

Prepared. Competent. Objective. Thoughtful. Open-minded. Strong Advocate.  
These are qualities I can contribute to Danby's Town Board.

I've participated in Government, Community, and Volunteer Organizations for several decades. I do my homework in advance and follow up questions when they are asked. I try to contribute positively to discussions by sharing my research, knowledge of Town history, and personal history. I advocate for ideas and directions based on facts. When necessary, I try to counter rumors and 'alternative facts'.

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I've learned to hear and to listen. I've never learned or wanted to learn the politician's art of not answering questions. I respond fully and honestly—even when the answers aren't easy or aren't what I want them to be.

All of these are qualities we should expect from every elected official.

I strongly favor objective and transparent government. I want all Danby residents to be considered and treated equally by our Town Government. I want to protect the rights of residents while maintaining a balance between individuals and our community's collective interests. I want to minimize the cost of living in Danby.

Some of us were born here, some of us have lived here for decades, and some of us are new arrivals. Our reasons for living in Danby are different but we all share an appreciation of Danby's quality of life. I want to protect that quality of life.

I know many people in Danby. I try to understand what concerns all of them. I don't agree with all points of view, but I always try to find a balance—a middle road—that takes everyone's interests into account.

Every voice in Danby should be heard and should be allowed to contribute in a meaningful way to decisions. Our elected officials should go beyond required minimums and ensure that anyone who wants to be involved can be involved.

Doing the job right is more important than running a meeting by a stop watch.

For many years, I've worked to build our growing sense of community. Our Community Council brings entertainment and informative programs to Danby. It provides effective Youth Development programs for our children. Our Community Park has created a natural environment for us to visit. The Danby News distributes event and community information to every household in Danby. I've been a significant part of all of them.

I've attended and participated in Town meetings for more than a decade. I'm currently active with the committees looking into changes to our Zoning; I want to see us move in a direction that will protect our quality of life.

A resident can do all these things from the sidelines...but elected officials, not the public, make the decisions. I have the time to do the work. My motivation, background, and skills make me the best choice to represent Danby's residents as a member of Danby's Town Board.

Help me get there. Please vote for me in the Democratic Primary on June 22.



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