

Hello friends and neighbors,

When I announced last month that I'm running for Mayor, I shared that my decision comes from a deep belief in this community and in the role local government plays in people's everyday lives.

At its core, leadership isn't just about making decisions - it's about *how* those decisions are made.

I believe Saranac Lake needs leadership that listens carefully, brings people together, and makes thoughtful decisions in the open. That kind of leadership leads to better outcomes, especially when issues are complex and the stakes are high.

Serving as a Village Trustee has reinforced something I hear again and again from residents: people don't agree on everything, but they do want to be heard. They want to understand how decisions are made, and they want to trust that their local government is acting carefully with their tax dollars and their future.

Too often, big decisions are treated as problems to rush through instead of responsibilities to get right. I believe leadership means bringing people into the conversation, weighing options honestly, and choosing paths that serve not just today's needs, but tomorrow's as well. That's the approach I bring to public service, and it's the kind of leadership I will offer as Mayor.

Saranac Lake is a special place because people care deeply about it. I'm running because I want a village government that reflects that care - one that values collaboration over control, clarity over confusion, and stewardship over short-term wins.

If this resonates with you, I'd really like to hear from you. What matters most to you right now? What do you want to see our village focus on in the years ahead?

Warmly,
Kelly Brunette