

Hello friends and neighbors,

One of the questions I hear most from residents is simple and important:  
How do you make decisions?

For me, it starts with listening - not just to the loudest voices or the most urgent emails, but to the full range of perspectives in our community. When issues are complex or contentious, I make a point to seek out different viewpoints. Good decisions require understanding the whole picture. It also means asking hard questions.

If a proposal involves significant taxpayer dollars, long-term debt, or permanent changes to our village, I want to see the numbers clearly. I want to understand the tradeoffs. And if something feels rushed or incomplete, I'm comfortable saying we need more time. That isn't obstruction - it's responsibility.

Process matters. Our local laws, boards, and public forums exist to ensure transparency and fairness. When we follow them carefully, residents can see how decisions are made and why. When we skip steps, trust erodes.

Finally, I believe leaders owe people clear explanations. Even when decisions are difficult (and even when not everyone agrees ) residents deserve to know the reasoning behind them.

That's the approach I bring to every issue as a Village Trustee, and it's the approach I will continue to bring as Mayor.

If you'd like to learn more about my priorities and vision for Saranac Lake, you can find them here: <https://saranaclakeadk.com/vision>

Thank you for being engaged in our village and for taking the time to read this.

Happy Carnival!  
Kelly Brunette