

Hello Fellow Hopkintonians,

My name is Laura Hanson and I am a candidate for the Parks and Rec department.

I have lived in Hopkinton for 16 years, and although this is my first foray into any kind of public office, I have been involved with the town since I moved here. I graduated from Colgate University, where I was captain of the Women's Rugby team and a head Instructor for the Outdoor Rec department. I was a Special Ed Instructor, and ran the Infant Daycare at Lovelace Hospital in Albuquerque, NM. I enjoy working with kids and parents to provide the best experience for both. I am a mother of three kids, and love volunteering at school. I have been involved in Scouting for thirteen years; as a Cub Scout den leader, a Girl Scout troop leader and a Scout committee member. I have been committed to Scouting For Food as a town wide committee member and a unit coordinator for both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. I am a certified CPR instructor, and I support the continuing education programs Parks and Rec has to offer. I strongly support Project Just Because, Baypath Humane Society and Serenity House, all wonderful organizations which our community benefits from.

In many of the activities my family and I have participated in, Parks and Rec has played a key part. It offers sports and outdoor activities, as well as continuing education. I believe that Hopkinton is a wonderful community that gives back to its children and its citizens, and I see the Parks and Rec department as an excellent resource offering opportunities for growth and development for Hopkinton citizens of all ages.

I work hard to get things done, and I consider every side of a situation. As I am a newcomer to politics, I hope to bring a fresh and open-minded approach. My children are still in the school system, so I am available and actively involved on a daily basis. I believe that by working together we can offer programs and opportunities that benefit all residents of the community, while still being fiscally responsible.

I would be honored to be a member of the Hopkinton Parks and Recreation Commission, and I promise to do all I can to help this department serve the community in the most efficient and effective way possible.

Thank you for giving me this chance and your vote!