

## **Amy Ritterbusch - Candidate Statement for Planning Board 5-year seat - 2017 Election**

My name is Amy Ritterbusch and I am running in a contested race for one of the 5-year seats on the Hopkinton Planning Board. I am a hard worker, I do my research and I have a long history of involvement with the town and schools. This is a critical time for Hopkinton due to the rapid growth and development we are experiencing. I don't have all the answers, but I believe it is important to have a Planning Board that better reflects the priorities of the town population as a whole. During the campaign process I am reaching out to residents from all parts of town, lifelong residents and newcomers.

My husband Tim and I have lived in Hopkinton for 13 years. We own a modest 130-year old home in the center of Hopkinton and enjoy walking in the downtown area as well as on the Center Trail. We have three children (Grades 11, 9 and 6) who all walk to the Hopkinton Public Schools. I have a BA from UMass Amherst and currently work as the webmaster for the Wellesley Public School district. I have held many volunteer roles in town over the years. At the moment I am serving as the Chair of the Hopkinton Center Historic District Commission and as an Associate Member of the Design Review Board. I am a founding member of eHop (formerly Educate Hopkinton) and have served as an eHop board member since 2007. I also volunteer regularly with Boy Scout Troop 1, the Hopkinton Middle School Drama Club and Girl Scout Troop 65040.

It is important to have Planning Board members who are knowledgeable, informed and actively engaged with the issues and the residents. My communications background, technical and research skills will be a good compliment to the skill sets of the other board members. I work hard to stay on top of the issues in town and I will bring some balance and fresh perspective to the Planning Board. I respectfully ask for your vote on Monday, May 15.

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