

CLAIRE WRIGHT – Candidate for Board of Selectman

My name is Claire Wright, and I ask to represent you as your next Selectman. I have spent the last 30 years working on a wide range of boards for the progress and the protection of this beautiful town. When my husband and I moved here in 1980, we instantly recognized Hopkinton as a special place in which to put down roots and raise our family.

If you care about something and want to keep it, you take care of it. Believing this, I immediately became involved, first joining the Historic District Commission as a resident of the downtown, later being appointed to the Design Review Board, and serving on the Downtown Revitalization Committee, the Historical Commission, and the Cemetery Commission.

In 2001, I was elected to the Planning Board. These last 15 years on the Planning Board have been a time of tremendous growth and change for Hopkinton. Working on this pivotal board has taught me about the challenges of balancing growth and pursuing prosperity while maintaining town character and responding to public concerns. My service has truly been a proving ground, providing the depth of knowledge I feel is critical to serving in our town's highest office.

If elected, I will work for quality education, a safe community, and well-managed services. At the same time, I am deeply troubled by the many citizens leaving town because of rising costs. We must control spending and spend wisely. We must keep taxes in check and seek responsible business growth, and we must protect our irreplaceable natural and historic resources. Though change is inevitable, the Hopkinton that we leave can still be, in essence, the wonderful Hopkinton that we found. I ask for your vote, and as your Selectman, I will serve you, listen to you, and respect you.