

The League of Women Voters of Westport 2009 VOTERS' GUIDE

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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Westport Voters,

This Voters' Guide, prepared as a public service by the League of Women Voters of Westport and generously sponsored by the Westport Minuteman, is a helpful tool for educating yourself about the upcoming election. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that neither supports nor opposes any candidates for public office.

As you know, this is a "local year," when we will choose officials to serve as First and Second Selectmen, to sit on local Boards and Commissions, and to act for

us in the Representative Town Meeting. Read through this guide and find out about the candidates and where they stand on issues that are important to town residents.

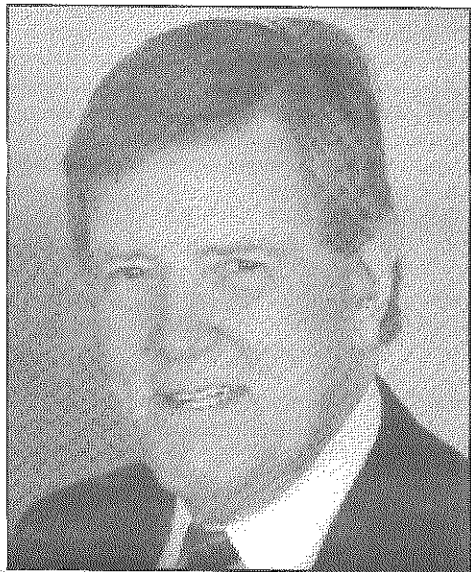
You may take your Voters' Guide into the voting booth with you on November 3. Be sure to check your district and polling place, both of which are listed on the Westport website, www.westportct.gov/residents/voting.

Alison Rivard and Doris Skutch
Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters of Westport

CANDIDATES' REPLIES ARE PUBLISHED EXACTLY AS SUBMITTED (within the 155-word limit specified).
Candidates are listed in the order in which they appear on the ballot.

CANDIDATES FOR FIRST SELECTMAN • FOUR-YEAR TERM

LWV Question: Describe two specific issues facing Westport and how you would address them.



R. GAVIN S. ANDERSON

Republican

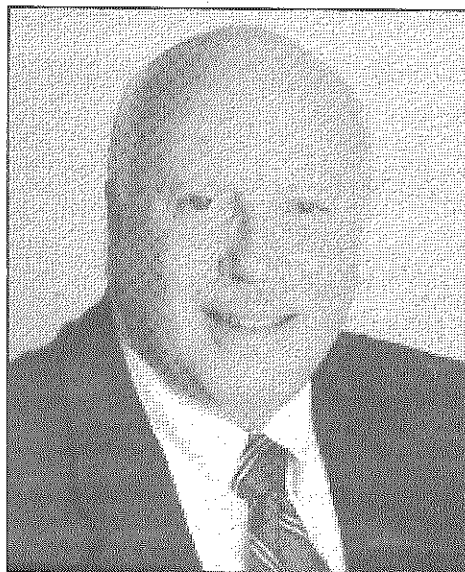
Westporters face tax increases next year due to failures in recognizing and resolving serious financial problems, lack of expense controls, planning for pension/medical costs, and the use of millions from reserves to balance budgets for political reasons. I will lead aggressive programs that generate sustainable savings, eliminate duplicate town and school functions where possible, develop real planning procedures, and install more punctual, actionable accounting reporting systems. I will insure the best value for taxpayer dollars.

Westport schools are why people call Westport home. Our schools risk slipping from "great" to "good" because recent administrations don't understand the need

to work with, not against, our education administration. I will change that, bringing real cooperation to make sure our schools stay "great".

Bio: Westport 32 years. International Financial Professional, KPMG (8), Colgate-Palmolive Company (28), Westport Board of Finance (7), RTM (2). Many Boards, Naval Officer, international athlete. Interests: environment, arts, history, language, culture.

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GORDON F. JOSELOFF

Democrat

The difficult economy influences all major issues facing Westport, including my vision and mission as first selectman: to make Westport the best place to live and raise a family. That's why providing sound fiscal management is a priority, along with preserving Westport's history and character, maintaining our superior schools, enhancing our safety and security, and making Westport even more senior-friendly.

Simultaneously, we must meet the changing needs of the 21st century with a modern, 24/7 accessible town government staffed by a professional, technically savvy workforce. This requires vision, leadership, unquestionable

integrity, and an uncompromising determination to put the public's interests above all else. My 18 years as a Westport elected official have demonstrated these qualities. I am enthusiastically eager and ready for four more.

Bio: Gordon F. Joseloff is an award-winning former UPI and CBS News journalist who grew up in Westport. He is Westport's longest continuously serving elected official: RTM 1991-2005; First Selectman, 2005-09.

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CANDIDATES FOR SECOND SELECTMAN • FOUR-YEAR TERM

LWV Question: How do you perceive the role of Second Selectman?



KRISTIN TESTA LAFLEUR

Republican

By Town Charter, the Second Selectman acts as an advisor to the First Selectman. This role takes on a greater meaning in this time of economic uncertainty, when critical decisions need to be made. Information is integral to good decision-making and now, more than ever, our Second Selectman needs to be proactive in reaching out to all branches of town government to ensure that services are offered in a cost-effective and integrated manner that doesn't overburden our taxpayers and maintains the quality of services Westporters expect. The Second Selectman must be committed to working with our schools, not against them. By opening the lines of communication, the Second Selectman can create

transparency in all decision-making and ensure Westport remains the dynamic community we all cherish.

