



Hubbardston Town Election

Meet the Candidates

2020

Social distancing and COVID-19 have changed many aspects of the Annual Town Election to include the date, the timeline and of course, the annual Hubbardston Candidate's Night. This document is designed to introduce many of this year's candidates to Hubbardston residents in a

year where we cannot gather in person. Although there are no contested races in this year's election, the willingness of so many to volunteer and serve in these important positions is vital to town government and a testament to Hubbardston.

The Annual Town Election will be held **Tuesday, June 30 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Hubbardston Center School**. For more information about the election, please visit the [town's election Web site](#).

Every candidate replying to the Candidate's Night Questionnaire was asked three questions.

What should we know about you?

Why are you interested in the position?

What is one thing you hope to get done or bring to the position?

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts - County of Worcester
Town Election of the Town of Hubbardston
Tuesday, June 30, 2020
OFFICIAL BALLOT

TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE CIRCLE TO THE RIGHT OF YOUR CHOICE, LINE THIS

Board of Selectmen
3 Year Term - Vote for not more than ONE
Stephen M. Young
11/15/20-11/15/22

Board of Assessors
3 Year Term - Vote for not more than ONE
Albert Klimes
11/15/20-11/15/22

Planning Board
3 Year Term - Vote for not more than ONE
Alice K. Lusk
11/15/20-11/15/22

Planning Board
1 Year Term - Vote for not more than ONE
John A. DeMala Jr.
11/15/20-11/15/21

Board of Health
3 Year Term - Vote for no more than TWO
Caitlan Mary Higgins
11/15/20-11/15/22
Judith L. O'Donnell
11/15/20-11/15/22

Quabbin Regional School District Committee
3 Year Term - Vote for not more than ONE
Debra A. Chamberlain
11/15/20-11/15/22

Finance Committee
3 Year Term - Vote for not more than TWO
Stephen M. Young
11/15/20-11/15/22

Finance Committee
1 Year Term - Vote for not more than ONE
Walter D. Trempy
11/15/20-11/15/21

Cemetery Commission
3 Year Term - Vote for not more than ONE
Ramon B. Kozlowski
11/15/20-11/15/22

Trustees of Public Library
3 Year Term - Vote for no more than TWO
Josephine Amato
11/15/20-11/15/22
Priscilla Pichello-Singas
11/15/20-11/15/22

Park Commissioner
3 Year Term - Vote for no more than TWO
David B. Sachse
11/15/20-11/15/22
Eric A. Gomboryn
11/15/20-11/15/22

Question 1
Should the Town of Hubbardston be allowed to withdraw from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2 that require the amount of money raised from property taxes each year. This law provides further however, that the voters may authorize an increase in the amount to be raised by taxation beyond that of the question will allow the Town to issue by taxation outside of the limits of Proposition 2 1/2, the vote is open for reporting and recording the Hubbardston Center School Board including the cost of such action associated with borrowing the funds for this purpose. The additional being authority is available to pay for the cost of borrowing the sum necessary to complete the project beginning July 1, 2020. The question of whether to raise the funds by taxation and expenditure from the the income and replacement of the Center School Board plus the cost of such action.

Question 2
A 100 vote would authorize the Town to issue by taxation in addition to the amount permitted to be raised pursuant to Proposition 2 1/2, the amount needed to pay for the repair and replacement of the Center School Board plus the cost of such action.

Question 3
A 100 vote would authorize to change in the limitations imposed by Proposition 2 1/2 with regard to the amount the Town may raise by taxation.

Board of Selectmen

1 Position Available (3-Year Term)

Kathryn V. Young

3-Year Term

My name is Katie Young and I'm running for Select Board. For those of you that don't know me, I'm born and raised here in Hubbardston. I'm a mother of 6 kids and I've owned my own business for over 20 years. I currently sit on a few boards and committees in town and I'm a firm believer that you should volunteer in your community.

I believe the Select Board needs a female's point of view. Also, with all the boards and committees I am already on, I get asked a lot of questions and I am in charge of a lot of events. This means I have to solve problems and find answers. Being a member on the Select Board, I should have more of the answers in advance and hopefully able to solve problems before they are actual problems.

Well, I would be the only woman on the board. That will definitely put a different perspective on things. I also dislike when issues linger too long, which has a tendency to happen in government at any level. I'm hoping to add a sense of urgency to anything that has been left on a "back burner" so the issues are not forgotten about and can come to a resolution that is in the best interest of the Town and residents.

Planning Board

1 Position Available (5-Year Term)

Alice K. Livdahl

5-Year Term

I believe that the quality of life in a small town depends on effective local government, which in turn depends on dedicated, knowledgeable, impartial citizen-volunteers to serve on boards and committees. As a retired lawyer I have represented, served on, and represented clients before many boards and committees.



I have always been interested in zoning and planning, including: provision of good public utilities, promotion of business opportunity, creation of housing for all income and age levels, and protection of the environment. I have served

on the Planning Board for two years and as chair this year. We have accomplished many

things, including: preparation of a new Master Plan, approving ANR plans for residential and commercial uses, granting special permits for redevelopment of a former gravel pit and commercial building, supervision of solar fields, and initiating the building of the first “affordable” (SHI) single family house in town.

