



The League of Women Voters of Westport 2015 Voters' Guide

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President's Message

Dear Westport Voter:

It's a conundrum. Local elections have a much greater impact on your life than national elections, but voter turnout is always smaller. Think of some of the issues that have arisen this year in town: Baron's South, Compo reconstruction, costly school construction contracts, the retirement of the Superintendent of Schools, the Downtown Study, the possible library expansion, ongoing road closure, bridge construction, and trees at Longshore. The list goes on and on. This year's election, Tuesday, November 3rd, is Westport-centric. You have an opportunity to select your RTM representatives and members of the Board of Education, Board of Finance, Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Assessment Appeals. Use this guide, which you can take into the polls, to help you select the people who see Westport the way you do. The people you choose will determine the Westport of tomorrow. This is a very important election. Yours is a very IMPORTANT vote.

Celeste LaCroix
President, LWV Westport

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Candidates for Board of Finance Vote for up to 4

LWV Question: What new ideas will you bring to the Board of Finance in order to meet demands to improve municipal services while controlling expenditures?

John Hartwell Democrat



Under Democratic administrations we built fabulous town facilities, like the current Staples High School, the Senior Center, and the pool at Longshore. But we also knew that you had to maintain what you've built, and that it's "penny wise and pound foolish" to cut-cut-cut.

Sadly, over the past four years the "state of good repair" of our Town has declined. Streets aren't being paved as they should be, our parks are bedraggled, and we hire a lot of staff and consultants but don't seem to get anything done.

Our slogan is "Building a Better Westport". We want to bring maintenance up to snuff while making some low cost improvements, like bathrooms at Compo's South Beach and Wakeman fields, that will benefit the Town for a generation.

We also want to streamline government, consolidate back office functions, and deliver better services with fewer staff. Better management is necessary and achievable.

Biography statement

John combines over 20 years in financial services with strategic vision and a passion for making our community stronger. As a former VP at Chase, and with a public management degree from Yale, John is well-qualified to oversee budgets and capital spending for Westport.

Sheri Gordon Democrat



For many years leading up to the 2008 financial crisis, Westport made numerous investments in our schools and recreational facilities. In the last few years however, there has been a very visible decrease in routine maintenance in town buildings, streets, parks and beaches. In 2008, pulling back on maintenance to avoid layoffs made sense; in 2015, it seems unreasonable. Westport must seize the opportunity in better times to invest in our most important assets and to put aside money to cover our ever increasing liabilities for pensions and OPEB. I believe the Board must immediately: (i) prioritize maintenance, (ii) seek out efficiencies through the use of technology to lower operating costs, and (iii) initiate financial reforms to address current and future liabilities. As a Westport taxpayer, I want to maintain and improve our town facilities and services and support our extraordinary schools and the learning environment for our children.

Biographical Information: Attorney, formerly at Debevoise & Plimpton. Eight years of community leadership experience: elected member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, PTA Executive Board Member for LLS and BMS, Westport PAL Cheer Board, Westport Soccer Association Team Manager. Cornell University, B.A., '93, N.Y.U. School of Law, J.D., '96. Children at Long Lots Elementary and Bedford Middle School.

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Clarissa Moore Republican



Substitute Brains for Cash: Too often there's a tendency to throw money at problems rather than thinking outside the box. I became a senior partner on Wall Street by devising innovative solutions. On the RTM I proposed implementing best practices for competitive bidding, substituting technology to cut labor costs, and requiring accountability that spending yield results. On the BOF I would move forward with these proposals.

Closer Scrutiny of Pension & OPEB: Westport spends more per person than any other town in CT because our pension & OPEB expense is more than double any other. The current team has started reform. I will bring over 20 years investment experience to our pension committee.

Maintain Home Values: People buy Westport homes for our schools. Even those with grown children continue to benefit because excellent schools enhance property values. As a mom I understand Westport's children will shape our future.

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY:

BA Yale. MBA finance Dartmouth. Long & Successful Financial Career. Past PTA President. Elected RTM District 4. RTM Education Committee. See WestportBoF.com for more.

Michael Rea Republican



Voters will hear many ideas prior to the election. However, the greatest challenge on the Board of Finance is to transform those idea into action. As an incumbent member of the BOF, I have proven my ability to implement ideas that have benefited our residents. For example, I helped outsource the Longshore golf course maintenance. We have proven that it is possible to save taxpayers money while improving services. I chaired the Bedford Middle School building project implementing a world class and efficient new addition to the town I love.

I look forward to implementing other ideas to combine efforts between the Town and the Board of Education. Examples include improving energy efficiencies and merging duplicative services such as purchasing and payroll. Eliminating redundancies and redeploying resources to critical services are ideas that must be taken to the next stage with action.

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Incumbent Board of Finance member, Elected six times RTM, Chairman RTM Finance, Chairman Bedford Middle School Building, Chairman Westport Parks & Recreation, Founder Festival Italiano, VP General Re Corporation, Westport Native, Wife Carla, three children all Staples Grads.

Iain Bruce Republican



Westport has phenomenal municipal resources in our schools, parks, senior center, and the high quality people who staff our town agencies. Requiring our agencies to use zero-base budgeting would improve the efficiency of our spending and ensure maximum value for our property tax dollars. The need for co-operation and collaboration among all departments and government boards has never been greater. We must actively seek opportunities to control or reduce both costs and financial risk, and continue to pay down our debt. We must continue to reduce our large unfunded retirement liabilities and the financial risk they impose on taxpayers, transitioning more of our employees from defined benefit pension plans to defined contribution plans, which offer the employees competitive benefit packages and flexibility. Maintaining and improving our town's resources while keeping taxes affordable for all will attract residents and businesses and is the crucial balancing of interests the BOF must engage.

33 year career in financial risk management, primarily negotiating and executing resolutions to complex financial problems. 26 year resident; children educated in Westport's schools; family active as volunteers for many Westport charities and events. Board of Family Y since 2002, president 2007-2011. Bachelor of Commerce, Queen's University (Canada).

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Candidates for Board of Education Vote for up to 3

LWV Question: With a search underway for a new Superintendent of Westport Public Schools, what do you consider the most important criteria for selecting the right candidate?

Mark Mathias Democrat

We have a great opportunity ahead of us. Westport is a high performing school district, including an excellent administration, outstanding teachers and staff and very involved parents. The Board sought in-depth input from the community at the outset of the search, and we will consider that feedback carefully as we conduct the search and interview candidates. Regarding the Superintendent position, this will be a person who can understand our community's desire for high quality public education and augment it with their own educational leadership to take our tradition of excellence even further. This includes exploring 21st century educational needs and techniques, continuing to develop our staff, working with our community and inspiring our children.

Biography:

Mark Mathias's career in information technology spans more than 35 years. He is the longest serving member of the Board of Education, with 12 years of continuous experience. He is a father of two children in the Westport schools and has been married to his wife for 30 years.



