



# **Town of Carroll's Election Special Edition**

Well it's hard to believe that another year has flown by and we are looking at elections on March 10<sup>th</sup> again. At least this year we only have one election to deal with instead 3 or 4. I'm not sure, with all the ads on TV for a year I lost track!! As last year, I'll try to let you know a little about some of the warrants that are coming up and also to hear something from the people who are running for the assorted offices. I hope that this helps you so that there are fewer surprises when you get to the booth. Judging by the number of people who came to the deliberative session, more are interested in what is going on, and that is a great thing. There are a few other things going on, which I will address at the same time, just so you're all in the know!

As usual I am always interested in things you would like to see in the newsletter and if you want to, please send me something. Bonnie 846-5714, PO Box 152, [pbandjmore@roadrunner.com](mailto:pbandjmore@roadrunner.com) or drop by.

## **The Women's Discussion Group**

Will be holding their annual

### **"Meet the Candidate Night "**

Tuesday, March 3, 2008  
7:00PM at the Town Hall

As last year, we will open the floor to not only the candidates, but people to speak on the warrants that will be on the ballot as well.

Refreshment will be served by the Group  
Hope to see you all there.

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**REMEMBER THAT THE TOWN OF  
CARROLL FOOD PANTRY  
IS IN NEED OF MORE FOOD  
SO IF YOU CAN PLEASE  
GIVE**

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**THE TOWN OF CARROLL'S  
WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP IS  
HOSTING A**

**SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009  
AT THE ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH  
OFF RTE 302 IN TWIN MOUNTAIN  
5PM TO 8PM**

**SUGGESTED DONATION  
\$6.00 FOR ADULTS  
\$3.00 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12**

**PROCEEDS ARE GOING TO THE  
TOWN OF CARROLL'S  
FOOD PANTRY  
TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS**

**NON-ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED  
BUT IF YOU PREFER BYOB**

## **Let us Take a Minute**

I would like to take a minute to remember a couple of our neighbors who have just passed. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> we lost our friend John Goodney. John was a very busy man doing a lot for the town. John was a member of the Fire Dept. for many years, and he also was the town's Emergency Management Director, putting together our first Emergency Operations Plan; recently helping to complete the Carroll Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will be required in the near future for the town to receive any FEMA help or money. This is not all that John was about, but it's things that we will be thankful for and keep his memory living on-- continuing to make sure his neighbors are taken care of. I will miss seeing Jeannie and John driving down the road on their motorcycles.

The other of our fine neighbors who passed is Robert "Bob" Gooden. Bob passed on Feb. 14. Bob was a life-long resident of Carroll. I would venture to say a lot of the newer people of our fine town might not have known Bob. He was a quiet man and kept to himself most of the time, but if you happened to be one of the lucky people who went to the tractor shows on Labor Day Weekends, then you knew Bob; he was the pleasant gentleman who had an entire trailer full of small engines running for your pleasure. As for the rest of us, we knew the wonderful man and his fine family. My neighbor Flora remembers how he and his late wife, Virginia, used to drive their motorcycles and stop at her snack shop for a burger. One of his children is our historian friend, Mike Gooden, and you can see what a great caring person he is; the apple did not fall far from that tree. We will miss each of our fine friends and neighbors, but they will not be forgotten.

I won't go through each and every warrant article but just hit on some of them for you. If I miss some that you feel I should have gone over I am sorry.

Article 1 is the election of Town Officers, and I have messages from some of them that I will put at the end of this.

Article 2 was for the \$2.18 Million Dollars for the building of a new Police Station. After much discussion that was voted down to \$1.00.

Article 3 is the budget for the coming year, and again after much discussion it was voted to take the amount down to the operational budget from 2008 \$1,783,811.00 but add in the \$65,000.00 for the fire truck and \$36,000.00 for the new fireman as they were warrant articles in 2008. So the new budget will be \$1,884,811.00.

Article 7 is for \$21,000.00 for the purpose of surveying and designing an area at the Town's Transfer Station, to be sited southwest of the existing compactor box and embankment, into a wooded area approximately 200 feet, to be used in the future for temporary storage and removal using a tractor-trailer, and further as necessitated by the anticipated closure of the Bethlehem landfill. Money will be taken from the Special Revenue Fund.

Article 9 is for \$34,000.00 for a new police cruiser and associated equipment. The Tahoe has over 95,000 miles on it and the warranty runs out at 100,000. \$25,000 comes out of Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and \$9,000.00 comes from taxation.