Bio: Community: 15-year Westport resident, Board of Education, WYWL, Girl Scouts, CMS PTA, married, two daughters. Business: 9 years in financial services. Education: BS Ithaca College, MBA NYU, MA Fairfield University.

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SHELLY A. KASSEN

Democrat

1. Address all issues before the Board of Selectmen (BOS), Traffic Authority, Water Pollution Control Authority and, by tradition, moderate these public meetings. 2. Advise FS, represent the Town in public functions, and serve on a variety of task forces such as Plan Implementation and Domestic Violence. 3. Pursue initiatives that are part of the administration's overall vision, such as tax relief, Celebrate Westport, and housing.

The Second Selectman position has no responsibilities in the charter, other than the first prong. It is what you make it. I have been a very active Second Selectman because I love the Town, and want to serve. The most

important part of the role is bringing people together to come up with creative solutions to strengthen the community.

Bio: BOS (2005-2009), Board of Finance (1997-2005), The Conservative Synagogue president (1993-1997), CPA, Harvard MBA, Wellesley College. In Westport since 1989. Active in many charitable organizations, married with 3 daughters.

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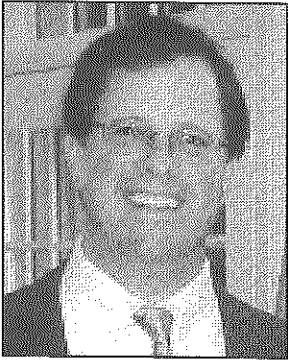
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CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF FINANCE

VOTE FOR ANY THREE (FOUR-YEAR TERM)

LWV Question: *In this difficult financial climate, how would you maintain the quality of Town services?*



BOB ZAPPI

Republican

Maintaining quality Town services AND keeping taxes low is the real challenge. It requires financial discipline, bi-partisan leadership and cooperation within the Town. I would rather consolidate duplicate town and school departments than reduce the quality of our excellent school system and Town services. Combining redundant budget items eliminates waste and makes our Town's operations more cost efficient. Beginning December, I will identify specific areas for consolidation including Health Insurance, Payroll Processing, Financial Operations, Information Technology, Maintenance, and Legal Services.

Demand more from your elected officials. Insist on cooperation not controversy. Don't settle for political speak like "Protecting our Town". Ask candidates for specific ideas, how they will accomplish them and when. Bob Zappi will diligently work for you on the Board of Finance.

Bio: Successful Entrepreneur; CEO of Catalyst and NYU Adjunct Professor. Former Managing Director of MCA. Wife Cathy and sons Chris & Mark are 21 Year residents.

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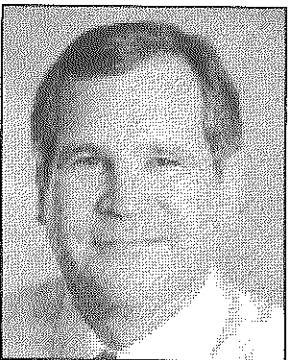
AVI KANER

Republican

We have chosen to live in Westport because of its best schools, parks, beaches, library, public safety, and sense of community. The severe recession and market contraction, however, have had a profound effect on our financial well-being and the values of our homes, threatening our ability to continue to deliver excellence across the board. I have worked diligently on the BOF to ensure a 0% tax increase for the upcoming year, while at the same time sought opportunities for financial improvement. "Benchmarking" our services to neighboring towns is crucial in identifying efficiencies and best practices to maintain the quality of our services. I have also advocated for redesigned municipal pension plans to eliminate the market risk from Westport tax payers, and prevent cuts in services.

Bio: Four year elected member of the Board of Finance. Owner of Morton Williams Supermarkets. Former Principal at Booz Allen. Columbia BS, MBA. Wife Liz, and children Julia, Jack, and Jonathan.

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BRIAN E. STERN

Democrat

Westport is not immune to the current financial crisis. To maintain our exceptional standards of education and municipal services, every component of service delivery must become more efficient. We have no choice but to be wise, cautious, frugal, and creative. We must simplify processes, cut overhead, make better use of prior investments (especially information technology), stop organizational duplication, and improve our procurement practices. Westport can afford excellent services but we cannot afford waste. One thing is for certain: our great teachers, safety officers, and other dedicated municipal employees, should be involved and empowered to implement sound solutions. Our difficult decisions have to be fact based, and most important, devoid of unproductive partisanship, and bickering. I look forward to serving our incredible town.

Bio: Westport resident 32 years; alternate on P and Z; soccer coach; 35 years at Xerox (progressed to become President of four divisions); Boards of four public multinational companies; Harvard MBA.

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HELEN A. GARTEN

Democrat

My priorities for preserving and enhancing our excellent services: (1) Control mushrooming pension costs that are diverting an increasing percentage of precious tax dollars from other uses. We can fund our obligations in ways that guarantee financial security to our employees without increasing the burden on taxpayers. (2) Minimize the impact of unexpected revenue fluctuations on our budgets. We can develop a financial forecasting model that helps us understand the implications of today's budget decisions and identifies future funding gaps. (3) Make government more efficient by sharing services among departments. If we target areas where combining functions will improve service delivery and free our education and municipal employees to focus on their core responsibilities, we can build consensus for change and cost savings will follow.

