



LAURA ROM - PLANNING COMMISSION



Currently:

- * Charlestown Planning Commission, 1st Alt, appointed January 2025
- Chair, Charlestown Charter Revision Commission, appointed 2025
- Chair, Charlestown Republican Town Committee, elected 2023
- State GOP Vice Chair for Washington County, appointed 2023

Previously:

- Secretary, Charlestown Republican Town Committee 2022 - 2023
- Vice Chair, Charlestown Charter Revision Commission, 2024 - 2025

Portsmouth, RI 1979 - 2004

- * Various boards within the schools and sports, Volunteer of the Year
- Portsmouth School Committee, Chair elected 1994-1996
- Portsmouth School Committee Member until 2002
- Portsmouth School Committee Policy Chair 1994-2002

Tiverton, RI 2004 - 2020

- * Secretary, Republican Town Committee

Work Experience

- * Medical Laboratory Technician, Newport Hospital, several Clinics, Medical Offices
- * Salve Regina University, Health Services
- * Data Specialist (security clearance required) DynCorp, on-site at Raytheon
- * Data Specialist, SeaCorp, (security clearance required) on-site Naval Undersea WC
- * Clerk, Town of Tiverton, Building/Zoning Department
- Clerk, Town of Little Compton, Building/Zoning Department
- * Clerk, Town of Little Compton, Planning Commission and Zoning Board



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Personal

Married 44 years, mom to 4, nana to 10. I was born and raised in Melrose, MA. have lived in RI since 1981, Charlestown is now my forever town, as my 3 sons and 5 of my grandchildren live in Washington County.

Animal adoption has been my passion for many years, I currently have two 13 year pups, a Yorkie named Jack and a Maltese named Lilli.

Veteran affairs is another passion, I had a Navy dad, my oldest brother passed away while serving in the Army in Germany, my younger brother served as a Marine, my youngest son was 9 years in the Army, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and currently, my oldest granddaughter is serving as a meteorologist in the Air Force.

Why Planning Commission?

My goal is to continue to serve Charlestown in a way that balances the preservation of our beautiful, rural town while granting the rights of property owners, (not the government), the ability to control their own property within the confines of Town Zoning Regulations. Planning Commissions must abide by State Law, Town Charter and Town Ordinance Regulations.