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5 When I first met Deena Chadwick 12 years ago, I didn't  
6 know who she was. We happened to be shopping at the same  
7 store when she recognized me from a connection through her  
8 dental hygienist.

9 She walked up to me and said, "You're Nicole, right? I  
10 understand you're a runner?"

11           When I said yes, she warmly encouraged me to come to  
12 the local track workouts. Because of her encouragement, I went  
13 — and through that experience I met an amazing group of people  
14 who are now some of my closest friends.

15           That simple gesture speaks volumes about who Deena is:  
16 welcoming, community-minded, and eager to connect people  
17 with opportunities and each other.

18           Over the years I've known her, Deena has consistently  
19 stepped outside her comfort zone to take on new challenges in  
20 service to the community. She served as codirector of our local  
21 Turkey Trot for five years. During that time, she led a meaningful  
22 change: transforming the “give something/take something” table  
23 into a food drive for our local community.

24           She faced pushback for that decision, but she stood firm  
25 because she understood the real and growing needs around us.  
26 Today — 12 years later — that food fundraiser continues, now  
27 supported by donations, and is still helping our neighbors in  
28 need. That is the kind of lasting, practical impact she makes.

29           Some of the strongest qualities Deena will bring to the  
30 Selectboard are her balanced perspective, clear communication,  
31 and practical problem-solving. She listens carefully, weighs  
32 different viewpoints, and seeks thoughtful, realistic solutions. I  
33 am confident she will work diligently to ensure affordability,  
34 support sustainable growth, and keep the needs of the entire  
35 community at the center of her decisions.

36           She is a hard worker, a dedicated neighbor, and a proven  
37 advocate for our town. I urge my fellow residents to join me in  
38 voting for Deena for Selectboard.

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