

# Official to run for selectboard

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**SOUTH HADLEY** – Robert G. Judge, the aide to state Rep. John W. Scibak, D-South Hadley, has announced his candidacy for a seat on the South Hadley Selectboard in the April 7 town election.

He will face competition from Selectmen Richard A. Constant and Carlene C. Hamlin in a three-way race for two seats on the board.

Judge made the announcement in a press release issued yesterday. If elected, he said, he hopes to promote wise economic development, improve the structure of town government, and protect the town's neighborhoods, open space and history.

Judge, 56, said that his experience in town affairs would help him to contribute immediately to the board.

He is chairman of the Historical Commission, past chairman of the Personnel Board, and a previous associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He is also a member of Know Your Town and a Town Meeting member. The candidate has been the legislative aide to Scibak since 2003.

In that capacity, he serves as a member of the Board of the Council of Service Agencies and the Title III Advisory Council of Highland Valley Elder Services.

Judge previously worked for more than 20 years in human resources in organizations in Massachusetts, New York, and Connecticut. He was twice certified as a Senior Professional Human Resources Professional by the Human Resources Accreditation Institute in Alexandria, Va. A 1974 graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and 1969 graduate of South Hadley High School, Judge lives at 180 North Main St. with his wife of 23 years, Brenda Mathieu.

He stated he decided to run because the town will face challenges in the next three years and he wants to help meet them, citing the hiring of a town administrator as one. He noted the April 7 ballot contains questions about whether to adopt the Community Preservation Act and whether to form a charter commission to investigate changing the town's form of government.

Judge stated he wants the town to provide more and better information to residents.

The candidate has taped a program with residents that is now showing on South Hadley Community Television Channel 15. He encourages residents to contact him with comments and suggestions at 413-532-5792, through e-mail at [BobJudge@BobJudge.com](mailto:BobJudge@BobJudge.com), or through his Web site at [www.BobJudge.com](http://www.BobJudge.com)