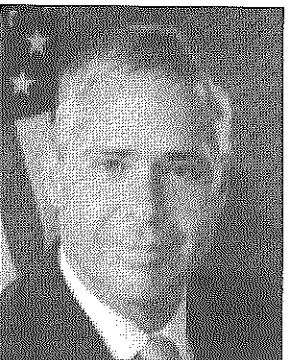
Bio: Vice Chair, Board of Finance. Chair, Audit Subcommittee. A.B., Princeton. J.D., Harvard Law School. Professor of Law, specializing in business, finance, securities. 25 year Westport resident.

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CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

VOTE FOR ANY FOUR (FOUR-YEAR TERM)

LWV Question: *How can the Board of Education continue to develop educational goals, and at the same time, control costs?*



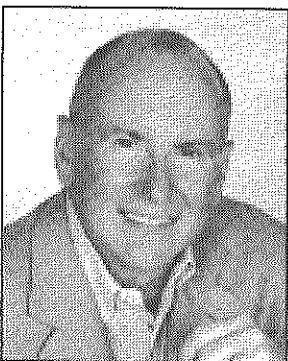
MICHAEL J. MCGOVERN

Republican

When I served as Co-chairman of Westport's first Community Conversation About Education last March, the message from the participants was clear: we must ensure that our students graduate with the 21st Century skills needed to have successful careers and fulfilling personal lives. This requires continuous improvement in our curriculum and teaching methods, which cannot be achieved without setting clear and measurable goals. Westporters understand that education spending is really an investment- in our homes, in our children, in our future. But they expect their tax dollars to be invested wisely. They expect town and school leadership to work together to maximize efficiency. This is my highest priority- to make sure we spend what we need to keep our schools great- but not one dollar more.

Bio: Thirteen year resident; Board of Education Member 2005-2007; Trustee, Regis High School; Three children in Westport Schools, one 2009 Staples graduate; Twenty-three years in investment banking, J.P. Morgan and HSBC.

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JIM MARPE

Republican

I have championed continuous improvement of our schools through a restructuring approach that is intended to reduce costs without diminishing the quality of our great education. First, update educational goals to reflect the evolving requirements of the 21st century, then balance those goals with an openly constructed budget that Westport taxpayers can afford. Throughout my career, I helped clients build organization-wide consensus on "must have" capabilities versus "nice to have". That same discipline must be applied to the trade-off of curriculum and costs. New programs must align with BOE goals. Sunset or restructure programs that do not meet long-term student needs. Delivering 21st Century education through goal based prioritization and cost effective restructuring will keep our schools great and affordable.

Bio: Board of Education Vice Chairman; Westport Y Trustee, Westport Rotary, Stamford Symphony Chairman; Accenture Retired partner; MBA (Wharton); 20-year resident; married (Mary Ellen), daughter (Samantha) Staples 2002.

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ELAINE EVA WHITNEY

Democrat

The strength of our curriculum, staff, and educational programs is of paramount importance. The BOE must proactively and continuously evaluate our programs and performance.

Many programmatic changes with educational merit are cost-neutral, some actually reduce costs, and others require investment. But the driver of our decisions should be ensuring that we do our best, within the resource constraints we have, to meet the educational needs of all children at all instructional levels and of all ability levels.

In any economic environment, the BOE has a fiduciary duty to use Westport's resources prudently and effectively. I will continue to work hard to reduce costs where feasible while ensuring program integrity, both on the board and as a BOE representative on the government efficiency committee.

Bio: Currently serves on the BOE. Former management consultant and LLS PTA co-president, with three children in our elementary, middle and high schools; BA from Yale; and MBA from Northwestern (Kellogg).

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DONALD G. O'DAY

Democrat

The Board of Education not only can, but MUST control costs while working to reach the goal of constantly improving our schools for all students.

The BOE, working with the school administration, town government, teachers and parents (particularly the PTA) must do two important things relative to fiscal management: 1) understand what the town is willing and able to spend, and 2) work within that budget to reach our goals and objectives.

To that end, we must eliminate programs that have diminished relevance before adding new programs. Further, while administrative spending is important, classroom and technology spending is more important and that must be our focus.

Difficult spending choices are made at home and in our businesses. Our schools are not exempt from that reality.

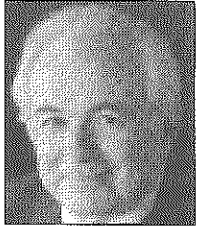
Bio: Financial professional for over 30 years as a CFO and business manager. Westport resident for 15 years with 3 children that all greatly benefited from the Westport's schools.

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CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

VOTE FOR ANY TWO (FOUR-YEAR TERM)

LWV Question: *What factors would you consider in deciding appeals?*



BOB F. LASPROGATO
Republican

When deciding appeals, I would research empirical evidence regarding the property in question, along with comparables to set guidelines for making fair and equitable decisions. I would also, to the extent allowed, use logic and common sense to help me make my decision. At the end of

the process, I would want the petitioner to feel that their petition was judged fairly.

Bio: Westport resident since 1990. Attended UConn. Graduate of University of Colorado School of Banking. Served on Westport Flood & Erosion Board one term. Westport selectman one term.

