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for over 30 years. I have also been the treasurer for the Andover Fourth of July Committee for over 40 years, as well as treasurer for the Andover Historical Society. I enjoy this type of work and would appreciate your vote on March 8.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Joanna Sumner

This is my third opportunity to run for the office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector. This job has certainly been the most challenging and the most rewarding job I think I have ever had. There are so many facets to it.

This year there are four elections to run. It takes an amazing amount of

coordination and commitment to get everything organized. The year started with training with the Secretary of State's (SOS) office. There are new state laws that had to be reviewed and new equipment to be tested. Then I have to adhere to the SOS calendar for overseas voting, registrations, party choices, and absentee ballots.

We field a lot of phone calls, and this year, just before the primary, we made a lot of home visits with absentee ballots. Then there is the long day at the polls and the late night tallying the results. I love being a part of this process.

Another reward to this position is that I get to meet all the new residents as well as to see all of you who have traded vehicles or just want to renew your registrations.

Order of Candidates on the Ballot

New Hampshire RSA 656:5-a defines the order in which candidates' names will appear on the ballots. For the sake of consistency with the ballot, the *Beacon's* "At the Polls" section follows the same scheme.

The essence of the RSA 656:5-a scheme is that as an election draws near, the Secretary of State's office picks a random number for each possible number of candidates in a race. The candidate whose position in a specific race's alphabetical list of candidates matches the random number chosen for races with that number of candidates becomes the candidate who is listed first on the ballot. The ballot for that race continues from that point in the alphabetical list, wrapping back to the beginning of the list to include all the candidates.

In other words, if candidates A, B, and C are running against each other and the Secretary of State randomly selects the number 2 for races with three candidates, then the candidates will appear on the ballot in this order: B, C, A.

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The last piece of the job is being Tax Collector. This, too, has its rewards. It is like having three different jobs.

Thank you for your support in the past. I appreciate the trust you put in me.

town is essential in coming to appropriate budget recommendations.

I have been a member of the Budget Committee for over 25 years and would like to serve again.

Supervisor of the Checklist

Janet Splan

I am running for Supervisor of the Checklist. I've lived in Andover for almost 18 years, and it's felt like home since Day One. I'd like to contribute something to the town in return.

Currently retired, my professional background is in non-profit finance and grants management. I loved the focus on detail involved with that work, so when I was told that the Supervisor's duties were quite detail-oriented, I was delighted.

To be part of the team that makes sure the voting experience is smooth and easy for all Andover residents would be an honor. I thank you in advance for your support.

Budget Committee for Two Years

Vote for one

Nancy Teach

I hope you will elect me for the two-year position on the Budget Committee. I am currently serving a one-year vacancy on the Budget Committee.



This experience has given me the challenges of learning how to maintain a fiscally responsible and sound budget.

I know Andover to be a financially frugal town. I have been a member of the Planning Board for many years, a supervisor of the checklist, and an active community volunteer in other ways. These experiences have taught me that Andover depends on wisdom and a variety of opinions. Andover needs many friends and neighbors to keep it running.

If elected, I will continue to listen and respect community members, employees, and volunteers. I plan to continue to listen, learn, and lead, "to assist voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds," and establish visions and goals for the future vitality of Andover.

Library Trustee

Vote for two

Janet Moore

I have watched the two town libraries grow tremendously in scope over the last few years. Still occupying the same spaces, they have continued to expand their patronage, programming, and circulation.

Librarians Priscilla Poulin and Gail Fitzpatrick have embraced offerings that range from New Hampshire Downloadable Books to "1000 Books Before Kindergarten."



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