

## **Gary Trendel - Planning Board**

I am Gary Trendel and I am running for Planning Board.

I have lived in Hopkinton for almost ten years with my wife Jenn and our three daughters, Lexy (13), Cami (10) and Poppy (5). We live on a small hobby farm on a street that was primarily developed in the 50s and 60s. The homes are diverse in style and size, as are the socio-economic statuses of its residents. We have become best friends with many of our neighbors, in part because it is a treelined dead-end street with many families. It is quiet, lively, rural, and modern all at the same time and it represents the fabric that makes Hopkinton such a spectacular place to live.

I have a B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a lifelong interest in urban planning. As a high school student, I strongly considered majoring in Urban Planning in college, but opted for a more traditional engineering degree. After working as an engineer for nine years, I returned to college to get my MBA from Duke University, and have worked at Boston Scientific in the medical device industry since moving to Hopkinton.

Although I grew up in Southern California, I am a New Englander for life. While the weather in California is great, I am drawn to the natural resources and integration of open space into the communities of Massachusetts. If you have ever been to Southern California, you know what I mean! There is a timeless quality about Massachusetts that is special. My kids play in the yard year round. They walk to school and then walk downtown on Fridays if the weather is nice. They catch salamanders in the spring and sleep in our treehouse in the summer. Hopkinton is unique to me because we can live in a rural area with great schools and still only be 26 miles from the center of Boston. Jenn and I plan to be here for the rest of our lives.

I have volunteered in Hopkinton in ways that combine my personal interests with the needs of our community. I was previously on the Upper Charles Trails Committee, and coach (or have coached) all three of my daughters in either soccer, basketball, or softball.