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ELAINE S. ARNOW
Democrat

I would first consider the nature of the appeal as to whether the appeal is about the land or the structure or both. For the land assessment, I would take into consideration the size of the property, the location and the topography, be it flat, sloping, dry or wet. I would research conservation maps to establish wetland areas. I would evaluate the structure in terms of architecture, square feet, quality and grade of construction and whether there has been a renovation. Then I would research comparable land assessments and comparable home assessments on the same street or similar area. I will evaluate all appeals with fairness and integrity as I have done serving on the Board of Assessment Appeals for the past four years.

Bio: Served on the Board of Assessment Appeals for the past 4 years. Realtor in Westport for 25 years. Former teacher in Westport. BS and MA degrees, Columbia University.

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DAVID B. KRAUSS
Democrat

There are many important factors that I would consider in deciding appeals. First, come well prepared with complete, accurate and relevant evidence to support the case. This can include appraisals, photographs, maps, relevant sales data and information concerning comparable properties. The Board must determine the fair market value of the property at the time it was assessed at the last Revaluation. Key factors that go into this equation are the location of the property; the amount and type of land; the size, age, and construction quality of the dwelling; and whether there are specific unique factors that may diminish or enhance the value of the property. Market conditions at the time of the next Revaluation will also be a significant factor.

Bio: Chairman, Westport Board of Assessment Appeals, 2006-2009; Practicing Attorney; B.A., Cornell University; J.D. American University; Married with two children in Westport Public Schools; Coach, Westport Little League.

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CANDIDATES FOR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

VOTE FOR ANY THREE (FOUR-YEAR TERM)

LWV Question: *Given the pressure of these economic times, what will you do to preserve the character of Westport?*

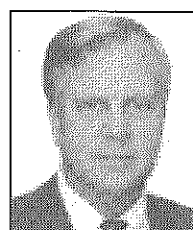


DESIREE ANNE SOLI
Republican/Save Westport Now

In these challenging economic times we must stay true to our small town character and not waver from protecting our residential neighborhoods from the encroachment of commercial development and high density housing. Maintaining our single family residential zones and individual property owners rights is a priority. We must encourage the limited development of privately funded affordable housing for seniors. I support the acquisition of open space for both active and passive recreational uses. I am committed to protecting our woodlands and water resources. The planning and zoning process needs to be improved through communication, transparency and customer service. Our zoning regulations must be enforced fairly, equally and timely. We must bring forth amendments to make downtown Westport more vibrant: i.e. outdoor dining.

Bio: I am committed to a bi-partisan approach to protecting Westport and have been endorsed by both Save Westport Now and Westport Republican Town Committee.

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HOWARD B. LATHROP
Democrat

The character of Westport comprises the physical - the interaction of the man-made with the environment, and the spiritual - all of our activities. Westport has a beautiful setting and a vibrant citizenry. Both must be nurtured to preserve its character. I applaud the current trend to reduce consumption and improve community facilities. We have, until recently, overzealously expanded. Now, as the economy tightens, economic forces will bring us to the middle.

I encourage a dynamic "Main Street" and "Post Road" corridor with housing, community activities, work-places and retail near public transportation. Expanding community facilities brings us together and preserves the spiritual character of Westport. Accommodating our natural growth efficiently will minimize the pressure to over develop our rural areas; and thereby, retain Westport's unique physical character.

Bio: An architect for 40 years. In Westport 12 years with continuous community service. On P&Z for 4 years, Secretary for 2. Helped develop our 2007 Plan of Conservation and Development.

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NORA L. JINISHIAN
Democrat

Westport is unique because of its location, its facilities, its resources and its residents but few in our community have been spared the pressures of the current economy. The challenge is to preserve what we have, despite rising costs and businesses being forced to close. On the Planning and Zoning Commission it is our responsibility to make wise decisions, within the legal framework, that preserve our natural resources, encourage vibrancy in the downtown and business areas, and manage the balance between commercial and residential neighborhoods. Post Road development should be monitored, and space where businesses have closed should be explored as potential for developing attractive affordable housing.

Bio: 22-year Westport resident. Three children graduated SHS. Passionate about educational issues and outdoor activities. Served as Co-president CMS, SHS & PTA Council. Teaches ESOL at Mercy Learning Center, Bridgeport.

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RONALD D. CORWIN
Democrat

As a Planning & Zoning Commissioner, my essential role is to safeguard Westport's physical community and natural beauty - neighborhoods, waterfronts, woods, open spaces, parks and community facilities - while helping Westport evolve to meet current and future residential, cultural and community needs.

P&Z is often urged to relax regulations to satisfy different interests. We cannot let economic pressure threaten our town's treasures; conversely, in difficult financial times, especially for modest-sized commercial interests (restaurants and stores), we cannot be indifferent to Westport's economic problems. Without compromising Westport's character, we can respond by making modifications to regulations that will help carry businesses through bad times, increase their viability when good times return and, overall, improve the quality of life in the town.

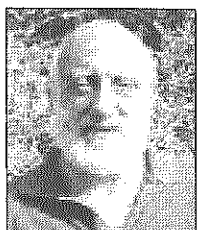
Bio: Westport (1986); Executive Leadership Coach. P&Z 4 years, Chairman 2; Chaired Boating Committee; Member Mill Pond Committee; Coached Little League/Rec basketball; married, three children - all Staples graduates; PhD, Syracuse.

