

## Taxes and Affordability

The Democrats have given us the biggest tax increases in our town's history. Just look at your bills this year and compare them to last year. Believe it or not, taxpayers have paid more in the first three quarters of 2009 than they did in all of 2008.

Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga know we can't continue the tax-and-spend ways of the Democrats. They also know that controlling taxes and making our town more affordable means getting a handle on spending. Unfortunately, though, spending has skyrocketed under the Democrats, who have controlled the council for 13 of the last 14 years.

Matt and Rob's plan to control taxes and make our town more affordable includes:

**Cutting Administrative Costs**—When Matt and Rob were on the council they combined administrative positions, which helped save more than \$200,000. When re-elected, they'll continue to aggressively bring down administrative costs.

**Controlling Professional Costs**—Matt and Rob helped bring down professional costs by injecting competition into the process. Unfortunately, the Democrats went back to their old ways this year and rehired the same old professionals that were overcharging us for years. When re-elected, Matt and Rob will once again work to bring down our professional costs.

**Aggressively Fighting Tax Appeals**—In 2008 Matt and Rob helped put into place a program to aggressively fight tax appeals. They hired a new appraiser with a sterling reputation, and they hired one of the best tax-appeal specialists in the state as their attorney. Unfortunately, the Democrats walked away from this program, instead hiring a politically connected general practitioner who had no experience representing municipalities. They did this even after our tax assessor advised against it.

**Stop Wasting Tax Dollars**—Think about the scandals involving our tax dollars: Remember when the Democrats sold our open space to a campaign contributor for \$100,000 less than market value? And what about when they bought the New Market Avenue bus terminal and paid nearly half a million dollars more than it was worth? Matt and Rob have proven that they'll safeguard our tax dollars and stop these types of scandals.