

## Numerous Candidates Running in Allenstown

### Town Candidates

Several residents are running for office and supplied the following write ups. "I" means Incumbent.

Sadly, our dear friend and Select Board member, Sandy McKenney, passed away on February 21st after a brief illness. She has gone home to be with the Lord and to be reunited with her husband Jerry. In her memory, this candidate write up is offered as possibly her last message to the residents of Allenstown.



**Sandra McKenney (I).** "I have lived in Allenstown since 1978 and consider Allenstown home. The Select Board has many decisions to make during its three term. I have worked to keep taxes at a rate the residents can afford and allow the town to keep moving forward.

"I was involved with the 25 Canal Street apartments, Hillsbrook Village Assisted Living, and the Allenstown Ambulance Service. All of these will be bringing revenue to the town. I hope I have your support. Contact me at 603-485-7187."

**Keith Klawes (I).** "I am running for selectmen again as I want to continue to see the growth of Allenstown. Being a selectmen is not easy, we need to look at all sides of the issues, questions, and thoughts that are brought before the Board and make an educated, well thought out decision while keeping personal feelings or agendas out of the decision making and do what is right for the citizens, employees, and future of Allenstown. I am confident that I am able to look at all sides and make the best decisions for Allenstown."

**Kathleen Pelissier.** "I am running for Selectman because I have a lot to offer with regard to the management of the town. After serving as Town Clerk for 11 years, I have a valuable and unique perspective on what goes into the daily operations of Allenstown.

"If elected, I hope to reassess some of the management policies and procedures currently used and to enable the staff to have the support and guidance that they need to do their jobs to the best of their abilities."

**Timothy Sylvernale.** Candidate for Selectman. Current Budget Committee member. As a resident of Allenstown for almost 20 years, I moved here for the easy access to Route 93, the small town feel, and being close to Manchester.

I am a self-employed IT Engineer. I became interested in local politics a few years ago. During my brief tenure on the Budget Committee I've learned a lot of things which should have been addressed by the current Select Board. For example,

1. The Allenstown Fire Station was never fully constructed even though it has been there before I moved to town and it has to shop around for donations to finish its construction. This is appalling to me.
2. The Community Center has become a money pit since its construction.

I would love to meet and chat with you about these and other topics at the Meet the Candidate Forum on February 29th at the Community Center.

**Patricia Caruso.** Running for Selectman. “I have lived in Allenstown for 14 years with my husband Rich and love the charm of our small town. I have 25+ years experience working in higher education. For the past nine years I worked in Allenstown as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Human Resources, Payroll and Accounts Payable Administrative Assistant, Town Administrator's Assistant, and Welfare Administrator. Currently I am the Family Services Director in Hooksett.

“My expertise will ensure that our town departments have the qualified staff needed to serve our residents. I hope to be instrumental in recruiting new businesses that can lower residential taxes and increase town revenue for community oriented projects.”

**Jacqueline (Jackie) Tate.** “My interest is to be Allenstown Town Clerk. I have worked in the healthcare field for over 20 years as an Activity Assistant working my way up to Director of Activities running my own department. I have lived here for 13 years and my husband and I love this town.

“Having worked at Manchester Town Hall assisting voters with registering, completing absentee ballots, and voting will certainly be beneficial in this new position. I've worked with resident funds, shopping, and accounts along with budgeting for the department thus I'm good with numbers which will contribute to the tax collector position.”

Note: Jackie was appointed Town Clerk by the selectmen in late January 2024 to replace the new employee who suddenly resigned.

**Paul St. Germain.** Former Fire Chief. “I am a candidate for Town Clerk/Tax Collector and also a candidate for School District Clerk. I am a long time member of the community with 35+ years with the fire department, retiring as Fire Chief in 2021. Being familiar with many aspects of town business as a former department head, I feel my experience would be useful for the town. Thank you.”

**Jim Rodger (I).** “As a dedicated resident and experienced Sewer Commissioner, I am proud to run for re-election. Over the years, I have worked to enhance our sewer system, ensuring efficient and environmentally responsible operations. I have supported our team to create a mutually beneficial relationship with Pembroke. My focus remains on implementing innovative solutions for a sustainable future while maintaining fiscal responsibility. I pledge to continue listening to community concerns and explore cost-effective measures to safeguard our infrastructure and protect our town’s well-being. Together we will build a strong foundation for generations to come.”

Only one person is signed up for each of the other town positions.

## School Candidates

**Jody Moore (I).** “I am seeking re-election for my fourth term on the School Board to continue to build upon the momentum of the wonderful things happening within our school district! I want to see the New School through completion and see our students and community utilize this amazing new building. This is a truly an exciting time for our small town and I would be honored to continue to serve and be a part of the ongoing efforts to grow and expand our community for the better.”

**Cheryl McDonald.** “I am running for School Board. As a town resident for 40 years and a U.S. Army Veteran, I am concerned about the future of our youth and town. Currently I serve on the Trust and Cemetery Trust Funds and the Budget Committee.

“My focus as a School Board member will be fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers while ensuring our youth are supported with the education and life skills they need to meet the challenges of the future.”

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