

Water Committee Statement of Qualifications / Interests

John Sem

My name is John Sem and I am running for a position on the Lake Limerick Water Committee. My education experience is a business degree with a core concentration in Business Management from the University of Washington Milgard School of Business.

My work experience includes 13 years of service to our country in the United States Army. The time I spent in the military was essential in developing a great attention to detail and a sense of moral and ethical courage that is beyond reproach. I was a Tax Specialist for the State of Washington for ten years then worked for the City of Shelton as a Staff Accountant. In these two positions filed liens, submitted all grant billing for the city, ran the city's B&O Tax program, audited and ensured the accountability of both City and State resources. I was also a Staff Accountant for a company in Olympia where I performed all book keeping activities (for the three restaurants they owned) and was involved with the physical accountability of their assets.

Lake Limerick Water Department needs strong and ethical leadership to pave the way for our future. Open and honest dialogue with community members about the state of our water system and operation is a must. I feel this is something that has been subverted for years now. Just like our committee members we must insure the employees are qualified when we hire them. Common sense must be exercised when making decisions. Having a study done by an outside firm and not following their recommendations is one example of how our Water Committee has failed us.