

Heather Roy



Hello, Neighbors. I am Heather Roy and I am running for our Select Board. I am a lifelong Mainer and grew up in Topsham. My family and I have lived in Durham since 2003. I have 4 children, one in college, two at Freeport High School, and one at Durham Community School. I am the proud owner of *It Takes A Village Child Care* right here in town. I currently serve on the Durham Board of Appeals and the Budget Committee. Should I win a seat on the Select Board my time on those would end to avoid any conflicts. I enjoy volunteering as the President of Freeport High School Baseball Boosters, Freeport High School Soccer Boosters, and The Outliers Robotics Association. I have also volunteered on hiring committees for the town and RSU5. In my free time I enjoy being outside, watching my children's sporting events, all things baseball, and chasing my next craft project.

I feel I will be an asset to the Select Board for a variety of reasons. I am committed to transparent and accountable governance. I believe it is not only important but essential that community leaders encourage resident engagement and participation. It is no secret that the balance between the cost of running the town and property taxes is tipping beyond what many consider to be affordable. The growth pressure on Durham is tremendous which is understandable as we are an amazing little town that we are all blessed to call home. With that growth pressure comes challenges in maintaining our rural character, which I believe is part of the essence of what makes Durham so special. As a Select Board member the goals I would love to focus on include:

- to support the town government style approved by voters
- innovative and creative solutions to contribute to the tax base to help supplement the property tax burden
- implementation of systems/processes for each aspect of town operations
- preserving the essence of Durham: our agricultural roots, open spaces, & history
- fostering a strong sense of community through communication, events, inclusion, and outreach

I joined the Budget Committee to further my understanding of our budget process and to help make a positive impact. While I have learned a lot, our current process does not allow Budget Committee members to have a significant impact. Therefore, I am running for Select Board to have a seat at the table where decisions are made, not only with regards to the budget but also decisions and policies that impact the town as a whole. There has not been a woman at the table for a long time. I look forward to bringing a new perspective, one driven by empathy that helps bring the town government and residents together. It is not lost on me that there will always be people who disagree with Board decisions, however, I hope to be a bridge to resident's perspectives being heard, valued, and considered in decision making processes. If you know me, you know I love our Town. If you don't know me, I hope we will meet and that love will shine.

P.S. It is important to me that voters know Joe Roy and I are not related, you will hear us both say this nearly every time we speak publicly. I also fully support him as a candidate for Select Board. Durham would be lucky to have him as a community leader.