

NORTH READING 2018 TOWN ELECTION *UNOFFICIAL* VOTER GUIDE

North Reading Votes

2018

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Introduction

North Reading Votes is producing a Voter Guide once again, for the 2018 Town Election. The 2018 Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at St. Theresa's church between 7 am and 8 pm. Early voting is not available for the town election, so if you are unable to get to the polls between 7 am and 8 pm on May 8, please request an absentee ballot. Be sure you are registered to vote by April 18 to participate in this election.

This year, 8 candidates including 2 write-in candidates are running for 8 open positions. There are no ballot questions this year. Candidates in the School Committee race will be participating in online Q&A sessions on Facebook, within the group *North Reading Community Connection*. To join the group, click here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1414955395423943/>. See our website, nrvotes.org, for more details and updates.

What: North Reading Town Election
When: Tuesday, May 8, 7 am - 8 pm
Where: St. Theresa's Church
63 Winter St
North Reading, MA 01864

Note: This guide is not produced by the Town government or Town Hall. Town Hall requests that residents visit their website for election information at:
www.northreadingma.gov/town-clerk/news/town-election-candidates

Write-In Candidates

This year, there are fewer candidates certified for the election than there are open positions. Therefore, write-in candidates will play an important role in the election. When a ballot is received that includes a name written on the "Write-In Candidate" line, a vote is tallied for that candidate just as it would be for a vote cast for a certified candidate (one listed on the ballot). Then, the candidate(s) with the greatest number of votes win the election for the open position(s), regardless of whether the candidate was certified or written-in. If you wish to write-in a candidate on the ballot, first make sure that person wishes to accept the position if they win. NRVotes is including the candidate information for all write-in candidates who notified the Town Clerk prior to April 8 of their intent to participate in the election. If you wish to vote for them, note their names prior to voting as you will need to remember and write the names on the ballot yourself!

Open Positions

SELECTMAN Two positions, 3 year term

MODERATOR One position, 1 year term

SCHOOL COMMITTEE Two positions, 3 year term

COMMUNITY PLANNING Two positions, 3 year term

HOUSING AUTHORITY One position, 5 year term

Candidates

SELECTMAN Kathryn M. Manupelli *

SELECTMAN Stephen J. O’Leary *

MODERATOR John J. Murphy *

SCHOOL COMMITTEE Rich McGowan

SCHOOL COMMITTEE Dyana Boutwell ^W

COMMUNITY PLANNING William Bellavance Jr. *

COMMUNITY PLANNING Ryan Carroll ^W

HOUSING AUTHORITY Charles Carucci

Candidates who submitted detailed information for the Voter Guide are featured on the following pages.

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Kathryn Manupelli *

Biography

My name is Kathryn Manupelli. I have served on the Board of Selectmen since May of 2015, and served as Vice Chair since May of 2017. My husband and I have lived here since 2002, and our four children attend and receive an outstanding education in the North Reading public schools. I am originally from Malden, the fifth of eleven children. I attended Malden public schools, Girl's Catholic High School, Merrimack College, and Massachusetts School of Law. I have been an attorney in private practice and for the City of Malden, since 1996. I bring my experience as a mother, homeowner, business owner, attorney, and a municipal employee to the table, and am privileged to serve this community.

Candidate Statement

Thank you to everyone who helped me secure a place on the ballot on May 8th. I am seeking reelection to continue working with my colleagues on the Board, and on our other Boards and Commissions, to achieve our Strategic Plan objectives. I have supported zoning changes with a mind toward commercial growth aligned with the Strategic Plan. The Martin's Landing development is underway, and will provide housing options for residents age 55 and over who wish to downsize and remain in the community. We are reviewing a number of economic development strategies designed to attract and grow our commercial base which would ultimately mean more revenue for the Town. We are in the midst of deciding who the Town should partner with as our long term permanent water solution and potential sewer solution. Every vote I take weighs and balances progress and smart growth for our community with preserving our character, identity and quality of life. So many in our community volunteer in many different capacities to make this community a better place to live, and I share this goal as a volunteer on the Board. We also have an incredible workforce of Town employees dedicated to serving our needs. I remain committed to finding revenue sources to expand services and ensure our public servants are adequately compensated for the services they provide. I ask for your vote in the May 8th election. You can connect with me at katemanupelli@gmail.com and at 978-378-5283.

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Stephen J. O'Leary *

No information provided.

Rich McGowan

Biography

My name is Rich McGowan, and I am running for School Committee in North Reading. My wife, Wendy, and I moved to North Reading in 1998. We have one son, who will graduate in June from North Reading High School.

I manage the operations team for a small investment firm located in Boston, where my focus is on maximizing limited resources while improving efficiency and accuracy in our day-to-day investment and client-service activities. Previously I worked in various operational and management roles in the specialty retail industry. I have a degree in Business Administration from Salem State University.



My interest in education led to action when I volunteered to serve on the L.D. Batchelder School Council in 2009. Since then, I have served on the school councils at both the middle school and the high school. From 2013 to 2015, I was a member of NRMS 2.0, a working group put together by middle school Principal O'Connell to develop and implement a strategic plan to improve the middle school, in anticipation of the move into the new building. I also served on the search committee for the new high school principal in 2014.

Candidate Statement

I am running for School Committee because those experiences have reinforced my belief in the power of public education and how strong, professional leadership of a school system can have a tremendous positive impact on our children's future. There are a lot of challenges facing public education, and the School Committee must do everything in its power to help position the district to best face those challenges.

Resources

Undoubtedly, the first concern of every district is how to allocate funding. I look forward to being an advocate for the schools with the Board of Selectmen and with the commonwealth. Working on school councils at all three levels has given me an appreciation of the long- and short-term impacts of budget decisions on a school. Decisions often have ramifications beyond merely adding or eliminating one position or program. I look forward to working with the administration to deploy

resources in the right places.

Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning is key to the long-term success of the school system. A strong strategic plan provides an important framework in which to make current year budget and policy decisions. I am excited to help realize NRPS 2021 goals and as well as be involved in creating the plan for NRPS 2026.

Changing Social Environment

When I think of the changes that have occurred since my son entered kindergarten 13 years ago, I am amazed. And sometimes it feels like those changes are accelerating out of control. I look forward to helping to foster a safe, supportive environment in our schools, where all students are able learn, discover, grow and excel.

These are only a few of the challenges facing our schools. I am energized by the prospect of tackling them. While I hope you'll agree that these issues are critically important, I also look forward to hearing about any other concerns you may have. I thank you for your consideration and ask you respectfully for your vote on May 8.

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Q&A Sessions on North Reading Community Connection

- Thurs. May 3, 7 - 8 pm
- Mon. May 7, 7 - 8 pm

Dyana Boutwell ^W

Biography

My name is Dyana Boutwell. I am originally from Woburn. I moved to North Reading with my family in the fall of the 2016 seeking a great school system and the nostalgic “neighborhood” feel. North Reading has not let us down. I am currently a Senior Director at UnitedHealth Group, a Fortune 6 company. I am accountable for driving innovative programs designed to help patients with chronic conditions receive better care at a lower cost. Prior, I was a Principal with a Boston-based management consulting firm. I obtained my BS in chemistry from Newberry College



in South Carolina. I also hold an MBA from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. I’ve always believed in the betterment of communities through education and service. During my time as an undergrad, I tutored chemistry and physics students to introduce STEM learning into the district. I was soon offered a full-time position as their chemistry and physics teacher. This was my first taste of education and one of my most rewarding experiences to date. Today, I am presented to you as a solid leader with strong communication and collaboration skills. I also have a passion for educational theory, methodologies, and curriculum.

Candidate Statement

I am running for School Committee as I feel confident I can add value; I care about the opinions of our community and about each and every child that enters our school doors. I want to support our town government and step up when there is a clear need. As a candidate, I come to you well-versed in various educational methodologies and in special education. I’ve read the foundational work of Rudolf Steiner, the founder of Waldorf Education. I thoroughly understood Maria Montessori’s philosophy before enrolling my daughter in a Montessori pre-school. I’ve researched STEM curriculum at local schools having a child that thrived in these areas. I’ve mined content on gifted schools, trying to understand the lack of funding for these programs, and the private school options that parents have available to them. I’ve taken classes in Applied Behavior Analysis (behavior modification principles

used heavily in public schools and private settings), read Michelle Garcia Winner's works on Social Thinking (social skills, pragmatics curriculum), and I've worked with both private and public school Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, School Counselors, Developmental Specialists, Paraprofessionals, and Special Education teachers both focused on inclusive and intensive classrooms.

I also have over 15 years of business operations and financial management experience. I have been accountable for budgets ranging up to \$100MM in scale, and as a consultant, I've been hired by many organizations to optimize budgeting practices. The school district budget will be something I can easily interpret and I will be able to provide impactful feedback.

If elected, I want to focus on advocating at the state level towards changes to the foundation budget formula, supporting the FBRC recommendations. I also want to help support the Special Education teams to continue to optimize offerings and expanding programs to cover the needs in our district. I will be focused on a balanced, strategic and sustainable budget. I also feel strongly about the safety of our children while at school and hope to weigh in on future considerations. Today, I'm asking for your support. Please go to the polls and write-in my name and help me show that these positions are important to our town and our families. I assure you, I will not let you down, I will not push any personal agenda, and I will always ensure your voices are heard.

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Q&A Sessions on North Reading Community Connection

- Thurs. Apr 26, 7 - 8 pm
- Sun. May 6, 4 - 5 pm

William Bellavance Jr. *

Biography

My name is William Bellavance Jr and I'm seeking reelection for the Community Planning Commission (CPC). I grew up in North Reading (Class of 98) and started a family here with my wife of 13 years and two kids. I'm a Chief Engineer for the company I work for, in which I maintain properties along with working on some development projects. I'm licensed in HVAC, have my Masters Sheet Metal license, and also have my Excavation license. I have attended many Citizen Planner Training Collaborative classes over the last 4 years from Roles and Responsibilities of a planner, Chapter 40B Handbook and a number of other classes to ensure I'm up to date on the topic of Planning. I also serve on a few other boards in town, I am an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and I'm a voting member of the Economic Development Committee.

Candidate Statement

A little over 4 years ago I had told my wife I would like to do more for the community. Shortly after that there was an ad in the Transcript looking for applicants to join the CPC. I quickly applied and 4 years later here I am seeking reelection. The reason for joining the planning board is I have seen the town change over the years and would like to be a part of that change. I will continue to serve the town in my fullest capacity if reelected.

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Ryan Carroll ^W

Biography

My wife and I moved to North Reading 11 years ago. I am a Senior Construction Project Manager for a Boston Real Estate firm with over 10 years experience in development and construction. I graduated from College of the Holy Cross with a degree in Economics.

Candidate Statement

A lifelong resident of Reading before moving to North Reading in 2007, my wife and I have made North Reading our home. We're raising our four daughters in North Reading and I would like to play an active part in keeping North Reading the small, vibrant, suburban community that drew us here 11 years ago. From a planning perspective, it's important that today's decisions are carefully considered for both short and long term impact and precedent. North Reading is a unique community with a perfect balance of suburban life and small town feel. I want to be a part of keeping the North Reading we love by responsibly managing the natural evolution and (re)development that every town goes through.

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