



Dell Tush for Dewey Beach Commissioner



WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO VOTE FOR DELL TUSH FOR COMMISSIONER ON SEPTEMBER 19

DEWEY GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- I worked with the Chamber to bring Movies & Bonfires to Dewey Beach for the FIRST TIME marking a turning point for a more family friendly Dewey. Beach movies continue to be enjoyed by all today
- Worked to draft the first Comprehensive Plan for Dewey as required by the State
- Worked to promote sound fiscal management and a balanced budget without a property tax
- Completed all Emergency Operations Training and qualified to be Incident Commander for Dewey Beach
- Served 4 years on Dewey Beach Town Council, 3 years as mayor
- Protected the voting rights for non-residents by appointment to the State committee that drafted State voting regulations

RELATED GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Completed extensive municipal training of all classes offered by the Institute of Public Administration
- President of Sussex County Association of Towns
- Member of the Legislative Board of Delaware League of Local Governments
- Member of the Treasury working group initiated by former State Treasurer Jack Markell, now Governor
- Protected beach replenishment as a Member of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association
- Board member Center for the Inland Bays
- Member of Sussex County Redevelopment Committee bringing businesses and jobs to our area
- Served on several national committees, National League of Cities

BIOGRAPHY

Married 45 years to Larry Tush with 1 daughter, 2 sons, and 4 granddaughters. 45 year involvement with Dewey Beach having honeymooned in the house we now own. Moved to Dewey full time in 2004. Business owner with three rental licenses in Dewey. Took the oath of office seriously when I pledged to place the public interest first. Served on Dewey council with honesty, integrity, strong morals and work ethic. Will work hard to maintain a fair balanced approach to promote the town and to protect its character and quaintness. Pledge to uphold the requirement of the Town Charter and uniform enforcement of our present Code.

MY CONCERNS IN DEWEY BEACH AND MY PLANS TO MAKE IT BETTER:

Transparency: Open and honest government creates trust. Too many things are done without public knowledge and behind closed doors... The Freedom of Information Act sets guidelines for government actions. We can do better informing the public of council's intentions. We need shorter more efficient town meetings. **Important issues absolutely need to go to referendum**

Expired Town Official Contracts: Contracts need to be in place. The town manager's contract expired February 2015 and our Chief of Police contract expired December of 2014. Working without contracts promotes liability.

Budget Committee: Reinstate budget & finance committee to ensure financial oversight by property owners. The budget committee was disbanded under the current administration. Re-instating the budget committee which is in place in most Delaware towns would be a WIN-WIN for the Town. Grant money is available but not being applied for.

Constitutional Rights/Inspections: I filed a complaint with the ACLU to protect YOUR constitutional rights of privacy because ordinance 423 (enacted 2000) and the license application violates the Constitution by allowing unwarranted inspections. The town has been told by the ACLU the ordinance is illegal and they must rescind and remove it from the rental application. As your commissioner, I will work to ensure your rights are always protected and that applications and our town code are compliant with federal and state laws.

Investment Policy: My record indicates a very conservative approach to investing public monies. I believe the current investment policy is too aggressive, as reported this year by the Audit Committee and audit firm. Management of investments needs to stay within the State.

Town Flooding: I support a comprehensive approach to dealing with flooding on the entire bayside not a piece meal approach to this problem. I will work with federal, state and county legislators on your behalf.

PLEASE VOTE FOR DELL TUSH BY ABSENTEE BALLOT OR ON SEPTEMBER 19

You can reach me at 302-270-2894 or email at delltush@votedelltush.com. I want to hear from you with your ideas and concerns. For a yard sign or to make a donation please call or email me.

I am proud to have received the following endorsements:

Commissioner Courtney Riordan
Commissioner Anna, Legates

Commissioner Gary Mauler
P. Brooks Banta, Former Dewey Commissioner and long time property owner