

Swafford Running For Supervisor In Fall For Colton

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COLTON - Republican Bill Swafford has officially announced his candidacy for town supervisor here this fall.

The announcement by Swafford means he will now face a Republican primary against fellow Colton town board member Grace Hawley on Sept. 18.

Swafford is currently the acting town supervisor in Colton, and has been filling the shoes of former Conservative Town Supervisor Hank Ford since his unexpected resignation from office this past Spring.

In a letter presented to the Daily Courier-Observer last night, Swafford said he is officially running for office, and that if elected town supervisor in Colton, he promises "honesty, integrity, an open mind,

and my willingness to continue to do the job right."

Swafford has spend roughly eight years on the Colton town board, and has spend approximately four of those years as deputy supervisor.

He is a graduate of Potsdam High School and a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, retiring in 1996 at the rank of Master Chief Personnelman.

"I was raised in Potsdam, but my roots are in South Colton where I spent many 'growing up' years with my grandfather, Rob Neil. "I retired after serving my country for 30 years and come home to live in what I call God's Country."

In his campaign letter to Colton voters, Swafford is taking credit for a number of accomplishments in the town,

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including helping purchase and install new playground equipment and improving youth sports facilities, helping solve problems associated with caterpillar spraying this Spring and developing a five-

year-plan for the town of Colton.

If he wants to officially become town supervisor in Colton, Swafford will first have to beat fellow Republican Grace Hawley in a Republican primary in September.

Hawley announced here

candidacy for the town's top elected seat last week. In doing so, Hawley said she was running for supervisor, in part, because she is unhappy with the direction Swafford has been taking town politics since assuming the seat left vacant by Ford in May.