

Hamilton Democrats Nominate Four for Town Offices

The Town of Hamilton Democratic Committee has nominated a full slate of candidates for the General Election on November 7th. Eve Ann Schwartz (Town Supervisor), Peter Darby (Town Councilor), and Donald Haight (Town Justice) are candidates for re-election. They are joined on both the Democratic and independent Good Government lines on the ballot by Mary Lee Dinski, candidate for the seat on the Town Council vacated by Suzanne Collins, who chose not to run this time.

The four candidates bring a variety of experiences to serving local government. Schwartz and Dinski are natives of the region, representing different generations of Hamilton Central School alumnae.

Eve Ann Schwartz received a law degree from Northeastern University and practiced law in Hamilton from 1985-1992. Together with her husband Harmon Hoff, she runs the family beef business on Borden Rd. in Earlville. Earlier she was elected to the Town Council (1993); more recently she has served three two-year terms as Supervisor, overseeing Town government as well as representing its citizens on the County Board of Supervisors. Schwartz brings long experience with regional organizations: e.g., the Partnership for Community Development, the Madison County CCE Agricultural Advisory Committee, and the Community Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

Mary Lee Dinski graduated from Hamilton Central School in 2000 and later earned a degree in MultiCultural Dynamics in Education at Gettysburg College as well as a Master in Social Work from Fordham University. Since 2003 she has been with the Fiver Children's Foundation in Poolville. In 2015 she received the "Nonprofiteer of the Year" award from the Young Non-Profit Professional Network for her innovative and transformation work in the youth development sector. She now lives on West Kendrick in the Village of Hamilton and is a full-time Deputy Executive Director for the Fiver Children's Foundation, an organization that supports development of character and intellect in young people from both downstate and the Central New York region.

Peter Darby, a native New Yorker, served in the Air Force after completing his undergraduate and graduate education and is a Vietnam veteran. He has lived more than 40 years on a farm on Earlville Rd. He ran a successful carpentry business until his retirement. He served on the Sherburne-Earlville School Board for 12 years and was President during the planning and construction of the new elementary school. More recently he has served on the Town Council for two four-year terms, being Deputy Supervisor and budget officer for most of that time.

Donald Haight moved to Hamilton more than 20 years ago after retiring as a teacher of history and coach in public schools. He lives on Bonney Hill Road. He has served two four-year terms as Town Justice and is the Associate Village Justice. He now is President of the Madison County Magistrates Association.

To vote in the November 7th General Election, one's registration to vote must be mailed by October 13. For more information please visit www.hamiltondemocrats.org and www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/board-elections/home.