

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

On behalf of Damariscotta's Board of Selectmen, it is my pleasure to welcome our recently elected selectman, David Atwater, to the Board. As many in the community know, David has well served our town as the Damariscotta Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) Chairman for the past two years. As DPAC's first Chairman, he was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the Committee and its early successes.

In light of his new position as a selectman, he has stepped down as DPAC Chairman. I would like to thank David for his time and hard work to establish an organization and build a team that has been extremely helpful to the town's planning process.

David has left DPAC in the very capable hands of its new Chairman, Steven Hufnagel, who was formerly DPAC's Vice Chair. Damariscotta

resident Robin Mayer has been voted in to take Steven's place as Vice Chair.

The coming months will be especially busy for DPAC, which will be conducting several community meetings as part of its Heart and Soul program. The first meeting will be held on Sept. 22 at the Round Top Barn beginning at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will introduce a planning process termed "charrette" to the community.

I hope that all who live, work, or do business in Damariscotta will come to the meeting to learn about this intensive process and to share your ideas and vision for Damariscotta's future.

The charrette itself will take place from Oct. 22-26, again at the Round Top Barn. You can learn more about these meetings and DPAC's Heart and Soul program at www.damariscottame.com.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in planning Damariscotta's future and wish to become a member of DPAC, please contact any selectman or the town manager. We are always looking for motivated people to help us plan a better future for our town.