

My name is Ed Roullard, and I am running for the Newington Budget Committee.

My partner and I moved to Newington about 18 months ago. I grew up in central Maine (Skowhegan) and have lived in the Midwest, Massachusetts, New York, and Europe at different stages of my career. I'm thrilled to be living in Northern New England again for the first time in 40 years and have quickly grown to love the Portsmouth area — and especially the town of Newington.

I'm running because I want to become more engaged, contribute meaningfully, and continue learning about how our town operates. Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to join the Budget Committee as a substitute member when a prior appointee needed to resign. That experience confirmed my interest in serving more fully.

Throughout my career, I have led teams ranging from 25 to 500 people and managed operating budgets between \$2 million and \$50 million. I've been responsible for building, defending, and approving budgets at that scale. That experience has taught me how to ask the right questions, identify potential risks, and balance strategic investment with cost discipline.

If elected, my goal will be to apply that experience thoughtfully, listen carefully, and help ensure that Newington's financial decisions are responsible, transparent, and aligned with the long-term interests of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.