

Hi- My name is Bill Guy and I'm running for the position of Town Clerk.

First, some biographical information. I'm a Charlton kid, the product of Cub Scout Pack 165 and Charlton Little League. I attended Boy's State thanks to the Charlton American Legion and graduated from Shepherd Hill and then Nichols College as Salutatorian of my class with an Accounting Degree. I've been a member of the Dudley-Charlton School Committee and Charlton's 250th Committee. I've been the Treasurer of the Quinebaug Valley Council for the Arts and Humanities, and am currently a board member of the Southbridge Downtown Partnership. I do that as a function of my position as President of Gateway Players Community Theater for the past few years.

For 19 years, I held positions of increasing responsibility in the Merchandising Department of Old Sturbridge Village. When I left the museum, I was Director of the department, overseeing 35 employees in season, and a budget of approximately \$2 million. I currently work at another non-profit, Tradewinds Clubhouse in Southbridge as their Employment Coordinator.

The main reason I decided to run for the office of Town Clerk is that I believe that office is the job in town that is most responsible for collecting and preserving the information about who we are and what we feel is important as a community.

The Town Clerk is responsible for making sure much of the business of the town is accessible, from dog licenses to elections, and my two decades of quality customer service background provide me with a wealth of experience to share with the people of Charlton.

The Clerk's office deals with a mountain of record-keeping tasks. In my past, I have been responsible for overseeing a database of almost twenty thousand unique items, not unlike the thousands of unique individuals we call neighbors. I have a history of accuracy in this aspect, and Charlton deserves no less.

The Town Clerk oversees the elections held in town. I believe elections are the most important way that a citizen can participate in their local, state and national government. I've worked at the polls over the last couple years, and my goal is to make sure future elections are as accessible and open as possible to the residents of town, and remain uncompromised in their integrity.

I look to assure that technology is used in the best way possible, to both record current and historic data, and to make the retrieval of information an uncomplicated process for those who need it.

With every new challenge I undertake, my goal is to make the outcomes better. Better profits, better accessibility, better customer service, and a better experience. I try to accomplish this goal with less. Less confusion, less duplication, less contention and, if possible, less cost. I've been pretty successful at accomplishing this in the past, and see no reason not to continue that success in the future.

Again, I'm Bill Guy, and I'd appreciate your vote for Town Clerk...a vote to make sure town government always strives for better.