Peter Mimmo - Candidate Town Election 2024

Position: Select Board



Party affiliation: Democratic

Occupation: Attorney

Education:
Juris Doctor, Suffolk University Law School, 2000
Bachelor of Science, Communications, Syracuse University 1996

Years lived in Hopkinton: 9 (nine) (since September 2015)

Governmental experience:

21 years of service in Executive Branch agencies within Massachusetts state government.

- **Department of Developmental Services (2002-2011)**
  - **Paralegal (2002-2005)**
  - **Assistant General Counsel (Labor / Employment) (2005-2011)**
- **Human Resources Division (2011-2013)**
  - **Labor Counsel**
- **Parole Board (2013-2015)**
  - **Staff Attorney**
- **Department of Transportation (2015-2019)**
  - **Labor and Employment Counsel**
- **Commission Against Discrimination (2019-present)**
  - **Commission Counsel**
- **Hopkinton Board of Assessors (2022-present)**
- **Town of Northbridge,**
  - **Personnel Board (2002 – 2014)**
  - **Town Manager Search Committee (2006 - 2007)**

Candidate statement

I am Peter M. Mimmo, a lifelong resident of Massachusetts, and I am running for Hopkinton Select Board. I am running for Select Board because I care about our town, and I'm concerned about the challenges facing our community. We all know these challenges, and they are far reaching. They range from a challenging budget to the quality of our water, and to the difficult issues concerning our Police Department. I believe I have the experience and temperament to help navigate our Town through these difficult issues.

Hopkinton has been my home since 2015. My wife Diane and our sons Andrew and Owen moved here from Northbridge where we lived for 14 years. As a Northbridge resident, I was appointed to the Town's Personnel Board and served for many years. I

also was privileged to serve on a Town Manager search committee, and our collaboration and hard work resulted in successfully hiring a Town Manager who worked for Northbridge for 10 years.

After moving to Hopkinton, I sought opportunities to serve my community. In 2022, I was privileged to be elected to our Board of Assessors, and I thank the voters for putting their trust in me. As a Board Member, I have worked with my colleagues and our Town's professional staff to assure that property in our Town is fairly assessed, and to fairly evaluate applications for tax abatements, and approve applications for tax exemptions for our veterans, seniors, and those experiencing financial hardship. I have seen firsthand the professionalism and openness of our staff when engaged with residential taxpayers.

When I am not serving my community, I am a busy lawyer. I am an attorney with nearly 20 years of experience working for the Commonwealth as a civil litigator. I have worked in health and human services, public safety, and I am currently working for a state agency responsible for enforcing our state's civil rights laws where I work toward the overarching goal of eradicating unlawful discrimination in employment, businesses open to the public, and in housing. I have dedicated my career to public service, and all of my professional accomplishments have centered around advancing the public interest for all the citizens of our Commonwealth.

Most of my work has been as a labor and employment counsel. In this role, I have conducted multiple investigations into employee misconduct, and defended the decisions of management and have held those employees accountable for their gross misconduct. Alternatively, when management makes a mistake, which does and will always occur, as counsel I would work with representatives of management, labor and the aggrieved employee to bring the matter to a fair resolution.

I have represented the Commonwealth in negotiating collective bargaining agreements with our state's largest labor unions and resolved countless labor disputes. In this role, I have worked hard to build rapport with union leaders.

In my experience, whether as a municipal volunteer or as an attorney for our Commonwealth, I have come to appreciate some important values that I think are indispensable when serving the public trust. Transparency, honesty and following through on promises made were key to successfully navigating difficult, and oftentimes contentious disputes. Respect given was always respect earned, and I believe these principles apply with equal force to municipal government.
All of my work in public service has been rewarding, and I hope to continue to that service as a member of our Select Board.

I respectfully ask for your vote on Monday, May 20, 2024.