

I decided to run for State Representative when the primary was open to the public for the second time. I had planned on running in 2012, but when the opportunity presented itself, I decided to enter the race. Picking the party was a simple choice. I have been an Independent since 1974 when I became old enough to vote and I always believed it was the power of the idea and not the candidate or party that mattered. I still feel that way. I am running now not as a Democrat or as a Republican, but what I am, an Independent candidate. I believe in saying what I feel even if others do not agree. I fight for what I believe in. I am currently a very active and vocal member of the Spencer East Brookfield School Committee and advocate for the kids and my town to the best of my ability. I do not back down when challenged. I have even been threatened with a lawsuit for advocating for my district against the wishes of the school teachers and the Union that represents them. While I could vote or advocate for an override, I do not believe this would be in the best interest of my district. I have stood by what I think and feel against the wishes of those who oppose me. I refuse to pander to voters or special interest groups as some have done in the past. I think that voters should be represented as to how they want me to vote, and not voting along party lines. I find it hard to believe that when the politicians in Massachusetts voted in a tax hike, voters overwhelmingly supported this. When the insurance mandate was passed, I find it difficult to believe that voters would want an \$1800.00 per person fine for not having health insurance that they could not afford in the first place. I will not promise something I can not deliver, or tell voters that I am the answer to all of their questions. I will vote as my voters want me to, and represent my district the same way I run my life. I will be straight up, and with no apologies. I will stand up for my district and the voters and be open and honest. On that you have my word.

About Me

Graduated 1975 Susquehanna Valley High School

Attended:

Broom Community College

University of San Francisco

Worcester State College

Volunteer activities:

Spencer Sign Bylaw Committee

Spencer Toys for Tots

Started Cards That Care Program for Troops overseas

Spencer East Brookfield School Committee

Spencer Prouty Pride Day

North Brookfield Youth Basketball League

Special Olympics Binghamton, NY

Youth Basketball League Conklin NY

North Brookfield Girls Softball League

Military Service:

June 1977- Sept 1979 FB111 Phase Dock Jet mechanic Pease AFB NH

Sept 1979-November 1982 F15 Crew Chief Soesteberg AFB Netherlands