

Candidate Announcement

My name is Michael S. Rosa and I am pleased and excited to announce my candidacy for Re-Election to the Billerica Board of Selectman.

Over the past 12 years as Selectman, I have built a reputation for being a hard worker, striving to do what is in the best interest of the residents of this town. Local politics is where our leaders have the most immediate impact on our daily lives. Over my tenure on the board, I have authored several warrant articles to improve Billerica for all of us. Some of these articles include:

1. Being the only Selectman to author warrant articles limiting tax impact on residents and businesses. As a homeowner and a small business owner, I know the impacts of these hard economic times and constantly look for ways to cut costs and save.
2. Authored the Fire Hydrant Maintenance By-law to provide added safety for residents and Billerica Fire Fighters.
3. Authored the Sewer Betterment By-Law which brings sewerage to residents years before they otherwise would have received it. This saves thousands on replacing their septic systems, adding value to their homes.
4. I supported the warrant article to form the Land Bank account to preserve open space in Billerica.
5. Authored the warrant article to protect Veterans from the age restriction of Civil Service.
6. Authored the Electrical By-Law to help eliminate double telephone poles.

I am also known for my work with the senior community, Senior Center and Veterans. I have fought to get the greatest value for the taxpayer's dollar and make town government accountable to work for all residents.

Some of these accomplishments include supporting and working with the Council on Aging to expand the new Senior Center to where it is today. I was Vice Chairman of the fund raising committee for this new center and Chairman of the Commemorative Brick fund raising committee which raised \$20,000. I personally solicited and acquired an additional \$25,000 in furniture donations for the senior center, created the senior citizen parking space at town hall, and am a supporter of the Senior Tax Relief program.

As Chairman of the WWI and WWII Committee, I helped bring about the memorial we have on the common, honoring our veterans. I also created "Welcome Home" certificates, as a show of appreciation to our Veterans for their service to our town and country. We can't do enough for the men and women of our armed forces to thank them for their sacrifices and putting their life on the line for all of us.

I instituted the town hall mailbox, allowing residents to drop off town hall mail anytime of day or night. As Chairman of the Board in 2007, I brought the town manager, the DPW Director and the Recycling Coordinator together to address the lack of recycling in Billerica. Later that year, I submitted a recycling plan to the BOS which was put into place. Over the last 3 years, this has saved the taxpayers \$825,000. One of my current projects is my involvement and support of the youth skateboard committee to aid in building a skate park at the Lampson Field. This will allow this youth group a safe place to skateboard.

I am running for Selectman once again because I care about the residents and want to continue offering leadership and representation for you. I respectfully ask for your support and vote on April 10th so I may continue to be your voice.

Thank You,
Michael S. Rosa,
Candidate for Re-Election to the Billerica Board of Selectmen