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## Barrows will seek new term

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**FOXBORO** - State Rep. Jay Barrows formally kicked off his campaign for re-election Thursday with an event at Normandy Farms.

Barrows, R-Mansfield, said he believes he has done a good job in the Legislature and deserves re-election. No opponent has publicly surfaced yet.

"I think I've done a good job. I've got a perfect attendance record on roll call votes. I've brought cooperation between the towns," he said.

A two-term incumbent, Barrows said he wants another two years in the House to work to complete projects that are now under way.

He said his local priorities include:

Getting a bill through the Legislature to create a regional sewer system for Mansfield, Norton and Foxboro.

Launching the cleanup of the contaminated Hatheway & Patterson site on County Street in Mansfield. The cleanup project has been pushed up with funding from the federal economic stimulus plan.

Continuing the Tri-Town Drug and Alcohol Task Force that is providing education and safe alternatives for young people.

As the owner of a local insurance agency in addition to his position in the Legislature, Barrows said his two jobs keep his "feet on the ground," so he knows the concerns of constituents.

Barrows said he is trying to energize his supporters and tap into the remaining excitement among Republicans over the election of Scott Brown to the U.S. Senate.

He said his message to supporters is that the Statehouse needs more Republicans to bring more balance to the Legislature.



*State Rep. Jay Barrows at Normandy Farms Campgrounds in Foxboro.  
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