



## My Interview with: Mayor Gove

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On March 15, I went to City Hall and interviewed Mayor Gove. The first question I asked was: **Did you always want to become a mayor?** Mayor Gove answered "When I was young I wanted to own my

own dance studio. When I was your age I was interested in a lot of things, when I got older I learned that helping and guiding people was what I was interested in". My next question was: **What does a typical day look like as a mayor?**

The mayor answered: "The best part of the day is that there really isn't a specific schedule, every day is different depending on who walks in my office or calls me". I asked Mayor Gove: "How hard is it to run a whole city?"

Mayor Gove said "The important thing is to have a good staff to help you out, and work with you. We all work very hard every day and depend on each other to perform our jobs well."

I then asked: **Where do you eat your lunch?**

Mayor Gove replied: "Usually just at my desk, and I buy lunch from one of our local restaurants or I get lunch from the fridge downstairs."

My next question: **What's your favorite snack?**

Peanut butter cups she replied. The mayor loves sweets with peanut butter.

I asked the mayor, **What were the steps to becoming a mayor?**

The mayor replied, "First get a lot of signatures on a piece of paper to get on the ballot. I went to a lot of events and knocked on a lot of doors and held signs. Then if there is a primary election, get people to vote for you, and then, encourage people to vote for you in the general election."

I wanted to know,

**"What time do you go to bed?"**

Between 9:00 and 10:00.

**What time do you get up?**

5:30am.

When I asked the mayor

**What's your favorite place to take a walk?**

She said, "Just around neighborhoods, I like looking at houses and architecture and buildings."



**What's your favorite event in Amesbury?**

The Christmas tree lighting.

The next two questions were the most serious questions I asked. **How do**

**you deal with disappointment?**

I let myself feel disappointed for a little while, but then I get a fresh start the next day and move on. It's also important to always do your best so that even if you're disappointed with how things turned out, you can be proud of the work you did.

**Do you have any advice to kids who may feel lonely during the pandemic?**

Just remember that you're not the only one who feels that way, and things will be better soon. Talk to people about your feelings. I'm glad that I got that opportunity to interview the mayor.

I'm glad that the Communications Director made time for me in the Mayor's schedule.