

Contested Races on the 2021 Hollis Town Ballot

Town Election March 9, 7am-7pm at the High School, 24 Cavalier Court

The town election will be held this Tuesday. There are several important offices in contention this year. The election will decide a Select Board role as well as positions on the Budget Committee and Trustee of the Trust Fund. These roles have a large influence on our town and it is important that we elect candidates who value the town's rural character and historic nature. In particular, the Select Board has a role in development denials and the Budget Committee approves budget requests for the planning department among others. HollisWatch believes that it is important to elect candidates who look forward to working with us on the issues that are important to the residents of our town and who welcome input from engaged voters. Our recommendations and rationale follow. Please circulate this guide to friends and neighbors if you support our efforts to protect Hollis.

Budget Committee (Vote for 2 in bold.)

LORIN RYDSTROM

MICHAEL HARRIS

Bill Moseley

Lorin Rydstrom has indicated that he generally favors land purchases.

- **Mr. Rydstrom** has served on the Coop Budget Committee.
- He currently serves on the Board of Beaver Brook Association.

Michael Harris is presently the incumbent in this position. He has served well for the duration of his recent term.

Mr. Moseley has served as Chairman of the Hollis Planning Board for the last two years, and in that time, his implementation of policy has strongly favored developers over town residents:

- Mr. Moseley on several occasions has presided over Hollis Planning Board "Public Hearings" where the public was invited to attend but only the developer was permitted to speak.
- He has used his authority as Planning Board Chair to mute a resident who was explaining technical concerns with a development project as it relates to the aquifer.
- Mr. Moseley had intended to hold Planning Board meetings allowing developers to meet with the Board in person, while forcing the public to interact via Zoom.
- This chairman often restricts public input at Planning Board meetings by not scheduling or skipping public hearings, even though past precedent calls for allowing several sessions of public hearings per planning phase.

Mr. Moseley presently sits on the zoning board and is running for Trustee of the Trust Fund as well. Having a single person hold four offices in town would be an unwise concentration of power. In addition, Mr. Moseley has repeatedly supported the relaxation of zoning restrictions on high density development. For all of these reasons, HollisWatch holds the position that Mr. Moseley does not share our vision for Hollis, and his actions have not served to benefit the majority of our residents.

HollisWatch recommends voting for **Mr. Rydstrom** and **Mr. Harris** for Budget Committee

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Select Board (Vote for one in bold.)

DAVID PETRY

Rick Groll

Selectman **Petry** has served on the Select Board for more than four terms. He is often the single dissenting vote as a participant on the Planning Board when standing up for Hollis Town residents. For example, there have been several occasions where **Mr. Petry** has asked probing questions of the so-called “experts”. Although Selectman **Petry’s** positions do not always align with HollisWatch, we hold the opinion that he has been an asset to our Town.

No information is readily available about Mr. Groll.

HollisWatch recommends voting for **Mr. Petry** for Select Board.

Trustee of the Trust Fund (Vote for one in bold)

DONALD J. BROOKS

Bill Moseley

Donald J. Brooks is the incumbent and has successfully served his first term. He has worked in finance since 1956 and was a VP at Lehman Bros in 1993.

Based on Mr. Moseley’s actions as Planning Board Chair, HollisWatch holds the opinion that he has not been a strong advocate for the residents of Hollis. Please find the examples above from the Budget Committee race.

For these reasons, HollisWatch supports **Donald Brooks** in this race.

Library Trustee

MARK ‘GIG’ WALSH

SARAH BOOTH

TOM NICHOLAS JAGATIC

LAUREL LANG

HollisWatch is not taking a position on this race