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CANDIDATES FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

VOTE FOR ANY TWO (FOUR-YEAR TERM)

LWV Question: *How would you insure consistency in applying state statutes to the appeals process?*



MICHAEL CALISE
Republican

Zoning Board of Appeals decisions do not establish precedence therefore each and every case is to be considered on its own merits. A clear and concise non financial hardship is required for relief. Since all decisions "run with the land" Commissioners must take into account current and potential effects on abutting and proximate properties as well as all Westport properties. A careful and precise application of these principles is an important calling for all Zoning Board of Appeals Commissioners and one to which I would diligently apply my education, experience and decision making skills.

Bio: Westport Native. Sacred Heart University. RTM four terms, Education Study Committee. Appointed by six First Selectmen: Senior Citizens Housing Committee. Wrote current accessory apartment regulations. Westport Architectural Review Board (Chairman).

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JACQUELINE J. MASUMIAN
Democrat

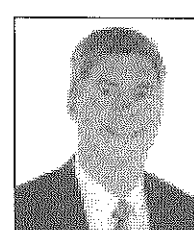
The ZBA serves the community by granting variances from Westport zoning regulations. In doing so, the ZBA must evaluate whether a hardship on the property exists, in accordance with state statutes. Each application is reviewed, and each property is visited by ZBA members, considered carefully, and treated as a unique case.

An appeal, on the other hand, involves a determination by the ZBA as to whether or not any error has been made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer in issuing or denying a zoning permit, again as required by state statute.

As a member of the ZBA for eight years, I have worked hard to make sure that each application, whether for a variance or an appeal, is given fair and impartial consideration.

Bio: 8-year member ZBA. 26-year Westport resident and 23-year Westport business owner. Certified landscape designer. Volunteer for Westport Mentor Program, Westport Medical Reserve Corps, Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue.

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DOUGLAS J. BOWEN
Democrat

The ZBA, a quasi-judicial board, has the authority to grant variances from zoning regulations. For a variance to be approved an applicant has to present a legitimate hardship as defined not only by state statutes and local zoning regulations, but by case law. Variances are

only granted after careful consideration. All applications are reviewed in an unbiased and objective process. Because every piece of property and application is unique, the decisions do not set a precedent. It is of major importance that all applicants are guaranteed that fairness is applied to all. In four years on the ZBA I have worked to ensure, along with the other members, that people receive a fair hearing in a non-partisan manner.

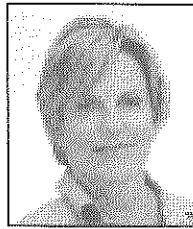
Bio: Currently on the ZBA. Managing Director at ING Clarion Partners, real estate investment management. MBA and BS degrees from Carnegie Mellon University and Lafayette College. Long term resident of Westport.

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CANDIDATES FOR RTM

LWV question for all districts: *How will you identify the needs of your district and then how will you communicate with your constituents?*

DISTRICT ONE • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR

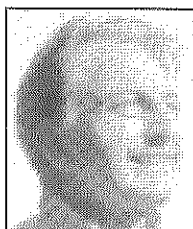


ELIZABETH P. MILWE

After serving on the RTM for four years I have seen positive results from listening and working closely with my constituents. I have reached out to the community by being involved in many different activities. I co-sponsored the Plastic Bag Ordinance in response to a constituent's request. I held coffees, co-sponsored a merchant's summit, a re-usable bag design contest and discussed the ordinance through daily e-mails and coverage in the local newspapers. I am one of the founding members of the Green Village Initiative and served on the Board of Friends of Sherwood Island State Park. I was appointed to the 191 Hillspoint Committee and helped spearhead the Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve currently under construction. These community activities have kept me involved and informed.

Bio: Liz Milwe, a Westport native and mother of three is a teacher and choreographer. She won the 2009 Westport Green Task Force Award and an EPA Merit Award.

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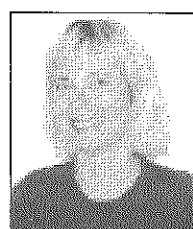
DON BERGMANN

AS TO MY CONSTITUENTS: Email, snail mail, land lines, cell phones, news stories, Letters to the Editor, 'Westport Now', talking, walking, being visible, being vocal, questions, answers, follow ups and public and private meetings. Keeping my head up, my eyes open

and my ears close to the ground. Trying always to smile. **MY CONSTITUENTS TO ME:** All the same, except smiles are optional. **ALL OF US:** Communicate our intense love of Westport. **STYLE:** Speaks mind, does 'homework'. Challenges power. Imaginative. Acknowledges accomplishments of others. **Issues:** A Y Downtown, protect and improve Westport's environment, pedestrian pathways, parklands, enhance downtown and Saugatuck Center, protect our residential neighborhoods, achieve Town financial integrity and value. **One Quirk:** Picks up trash while walking Lucy, our Golden Retriever.

Bio: Don Bergmann, 32 Sherwood Drive (near Elvira's Deli). Tel: 226 8712 Westporter since 1979, married (Sheila), two adult children, Westport Schools. Colgate University, Harvard Law School, General Counsel, U.S. Filter Corp. (NYSE), retired.

