

Sharon Botelle-Sherman has been nominated as the Democratic candidate for the 66th Assembly District in the state legislature. She has been endorsed by the Democratic Town Committees of Bethlehem and Woodbury, and will be visiting the DTCs of Litchfield, Morris, and Warren.

Ms Sherman has long been active in community affairs. She served for sixteen years on the Woodbury Commission for Seniors which she chaired for five years. Having been instrumental in the 2007 construction of the new Senior Community Center, she served as the first chair of the Friends of the Center, which, under her leadership, raised \$125,000 to outfit the facility with new furniture, artwork, computer & fitness equipment. Additionally, the organization provides four free concerts annually and donated an SUV to augment Senior Community Center transportation. Ms Sherman wrote grants that assisted in obtaining these needed items, and just recently, she obtained a grant and led the movement to fund a vitally needed new A-V system. She handles all "Friends" publicity, grant writing, and annual CT. Community Foundation GIVE LOCAL online giving program.

From 2009 -2023, she served on the team that organized and annually presented the Mini Golf Open Tournament, which drew fans of all ages and raised funds for local organizations like the Food Bank. She created and executed all public relations/ marketing plans. For her tireless efforts on behalf of the community, in 2015, Ms Sherman received the Bernard Rosenberg Community Volunteer Award presented by the Town of Woodbury.

Besides her active community work, Ms Sherman has been integrally involved in government at the local and state levels. She has served on the Woodbury Democratic Town Committee since 2001 as vice Chair for many of those years. From 2006 – 2018, she was elected as 32nd Senate District Representative to the CT Democrat State Central Committee and provided support and assistance to 10 Democratic Town Committees in the 32nd State Senate District. For her service, she received the 2017 "Ella Grasso Outstanding Women's Leadership Award for the 5th Congressional District."

Ms Sherman has an extensive background in education and health care. She began her career as K-12 Reading Director/Federal Programs Administrator and then as Director of Community Education at Faribault School District, Faribault, MN. In these positions, she oversaw many programs and obtained grants to fund them. As chair of the MN Assoc. of State and Federal Program Administrators, Ms. Sherman traveled several times a year to Washington, DC, to consult with federal officials.

Ms Sherman was employed from 1990 – 1998 at Waterbury Hospital Health Center, Waterbury, CT, where she established Evergreen 50, the largest Senior wellness program in Connecticut. She was promoted to Director of Community Health Services in 1993. From 1998 – 2021, she served as Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of CT's communications Coordinator, in charge of producing all Medicare and Medicare HMO pre- and post-sales.

The candidate has proposed four areas she will concentrate on in Hartford:

- Protecting women's reproductive rights
- Advocating for more diverse housing options for seniors, families, and young adults
- Managing the spiraling costs of healthcare
- Reducing the tax burden for the middle class, working families, and seniors