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To The Editor:

I met Kim Hawes when our children attended Andover Elementary together. It was a while before I realized that this quiet woman was a backbones of our community. Kim helps out wherever she can. If your child played basketball, you know Kim. If you've interacted with the Community Emergency Response Team, you know Kim. If you've gotten involved with the Commission on Aging, you know Kim. If you've needed a Justice of the Peace, you may have met Kim. And of course, if you've had dealings with the Fire Department, you know Kim.

As an EMT with the Andover Volunteer Fire Department, Kim has observed the commitment and dedication of our volunteers. She would like to ensure our firefighters and EMT's have the resources and training necessary to continue to protect and serve our community.

I met Mark Williams years ago, when he helped me out of a jam, and then another, and another. I know him for a compassionate man, and an extremely competent one. I have two fantastic memories of Mark. One has him standing by himself, hat off, over the grave of a recently-buried animal. He stood quietly, praying for the pet of a family he didn't even know.

The other memory involved a local woman having a breakdown and causing a ruckus bad enough to require police involvement. As a friend of the family, I was trying to help, but we weren't able to get through. Mark was there as part of the emergency response team. He was the one able to respectfully calm her down and get her to agree to the necessary ambulance ride.

Kim's commitment. Mark's compassion. The competence of both of them. These qualities will make them excellent Fire Commissioners. Please vote for Kim Hawes and Mark Williams for Andover's Fire Commission.

Sincerely,

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