It is hard to pick one, but senior housing is at or near the top of my list of things to get done in this term. The Planning Board is the Affordable Housing Committee in town and no affordable housing has been built in Hubbardston in over 30 years (excluding group homes). Housing for low-and-moderate income seniors is particularly needed. The waiting list for Hubbardston House is many years and grows longer every year with the rapidly growing senior demographic. I hope that this year we can locate a suitable site and begin the planning process for construction of new senior housing in town.

QRSD School Committee

1 Position Available (3-Year Term)

Debra Chamberlain

3-year Term



My name is Debbie Chamberlain and my husband and I moved to Hubbardston in 1997 to raise our family. The biggest draw to Hubbardston for us was the small, rural community and the reputation of the Quabbin Regional School District. Our 3 children have graduated from Quabbin and were well prepared for their college experiences. Each of my children received many opportunities and each was able to receive a quality education tailored to their unique learning styles.

Previously, I worked for the Town of Hubbardston for 11 years as the Police Clerk and the Clerk to the Town Accountant and Treasurer. I have a hands-on working knowledge of our Town and how our local government operates, including the Town budget and finances. I am seeking re-election to the Quabbin Regional School District School Committee. I have served for the past 6 years and during that time have been very involved with the important issues facing our school District as well as our Town. I serve on the Budget; Policy Review & Reform, Special Education and QEMP – Quabbin Educational and Municipal Partnership (formerly known as the Consolidation Task Force) sub-committees. I understand the unique challenges that our rural schools and local towns are facing in an effort to provide the best quality education our children deserve.

Finance Committee

1 Positions Available (3-Year Terms)

Charles E. Reed

3-year Term

I am a long-time Hubbardston resident and raised four children in this community. I have volunteered for various organizations over the years. I am interested in the position because I feel it is time to volunteer for the town instead of standing on the sidelines. I hope to help keep Hubbardston fiscally responsible and continue the committee's commitment to plan for the future.

Cemetery Commission

1 Positions Available (3-Year Terms)

Raven Kaldera

3-year Term



I am running for a second term on the Cemetery Commission. I am currently the Restoration Director, meaning that I (and any volunteers I can find) are in charge of caring for and restoring the monuments in Hubbardston's twelve cemeteries. I joined the Cemetery Commission because I am a history buff, and I want to continue this service to both the living and the ancestors. I hope to do more of what I've done the past couple of years - keep doing the painstaking work to save our gravestones for future generations, and ideally train more volunteers to help with this work, once the pandemic is over.

Trustees of Public Library

2 Positions Available (3-Year Terms)

Josephine Amato

3-year Term

My name is Josephine Amato. I am married and have 2 daughters and have lived in Hubbardston since 2005. I have a Masters Degree in Mental Health Counseling and my husband has a PHD and is a professor at a local college. We both value reading, libraries, and education. I grew up in NYC where I began using public libraries in elementary school. I would go to all of the libraries within walking distance to my home. I think this really

shaped who I am as a reader. My family was an immigrant family and I learned my new language in school, by watching television and by reading all that I could at our local public libraries.

During my first year as a Trustee of the HPL it became decertified and other libraries were no longer able to loan us books. That year my children were both still in elementary school and we were reading so many books, I felt so afraid that we would not be able to realistically purchase what we needed for the four of us to continue reading. I remember thinking if my family is having a hard time with the library being decertified, other families are probably having a hard time too. I brought it up at a Trustee meeting that maybe I could open the library at a minimum one afternoon, evening so that families could continue to read. I felt lucky and happy to be able to do this.

As a Board member I hope to continue working on the necessary building enhancements. I also hope to continue to bring a love of the library to our local families by the events and activities held here. I will continue to love the Hubbardston Public Library.

Krista Goguen

3-year Term



I am a semi-retired librarian with experience working at a public library, a community college library, and as a school library volunteer. Since relocating to Hubbardston in 2019, I have been volunteering at the Hubbardston Library and working part-time as a Reference Librarian at the Quinsigamond Community College library.

I am interested in learning more about the Hubbardston community and hope to apply my library experience to contribute to the success of the town library. I hope to contribute to library outreach to more of the community and to the schools.

Parks Commission

3 Position Available (Two 3-Year Terms, One 1-Year Term)

Eric Gemborys

1-Year Term



I'm a long-time Hubb resident (since 2001), Professional Arborist and avid outdoorsman.

I'm interested in serving as the Park Commissioner to the best of my ability. I previously served on the Hubb Con-Com for 5 years.

I hope to enhance enjoyment of the rec field and associated facilities for all residents.

David Sacramone

3-Year Term



I am a married, father of two and have lived in town for over 20 years. I am an avid runner.

I have been on the Parks Commission since 2012 and am seeking re-election. I would like to continue finding ways to improve and enhance the town's recreational facilities.

I would like to see the completion of a new playground at Curtis Field as well as the installation of a seasonal ice rink in the winter.

Other candidates running for Hubbardston offices...

Board of Assessors

1 Position Available (3-Year Term)

Albert Afonso

3-Year Term

Board of Health

2 Positions Available (3-Year Terms)

Colleen Mary Higgins

3-Year Term

Judith L. O'Donnell

3-Year Term

Parks Commission

1 Position Available (3-Year Term)

Sanda L. Barry

3-Year Term

Planning Board

1 Position Available (1-Year Term)

John A. DeMalia Jr.

1-Year Term

