

Huntington Justices of the Peace

VOTE FOR 7: Nine candidates are on the ballot

(all candidates were sent an email offering them an opportunity to introduce themselves)

Candidates' Statements Received, in alphabetical order:

PATRICIA QUINN BAUMANN

My name is Patty Baumann, and I am running for the position of Justice of the Peace in the town of Huntington. I grew up in Jonesville, working in my parents' store (Quinn's). I earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Animal Sciences from the University of Vermont, then worked at UVM for 33 years in research. In 1986, I moved to Huntington, married Jim, and we have enjoyed living here in Huntington for the last 30 years.

That people lost their lives to ensure that others could vote affected me deeply as I was growing up, so at the time a resident of Jonesville, I ran for Justice of the Peace the first year that 18 year olds were given the right to vote and became a member of the Board of Civil Authority in Richmond. Elections were the highlight of my late teens/early twenties.

In Huntington, I have been helping with elections for the last 10 years or so. I am usually the person checking you in. I have been a member of the Board of Auditors in Huntington for the last 3 years and 2 years ago, I was elected as a Justice of the Peace. I would very much like to continue in that position. Helping elections run smoothly is of the highest importance to me. I have also found interesting and believe in the importance of a citizen board hearing property tax grievances. Those of us on the Board of Civil Authority take that duty seriously. Thank you for taking the time to learn about me and why I would like to continue to serve the town of Huntington as a Justice of the Peace.

JIM HADDAD

Hi, this is Jim Haddad, and I am running for Justice of the Peace. I've been a Certified Public Accountant since 1984, and have been a Huntington resident since 2000. I have 4-5 years experience challenging property appraisals for Green Mountain Power, occasionally being on the other side of the table from a town's Board of Civil Authority. I'm interested in the chance for public service.

HEIDI RACHT

I have been a Justice of the Peace since 1994 and have been very active through the years, working at elections and in the appeals and abatement hearings, as a member of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The elections are an important part of our lives on all levels and it is important for us to know that we have competent people working at the polls. Appeals to the BCA, a judicial board, are weighed with great care as it has the authority to change the value of property after hearing the evidence; thus, the board members need to be informed and objective as they make their decision. I truly enjoy having the opportunity to serve as a Justice of the Peace for weddings, a most happy occasion in the lives of both local and visiting families. I would like to continue in this role, as a voting member of BCA, and would appreciate having the chance to serve for two more years.

CAROL P. WILDMAN

I am hoping to renew my Huntington Justice of the Peace position this November. Many of you know me from the long time elected Lister position and/or as working at the elections as a JP. Hope to see you at the polls.