

On May 12<sup>th</sup> please vote for

# PAUL CIMINO **SELECTMAN**

A Responsive Leader for Southborough

## MY PRIORITIES FOR SOUTHBOROUGH

Advocate for continued excellence in K-12 Education Support smart Economic Growth, especially on Route 9 Cultivate and improve on what makes Southborough special Review/optimize use of Town Departments, Facilities and Assets Ensure that your tax dollars result in excellent Municipal Services Increase Communication with Residents, Town Boards, and State Officials

### **ENDORSED AND SUPPORTED BY**

Lee Bartolini

Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals

Roger Challen

K-8 School Committee, former Selectman

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Former Planning Board Vice Chair

**Dennis Flynn** 

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Former Selectman

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Bill Harrington

Advisory Committee member

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**Donald Morris** 

Chair, Personnel Board

Chair, Planning Board

#### SERVICE TO SOUTHBOROUGH

- Planning Board (2010-present)
- **Economic Development Committee (2013)**
- Town Administrator Search Committee (2012)
- Town Governance Study Committee (2007)
- Northborough-Southborough Superintendent Search Committee (2006)
- Personnel Board (2004-2010)
- Committee Member, Boy Scout Troop 92

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Graduate: US Military Academy West Point (1988)
- Veteran: Gulf War I (1991)
- Law Degree: University of Michigan (1995)
- Wife: Dani mobile veterinarian based in Southborough
- Two children: Thomas (11th gr.) and Emily (8th gr.)
- Long time, active member of St. Matthew Parish
- VP & General Counsel at CSG in Westborough

## PAUL CIMINO FOR YOUR SELECTMAN

My name is **Paul Cimino**, and I am asking for your vote for **Selectman** on May 12<sup>th</sup>. It is a "crowded field" and I am heartened that predictions of a lack of candidates were unfounded.

Southborough has a tremendous opportunity in front of it that is unprecedented in our 287-year history. That is no exaggeration – I speak of the historic change from a 3- to 5-member Board of Selectmen. Our Town continues to grow and evolve, and gone are the days when Selectmen could simply show up at periodic meetings to conduct and complete the Town's business in one night. Issues are complicated, and hard work is required at all hours of the day and evening. Proper preparation for Selectmen meetings along with a host of other public obligations is constant, as is working cooperatively with other Town boards and committees on a variety of issues, from municipal budgets to addressing individual resident concerns. The larger Board represents a remarkable prospect – a significant increase in capacity for responsive, collaborative and productive leadership and problem solving. This is the unique opportunity that lies ahead, and I eagerly pledge my skills, experience, energy and commitment as part of a renewed and re-energized effort to move Southborough forward.

I also want to share my thoughts about great leadership. First, great leadership absolutely requires **calling it as you see it** in a way everyone can understand. I believe that leadership requires taking a position, clearly stating the reasons, and **meaning what you say**. But, of course, no amount of confidence in delivery bears in any way upon the accuracy of what is said. Getting something right counts even more than saying it with conviction. My aim will always be to **do both**.

I believe that great leadership on Town issues requires **investigation** (learning the history), **listening** (to all available viewpoints), **asking** (probing questions) and **evaluating** (all options), and only then **making a responsible decision**. By definition, great leadership leaves no room for the insipid. At the same time, nothing about this process of great leadership renders great leaders infallible. There is almost no decision, no matter how well made, that cannot be revisited if extraordinary circumstances warrant. While I do not believe that such extraordinary circumstances arise very often, I believe such a case has arisen now, regarding the future of our Main Street. The reconstruction of Main Street is functionally permanent, and it is so central to our Town's identity that we must ensure it is done right. I am in favor of State funding for this project, assuming we can maintain (and even enhance?) our identity as a Town. I have no doubt that past decisions made about this project were well considered at the time, but I support working cooperatively to update the existing design, primarily due to the substantial change to the intersection of Main Street with Route 85, and its approach lanes.

Finally, I believe that a great leader should be driven by a desire to serve people, and not by a desire to favor or affect any one or two particular issues. Indeed a great leader is **responsive** to those he serves, and does not avoid or discount valid opinions simply because s/he is "safe" until the next election. Although there will always be matters of lesser or greater importance during a Selectman's term, citizens deserve that every matter gets thoughtful consideration.

So I come to this election with **no agenda**, **no pet issues**, beholden only to the voters, and with an unconditional commitment to tackle the **hard work** that moves Southborough forward. In short, **that is the kind of Selectman I intend to be**, and I would be honored to receive your vote on May 12<sup>th</sup>.