

Candidates for Board of Assessors

Candidate 1: Gary Green

I WOULD LIKE TO BE ELECTED TO THIS POSITION BECAUSE: How much is your house worth? Is it anything close to the town-assessed value? The current economic crisis and real estate market has made a mess of property valuations. Fortunately, we are in a reevaluation year meaning we get to reassess the value of every property in town. This is our chance to make sure we adopt valuation models that create accurate and fair assessments and address some longstanding issues in how we rate different neighborhoods in town.

Additionally, this election is our chance to reestablish the Board of Assessors as an independent overseer of the property valuation process. Currently, our full-time paid Town Assessor sits on the Board of Assessors. Although the state has assured us this is legal, my election will once again separate the role of paid assessor and the Board of Assessors and ensure that citizens seeking an abatement are sitting before a completely independent Board of Assessors.

MY BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS ARE: This position requires someone that is comfortable with numbers, statistics, modeling and databases. My degrees in engineering and business administration combined with an almost 20-year career engineering, supporting, selling and marketing complex hardware and software solutions provides me with the tools required to excel in this position. Why Board of Assessors? For the three years leading up to selling my previous and purchasing my current house, I watched every house listed, updated or sold in the MLS real estate database. Although I have had a long-time interest in home renovation projects, these last few years made me realize that I have a great interest in the real estate market itself and I look forward to putting this experience and passion to use in my community.

NAME: Rena Swezey

CANDIDATE FOR: Board of Assessors

I WOULD LIKE TO BE ELECTED TO THIS POSITION BECAUSE:

I am the Principal Assessor for the Town of Groton and have been in this position since 2002. I started working in the Groton Town Hall in 1987 until 1993 and then went to work for the Town of Carlisle. I was the Principal Assessor for the Town of Carlisle from 1993 until 2001. I worked as the Assistant Assessor for the Town of Natick for one year before returning to work for the Groton Board of Assessors in 2002 to present.

I was elected to the Board of Assessors in 2000 and remained on the board until 2002 when I started to work in the Office. I was elected again to a board position in 2007. I would like to continue on in this position to serve the tax payers of Groton. I am on the Education Committee for the Massachusetts Assessors Association and keep current with Mass General Law in Assessment Practice and Procedures. I feel working in the office and dealing with day to day

issues of the Town of Groton is a benefit to the Board of Assessors. As the Principal Assessor for the Town, I cannot change values or issue abatement. These actions can only be made by a majority of the members of the Board of Assessors.

I have 23 years experience in the Assessing field and dedication to the tax payers of Groton. As part of the Towns Financial Team a good understanding of the budget process and financial needs of the town

MY BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS ARE:

- Bachelors of Science from Fitchburg State College in Business Administration.
- Designation from Massachusetts Association Association for Massachusetts Accredited Assessor since 1990.
- Served as President of Middlesex County Assessors Association in 2004.
- Served on the Education Committee for the Massachusetts Association for the last ten years.