THE NORTH°EAST INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY SHEET

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DATE OF BIRTH: 2/21/40 ENDORSED? N/A

OFFICE SOUGHT: School Committee

POLITICAL PARTY: INDEPENDENT

PREVIOUS TERMS, IF ANY (list years): School Committee 2002 – present

PROFESSION: Submarine electrical designer, building management specialist/industrial facilities analyst, at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Newport, RI (retired).

EDUCATION: North Kingstown High School, 1958; attended University of Rhode Island, 1958; Connecticut Apprenticeship Program, Electric Boat Division, 1959-1964; Rhode Island School of Design, Mechanical Design Program, 1960, Continuing Educational Credits.

FAMILY INFO: Married (Carol), two children (Suz and Bob), three grandchildren (Bob, Melanie, Billy). Lived in North Kingstown since 1944.

WHY I'M RUNNING:

I have two wonderful grandchildren and many other related nieces and nephews attending North Kingstown schools. I believe an educational opportunity is the most important contribution a society can provide for its children. The future success and happiness of our children and grandchildren lies in a quality education. I will strive to insure our school system provides the best educational opportunities with efficiency and cost effectiveness.

I have a broad, diversified work-related experience ranging from submarine and computer facilities design, construction and testing; to analysis of facility operations including maintenance programs and budget assessment. From this experience I bring to the School Committee a management approach that will invoke a deliberative and open decision making process. Well-informed decisions will be the order of the day.

There is a management and leadership crisis within the school department that has not been recognized by the current School Committee, or for that matter by incumbent town council members. The current administration has repeatedly displayed an inability to work with the community to better our school system as evidenced by the unilateral closure of the Fishing Cove School. Actual school department expenditures have been hidden from the community and the taxpayer. Anticipated, unbudgeted revenues are spent without community knowledge or input.

The aforementioned comments are taken from a candidate's profile article published by the *North°East Independent* in October, 2002. After four years as a School Committee member, I find the operations of our town government, municipal and school department alike, ethically corrupt, vindictive of its employees and citizens, and wasteful of the taxpayer's money. Worst of all, I find these improprieties are cover-ups by certain council and school members to protect the interests of current and past elected officials by masking their many failures to meet their elected responsibilities, all at the expense of our community.