

## **Support Aileen Rohr for Hyde Park supervisor**

On the last Thursday of September, I attended a Hyde Park Chamber breakfast that was supposed to feature Supervisor Aileen Rohr and her opponent presenting their visions for the future of our town.

Rohr had clearly prepared ahead of time and with a six-year record of strong fiscal management while attending to everyday neighborhood issues such as street lights, road repairs and derelict properties, she spent much of her time detailing the "downtown initiative." Rohr linked the pedestrian improvements nearing completion with next year's plan to create a commercial sewer district as the best way for Hyde Parkers to get the restaurants, shops and variety of businesses they want.

But when her opponent Bill Truitt had his 15 minutes, he said he hadn't understood the purpose of the breakfast and wasn't prepared. He offered bits about his background as a former Hyde Park policeman. Instead of telling us why he was running or what he would like to see done differently by town government, he said he agreed that the current efforts to transform Route 9 were good, but that people not in the adjacent neighborhood were therefore being ignored.

This election is not a popularity contest, but a serious race about Hyde Park's future. Rohr has investigated countless complaints in all corners of our town, and it should be noted that sewers will expand our commercial tax base. This would help every taxpayer in Hyde Park.

This November, I am voting for experience. Rohr deserves another term.

**Carol Gershowitz**

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