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JUDITH K. STARR

As a 30-year resident of District 1, I'm familiar with this area and its needs. Local media, townhall internet postings of events, and contact with neighbors individually and through neighborhood associations are all ways to stay informed of events that can impact the district and share information with constituents. I feel most privileged to be the major advocate on the RTM for a major and long-awaited need, sewers for Saugatuck Shores, which will greatly benefit Long Island Sound and our beaches. I fully support all efforts to regain and retain a quality USPS facility in Saugatuck Center. The residents of my district know I have always welcomed their comments and suggestions, and if they honor me with re-election, I will continue to do so.

Bio: 30-year resident; served on PTA Boards of children's schools; fourth term on RTM; member RTM Public Protection, Planning and Zoning, Rules, formerly on Environment, Committees; Chair RTM Public Works Committee.

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MATTHEW I. MANDELL

As diverse as District one is, its needs are consistent - protect its residential character and environment, promote a balanced approach to redeveloping Saugatuck center, demand a fiscally responsible Board of Education and Town with a goal of controlling taxes for everyone, especially seniors.

My RTM website, www.westportd1.com, is central to communicating with my fellow residents. By posting important D1 and Town issues, everyone can stay involved, informed, offer input and easily contact me. This, in addition to my periodic emails to my growing list about Town wide planning and environmental issues. I am always available by phone and am often pulled on the pant leg by my kids when I take too much time with a constituent at the market, beach or on the street.

Bio: Chairman of the RTM P&Z and Information Technology Committees, Executive Trustee of Earthplace, multi-sports coach and father of two wonderful school children and a 20+ year member of Westport community.

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DIANE D. CADY

As Chair of the RTM Environment Committee, I am committed to the protection of the vulnerable environment which includes streams, the Saugatuck River and Long Island Sound. I also serve as Co-Chair of a town task force to improve water quality through increased voluntary care of septic systems.

The inordinate number of homes for sale or rent in Compo and Saugatuck Shores demonstrates the unfair burden high tax assessments have placed on these neighborhoods.

Needs: another Saugatuck Post Office; an end to Planning and Zoning "special permits" allowing destruction of Westport's unique character; a modernized dog shelter and replacement of downed trees.

I welcome emails, phone calls and am always interested in voter's thoughts.

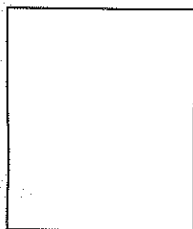
Bio: Two terms RTM, 45-year Westport resident. Led initial campaign for flood control, Compo. Former President, Westport Young Woman's League; Unsung Hero Red Cross; planted 42 sizable trees Compo area.

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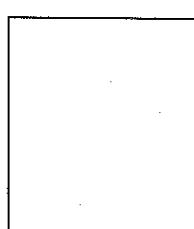
- Westport Public Library
- Westport Town Hall
- The Westport Center for Senior Activities
- and on the LWV of Westport website: www.lwvwestportct.org

DISTRICT TWO • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR



SEAN M. TIMMINS

No response.



JAY KEENAN

No response.



LINDA L. BRUCE

Westporters are not shy about sharing their opinions. They find me at Stop & Shop, downtown, or when I'm walking my dog around the neighborhood. I often reach out to constituents by email or telephone. I follow up and remain informed by daily review of local news sources including the printed press, WestportNow.com, blogs, and the Town of Westport home page. I also subscribe to the Town of Westport email lists and review the updates for content concerning agenda items and meetings of interest.

I frequently attend additional town, commission, and task force meetings, to stay informed of current issues or to address constituent concerns. I serve on several RTM study committees which are at the forefront of addressing town issues in a timely way.

Bio: Westporter since 1989. Married; two children at Staples. MBA University of Chicago. BS Purdue University. Current RTM study committees: Finance, Ordinance, Planning and Zoning, Public Protection, Employee Compensation.

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MICHAEL A. GUTHMAN

This question highlights a shortcoming of the RTM system... the lack of good two-way communications. The processes available for listening to constituents' opinions are limited. Likewise, there are few good options for telling constituents about issues. Yes, I've taken the same approaches as other RTMers. I talk to friends and neighbors about issues. I button-hole people at social, civic, and religious events. But, no matter how sincere these communication efforts, the results are not comprehensive. For outward communication about issues, a mailing must be used, which is expensive. I tried a web page for a while, but that's too passive an approach. So to my constituents, PLEASE email me from the 'Contact Us' page at www.westportct.gov to raise concerns.

Bio: I'm completing my first term on the RTM where I serve on the Finance Committee and Chair the Employee Compensation Committee. Previously on the Flood & Erosion Control Board.

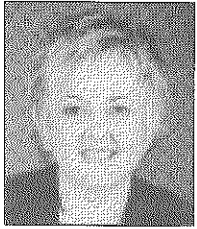
Email: maguthma@optonline.net

The 2009 ballot has 2 sides. Make sure to mark your VOTES on both sides of the ballot.

CANDIDATES FOR RTM

LWV question for all districts: *How will you identify the needs of your district and then how will you communicate with your constituents?*

DISTRICT THREE • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR



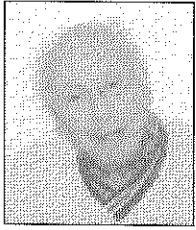
AMY ANCEL

Because my district is predominantly residential, its needs stay pretty consistent from year to year. My constituents know that I am a tenacious and passionate advocate for our district and always available to serve them. I prefer to communicate with them via email and telephone, as it's more personal, and promptly respond to their messages. Hearing them out is a very important part of my job.

