

Milford School District FY 2016/2017 Budget Advisory Committee

Below are Bio Sketch information on each of the committee members

Ethan Aho, (Committee Clerk)

Ethan Aho moved with his wife and 5 year-old son to Milford about 2 years ago. This is Ethan's second year on the School Budget Committee. Since graduating with a BS in Computer Science in 2005 from Arkansas Tech, he has worked in the IT industry. He now heads the development team for Altos in Bedford, NH.

Robert Canty

My name is Robert Canty and this is my first year on the School Budget Committee. I moved to Milford in 2013 with my wife and young daughter. My wife's family has owned property in Milford on South Street for over 100 years and they are still residents here in town. My undergraduate degrees were in Psychology and Criminology and my initial work experience was in university and corporate security. I have since received my Masters degree in Counselor Education, with a focus in School Psychology and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in School Psychology. I am a certified School Psychologist in the State of New Hampshire and I am a licensed School Psychologist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I am currently in my 5th year working full-time as a School Psychologist.

Jason Cillo, (Committee Vice Chair)

Jason Cillo has been a resident of Milford for almost 25 years. He is a tax accountant and investment advisor for the family firm he now owns and operates located in downtown Milford. Jason is also the current President of the Milford Community Athletic Association. His wife is a registered ER nurse and he has 2 children, one of whom is in the Milford School district. Jason has been on the School Budget Committee since 2013.

Mark Cooney

Mark Cooney with his wife and two sons relocated to Milford from Pennsylvania in 2007 and both of his sons have attended school in Milford. His oldest son graduated in 2013 and his younger son is a senior this year. He is employed at BAE Systems as a Manager of Programs and is a Certified Project Management Professional. Mark has undergraduate degrees in Electrical Engineering Technology from Pennsylvania State University and the College of New Jersey. He also has an MBA from DeSales University and an MS, Management of Technology from UNH. This is Mr. Cooney's first year on the School Budget Committee.

Robert Halstead

Rob Halstead moved to Milford in 2000 with his three children. He and his wife, Carolyn, have had all 6 of their children take classes at the Middle and High Schools, as well as the ATC, while providing a homeschool education. Additionally, they have hosted nine foreign exchange students over the last six years who have attended Milford High School. Rob has been a member of the School Budget Committee for over 10 years. Rob has a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Wyoming, and he currently works as a Systems Engineer at BAE Systems.

Mary Beth Kriss

Mary Beth Kriss relocated to Milford in 2011 from South Carolina, with her husband and three kids. Mary Beth has worked as a Surgical Technologist since 2004 and has been the Regional Coordinator for EF High School Exchange Year since 2012. She is a current student at UMass Lowell where she is obtaining her MBA in International Business and Marketing. Mary Beth also serves as Youth Outreach Director at Church of Our Saviour in Milford and is a member of Amherst Junior Women's Club

Jennifer Siegrist

Jennifer Siegrist and her husband, Fritz, built their home in Milford in 2004, moving from the Boston area to be closer to her family. She has a degree in English/Pre-law with a minor in Business Administration from Boston University. She has a wide and varied background working in many fields; retail sales, finance and accounting, human resources management along with a brief stint as a Russian translator for a joint venture firm before discovering her calling in graphic design. She studied design at Massachusetts College of Art and worked as a senior designer/art director for Polaroid, New York Life, One Beacon Insurance, Monster, and several smaller design firms and advertising agencies in the Boston/Cambridge area. She now runs a design studio, Calliope Creative, from her home. Her two children attend school in Milford; one at Heron Pond Elementary and the other at the Milford Middle School.

Richard W Wood. (Committee Chairman)

Rick Wood is a NH native growing up in Peterborough. Rick moved to Milford in 1998 and currently resides on Homestead Circle with his wife and two daughters. A public safety professional with more than 30 years experience, he currently serves as the Director of Life Safety & Emergency Preparedness for the University of Massachusetts Lowell campus. A graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, Rick earned a BS in Fire Service Education & Administration from Granite State College (formerly USNH CLL) and a AAS in Fire Science from Lakes Region Community College (formerly NHTC). Rick is a nationally recognized code professional and instructor servicing on several national committees and having instructed thousands of hours of training throughout the US and previously serving as a member of the Adjunct Faculty at NH Technical College in Laconia. Rick served on the Milford School Budget Committee in 2001/2002 and consecutively since rejoining the committee in 2010.