

**Candidates for
Elected Office in
Shutesbury 2023**

* DENOTES CANDIDATE
FOR RE-ELECTION
All terms are for 3 years unless
specified otherwise.

**BOARD OF HEALTH
VOTE FOR TWO**

*NORENE PEASE—19 South
Laurel Dr
*GARRETT SIMONSEN —
294 West Pelham Rd

**CEMETERY COMMISSION
VOTE FOR ONE**

*WALTER TIBBETTS — 273
Pelham Hill Rd

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE
VOTE FOR TWO**

*MELANIE DESILVA — 291
Wendell Rd
*PATRICIA S OUELLETTE —
205 West Pelham rd.

**PLANNING BOARD
VOTE FOR THREE**

*DEACON BONNAR — 276
Montague Rd
*STEVEN H BRESSLER —
43 Old Orchard Rd
*MICHAEL JOSEPH
DECHIARA —
56 Pratt Corner Rd

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
VOTE FOR TWO**

MARY L CONCA —
105 Wendell Rd
ANNA CEDERBERG HEARD
— 64 Cushman Rd
NATHANIEL CHARLES
LONGCOPE — 71 Town
Farm Rd
JEREMY MAILLOUX — 176
West Pelham Rd

**SELECT BOARD
VOTE FOR ONE**

*RITA FARRELL — 36 Briggs
Rd

**TOWN CLERK VOTE FOR
ONE**

*GRACE BANNASCH — 106
Sandhill Rd

Statements from candidates for Town Election of Officers
Space in *Our Town* for campaign statements is available to all candi-
dates, including known write-in candidates. Each is invited to submit a
statement of no more than 125 words to this newsletter. Below are all
statements that were received by the *Our Town* newsletter. The Town
of Shutesbury does not endorse any candidate.

School Committee

Mary L Conca
105 Wendell Road

I have a vested interest in assur-
ing all children receive an equita-
ble education.

My experience and education:
Preschool Teacher, Certification,
Massachusetts Department of
Early Education and Care, Bus/
Van Monitor, Cafeteria Assistant,
Special Education Instructional
Paraeducator, Substitute—
Preschool to Sixth, and Tutor for
Middle School.

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude',
Liberal Arts, Concentration in
Young Children's Learning, The
University of Massachusetts,
Associate in Science, Executive
Office Assistant, Aquinas College,
Newton, Massachusetts, Certifica-
tion, Math for the 21st Century,
Greenfield Community College.
Foster Parent Certification, Mas-
sachusetts Approach Partnership
Parenting.

Restorative Justice Working
Group, Amherst Regional School
Committee's subcommittee,
School Equity Advisory Council,
Wellness Committee.

Currently I work as a substitute for
Union #28. If elected, I will take
leave.

I offer a wealth of experience and
knowledge to the service of our
youth.

Anna Heard
64 Cushman Road

Our family moved to Shutesbury
in part because of its elementary
school and community that
supports the curiosity and
development of every child. We
have two children in the
Shutesbury/Amherst Regional
school system. I enjoy serving as
the Treasurer of the SES PTO
and leading fundraising and com-
munity events, such as skating at
the Mullins Rink, and would like to
deepen my involvement by joining
the School Committee.

I'm eager to work with fellow com-
mittee members and other rele-
vant town and regional bodies to
ensure teachers have the support
they need, kids' needs are well-
met, and parents are encouraged
and facilitated to be involved. I'll
advocate for appropriate and cost-
effective resources and support
for administration and facility
maintenance, and environment-
forward improvements such as
heat pumps.

Jeremy Mailloux
176 West Pelham Rd

My name is Jeremy Mailloux. I
am running for one of the open
seats on the school committee. I
live here in Shutesbury with my

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School Committee

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wife and three children, and work as an English Teacher at the Franklin County Technical School in Turners Falls. As a public educator for over 16 years, and a parent of a child at SES, I will bring a balanced and informed perspective to this position. My youngest son's experience at SES has been nothing short of transformative, and through this I have come to see first-hand just what a treasure this school is for our community. I want to play a role in keeping our school the strong and independent heart of our town. I would appreciate your vote.

Board of Health

Garrett Simonsen
294 West Pelham Rd

While relatively new to town (2019), I have 18 years of experience in public health emergency preparedness and response in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Over the past 8 years, I have consulted to state and local health departments on plan development for response to infectious disease outbreaks. I have supported local response during two pandemics (H1N1, COVID-19), isolated outbreaks (Measles, Hepatitis C) and emergency sheltering (2008 Ice Storm). During my first term on the Board, I collaborate with

board members to support local response to the pandemic including proactive communication with residents. I served as the Board's liaison to state agencies for collection of information. Community volunteerism is an important personal tenet and reason I ran for the Board and why I am seeking re-election.

Select Board

Rita Farrell
36 Briggs Rd

I am running for reelection to the Select Board and I believe I have the commitment and qualifications to continue as member of this board.

I have many years of municipal experience ranging from serving on the Shutesbury school and finance committees and for 3 years serving as a shared town administrator in four Franklin County towns.

Much has been accomplished in these last three years including creation of an Energy and Climate Action Committee, revamping the Building Committee, moving the Library forward, addressing PFAS in town, hiring a new Fire Chief, and progress on the school roof.

I am committed to continue serving the Town and I welcome your support serving the Town and I welcome your support - not only during this election period - but throughout the year as the Select Board continues its important and challenging work.

Town Clerk

Grace Bannasch
106 Sand Hill Rd

I wish I could explain the job of a Town Clerk in its entirety, but there's a character limit. So, very briefly, Town Clerks are in charge of elections, birth/marriage/death records, town archives and public record access, among countless other duties. I started as the Assistant Town Clerk in 2019 and was elected Town Clerk in 2020. I am running for a second term because I love working for our community and I love the job itself. I am passionate about civic access, election administration and voting rights, and getting young people engaged with town government. I hope you will pick me to be your Town Clerk again. The local election will take place on June 3rd. You can also vote by mail now.

