

Jeffrey (Jeff) Johnson

Jeffrey L. “Jeff” Johnson, Jr., 47, a homegrown Williamstown man, has thrown his hat in the ring, hoping to land the open three-year seat on the Town’s Select Board in the May 11th election. Johnson, currently serving on the Town’s Diversity, Inclusion and Racial Equity (DIRE) Committee, sees this as an opportunity to make a difference in the quality of town governance and in the fabric of the lives of his neighbors.

“I love and appreciate this town, and to me, that means I have an obligation to serve to the best of my abilities,” Johnson said. He brings passion to his ambitious platform for the three-year commitment:

- Listening to all voices in town to identify common ground and to encourage participation when it comes to the operation of town government;
- Establishing forums for safe, respectful, public dialogue to generate productive ideas from our greatest resource: OUR CITIZENS;
- Listening to everyone willing to speak up, and to bring forward the ideas of those who may be afraid to speak up — we need everyone’s voice for this to be OUR town;
- Continuing the expansion of accessible, affordable housing in Williamstown to enable those who work in lower and middle-income jobs to live where they work; and,
- Restoring residents’ confidence and trust that Williamstown is a safe, healthy and welcoming place to live.

Johnson, who grew up in Williamstown, has been married to his wife, Jessica, for 15 years. They are proud to be raising their daughter and son here: Jayden, 18, and Jeffrey, 14, both of whom attend Mt. Greylock. Johnson attended Williamstown Elementary and Mt. Greylock schools and earned a B.A. in sociology with a minor in religion from Middlebury College. Johnson currently works as a service coordinator supervisor in the Pittsfield/North Adams office at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Department of Developmental Services, where he has been a fixture for 14 years. Prior to that, Johnson served on the Board of Ecu-Health Care Berkshire North.

Growing up locally, Johnson was known for his involvement in youth sports in Berkshire County, having participated in the GYBA Boys and Girls Travel Basketball and Lanesborough Tiger’s Youth Football teams. Johnson’s extended family also resides in town, with some having held positions at the Williamstown Police Department and at Williams College.

More information on Johnson, including his positions on many important local issues, can be found [on his website](#).