are so fortunate to have. I have led several successful business efforts during my more than 20 years in marketing, including multi-million dollar budgets requiring crucial strategic planning and thorough tactical implementation. I have a 10-year old son in the 5th grade at Dorothy Nolan Elementary School. We take full advantage of the wonderful opportunities at Wilton Recreation including the Jr. NBA and the summer camp as well as the Saratoga-Wilton Rec Soccer program at Gavin Park. We love Wilton.

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

The Candidate has not responded.

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

The Candidate has not responded.

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

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Wilton Town Clerk**

**Description:** The Town Clerk records the official activities of Town Government, serves as Records Management Officer, Filing Officer, Licensing Officer, Election Coordinator and Registrar of Vital Statistics.

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

**Susan Baldwin**

**Party:** REP, CON, IND

The Candidate has not responded.

## **Saratoga County Wilton - 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 1):**



**Nancy Dwyer**

**Party:** DEM, PUB

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** M.S., Secondary Mathematics Education, State University of New York, Albany, NY B.S., Economics with minors in Computer Science and Business, State University of New York, Albany, NY

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**Experience and Qualifications:** Business and community growth professional with significant experience in both commercial and non-profit work. Outgoing, highly resourceful and loves a challenge – overcomes barriers. Brings parties together for mutual benefit. Licensed Real Estate Associate Broker; Mathematics Teacher – Grades 9-12; Treasurer- Ballston Spa Teachers Association; Board Member/VP and Membership Coordinator- Friends of Moreau Lake State Park; Housing and Urban Planning subcommittee of Sustainable Saratoga.

**Key Endorsements:** Eleanor's Legacy, AFL-CIO(BTs)

**Party Endorsements:** Democratic Party Endorsement. I created my own independent line- Public Servants.

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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:** Some of the issues facing Wilton, and/or concerns I hear from people, are growth and development, walking and bike paths, business development along our commercial corridors, keeping our taxes low, and the potential sale of the Mt. McGregor facility. One responsibility of Town Supervisor is that of facilitator. We should be referencing our Comprehensive Plan, Exit 16 Linkage Study, Open Space Recreation and Pathways Plan, along with guidance from representatives in these fields of expertise, to offer workshops, roundtables, forums, webinars...whatever vehicle or combination thereof that will best meet the needs of informing anyone and everyone interested in moving toward solutions and options to be considered. This town belongs to its residents. We need to develop a better sense of community and what it means to be a Wiltonite. What do we want our community to be? Who are we? A clear, defined vision creates its own path.

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

**A:** My motivation for running for Wilton Town Supervisor comes from my inescapable desire to make a difference and my growing sense of civic duty. With our country in turmoil I felt a need to step up. This is our government and it should work for us and with us. I am not registered with a party and I stay that way as I run because I believe elected officials should be public servants, not party servants or special interest servants. This is not about me or what I want. This is about being a leader, pulling people together to do the hard work of coming to consensus on the issues that affect our lives, our families, our town, our country, our planet. It doesn't matter what designation comes after your name on a registration roll and it's time we stop labeling each other and get to work. The skills I have acquired from teaching, selling, being a treasurer, a board member and committee

facilitator, a small business owner, union member, and parent, prepare me well to take on this position.

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

The Candidate has not responded -

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** I have done a little research in the limited time I have at the moment and I would not be opposed to exploring the option of a county legislature. From what I can tell, we are one of a handful of counties in a handful of states that govern the county with a board of supervisors that hale from each township. There may be economies of scale that we can benefit from by having a legislature thereby saving money and increasing efficiency.

**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:** Wish I had the million dollar answer to this million dollar question. My commitment will be to evaluate current strategies in place, research available options, read the county comprehensive plan and seek out the experienced advice and opinions of those that are trained in growth management techniques.

## **Arthur Johnson**



**Party:** REP, CON, IND

Biographical Info:

**Education:** Albany Business College SUNY Albany

**Experience and Qualifications:** 15 years serving as Town and County Supervisor Chairman, Saratoga County Board of Supervisors 2009 Member, Saratoga Co. IDA Member. Saratoga Co. Water Authority Member, Saratoga Co. Chamber of Commerce Treasurer, Saratoga Co. Prosperity Partnership Vice Chair, Saratoga Co. Capital Resource Corp. Vietnam Veteran

**Party Endorsements:** Republican Conservative Independence

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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:** Unlike many municipalities, Wilton is not facing any fiscal stress and growth is under control. The most pressing issues are maintaining and



improving the quality of life our residents enjoy and planning for the future. These can be accomplished by being fiscally responsible and balanced budgets. In that way, the Town can continue with its long history of no town or highway tax and have sufficient funding for such services as recreation and road improvements. Future planning involves updating our comprehensive plan to account for changing growth and building trends. Traffic studies need to be updated to identify and address infrastructure needs such as intersection and bridge improvements to accommodate increased traffic flow.

