

The Candidates



State Representative – District 24

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Candidates' Night Moderator

Robert Eaton, Rye Town Moderator

Introduction

Steven Borne, Rye Civic League President

State Representative – District 24

Frances Erlebacher

Frances Erlebacher [earl-back-err] has never run for any elected office before; she and her husband Denis Lipman have had a home-based advertising business for over 25 years. She has worked for clients in the private and public sectors in many industries, including education, hospitality, real estate, and technology. She has always been able to cut complex problems into manageable parts so that they can be more easily understood and worked on, and she knows this skill will be of great use in Concord. Frances decided to run for state rep because she was so frustrated with the lack of health insurance options in New Hampshire for individuals and small businesses; she has spent the last four months going door to door and attending town meetings to make sure she knows what concerns other Rye and New Castle residents have.

Mindi Messmer

Mindi Messmer is a longtime resident of the community, small business owner and environmental consultant. She has used her background in environmental consulting as a member of Governor Hassan's Task Force to investigate the pediatric cancer cluster in Rye. Mindi has been appointed head of the Governor's Task Force Subcommittee to coordinate and direct the investigation of Coakley Landfill on behalf of Rye citizens. Her experience requires her to objectively look at data and draw conclusions – something which will translate well into making decisions on behalf of our Seacoast community. Her focus on the importance of education and insight gained from years as a consultant and small business owner have developed her commitment to improve the quality and funding for education and support the backbone of our economy - our small businesses.

Kate Murray

Kate Murray, born in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, has lived on the Seacoast since 1999. She was an Assistant Professor of Music at UCLA and a software trainer for Frame Technology. She has served on statewide boards, including the Women's Fund of

New Hampshire, the Currier Museum, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation-Piscataqua region, The Music Hall, and the Portsmouth Athenaeum. She currently resides in New Castle serving on the Planning Board and Historic District Commission. She serves on the board of the Portsmouth Historical Society. Kate has been married for 40 years to David and they have two children. She is committed to maintaining excellence in education, the economy and environment.

Janet Stevens

A Rye resident for close to a quarter century, Janet Stevens is a small business owner, municipal leader, ally of Seacoast nonprofits and GOP activist. In July, Stevens was honored to be selected as an Alternate Delegate for Presidential Candidate, Governor John Kasich and was a member of the New Hampshire delegation for the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Stevens currently serves or has served, on the Boards of Rye Recreation (current Chairperson); Strawberry Banke Museum (current National Council Member/former Trustee); Prescott Park Arts Festival (Former Secretary/Board Member); The Music Hall (Former Board Member); Rye PTA (Former President); Rye Education Foundation (Former Board Member); AIDS Response Seacoast (Former Board Member). Janet will work for the residents of Rye, New Castle, and entire state, to promote public policy, legislation and opportunities. Her immediate actions focus on economic/fiscal policy and public health/medical policy. She is married to Dr. O. Robert Stevens and is the proud parent of Colby and Blaine.

State Senate – District 24

Dan Innis

Dan Innis is currently a Professor of Marketing and the former Dean of the Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics at UNH. He is the co-founder of two successful inns in the Seacoast, with a third slated to open in early 2017. As Dean, Dan transformed the UNH business school and was the driving force behind building a new \$50 million state of the art facility, the first academic building constructed at UNH with no cost to taxpayers, and

grew enrollment from 1700 students to over 2500 students. Dan has purchased distressed historic properties and renovated them to become successful inns and hotels. Dan believes lowering business taxes and cutting state regulations on business owners and start-ups is vital to the future of our state's economy. Dan has three children and lives in New Castle with his spouse.

Tom Sherman

Dr. Tom Sherman has served two terms as State Representative for Rye and New Castle. A practicing physician at Exeter Hospital, Tom serves as Chairman on the Governor's Task Force for the Seacoast Cancer Cluster. During his four years in the legislature, Dr. Sherman sat on the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee while being a strong and knowledgeable advocate for patients and providers. He was appointed by the Speaker to the Commission to Study the Expansion of Medicaid Eligibility in New Hampshire, to the Medical Malpractice Panel and Insurance Oversight Committee and the Joint Task Force on the Heroin and Opioid Epidemic. Having played a leading role working with healthcare professionals, insurance companies and lawmakers from both sides of the aisle, Tom is running to become the first physician in the NH State Senate since Dr. Jim Squires in 1996. With his legislative experience and medical expertise, Tom is uniquely qualified for the State Senate, running to ensure the health, education and fiscal success of our community and our state.

Executive Council – District 3

Russell Prescott

Russell Prescott grew up in Exeter. Russell and his wife Susan live in Kingston, have been married for 34 years, and have five adult children. Russell has a BS in Mechanical Engineering and is a practicing Professional Engineer. He holds several patents for water treatment and pump controls and is co-owner of R. E. Prescott Co., Inc. Russell has served 10 years in the State Senate and is currently Senator for District 23 serving the towns of Brentwood, Chester, Danville, East Kingston, Epping, Exeter, Fremont, Kingston and Sandown.

Beth Roth

Beth has had careers as a nurse, a mental health counselor, and is now an attorney specializing in business and employment law. Beth was elected to two terms on Salem's Board of Selectmen, the first woman ever to chair the Board. She represented the Board on the Town's Budget Committee and Council on Aging, and initiated its Economic Development Action Committee. Beth served on the Planning Board and Historic District Commission. She is vice chair and been a board member for 10 years at CLM, Southern New Hampshire's community mental health center, serving as Chair for several terms. A member of the Greater Salem Rotary, Beth distinguished herself as a Paul Harris Fellow. Beth is a member of the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce, chairs its Government Affairs Committee, has served on the Board of Corporators for Pentucket Bank, and is an advisory board member of Salem Family Resources-Success by 6, the region's Family Resource Center. Beth and her husband Mark raised three daughters in Salem, and delight in spending time with their families, which include three sons-in-law and eight grandchildren.

The primary job of a **New Hampshire State Representative** is to represent their constituency by voting on matters of public policy and the state budget. There is no individual authority; rather, authority rests in the actions of the entire 400-member House of Representatives. A State Representative is also a member of the County Delegation – the legislative body of each county – and thereby has responsibility for the county budget.

The **New Hampshire State Senate** is the upper body of the New Hampshire State Legislature. Serving the same functions as the House of Representatives, and with only 24 Senators, each member has a larger constituency than a House Member. The Senate holds impeachment trials if the House of Representatives votes to impeach a public official.

Five **Executive Councilors**, each representing approximately 247,000 citizens, are elected every two years. All state Departments and Agencies must seek approval of both receipt and expenditures of state and federal funds, budgetary transfers within the department, and all state contracts with a value of \$10,000 or more, not including personal service contracts of \$2,500. The Executive Council approves the appointments of Judges, State Department Heads and Commissioners, and hears Pardon Requests.

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Rye Civic League Candidates' Night

New Castle & Rye, New Hampshire



Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Rye Junior High School

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Candidates speak and answer questions
from the audience

Executive Council Candidates
State Senate Candidates
State Representative Candidates
for New Castle and Rye

The Rye Civic League

If you are not receiving the free monthly e-mail newsletter that provides summaries of town meetings and other important town information, go to:

www.ryecivicleague.org to join the free distribution list.

The Rye Civic League's primary purpose is to help residents of Rye, New Hampshire act as informed citizens and thereby improve and develop our community.

Thank you to Town Moderator Robert Eaton for moderating.

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