

# VALUES. LEADERSHIP. EXPERIENCE.

Dear Friend,

I need your help in being elected to a third term as a member of the Board of Selectmen. During my first term as a selectman, I was thoroughly impressed by the collegial spirit and professional courtesy exhibited by my fellow board members. This cooperative spirit was also exhibited when I served two years on the Board of Assessment Appeals and five years on the Planning Commission. Inclusiveness and cooperation are essential to move the town forward.

Hurricane Irene reminded us that priorities can change in a heartbeat. We know we have an outstanding Emergency Services team that can deal effectively with hurricanes, ice storms, flooding, and power outages. When there is such an event, it is necessary to have "all hands on deck." However, the present administration behaved as though it were a two-person board. In this recent emergency, I managed to rely on information from concerned citizens to learn about key emergency services meetings and town needs.

Unfortunately for the town, excluding one member of the board is typical of the behavior of the present administration, which has inhibited participatory government, resulting in less effective decision-making. This lack of an inclusive and cooperative spirit can be attributed to our current First Selectman. Our town, our town employees, our town volunteers, and most of all, our citizens, deserve better.

I am proud of the projects and accomplishments achieved during my tenure as a public servant, including:

- the Woodbury Green South commercial project
- the Historic Town Hall and Park and Recreation House renovations
- the Connecticut Antiques Trail, which I initiated and helped create
- the formation of Woodbury's first economic development commission

I plan to build upon my accomplishments and begin new initiatives, including:

- enhancement of the Antiques Trail as an opportunity for all of our businesses to succeed and to stimulate interest in our historic and cultural sites
- return of the Farmer's Market
- reinvigoration of the Parks and Recreation department

And I will continue to be an advocate for all Woodbury residents, working especially hard to ensure opportunities for our young people and our most senior residents.

You can be assured that I will work diligently to restore a town government that is inclusive, transparent and accountable. I am convinced that in order for Woodbury to move forward and plan effectively for the future, our town needs leaders with values, leadership skills and experience. I feel that I, and the Democratic Team on Row A, including Bob Travers (for Town Moderator) and Andy Sherman (for Board of Finance), have these qualities and will work with a new First Selectman to transform our town government to one that is more inclusive, transparent, and accountable to its citizens. If I am reelected, I will work hard to restore the professional courtesy and respect due all our town employees, volunteers and residents.

I ask for your vote in November. Thank you in advance for supporting me, supporting the entire Democratic team, and in support of a new First Selectman, on November 8th.

Very truly yours,



George W. Hale III

