

*Christine Winters has two children who have both graduated from Sippican School. She's been married to her husband Peter, a current Finance Committee member, since 1994. Below she lists a couple of reasons for seeking a third term on the School Committee and her educational background.*

Blue Ribbon School: My goal as a parent, taxpayer and school committee member is to see Sippican achieve commendation status and be recognized as a Blue Ribbon School. Sippican was recently rated a Level 1 school and is a state leader in math achievement. I want to continue to be part of the team that encourages and supports Sippican in its efforts to build on that success. Sippican has the tools: talented and inquisitive children, supportive and engaged parents, a dedicated staff and administration team and a community that is fully vested in its success to reach the next level. Through collaboration, goal setting, policy implementation and a prudent budget process, Sippican can achieve Commendation Status. I would like to continue my role on School Committee and be a part of this effort.

Fiscal Stewardship: As a long-standing budget committee member, I am well aware of the financial challenges we face year in and year out. It is important to constantly seek out innovative solutions to traditional practices in order to have the funds available to achieve our goals. For example, recommending Long Term Disability (LTD) as an alternative to a traditional employee sick bank arrangement. By implementing LTD, we were able to mitigate the unfunded liability of the sick bank on the town's balance sheet, while ensuring that each employee would be covered in the event of a serious illness or injury. It is a private sector approach that was a win/win for the town employees and helped us achieve our AAA bond rating. The less we spend on our interest expense, the less stress is placed on our local budget, which is a win for all of Marion. Additionally, I advocated for the inclusion of a Finance Committee representative on Sippican's Budget Sub Committee. This partnership allows both committees to share our priorities and get real-time feedback on our budget in a team-oriented environment.

Education:

Northeastern University - BS Finance & Management

Northeastern University - MST - Master of Science in Taxation

Universite de Reims (Reims, France) Certificate of Advanced Study in Intl. Business

Completed two terms on Marion School Committee

Member of the Budget Sub-Committee, Policy Committee, Joint School Committee and Employee Benefit Review Sub-Committee