

MEET MYRNA

I had a lovely interview with Cedarhurst's First Female Board of Trustee Nominee, Myrna Zisman. Upon meeting her, you feel her vibrant energy, her unique joie de vivre...it is quite catchy.

What struck me at first was the passion with which she talked about her newly adopted Village, Cedarhurst. Myrna has been living in Cedarhurst for five years, but she talks like an old timer about the joys of waking up surrounded by beautiful trees and lawns and her beautiful children, grandchildren and great granddaughter who live in the Five Towns as well. These were her impetus to pull up her long time stakes in Brooklyn, where she had been active in the community, and move here.

Myrna started her community work as a New York State Committee Woman, 41st Assembly District in Brooklyn. She is the Co-founder of the WINPAC, the Women's Pro-Israel National Political Action Committee. She has worked with Mayor Ed Koch and for Mayor Rudy Giuliani's campaigns and Governor George Pataki's first campaign.

Now that Myrna moved to the Five Towns to be with her family, I thought she might want to slow down a bit and enjoy the serenity. To the contrary, rather than sit on her laurels and enjoy the serenity, she decided she wanted to represent her new community and participate in its growth. She met Mayor Parise to discuss the community and her desire to get involved. They were in heated agreement about how to allow, nee encourage, the community to grow while keeping its quaint feel.

Myrna's first position in Cedarhurst was on the Zoning Board, where she worked with the Board to ensure that the homes and stores that were being built and renovated kept within the feel of the community.

Now, in her new position on the Board of Trustees, she hopes to work with Mayor Parise and the Board to unite the different factions of the community, the old-timers with the new. She is at Village Hall often wanting to meet and greet the Village residents. She listens to them and hears them, and is sad so often at the bad feelings that are engendered by residents toward their neighbors. Her warmth to all is what will ensure her success in bringing the community together.

There is one message that she feels is important to convey to Cedarhurst Residents, 'YOU MUST VOTE'. If taxes are to remain low in Cedarhurst, we need the help of private funding from sponsors and corporations and from the larger government bodies, like Nassau County, New York State and the Federal Government. To get this public funding the Cedarhurst residents must be heard, and that means that they have to vote to show their support for the local government and its policies, VOTES TALK. Asked what Cedarhurst needs, she replied, "involved citizens."

Myrna is truly a great new asset for Cedarhurst and the Five Towns, we wish her great luck in her endeavors on behalf of the community and wish her well.