Michael Gordon Democrat

We are selecting a superintendent for the first time in 17 years, a rare opportunity. The first and most important criterion is someone who has a strong academic and curricular vision. The new superintendent will set the tone and strategy for everything that happens in the classroom and throughout the district. Second, we want to hire someone who is good at picking and retaining top talent. Great work happens at all levels of the district – and it's important that we choose someone who is good at hiring and managing people. Third, I'd like someone who is strong at community relations. We want a superintendent who can make hard choices that benefit the entire district – but also someone who is collaborative, open-minded and a good listener. When we find a superintendent who meets these three criteria, our schools will grow and thrive for the next generation of students.

Biography:

As BoE Chair, Michael Gordon helped deliver an academically innovative and fiscally disciplined budget. He worked in national education policy, coaches baseball and soccer and was honored by ADL. His company, Group Gordon, was named Best Boutique Agency to Work For. He and his wife have three children at GFS.



Paul Block Republican

Assuming all candidates possess the fundamental competency to guide our academic curriculum, I believe the distinguishing characteristics of an extraordinary Superintendent will be:

- Focused on shaping our children to be successful, extraordinary global citizens
- A learning leader with a vision for education well beyond state mandates
- A collaborative, cooperative, communicative, open-minded team player
- A person with solid character including mutual respect, responsibility and tolerance
- A learning leader with high energy and a contagious enthusiasm for teaching
- A person with a "big heart" motivated by an innate love of children
- An advocate for STEM and non-cognitive 21st century skills
- A balanced leader seeking to achieve excellence at all grade levels
- Oriented to building long range strategy that drives efficient annual plans/budgets
- Operationally and financially strong – creating a solid learning infrastructure
- A leader with an appreciation for individual expression and diversity

Paul Block, his wife Trish and four children have been residents of Fairfield/Westport for 25 years. Mr. Block is a graduate of Kent State University and has been in the Food & Beverage Industry for over 35 years. Recently, Mr. Block has served as Chairman and CEO of Merisant Worldwide.



Thank you!

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Candidate for Board of Assessment Appeals Vote for 1

LWV Question: What are the most important criteria when you evaluate residential assessment appeals?

Garson F. Heller Republican

Before making an appeal, the property owner should have a good idea of their property's 100% market value (assessment is 70%) on the most recent assessment date, currently 10/1/2015. Appeal challenges either land and/or building values. Reasonable "comps" should be included, if possible. This information is available online, or at the Assessor's office in Town Hall. The BAA looks at the applicant's explanations and then tries to evaluate the property based on values of similar properties, sales, neighborhood values and other applicable criteria to determine the appropriate value. The main factors determining property values are land factors such as location, size, shape, topography, wetlands and easements etc.; and building size, construction quality (this is a major cost factor), number of bathrooms and fireplaces, style such as custom, contemporary, colonial, ranch etc., and other features such as central A/C, pool or tennis court and decks, patios and other out-buildings.

Bio Summary:

Westport resident 51 years; graduate of Yale; retired from engineering and computer career; RTM 14 & BAA 33 years. 3 children & 3 grand-children graduated from Westport Schools; wife, Velma Heller, retired from Westport School System; currently professor at Sacred Heart University and RTM Deputy Moderator, running for 8th term.



REMEMBER To bring ID to the polls

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Acceptable forms include:
driver's license, library card, bill addressed to you at your home, passport, personal check with name and address on it.



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Candidates for Planning & Zoning Vote for up to 4

LWV Question: What zoning changes, if any, would you support to expand housing options for elderly, middle income and lower income residents in Westport?

Paul Lebowitz Democrat



The current P&Z has failed to address Westport's needs for affordable housing. Not only did their abrupt decision on Baron's South snub seniors waiting for senior affordable housing, it undermined the integrity of the entire application process. I will bring a more moderate tone to the commission, dedicated to an open and fair process, which will address the shortcomings of our current affordable housing incentive zones. I will work to bring our zoning into conformance with the State's Home CT program, making the town eligible for planning grants and assuring more affordable housing units are built. This is the only way we can avoid predatory developers using the 8-30g statute to build inappropriately scaled developments in Westport. We can support diversity while preserving our town's character, but only if we have a P&Z that performs its planning role – planning for Westport's future. Vote for change on November 3rd.

As a 20 year resident, Paul is especially proud of Westport's small town charm.

In 1996 he opened Westport Mortgage and knows firsthand what attracts homeowners to Westport. On the RTM for 5 years, Paul is on the Planning & Zoning, Education, and Parks & Recreation committees. Earned BFA from School of Visual Arts.

Jack Whittle Republican Save Westport Now



In June I formed a senior housing subcommittee with Cathy Walsh, with the stated goal of reviewing the existing scheme of senior housing zoning regulations in Westport to ascertain where existing regulations could be revised, or new regulations could be introduced, to encourage additional senior housing projects in Town, to include a meaningful affordability requirement. This subcommittee has met twice with excellent participation from a variety of stakeholders, and will continue to meet and refine those areas where existing regulations can be revised and new regulations can be introduced to incentivize additional senior housing projects in Westport.

As far as housing options for middle income and lower income residents, I support reviewing our existing inventory of these projects in Town for consideration of reasonable expansion. I also continue to strongly support maintaining the current requirements in our regulations that specify a minimum number of units to be affordable.

I am 52, grew up in Westport and graduated Staples in 1981. I am a corporate lawyer, and live in a wonderful Westport neighborhood with my wife Corrine and my two children, who attend Westport schools. I have served as vice chair of the P&Z for the past four years.

Chip Stephens Republican Save Westport Now



It is laudable to support and plan for expanding housing options in Westport and it is supported by our Plan of Conservation and Development. This commission and our predecessors have provided positive and creative regulations for housing options as currently exists and expanding at Hales Court's rebuild (public low income and senior), the Saugatuck (public leased senior), Sasco Creek (low income), Whitney Glenn Condos (age restricted senior) Canal Park (senior, work force and low income) and various other low income accessory apartments created by IHZ zoning and the 20 percent affordable component regulations. As a matter of fact there exists over 350 elderly designated units today in Westport due to planning and zoning considerations.

We continue to look at expanding alternate housing solutions, recently we have entertained discussions with 8 different private developers with plans for senior projects on private land and are open to discussions on other alternate housing.

MS Microbiology, Medical sales and marketing executive. Coached Staples Wrestling, PAL Football, Baseball and Basketball. Worked for preservation of Bedford Elementary, Cockeone, and open space. Three sons Charlie and Sal: Staples grads, Dean and daughter Bryn still aiming for Staples.

Al Gratrix Republican Save Westport Now



I and my fellow commissioners support housing options for all: seniors, low income, work force and others as homeless and those affected by substance and physical abuse. We have created and supported regulations such as IHZ (Inclusive Housing Zone), 20 percent affordable on new multi family construction, maintaining age restrictions on designated housing (Seniors, Whitney Glenn) and suggesting on various applications to including affordable units.

Westport is a wonderful town with resources to serve all from great education for young, the senior center for older residents and the open spaces of our beaches, Longshore and our centrally located parks. New projects should be encouraged by land use commissions on private land by private independent developers without local government involvement or subsidization.

