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Candidates for Town Offices

Dennis Franklin Candidate for Select Board

Dennis Franklin is running for the position of selectman this year. His term will only last two years, for he will only be finishing Troy Revis's term. Troy had to resign from his job as the selectman because he was called to Iraq. Dennis has been on the selectboard since August 2006. He has served one term (2003-2006). Dennis decided not to run again for a second term, but when he was asked to fill in for Troy, he was glad to do it.

Cathrine Wilken Candidate for Auditor

My name is Cathrine Wilken, and I'm running for re-election as an auditor.

Auditors (there are 3 of us) are responsible for examining the town books and records and putting together the town report.

The job has changed since I started in 1989. We used to do an amateur audit of the books, and this became more difficult each year as the town's finances grew. Now that the town hires professionals to do the audit, our responsibility has changed into trying to make the professional audit understandable for everyone who reads the town report. We also try to help people understand all the work that happens in our town.

I enjoy doing this work, and I hope you'll vote for me.

Anne Rider Candidate for Select Board

My name is Anne Rider and I am running for the open three-year seat on the Selectboard. I was on the Selectboard for 3 years (from 2001-2004) and really enjoyed it. I did not seek a second term at that time because of conflicts with my work schedule



Anne Rider

and obligations. Now, I am in a position to again serve the Town of Guilford and look forward to the opportunity to do so.

Guilford is a special town – a caring community of strong individuals. I have lived in Guilford since 1980 and love this town. We are living in a challenging time – we must find ways to preserve the beauty and uniqueness of Guilford while, at the same time, prepare for the future.

I am excited about the opportunity to work with the current board members, Dick Clark, and Dennis Franklin. The job of being of the Selectboard entails exchanging ideas and opinions about issues that affect the town, listening to citizens' concerns, and coming to consensus in order to serve the Town of Guilford. Based on my experience and inclination, I believe that I can bring a fresh perspective and a willingness to work hard to the Selectboard.

Arthur Pettee Candidate for School Board

Thank you for your opportunity to address the Guilford residents through this excellent newspaper.

I have just turned in my petition to run for another one-year term on the Guilford School Board. I would like to thank those who signed my petition and those who voted for me last year. Although not always easy, it has been a rewarding and educational experience. The realization of how much more there is for me to learn has prompted my decision to seek another term.

I feel this year's board balanced the opportunity to reduce cost in light of declin-

ing enrollment and maintaining the quality of education for the remaining students. It would appear that this downward trend in enrollment has stopped, and may even have reversed. I would appreciate the chance to be part of improving Guilford's ability to offer fine educational programs for our students and, in light of the statewide trend toward consolidation, look for opportunities to expand. In short, I think Guilford is a great school. Let's keep it here.

*Sincerely,
Arthur Pettee*

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