

Kyla McSweeney - Candidate Statement Town Election 2024

My name is Kyla McSweeney, and I am running as a candidate for the Select Board. I am a proud resident of Hopkinton since 2007, where my husband James and I have raised our two children, Quinn age 14, a student at Hopkinton Middle School and Sierra age 11 a student at Hopkins. Over the past 16 years, I have been deeply involved in various aspects of town life, serving on the Cemetery Commission, school councils, and volunteering as a Girl Scout Troop Leader.

Throughout my professional career, which includes managing contracts and grant programs for the State Department of Early Education and Care, I have honed the skills necessary to navigate complex fiscal and regulatory matters. My experience in policy and law has taught me the importance of listening to diverse perspectives and bringing people together to find common ground. In a time when our community faces division on certain issues, I believe that my ability to respectfully consider and engage with a range of viewpoints will be invaluable on the Select Board.



One of my primary goals as a member of the Select Board will be to listen to the concerns of our residents and be responsive to their needs. I understand that many in our community feel stretched by increasing tax rates, especially in light of ambitious projects such as the downtown corridor project and the construction of new schools. As someone with experience managing budgets and resources, I am committed to exploring innovative solutions to alleviate the tax burden on our residents while still ensuring that essential services and infrastructure projects are adequately funded.

Furthermore, I believe that it is essential to support and empower our town employees, who play a crucial role in maintaining the high quality of life that we enjoy in Hopkinton.. I will seek to understand their experiences and perspectives, and work to ensure that we retain exceptional talent and attract high-caliber candidates to join our workforce.

In conclusion, I offer myself as a candidate for the Select Board with a fresh perspective, a commitment to listening, and a dedication to serving the best interests of our community. Together, we can build on the strengths of our town, address our challenges with creativity and innovation, and ensure a bright and prosperous future for all residents of Hopkinton. Thank you for your consideration, and I humbly ask for your support in the upcoming election.