

## Dems Pick Kilroy For Ford's Job

# Colton Super Race Heats Up

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COLTON - An ongoing riff in town politics is becoming even more obvious with three of four incumbent Colton Town Board members now poised to face each other for the office of supervisor this fall.

The town board has often found itself at odds with both itself, and members of the public in recent months, following the controversial resignation of longtime Conservative Town Supervisor Hank Ford early this Spring.

This week, the Colton Democratic Party chose a full slate of candidates to run for

town government this fall, choosing incumbent Councilwoman Joan Kilroy to run for the community's top elected position.

Kilroy received 18 votes at the Colton Democratic Party caucus this week to earn the Democratic nod to run for Colton Town Supervisor in November. Also nominated at the caucus for supervisor of Colton was Roger Dusharm, who was beat out by Kilroy when he garnered a total of just 10 votes.

Other Democrats chosen by party faithful include Joseph Zelinski and Kathryn Hayes, both for town council, and

Tina Miller for town assessor.

Kilroy, who already serves on the Colton Town Board, will face either acting Town Supervisor Bill Swafford or Councilwoman Grace Hawley, who are squaring off in a Republican primary race in Colton. However, should the loser of that primary chose to run as an Independent candidate, the town supervisor's race in Colton could turn into a three-way race.

The earliest date for Independent candidates to file their petitions with the board of elections in Canton is Aug. 14.

While the Democrats now

have a full slate of candidates for this fall in Colton, the ticket has yet to announce a platform or talk about why they are choosing to run for office.

Democratic Town Council candidate Zelinski chose not to take a reporter's phone call last night to talk about why he wants voters to elect him to office in Colton. His wife, Connie, said Zelinski was tired from hauling wood, was getting ready for dinner, and could not come to the phone.

Kilroy could not be reached for comment because she has

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an unpublished phone number. The phone number listed under her name in the phone book is no longer in service, according to a phone company recording.

Colton Town Democratic Chairman Dan McNamara would not give out Kilroy's

phone number when contacted last night. Instead he said he would pass on the message to her that the newspaper would like to interview her.

McNamara said that Kilroy will make an outstanding

town supervisor if elected to office.

"Joan Kilroy will be a tremendous town supervisor," said the Democratic chairman. "She is well-educated and has a great amount of experience."