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

**A:** I moved to Wilton in 1973 and immediately fell in love with the town. Early on I decided to get involved in town government. I held different positions over the years and was first elected supervisor in 2002. I believe that I have made a difference and contributed to its success. I still have the same drive, ambition, interest and motivation that I had 15 years ago. That is to make Wilton the best place to live, work and raise a family. I bring many years of experience and knowledge I gained in serving as both town and county supervisor. I continue to attend training sessions through the NYS Association of Towns and the NYS Association of Counties. I deal with residents' concerns or issues in a respectful manner whether I agree or not. I have an open door policy and promptly respond to emails and telephone calls.

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

**A:** The Opioid epidemic has become one of the most pressing issues for the County because of the impact it is having on the health of families and individuals across the nation. The financial costs of this epidemic within our County are in the millions due to the fact that County agencies like the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's, Mental Health Department, Social Services and the Coroner are all involved in a law enforcement or human service level. As Chairman of the Legislative Committee I initiated the discussion to pursue the filing of a lawsuit against the manufacturers and distributors of these drugs to hold them accountable for the social and financial consequences of this epidemic. Another critical issue is the increased demand for services related to public safety and law enforcement which has required the County to not only increase the number of deputies but also staffing in the other public safety departments. We will likely have to build a new public safety building.

**Q:** *Thirty years ago the 21st century commission recommended a change in the structure of county government but no action was taken. Would you be in favor of creating a commission to look at changing county government structure from the board of supervisors to a county legislature? Please explain your reasons.*

**A:** The essential difference between a county legislature and a county board of supervisors is the number of jobs being done by the elected representatives. County legislators have one job, representing the constituents of their districts on the county board. County supervisors have

two jobs. They are the chief executive of their town, running town operations and they are the representative of their town on the county board. I can't speak for counties that have a legislature and their efficiency of operations but from my experience with the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors it works well for its residents and have fair representation. I would not advocate for a change in Saratoga county as it works well and would be much more costly. I would not oppose creating a commission to investigate as long as the county had the option to change or not.

**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:** Economic development balanced with smart growth is the reason why Saratoga county's population is growing. The demand on Town's, Cities, and Villages in the county to maintain or increase the level of services that residents often take for granted requires long term planning and funding. All municipalities feel the impact of the growth and must constantly look for ways to minimize growth in their annual budgets. There are a variety of ways to accomplish this such as: Enter into shared services agreements to achieve economies of scale for services. Actively managing the costs associated with employees and negotiating health insurance rates. Growth within individual towns must be controlled through comprehensive planning and zoning and balancing anticipated grow with preserving acres of open space.

## **Saratoga County Wilton Town Justice**

**Description:** Town courts have jurisdiction over a broad range of matters, including vehicle and traffic matters, small claims, evictions, civil matters and criminal offenses

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

#### **Eric D Rosenberg**



**Party:** DEM, WF, IND

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Juris Doctor (Law Degree), Magna Cum Laude, in 1994 from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, located in Fort Lauderdale (Davie), Florida. Member, Nova Law Review, 1992- 1994. Graduated from Olin Business School, Washington University in St. Louis in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree

**Experience and Qualifications:** Licensed attorney in the State of Florida since 1994 and currently a member in good standing of The Florida Bar. Owner of Star Title Services, Inc., 1999 to 2006. Licensed as a Florida Certified Public Accountant (CPA) from 1980 to 2004. Licensed as Florida Certified Residential Contractor from 1986 to 2004. Licensed as a Florida Real Estate Broker since 1983.

**Party Endorsements:** Wilton Democratic Committee. Working Families Party. Public Servants

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate for this office?*

**A:** Wilton is a diverse and growing community; different town then it was even just a few years ago. Along with such growth comes more frequent and complicated issues. I have the types of qualifications and experience one would expect of a Town Justice in a community of over 16,000 residents. I have a legal education, having graduated in 1994, Magna Cum Laude, from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, located in Fort Lauderdale (Davie), Florida. I have been a lawyer (Florida) and a member in good standing of The Florida Bar since 1994. It is important to not only know the law, but to know how to interpret and analyze the law, tempered with common sense and a respect for the community. Prior to becoming a lawyer, among other things, I was an accountant and held a license as a Florida Certified Public Accountant for more than 20 years. I have chosen to run for Wilton Town Justice as a way of using my experience for the benefit of our community.

**Gerald Worth**



**Party:** REP, CON

**Biographical Info:**

**Education:** Saratoga Springs High School Office of Court Administration Classes

**Experience and Qualifications:** 39+ years experience as Wilton Town Justice Educated in NY State Law

**Party Endorsements:** Republican and Conservative

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**Questions:**

**Q:** *What unique qualifications do you have that makes you a good candidate for this office?*

**A:** I have been a Wilton Town Judge for 39 years and ten months. Over the course of my years as judge I have heard about 90,000 traffic cases, four to five thousand criminal cases, hundreds of civil and small claims cases, and probably 1,000 marriages. This experience gives me the knowledge to evaluate each case that comes before me and then enables me to apply the law in a fair and equitable manner. We have the second largest court in Saratoga County. We take in about \$700,000 each year and about one third of that comes back to the Town of Wilton. I have presided over arraignments and preliminary hearings for three murder cases, two in in Wilton, one in Northumberland. When you first become a judge it is mandatory to receive judicial certification. I have attended both standard and advance classes for

which I received certification from Albany Law School. Since then I have taken over 480 hours of additional classroom training and received certification for these studies.