

ON THE BALLOT - MARCH 10, 2009

The Beacon asked every candidate running for local office to submit 250 words and a picture.

Selectman

Jim Delaney

Hi, I'm Jim Delaney, and I am running for selectman.

I have more than enough experience in town politics. I was on the Zoning Board for three years and the School Board for three years, and I was the recreation director for three years. I've worked with several different road agents since I was 16, starting with John Jurta on down, so I even have some experience in how the Highway Department works.

I could go on and on, but most people in town know me and know I will work my tail off for all of Andover. If you think I would do a good job for you, please give me your vote. Thank you.

Don Gross

I am 58 years old, happily married, two children, one grandchild. Educated in New Hampshire before beginning a 32-year career in law enforcement.

More than half of my career was in administrative positions working with unions, employees, politicians, the community, business, health organizations, schools, and profit and non-profit organizations.

During my career I enjoyed working in many volunteer programs to include Rotary, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Special Olympics, and Police Athletic League.

After retirement I was involved in the new Andover Police Department



building project. I became a member of Lions Club, Andover Zoning Board, and currently as your Building Inspector.

Throughout my life I have always felt a desire to be involved, to volunteer, and to serve in the community. I have not always found it easy, but always rewarding. I hope my experiences and training might be helpful to Andover.

I have no specific agenda; I consider each issue on its own merits. I want to know the community's position on issues and the rationale supporting those positions. I am an independent thinker who will support what makes sense for the community.

My community hopes are:

To best budget and guide Andover through the difficult financial times ahead

To try not to allow deterioration to our infrastructure

To always be mindful of our seniors on fixed incomes and lower income families struggling to pay for taxes, housing, food, and health

To ensure Andover has places for our children to work and live

To promote Andover as the right place to be for the right business. Small business is essential for tax support, jobs, and services.

Thank you for your support.



Jacob Johnson

My name is Jacob Johnson, and I'm 33 years old. I've lived in Andover since I was in the second grade and graduated from AE/MS and Merrimack Valley High School. I've worked for Proctor Academy for 19 years and have been the school's Athletic Equipment Manager since 2000.

In addition, I am a member of the



Please join me in thanking Mary Anne Broshek for the great job she has done once again in managing this important section of the Beacon as well as The Rest Of The Town Report section. It takes hundreds of e-mails and dozens of phone calls to get all the candidates and organization leaders on the same page, focused on our deadline, and motivated to inform the readers of the Beacon. Thanks, Mary Anne! - Charlie

East Andover Fire Department, currently holding the rank of captain. I was an Andover police officer from 1999 to 2004.

I'm running for selectman because I'm a level-headed individual in the same boat as many other Andover residents, wondering why my taxes go up every year. I feel that it's time for my generation to be part of the solution to the problems facing taxpayers in these difficult times.

Mary Anne Levesque

My name is Mary Anne Levesque, and I'm a candidate for selectman. It has been my pleasure and privilege to live in East



Andover for the past nine years and to enjoy not just the idyllic surroundings and wonderful people but also the directly democratic form of government that makes life in a New Hampshire town so unique.

I have consistently come to town meetings and likely many of you will know my voice. Since I arrived in Andover I have tried to contribute to the town in my own small ways. As a member of the East Andover Volunteer Fire Department I've done maintenance work and helped with computer equipment. As a member of the Andover Service Club I've baked a lot of apple pies for bake sales.

By way of background, I have an Associate's Degree in electronics and I've worked as an electronics technician. I've also been a line cook and an 18-wheel truck driver.

Currently I'm a technician working See Ballot on page 10



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Freshen up that room you've been putting off with a splash of color and a new look.

Preparation.

Washing, spackling, and sanding your walls is critical to good paint application. Don't forget your painter's tape and protective tarps for professional results. Use painter's tape on your trim, hardware, and door knobs. Remove the tape while the paint is still damp for a cleaner edge.

Primer.

Primers can cover dark colors and give you a great surface so your paint will bond, cover and last longer.

Paint and Tools.

Use the right tools and paint for the job. Ask our staff for recommendations about brushes, rollers, trays, paint containers, and paint.

Clean-up.

With good prep, clean-up can be easy! Some paint remover for touch up and contractor trash bags complete the job.

How to do it.



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