



MATT WESTOVER - TOWN COUNCIL



Matt has been a Charlestown resident for 10 years, moving here after completing 10 years of service in the U.S. Navy. During his time in service, he was assigned to two different submarines as a weapons technician (FT) completing multiple overseas deployments, gaining in-depth electrical, mechanical, and mathematic knowledge. This allowed him to take on a supervisory role, leading a division of sailors during his second sea tour. Matt also spent time as an instructor at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT. His roles included teaching basic submarine mechanics, naval history, and advanced weapon system operations. He also attended naval financial specialist school and was a certified military financial counselor. After completing his time in service, Matt accepted a position at SEACORP working at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, RI as a Systems Engineer for the Tomahawk Missile Program. His duties include writing test plans and reports, reviewing system diagrams, conducting system test events, and fleet support aboard deployed submarines. These specialties have provided him with excellent planning, problem solving, and technical/engineering skills. He recently took on a management position for SEACORP, overseeing the day-to-day operations of his team.

Growing up in rural Pennsylvania, Matt was looking for a small, quiet, hometown feel when he began shopping for a home, and his search led him to Charlestown. "I took a drive around the area and instantly fell in love." He enjoyed the rural feel, the beautiful shoreline, the small-town charm, and the friendly people. The low taxes were also a huge bonus. Matt, long-time partner Abby, stepdaughter Aria, and their two dogs JJ and Blue now call Charlestown home and plan to stay for years to come.

Matt's hobbies include hunting, fishing, gardening and going on family hikes with their dogs. He considers himself an avid outdoorsman and feels strongly about protecting our natural resources. "We love the fact that Charlestown has an abundance of open space, parks, and trails to enjoy and I plan to do what I can to preserve those areas for future generations to enjoy, while still allowing our town to grow". He also has a passion for auto racing. Matt participates in weekly racing events around New England as both a crew member and a driver.

Matt currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Charlestown Republican Town Committee, a position that he's held for 2 years. He also volunteers his time to help with his Stepdaughters Girl Scout troop, especially during cookie season. As a veteran himself, Matt feels strongly about assisting other veterans in need. He participates in events through a nonprofit that promotes healing through time spent in the great outdoors with organized hunting, fishing and camping events for veterans.