

My name is Raymond Beale, and I am a candidate for selectman. I have been a resident of Plympton for 25 years and I have been involved in the community throughout my years as a resident. Currently, I serve on the wage and personnel board and I am an officer of TOPLA. My wife is a lifelong, fourth generation resident, and our daughter is now a fifth generation Plymptonian. I am running for selectman because I feel I can offer a dedicated and determined effort toward maintaining the rural atmosphere of Plympton while allowing for growth and development. I came to Plympton in the early 1980's from South Hingham to remove myself from the rapid urbanization which was occurring. During my youth, Hingham still had many farms and agriculture, but all of that has changed. Growth and progress is inevitable, but I would like to see a better balance in our town. I would like to work toward ensuring that lifelong and long term citizens of Plympton can afford to remain in Plympton. I would like to see agriculture continue in our town.

I attended the University of Massachusetts where I studied environmental science and I transferred to Bridgewater State College where I received my Bachelor's Degree. I participated in a scholarship program and studied abroad in Finland. I have been self employed for over 20 years in the business of fine woodworking, cabinetry, and construction.

As your selectman, I will work to guide our town through its future growth. I will work to improve communication within town government and departments and boards in order to create a stronger, more unified government which will be more effective for the people. I will make every effort to facilitate communications between the people of our town and its government, in order to ensure that we maintain a balance between taxes and town services.

To maintain our town, and still provide for the necessary services such as police, fire, highways, and schools, we must accept growth. I will make every effort to ensure that we allow for responsible growth while still maintaining the character of Plympton. I will work to increase the tax base by encouraging and guiding commercial and industrial growth. I will work to preserve and enhance the rural character of Plympton as we now enjoy it by providing direction for growth and preservation.

The increasing impact of commercialization and development of surrounding towns is upon us. This requires that we have a sound plan for the future. Growth is inevitable. Through cooperation among the people of Plympton, we can work toward a more stable and sound future for our town.