

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

July 5, 2021

It has been an honor to serve as your First Selectman for the past twelve years.

Much has been accomplished due to the fine work of our Town and School employees, our Volunteer Boards and Commissions, and our supportive Townspeople.

Looking back, we completed a major renovation of the school, upgraded the center of Town, and added to our Parks and Trails.

The Financial Condition of our Town has been upgraded twice by Moody's Investment Service. Our Bond Rating of As2 is often the highest rating a small town can achieve.

The Bicentennial Year was a wonderful year of celebration, with activities provided by many dedicated volunteers. Shortly after our Bicentennial Year ended, we entered the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Our townspeople again joined together and persevered through this difficult year. Many kind residents delivered food to those in need. Others provided funds to assist those negatively impacted by the Pandemic. Employees and volunteers quickly adjusted to carry out their required duties.

The Town of Salem is a wonderful small New England town. We have many dedicated individuals serving our Town. Many more are willing to serve.

In closing, I will not be seeking a seventh term as First Selectman. It has been an honor to serve you and your families over the past twelve years.

Most Respectfully,

Kevin T. Lyden,

First Selectman