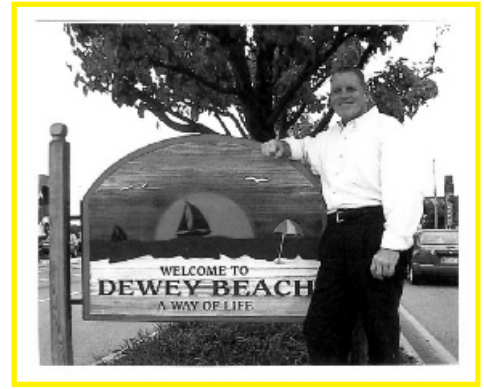


# Dale H. Cooke

Full-time Dewey Beach resident  
Homeowner for almost 20 years  
Father of two sons with five grandchildren.



## Military

United States Marine Corps – Sgt. /E-5  
Vietnam and Cuba  
Graduate, Non-Commissioned Officers' Leadership School, Okinawa, Japan

## Employment

*U.S. Government, Central Intelligence Agency, the White House, Washington, D.C.*

*Boys' Clubs of Greater Washington*

- Silver Spring Boys' Club (Maryland) and Woodbridge Boys' Club (Virginia) – Program Director
- Falls Church Boys' Club (Virginia) and McLean Boys' Club (Virginia) – Branch Director
- Summer Residential Camp (Maryland) – Camp Director
- Graduate, Boys' Clubs of America Leadership School, New York University

*United States Postal Service*

- Postal machine mechanic
- Manager Maintenance – 20 employees/11 buildings
- Graduate, AFL-CIO – American Postal Workers' Union Leadership School
- Graduate U.S. Postal Service Management Academy

## Previous Volunteer Work

- Town of Dewey Beach (Delaware) – Town Commissioner, 6 years
- Sussex County (Delaware) Association of Towns – Member
- Silver Spring/Montgomery County (Maryland) American Postal Workers Union Maintenance – Director
- Montgomery County (Maryland) Postal Federal Credit Union – Board Member and Chairperson
- Montgomery County (Maryland) National Association of Postal Supervisors – President
- Washington D.C./Maryland State National Association of Postal Supervisors – President
- Montgomery County Health Department, Buddy Program – Group Coordinator
- Whitman-Walker Health Clinic, Maryland Branch – Board Member
- Washington, D.C. Health Department, Ryan White Committee – Member
- Completed Town Management and Emergency Preparedness Program – University of Delaware

## Present Volunteer Work

- Maryland Postal Federal Credit Union – Chairman
- Town of Dewey Beach Delaware – Member of Planning and Zoning Committee, Audit Committee and Marketing Committee
- Dewey Beach Lions Club – Member various committees
- Dewey Beach Civic League – Board Member
- Friends of Dewey – Founding Member
- Delaware Center for Inland Bays – Member Water Use Committee

**KEEP DEWEY BEACH MOVING FORWARD**

**ELECT DALE H. COOKE AS DEWEY BEACH TOWN COMMISSIONER**

Dear Dewey Beach neighbors, friends and property owners:

With all sincerity, I am seeking your support for my bid to become your Dewey Beach Commissioner. On the reverse, you will find my biography which includes being an almost 20 year property owner, full-time Dewey resident, former Town Commissioner for 6 years and presently a member of three town committees (Planning, Audit, and Marketing). While consistently donating my time and efforts on behalf of Dewey Beach, the environment and local civic organizations, I'm still able to find time to enjoy my two sons and five grandchildren.

Through volunteer efforts and as a regular attendee of Council and Committee meetings, I have compiled a thorough working knowledge of Dewey Beach issues, operations and administration. My committee appointments have come with the full support and endorsements of the current Mayor and Council. Although our views may sometimes differ, we are able to respectfully debate our positions.

Originally, after speaking with Commissioner Riordan, my thought was to run for office in September of 2016. During the past few weeks, both Mayor Diane Hanson and Commissioner Anna Legates have been instrumental in convincing me this year would be a good time, for our community and for me, to run for a Town Commissioner seat.

- The town has improved its financial position and its relationship with homeowners and businesses. We should continue down that path, along with a renewed and increased commitment to complete transparency in all government actions. Completely open government should always be our hallmark!
- Once there is a final ruling on the process of the town property purchase, we should quickly move forward with a volunteer, property owner group to advise the town on the various uses available for that parcel.
- With the full and open input from property owners, the town should investigate a less expensive, town-wide trash company with improved services.
- During this period of a positive economy, as the town continues to receive enlarged amounts of transfer tax and building permit fees, we should be increasing the restricted/set aside funds for future needs - while fully funding our town employee needs and still demanding compliance with the Commissioner approved town budget.
- The Town Commissioners should fully commit to more civil, organized and cooperative town meetings and a working relationship with all constituencies. Four and five hour town meetings are ludicrous, inefficient, diminish public participation and interest – and are just plain boring. I promise to push for shorter, more productive meetings, with a more disciplined effort by Commissioners and public attendees alike. All should have the right to be heard on important issues; but, no Commissioner or member of the public should be allowed to dominate or disrupt meetings. We have the ability and talent to resolve our own town issues – not the lawyers and courts.

My commitment to you is to always do what is best for the entire town and not just for one specific constituency. **Policy will always trump politics.**

Thanks for taking your valuable time to read this letter. I am always available to answer any questions you may have. I want and need your vote on Election Day, September 19, 2015.

Respectfully,

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