

A Message from Don Tucker, Republican-Conservative Candidate for the Town Board



To the Residents of our Great Community,

As you know, I am running for a board seat in the November 7th election. My wife Barbara and I are long-time Saugerties' homeowners and taxpayers. We have a "vested interest" in this community—it is our home. I both started and recently finished a very long career of local public service in Saugerties law enforcement, where I was able to help a great many residents of our community. I believe I've earned their trust and respect through my honesty and hard work and I promise to give you the same commitment if you place your trust in me when you go to the polls this November 7th.

All of the people who are running are good, solid citizens, but I have personally seen what takes place in local government—and there's plenty of room for improvement. However, we must change our mindset. In order to secure our financial future and reduce the burden of escalating property taxes placed on our residents, we must do less spending and more saving. We must question and challenge and then vote with that thought uppermost in mind on all issues facing our community. We must change punishing property assessment policies to help homeowners rather than hurt them. We can and must reduce the ever-expanding individual department budgets that have become too top heavy, and with little end in sight. We must stop rubber-stamping and learn to say, "No." We must encourage and welcome development, but not at the expense of nearby homeowners. This means careful investigation before approval and assurance that any such development benefits the community by way of reducing the tax burden rather than having the cost of services outweigh any benefit to the homeowner. I realize that this is a collective board effort but I know it can be done.

The items contained in my brief platform are items that I believe will work. People are long tired of words that don't result in action. As long as I can remember, political speeches have been synonymous with empty words and broken promises, yada, yada, yada. But not this time—if elected, I promise and guarantee that I will work as hard as I can to make a positive difference in our lives by keeping more of our money for what matters most, our families, our faith, our homes and our community; and I will be as careful with your money as I am with my own. I have been endorsed by both the Republican and Conservative parties. Please vote for me on November 7th.

Don Tucker