# **RINDGE CANDIDATES NIGHT**

The meeting will begin at 7pm. Please be patient as there may be several people who want to join. Therefore, getting on the zoom meeting may take a few minutes.

There will be a short greeting, rules and instructions, and a "non-bias disclosure" read before the meeting begins. You will also find the non-bias disclosure sheet in your PDF file.

The Candidates will be called to speak in the order in which their BIO's appear in your PDF file. Printing out the program will help you to follow along and to jot notes down if you feel so inclined.

The audience will be able to participate and ask questions after each Candidate has finished speaking. If you wish to use the "chat" instead, the moderator will ask the question for you. If you wish to ask a question, use the "raise your hand" button and the moderator will find you.

Each participant will have 5 minutes to speak. They will be notified by the moderator when they have one-minute left to speak to help with the time element.

If a Candidate is running unopposed, they can opt out of speaking, however, it does help those in the audience know you better if you choose to speak.

We wish all of the Candidates the best of luck! Thank you to everyone participating tonight both Candidates and Audience and we hope that you find the night informative!

Last but not least:

**PLEASE VOTE!** 

**VOTING DAY IS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8th** 

# Candidates Night- February 28, 2022

7pm 7:15pm- Arrival of participants

7:15-7:20 pm- Welcome

7:20-7:30pm- Zoom instructions and rules for both Candidates and audience. Practice if needed.

7:30- Program begins- Each Candidate has 5 minutes

# **Zoom instructions:**

There is a bar on your screen that looks like this:



- **1.Please keep your microphone muted at all times unless you are speaking!** Background noise is very distracting and it's best if only the current speaker has their microphone turned on. You will automatically be set to mute when you join the meeting and if you are asking a question or speaking, you can unmute by clicking the mute button.
- 2.If you are a Candidate you must keep your video on at all times so that the audience can see you. Otherwise we assume that you are no longer participating.
- 3. If you would like to raise your hand to speak or ask a question, click on "reactions" and select "raise hand." We will then call on people to speak to avoid everyone talking at once.
- 4. Please do not raise your hand until the Candidate has finished speaking. The audience will have plenty of time to ask questions.

# Candidates Night Non-Bias Statement 2022

Candidates Night is sponsored and presented by the Rindge Chamber of Commerce together with the Rindge Woman's Club. This annual event gives every Candidate an opportunity to promote themselves to the people in the town of Rindge. We wish each of them the very best of luck!

The MC tonight is a Rindge Citizen and Rindge Chamber Member. He has volunteered to announce each Candidate, and to allow questions from the audience for each Candidate equally. This will not be in any way biased in nature towards any other individual Candidate.

If a Candidate is not present, the MC will read their Bio or statement, exactly how it is written by that particular Candidate. If no Bio is written, the name of the person and the office that she or he is running for will be announced to the audience.

Good luck to all those who are running for Office!

Thank you for coming and please enjoy the night!

# **TOWN BALLOT**

Tax Collector - 1 yr - 1 Seat

### **Andrea LaVache**

How long have you lived in Rindge? 4 years

What is your current occupation? Tax collector

Have you held any public offices before? No

If yes, please list those held in Rindge.

Offices held elsewhere:

What is your educational background? Bachelor of Science

What is your professional background? 32 years in Logistics Management

<u>Selectman</u> - 1 seat

#### **Karl Pruter**

How long have you lived in Rindge? 24 years

What is your current occupation? Retired

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. Select Board

Offices held elsewhere: N/A

What is your educational background? Masters in History and Teaching

What is your professional background? Teacher, Restaurant supervisor

#### **Roberta Oeser**

How long have you lived in Rindge? 40+ years

What is your current occupation? Real Estate agent

Have you held any public offices before? Planning Board, Budget Advisory, Selectman

If yes, please list those held in Rindge.

Offices held elsewhere: N/A

What is your educational background? I forget - too long ago to remember!

What is your professional background? Retail management, retail clerk and real estate

### Election Moderator - 1 seat

**Charles Eicher** (unable to attend)

How long have you lived in Rindge? 18 years

What is your current occupation?

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. Planning Board, School Board

Offices held elsewhere:

What is your educational background? BA

What is your professional background? Manager

## Planning Board - 2 seats

## **Holly Koski**

How long have you lived in Rindge? I moved to Rindge in 2006 and lived on County Rd until we built our home on Red Gate Ln in 2007. I have been a Rindge Resident for 16 years.