On important issues, like annual budgets, taxes or new ordinances, I send emails to those whose addresses I have to query them. I also randomly call my constituents and ask them for their opinions. This usually stuns but thrills them - that an RTM would care enough to call to get their personal feelings on a particular issue.

Bio: As a 20-year Westport resident, RTM member Amy Ancel has championed protecting neighborhoods and the environment from overdevelopment, as well as adherence to and respect for the Town Plan.

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WILLIAM F. MEYER III

In response to your question of how will you identify the needs of your district and how will you communicate with your constituents: One way is by subscribing to 3 newspapers that cover Westport events which might be of concern to my constituents. Also, as a member of many Westport organizations and clubs, this gives me the opportunity to ask citizens if they have any questions. As Chairman of the RTM Parks and Recreation Committee I'm in constant contact with users of this department's activities and the Parks & Rec Director. However, my main concern for my constituents is that we maintain balance on quality of life issues, looking prudently at educational budgets, administrative costs, and property taxes.

Bio: Presently on BOD of Westport organizations: Y's Men, Sunrise Rotary, Little league, Friends of Senior Center, WCT, First Night, AARP, Saugatuck Church, Meals on Wheels, mentor 12 year old boy.

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HADLEY C. ROSE

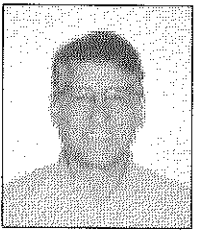
I identify the needs of District 3 by keeping in touch with my neighbors and keeping on top of what we will be facing in the future. As Moderator of the RTM I meet weekly with First Selectman Joseloff to go over the issues and projects that are in the Town's future and can see how they might affect District 3 well in advance.

By listening to my neighbors I was able to help them to get a stop sign installed on Newtown Turnpike. By listening to my neighbors and people from around town I was able to help support and lead the fight for Special Education students in Town.

Neighbors can always contact me by e-mail and phone through the Town Website.

Bio: 17 year resident. 6 years on RTM and currently Moderator. Education and Employee Comp. Committees. 14 years with Habitat for Humanity.

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ROBERT GALAN

The contact information of all RTM members is available on the Town website (westportct.gov). Additionally, over the last two plus years that I have been on the RTM, I have gone door-to-door on many occasions to speak with constituents about what they view as important issues and to gather view points on key issues on which the RTM votes. I feel it is necessary to directly contact constituents as special interests can often flood you with emails which are not necessarily representative of the results obtained from a random cross section of voters. I can be reached by email at: bgalanrtm3@gmail.com

Bio: Married with two grown children and one grandchild. Retired, VP Colgate-Palmolive. Other organizations: Christ & Holy Trinity Vestry; Westport Sunrise Rotary Board; Longshore Men's Golf Assoc. Board.

Bio: Married with two grown children and one grandchild. Retired, VP Colgate-Palmolive. Other organizations: Christ & Holy Trinity Vestry; Westport Sunrise Rotary Board; Longshore Men's Golf Assoc. Board.

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November 3, 2009

DISTRICT FOUR • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR



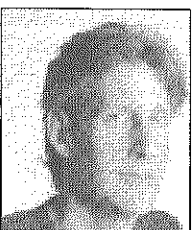
JONATHAN A. CUNITZ

I will continue to communicate with constituents in person and through emails to learn of their needs. Two years ago, one of my constituents suggested that Westport should ban plastic checkout bags to improve our environment. My efforts to research, write an ordinance and work with

other RTM members led to the passage of the most far-reaching ordinance of this nature in the country, and brought national recognition and praise to Westport for its concern about our environment. I have supported the creation of the Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve in our district and will proactively inquire about and respond to other concerns of District 4 residents. Please join my RTM mailing list at cunitz@peoplepc.com for news and communications on issues.

Bio: B.S. Engineering, Lehigh; M.B.A./Doctor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School; Faculty member, NYU, UConn; Executive, Xerox, Chase Manhattan Bank; 30+ years as corporate financial management consultant; Westport ZBA (1997-2001).

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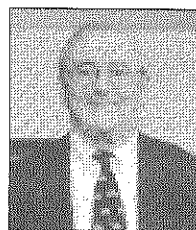


GENE PAUL SEIDMAN

Communication is critical in identifying the needs of District 4 constituents. I employ four methods: going door-to-door asking about specific issues of concern, I talk with neighbors about town issues, I respond to all emails swiftly and I ask many questions of my RTM colleagues and other town officials. I am privileged to serve District 4 and will continue to represent those interests. Besides co-authoring the Ban on Retail Plastic Bags, I have been involved with balancing the need for superlative education at a responsible cost. I listen to all opinions and am proud to say that I am open-minded, guided by my intellect and driven by what I believe to be the greatest good for the greatest number of those I represent.

Bio: Gene Seidman has served RTM District 4 for two terms. He grew-up in Westport and attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Email: gene@optonline.net



GEORGE W. UNDERHILL

Westporters are an astute group of voters who are interested in local government. They can reach me by email at geounderhill@sbcglobal.net; by telephone at 226-1692; and by mail at 10 Harding Lane. I will be happy to discuss their ideas and suggestions. As important issues arise, I

intend to poll voters for their input and recommendations. I feel that the most effective communication link is one-on-one contact and I hope group meetings will be available.

