

Laramie Silber for Lebanon Township Committee

I was born and raised in Lebanon Township, living still on the Musconetcong River side of the community. A proud former student of Raritan Valley Community College, I transferred and completed my BA in Oregon, where I sent in my absentee ballots without fail and downloaded the minutes of municipal meetings.

My professional background in nonprofit project management and event production gives me a keen understanding of how to get big things accomplished while keeping costs low. It has also taught me the vital importance of coalitions — not only within our Township but also working cooperatively with other small municipalities will avoid our reinventing the wheel for every challenge and secure a louder collective voice with the state.

I ran for Committee in 2017 and going door-to-door, talking with residents about their concerns, was an incredibly rewarding and enlightening experience. So, why am I running now? Now is a global pandemic, now is the biggest protests since the 1960s (and perhaps ever). Now is hard, but it is also an opportunity. People are open to new ways of doing things. Maybe there is finally space for movement on long-entrenched challenges like the property tax burden and increasing meaningful community engagement. Ideas that seemed fringe just a few months ago, like meetings and education online, and accessible healthcare, now look like necessities.

I am committed to working with our citizens to tackle the large projects facing Lebanon Township. The issues that unite us are strong and only by working together across divisions can we keep our community thriving. I invite you to join me and cast your vote on November 3rd!