

REELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT
OXFORD FIRST SELECTMAN -- MARY ANN DRAYTON-ROGERS

Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, First Selectman of Oxford, has enthusiastically announced her intention of seeking reelection to the position she won in November 2007.

“In 2007, realizing that Oxford needed to move forward in a new direction, I stepped into the position of First Selectman stating that I would raise the office to a new level of honesty and openness. This has been done by acting in a bi-partisan manner and by achieving results that are in the best interests of our town. In accomplishing this, I’ve reached across party lines, worked with and listened to many individuals from both political parties, appointed the best available people to boards and committees and treated all with the respect they deserve.”

“As a result, the sewer and water line from Great Hill Road to West Street is being completed. This plan of years past, had become a dead issue until I was able to bring all interested parties together and turn the project into a much-needed reality. Being able to turn ideas, plans and dreams into reality has been a major trademark of my administration. Commercial development on Route 67 south now has a chance to develop with much needed medical, retail and convenience services in Oxford.”

“This will be accomplished while controlling the look and feel of our town through the newly-created Architectural Review Committee—another innovative approach to building a village look into this growth.”

*“We’re involved in the most difficult economic challenges since the depression. Unlike the six-try budget failures of the Palmer-Haversat administration, keeping our mil rate as low as possible and affordable for our residents has been accomplished. I’ve passed two budgets on the first vote during my two years in office. That’s not just by chance, but by listening to and fighting for our residents. As Abraham Lincoln once said, **You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.**’.....I will continue to work with all boards, commissions and departments to be fiscally responsible and support frugal town budgets, especially in this uncertain economy. My administration continues to seek clean and safe industrial growth as well as commercial entities to grow and stabilize our tax base. Two new buildings were constructed in Fox Hollow Industrial Park this year, another manufacturer is readying plans in the Woodruff Hill Industrial Park, and a medical complex is planned for Rte 67.”*

“Recognizing the condition of our school and town facilities, we have a new Roof and Solar Panel (green energy) Building Committee hard at work to improve the conditions and the energy efficiency of the all-electric Great Oak Middle School. Long-awaited window replacement at Oxford Center School is about to begin and a library site plan is under review. Improved outside lighting and security at some schools is also being undertaken, keeping our students as well as the physical buildings safe. I’ve worked with the High School Building Committee to get the all-purpose/soccer fields realigned and built for the price fixed by referendum and passed by the voters. They

will be completed by the fall of this year. The economy has delayed movement on the football field, but it hasn't dampened our spirit or our intensions to continue toward that goal."

"Road improvements have been taking place since my first days in office. Correcting dangerous curves on Loughlin Road is a major accomplishment along with working with the State DOT to push Schreiber's Corner on Route 188 to fruition at no cost to the town—that project is currently nearing completion due to my persistence. I have proven that I am a 'closer' on projects that others couldn't even get moving during their years in office. Listening to residents of our over fifty-five communities has resulted in my administration getting the State to commit to installing a traffic light at Riggs Street and Route 67 over the next year and the construction of a turning lane at the intersection of Great Hill Road and Route 67 is in the hands of ConnDOT awaiting approval. Christian Street improvements at a mere 10% cost to the town are in the engineering stages at this time—the all important funding package came together during my administration. The majority of Park Road has also been repaved. Next year we'll see Dorman Rd., Towner Lane, Fairfield Rd and Old Church Rd black topped."

"Listening to our residents at Crestview Ridge Housing, brought about the beginning of improvements to Old Church Road which has already been widened to two lanes and is undergoing additional surface improvements. In addition, renovations to Crestview's thirty-four housing units are approved through the continuing efforts started previously under a \$700,000 Small Cities Grant received for this work."

"I'm not all about accolades and taking credit—I am about public service--everything I work toward is to help you—the residents of Oxford. A guardrail at Hogs Back & Captain Wooster Rds., a new stop sign on Maple Tree Hill Rd, a grant for a senior bus, removal of dead trees on Riggs St or Chestnut Tree Hill Rd, a yield sign on Academy Rd, improvements to the dog pound and bringing back the Dog Days event, supporting Oxford Day, initiating a 5K Freedom Run and providing our police force with patrol bikes for these events. Those are things that make Oxford a safer, better community to live in."

"Most importantly, I have returned Oxford to a position of respect within the region and the State. My goal is to continue to work with all residents and all parties who have the best interest of the Town of Oxford at heart. With your help, I look forward to two more years of service with integrity to the town of Oxford. With Selectman Dave McKane as my running-mate, we'll continue to balance growth and taxes in an economy which requires proven and realistic leadership and levelheaded management."

"I'd like to thank my family for their unflagging support and the ODTC for believing in me. Thank you all and God Bless." Mrs. Drayton-Rogers concluded.