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# Shahidul Mannan

Candidate for Re-election to the Hopkinton Select Board

### **Building Hopkinton's Future—Together**

I'm Shahidul Mannan, and I'm honored to run for re-election to the Hopkinton Select Board. Over the past three years, I've worked hard to promote smart growth, financial responsibility, and a vibrant, inclusive community. With over a decade in town governance, my experience includes serving on the Planning Board, Growth Study Committee, Community Preservation, and Appropriations (i.e., budget/finance) Committee. With an engineering degree, an MBA in finance, and 20+ years of executive leadership in technology and AI, I bring data-driven decision-making to complex challenges.

# **Key Advocacies**

- Water & Infrastructure: Advocated for Clean Water, PFAS remediation and helped establish Water & Sewer Advisory Board, to remediate PFAS, help oversee MWRA, Water/Sewer rates/pricing.
- Economic Development: Initiated Hopkinton's first Economic Development hire and helped establish an Economic Development Office, and an Advisory Borad to drive revenue growth and ease tax burdens.
- Support for Seniors: Advocated for expanded senior tax credits and services, advancing further initiatives.
- Fiscal Responsibility: Provided strategic guidance for balanced budgets while safeguarding essential town
- Education & Schools: Championed the new elementary school project, served on the ESBC, and continuously supported Hopkinton's top-tier school system and our special education programs.

#### Together, we've also achieved:

- Full staffing, leadership setup and retention gains for our Police and Fire Departments through challenging times
- Successful hiring of a new Town Manager, Deputy Police Chief, DPW and Parks Directors, increase employee retention
- Completion of the downtown corridor project, opening of the new skate park, PFAS remediation in Well 6
- Kick off Charleswood School building, forward momentum on Center School reuse planning
- Dialogue with Eversource on LNG issues, tax disputes, saving residents money and budget planning
- Launch of Hopkinton's first Sustainability, Economic Development and Equity Office through state grants

## Vision for the future

I am seeking re-election to the Hopkinton Select Board to continue fostering a fiscally responsible, sustainable, and inclusive future for our town. While we have made progress in education, infrastructure, economic growth, and public safety, garnered recognition for top schools, marathon, as one of the safest towns, the best places to live - our work is not finished. There is still much to do to navigate through our tax and budget challenges, continued growth and growing Senior population - to ensure everyone can thrive. Looking ahead, we must shape Hopkinton's future strategically enhancing financial stability, sustainable growth, and key services to support our diverse and growing population.

I believe in One Hopkinton—a community built on collaboration, respect, and progress. I humbly ask for your vote on May 19 to keep Hopkinton vibrant, strong, and future-ready.

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