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1 McLoughlin: levelheaded leadership for everyone

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3 TEXT BODY:

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4 As a local writer and former president of the Brattleboro
5 Garden Club, I have had an opportunity to see the Selectboard at
6 work over the past seven years. I have been most impressed with
7 Liz McLoughlin.

8 These last several terms have been challenging for the
9 town, with safety and drug concerns, homelessness issues, and
10 budget pressures.

11 I feel aligned with Liz McLoughlin on most agendas. She
12 does not waffle on questions but rather seeks the answers and
13 includes all interested parties. She makes educated and informed
14 choices by digging deep into the questions and coming up with
15 sensible answers that include the community as a whole.

16 I believe Liz understands this community. She is
17 inclusive of all community members, but only to the point where
18 it makes sense. Unlike some Selectboard members, she does not
19 lean toward certain groups in the Brattleboro community but
20 considers all constituents.

21 For instance, she keeps the elderly and infirm community
22 members in the solution to trash collection. She advocates for the
23 pay-as-you-throw system, which to me makes the most sense for
24 the majority of Brattleboro taxpayers.

25 What I particularly like about Liz McLoughlin is her
26 levelheadedness when it comes to new issues. She is eager to
27 work with the Selectboard members and town staff to work out
28 solutions. But she does not take a stand on anything until she
29 knows the facts. She is always keeping track of new issues at both
30 the state and town levels and gets involved in the decision-
31 making when possible.

32 Unlike some board members, Liz always seeks solutions
33 for the town as a whole. She is not concerned about whether she
34 is liked by different groups or individuals, but rather that the
35 solution is the right one for all concerned.

36 Being liked is a thankless and hopeless goal for a
37 Selectboard member. We need one who considers all the
38 ramifications of her decisions and acts accordingly. I trust Liz
39 McLoughlin to do just that.

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