We on P and Z cannot do it on our own, the Sasco Creek project did not include a senior component that would have added 30 to 40 newly built senior affordable units.

BS Environmental Biology, Financial services company owner. Past Volunteer Fireman, Police Officer in Trumbull, Proud Eagle Scout, Construction Project Manager. Nancy Austin, wife and 2 children both successful Staples Grads.

Cathy Walsh Republican Save Westport Now



Jack Whittle and I are co-chairing the Senior Housing subcommittee. We are revising our regulations, starting with adding definitions, such as CCRC-Continuing Care Retirement Communities, which will allow another type of senior housing to be built in Westport. We recognize that there are many different needs and wants within our community and we are committed to investigating all options for our senior population. Endowments for low income individuals is something we should explore with the developers.

There are several existing low to moderate senior housing facilities on town land that I would support expanding to accommodate more people.

Our regulations require a 20% affordability component for any multi-family housing project. We've successfully worked with developers -Bedford Square and Geigers, to secure the 20% affordable units. These units are available to all who qualify via the state mandated income test. I will continue to support this policy.

I'm a 25 year resident with two daughters Annie and Michelle who are Staples grads.

35 year Steel Industry executive having worked for various Fortune 500 companies. Past athletic director, coached swimming, soccer, cross country and WSA.

Denise Rose Torve Coalition for Westport



Current regulations allow Westport to serve those populations who are currently underserved. The real issue is the interpretation of the regulations; they are not the problem, those who turn away the most significant applications that encourage and support housing options worsen the situation. I support zoning changes to facilitate housing that many in Westport require. Some modest adjustments could facilitate the creation of housing especially in commercial areas where existing businesses and public transportation serve the needs of residents. Changes to accommodate senior/affordable housing can be made where multi-family buildings are already located. I support a reversal of the Baron's South zoning to allow a small portion of the land for senior housing. Allowing senior/affordable housing along the commercial corridors of the Post Road and Riverside could be encouraged as well as along routes of public transportation and in commercial areas served by public water and public waste management.

Denise Torve is a long-term, active resident whose 3 children graduated from Westport schools. Her professional background focused on communication via radio and print journalism, and community involvement in volunteer and leadership capacities with major organizations in Westport, Los Angeles, and Sydney. She has also co-produced fundraising events for local and national non-profit organizations.

Howard B. Lathrop Coalition for Westport



The lack of diversity in Westport's housing stock has many unfortunate consequences. With the town approximately 95% developed, something must change to make space available for housing options besides detached single-family residences. For new units to be for low and moderate incomes, there must be incentives or subsidies for these units, especially affordable units, to avoid unwanted 8-30g projects in inappropriate places. The current zoning regulations provide some incentives. But, the process to approve new projects, even with a small number of affordable units, is unreasonably long and costly. As a result, few developers are willing to pursue housing projects of any kind. Changing the current regulations is time consuming. To provide more diversity in housing in a reasonable length of time, the commission should show a willingness to compromise and encourage projects which produce much needed apartments-whether for the general market, affordable units or assisted living units.

20 year resident of Westport and registered architect. Has served on two School Building Committees, Saugatuck and Bedford. Twice elected to the P&Z; participated in the 2007 Westport POCD. Understands the need for planned growth that manages the balance of commercial and residential activities while protecting our neighborhoods and resources.

Glenn Payne Coalition for Westport



We are often asked "what is the town character that is so unique and should be retained?" It's not the character it's the characters! Our people are what make this town unique. Without our people we are empty. So it's the characters that we should make an effort to retain. It's not the town's responsibility to house all, but we happily allocate almost 30 acres to dogs at Winslow Park so carving out a few acres from some of the town land for our people isn't unfair. It's more about making an effort to find a way to continue to want the people that made yesterday's Westport great and making Westport's tomorrow even better. With limited undeveloped acreage available we should either allocate some town land or support private construction of mixed income residences to provide housing for elders. A compromise where construction of new facilities also benefits all residents should be supported.

World traveler who chose to live in Westport twice because of schools and the people. Believes anything can be better but change should be consistent with a plan. 10+ year resident of Westport, sons attend(ed) Staples, coaches local sports, on various charities. Expertise in energy and private equity, CEO of public and private companies

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Candidates for Zoning Board of Appeals Vote for up to 3

What makes you best qualified to serve as a commissioner of the Zoning Board of Appeals, which evaluates variances according to state statute?

James C. Ezzes Democrat

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a five person, quasi-judicial elected town board that acts as a "safety valve" to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The ZBA can approve variances from the zoning regulations for both commercial and residential properties. Variances are given sparingly and must be based upon whether a legitimate hardship exists as determined by the members of the board. Hardship is defined by both state statutes and local zoning regulations. All members of the board work hard to ensure that every applicant receives a fair, educated and impartial hearing. The ZBA holds public hearings twice a month and members of the public are welcome to attend and participate.

Jim, a former entertainment executive and venture capitalist on Broadway is a residential general contractor working throughout Fairfield County. A resident for over 60 years and member of the ZBA for 20 years and chairman for 18 years. Jim is familiar with building codes, engineering regulations and zoning regulations.



Liz Wong Republican

I have served for 18 years on Westport's Zoning Board of Appeals, 16 of them as Vice-Chairman, and worked professionally as an urban planner and land use analyst. During my tenure on the ZBA, I have sat on a wide range of applications, including single family residential homes, complex site developments, subdivisions, commercial offices, shopping centers, the expansion/construction of Town schools, and other municipal and cultural projects. My impartial decision-making is always rendered utilizing comprehensive detailed examination and skillful evaluation of each application to determine whether a variance request meets the CT State Statute's definition of legal hardship, if it is harmonious with its neighborhood and the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare. This process requires sensitivity to both the concerns of immediate property owners and an applicant's right to improve his/her property.

NY State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, Maslan Associates. M.S. Urban Planning, Columbia University, American Bar Association Paralegal Certificate. American Planning Association, American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives. Westport Sunrise Rotary, League of Women Voters. 34 year Westport resident, husband, James Wong, M.D., one daughter.



Bill Harris

First, having moved to Westport from Manhattan at the tender age of three in 1956, I have seen a few changes that make me quite sensitive to the character of our unique community.

That said, after eight years now as a ZBA commissioner I seek to judge all applications for variance to our Connecticut statutes and local P&Z regulations fairly and equitably.

In some cases our hands are completely tied by the law, but I always try to preserve its intent and achieve the best possible outcome for the applicant, the neighborhood, and the town.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve on the ZBA.



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You are required to provide one of the following: A Social Security card or a preprinted form of identification which shows name and address, or name and signature, or name and photo. Acceptable forms include: driver's license, library card, bill addressed to you at your home, passport, personal check with name and address on it.

Make sure to exercise your right to VOTE this November 3, 2015.

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LWV Question to RTM Candidates: As an RTM member, what steps will you take to ensure that you ascertain and take into consideration the views of a majority of your constituents?

