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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chris Gittins

By Heather Black & Mark Bailey

We are writing to express our wholehearted support for [Chris Gittins](#) as a candidate for selectman in Bedford's town election on Saturday, March 9th. As residents of Bedford for the past 14 years and parents of young children growing up in this wonderful town, we care deeply about where Bedford is and where it goes from here, particularly as it comes to supporting the needs of residents as the town continues to grow and change. We feel very strongly that Chris can and will be a tireless advocate for these needs.

We have known Chris since 2012, when our children attended the same cooperative preschool, and also as fellow parishioners at First Parish in Bedford. We have seen his dedication and passion for community and family in action firsthand, and his skill in not only identifying a need, but doing everything in his power to fill that need, whether it's building a garden at a preschool, facilitating productive conversations about challenging topics involving highly diverse opinions, walking the walk on sustainability, or making an emergency delivery of milkweed leaves to our home to feed our very hungry monarch caterpillar.

Chris is forthright and principled. He has deep roots in this community, and a clear vision that spans the town's evolution from rural to suburban, and builds on Bedford's strong foundation to ensure that a safe, welcoming, healthy, sustainable town is accessible for all residents. A devoted father and scientist, Chris is both bold and pragmatic. We could never imagine him closing his ears, or his heart, to any perspective in a discussion.

The coming years will bring big opportunities and challenges in the areas of community, climate, and connectivity in our beloved town. We trust Chris to bring nuance where needed, decisiveness where demanded, and integrity always.

We encourage you to learn more about Chris at <http://www.chrisgittins.org> and at <https://www.facebook.com/chrisgittinsbedford/> and to give him your vote on March 9th, or via absentee ballot beforehand.