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I spent most of my childhood living on a family farm in the town of Greenville, NY, along the southern end of the Shawangunk Mountains. I've spent most of my adult life living with my wife, Martha, and our children, in Gardiner- the northern end of the Shawangunk Mountains.

I worked as a technician at IBM for 21 years, until 1994. In 2001, I became self employed doing technical drawing (mechanical drawing) & design.

Over the years, I've been involved in my community in many ways. I was a member of the Gardiner Fire Department / Rescue Squad for 7 years when we first moved to the area. We are members of St. Joseph Church in New Paltz where I volunteered for and then helped run the Bingo program. I was a coach and treasurer of NP youth soccer for many years while our children were involved in the program. I was also involved with Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts for many years, serving as scout master for two years.

Because of my concern for the environment, I've written many letters to the local paper, over a several year period, regarding the DEC Multiple Use area on Rt. 299 and it's lack of sanitary facilities for hundreds of campers on a regular basis. I called both the DEC (which manages the area) and the Mohonk Preserve (whose members are primary users of the area) to task. I believe my efforts have resulted in the DEC providing better management of the area, and additionally, providing at least seasonal sanitary facilities.

I wrote letters to, and called the NY Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the illegal parking at the scenic overlooks on Rt. 44-55 so many times that they (the DOT) told me they would not respond to me anymore. I then got the town Supervisor involved, and after much prodding over several years, we finally have scenic overlooks that are available to the public again. They are also generating revenue to the town via parking tickets for those who persist in parking there. I believe this and the previous paragraph show my persistence in addressing issues I care about.

I've been attending Gardiner Town Board meetings on a regular basis for about 4 or 5 years. Though I have not agreed with how the re-zoning process was addressed and handled, I again wrote letters and spoke out at town board meeting with my opinions. Nor did I agree with the brevity of the Open Space planning process and the tenets of open space bond, and in fact voted against it. However, once both passed, I was the first to volunteer my services, and have been a member of the Open Space Committee since it's inception. My actions demonstrate my civic commitment to engagement in our local government process, including dissent and constructive disagreement.

Now I'm running for a seat on the Town Board. There are many issues that we face as we struggle to fund our towns services with a finite and shrinking set of revenues. I serve on the town Supervisors Financial Review Committee, and have seen the revenues plunge. I would like to be a voice of thoughtful moderation for the citizens of our town. Everyone in Gardiner that I know enjoys the rural character and open spaces. Everyone I know would like to see that continue. If elected, I will do my best to represent all citizens of our town in that effort.