Candidates for RTM District 1 Vote for up to 4

Liz Milwe

I believe in gathering people together and talking about issues. I see myself as an advocate for constituents in my district, and I want always to stay in touch and open to their concerns. After Super Storm Sandy, homes in District One were seriously damaged. Many of us applied for Hazard Mitigation grants only to discover that FEMA had changed its mind and was no longer offering the grants to CT. I opened my home to community meetings to help organize District One homeowners. Eventually, with the help of local officials, the funds were restored.

Liz Milwe was raised in Westport. She has served on the RTM for 8 years and was the recipient of the 2009 Green Task Force Award and 2009 EPA Merit Award. She is currently Co-Chair of Wakeman Town Farm.



Matthew Mandell

For 10 years my door, my phone and my email have been open for any resident to contact me regarding issues they feel they want to discuss or need help with. I have and still am the only RTM member who has a website dedicated to Town issues and District One specifically. I also offer periodic emails to an ever growing list about town issues and those where action may need to be taken.

Whether we are talking open space, senior housing, historic preservation and more, voters can depend upon me to take the lead to get the job done.

I am a five term member of the RTM, sitting on 5 committees and chairing one. I have and still do sit on numerous other Town bodies. I am the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and a Trustee at Earthplace. I am married and have two children.



Chris Tait

District 1 proudly houses some of Westport's crown jewels, including: Compo Beach, Longshore, beautiful beachfront communities, and small businesses including Elvira's and multiple choices now in Saugatuck. Growing up in District 1 in Westport, I frequent all of these locations in my district. I find this the most beneficial way of discussing issues in the area with my constituents. I will continue this practice of being prevalent in District 1 and consistently engaging my neighbors on the issues that matter most to them, and raising issues to the appropriate people in our town for a resolution if needed.



Diane Cady

I am always glad to hear from District 1 voters – the Compo and Saugatuck areas have a multitude of issues that often affect the entire town. Listening is an important part of serving on the RTM. When a constituent calls or emails, I am pleased to learn things I would not have known otherwise. I consider this along with my own care and value of fairness, respect for the town's history and ordinances, a strong love for the environment and keeping taxes at an affordable level for the elderly and others living on a tight budget.

Biography

Masters level social worker, private practice in mental health
Served on RTM 12 years
Served as co-chair, Tree Board, planted 42 trees in Compo area
Award winning Stop Smoking Clinic
Unsung Hero 9/11, Red Cross
Instrumental in curbing flooding, Compo



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Candidates for RTM District 2 Vote for up to 4

Neil Phillips

I will continue to remain fully engaged in the issues that come before the RTM and the sub-committees on which I serve. It is not enough to simply attend a meeting; one also has to be an active participant in the dialogue concerning the important issues facing Westport. This entails not only reading through voluminous reports, studies, appropriation requests and budget proposals -- but also asking questions and considering different viewpoints. I take my responsibilities as an RTM member very seriously and will continue to respond expeditiously to emails and phone calls from my constituents.



Biography:

Raised in NYC. 25+ year resident of Westport. Married with twin boys attending Kings Highway Elementary. Trusts & Estates attorney in Southport and NYC. Adjunct Professor at Fairfield University where I teach an estate planning course. Current RTM member (Education, Planning & Zoning and Ordinance committees). ALS Board Member.

Louis M. Mall

I respond to each citizen's input on the issues and, after careful consideration of their point of view, form my opinion based on the facts and vote on what I believe to be in the best interest of ALL Westporters.



Lou is a 30+ year resident of Westport where he lives with his wife Joan and daughter Tessa, a freshman at CU Boulder. He is Chair of the RTM Compensation Committee and sits on the Education, Public Protection, Rules, and Special Ethics Committees. He is a member of St. Luke Church.

Catherine Calise

As an incumbent RTM member, I have already developed relationships with many Westport residents. Communication, being open minded, fair and aware of the issues is key. Being involved at the committee level is very important, this is where changes begin to take place and as word gets out residents want to be heard. I have in the past and will continue to discuss their concerns individually and in groups, explain how I can help them and what I will do to represent their voices in our committee and RTM meetings.



A native to Westport, my family has lived in Westport for more than 100 years! Staples High graduate. BA Math/Economics UC Santa Barbara. I work locally in a profession which allows me a flexible schedule in order to be available for town affairs. Avid participant in water sports.

Jay Keenan

The goal of an effective RTM member is to become informed about the topics that concern your district and the Town as a whole. This involves attending board and commission meetings, gathering background information, researching what other Towns did in similar situations, talk and listen to your neighbors; then analyze the short and long-term results of those decisions. You must then put your personal politics aside and look at the issue from the point of view of those who will be most affected by your vote. In the end you hope that common sense will prevail and you make the decision, which will most benefit the citizens of Westport.



Biography:

Principal Delgado Gilbride & Keenan Architects, RTM 2005-15, Chair Public Works Committee, 18 Year resident, Staples Building Committee, Trustee Earthplace, KHS Air Quality, Selectman's Building Maintenance Committee, EPC Committee, Youth Sports Coach; 46 Seasons. Married to Caroline, (children: Conor, Callie, Carrick)

Candidates for RTM District 3 Vote for up to 4

Lyn Hogan

Westport's District 3 has been my home for almost 16 years. My husband and I moved to Westport in 1999 and have been on Cross Brook Lane with our two children ever since. I am proud to currently represent District 3 and am excited by the opportunity to continue addressing the issues so many of you have told me are important to you. In addition to sitting on the RTM Education, Long Range Planning, Public Works, and Rules committees, I am a Girl Scout leader, active on the PTA and at Assumption Church, and am a proud soccer and gymnastics mom!



One of the greatest challenges to serving on the RTM is understanding where all constituents stand on the issues. I have enjoyed meeting many District 3 constituents during door-to-door visits, at local events, and at Town Hall meetings, but it is not enough. That is why, with my son's help, I designed a web site where constituents can share their opinions and ideas directly with me and read what other District 3 constituents are saying. PLEASE visit my web site, www.lynhogan.com, or contact me directly anytime!

Sylina Levy

As your elected representative on the RTM, I will exercise my fiduciary responsibility to the electorate, listening to constituents, using good judgement and respect.



Please visit my website at <http://www.SylinaLevy.com>.

Thank you,
Sylina Levy

Melissa Kane

As a past RTM member I took active steps to hear and represent the wishes of my district. I also worked to become well versed on all sides of an issue. As Chair of the DSC I spearheaded the largest public outreach campaign in recent Westport history - specifically to gather the widest range of constituents' views to help shape our Downtown Master Plan. It has been my goal to represent the views of the majority.



I will continue to be available to, and in ongoing conversation with, my constituents (via e-mail, phone, in person), and be prepared and present for all discussion and debate on the issues.

It will be an honor to represent District 3 again.

Melissa and her family are longtime Westporters. She is a former RTM Member, Library Trustee, and Chair of the Downtown Steering Committee. She is current Co-Chair of the Downtown Plan Implementation Committee.

