

ESNA November 1 Meeting at Capital One on Harrison Avenue

John Keith (Candidate for Register of Deeds)

Campaign notes taken from John Keith's website for why he's running:

I am running for Suffolk County Register of Deeds because this position should be held by someone who has the knowledge and experience to successfully perform the requirements of the job. As a real estate broker for the past fourteen years, I've been involved with the deeds office on a regular basis, and visit its website, daily. My experience makes me the most-qualified person for this position.

For too long, county register of deeds jobs have been seen as political offices that exist purely for personal gain. In reality, the role is an important and necessary one. Of any elected office, this job should go to someone based on what he or she knows, not who she or he knows.

I am a non-party independent candidate - like the majority of Massachusetts voters, I am not a member of the Democrat or Republican party. My responsibility and loyalty is to the voters and residents of Suffolk County, and I would work on their behalf to bring respect and honor to the job of Register of Deeds.

During my time in office, I will:

- Modernize the Registry's website
- Improve the accuracy of the Registry's data by establishing and enforcing standards;
- Increase the amount of detailed information available on the Deeds website, and allow for easier searching of data (for example, by building an API);
- Index records going back to 1970, and digitize records perhaps back to Colonial days;
- Audit the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds office for inefficiencies;
- Increase cooperation between Mass counties, and assist the other counties in improving their electronic / Internet-accessible records;
- Plan / Prepare for a non-register and/or non-county registry future; and,
- Analyze historic records for trends and provide this information to residents and the general public

Richard Gordon (The Buttery)

- One of two owners
- Two locations, Clarendon Street and Shawmut Ave.
- First opened South End location 11 years ago
- The Buttery: reliable English neighborhood homemade pastries and coffee
- Good salads and sandwich: everyday fare
- Later liquor license and restaurant
- Moved in 2008
- Seasonal offerings, change based on produce timing
- Thanksgiving menu: Turkeys included
- Make the full meal
- Seasonal menus: 4 - 5 times a year it changes

- Major renovation of restaurant and café in January
- Clarendon added: Takeout market
- Expansion next door to prepared foods and take out market
- Full restaurant downstairs
- Downstairs will be open during the renovation
- Corporate catering: noted on website
- Events, they do cater
- 80% of their business is on premise
- 20% catering
- Breakfast for 200 people is manageable
- Chef will go to house in certain catering opportunities
- Community philanthropy: Animal rescue support % of sales to Animal Rescue League
- Community philanthropy: AIDS action support

Polka Dog

Rob (owner) & Indigo (store manager)

- Shawmut 2002 first opened
- South End company considered, Flagship store
- Recent renovation complete and received well by community
- New store in the North End just opened
- Manufacture their own treats
- Cod skins - newest treat in popular demand
- Sell products all over the USA, big sales in California and also big in South East
- List all stores, South End, Jamaica Plain, Chestnut Hill, Lynnfield and now the North End
- Seasonal stuff, dress the store up, check out their Christmas themed stores
- Raffles in support of Animal Rescue League
- Love to participate in neighborhood events: Holiday stroll: Blackstone, Block party in support of Peters Park dog run, etc.
- 57 Salem Street new store location

Trustees: Peter Bowne

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DiPierro Construction

Adding a dormer at the back of 47 Dwight Street with Landmarks approval. Requesting ESNA approval to pass the permitting process.

- Landmarks approved the project on August 2nd
- Not going out any further than bricks
- Two to four windows
- Application to ZBA in Spring of 2017
- Vote of non-opposition recorded contingent on letters of support from abutters

Watson Park

- 20 yellow twig and red dogwoods
- Sunday Nov 6, the planting, 10am
- Soaker hose
- 400 daffodil bulbs
- Actively collecting donations for friends of Watson Park
- Member for \$25
- 501c3 designation
- Don contribution
- Garden tour next year?

- Dogs on the path
- Friends of Watson Park site, linked from Eight Streets website

Peters Park

- Dog refurbishment complete and received well by community users as a big success.
- 2017 project for park will be focused on improvements outside of dog run area, 250K + is sitting with City Parks department. There is a sub-committee formed between Old Dover and Peters Park to come up with ideas on how to spend the money wisely.

Ringgold Park

- Halloween Party, Waltham was a big success
- Nov 19, official clean up, Boston Shines
- Park is in good shape

Berkeley Gardens

- Annual cleanup happened this past weekend (early Nov)
- 132 plots
- 97 participants
- Snow plow company hired this year to clear Berkley street walkway
- Private park, shoveling is our responsibility

Plans for November & December

- Boston Shines November 19th
- December meeting: Social at the Eagle, Dec 13
- 245 Shawmut incident - send a card of sympathy on behalf of the community