

My name is Al Rogers, candidate for the one-year seat on the Planning Board.

I built my home in Hopkinton 33 years ago and have lived in the area my entire life. My son lives in town with his family, my grandson is attending Center School, my granddaughter will begin in 2018.

My experience:

- Coached and served on Little League, and Babe Ruth boards.
- Served on Parks and Recreation Commission for seven years, most as chairman.
- Served on The Fruit Street Committee and contributed to the development of the original master plan
- Played a large part in the planning and construction of the Fruit Street fields o
- Current member of the Marathon Committee, served for the past 12 years
- Current member of Community Preservation Committee, served for the past eight years.

I have spent most of my working life in facilities management and the construction business, 24 years as a business owner. My work experience and my construction knowledge would be an asset to the board.

If elected I would work to continue the progress the board has achieved. My priorities are to attract commercial growth to ease the tax burden. I would take a hard look at business owners' needs, make it convenient for customers to do business here by increasing parking and easing traffic congestion through the downtown revitalization project. I would keep an open mind and consider all sides of the issues brought before the board. The role of the Planning Board is to balance property owner rights with the needs of the town residents.

I respectfully ask for your vote on May 15.