Jimmy Izzo

As a 2 term member of the RTM, the single most important step in my opinion one needs to take to ensure the consideration of the views of my constituents on important issues is to listen and understand the issue of concern. The next step is to do your homework, ask questions, and utilize the many resources we have available at Town Hall to get the information for our constituents. To be effective as representatives, we have to always remember who we represent -- our constituents not ourselves.



Candidates for RTM District 4 Vote for up to 4

Lisa Parrelli Gray

I have enjoyed living in Westport for over 14 years with my husband and 2 daughters who began the educational journey at Saugatuck Elementary School and now are a Senior and Junior at Staples! I have been an engaged member of our community since my arrival, volunteering my time at our place of worship, Christ and Holy Trinity, the PTA and as the coach of my daughter's soccer and softball teams. I have served as a board member for Clasp Homes, on the Development Committee for CT Challenge and as a Guardian Ad Litem for Child Advocates of Connecticut along with currently serving on the Boating Advisory Committee. In addition, I was the Executive Director for the Westport-Weston Chamber of Commerce for 2 years. I would represent the views of District 4 by keeping the lines of communication open and remembering the privilege it is to serve my constituents.



Lynda Kommel-Browne

I am eager to serve the town I love. My husband David and I have raised our family in Westport for the past 18 years. We support our stellar school system, cultural venues, and wonderful resources. I am a full time working parent and understand the pressures many of us face. As a mother of five children, ranging from autistic to gifted, what I do most is problem solve. I too have elderly parents. I am a managing director at Maybank, where I advise clients with investments, focusing on Asia. I despise bureaucracy, and adore other's great ideas.



I am looking forward to offering my deep financial skills and knowledge of Westport to the RTM. I will strive to make sure Westport remains a great community for future generations to raise their families.

Education: Cornell University, London School of Economics, Certified Financial Analyst.

Jeffrey N. Wieser

I have learned in 8 years on the RTM that it is a challenge to know for sure what a majority of my constituents think. It is, therefore, tempting to listen to the most vocal of those involved in an issue. I try, however, to balance what I hear from constituents, from emails (important -- ALWAYS let your thoughts be known), and from other areas of Town, and then I put the topic in the perspective of what I think is right. I believe this approach has worked well for my constituents and for the Town.



Current: Chair, RTM Finance Committee; President & CEO, Homes with Hope; Trustee, YMCA. Former: Chair, Staples Tuition Grants; Advisor, B3; Vestry, C&HT. B.A., Princeton. MBA, NYU. Wife, Pat (Former President, Kings Hwy PTA). 3 children (including Staples '04 and '12)

David Floyd

During my two terms on the RTM, I have always strived to solicit as much input as possible from my fellow Westporters. If taken as passive activity, one typically hears only one side of the debate. Fortunately, very few, if any, issues we face are so localized that they only affect citizens of a specific district. My views are shaped by a wide variety of Westporters across districts. Throughout my terms, I have emailed, called and pulled-aside citizens to solicit their views. In this age of electronics, personal commentary and interaction are critical to understanding, exactly, what my constituents feel and believe about the issues affecting all of us.



Elected to the RTM in 2011 and chair of the RTM Parks & Recreation Committee. Westport resident for 18 years (all District 4), married for almost 23. He and Lainie have 2 sons who both grew up in the Westport schools.

Kristan Hamlin

The most effective way for Westporters to communicate to RTMers is email. RTMer's emails are listed at <http://www.westportct.gov/index.aspx?page=388> I read and consider all emails I've received. Without exception, they've informed my votes. District 4 residents who want email updates from me should send me an email entitled 'District4,' so I have their email addresses and I will then include them in global email updates and solicit their views. I am also holding a coffee on 11/1 at Compo Beach.



Former Assistant U.S. Attorney. Presently, attorney with employment law practice. Author. Present RTM member. Lead petitioner of pending ordinance petition (I drafted) to require competitive bidding for Town contracts to ensure fairer pricing and thereby lower taxes to Westporters; Transit Committee member drafting white paper on returning RR parking receipts to taxpayers to address lack of RR parking; Board of Advisors, Westport Historical Society; married 28 yrs; 3 children.

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Candidates for RTM District 5 Vote for up to 4

Peter Gold

RTM members are their constituents' eyes, ears and voice: examining town budgets and spending, reviewing ordinances, hearing appeals from town boards' decisions, and generally keeping an eye on town operations. To be effective members *must* know their constituents' views. I gather that information daily; listening to constituents at town meetings, reading their comments and letters on blogs, websites and in newspapers, talking to them at community organizations' meetings (including the Greens Farms Association), and during ordinary encounters around town. Most importantly, my e-mail address and phone number are readily available; I always answer my phone and I'm always willing to listen.



33 year Westport resident. Two children. Two-term RTM member; transit (Chair), public works, ordinance, employee compensation and long-range planning committees. 38 years' consulting on governmental employees' benefits. Former member Citizen's Transit Committee and Boards of Directors YMCA, and Children's Community Daycare Center. Ride leader, Sound Cyclists Bicycle Club.

Steven Chin

Over the years, I've given out my e-mail and phone number contact information to my neighbors as well as the various Boards that I serve on. Even as I announced my intentions to run for office, I've fielded countless questions in person and through other channels. If elected as RTM, I expect to do no less- I want to listen to my constituents, from the young to the elderly, to ensure that their voices are heard within the community. As a start, here's my personal e-mail address: stevenchin13@yahoo.com. Start sending in those comments!



My wife and I have two sons that attend Staples and Bedford. I'm employed by ABB, managing the U.S. pension plans. I have the CFA designation, BBA from The College of Insurance and MBA from The Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. On a volunteer basis, I'm the Chair of Person to Person's Investment Committee.

John F. Suggs

Throughout the seven years I've had the privilege to serve on the RTM, I've used all forms of communication to obtain constituent's views. I read and respond to every text, email, and call I receive. As a volunteer and coach, I actively listen to the priorities of my fellow GFS/BMS parents. I stay abreast of community concerns by attending functions at the Senior Center, following BOE meetings and interacting with my fellow RTM members and Town staff. Most importantly, I keep Art Schoeller and the Greens Farms Association on speed dial and work closely with them to ensure that Greens Farms remains a highly sought after and desirable place for all of us to call home.



I have a MBA and MS in Management and Systems. As a Forensic Genetic Genealogist, I apply my passion for historical research to preserve the best of Westport for both seniors and future generations.

Thomas C. Bloch

I live in a perfect laboratory to take into consideration and secure the views of a majority of my constituents. I am the President of the Regents Park Condo Association. I hear everyday, from the residents what is on their mind as it concerns our Town. I am also on the Board of the Saugatuck Cooperative which is not in District #5 however there is no shortage of opinions from the residents on what concerns them in Westport. I am immersed in the dialogue within the Town and District # 5. Therefore I have a good understanding of the issues that are on resident's minds.



I have lived in District #5 for 21 years. I have served the Town on Commissions and nonprofit organizations for at least 20 years. I am a retired Business executive who was President and CEO of a subsidiary of a NYSE company.

