

AGENDA  
2021 MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021**  
LISBON TOWN OFFICE  
6:00-8:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO FLAG
2. INTRODUCTIONS

*Each of the 12 candidates were instructed to produce a very brief written introduction along with written answers for the audience to read ahead of time to the questions below for tonight's meeting. This would include four or so sentences for each question.*

<b>Council Member-3 Seats 3-Year Terms</b>	<b>Council Member-1 Seat 1-Year Term</b>	<b>School Committee-2 Seats 3-Year Terms</b>	<b>Water Commission-1 Seat 3 Year Terms</b>
Jo-Jean Keller	Jason Smith	Kimberly Labbe-Poisson	Marie Hale
Heather Curtis		Leonard Lednum	Miriam Morgan-Alexander
Clifford Miller		Margaret Galligan-Schmoll	
Harry Moore			
Raymond Robishaw			
Lorelei Hilliker			

3. MODERATOR READING OF RULES FOR THIS FORUM

*Each candidate attending will be open for questions by members of the audience. Questions must be able to be stated within one (1) minute or less. Responses will be limited to one (1) minute per question. Candidate names will be called upon by the moderator in the order that they appear on the ballot.*

*At 7:30 PM we will finish the question at hand and the candidates will be given the opportunity to provide a one (1) minute summation each.*

*Members of the audience will not be permitted to make speeches for candidates. Questions from the audience may be submitted to the moderator to be asked.*

4. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- a. What are your qualifications for the office you seek?
- b. What motivated you to run for the office you seek?
- c. Do you have sufficient time/energy to devote to this position?
- d. With one or two meetings a month, all boards are limited in what they can accomplish, how should the board decide what is most important?
- e. Think of an issue facing Lisbon that you care about. Do you have a positive solution you want to bring forth?

5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

6. ADJOURNMENT

# CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Candidates were given an opportunity to provide a small paragraph about themselves along with answering the following questions that would be asked on Candidates Night, but because we have a larger than usual number of candidates, we asked that this information be provided in writing ahead of time:

- a. What are your qualifications for the office you seek?
- b. What motivated you to run for the office you seek?
- c. Do you have sufficient time/energy to devote to this position?
- d. With one or two meetings a month, all boards are limited in what they can accomplish, how should the board decide what is most important?
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See Candidate's Information as of October 6, 2021

as provided on the following pages

in the order in which they should appear on the ballot.

Please note that not all candidates have responded.

We have reserved the evening on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 6:00 PM** for the audience to ask new questions of each candidate. This will be live streamed on Town Hall Stream from our town website, which may be viewed later as well.

The Following Pages  
For Council Member  
3-Year Terms

Good Morning,  
I managed to get past my inner perfectionist!

Intro Paragraph:

My name is Jo-Jean Chandler Keller. I live in Lisbon Falls. I've been an active, civic minded community member since the late 70's. I am eager to bring my energy, enthusiasm, willingness to listen, and desire to help to the Town Council. I welcome your questions, ideas, concerns and support!

1. What are your qualifications for the office you seek?

The most important aspect is: I am an active, civic minded community member. I have been avidly interested and involved in the Lisbon community since I became a resident in the late seventies. I've been involved in Frontier Days (forerunner to Moxie) and other community efforts as a Jaycee member. I've been a substitute teacher, a tutor, an Ed Tech in the Lisbon School system. I have most recently been a member of the School Planning Committee, as well as an Election Clerk. I've also been the Lisbon Library Children's Librarian before I retired. I have been and am currently on the Library Board and on the Androscoggin Sagadahoc Agricultural Extension Board, as well as supporting ASCEA 4 H programs. Recently, I've worked with the Economic Director on the Lisbon Entrepreneurial efforts and Moxie Plaza planning. In addition: Before I retired from LL Bean, I was a Customer Service Trainer, Training Coordinator, Communications Specialist and Intranet Web Site Developer during the 20+ years I was an LL Bean employee. Thus, I have a great deal of experience in dealing with people in a business environment.

