

*Why are you running for office?* I'm not inclined to do so by nature, but I do have several qualifications which I think can be useful, in a time of need for Deer Park. I'm running with a slate of people who can bring back good government to Deer Park, and we have ideas for making it better in several ways.

*What are your qualifications for the office you are seeking?* I'm a responsible, fiscally conservative, multi-talented problem solver. I have a Masters degree in International management from Thunderbird, I passed the CPA exam in Illinois in 1980 and work as a consultant in the area of computerized accounting systems. I am an avid user of MS Office, adobe imaging, and various accounting systems. I'm concerned about environmental issues, safety, emergency preparedness and infrastructure improvement. And I will strive to bring a level of open government to Deer Park which, coupled with modern technology, will make the dealings of Village Hall visible to all residents to an even greater degree than was the case before the past few administrations (over the web).

*What services or programs are you willing to cut?* I don't know. That will require more research on my part, and in some cases access to information which is not currently available.

*What is your position on the Rt. 53 extension?* I'm in favor of it, though I don't know if it will be happening any time soon. Maybe the new infrastructure funds will help with that construction. But in a larger picture of transportation improvement for our area, bringing the highway further North is a good thing. It will reduce the use of Rt 12, make numerous communities more easily accessible for commuters, and generally reduce traffic congestion. The businesses on Rt 12 will be more pleasant to visit too, with less rush hour traffic.

*What single business issue do you feel is most important?* Vehe Farm's expenses, and the related underfunding of roads. We may have a tough time staying solvent with our current direction.

*What are your plans or what would you do to help fill vacant buildings and properties in the area?* All you can do there is let the market correction for real estate take its course. People generally won't buy until they think the bottom has been reached. BUT, we can take steps in the meantime to prepare ourselves to be a more attractive community. There may be some opportunities to bring in new business ventures, which I'll elaborate on later.

*What are your plans to promote local businesses?* Well, I would try to make sure people can drive, park, shop and dine without difficulty. Traffic, crime, poor roads and parking lots, these are some things we can fight in order to make sure we are considered a good place to do business. I have some more advanced ideas too, but those are not immediately relevant.

*What are your plans to improve communications and cooperation ...* I think we need a greater degree of cooperation in several important areas, but I can't address disputes over open areas at this time.

*What are your plans for future development in Deer Park, and what will you do to make it happen?* I think we've got some opportunities to bring in wind generators, which will make us more secure as well as more "green". We would have local power in case of grid blackouts, and could use the towers to position cameras that could give us traffic information, police oversight, and better wireless communications. Our area is a perfect one for electric cars, but we'll require a lot of power to recharge the batteries. We can create and market power with wind turbines, relieving pressure on the main power generation systems and using the power locally, avoiding loss to transmission lines.

I would also lead a project to assist residents in upgrading their homes with wood burning fireplace inserts, and gas generators. At little to no village expense, Village Hall could assist by streamlining approvals, and arranging volume deals with suppliers and installers. In case of emergency, our area would be far better equipped to remain inhabitable, and we would reap various financial rewards. As an extra benefit, people could supplement their home heating capacity by burning waste wood which otherwise would be burned in the open, or end up in landfills. Waste wood from forested public areas could be made available to residents on an organized basis, reducing paid labor needed to clear downed trees and branches. Lots of homes with substantial woodpiles, and efficient fireplace inserts, would make our area more secure in many emergency situations.