What is your current occupation? Retired Branch Manager for a Credit Union.

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. Planning Board Member 3/2019 to current - Planning Board Alternate June 2013 - March 2019

Offices held elsewhere: President of the Emerson Pond Improvement Association (EPIA) which is the homeowner association for the private road Red Gate Lane. I was elected in 2009 for this seat and still currently hold this. I have been the President of Rindge Crime Watch 2016- current I also hold the position of the Zone 3 Captain since 2011

What is your educational background? I graduated from Leominster High School in 1982 and then attended Framingham State College.

What is your professional background? I started as an Alternate on the Rindge Planning Board in 2013 and was elected as a Board Member in 2019. I have been a member of many Planning Board Sub-Committees including the Alternative Energy Subcommittee in 2014- the Site Plan Review Regulations Subcommittee in 2016 - The Blasting & Heavy Equipment Regulation in 2017 and the PURD Sub-Committee in 2020. I have been attending the Board of Selectmen meetings on a regular basis since 2011. I was a member of the Pipeline Task Force in 2015 - the committee to hire a Town Administrator in 2016 and the Warrant Article #19 Sub-Committee in 2021 - hopefully our work as a committee continues..

# **Kim McCummings**

How long have you lived in Rindge? 33 years

What is your current occupation? ZBA Clerk, Town of Rindge

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. Planning Board - 2 years as alternate; elected to 2 consecutive three-year terms and served as Chair and Vice-Chair. Currently completing a 3-year term on the Planning Board.

Offices held elsewhere: None

What is your educational background? A.S. Complementary Health, Mount Wachusett Community College; Physical Therapist Assistant, Deans list with honors, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Mount Wachusett Community College; B.S. Ed. Concentration in Special Ed and Reading, Northeastern University.

What is your professional background? Reiki Master Teacher; Wellness Associate for a local hospital based Complimentary Care Center; Management Consultant, providing consultation and training to national and global organizations in the areas of performance development, diversity management, recruitment strategies and transition management

# Budget Advisory Comm - 2 seats

#### **Phil Motta**

How long have you lived in Rindge? 16 years

What is your current occupation? Systems Engineer

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. Budget Advisory Committee and TelTech Committee

Offices held elsewhere:

What is your educational background? Daniel Webster College - Unix System Administration, MIT - Cybersecurity

What is your professional background? Computer Systems Administration

## **Daniel Whitney** (unable to attend)

How long have you lived in Rindge? 35+ years

What is your current occupation? Pulp/Paper Equipment Mfg

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. School Board 21 years Budget Advisory 3 year

Offices held elsewhere:

What is your educational background?

What is your professional background?

# Supervisor of the Checklist - 1 seat

#### Karla MacLeod

How long have you lived in Rindge? Most of my life

What is your current occupation? Sales

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. Supervisor of the Checklist and Trustee, Ingalls Memorial Library

Offices held elsewhere:

What is your educational background? Wheaton College, Western New England School of Law

What is your professional background?

# <u>Cemetery Trustee</u> - 1 seat

## **Paula Candy Phillips**

How long have you lived in Rindge? 5 years

What is your current occupation? Retired/ organist

Have you held any public offices before? No

If yes, please list those held in Rindge.

Offices held elsewhere:

What is your educational background? College- bachelors of Fine arts

What is your professional background? Teacher/ Musician

## Trustee of the Trust Fund - 1 seat

## **Sarah Dengler**

How long have you lived in Rindge? 30 years

What is your current occupation? Retired

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. Trustee

Offices held elsewhere:

What is your educational background? BA, MBA, MEd

What is your professional background? Teaching, produce management, customer support

# <u>Library Trustee</u> - 2 seats

## **Lisa Wiley**

How long have you lived in Rindge? 31 years

What is your current occupation? School Librarian

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. Supervisor of the checklist- current, School Board- current

Offices held elsewhere: none

What is your educational background? MEd, Library Science and Digital Technology

What is your professional background? I have worked in academic, school and public libraries for over 25 years.

