

Candidates for State Representative Prepare for November Election

The New Hampshire State Primary was held on September 11, which included races for representatives for the New Hampshire House of Representatives and State Senate. The general election will be on November 6.

In Senate District 7, Mason Donovan (D) of Boscawen and incumbent Harold French (R) of Franklin will face off in the November general election.

NH House Merrimack County District 1, (Representing Andover, Danbury and Salisbury) Ken Wells (D) of Andover will face Louise Andrus (R) of Salisbury.

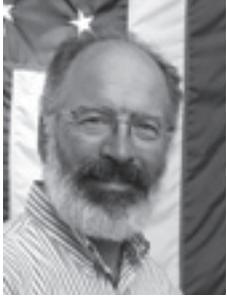
In District 25, (Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Warner and Webster) David Karrick (D) of Warner will face incumbent Natalie Wells of Warner.

Below are statements from the candidates for the House of Representatives. For information on the candidates for state senate visit: MasonDonovan.com and HaroldFrench.com. Other helpful websites for researching candidates are: ballotpedia.org and votesmart.org. A wealth of information about elections in NH can be found at sos.nh.gov/elections.

Ken Wells (D) District 1

A resident of East Andover and voter in Andover since 1989, Ken recently retired from teaching, a career he began in 1981 at Tilton School in Tilton, NH.

In addition to teaching high school science and mathematics for 37 years, he also coached football, skiing and rowing, founded and mentored a



FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics team whose students competed at the FIRST Robotics Competition World Championships in two of those years. He has had a wide range of other work experiences in his career, including working on a truck assembly line, as a carpenter, and in a nuclear physics lab.

When asked what prompted him to run for public office, Ken refers to being particularly focused on the local issues important to the residents of the towns he would represent: those of increasingly high property taxes, the current state habit of down-shifting costs onto local town budgets, and the importance of adequately funding local schools.

He adds, "I am not so keen on divisive national issues, but am passionate about local issues. The state has been avoiding its constitutional obligation to adequately fund our schools, leaving the towns with no alternative but to increase property taxes. The tax down-shifting problem is particularly acute in rural parts of N.H., where we live, and has resulted in wildly unequal taxation across the state.

"It's also vitally important that the wealth of our towns, including the resources of our forests and the fruits of our labor, not be taxed away by the state and then given to out-of-state corporations as tax breaks. These are the issues I would give priority to if elected in November."

In his free time, Ken's interests are wide-ranging. He and his wife Lee enjoy doing their own work on projects around their old house and barn, and Ken enjoys his occasional role as a driver or pit crew member in several types of car-racing competitions. Ken also plays blues harmonica, likes to walk

his big dog on the Northern Rail Trail and hike on the SRK Greenway and in the White Mountains with his wife and grown children. He has been actively involved with the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail and the Andover Energy Group since their inception.

In Ken's own words:

- On criticism: "Criticism is most useful when it is not adversarial. Criticism, delivered skillfully, is meant to help us all see things the same way, and is not delivered to injure or offend. A teacher's or a coach's skillful criticism, often in the form of a critique or suggestion, helps people work together, solving whatever challenge lies ahead of them. I think we need more of that sort of frank honesty and helpful attitude working for us in government, rather than all the strident bickering that has become so commonplace in political speech."

- On listening: "When I meet with voters, whether at yard sales in Danbury, the 250th birthday celebration in Salisbury or going door to door in Andover, I try hard to listen carefully to the stories of their experiences. I leave voters with my phone number (735-5756) or email address (kenwells3@gmail.com) so they know how to reach me to share their thoughts. I want to hear their stories about how state and local governments affect their life. I know that property taxes have been growing to unmanageable levels, threatening to tax seniors out of their homes and outstripping wage growth for working families."

Louise Andrus (R) C District 1

Salisbury resident Louise Andrus received the necessary write in Republican votes at the September 11th State Primary to add her name on the ballot for the November 6th General Election.



Louise grew up in Wilmet, NH and graduated from the former Andover High School located in Andover, NH. Upon graduating she began working as an Administrative Assistant for the Director of Admissions at Proctor Academy. After leaving Proctor Academy she held various Administrative and Bookkeeping positions in both the private and government sector that have allowed her to have a diverse background. For many years she resided in Andover with her husband and three children until they later relocated to Salisbury, where they still reside today.

Louise's interests first begin with her family and time that they spend together. She is an avid gardener, loves music, tap dancing, hiking and yoga. Education has always been a passion, and for over the past five years she has dedicated her time to attend school board meetings and has gained an extensive working knowledge of our school systems, budget and financing.

In Louise's own words, "I am running for State Representative because I believe people are important and need a voice in the Legislature, and because I know we need elected officials who support the working class and the most vulnerable of our population, especially children and the elderly. Some of the matters I will fight for but not limited to are: 1. To have the State pay it's fair share for Education. 2. Fight to make sure we do not implement a sales or income tax. 3. Ensure the "Right" to bear arms stays intact. 4. Work to have better paying jobs and affordable housing to keep our young people in NH. 5. The option for parents to have School Choice. 6. Reduce State regulations on citizens and small business."

Louise is a patriot. Louise loves our Country and the US Constitution. Louise embraces the State of New Hampshire "Live Free or Die and NH State Constitution. A favorite quote from Elmer Davis, "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

Louise stated "I am a hard worker, and it would be a privilege and honor to represent the citizens of Salisbury, Danbury and Andover in the NH Legislature. I will meet many of you in the next few weeks as I canvass in Andover, Danbury and Salisbury. I may be reached at 603-748-1965 or e-mail l.a.andrus21@gmail.com."

David Karrick (D) District 25

For four years, I had the honor of representing the citizens of Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Warner and Webster in Concord. Now, with the support of my many friends in Merrimack District 25, I'm stepping forward to once again ask for your trust and your vote in the Democratic primary on September 11 and the general election on November 6.



During both of my terms in the legislature, I was fortunate to serve on the Ways and Means Committee. Prior to my service in the State House, I served two terms as a selectman in my hometown of Warner, where I've lived for 22 years.

I also enjoyed a long and successful career in finance which allowed me to support my three children and volunteer on many political campaigns and for many progressive causes. I am now the proud grandfather of six grandchildren.

I understand what it means to sacrifice to raise a family. I understand what happens to families when our schools and our towns are shortchanged by the state. I understand what it will take to turn this around.

As an active supporter of women's rights (I'm proud of my 100 percent rating from Planned Parenthood), I find myself in the strange and unenviable position of

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