Article 12 is for \$37,000.00 for an UL2200 emergency generator, installation, service plan and outside cement pad. This is something that the town needs to consider as we don't have an emergency shelter, and with all the areas that have needed such a place this past year, we are hoping to get this in. Once this is in, we can apply for grants for other things that are needed for emergency shelter. We will also keep looking for grants to help cover some of the cost for the generator -- we had looked in the past and not found anything.

Article 14 is for the paving of Straw Road, and part of the money to be used came from money that had been encumbered from the 2008 budget. The board mistakenly understood that the town had the needed contract for the price of the resurfacing of the road. But after checking further discovered that we were wrong--that the paving company refused to commit themselves to a contract so had sent a proposal instead. When the board found that out they apologized, and are having the encumbered money put back into the budgetary unreserved fund balance, and the project will not happen.

Article 15 is for \$23,000.00 for a Salt and Sand Containment Building for the Highway Dept. The State mandates that we have to have our salt on a pad so that it cannot seep into the ground, and they are starting to come down on towns about having the salt covered.

As was voted last year, each of the Capital Reserve Funds will be voted on individually.

Article 25 and 26 are both to establish Revolving Funds. One is for the Details for the Police Dept and the other is for the Recreation Dept. This is something fairly new that the state is allowing us to do. At the present time there has to be money put in the working budget each year to cover the cost of the Police Details. We get the money back, but it goes into the general fund, so it looks like it just comes out. By setting up this revolving account, the payment for the work done goes into this account and the officer gets paid out of this fund. This keeps going from one year to another and would eliminate the detail line on future budgets, and the Recreation Dept. from asking each year to use the money they raise from fees.

Back to Article 1 – Candidates who are running for office are:

Select Board 3 year position	Bonnie Moroney David Ikasalo
Select Board 1 year position	Ken Mills Linda Dowling
Treasure	Sue Kraabel
Tax Collector	Rebecca Pederson
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Claire Gritzer
Library Trustee	Claire Gritzer

Cemetery Trustee

Mike Gooden

Everyone has been contacted so they could add a message. The messages have been cut and pasted into this without any editing.

**Bonnie Moroney** , it seems hard to believe that three years have just flown by. I must say it certainly has been quite a learning experience and there is so much more to learn. I took Select Person classes the first year in office and quickly discovered that most all towns share the same problems, but there is help out there to get through them. There have been bumps and bruises but I feel there have been more improvements. We have made many repairs in the condition of the town buildings that have not had the needed care, but there is more that needs attention. During my three years we have accomplished a great deal. After getting on the board I found that there was not a Personnel Manual in place and the different dept. were thinking they had assorted vacation, holidays, etc. So I used one from the LGC to at least get one into place. This year we voted a new version into effect. Because it is new we will give it one year and then review it to see how it is working and what changes need to be made.

As a select person, I have tried to do what I think the towns people want me to and to look at the buildings as they are our home and we want to take care of them. If the roof is leaking I would hope you wouldn't want to just put a bucket under it, but rather to fix it before there are more problems. This year at the deliberative session it was voted to lower the budget to \$1,884,811.00. That is fine if that is what the people want then I am more the happy to work with that amount and still try to fix what needs attention. I would not want to be remembered for being the select person that ignored the hole in the town hall parking lot allowing the side of the building to fall down because the water kept pouring in every time it rained. If you give me your vote I will continue to do what I think the voters want, and more then happy to listen to them, if they have other ideas.

## **KEN MILLS**

Dear neighbors,

My name is Ken Mills and I would like to serve the Town of Carroll as one of the three members of the Board of Selectmen (one year term). My wife and I have been residents of Carroll since November 2002. I currently serve on the Budget Committee and have since it was reinstated in 2003.

### **Education:**

US Air Force Academy, Bachelor of Science—Business Management.

Completed 42 graduate credit hours toward an advanced degree.

### **Work History:**

I served over 13 years in the USAF. I started as an aircraft mechanic and finished as a B-52 Aircraft Commander.

I am an International Captain with Delta Air Lines. I have also served the Delta pilot group on various Local Council committees as well as an elected member of the Delta Master Executive Council in the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA).

### **Brief philosophy:**

Work smarter, not harder.

If the job is worth doing, do it right...the first time.

Focus should be on public policy that serves the majority and not attacks on personalities.

Compromise in problem solving but not in character or integrity.