Seth Braunstein

As a "Representative" elected to participate in our Town Meetings (hence the term Representative Town Meeting) my job is to reflect the views of the constituents in District 5. Being responsive to our constituents is the best way for us to make sure we are getting a clear picture of what our neighbors' views are. If an issue is important to even one member of my district it is important to me. Both my email and my home phone numbers are published and used often by residents when there are issues that have become important in our District.



Westport resident since 2005. Issue driven, not party affiliated. Helped push passage of Westport's anti-blight ordinance, worked to fight placement of cell towers on residential property and have been an active member of the RTM's Finance, Public Protection and Parks & Recreation Committees. BA, Economics, University of Chicago and an MBA from NYU. Married to Sara, son attends BMS.

Candidates for RTM District 6 Vote for up to 4

Cathy Talmadge

Over the past 8 years I have found that my constituents are comfortable contacting me regarding their issues via phone, email and conversations around town. I take pride in following up and establishing a database. With more controversial issues, I randomly call large samples of my constituents to solicit their opinion and discuss the subtle issues that may not be explicit in the press. I will continue to expand this communication channel as it has been very helpful to me and has drawn many of my constituents into the process.



27 year resident and active volunteer. I sit on Wakeman Town Farm Committee and am a Trustee at Earthplace among other activities. A former telecommunications executive with extensive financial and operational expertise and a four term District 6 RTM representative for where I have been a dedicated member of the RTM's Finance, Environment, Public Works, Ethics and Transit Committees.

Hope Feller

I am happy and proud to serve District 6, and to continue to answer your calls, emails and ongoing concerns. Please feel free as always to send along your comments and suggestions for open and thoughtful communication. I have spoken to many constituents over the years, to talk about change necessary for our District.



Recap of recent concerns: traffic on our roads, sometimes due to town construction; signage issues at the Post Road; and pot holes, never attended to.

Please continue bring these issues to my attention so we can find solutions to these safety concerns.

Voters of Westport,

I have been on the RTM for 4 years and on the ballot for the third time. Thank you.

During my tenure, I have served on the Baron South, Library and the Police Protection Committees.

I attend and value, Town, Chamber of Commerce, and Fairfield County Events; and volunteer locally.

Brandi Briggs

I am committed to listening to and representing the interests of RTM District 6 voters. To do this, I will continue to stay in close touch with residents through my active participation in local organizations (Long Lots PTA, Westport Young Woman's League); attendance at community events; and timely and courteous responses to all constituent inquiries. I will also proactively seek out feedback from residents through a Facebook page focused on RTM matters. This page will seek to inform constituents about issues facing Westport, and serve as a forum for residents to share their opinions and suggestions. Using this page, I will survey on specific topics so I can understand the will of District 6 constituents, and ensure their interests are represented in the RTM.



Married, Three children; Attorney-Trusts/Estates, Elder Law; RTM-District 6; Vice-President-Westport Young Woman's League; VP of Fundraising-LLS PTA; JD-University of Colorado School of Law, BS-Boston College

Jessica Bram

Since moving to Westport in 1998 with three sons who attended Long Lots, Bedford Middle, and Staples H.S., I have represented every constituency: concerned public school parent, single mom, Rotarian active in community service, business owner, Chamber of Commerce member, local political activist, temple member and volunteer, Webb Road Association officer, Saugatuck Church community feast turkey baker, and now empty nester, soon-to-be-senior, and devoted dog owner passionate about access to town parks, upkeep of recreational facilities, and protection of our shoreline and environment. As I continue all these activities which have kept me connected to my community - waiting at school bus stops, working on local election campaigns, standing at the polls on Election Day, walking my dog at Winslow Park, and volunteering at community activities like Rotary Lobster Fest - forging and maintaining relationships with my District 6 neighbors and community will be as important to me as always.



Candidates for RTM District 7 Vote for up to 4

John Klinge

Having served 18 years on RTM (thank you District 7) and lived in Westport 50 years, am confident that majority of constituents want Westport to provide superior education, public services, and recreational facilities for residents all ages at reasonably managed cost. My RTM and town involvement consistent with belief - EDUCATION - RTM Ed Committee; sub teacher BMS, SHS (coach "K"), Safe Rides Board, mentor program, professor SHU, Cornell interviewer, advocated enhanced school security; SENIORS - RTM Health/Human Services Committee, Chairman Friends Senior Center, senior housing advocate; TOWNWIDE - RTM Public Works/ Recreation Committees, advocated minimal change Compo Beach plus rebuild bath house, Westport Maintenance Committee, persuaded Fairfield DPW to repave Sturges Highway, assist citizens dealing with local problems (203-255-0928 or jgklinge@aol.com). PERSONAL - Awards (Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, Westport Service to Seniors, Red Cross Helping Hand, Woman's Club, Friends Lifetime Achievement), Masters Cornell, Harvard MBA, USNavy, married 51 years/3 children.



Ellen Lautenberg Hendel

Beginning with my campaign for the RTM, I will be providing my contact information to the constituents in District 7 and inviting them to email or call me with any questions, concerns or thoughts they have about the town. If elected, I would invite constituents to be on an email list so that I can regularly update them by email and solicit responses. I would plan to host occasional coffees or other gatherings for people to discuss issues. In addition, I would ask for input from district members when I see them.



* B.A. - Clark University; JD - Cardozo School of Law

* Lehman Brothers 1980-1990

* Moved to Westport in 1995

* 2 children attended Westport public schools

* Involved in PTA at Long Lots; Co-President at Bedford; Executive Board at Staples

* Board member of Temple Israel (2003-2008) and UJA/Federation (2008 - present)

Arthur Ashman

As an experienced member of the RTM, I have appreciated the opportunity to serve District 7, where I have lived for 20 years with my wife and three children. I am an active member of: Y's Men; Westport Band; producer of jazz at WAC; present RTM Chair of Library, Earthplace, and WAC Committees; member Public Protection and Finance Committees.



Communicating with my constituents is a responsibility I take seriously and a pleasure I enjoy. As a voice for District 7, I welcome feedback and dialogue by email or phone regarding town or individual issues. I keep an open mind to different views on an issue before personally taking a position. Obtaining a consensus of opinions and devising suggested directions is essential before arriving at meaningful solutions.

• Founder, Clinical Professor - Ashman Department of Implant Dentistry at NYU

• Entrepreneur/CEO of 3 biotech's bought by big board companies

• Dental Surgeon/Dental Implant Pioneer

Allen S. Bomes

Since most issues are town-wide, public sentiment can be determined in several ways. These include monitoring the comments on town blogs such as Dan Woog's 06880, attending RTM committee meetings and going to meetings of other boards and commissions. The Town website lists the contact information (telephone and email) of each RTM member, so residents can easily reach their representatives. For controversial issues in my district such as the Old Road/Buckley Avenue sewer extension and the proposed affordable housing development at the Westport Inn, there will usually be neighborhood meetings where the opinions of several constituents can be heard all at once.



