

ON THE BALLOT - MARCH 13, 2012

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

Selectman

Howard Wilson

I congratulate the Budget Committee, and to a lesser degree, the Board of Selectmen, efforts by both bodies to keep the budget level funded. Yet these are not all the problems the Town suffers from.

History: I have lost too much of my business due to the economic conditions imposed by government, which makes payment of my property tax difficult, at best. Combined with all my other bills and contracted debt payments, I have very little left for groceries.

If it were not for help programs, such as the food banks, CAP, and the discount shelf at Market Basket, I would spend so much more for fresh foods that it would cut into my ability to pay bills. And, the amount of work I have for this winter can be counted on the finger of one hand. Similar conditions are suffered by too many other individuals.

I have been a member of both the Budget Committee (1984 to 1987 and



2003 to 2006) and the Board of Selectmen (1991 to 1997). Whether this is good or bad will be determined by the voters of Andover at Town Meeting. Hopefully, it will help, as I have already taken the courses offered by the New Hampshire Municipal Association, thus saving the cost after my election. And, newly-elected members of the Board of Selectmen are expected to be *ex-officio* to the Budget Committee.

James Danforth

I moved to Andover in 1999 and have served the local community on several committees, volunteer organizations, and as an elected representative. Currently I am President of the Andover Lions Club and a member of the Fourth of July Committee (co-chair, parade committee) here in Andover.

It is my intention to accentuate the positive and build on the hard work already done to move our community forward. I will continue to support the many volunteer groups in town and will work hard to ensure that together,



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* On the Ballot 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.

we succeed in making Andover a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

In the coming months and years our town is facing fundamental change: single-stream recycling, replacing or repairing nine Town bridges (\$1.6 million) which are already structurally deficient, and approving a new Master Plan for our town. This work and more needs to be brought to a successful conclusion while meeting the expectations of taxpayers.

My only agenda is to listen, research, and verify before voting on any issue; and to work with the other selectmen

and support the different Town committees, boards, and staff. My goal is to serve the taxpayers of Andover.

Mary Anne Levesque

It has been my pleasure and privilege to live in East Andover for the past 12 years. I have consistently come to



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Friends and Neighbors,

My name is Mary Anne Levesque,
and I am running for Andover selectman.

I promise I will work hard on your behalf.
I will bring frugality and common sense to town government,
and I will be responsive to your needs.

With your help I look forward to serving our town.

VOTE FOR MARY ANNE LEVESQUE For Selectman

Thank you for your support.

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