

Kathryn Packtor

I am Katie Packtor, Higganum resident of 15 years. Like many, I moved to this town to raise a family. I live with my husband, two children, and two dogs. My kids have attended the schools in our district throughout their scholastic careers. It has been my pleasure to encourage and support their learning experiences over the years. I've served as PTO co-president for two years at HES, and I've embraced many other posts and chair positions in the remaining years. I have also maintained a schedule of regular volunteering in the community - whether for church, sporting activities, scouting, or town organizations and events. I like to be involved and am proud of the accomplishments achieved through these group efforts.

I work as a landscape architect at The SLAM Collaborative and have been with my company for almost 14 years. My affinity for art and love of the natural world inspire me daily and enrich my work. Through professional pursuits, I've developed skills in critical analysis, project and budget management, and creative problem solving - all of which will prove useful in this elected position.

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During my regular attendance at BoE and various town meetings, I heard the call for strong partnership between all of our boards and our citizens. Last fall, I pursued a run for the Board of Ed to help bring that vision to life. I stand here now, again, still dedicated to that quest. I will put my skills and experiences to use by providing an improved system of diligent work ethic, consistent transparency, clear communication and an overall sense of empowerment for the people of Haddam and Killingworth. I'd like everyone to know that I will not only hear their concerns, but I will listen and act upon them. By participating and collaborating we will reach our potential as a town and as a united educational district.

Kathryn Packtor - Option B Bio

I was introduced to Haddam 15 years ago, and I am delighted by the friends I've met here and the unique character of the CT River Valley. I live here with my husband and two remarkable children, who attend RSD17 schools. Our daughter just wrapped her first year at HK High School, and our son was in the inaugural 4th grade class at HK Intermediate School. Two dogs and an overgrown garden complete our humble home. I have also built a career practicing Landscape Architecture. I've been working for The SLAM Collaborative in Glastonbury for over a decade, where I enjoy planning, design, team-building and place-making.

I seek this position on the BoE to build strong connections, tend to the needs of *every* student and staff member, and advance our educational district towards financial sustainability and academic success.

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In closing, I am committed to our town. I offer a history of volunteering in our schools and community, a professional background that is both analytical and artistic, and an immediate understanding of the issues at hand. All citizens should have the opportunity to participate in the conversation and enhance the living and learning experience in Haddam. I am dedicated to the achievement of that goal.

