

Eddington Selectmen Candidates

June 14, 2016

Deana Doughty

Chemo Pond Road

My name is Deana Doughty, formerly Deana MacDonald. I am 46 years old and spent my entire life living on Chemo Pond Road. My grandparents and parents have owned and operated Dean's Landing on Chemo Pond for the past 45 years.

I am married and have two children, Joseph, (16), and Bradley, (14). My husband, Gary, is currently President of the Chemo Pond Homeowners Association and I am the treasurer.

I graduated from Brewer High School and have been employed at FW Webb for the past 25 years. I began as data entry clerk and am currently in charge of Accounts Payable. I also organize and oversee all of the FW Webb social and customer appreciation events.

My hobbies include fishing, hunting, boating and attending my son's school activities.

As your Selectperson, I would proudly and passionately represent the residents of the Town of Eddington. Eddington has enriched my life and I am ready to give something back to the town. I ask for your vote and assure you that I would be a strong representative for the community.

Shaun Goodwin

Chemo Pond Road

Hello, my name is Shaun Goodwin I have lived in the Town of Eddington for 30+ years. My wife and I built a house in 2000 on the Chemo Pond Road where we are raising our 2 children. I have served on the Chemo Board of Directors for the past 8 years. I see myself as a kind person with morals and like to do what is best but also fair, for my family and others. My children attend school in this district and I try whenever possible to help out the community. For the past 2 years I have coached my daughter's softball team and basketball team's and enjoyed every minute of it! I was asked a few weeks ago why I wanted to run as Selectman, what did I need personally? Well, my answer to that is, I don't want anything for myself personally. I just want to see this town grow respectfully with the interest of all the residents. I think a Board of Selectmen should be diverse in personalities and interests of others.

Peter Lyford

197 Jarvis Gore Dr. (Rt. 46)

I have lived there 40 years. Business owner - Peter A. Lyford, Inc. I want to help the Town of Eddington grow and would like to see more businesses locate here. I've been a member of the Eddington Select Board for 6 years and thank the citizens for electing me.

Joe Powell

Main Road

My name is Joe Powell and I have made Eddington my home for the past 22 years. My wife Lorraine and I own a commercial refrigeration/air-conditioning/food service equipment business, which we operate from our home. I feel that I can bring a common sense approach to the operation of our town. Secondly, I'd like to work for what is in the best interest of the majority of the citizens of our town.

Rusty Robertson (Herbert Jr)

163 Clewleyville Road

I have lived in Eddington all my life as did my father and grandfather. For 33 years I owned and operated Robertson Glass. I have recently retired and the business is now being run by my son and nephew. I want to be a Selectman for Eddington because I want the people's voices to be heard.

Jim White

387 Main Road

I have lived in Eddington for approx. 25 years. I'm a retired truck driver, and as some of you may know a classic car collector. I'm just a regular guy with just plain common sense. One of the main reasons I moved to Eddington and then eventually bought a house here was I liked that there was an obvious sense of community. By that I mean everyone seemed to know each other, people were quick to help each other, just because we were neighbors whether you were new to the neighborhood or a long time resident. Yet respecting each other's privacy and each other's right to do or enjoy whatever they wanted. As long as it didn't unreasonably disturb or annoy their neighbors things were fine. Some of the reasons I'm running are because I see a huge divide developing among some of the people in town. It seems very complicated and way too much regulations and hoops to jump through to do or to open a business in town. It is also too complicated for residents to use their land and get an ok from the town to expand or alter their property. The rights of long time property owners and the use of their land that many have paid taxes on for many many years seem to be changing to suit some people and I don't think that's right at all. If you have owned property and paid taxes on it, it seems unreasonable and just plain wrong for the Planning Board to enforce their new regulations on what should be "grandfathered" to land owners. I feel the same way about re-zoning ordinances. If someone paid taxes for years zoned agriculture they should be allowed to maintain that zoning if they want, not be forced to accept a re-zoning and in some cases diminish the property value or owners plans for future use to accommodate someone else's project. That's like buying a car and making all the payments or paying it off, and then someone giving you their new conditions on how you can use it. That seems ridiculous. I'd like to see plain common sense and decision making come back to the town, not hair splitting and complicated regulation, making the town more welcoming to business, and more enjoyable for the residents.

Ray Wood

Coffey Hill Way

I moved to Eddington November 1, 2000. I am a graduate of the University of Maine, with a degree in Health Education. I am self employed by Wood Associates Inc., a construction company located in Brewer. I am an Owner and also the manager of numerous other companies in Brewer. I am married and have 2 children that have spent most of their life living in Eddington. Eddington has been a great community to raise kids in. The school system is second to none.

I feel that Eddington is just treading water. We are not making much progress in expanding our tax base, bringing in new business, fixing our roads or cleaning up our main roadsides to make our town appealing to outsiders. I feel that it is time for a new voice and new ideas on the Select Board.

My name is Rusty Gagnon. I am running for re-election to another three-year term on the School Board. If you are on Facebook, you may know me as Rusty Fairbanks, my pen name. Before being elected to the School Board, I used to be a mystery/crime writer. Since being elected to the Board, I spend most of my time writing and reviewing School District policies.

My school board responsibilities require about 30 hours a week.

For most of the last three years, my responsibilities have been:

One of the three-member Budget & Finance Committee. That committee meets monthly and monitors expenditures under the current budget. It also develops the budget put before the public for the upcoming year. I'm also a Warrant Officer – one of two people who go into Central Office weekly to review and approve checks going out, their associated invoices, and payroll. I'm pleased to say that during the last three years, we have had increased transparency in all aspect of the budget and have experienced increased voter confidence. It has taken a lot of work to achieve this.

One of the three-member Transportation & Operations Committee. That committee reviews bids going out for services and materials. It also looks at ways to improve the district's student transportation.
One of the three-member Negotiations Team (representing the Board) that produced the Teachers' Contract for 2014-2016. We're now working to produce a contract for 2016-2019.

One of the three-member Negotiations Team (representing the Board) working to produce the first Administrators Contract. All Administrator contracts will change effective July 1, 2016.
Chair of the joint-RSU 63/CSD 8 Policy Committee for the last three years. CSD 8 will be contracting with Dedham for services next year so they will not be participating on the committee after June 30. I hope to complete the current work on the Policy Binder in 2016-17.

Chair of the AOS 81 Board for the past two years. It was the AOS Board that initiated and directed the search for our new Superintendent of Schools.

Vice-Chair of the RSU 63 Board for the past two years.

Chair of the New School Committee that will be working to develop information for the Board's consideration and then probable Public Hearings and Town Meetings relevant to a Referendum if the Board recommends a new school.

I ask for your vote on June 14."