

Common Sense Voters Guide - Eliot Select Board

This guide is non-partisan and based on interpretation of opinions expressed at public meetings. There are no personal attacks intended or implied only disagreements on policy.

Bruce ‘Cabot’ Trott

- 3 Year member Eliot Select Board
- Consistent Proponent of Low, reasonable Taxes
- Prioritizes the Towns NEEDS vs WANTS to keep taxes reasonable
- Small Business Owner (Salty Boats of Maine)
- Eliot Volunteer Firefighter
 - Deputy Chief and Training Officer
- Long time Career Firefighter
- Long time member of the Board of Appeals - Prioritizing Land Use rights
- Helped push for more Home - Based Small Business allowances
- Wants to expand water for firefighting safety. More hydrants means lower insurance rates for those that don't have town water currently
- Town Manager Search Committee Chair
- Support or Town Park restoration using already available undesignated fund NOT new taxes
- Opposed to expansive sidewalk plan
 - Town of Eliot doesn't have proper snow removal equipment for sidewalks
 - Public works is already short staffed and would require additional staffing

Bradford W. Swanson

- 3 Year Member Eliot Budget Committee.
- Chair of the Capital Improvement Committee. Instrumental in the Town Hall expansion and renovation project among other projects.
- Town Manager search committee.
- Eliot Ethics Committee.
- Chief Assessor in Middleton, MA for 26 years.
- Chair of Amesbury Board of Assessors 2009-2022.
- Building Commissioner search committee - Middleton, MA.
- Town Accountant Search Committee - Middleton, MA.
- Past President of the Essex County Assessors Association.
- Promotes fair and equitable tax assessments in Eliot to ensure all taxpayers are paying their fair share.
- Prioritizes Eliot's NEEDS vs WANTS in a fiscally responsible manner in order to keep the mil rate low..

Christine Bennett

- Wants to build miles of sidewalks in town, starting with Beech Rd. Estimated cost \$4 million dollars per mile! Eliot's Annual budget is a little over \$8 Million per year. This plan will explode the mil rate
- Sat on the Planning Board and was a major proponent of the marijuana ordinance in 2019. Eliot became one of the first towns in Maine to legalize and we are stuck with all the Marijuana places that we can't get rid of. Now we have the Green Mile filling our commercial zone
- Long time Planning Board member and Chair Woman. Often Small 3-5 house developments would take years to get approval because of needless delays.
- Major architect of the mixed use zone in Eliot. This extreme density will make Eliot 'Little Portsmouth'
- Part of the mixed use zoning is design restrictions limiting the remodeling of buildings in that zone, mandating exact slope and type of roof and dozens of other micro- managed restrictions that have nothing to do with structural integrity or safety