

Hello Phippsburgers,

As you may know by now, I am throwing my hat in the ring for the Selectman's position being vacated by Everett Perkins this year. First off I would like to take this opportunity thank Everett for his years of service, and secondly I wanted to tell those of you that don't know me, a little about myself.



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As a lot of you know, I am a second generation owner of Meadowbrook Camping Area. I grew up here on the campgrounds and raised my family in the same way. I went to Phippsburg Elementary School until 8th grade then to the Bath Junior High and graduated from Morse in 1992. At an early age I became involved with the Town of Phippsburg by becoming the Animal Control Officer at the age of 17. I worked closely with Russel Alexander who at that time was Chief of Police here. Shortly after that I enlisted in the Marine Corps and saw the world, or at least the sections the Corps wanted me to see!

I wasn't gone long before I figured out that there was truly no place like Phippsburg for me. Soon after finishing my tour of duty I came back home and bought the campgrounds from my mother and settled down with my then young family. I followed in the footsteps of my father and joined the Phippsburg Fire and Rescue more years ago than I care to count and am still active. For a short time my son also joined for a total of 3 generations of Phippsburg Firefighters!

I made my living here at the campgrounds and also got a job at the Brunswick Naval Air Station as an HVAC Technician until I worked my way up to Mechanical Engineering Technician. When the Base closed I started with Defense Contract Management Agency doing Quality Assurance for Maine based defense contractors.

As my family got a little older I was able to once again get involved locally. I started by volunteering for the Cable TV Committee, running the camera for different committee meetings. It was then I truly realized how valuable the volunteers are to our town and wanted to get more involved.

Then I became a member of the Town Landings committee (which I currently Chair). In this position I got a taste of how the budget process worked here in town. The Town Landings committee is responsible for the upkeep, repair and improvement of 8 landing facilities in Phippsburg. Our committee was also able to successfully attain a \$70,000 Grant for the repair of the Popham Wharf. We are currently in the process of writing a 5-year plan for all of our Landings in an effort to be proactive and try to keep our funding requests constant from year to year.

A couple of years ago, I was elected to the Phippsburg Budget Committee and have enjoyed this appointment very much. I really got to see how the all of the Budget puzzle pieces go together. This committee is responsible for breaking down the budgets of all of the Phippsburg departments and making recommendations to the Selectmen and ultimately to the taxpayers for each department.

What makes Phippsburg such a unique place in my mind is the level of community involvement. In my time volunteering I have met some fantastic people interested in keeping the Phippsburg community intact and successful. I believe we truly are governed by stakeholders and everyone I have met has had the best interests of the town at heart. We do things a little different here, and we have a legacy of not being afraid to get our hands dirty and shoulder our own load. If elected I would be proud to carry on this tradition. No matter how you vote I would encourage all of you to get involved, volunteering is rewarding and self-fulfilling, after all this is your town.

If any of you have any questions for me I invite you to call or email;

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Or I can be found most Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Selectmen's meetings, I am easy to recognize as I am usually the only one in the audience!