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Letter from the editor

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WAYLAND - In the nearly four years that I have been editing this newspaper, this is one of the hardest issues I've ever put together.

First, I simply had an overabundance of material and not enough room to run it all. That is why you will not find regular items like the Community Calendar in this week's paper. But don't worry, the calendar, as well as several news articles I could not squeeze in, can be found on our Web site at "www.wickedlocal.com/wayland"

Second, my efforts to try to be "fair" to all sides of the various issues has seemed a Herculean task at times. I can honestly say I did the best I could, and I hope readers will be satisfied for the most part.

That being said, I've barely left myself enough room to write our endorsements for the Board of Selectmen race, after all four candidates came to speak with us at our offices in Framingham.

So here goes – the Town Crier is this year endorsing our two incumbents, Alan Reiss and Joe Nolan.

We feel a vote for Alan Reiss is critical, even as we have decided to endorse the override this particular year. Reiss provides an alternative viewpoint to the rest of the members of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and even the town administrator, which is critical to maintain. Town government, like any government, works best on a series of checks and balances, and we need Reiss to stay in office to continue to keep a sharp eye on the bottom line.

Mark Santangelo is also not in favor of the override, and would similarly provide a different viewpoint to the rest of the board if elected.

But our other vote goes to Joe Nolan, who has impressed us with his dedication and knowledge of all aspects of the town during his first three years in office. He deserves a shot at another term to finish the many initiatives he has started and wants to complete.

As a town, we are fortunate that four excellent candidates have stepped up to the plate. At the same time he is running for selectman, Mark Santangelo is also running uncontested for the Board of Road Commissioners. If he does not win the election, we are lucky to have him willing to stay on as a Road Commissioner, where he has done an excellent job for the past nine years.

Similarly, we hope Steve Correia continues on the Finance Committee if not elected to become a selectman, and helps oversee the town over some incredibly difficult financial hurdles in the years ahead.

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