

# ★ Rockwell Board of Aldermen ★

## On the issues...

### Top priorities?

### Impact of recession on town?

### Why do you want to serve?

#### Chuck Bowman

**Age:** 56  
**Address:** 290 Ashlely Drive.  
**Family:** wife, Linda, five children.  
**Background:** lived in Rockwell 11 years; first term on the Board of Aldermen; active in Boy Scouts of America, Scout leader; also active in Rockwell Community Association; president of Central Piedmont Fire Protection in Salisbury.



Downtown revitalization is top priority. Effort under way to make the downtown more attractive, and work to attract a variety of businesses.

Town must try to survive in this economy. "We held the line on everything this year to avoid raising taxes, hope the economy will improve ... had not go up on taxes."

Does a lot of volunteer work; feels it is an honor to be able to serve and help the town; "We have a great, great town. I want to give something back."

#### Justin Crews

**Age:** 34  
**Address:** Gold Hill Avenue.  
**Family:** wife, Misty, two children.  
**Background:** graduate of East Rowan High School, currently attending Stanly Community College; sergeant with the Salisbury Police Department; making his second run for Board of Alderman.



Focus on getting more business in the downtown; "The downtown needs to be redone, make it look newer, have more appeal; "I would like to make ... the downtown more active."

Understands that everybody is having it rough in the current economy; doesn't see any reason to raise taxes.

"I live in Rockwell and I know what needs to be done to help the town grow."

#### Eric Moore

**Age:** 42  
**Address:** 211 Brown St.  
**Family:** wife, Lori.  
**Background:** 1985 East Rowan High School graduate; took RCCC course in mechanical drafting and design; self-employed, owner of American Hydro Services Inc.; currently vice chairman of the Rockwell Planning Board; member of the town's revitalization committee; first run for public office.



Focus on a fresher look for the downtown. "Like to see it refurbished ... It has the same old tired 1950s look. If we dressed up the town, it would be a bit more appealing to new business ... create new job opportunities."

"Everybody is taking a hit" from the economic times; Says town must put best foot forward and try to attract new industry and business; Believes raising taxes would be a last resort ... "Trim the budget first."

Wants to bring in new ideas to the board and focus more on some issues in the town that need attention.

#### Tim Draper

**Age:** 42  
**Address:** 111 Deer Chase Lane.  
**Family:** wife, Lisa, three children.  
**Background:** Serving first term on Board of Aldermen; currently mayor pro tem; general contractor; member of the Rowan Shrine Club;



Wants to maintain all of the town's services; improve economic development efforts; support downtown revitalization and maintain town park; promises to be up front on every issue and manage the town's resources properly.

The town has already had to make cuts to avoid a tax hike; must maintain services ... "Do our very best to maintain all services ... may have to dip into savings to avoid a tax hike."

Says he's enjoyed his first term on the board and believes his ability to be open-minded is a plus. "I want to do what is best for the town, not just individual groups."

#### Bill Ridenhour

**Age:** 68  
**Address:** 217 Salisbury St.  
**Family:** wife, Carol.  
**Background:** Longest serving member of the Rockwell Board of Alderman; seeking his seventh term; native of Rockwell; member of Rockwell High School's last graduating class in 1979; retired from Duke Energy where he was control operator at Buck Steam Plant



Believes the town has made some strides to upgrade the downtown including new sidewalks; need to focus on downtown revitalization; cites some new businesses including Ace Hardware.

Wants to keep taxes low; Notes that town employees didn't get any raises. "We'll have to do the best we can in tough times."

Says he's the go-to-guy, people in the community know him and he's the first one people call about town business. "I've been involved for 12 years; I know what's going on."

#### Chuck Wingerson

**Age:** 70  
**Address:** 407 Gold Hill Ave.  
**Family:** wife, Barbara, three children.  
**Background:** Seeking seventh term on Rockwell Board; retired from American Greetings in sales and sales management after 38 years; served on Veterans Administration service board and volunteers with Meals on Wheels.



Wants to spruce up the downtown and focus on filling up the buildings; suggests coming up with some type of incentive program to upgrade the downtown; believes the next board will have to revisit annexation.

Board will have to "look very hard" at all town expenses to avoid a tax hike if the economy doesn't improve and state cutbacks continue.

Enjoys serving on the board and enjoys living in Rockwell. "We've got a good mix of new people moving in and people who have been here for years."