2. What motivated you to run for the office you seek?

I am excited and motivated by the changes in Lisbon and the possibilities for growth through Economic Development. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Entrepreneurship Project and feel I can add value to the Town Council with my outlook, ideas and commitment. I am also excited and energized by the amount of public interest in issues such as the development of the Worumbo Site and business development in Lisbon Village.

3. Do you have sufficient time/energy to devote to this position?

I have thought a lot about the time and energy needed and have decided that I am ready for the challenge. I am retired and do have a variety of interests but have the necessary time, energy and commitment to devote to the Town Council. Prioritizing has always been important in my life and has helped me accomplish what I have, both personally and professionally.

4. With one or two meetings a month, all boards are limited in what they can accomplish, how should the board decide what is most important?

I would work with the rest of the council to prioritize according to the following:

- Is the issue something that must be acted upon with some urgency?
- Is there extensive feedback from community members that the topic must be addressed?

- Is there a major financial Impact that warrants immediate action?
- Is there enough information available to consider or should the matter be further researched before action?
- Is it part of a wider range of issues that need to be addressed?

I believe that Council members can and should individually research issues of concern and bring their findings to the entire council.

5. Think of an issue facing Lisbon that you care about. Do you have a positive solution you want to bring forth?

I have heard a lot of feedback from the community about the Worumbo project, both in person and on Social Media. To me, the most important aspect of the questions surrounding the project is the challenge of finding an acceptable and easily used communication method or methods that will reach the entire community. Much of the feedback indicates that, although planning meetings were held, many people were not aware of when they were scheduled and provided their feedback and their frustration with the project on Social Media.

We are very fortunate to have a passionate, vocal and involved Lisbon community. Our duty is to ensure that we are able to hear and respond to their concerns. To do that we need to utilize a variety of communication methods including, but not limited to: posters, community displays, videos, as well as social media and web sites. I am a firm believer in the validity of face-to-face communication, as well.

JoJean Keller

My name is Heather Curtis, I have lived in Lisbon/Lisbon Falls for 7 years. I am a mother of a spunky, kind and wonderful 9 year old. I work as a bus driver and have served the Town of Durham for 5 years while driving commercially, then drove in Lisbon for 2.5 years before returning to Durham. My hobbies are gardening, hiking, playing and coaching softball.

1. My qualifications are I am a current Lisbon resident with a college education that cares about the growth and direction of the town I live in. I have never held public office but I have the gift of gab and can talk to just about anyone. I feel I am connected enough in town to get a good feel for how people feel on issues I need to be voting on.
2. I became interested in running for office when I heard there were open seats this election. I asked some of the people close in my life and it was suggested I pursue running for office. I also know you shouldn't complain or have ideas if you are not willing to be involved. I am willing to be involved and willing to listen to what people want as tax payers.
3. I believe that I have sufficient time to dedicate to the office. I do work full time and raise my daughter like most motivated people I find time to things that matter. Making the town a place that is moving forward while maintaining a strong sense of community is important to me. Helping the people have a voice to be heard and a say in the way we reinvent an old mill town.
4. While I believe all issues are important I would say those items with a deadline are most important to the board. Other ways to determine importance is based on how many folks are impacted by the issue/decision that needs to be made. Unfortunately if it only effects a few but another issue effects the majority then that task may need to be put ahead but the other. I also believe very large controversial issues may need to be put to town vote to help get perspective and free up board time.
5. One of the major issues that is currently facing Lisbon/Lisbon Falls is the use of the old mill property. I personally would love to see that space used for food trucks and transition the outdoor dining on Main Street to the green space. Enhance the safety of street crossing to easily access Main Street while allowing plenty of space for eating, socializing, car shows, or just relaxation on the waterfront. I believe too many towns look to develop all available space with limited regard to green space. There are other properties in town that are able to be transitioned into stores or small apartment buildings.

## Cliff Miller

### The Common Sense Choice for Lisbon

*Common sense is defined as - sound and prudent judgment based on a simple perception of the situation or facts.*

I will use common sense decision making throughout my tenure representing the Town of Lisbon as a town council member. I will recognize facts over feelings, financial responsibility over wasteful spending, for the betterment of the community over a do-nothing approach.

