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Dear Colton Voters:

I have given careful consideration to running for the office of Colton Town Councilman. Before I retired I worked as a rural pastor and found it necessary to subsidize my family income by working at surveying, soil testing, preparing housing development layouts, building and road construction. My varied work background enabled me to tackle the rehabilitation of the former McKizer Hotel in South Colton. Every time you go through South Colton, you can see the difference that my wife, Arlene, and I have made to our community. Instead of an abandoned, derelict building, you see a building restored to its former grandeur. I want to use my skills throughout our town.

Two years ago when I ran for Town Supervisor, I identified issues facing our community that still confront us today: the decay in our hamlets which are situated in an area of great scenic beauty; the need to increase tourism and recreational opportunities for residents and tourists; and the erosion of our tax base.

I have faith in the basic goodness of the people in our community and their love for Colton. However, there is much that needs to be done in our community to make it more attractive, to correct years of neglect to our infrastructure, and to preserve our favorable tax structure.

Our hamlets used to be attractive places. Now, they need a lot of work. Working together we can make it happen. The recent Restore NY grant application, if successful, will provide the funds to rehabilitate historic buildings in our business districts. We need to preserve our heritage. If you attended the recent hearing in the school auditorium, you saw pictures of how attractive our business districts were in the past. They can be once again. I am committed to the residents of Colton to restore our hamlets. Rehabilitated buildings encourage business development and make our business districts viable.

Colton has recreational resources for a four season approach. In winter we have snowmobiling, snowshoeing, skating, cross country skiing (the only set-track on public lands in St. Lawrence County). In the summer we have water recreating, both motorized and self propelled, ATVing, hiking, swimming, etc. Higley Flow State Park, Parmenter Campsite and nearby Blake Campsite offer family camping opportunities. We need to attract visitors into our hamlets to support our local merchants. Colton has much to offer. We must take a leadership role in this area to get the word out about Colton's recreational opportunities. Increased tourism helps our local economy.

I will serve the present and provide for a brighter future. We need to return to the old-fashioned town meeting format for better communication and for respect for the views of individuals. I promise to listen, learn, and then act for the betterment of the Town.

Please vote for me for Town Board on Tuesday, November 6. Thank you.  
Sincerely,

Edwin Wright

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