

**Franklin Regional Retirement System
Candidate Questionnaire and Contact Information**

**Election of Fourth Member to the Franklin Regional Retirement Board for a three year term
effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019**

The following information has been provided to the voters in the above election as an aid. The retirement system – Advisory Council, Board, and staff are in no way endorsing this candidate by providing this service. The goal is to connect the voters to the candidates.

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Member or retiree?: | member _____ |

Work history or related experience:

<p>15 Year in the Banking Industry, Branch Management, Lending 1996 – Present Treasurer Town of New Salem 2000- Present Treasurer Town of Shutesbury Current District Treasurer for Mahar Regional School District 2013- Present Finance Director/Treasurer Town of Orange</p>
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Describe what you know about the role of a board member:

Board members carefully and thoughtfully oversee the management of the Franklin Regional Retirement System as an Advisory Board. They collaboratively oversea the investment Portfolio, management, and concerns relating to the financial health of the Retirement System with an exclusive focus on representing the future security of the members and their beneficiaries.

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Explain your interest in serving as a member of the board:

In my years and depth of experience, serving the largest town in the retirement system, as well as a large school district, and two towns with different demographics, I have had the opportunity to work with and for, all kinds of people – retirees and employees – that are dependent and depending on this great retirement system of ours. Working with so many retirees - I have a broad understanding of their unique issues living on a fixed income. Working with a great variety of employees – I know how to guide them as they build towards retirement. And working as a central figure in the financial happenings of my employers – I know how important a balanced financial approach is to the long-term health of a community. The retirement system is doing a fine job. Having seen this over the last decade, I am ready to serve and would like to take a turn representing these many interests on the retirement board. Please vote for me. Thank you.