

Meredith McCulloch



Meredith's life-long interests have been good government and the quality journalism required to support it. When she moved to Bedford in 1968, she immediately joined the League of Women Voters of Bedford. She grew in the south under a county government system, but through the Bedford League learned about Town Meeting form of government and established many long-term friendships. She served as President of the League from 1978 to 1980.

Meredith earned a bachelor degree from West Virginian Wesleyan College and a Masters in Library Science from Simmons College. After moving to Bedford she volunteered at the Bedford Free Public Library and then worked as a part-time reference librarian. In 1979 she became Assistant Director and then Library Director from 1991 to 2005. Both her love of libraries and journalism draw on a commitment to First Amendments rights and to the importance of information in a democracy. These values were paramount when she agreed to join Kim Siebert and Julie McCay Turner to found *The Bedford Citizen* in 2012. Meredith believes that citizen participation is essential to the quality of life in Bedford. Her hope is that as citizens become more informed about town government they will be motivated to serve as town volunteers and to attend Town Meeting.

Meredith and her husband John raised four children in Bedford. John was a Selectman for 9 years after serving on the Capital Expenditures Committee and the Finance Committee. After retirement, Meredith's interest in the town continued, and she served on Finance Committee for one term before founding the Citizen. She and John traveled frequently until John's death in 2016.