My name is Carole Richardson and I am requesting your vote to be re-elected to the Select Board. I live at 595 Tilton Hill Road and have been a Pittsfield resident my entire life. I can be reached at 603-435-8351 and look forward to any and all inquiries regarding town government. I am a Pittsfield High School graduate and have a business degree from Franklin Pierce College. I was employed for over 30 years in the Office of the Legislative Budget Assistant where I worked closely with members of the House and Senate Finance Committees. Following my years at the State House I was an Administrator for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Hearing Care Providers and Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors. I feel these work experiences have made me a valuable member of the Board.

I decided to seek re-election because there is much more to be accomplished. One of my major concerns when I initially ran for the seat was the high tax rate, especially for our seniors on a fixed income and our young families. During my tenure on the Board, we have stabilized the tax rate and continued to improve the appearance of our downtown. One of my concerns was the deterioration of our sidewalks. We now have a ten-year plan, and portions of the sidewalks are being replaced each year. We need to live within our budget and also plan for the future. This Board has a wonderful working relationship with our dedicated department heads and employees who are our greatest asset.

I also believe volunteers are the lifeblood of a community and something that everyone should consider doing. I aways say don’t complain if you are not out there trying to help Pittsfield be a better place, and what a great way to meet wonderful people. To list a few of my volunteer duties; I served as Secretary for the Pittsfield School Board and then was encouraged to run for a seat which I did, and served 6 years on that Board. I have been a library trustee, a member of the Pittsfield High School Alumni Association, a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for abused and neglected children, a member of the Master Plan Committee and Beautification Committee. My latest volunteer project was raising funds for the replacement of the Floral Park Cemetery Fence.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. I know we have many new residents in Pittsfield. I look forward to meeting you and hearing your questions and concerns. Please consider voting for me as your representative on the Select Board.