My qualifications are as followed.

- I currently own, run and operate several multi-million-dollar companies. I have started these companies from the ground up, using my own money, my personal time, and leadership skills to build a team that has led to our successes.
- I lead my businesses with integrity through careful compliance and regulation.
- I've collaborated with government and industrial partners, interacting with diverse groups of people in some of the largest companies in the country to ensure a project's success.
- I was named one of the top 30 under 30 project managers in the country by Mortgage Professionals of America in 2016.
- I've bought and sold over 100 single family and multifamily homes while working in the real estate industry providing affordable opportunities to buyers, including many in Lisbon
- None of the qualities above are possible without integrity, compassion, communication, and teamwork.

I was born and raised in Lisbon. My family has been in this town for over 100 years, and I chose to live here as an adult with my wife and daughter. I love our little town of Lisbon! I can't stand the thought of someone or some group trying to make it into something it is not. I feel Lisbon is one of the last towns that truly lives up to the Maine state motto of "the way life should be" and I will do everything I can to project it.

What motivated me to run for Lisbon Town Council? There is no better time than the present to start influencing our community. Several weeks ago, the country witnessed one of the worst military embarrassments in the history of America. We failed to withdraw from Afghanistan appropriately and we lost 13 brave young men and women. Those men and women gave more in their short lives than most people dream of doing in a lifetime. I prayed for their families and was inspired by their selflessness; they were serving our country which has inspired me to serve my community. I realized that my knowledge, skills and abilities can best serve the Town of Lisbon and offer a common sense approach to keeping Lisbon true to its roots.

Educationally, I started as a failure. I was expelled or asked to leave two schools several times before I was 16, never again to return. Fast forward to today and I now have four college degrees. My two undergraduate degrees are in Information Technology and Business Management. My graduate degrees consist of a Masters in Business Administration and a

Masters in Education. I didn't fit the standard one size fits all mold for school and I made it work for me, not the other way around. I was fortunate to have family support and a drive that wouldn't let me fail.

I'm self-employed, so I have more than enough time to commit to this endeavor. It's like everything else I do in life. When I commit to it, I'll see it through. I'll make the time because people are relying to me to do my elected job.

With the boards' limited time to meet, there will always be an importance to prioritizing what can be accomplished. I would look at this in two different ways.

- First, what are the small little things that can be concluded in a rather short amount of time? I would continue to focus on the action items that are considered "low hanging fruit" and pick those items off one by one.
- Secondly, we have the larger items the council may have to take much more time to discuss and deliberate. I would prioritize those items with a simple statement to the other board members: Which one of the open actions items best serves the community? We would then prioritize all items accordingly and behind each of the listed and prioritized action items, I would simply ask if the town can afford to complete the open item.

One of the biggest issues I'm learning about the town is a fundamental building block for success and that's communication. The town of Lisbon has a noted issue of being unable to communicate effectively with its residents. Social media is not for everyone. Digital signage is an option but can be easily missed. Mailers are expensive and often thrown out with the junk mail.

My suggestions for the town would be the creation of a "Town of Lisbon" app. Many people do not like social media or steer away from it. However, the vast majority of people have a smart or smart enough phone or tablet. A Lisbon app could allow the town to push information about upcoming events, surveys, school closures, and dozens of other things. A single one touch option on a device everyone is using seems like a safe and secure way to communicate. This is just one proposal that should already be in place for ALL of Lisbon's residence.

I'm one person. But I believe one person can be the difference between moving forward and breaking out of the status quo. I know what it's like to fail, but I also know that failure is just a step to success in each endeavor we face.

If I didn't believe in the Town of Lisbon and my ability to support the Town Council I wouldn't be running.

# Harry Floyd Moore, Jr.

Candidate for Town Council

I served in the US Navy Submarine service from March 1974 until September 1978. In October 1978, I accepted a position with the Lisbon Police Department where I served until I retired in October of 2019 as a Sergeant.

I earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from U Maine Augusta and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration also from U Maine Augusta. I have earned graduate credits toward a Master's Degree in Homeland Security from American Military U.

I am married to Patti (Levesque) Moore and we raised four children in Lisbon and they all went to Lisbon schools. We now have 11 awesome grandchildren (Christmas is killing me!)

I have been asked to answer a few questions.

1. What are your qualifications for the office you seek?

While I believe that any person that is a citizen of Lisbon and has a desire to serve the public is qualification enough, my service as an employee of the Town for 40+ years gives me a unique perspective. As a police officer, I was required to look at all sides of arguments and listen to all parties before making a decision. I will bring these decades of conflict resolution skills with me as a council member.

2. What motivated you to run for the office you seek?

My motivation is rooted in my desire to make this life a better one for my children and grandchildren and for your children and grandchildren. I have strived to do so my entire working career, whether as a crew member of a nuclear ballistic missile submarine or police officer, and I would like to continue to do so as a council member. Finding a way through the convoluted messages and demands coming from the Federal and State governments that trickle down to the local venue is challenging and I believe I have the skills to work with all parties to find solutions.

3. Do you have sufficient time/energy to devote to this position?

After serving pretty much my entire working life in uniform, I am happily fully retired and have every intention of remaining retired. As far as energy, my wife reminds me often that I am full of it...I think she means energy.

4. With one or two meetings a month all boards are limited on what they can accomplish. How should the board decide what is most important?

It is incumbent upon the board to listen to the department heads as well as the town manager to identify projects or concerns that can and should be prioritized. Some projects may have external constraints, i.e., many grants have conditions such as time limits.

These projects would require more attention than ones that have no such constraints. More importantly, input from the public should weigh heavily on decisions the board makes regarding the importance of what should be prioritized.

5. Think of an issue facing Lisbon that you care about. Do you have a positive solution that you want to bring forth?

One of the hot topics currently in Lisbon is the former Worumbo Mill property now owned by the Town and what to do with it. I care about this issue because for the first time since the Civil War there is a beautiful, unfettered view of the Androscoggin from downtown. I believe that it is important to try to keep this view. While I don't have a solution, I would suggest that any ongoing process be slowed until the new board can research and evaluate, with input from the public, a suitable resolution toward the development of the property.

Dear Lisbon Council Members,

Let me start by briefly introducing myself. My name is Raymond Robishaw and spent the last 55 years of my life living right here in Lisbon Maine. My wife Diane and I raised two children here, Michelle and Shawn. Both are doing great! Michelle is in the nursing field while my son Shawn coaches at Lisbon High school and is also a Director at Bowdoin College.

Currently I work at Elmet Technologies in Lewiston as the Director of Operations. Prior to working with Elmet I held positions such as Program Manager and Chief Superintendent working with large multinational corporations to support our Navy. My favorite hobbies include going to Lisbon football games and hunting. I also love to cook and help around the house, yes, I do dishes and laundry. Diane and I have been happily married for 40 years, we approach every obstacle life throws our way as a unit and value teamwork in our relationship.

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1. What is your qualification for the office you seek?

- I bring years of high-level leadership experience to the table. Overseeing the construction of Naval warships requires immense focus and team building skills along with budget management and manning plans to ensure the job gets done on schedule. I have also developed skills with Lean Six Sigma along the way which have proven to be successful tools in affecting positive change.

2. What motivated you to run for the office you seek?

- Over the last 15 years many town citizens have asked me to run for this post. I am proud that there are so many that trust me to help make decisions affecting our town. I have been asked again this year and after careful consideration, I am ready serve if elected. I look forward to being part of the group that can continuously affect change and make Lisbon a better place to live. I also want to leave the office and the town in a better place after my term for my children and grandchildren.

