

Nettie Harrington Pangallo: Town Moderator

I am a public school teacher of 20 years with an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction as well as an Ed.S. in Social Justice Education. My graduate studies included the effective facilitation of intergroup dialogue. Both in classroom discussions and in students' academic research, I teach the importance of seeking equity of voice to ensure that our understanding of the world accurately reflects the experiential knowledge and views of all our communities. The diversity of thought that results is essential to each person being represented in their full humanity while also respectfully considering perspectives that differ from their own. I teach that when we understand one another's struggles and strengths, we are collectively wiser and stronger, making decisions that meet all our needs. It has never been more critical that the voices and values of our friends and neighbors come together to shape a civil and just trajectory for our future. I believe our Town Meeting is an excellent model for how to sustain respectful, equitable forms of democracy, and I would be honored to utilize my experience to serve our beautiful and small but mighty town as its Moderator.