**Meet the 2022 Trustee Candidates for The Community Library Trustee Election**

**Five Year Term**

Incumbent, **Janet Sand** moved to Cobleskill 50 years ago because she and her husband felt it would be a good place to raise our family. Janet got her Masters in Developmental Reading and taught in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District for over 25 years. When Janet retired she joined The Community Library board of Trustees. Janet was board president during the first renovation of the library and is now working on the renovation of the annex. Janet would like to see this renovation through completion and bring this new updated facility to the communities it serves.

**OR**

**Pete Lindemann** lives in Cobleskill with his wife Eileen. They were married in 1986 and have two children together. From Eileen’s previous marriage, they have three more, plus three grandchildren. Pete was born in Syracuse and grew up in Colonie. He graduated from Colonie High School in 1976 and Cornell University in 1980 - where he played football - with a BA in English. He moved to Schoharie County in 1986 when he married Eileen. Pete worked for the Human Resources Department of the New York State Assembly in Albany for 33 years, retiring in 2017. For the past four years he has worked as a proofreader and historian for the Times Journal. “Our library should be the cultural center of the county,” Pete said. “I look at other libraries, like Guilderland’s for example, with its overflow parking lot, and I know we can do the same thing here. The library expansion will double the size of the library and I want to be part of making sure the community has a place at the table.”

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**Rebecca Leggieri** lives in Richmondville with her husband. Richmondville became the family’s future home in 2018 and permanent in 2020. A Schenectady native, she graduated from Saint Lawrence University with a bachelor’s degree and American University with a master’s degree. After college commissioned with the Army Reserve and was a high school teacher in upstate New York before transitioning to active duty. After 22 years in the Army, Rebecca served for a decade on the United States House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense as Staff Director. Rebecca was responsible for drafting the annual defense appropriations bill, guiding the legislation through the Committee process, to the House Floor and eventually enactment into law. Additionally, she was responsible for oversight of Department of Defense spending of approximately $700 billion. Ensuring defense organizations and agencies efficiently spent taxpayer dollars will assist her as a trustee with annual budgets and efficient expenditures of local taxpayer dollars. As Army Team Chief of Community Relations, she worked with public and veteran organizations and learned the importance of listening to external organizations. As Library Trustee, she’ll seek community input about the library and its services. Serving with the Friends of the Library inspired her to ensure our Community Library continues connections between our community institutions and the community it serves. As a trustee, Rebecca will work to increase partnerships and sources of funding for existing and new programs, and work with staff to use technology to reach new readers and help existing ones to return again and again. Rebecca currently serves with the Schoharie County Trail Association, Literacy New York and the Citizens’ Budget Committee for the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District.

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**Leo McAllister**. Background not available at this time.