

# Freedom Old Home Week 2022 Grand Marshals

## Bill and Maureen Elliott

Throughout its 100-plus year history, the Freedom Old Home Week (FOHW) Association has named annual Grand Marshals as part of its Old Home Week celebrations. Grand Marshals are recognized for their outstanding contributions to our community, including volunteerism and dedication to making Freedom a special place in which to live.

We are delighted to honor **Bill and Maureen Elliott** as the FOHW 2022 Grand Marshals. Both individually and collectively, their civic leadership has been inspirational and has touched the lives of many in our community. Bill and Maureen personify all that this honorific stands for, and they have truly been “ambassadors” of our town for more than three decades since purchasing their first home here in 1989—and even more so since moving here permanently from South Weymouth, MA in 2009. Bill and Maureen are the proud parents of four children, and doting grandparents to their five grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Recognizing the many contributions Bill and Maureen have made to Freedom is no easy task because of the breadth and depth of their involvement in our community. Their work has extended across many organizations and initiatives, from environmental sustainability and town planning to strengthening food security among friends and neighbors experiencing hardship.

Bill has served as a member of the Conservation Commission, the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee, the Freedom Planning Board, Freedom Community Club, and as a member of the FOHW Association. His volunteerism has also included less known but highly impactful service to organizations that also help our town to thrive, including the Freedom Public Library, Freedom Food Pantry, and Freedom Village Store.

Maureen’s contributions to Freedom are equally numerous and impressive. She has served as a member of the Freedom Heritage Commission, Trustee of the Freedom Public Library, and member of the Friends of Freedom Public Library. She has devoted time and talent to the Freedom Food Pantry and the Freedom Village Store as a Board member and volunteer.

Our town is fortunate indeed that Bill and Maureen chose Freedom as their home. They love children and are supporters of the Freedom Elementary School, attending events such as the Veteran’s Day celebration and most recently, the Community Luncheon. Bill and Maureen always have the time to greet friends and neighbors, and embrace new community members with warmth. The Elliots live and breathe the saying, “there are no strangers here, just friends we haven’t met.”

Our entire community has benefited enormously from Bill and Maureen’s compassion and commitment to the betterment of Freedom, and it is an honor to recognize them as the 2022 FOHW Grand Marshals.