3. Do you have sufficient time/energy to devote to this position?
  - After careful consideration, my wife and I agree that I have both the time and energy necessary to be successful in this position.
4. With one or two meetings a month, all board members are limited in what they can accomplish, how should the board decide what is most important?
  - The most important thing is to make sure that we have access to all the relevant facts and data needed to analyze a specific problem/challenge. Opinions are good and bring great ideas to the table, but only after facts have been presented and understood. It is the team's job to understand and clearly define the scope of an issue, this is critical to maintain focus and productivity. Being that we only meet twice a month, there is plenty of time in between meetings to gather information that will help define and prioritize items of the highest importance. In reality, our team will not always please everyone but with hard work and evidence-based actions we can deliver results based on integrity and earn both trust and favor of local citizens.
5. Think of an issue facing Lisbon that you care about. Do you have a positive solution you want to bring forth?
  - An important issue that comes to mind is 'Save the View'. Lisbon is fortunate to have a great piece of property owned by the local taxpayers. There is a large group of citizens and local business owners that feel strongly this space should benefit the taxpayers. Some examples might include Moxie festivals, car shows, fall fairs, craft shows, farmers markets, and many more. At the same time, there is also an opportunity to bring in retail business which would offer multiple benefits to the town of Lisbon in the form of increased tax revenue, more jobs, and goods/services availability. I would like to look at the benefits associated with developing the back side of the space that is against the woods. An L shape (building) that heads towards the railroad café could support multiple businesses. Also, we could look at putting another structure located at the entrance and stopping just after where the dam starts. This will leave the view from 196 and Franks and the Railroad café. As I see it today, we have plenty of time to get this right and I ask we take the care needed as this would greatly benefit all citizens of Lisbon.

My name is Lorelei Hilliker. I grew up in Farmington ME most of my life until making the journey south and landing here in Lisbon. I have a business degree with a minor in marketing. I spent my college years as the At-Large Student Representative for student government where I fell in love with civic responsibility. I've spent my life as a life and health insurance agent, EMT, firefighter and sourcing analyst before I found myself on my current journey. I have a teenage son who has attended LHS for the past couple of years. We both have epilepsy and that's the true foundation of what brought my journey with 207 Edibles here to Lisbon falls. I have had my fair share of health disasters and worked my way off of disability to where I am today, asking for your permission to help make a difference in the town that gave me my life back and a place I'm proud to call home.

Throughout the past four years I have watched this community grow exponentially. I'm thrilled to be a part of that growth and to build my life and livelihood around this town. I take pride in being able to contribute to our local food bank, Christmas and thanksgiving drives and all of the amazing things this town pulls together throughout the local business community and especially positive change Lisbon.

- 1) I have a business management degree with a minor in marketing, 10 years running a small business with a splash of lobbying and navigating the political arena in Augusta to change the laws that were holding my business back.
- 2) Being a local business owner, new homeowner and active community member are the top three reasons with needing to see active engagement and change within our beautiful community coming in a close fourth as motivations for running for office.
- 3) I make time for things that are important to me and I don't do anything I'm not passionate about; this shall be no different.
- 4) It's important to address and emergency issues first of course however my priority are the concerns of the residents I represent.
- 5) All the issues in Lisbon are important to me and the positive solution I will always bring is an open mind, open dialogue and a willing spirit to compromise and do what's best for the majority in every situation I face.

The Following Page  
For Council Member  
1-Year Term

## **Introduction -**

My name is Jason Smith. I am running for a one-year term for town Council in Lisbon Maine. I grew up in Brunswick Maine and I moved to Durham Maine at the age of 25. We recently purchased a property on Mockingbird Lane in Lisbon this summer. I am a father to 2 wonderful young girls and stepfather to a high school student here in town. I look forward to the opportunity and will do my best to serve as a voice for every Lisbon resident and business owner.

## **What are your qualifications for the office you seek?**

Some of the qualifications for the seat I am looking to fill are as follows. I worked loss prevention for Hannaford and Walmart for four years at the age of 17. I then went on to oversee two crews of Masons during restoration and construction of stone brick and block church buildings. I started my own Stoneworks Masonry business at the age of 27. At the age of 30 I started a medical marijuana business and I have been doing business in the town of Lisbon since 2016.

## **What motivated you to run for the office you seek?**

My motivation for running for town Council is that I feel business owners in the town need somebody on Council to hear and bring forward their concerns. I also feel residents in town are not being heard. It is the duty of a councilmember to get input from the town residents and make decisions based on their recommendations and concerns.