Six-term incumbent and member of the Finance, Environment and Long Range Planning Committees. Past member of the school building committee (Coleytown, Staples and Long Lots parking sub-committees). Executive with experience in accounting, budgeting and finance. 23 year resident married to Marilyn Smith; with two Westport educated children.

Lauren Karpf

As a current RTM member, I believe in open, honest and ongoing communication with my constituents, whether by telephone, email, posts to my Facebook RTM page (Facebook.com/laurenkarpf), or in person. I regularly seek input from the community, participate in public meetings, read local newspapers/websites, attend RTM meetings (100% attendance), and actively solicit the viewpoint of my constituents. As an attorney and mother of young children, I bring a fresh, independent, nonpartisan perspective to the RTM. I am committed to cost-effectively bettering our schools, improving services for seniors, and promoting economic development while keeping our taxes low, all while preserving the best of our community.



Member of Parks and Recreation and Ordinance Committees; Attorney for the financial sector and public sector (NYC Department of Education), specializing in employment law; Background in business development for financial corporations; Mediator for State of CT; Married with two young children.

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Candidates for RTM District 8 vote Vote for up to 4

Wendy G. Batteau

Understanding and representing both constituents' opinions and principles is a serious trust. Ensuring we all have the relevant facts comes first. A researcher and communicator by nature and profession, I discuss individual, district and town concerns in person, via internet, and phone. My contact info is widely available; I connect with everyone. I visit homes and welcome other get-togethers; am on Facebook; and send mailings explaining issues and asking for input. I reach out virtually daily at meetings of town committees, neighborhood associations, BOE, PTAs, LWV, district-oriented, cultural, environmental, service and interest groups. We're in this together!

Four-term RTM; Chair Environment Committee; Planning/Zoning, Long-Range Planning, Health/Human Services, Public Works, Library/Arts Committees. Resident District 8, 24 years. Produce educational multimedia. Formerly Creative and Financial Director, divisions of Simon & Schuster and Macmillan; executive positions elsewhere. Certified substitute teacher. Married, one child, mom in senior living.. Brown, Stanford.

wgbatteaurtm8@gmail.com



Carla L. Rea

As an incumbent RTM member and former chairman of Westport's P&Z, I will always remain accessible to all Westporters. A problem we face is that often the electorate is not aware of issues until right before they are scheduled for a vote; therefore it is sometimes difficult to know the will of the majority. I will keep an open mind up to and during the formal RTM vote. I will continue to reach out to District 8 Voters by phone, email and person-to-person contact, as I live and work full-time in town. As the appointed member of the RTM to the Downtown Steering Committee, I helped to ensure throughout numerous public meetings that all voices were heard prior to any recommendations. I currently serve on the RTM Long Range and P&Z Committees. Contact me at Carla@carlarealty.com or 203-227-3732.

42 year resident, businesswoman, volunteer, Incumbent RTM- serve on Long Range Planning, P&Z and Downtown Steering Committee. Former chairman P&Z, Alternate ZBA. Teaching degree, Roma, Italy. Married, three children.



Dee Chapman

I have a proven record of inspiring Westport residents to become interested and involved in town issues. Through an awareness campaign, I educated Westport residents on how planned changes to Compo Beach would affect them.

Consequently, I presented a 1,200-signature petition at standing-room only meetings to save water's edge parking and the skate park at Compo Beach. When elected, I will employ similar strategies to keep people informed and engaged. I will actively garner public input from District 8 and provide opportunities for residents to voice their opinions. I am available at 203-222-4955, lovewestport@gmail.com, and Love Westport on Facebook.



Lee Arthurs

When I served on the RTM, one of my top priorities was to take into consideration the views and needs of District 8. This was my job. I encouraged, and will again encourage, meaningful dialogue with constituents in person, by phone (203-454-9798) and through e-mail (lmarthurs@gmail.com).

I will actively participate in RTM Meetings and RTM committee meetings and encourage District 8 residents to speak at these meetings. I will also attend local meetings on issues of concern to District 8. In addition, I will stay current on local news - looking for matters that could be of importance to our district.

I look forward to again representing District 8 on the RTM. And I look forward to hearing from you.

Lee is a 23-year Westport resident, married with three children. He worked in finance for 25 years. He is a former RTM member serving on the Finance and Ordinance Committees.



Lois G. Schine

I believe in using all resources to determine what the majority of my constituents feel about issues that will be debated at RTM. I inform my constituents of my e-mail address since that and the telephone seem to be the preferred methods of communication. I encourage folks to be in touch with me.

I read the Westport newspapers and digital papers to learn of citizens' concerns.

My involvement in numerous Westport organizations also gives me direct contact with many of the people I represent. RTM Committees: Chair: Long Range Planning, Finance, Planning and Zoning, Ethics, Rules.

Bio: B.S and M.S in Engineering, Past President Coleytown Junior High; Chair Human Services Commission, Served on Land Acquisition Committee; Downtown Master Plan Committee; Committee to acquire Winslow Park; President Chamber of Commerce 16 years; President Westport Rotary; Member Boards Earthplace and YMCA.

Have lived in Westport over 60 years; brought up five children here.



Candidates for RTM District 9 Vote for up to 4

Andrea L. Moore

In my various volunteer leadership roles, I have built relationships with stakeholders by asking questions, listening to different points of view and by having an open mind. Things get done by bringing people together to find solutions. I would continue to be involved in our community, be accessible and open to discussing the important issues with my constituents.

Born and raised in Westport, I moved back to town in 2002. In 2006, I left a 15-year career on Wall Street and since then I have held numerous volunteer roles around Westport, all related to the schools and children. Currently I serve as Co-President of Staples Tuition Grants Committee, Past President of the SES PTA, Co-Treasurer of the BMS PTA, Co-Chair PTA Council Workshop Committee and the SES School Safety Parent Representative. I have three daughters Tessa (11), Janna (10), Ella (8) with my husband David.



Jennifer Johnson

I would be honored to serve as your District 9 Representative. Through my service on numerous Town boards and commissions, I have come to appreciate the critical role that the RTM can play in encouraging constructive debate over important town-wide issues and in reviewing (and occasionally overturning) decisions made by elected Town officials. Your insights and opinions are vitally important in shaping the outcome of policies that affect all of us. I will use social media, neighborhood gatherings, email updates and informal spontaneous conversations to ensure that those views are heard and considered at every step in the process.

Biography:

Jennifer current serves as the co-Director of the Westport Transit District. A mother of two, Jennifer has extensive work experience in both the public and private sectors including serving as the Executive Director and Regional Manager in two non-profit entities, and a Director at PricewaterhouseCoopers L.L.P.



Eileen Lavigne Flug

As an RTM member, I believe it is important to listen to my constituents and understand their thoughts and concerns about town and neighborhood issues, and to help them as much as I can. I enjoy talking with District 9 residents and other Westporters, whether by phone, email or in person. It is also important for RTM members to become fully informed by studying backup materials and RTM committee reports, interviewing town employees and officials, and debating issues with fellow RTM members. Through my involvement with our schools, Sunrise Rotary, League of Women Voters, Friends of Parks and Recreation, and other town groups, I regularly talk with District 9 residents and other Westporters. I hope to continue to represent District 9.

