

Friends,

My name is Joe Szafarowicz and I am running for selectman. I have been a resident of this town all of my life. Currently, I am a sophomore at WPI majoring in Civil and Mechanical engineering. From playing and refereeing in-town soccer to graduating Valedictorian of the 2009 Bay Path graduating class, Charlton has been there to support me and now I am here to support Charlton. I may not own a business or lots of land, but I am a direct product of the town.

I am not new to politics. I am a member of the Charlton Finance Committee and I have been working closely with the town's budget for a year to fix a \$700,000 deficit without reducing services. I have served as the student representative to the Bay Path school committee when I was a senior. I have become very familiar with the town's policies, practices, and leaders. This is my third bid for the Board of Selectmen. My ambition to lead Charlton with fresh new ideas has not faltered over the past three years; it has only grown stronger.

The greatest satisfaction I can achieve in life is solving a problem. Analyzing the issues, comparing the data, listening to all sides, and coming up with the best possible solution, there is nothing better. I take great pride in being able to absorb knowledge quickly and to utilize it readily. I take great pride in being able to work closely with people of radically different backgrounds and ideas. I take great pride in knowing that I can find harmony between creativity and competency and balance between money and morality.

Charlton is an emerging town. It needs a leader who can work from a different perspective. I am committed to a life of public service. As Ronald Reagan once said, "This country was founded and built by people with great dreams and courage to take great risks." I am ready to represent the voices of the town and take Charlton forward. I am here to answer the call for youthful public service made by so many great American leaders. I am looking for a chance to prove to everyone that I really have what it takes to be a competent leader and inspire others to get involved.

Please take the time to take a good look at my platform and my story at my website: www.IBelieveinJoe.com.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Szafarowicz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Joseph J. Szafarowicz