

Mary Jane Balser

My name is Mary Jane Balser and I have lived on Block Island for the last 33 years. I am a current member of the BI Utility Board and am running for re-election and would like your vote.

I have been a partner and owner of the BI Grocery and Seaside Market for the last 33 years. This business is one of the largest electric users on the Island, and I am very interested in electric rates being the lowest possible for all users.

My background includes serving on the Town Council for two years, as well as being Finance Director for the Town for twelve years. I have designed, built and sold four low moderate homes on Pilot Hill and 20 low moderate homes on West Side Road as a volunteer. Both projects were completed on budget. I served as Chairman of the Republican Town Committee for 10 years and am a recipient of the Joan Abrams award for my community involvement and business acumen.

I am a former Director and Incorporator of the Fairfield County Bankcorp in Connecticut for 27 years and am a retired President of the YMCA of the USA.

I have served on many community boards including but not limited to the United Way, Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Democratic Town Committee, and church parish councils where I previously resided in Connecticut.

I would very much like to continue my service on the BI Utility Board and am hopeful to remain in that position with our positive vote on my behalf.

Thank you.