

I am pleased to share my vision for my role as Selectman.

#### The Big Picture - How Plympton Manages Itself

Without leadership and sound long-term strategies, we will constantly be in a reactionary state, never quite resolving the challenges that come up. The big picture also includes *people*. It is critical to engage more citizens in reaching consensus as we plan.

Our perennial fiscal strain won't go away soon. In-town and regional development pressures are mounting, building community conflict. Ongoing, proactive engagement, communication, and coordination at all levels can help manage both challenges.

#### Engaging Everyone - Open Processes and Information

It is essential to invigorate our citizenry and create ways for a busy population to contribute whatever they can to self-governance. This requires operating with the highest standards of openness and regard for each other. This builds trust. I am committed to a style of leadership that will always reflect these values.

#### Financial Management Hand-In-Hand with Growth Management

For our future stability, we have two choices:

- 1) We can act now, protecting our town from strained budgets and the cons associated with poorly planned growth

--or

- 2) We can squander this opportunity, spending our energies in internal conflict, never truly gaining some control of our resources, government, and budget.

I choose the first path.

With a sense of direction, we can:

- develop supports and incentives for appropriate types of growth
- stabilize budgets
- access grants to support our goals
- map out strategies for preserving our community life--which includes people, agriculture, open space, and water quality

I am a write-in candidate. Please write my full name and address in the appropriate spot on the Selectman's section of the ballot:

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