



## Vote for Don Scott in Bedford

Bedford's supervisor race pitting Chris Burdick and Don Scott is one marked by the passion and drive of the candidates and fervent and persuasive supporters in an issues-oriented campaign. There hasn't been a race this tight or this close in Bedford for decades. We are truly appreciative of the passionate and compelling letters from readers endorsing both candidates.

We are offering our endorsement to Mr. Scott for his leadership, his experience and his ability to get things done.

People don't just like him, they love him. Whether it's at the Katonah Museum of Art, the Community Center of Northern Westchester gala or the Katonah Village Improvement Society, you will find voices singing his praises. At the Katonah firehouse, where he serves as a commissioner, firefighters show him the kind of respect they would give to one of their own.

Mr. Scott's experience matches his charisma.

He was president of the Katonah-Lewisboro School District board at a time of contention. Under his direction, the district responded to financial improprieties by school administrators, instituting major changes in work rules, financial accountability and employee health care contributions.

As a Katonah fire commissioner, Mr. Scott helped preside over recent firehouse enhancements, including a 3-story training tower and renovations to the main building. As a wetlands committee member, he plays a role in the ongoing process of streamlining Bedford's environmental code. Mr. Scott recently presented a proposal to the Bedford Town Board for a five-year financial plan to help meet future budget challenges. Additionally, he offers an agenda that would upgrade area roadways, consider burying electric lines and promoting shared services, particularly among the three hamlets' fire departments.

Last month, Mr. Scott won the endorsement of the League of Conservation Voters. He was a leader in proposing and campaigning for an open space fund for residents to help protect critical land. He has a progressive vision of environmental stewardship and advocates the use of new septic technologies, a concept he shares with Mr. Burdick.

While Mr. Scott may be more familiar to Katonah residents than those of Bedford and Bedford Hills, he is a veteran, quality candidate with bipartisan appeal. In Katonah, where he is active in the Village Improvement Society as well as the fire department and the Community Center of Northern Westchester, he is a beloved and respected voice who is known for his ability to get the job done. Democrats are some of his staunchest supporters.

Lee Roberts, whose distinguished service as Bedford town supervisor should be a model for future office holders, calls Mr. Scott "the right person for the job." We echo her sentiment. In a letter, she praised his "strength of character and his managerial skills and his ability to work with people to achieve solutions. He also understands that town supervisor is a public service position and our job is to help the residents of Bedford."

"You have to lead and you have to take positions and you have to be clear," says Mr. Scott. "What's right isn't always popular, and what's popular isn't always right. Knowing Lee over the last 15 years, and working with her over the last 10, to have her support and endorsement is really something that is an inspiration to me."