## Florence Marsh (unable to attend)

How long have you lived in Rindge? 42 years

What is your current occupation? Retired

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. Library Trustee

Offices held elsewhere: None

What is your educational background? Bachelor's degree in education

What is your professional background? Business owner & library associate

# Zoning Board - 3 yr. Term - 1 Seat

#### **Deneen Dickler**

How long have you lived in Rindge? Since 2018

What is your current occupation? Retired/Community Volunteer

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. Zoning Board of Adjustment, Member and Alternate; Rindge Conservation Commission, Alternate

Offices held elsewhere: Horticulture, Ecology & Beautification Committee, Member (Creve Coeur, Missouri)

What is your educational background? Bachelor of Science, University of Nebraska-Kearney; Master of Business Administration, Maryville University

What is your professional background? Retired from national brokerage firm as Compliance Officer supervising financial advisors in New England. Position required attention to detail and knowledge of complex securities regulations and laws. As a volunteer, currently serve on Board of Monadnock Writers' Group and co-edit its journal. Previously served on Audit and By-laws Committees of sports organization; consulted on native habitat restoration with Audubon Society and Master Gardener program; and fundraised for animal protection association.

#### **Martin Kulla**

How long have you lived in Rindge? 35 years

What is your current occupation? Self-employed 21 yrs Excavation

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. 3 yrs Alternate ZBA, Finished out 5-mths of Full time

Offices held elsewhere: 7 yrs Director/ 5 yrs Chair of Director

What is your educational background? 13 yrs

What is your professional background? Construction owner/ operator

### **SCHOOL ELECTION**

Moderator (one-year term)

## **Shauna O'Malley**

How long have you lived in Rindge? Almost my entire life

What is your current occupation? Nursing

Have you held any public offices before? No

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. N/A

Offices held elsewhere: N/A

What is your educational background? College

What is your professional background? Owner and operator of my own nursing company, administrative Assistant at a real estate office, partner in a dermatology practice, personal security

# **Robert Schaumann (incumbent)**

How long have you lived in Rindge? Diane and I live in Jaffrey. Affiliations with Rindge include twenty summers on Lake Contoocook; Rotarian since 2013 with Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club (President, 2017-2019); Board of Trustees, Cathedral of the Pines (2014 - 2021); Adjunct Professor, Franklin Pierce University (2013 - Present)

What is your current occupation? Adjunct College Professor; Sales Training/Communications Skill Consultant

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. SAU47 School District Moderator (2015 - Present)

Offices held elsewhere: Town Moderator, Merrimack NH (1978-1985); Town Moderator, Amherst, NH (1988 - 2011); Vice Chair, Jaffrey Budget Committee (appointed, 2013 - Present)

What is your educational background? Villanova University (BS in Business Administration); Rivier University, Master's in Business Administration)

What is your professional background? Medical sales (Baxter/Travenol); Sales/Sales Trainer (Compugraphic, Division of Agfa-Gevaert); Sales Manager, Sales Training Manager, Marketing Manager (Digital Equipment Corporation)

At-Large (three-year term)

#### Kim Aucoin

How long have you lived in Rindge? 30 plus years

What is your current occupation? Housewife

Have you held any public offices before? No

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. N/A

Offices held elsewhere: N/A

What is your educational background? Bachelor in education, bachelor independent studies, associate degree in ASL, associate degree in early childhood development. Certified k-8 teacher. Certified k-12 special ed.

What is your professional background? 7 years teaching including 3yrs special Ed

# Alicia Stenersen (incumbent, currently holds Rindge seat)

How long have you lived in Rindge? 13 years

What is your current occupation? Education Specialist

Have you held any public offices before? Yes

If yes, please list those held in Rindge. School Board

Offices held elsewhere:

What is your educational background? A.S. Early Childhood, B.A. Psychology, M.S. Child and Adolescent Developmental Psychology

What is your professional background? Human Services, Education

Rindge (three-year term)

#### **Jonathan Caruana**

How long have you lived in Rindge? 6 years

What is your current occupation? Quality Assurance

Have you held any public offices before? No

If yes, please list those held in Rindge.

Offices held elsewhere:

What is your educational background? Pursuing an MBA from Bentley University and have a bachelors from Bentley College

What is your professional background? Insurance

# **Paul O'Malley**

How long have you lived in Rindge? 24 years

What is your current occupation? Engineer

Have you held any public offices before? No

If yes, please list those held in Rindge.

#### Offices held elsewhere:

What is your educational background? Graduated from Conant and attended NHTI and graduated with an Associate in mechanical engineering. Multiple structural and aeronautical schools in the USMC.

What is your professional background? I was a Sgt. In the USMC where I was in charge of multiple work centers for 6 years. Then I went on to being QC at a nuclear facility, and am currently an engineer at a facility dealing with military contracts.

**Anna Taylor- No Bio**