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Danby always impresses me. Even after living in Danby for more than 40 years, I

meet new people, see more beautiful homes, and travel past fresh, exciting landscapes and horizons.

For a long time, like many non-native residents, I paid my taxes but didn't pay much attention to the way the Town worked. I was aware of its community organizations, but my professional life (computers and graphics, at Cornell and then as a consultant, dance calling and organization, and photography) came first.

All this began to change around the millennium. I began reading every page of the Danby News and became its editor. I visited Fun Day, Jennings Pond, and Town Hall. After so many stories about Town Board and Planning Board meetings, I began attending them regularly.

It took a while to understand the rhythms and nuances of how Town decisions were made—and are still made. The attention to detail that served me so well in my professional career helped me to understand the countless threads that shape our Town and its government.

My goal is to provide Danby with good government, open and inclusive government. To take part in decisions based on well-thought-out reasoning formed through careful due diligence.

My interest is good governance, not petty political infighting.

Town Board members have to be ready to do more than just attend meetings and approve policy and fiscal actions. They have to put in the time to be part of the fact gathering effort. They have to be

involved in outside meetings with other government officials, with vendors, and with citizens. They have to be able to use sound financial judgement to minimize the burden on taxpayers. They have to be willing to set aside personal prejudices, and they have to be able to deal with frustration and criticism thrown their way by residents.

I have done all of this and—with your support—I can continue to do it for the Town of Danby. I've sat in front of angry crowds and moved meetings and issues forward. I've saved government funds. I've provided advice to leaders that helped them govern effectively.

I want to revive the time-honored tradition of being available for the questions and concerns of all of Danby's residents. Those of you who know me, know me as a person who answers questions directly and completely.

I want to start a tradition of clearly and honestly stating the reasons why I am voting to approve or deny.

I think of Danby as a community. As a community that I'm just one part of. I've put a lot of time into projects that have benefitted our community, as a participant, sometimes as a leader, and always as an observer and listener.

I have the time, interest, and the motivation to do much more than merely attend and vote at meetings. I hope you feel I deserve your vote to help move forward Danby into the future.

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