

Connor Degan – Candidate Statement – Office of Town Clerk

I moved to Hopkinton with my family when I was four years old. Growing up here, I had the advantages of a good school system, welcoming community, and supportive neighbors. I graduated from Hopkinton High School with the Class of 2010 with a great education. I went on to study Political Science at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island where I focused on state and municipal government along with elections and the legislative process.

During that time I involved myself with campaigns around New England and participated in real-world projects involving public housing and economic development. After earning my degree in Political Science, I went on to work on other political campaigns. I enjoyed being part of the political process, but wanted to be in a position where I could make more of a personal impact. A family friend suggested introducing myself to town clerk, Geri Holland. Geri needed help in her office and I reached out to her. She was thrilled to have someone experienced and educated that wanted to participate in local government. I had the pleasure of working with the clerk's office for eight months. I learned about the responsibilities of the town clerk and the position's role in upholding the integrity of the electoral process.

I was inspired to run for the Hopkinton Housing Authority and have worked alongside many wonderful people while there. When town clerk's position opened, I saw an opportunity to help my community with my skills and capabilities. I can perform all the duties of the town clerk, while educating and inspiring our youth to participate in local government. I ask for your vote on May 16th and I pledge to give my fullest to the town that has helped mold me and make me the individual that I am today.