

Barry Hurst, Candidate
Town of Dagsboro Town Council



Hello Dagsboro Neighbors!

I am excited and honored to be a candidate to serve on the Town Council for Dagsboro.

My candidacy for this position is an extension of my lifelong service to our country and to every community I have resided.

My journey into volunteerism making a difference began as a Police Cadet while in High School. Volunteerism was planted in my values and that led to a 23-year career as a US Navy Diver where I traveled across the West Pacific, lived in Europe, and in the States from East Coast to West Coast and back again!

My honorable retirement from the US Navy led me to my next chapter of a 20-year teaching career at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. During that time, I was actively involved in local politics, serving on Board of Finance, Economic Development Committee, Planning and Zoning and Parks and Recreation; all of which have deepened my understanding and commitment to my local community.

As a Veteran, Instructor, Mentor and Coach, I have developed a deep understanding of demonstrating leadership, managing with integrity, and evaluating situations to determine the most beneficial path forward. My career, training, volunteer work, and overall engagement in civic participation have equipped me with knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to offer positive and effective contributions.

When you get to know me, you'll learn that my creativity, optimism, integrity, dedication, collaborative attributes are all assets to getting things done in a way; doing the right thing for the right reasons at the right time at the forefront. I am wholeheartedly committed to bringing these values to my role as a Dagsboro Council member.

I have lived in Dagsboro for 3 years and have attended Council meetings, served on my development's council, and contributed to the local American Legion and other organizations.

In preparation for the decision to run for this position, I have reviewed the Comprehensive Plan for Dagsboro and have looked back at the last few years of Town Council minutes. I find that my primary goals align with those expressed in the Comprehensive plan. It would be an honor and a pleasure to work directly to enhance the aesthetics and walkability of Main Street, encourage businesses to set up shop in our town, and to manage the influx of traffic by offering a reason to slow down and shop. In addition, our Dagsboro residents would enjoy the unique shopping and dining experiences as well as a walkability for encouraging health. Shifting our town from a "drive thru" would assist with improving our financial stability, offer a more neighborhood atmosphere, and diminish our status as a "speed trap" only town.

I am excited for the opportunity to serve on the Town Council for Dagsboro and to work together towards a fiscally sound and positive community development. My sincere appreciation for your consideration of my candidacy and I would be honored to have your vote.

Note: If you will not be available on December 6, 2025, please contact the Town Manager's office to obtain a ballot and vote in advance.