

My name is Muriel Kramer and I am asking for your vote for Planning Board on May 15th.

When I participated in the first Voices for Vision in 2003, trends emerged that still hold true today nearly 15 years later. We value our strong school system, want a vibrant & revitalized downtown, appreciate preserving open space and sites of historical significance, and seek to find ways to encourage increasing our commercial and industrial tax base in ways that both support the local economy and maintain our small town rural feel.

The Town's Master Plan does a credible job capturing our shared vision for Hopkinton and creating broad goals; what is still needed is a strategic implementation approach to measure development, prioritize preservation, and manage growth in terms of that vision and that plan. We need prioritized goals with benchmarks that help us measure progress towards those goals. I hope we can find ways to be more proactive in working towards our shared ideals and less reactive than we now are in the planning process.

When weighing your vote on May 15th, I want you to know that I am invested in Hopkinton and our shared values for great schools, sound fiscal management, preservation of beautiful open spaces & important historical sites, as well as managed growth. I believe the essential work of the Planning Board is to help find the best solution, that necessary middle ground, for all stakeholders when considering a particular project or development. I will listen to everybody and work hard to address the concerns and priorities of residents foremost while working also to respectfully and professionally address developers and their plans for Hopkinton's future growth. Please find me on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Murielforplanning/> and vote for Muriel Kramer for Planning Board on May 15th!