

Candidate for Councillor at Large
Colleen Bradley MacArthur

1. Please tell us about yourself and why you are running for office.

When I was first elected in 2021, I said to my husband that I'd finally realized what I wanted to do for my career...be a city Councillor in Waltham. It is a privilege to have served the residents of Waltham the past 4 years and I hope you'll have me again for another term. My family and I lived in Waltham for 18 years, which is just as long as I've lived in my hometown of Beverly. I can't imagine living anywhere else. From the restaurants on Moody St to walking paths in the woods at Stonehurst to fishing at Hardy Pond just down the street from our house, Waltham has it all. My goal is to listen and lead and be your voice at city hall.

2. What are the two most important issues in Waltham, and how will you address those issues if you are elected to City Council?

Issue # 1 Pedestrian Safety - we adopted an update "Complete Streets" policy, which states that there will be a Complete Streets Working Group established. This is a group of city employees in planning and traffic, but also members of the community. The adoption of this policy and establishing a working group will allow us to move swiftly towards safer streets and transparency within the community as the work continues.

Issue #2 Updated Zoning - we're working with consultants to get recommendations on zoning improvements throughout the city. These recommendations and a community conversation must continue, so that we continue to develop as a city that works for EVERYONE. And allows us to create a diversified housing stock; continue to be business friendly to both small and large scale businesses; and build climate resiliency.