RTM Moderator; Representative since 2005; Ordinance, Rules, and Special Ethics Committees. Attorney practicing in Westport; formerly in Washington, D.C. and NYC. Two children, one at Staples.



Charles E. Carey

I will maintain an e-mail account dedicated to RTM issues. Prior to meetings of the RTM, I will make myself available to speak with residents of the District. When appropriate, I will reach out through local publications to give residents a sense of my thinking on the issues and to promote a healthy dialogue. I will focus on the concerns raised by those in the District. I will maintain open lines of communication with the other members of the RTM from the District to stay current with the concerns they are hearing from others in the District.

Biographical information: Charles has been a Westport resident for 9 years along with Kathleen, his wife of 37 years. Charles has practiced law in the area of municipal finance for over 35 years.

Email Address: carey23@optonline.net



Velma E. Heller

We are fortunate to live in a community of critical and creative thinkers and "doers" who are open to sharing ideas and suggestions on a range of topics. As your RTM representative for the past 14 years, I have always considered the views of my constituents to be critical input as I do my homework to make informed decisions on important issues. Email offers ease and efficiency in ascertaining people's thoughts, while phone calls allow another level of dialogue. I find both are effective vehicles for tapping into the richness of constituent's ideas when making decisions that impact our town.

Westport Resident for 51 years; RTM Representative (2001-2015) - 7 terms; Deputy Moderator of the RTM; Chair, Education Committee, Long Range Planning, Public Protection, Health and Human Services, Rules Committees, etc.; Retired Westport Principal, Vice Principal, K-12 Director, Teacher; Assistant Professor of Education, Sacred Heart University; League of Women Voters.



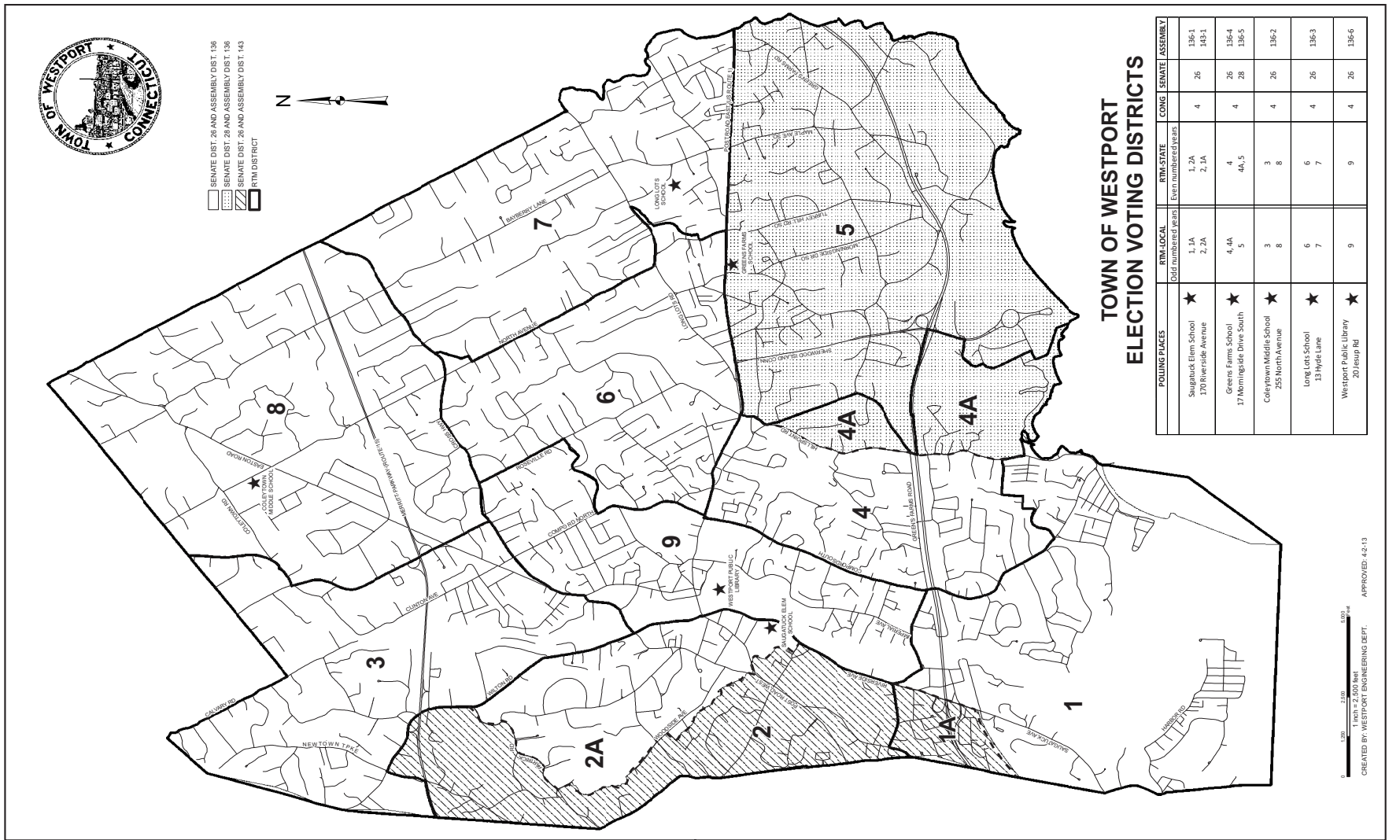
Sal Liccione

I am Sal Liccione. So. Church Lane. I have lived downtown for 13 years. If elected will help the people of the Downtown District 9. I want to help get more transit and bus shelters as in the Downtown Plan I as a member of the CtC have been fighting for. I will also work with the Board of Finance and P and Z and the First Selectman, and I will work with my connections at the state capital. I will meet with and help the people of District 9. People can call me any time 203-434-6348 24/7. If elected please call me any time.



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SAMPLE BALLOT

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PARTY	Zoning Board of Appeals Vote for up to Three			Representative Town Meeting District Nine Vote for up to Four					
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Vote on BOTH SIDES of this ballot.

SAMPLE BALLOT
Back Side For District 9

SAMPLE BALLOT

Front Side For All Districts

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PARTY	Board of Finance Vote for up to Four				Board of Education Vote for up to Three			Board of Assessment Appeals Vote for One	Planning and Zoning Commission Vote for up to Four			
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	<input type="radio"/> 1A John Hartwell	<input type="radio"/> 2A Sheri Gordon	<input type="radio"/> 3A	<input type="radio"/> 4A	<input type="radio"/> 5A Mark Mathias	<input type="radio"/> 6A Michael Gordon	<input type="radio"/> 7A	<input type="radio"/> 8A	<input type="radio"/> 9A Paul Lebowitz	<input type="radio"/> 10A	<input type="radio"/> 11A	<input type="radio"/> 12A
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