## **Do you have sufficient time/energy to devote to this position?**

As a business owner I've learned to schedule my time as efficiently as possible. I will ensure I have sufficient time and more than enough energy to devote to this position.

## **With one or two meetings a month, all boards are limited in what they can accomplish, how should the board what is most important?**

I feel the board should get help from the residents and business owners of Lisbon to help them decide what are the most important matters to bring to the board. Too often the Council has simply followed an internal agenda without effectively involving the community.

## **Think of an issue facing Lisbon that you care about. DO you have a positive solution you want to bring forth?**

An issue facing Lisbon that I care about would be maintaining a greenspace at the Worumbo Mill park, along with addressing how Main street closures are impacting small business. The positive solution I will bring forth for these matters is to include as much resident and business owner input as possible. For example, sending out mailers for surveys, and social media posts informing residents. It's imperative that the town speak with as many residents and business owners as possible to make a fair and educated decision.

The Following Pages  
For School Committee  
Member  
3-Year Terms

Hello, my name is Kimberly Labbe-Poisson and I am running for re-election as a member of the School Board. I have been working in the field of Special Education and School Psychology for the past 27 years. I am a Licensed Psychologist, Nationally Certified School Psychologist, and hold a Diplomate with the American Board of School Neuropsychology. I have worked at the Margaret Murphy Centers for Children program for the past 21 years and I am currently the Site Director for the Main Street program in Lewiston. This program is for students with Emotional and Behavior Disorders. My husband and I have been residents of Lisbon for the past 20 years and we have two children, an 18 years old and a 20 year old.

The qualifications that I possess which are pertinent to the School Board position are: 1) I have served on the School Board for the past 3 years so I understand the commitment it requires and the expectations of position, 2) I have over 20 years of experience in public schools so I have a strong understanding of how schools operate, and 3) I have experience working as a team in order to work towards a common goal.

What motivated me to run for re-election is that there is a long learning curve for understanding how the School Board operates. I think I am in a better position now that I have had those past 3 years of experience to better understand the ins and outs of the School Board, and I can now work more efficiently to make changes where change should occur.

I have sufficient time to devote to the position as I have flexibility in my schedule. I have a good attendance record and have been present for the vast majority of the board meetings over the past three years.

The School Board uses the workshop sessions as way to discuss what the important issues are and what should be addressed. Although we may start with a list of areas of focus for each month we all know that this is something that is not etched in stone, it is a fluid document and as issues arise we can make changes to the topics up for discussion.

When I began this journey on the School Board 3 years ago my passion for wanting to make changes was with getting more mental health supports within the schools. I am happy to say that the school board has worked hard over the past three years to increase the mental health supports. Of course I still think there is room for additional supports and would like to improve the counselor to student ratio so that more students can access counseling services on a regular basis and the counselors have more manageable caseloads.

# Leonard Lednum

## **Who I am:**

My name is Leonard Lednum. I am a father of four students in the Lisbon School District, and a successful entrepreneur. My story is much like many other families who now call Lisbon home. I moved from Wales to Lisbon in 2006 with my wife Amanda. After deciding to start a family, Lisbon quickly became the obvious place to do so. In Lisbon we found a small town feel, close knit community, and a warm welcome. I spend each 9-5 running an Maine based manufacturing company, with products on store shelves all around the world. Products proudly made in Maine, by hard working Mainers. Coming from a family full of educators, medical professionals, and small business owners, I was raised with a drive to bring value and purpose to every day, while giving back to the community in which I live.

## **What are your qualifications for the office you seek?**

One of the most important aspects of running any successful venture, project, or organization is the responsibility to ask questions, while seeking proper solutions. Every day I must hold myself accountable to customers, employees, and all those that come in contact with my company. All while protecting the financial viability of our company. Proper clear, concise communication is key for all involved to be successful. I am inquisitive by nature, compassionate by choice. Characteristics needed for any oversight committee.

