

# SAM OLMSTEAD

## Northfield, CT

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

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Region 20 represents a singular opportunity to strengthen our community, benefiting our town's children and, by extension, all of us. The recent referendum was not the end, but rather, the beginning of the work required to build a world-class school district for our community. I am seeking election to the Region 20 Board of Education because I feel I have something to contribute to that work. I am a lifelong resident of our community. My four children are current and former Litchfield Public School students, and two of them will have the opportunity to attend Region 20 as high schoolers. As a parent, neighbor, volunteer, and town board member, I have built the personal connections and knowledge I believe are needed for Region 20 to be successful at the very highest level.

### EXPERIENCE

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#### Volunteering

*Litchfield Soccer Club/Litchfield Hills FC – coach, Director, Secretary, 13 years*

Coached boys and girls from all four Region 20 towns from Pre-K to competitive high school soccer. Developed relationships with players and parents fostering a strong sense of belonging and shared identity. Served as a Director and Secretary for the Club board, working collaboratively with other parent volunteers from Litchfield, Goshen and Morris to provide quality athletic opportunities for all children.

*Litchfield Park & Recreation/Litchfield Hills Youth Basketball – coach, 10 years.*

Coached boys and girls from all four Region 20 towns from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Helped lead formation of the Litchfield Hills Youth Basketball concept, fostering a sense of belonging and shared identity for players from multiple towns.

#### *Additional Volunteering/Community Service*

Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader; assisted with programs for Daisy/Brownie Girl Scouts; in/after school programs, particularly STEM related

#### Town Boards and Committees

*Town Facilities Review Committee – Chair, 2020-2022*

Chaired the Committee charged with evaluating Town facilities and recommending future potential uses. Conducted extensive public outreach regarding the Committee's mission, interacting with groups and individuals with an interest in the Committee's work. Responsible for providing leadership, developing and posting agendas, and maintaining a collegial and productive dialog among committee members. The Committee delivered its' final report to the Board of Selectmen in June 2022.

*Litchfield Board of Finance, Alternate Member, 2021-2022*

Elected as Alternate member of the Litchfield Board of Finance in November 2021. Participated in 2022 Town and Board of Education budget cycle, including review of proposed budgets, Q&A with town and BoE officials, discussion of adds/reductions, etc.

**Professional Experience**

*Yale University, 19 years*

Multiple roles in Engineering and Facilities Management, most recently as Director of Facilities Operations. Responsible for 600-person operating unit with \$240MM annual budget. Skilled and experienced in budgeting and forecasting, labor/management relations, facilities planning and capital renewal, energy and indoor air quality standards for classrooms and educational settings, and operations and maintenance of plant and equipment. Comfortable leading multi-disciplinary groups of technical professionals and trade staff, ensuring a sense of purpose and belonging.

**EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

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Litchfield High School, Class of 1994

The University of Connecticut, B.S. in Chemical Engineering, 1998

Registered Professional Engineer in Connecticut