

Ellen White, Nottingham's New Town Administrator

Meet Our New Town Administrator

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On Monday, March 20, 2023, Ellen White officially becomes Nottingham's New Town Administrator (TA). As White notes "that is the first day of Spring". How timely could be! With that in mind, I sat down with Ellen White on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 5 PM at the Blaisdell Memorial Library. For her photograph, she stood in front of the library's centerpiece stained glass window created by <u>Susan Medeiros</u> with its 8 song birds which nearly captures the spirit of the season of new beginnings and her taking office.

She began with interview by saying "how excited she is to be working in Nottingham". She expressed her enthusiasm for the position by saying, "I like challenges with many moving parts". Her decision to come here was based our location. She and her husband, Ed, of 20 years marriage, have 2 children, a son and younger daughter, Natalie. Her son, Hayden, this September will start as a freshmen St. Thomas Aquinas in Dover. Hence, the significance of where Nottingham is situated. She adds by presently living in Effingham, that she does, one must drive long distances to get anything or to do anything.

Her background offers her significance expertise for new job in several ways. First, she obtained an Associate's Degree in assessing and accounting from McIntosh College. She loves solving problems and enjoys accounting. Then she worked for a major business in Ossipee with many facets as well as developing her own accounting firm. She believes that "a town should be run as business". She moved into assessing job for the town of Ossipee and eventually became its TA from 2013 to 2019. Next, she moved to become Freedom's TA from 2019-2023. All great preparation for her job here.

She describes her management style as adaptable with an "open door policy". She has been doing her homework by Zooming in on the town's <u>2023 Deliberative Session</u> and watching videos of the Select Board's meetings, In the interview, she was engaged and energized.

Ellen White welcome to Nottingham!