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Candidate
Concord Town Supervisor

Helping Concord stay a rural, friendly place with a small-town feel was my goal when becoming town chairperson last term. The town of Concord is well situated with restaurants, stores, hospitals, movies, etc., only minutes away. What is particularly unique about Concord is our rural, small-town environment while still having so many amenities so close by. Our town roads have light traffic. The open expanses overlooking woods and farm fields are inviting as a place to live. This did not happen by chance. The I-94 interchange has brought and continues to bring pressure for commercial development. Concord's Comprehensive Plan and the state Farmland Preservation Program have been, and are, key to our not being developed like our neighbors to the east and west. Staying rural is a continuing challenge, but I think it is worth it.

The 10-year update of our Town Comprehensive Plan has been completed, a major goal of my term as chair. Hopefully the update makes it even clearer that we do not want to turn farmland into commercial developments in Concord.

There has been some confusion on the county's part about the legal requirements when rezoning farmland for commercial development in Concord. The Circuit Court is reviewing the county's decision to ignore the town plan in a recent rezoning. A decision from the court is expected in May or June.

I am now running for supervisor. The following are some projects I'd like to work on in the next term:

Cleaning up our town ordinances would aid in town decision-making. It would be a matter of looking through each ordinance and bringing the ordinances that are out of date or just no longer make sense before the board to decide what to do.

Updating the heating system and adding air-conditioning in the Concord Community Center is an ongoing project that I would like to see through.

Passing on the everyday running of the town (the chairperson role) to someone else will allow me to focus on other projects.

By running for supervisor, I hope to add some of what I have learned about Concord to the discussions and decisions of town management.

Please vote on April 4th for the people you feel would best fill the positions.