

Kilroy Out Of Colton Supervisor Race

By LARRY ROBINSON

COLTON - The Democratic Party nominee for town supervisor has bowed out of the race for this November, saying she is too busy to devote herself full time to running for office.

Joan Kilroy is a current member of the Colton town board, and an employee of the St. Lawrence County drug court system.

She was recently nominated by Colton town Democrats to run for supervisor, joining a Democratic ticket of Joseph Zelinski and Kathy Hayes, both of whom are running for two seats on the town board.

However, after giving

thought to the nomination, Kilroy said she is opting not to run for supervisor, and instead will devote her time to helping Zelinski and Hayes become elected to the town board.

"In fairness to the party and my fellow candidates, I must decline the offer to run for the position of town supervisor," said Kilroy. "I notified the board of elections of my decision on Sept. 27."

Kilroy said that her decision to not run for office is related directly to her busy work schedule and no other reason. She suggested, however, that she will continue to be active in the political season, and devote as



JOAN KILROY

much time as possible to help-

ing the other Democratic candidates win election to office.

"My inability to run an active campaign would not have been fair to the party and to the three seeking election on the Democratic slate," she said. "This slate is strong and progressive. The individuals have the confidence and respect of the residents of Colton and there seems to be a collective sigh of relief that the voters have such a determined team to back them."

Kilroy's decision to bow out of the supervisor's race in Colton means voters will now face a two-way race for town supervisor, pitting two Republicans

against each other. Acting supervisor Bill Swafford handily defeated fellow Republican and GOP board member Grace Hawley in an early September primary.

Hawley has since accepted the Conservative Party nomination and will still face Swafford in a general election on Nov. 6.

Although Kilroy's decision to step aside means it is now a two-way race for supervisor in Colton, she declined to say which candidate she will put her political muscle behind.

"I will wait for the Democratic Party to make that statement," said Kilroy.