



Selectman - Three Year Term



Bill Daniels



Carol Jameson



Doug Bersaw

Selectman - One Year Term



Sandra Gillis



Wes Vaughan

Meet Your Candidates - Ask Them Questions

CANDIDATES NIGHT - MARCH 7, 2013 7 P.M. - VETERANS HALL

This year there are three candidates, Bill Daniels, Carol Jameson and Doug Bersaw, seeking the one open position for selectman (three-year term). There are also two candidates, Sandra Gillis and Wes Vaughan, seeking the one open position for selectman (one-year term). Our hope is to help you make a more informed decision on who you will vote for at the Town elections on **March 12, 2013, 11a.m.-7 p.m at the Vets Hall**. The same questions were asked of each candidate and were answered by the candidates themselves. Doug Bersaw was the only candidate who did not submit any answers but did send an email stating "Just print your article without any response from me."

IT WILL BE A CLOSE RACE AND YOUR VOTE WILL COUNT!

1. What inspired you to run for the BOS?

BD- There seems to be a changing of the guard in the selectmen's office, and I'm hoping to bring longevity to the office. I have lived in Richmond for about 20 years and have no plans to relocate.

CJ - I am retired and I want to use my experience, knowledge and legal training in public service, and this is an opportunity for me to give something back to the community.

SG -I have served on the Select Board for the past three years which has inspired me to continue to serve Richmond for one more year.

WV -I enjoyed my first 3 years as selectman and would like to return.

2. Have you attended any BOS meetings during the past few months? If so, how many?

BD - No

CJ - I have been attending the BOS meetings for the last three months. I've also attended meetings of the Planning Board, the Building Committee, and Emergency Services.

SG -As an elected member of the Select Board, I have attended nearly all the weekly meetings, and all public hearings, joint meetings, budget hearings and town meetings. in the past three years.

WV -I keep up with what is going on in town in various ways. I am an alternate on the Planning Board and volunteered for the Capital Improvement Plan committee. I am very familiar

with what is going on in town, and I have only been out of office for 2 years.

3. What changes would you like to see in our municipal government, and what goals would you hope to achieve?

BD -I would like to see more involvement in three major areas – fire, police and highway.

CJ -It would be great if we can find additional sources of revenue, other than property taxes, to fund town projects. I am researching grant writing and grant opportunities. We could also set up an organized way to channel local resources to help people in town who are particularly hard hit financially, from something as simple as setting up a Christmas fund coat and gift drive, or something as elaborate as setting up a 501-c-3 organization to solicit donations (including grants and in-kind labor and services) and channel them to residents needing help. If there is an interest, I can help with the legal work in setting up the non-profit vehicle and researching what other towns have done to make it happen.

SG -Richmond has policies in place now to guide the Selectmen and staff but issues still arise. The professional, legal, statutory aspects of governance in this office need to be maintained so that a high quality of service is given to each and every person visiting the Selectmen's office. My goal is that every official, every employee and volunteer has the support needed to get relevant training to attain that service.

WV - I would like to see the town continue to be fiscally