

# LIZ LINDER

♦ FOR SELECT BOARD ♦

LEADERSHIP THAT LISTENS

Thank you to BrooklineCAN and the Livable Communities Advocacy Committee for the opportunity to introduce myself.

For the past twenty years, I've lived in a four-story walk-up in Brookline Village. **I built a successful creative business** down the street, based on a passion for visual communication and the power of connecting and collaborating with others. **I've spent decades serving a wide range of clients** which has given me a window into a variety of industries, institutions, and individual stories.

My parents were strong role models. My mother: kind, smart, supportive, and curious about everyone she met. My father emigrated to the United States following World War II. A child survivor of the Holocaust, he taught me the value of optimism. He encouraged me to be independent and resourceful, and to balance confidence with humility. I was fortunate to have close relationships with my grandparents, who lived into their eighties and nineties—the oldest until almost 107 (after 102, she noted she was tired)! My sister, an educator and artist, has a tight-knit, diverse family and hosts my parents in an intergenerational living situation in her home.



**I'm committed to keeping issues around aging front and center, especially as it relates to independence, affordability, mobility, and community.** Aging in place is of particular importance, given the limited options available to older adults. I support balancing Local Preference to give older members of our community greater options to remain in Brookline, and I'm invested in maintaining and expanding programs at the Senior Center.

**We need to respect and serve community members—especially older adults, who comprise a significant and growing proportion of the town's population and are in many ways more vulnerable to rising costs because of fixed incomes and additional needs.**

A Town Meeting Member for Precinct 4, I've served on Town committees for multiple projects involving residential and commercial development and transportation. **My introduction to town government was on the Kent / Station Street Affordable Senior Housing initiative.** My committee involvement included initial studies, building the Request For Proposal and selecting a developer. I currently serve on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee which is developing a community-supported vision and plan for Brookline.

My work with organizations such as the Brookline Community Foundation, Brookline Housing Authority, Arts Brookline, and the Brookline Public Library's *Read to a Dog* program has connected me to the vibrant fabric of our town. Enso the Goldendoodle and I will be visiting the Senior Center on select Monday mornings as part of *FriendshipWorks*.

As a member of the Select Board, I will prioritize thoughtful, sustainable, and fiscally sound decision-making to guide and shape support for older adults in our municipality.

My priorities include:

**Financial Accountability:** Balance fiscal priorities to address needs of the municipality for vital public services and schools for high-quality education; and support commercial development to reduce the tax burden on renters, homeowners and those wanting to age in place.

**Housing:** As part of the comprehensive planning process, address a range of community-supported housing, including options for older adults, families, and young professionals, with a focus on long-term affordability.

**Climate & Sustainability:** Enable electrification across municipal, commercial, and residential sectors; protect natural resources by expanding the tree canopy and green spaces; and upgrade our infrastructure to withstand extreme weather.

**Transportation & Mobility:** Support safe use of our roadways by all users including pedestrian and senior-friendly pathways; traffic calming measures, and parking policies that serve all members of our community.

I am endorsed by more than 100 community leaders and residents. Among them are:

- **Bernard Greene** – Chair, Select Board
- **Betsy Pollock** - President, Brookline Senior Center Foundation Board of Directors
- **Roger Blood** – Chair, Affordable Housing Advisory Board
- **Rita McNally** – Member, Affordable Housing Advisory Board

My campaign is about listening, collaborating, and getting things done.

I want to hear your thoughts, concerns, and hopes for Brookline's future. Please feel free to reach out to me at [liz@lizlinder4brookline.org](mailto:liz@lizlinder4brookline.org).

For information on my campaign and priorities, visit [www.lizlinder4brookline.org](http://www.lizlinder4brookline.org).

I look forward to earning your support and your vote.

With appreciation,



Liz Linder



Enso at Read to a Dog! program