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PO Box 35, Twin Mountain, NH 03595.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Mills

## **Rebecca Pederson**

I'm Rebecca J. Pederson and I am running for Town Clerk, Tax Collector. I have been in this position for 4 years. This job is certainly a challenge and I would like to take the challenge for the next three years. Don't forget to vote on March 10, 2009

**Sue Kraabel**

I'm hoping to be elected to my second term as Treasurer of the Town of Carroll. Last year, as I was about to retire as Administrative Assistant, the current Treasurer chose not to run again, and this was an opportunity for me. To the Town's benefit, there would be a smooth transition from one officer to the next, as I was already familiar with what the job entailed and the financial requirements. For me it meant I could do something I enjoy and wouldn't face the jolt of going from full time employment to having no job at all. I'm still in the town hall from time to time and get to see many of the town residents I got to know while working there. Hope to have another great year as Treasurer.

**Claire Gritzer**

Re: Election as Library Trustee

In my elected position as 2nd Vice President of the American Library Trustees Association ALTA, now renamed ALTAF as we are combined as a Division of the American Library Association by uniting with the Friends of the Library, the Corporate Funders and become one Division together. This plus my previous background keeps me very busy, however there is much more to be done for the Twin Mountain Public Library and our future. We need to work together as a community in order to fulfill our goals for the progression and I would like to be a part of that venture.

ReL Election as Trustee of the Trust Funds

I had set goals from the beginning to insure that we invest properly, all the funds that are voted on and placed in the Capital Reserve Fund. It has been a worldwind of work just keeping track of our progress, but it has paid off. There is still much to monitor in where we make our investments, but its all for the good of the community. I would like to continue in this endeavor as long as you feel I can be of service.

(Mike Gooden is running for a three-year term as Cemetery Trustee. He is completing a year of an unexpired term.)

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I would also like to take a minute to let everybody know that we have several openings in town committees.

We are looking for someone who is interested in being the **Emergency Management Director**

There are also two seats open of the **Budget Committee**, they meet monthly until Oct. and then they usually meet each week until the budget is ready to present for public session.

If you are interested in any of these openings please call or stop by the town hall and let Maryclare know.

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**What it means to be a Selectman:**

First one must understand what a town is and what it is not. A town is not just a collection of houses, buildings or people. A town is a vital, active system of life. It lives and breathes, grows, suffers, scuffles, heals and unites once again for the common good of its people. It is a safe haven, a home, a comforting, familiar security that encircles its residents with the stuff of life; friendship, opportunities for happiness, sharing, chances for expressing a variety of opinions and life-styles, social interactions and groups, but most of all, a town provides the essences of a future, a future to be defined by its people, now become a community.

Because it would be impossible for every resident to take part in the building and the shaping of this future on a daily basis, the community SELECTS those they have confidence in, those that have knowledge of and those that have the fortitude to represent them, them being the people who have become a community, represent them in the building and shaping of this future. These SELECT persons, are by definition, the Board of SELECTmen.

To be a SELECTman is not a chore to be taken on lightly. While being sensitive to the needs and wants of the community, a SELECTman cannot be swayed by the loudest voice or the most powerful group. A SELECTman must be endowed with a large amount of COMMON SENSE. While, since being human, a SELECTman would have their pet projects and bring their own opinions, they cannot govern fairly if they have an AGENDA. Basically, a good SELECTman has to put aside his/her own needs and wants in favor of the good of the whole, the community.

Temptation is ever present for a SELECTman. They are the power, the governing force of the town. They are expected, immediately upon election, to know all. Of course, this is completely impossible. The newly elected cannot fall into the trap of putting forth the image of an all knowing official. The SELECTman must, listen, research, learn, consider all options and make decisions based on what is the best for the entire community. This decision may not bear fruit immediately, putting added pressure on the SELECTman to "produce results", but if made with a knowledge and careful consideration, along with that good old common sense, it will be the right decision.

A good SELECTman cannot be lazy and delegate his power away, but at the same time, he/she must know when to seek a minority opinion, a different perspective and, yes, he/she must know when to delegate. He/She can't do it all alone. As time goes by, situations may change. The SELECTman must be able to be aware of this and alter his/her outlook and opinion to take into consideration unanticipated change. He/She is no more intelligent or knowledgeable than anyone else in the community. He/She is not gifted with extraordinary powers. He/She must adhere to a strict set of laws and guidelines set by the State. He/She is just a person, from the community, SELECTED by the people of that community to act in their stead and keep moving the town, our Town, towards a better future.

To put it very simply, a SELECTman should be a caretaker, a nurturing force and a protector towards the very best future its community can have. David "Ike" Ikasalo and I both agree with this philosophy and both of us ask for your vote for SELECTman on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Linda J. Dowling



David "Ike" Ikasalo