## **What motivated you to run for the office you seek?**

My motivations are many, but start with three core groups. Parents, students, and taxpayers. Finding a fiscally responsible balance that respects those core interests must be priority one for any school committee. And **truly** being a voice that represents all opinions from these groups is the responsibility of every committee member. With 4 children in the district, ages ranging from 7-14, I have experienced all aspects of our educational system. From IEP meetings, to 'behind the scenes' work with in our schools, I have gained a much needed perspective of the needs our students face each and every day.

## **Do you have sufficient time and/energy to devote to this position?**

Simply put, **YES**. Life is a balancing act between work, home, and commitments to others. Sitting on the Lisbon School Committee is a responsibility that must be taken seriously, with full devotion. Our students, parents, and taxpayers deserve no less. If given their trust, I will work every day to keep that trust.

## **With one or two meetings a month, all boards are limited in what they can accomplish, how should the board decide what is most important?**

As with any organization, the battle of priorities is constant. In my view, the 'in class room' experience must always take priority. Ensuring that the educational needs of our students are met, while expanding, and improving educational opportunities should always be job #1.

## **Think of an issue facing Lisbon that you care about. Do you have a solution you want to bring fourth?**

One of the biggest issues I see currently facing our district is a communication. Communication is a complex, wide ranging topic that involves how we communicate with parents, but also what we don't. Over the past 18 months many parents have felt 'out of the loop' when it comes to many things. Topics like Covid safety procedures and relief spending are often muddied. Frustrations with basics like bus schedules, start dates, and incorrect information being given have disillusioned many. My solution would be to first, ask why we're having difficulties communicating clear, concise, correct information. Next, I would ask the committee, and central office to consider appointing a 'point person' to isolate, and offer solutions to better communicate this much needed information. Lisbon once had a 'community relations' position. I would ask that our committee explore ways to bring that position and responsibilities back.

**Introduction:**

My name is Margaret Galligan-Schmoll. I am the Director of Admission Operations at Bates College. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences, with a minor in Early Childhood Development. I have been a resident of the Town of Lisbon for 40 years and was raised by parents who were both educators. My husband and I have two children attending Lisbon Community School and one child attending Phillip W. Sugg Middle School. I am looking forward to having this opportunity

**1. What are your qualifications for the office you seek?**

I have been a Director of Operations in higher education for several years. In my role as director, I have the ability to prioritize the immediate needs when there are competing priorities. I will have the ability to balance the staff and student needs with the fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of Lisbon.

**2. What motivated you to run for the office you seek?**

Both having 3 children in the Lisbon School department and having the opportunity to be a part of change that can improve the student experience motivates me to run for the Lisbon School Committee.

**3. Do you have sufficient time/energy to devote to this position?**

While I do have full time employment and three children who are very active in athletics, I am committed to the time that is necessary to fill the role.

**4. With one or two meetings a month, all boards are limited in what they can accomplish, how should the board decide what is most important?**

Competing priorities will always pose challenges, but it is important to determine what will lead to significant consequences if they are not handled immediately.

**5. Think of an issue facing Lisbon that you care about. Do you have a positive solution you want to bring forth?**

Lisbon has certainly shown that they can be creative and are very determined to help the students get through, what I would argue are the most challenging times that I have seen. I do believe that the pandemic will continue to be a challenge for teachers, staff, administration, students, and families of Lisbon. I think that a livestream of the classroom, for students who will continue to be in quarantine, should be an option. While google classroom and online activities are a reasonable option, it does not replace the experience students have with the teacher at the front of the classroom.

The Following Pages  
For Water Commission  
3-Year Term

Here are my responses to the Candidates questions.

1. I have held the position of Water Commissioner since 2015. As of this year I have been the Chairperson for going on 4 years.
2. I would like to serve the rate payers of the Water Department and keep improvements on going.
3. Since I am retired from any other job, I have enough time.
4. Everything is very important at the Water Department, clean drinking water matters. We try to look at all complaints and help our rate payers with just and fare outcomes.
5. we are implementing Corrosion Control in our system, and this will take time but will improve the water quality i the end.

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