

John Hughes

Candidate Statement

Woodbury & Bethlehem are wonderful towns to live and raise a family. Region14 Schools are an integral part of every family's life here. Parents are the first educators of their children and it's critical that our schools help parents in the formation of their children intellectually, physically and morally.

We are fortunate to have an excellent school system with nationally recognized schools of distinction. We have invested significant resources in both facilities and personnel to ensure our children receive the best possible education.

As residents, it is our responsibility and obligation to be good stewards of these resources and as parents to ensure our children receive an education that prepares them to be good citizens and live a productive and rewarding life in our society and for our community.

As a BOE commissioner, I will listen to parents and residents. I will ask insightful questions to facilitate effective programs and keep people accountable. I will act in the best interests of our community to continue to provide a quality education to our students and to ensure our residents receive value for their support, both financially and materially (personal engagement & volunteerism).

Community Involvement

Served on Woodbury ZBA for 10 years in the late 1990s & early 2000. After a hiatus due to heavy international work travel, I was appointed an alternate on the Planning commission in 2020, currently Vice Chairman. Elected to the Board of Assessment & Appeals in 2021.

A member of St. Teresa's Catholic church for over 25 years, was active in various ministries, including teaching catechism for 10 years and President of the Men's club for 1 year.

Coached youth soccer in town for a couple of years and coordinator for a young Christian boy's club in the Cheshire area for 6 years.

Personal

Relocated to Woodbury in 1991 after my transition from active-duty service in the US Navy.

Oldest of 9 children. National Honor Society & played varsity sports at Ridgefield HS.

Graduated from US Naval Academy in 1983 and served on active duty & in The Naval Reserves for 14 years.

Worked in food & agriculture industry while employed by Cargill Inc for over a decade. Then worked in the Specialty Chemicals industry for over 20 years requiring extensive international travel. Retired in 2020.