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1 Blodgett: what our divided community needs

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3 TEXT BODY:

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4 Please vote for Randy Blodgett for Selectboard.

5 Randy brings exactly what we need right now. He has
6 immense energy, an insatiable curiosity, and the focus to get
7 things done. And he's always ready to offer a lending hand.

8 With 22 years of business ownership and six years of
9 managing budgets in the publishing industry, he understands
10 long-term financial planning. He's not just talking about one-year

11 budgets — he wants a five-year plan at minimum so we can see
12 where we're headed and make smarter decisions.

13 Randy offers a balanced approach. He wants to protect
14 essential services while being honest about what our town can
15 actually afford. That means asking tough questions about
16 spending, especially when costs grow faster than our income.
17 And it means finishing budgets early enough for real community
18 discussion.

19 If elected, Randy will work tirelessly to bring our
20 expenditures in line with our resources. He may do so even if he
21 isn't elected. We're very lucky to have him here.

22 Randy is committed to transparency. He'll talk with
23 anybody about anything. More importantly, he actually listens.
24 His experience on various boards and committees shows he
25 understands teamwork and accountability. I have watched him
26 bring people together to find common ground, which is exactly
27 what our divided community needs.

28 The challenges facing Brattleboro — town budgets
29 increasing at multiples of the cost of living, crumbling
30 infrastructure, housing costs, public safety, and broken trust in
31 town government — are all connected. Solving them requires
32 clear financial planning, genuine community input, and
33 compassion. Randy has the experience and values to tackle these
34 issues head-on.

35 We need someone who will listen first, learn the details,
36 and make decisions based on facts rather than politics. Someone
37 who takes this responsibility seriously and will work to earn our
38 trust. That's Randy.

39 A vote for Randy Blodgett is a vote for clear-headed,
40 practical, and compassionate leadership.

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