



## About Kathryn Hankins

*Kathryn Hankins wants to engage all residents in improving our community. She has earned a reputation as a dedicated advocate for youth and adults with disabilities and their families, and has helped to strengthen supports and services to increase their independence and self sufficiency.*

*She has an in-depth knowledge of public policy, town law*

### **Personal and Education:**

- Life long resident in upstate New York Grew up in Auburn, New York
- She has been a Rush resident for more than 23 years, and lives with her husband, Lee. She has two adult children and 3 grandchildren.
- She is a graduate of the University of Rochester.
- National Association of Homebuilders Certified Graduate Homebuilder and Certified Aging in Place Specialist.
- Americans with Disabilities Act Trainer and Consultant
- Certified Workforce Incentives Social Security Benefit Specialist

**Knowledge and wide range of experience** in NYS town and land use law; zoning regulations, environmental regulations; and development of effective public policy, comprehensive and strategic plans designed to protect our natural resources and promote effective conservation, small farm preservation, and appropriate commercial development in the upstate Finger Lakes region.

**30+ yrs. work experience as a disability rights advocate in NYS;** including 5+ years as Executive Director of the NYS Disabilities Advocacy Association and Network; 18 years Associate Executive Director of LDA Life and Learning Services (Learning Disabilities Association of the Genesee Valley) 9 years as Administrative Manager for the Health Association.

**25+ yrs. nonprofit Executive;** experience with strong experience based in fund-accounting, budget and grant development and management, strategic business plans, and evaluation and assessment.

**20 yrs. Small Business Manager:** She has a wide range of experience in managing a small business and fully appreciates the challenges and demands that small business owners face. Our small business community helps ensure our diversity as a community and is an important part of our character as a small rural town.

She will be very supportive of business owners who operate small businesses in our community, and will work closely with them and residents to ensure we have a supportive, productive climate that helps attract and maintain small business.

**Volunteer and Board Experience:**

- Past Trustee of Rush Library
- Rush Lions Club Member
- Board Member Learning Disabilities Association of NYS
- Board Member, Owasco Lake Watershed Association, Land-use Committee Chairperson
- Board Member and Member of Public Policy Committee, Center for Disabilities Rights
- Statewide Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) School-Family Partnership Learning Community
- Advisory Board Member for TRIO program (First Generation Students, RIT, and AEOC Program, Genesee Community College
- Member of Universal Design Committee, Allegany County Office of Aging

**Kathryn's full resume is posted on the site.**

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***Committed to improve our Town of Rush:***

**Improve fiscal responsibility and accountability** – in 2010 elected officials voted a 3% raise for themselves at a time when our seniors received no increase in Social Security. We need to find administrative savings as we continue to support our services and employees.

Actively listen to **“all Rush Residents and Business Owners”** for effective land use planning, addressing the needs of farmers and residents interested in protecting our rural landscape and heritage.

Make **“Main Street Our Street”**. Let’s revitalize the Hamlet of Rush!

Achieve **Open, responsive and engaging government** with all residents. We will improve communication, keep everyone informed, offer a higher comfort level in participating in meetings, and provide increased access to all town officials.

**Let’s be better prepared and poised for success** where Business, Recreation, Town and Community activities are welcome and can all come together. (*Transportation Museum, Farmers Market, newly acquired BOCES property, increasing future opportunities.*)

**Vote on Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>  
For Kathryn Hankins for Town Supervisor**

**Positive Change, Commitment and Leadership**

**Endorsed by the Democratic Party, Row A  
And the Open Rush Government Party, Row**