Having worked for the Town of Westport for over 16 years and for four administrations, I feel I am uniquely qualified to help District Four constituents. My knowledge of how Westport works will be a definite advantage for serving on the RTM.

Bio: Married, 4 children (Staples graduates); Westport Resident 30+ years; Westport Tax Collector 16 years; Trustee, Temple Lodge 65; Boston University BS in BA; Retired; Notary Public.

Email: geounderhill@sbcglobal.net



JEFFREY N. WIESER

During my first term on the RTM, I have relied on communications from constituents on their priorities. Such communications have influenced me to:

- 1) take up leadership, with District 4 colleagues, of the ban on plastic bags.
- 2) vote for lights at Staples. Also urged our body to take the lead on minimizing the impact on the affected neighborhoods.

3) hold the line on Board of Education spending, while voting for a small restoration of the budget to acknowledge the wide public - and student - support for the schools. I have LOVED serving on the RTM, with its great moderator and excellent colleagues, and, if the voters so decide, I look forward to a second term.

Bio: Westport since 1985. Former Chairman (Current Board) of Interfaith Housing/HWH; and Board of Earthplace. B3 Advisor- 5 Trips. Princeton A.B.; NYU, MBA. Wife: Pat, former Pres of KHS PTA.

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JOHN RICHARD CONWAY

My potential constituents are also my friends and neighbors, people I talk to and listen to on a daily basis when I am out walking my dog or meeting with them around Westport. I have even had new friends that I have made during this process drop by on weekend afternoons to discuss their concerns within the community. This has allowed me to hear the issues that are meaningful to residents of the Fourth District as well as all of Westport. These are the same friends and neighbors I will have to answer to every day if I am elected to the RTM to let them know what I am doing to address their concerns and interests since I live and work in Westport.

Bio: I am a fine arts and entertainment attorney and writer who owns a multimedia company with my wife Paula. We have lived in Westport on Valley Road since 1998.

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DAVID S. FLOYD

As a RTM member, it will be my goal to make District 4 residents feel involved in the decision-making process. This is an increasingly difficult task due to our respective time-constrained lives.

During my campaign, I will reach out to many of my district members in person. Getting constituents' email addresses and distributing my email will be a part of this. This will enable residents to share concerns or ideas with me on their own schedule. Also, it will be my intention to send periodic updates to my constituents on important issues and public meetings of the RTM and its committees.

Last, I will make myself available for requests from district residents to address their community organizations and neighborhood groups on current and upcoming issues.

Bio: Westport resident for 12 years, married for 17 years, 2 sons (Andy, Casey) attending Bedford Middle School, avid softball player and Longshore golfer.

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VOTE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2009. POLLS OPEN 6 A.M. - 8 P.M. Have identification ready.

CANDIDATES FOR RTM

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DISTRICT FIVE • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR



PAUL FREDERICK ROSSI

I have the good fortune of working here in Westport and thus I am able to keep my finger on the pulse of our community. Regardless of whether I am on the sidelines, in church, at town events, or at school functions, I am continuously soliciting the interests and needs of my constituents. Moreover, current information technology offers many additional options for dialogue and expression and so I will continue to use electronic media as a means for efficient and timely communications. Tweeters, "Facebookers, Linkers, emailers, phone callers and news print readers will have a way to reach me, follow me, and know what I believe to be important to all of us in Westport.

Bio: Mr. Rossi manages a consulting practice for Gartner of Stamford. He is a member of the Parks & Recreation, Education, and Information Technology RTM subcommittees.

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BARBARA ANN LEVY

To identify the needs of my district, I attend meetings of the Green's Farms Association and I am in close contact with its Board to address issues relevant to the neighborhood. Enjoying and preserving the residential quality of life and honoring the history of one of the oldest areas of the town, where the seat of government in the 18th century first began, is of great importance to the residents. I am in communication with the RTM members of District 5. I attend town meetings including those of other town boards where issues relevant to the district are being considered. My website barbaralevy.org invites constituents to communicate with me by telephone or email.

Bio: I am a member of the Library, Arts & Museum Committee, Health & Human Services Committee and Ordinance Committee of the RTM. I am a member of the Beautification Committee.

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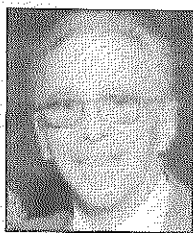


JOHN F. SUGGS

In order to best identify the needs of our district and to effectively communicate with district residents, I place a strong emphasis on the importance of sound communication skills such as, active, non-judgmental listening. I am keenly aware that there are many ways of thinking about an issue that may be quite different from my own. In this, I am reminded of the famous story of the 10 blind men describing an elephant. With each touching different parts of the elephant they naturally all reached vastly different conclusions as to what an elephant (or a community issue) looked like. So I actively listen to my fellow GFS parents (my twins are in the first grade), my fellow RTM members and my constituents and I learn.

Bio: I am an administrator at Fairfield University. My professional experience includes: financial/public policy analysis and community development. I have a B.A. (Loyola Marymount) an M.S. (NYU) and an MBA (Fordham).

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RICHARD A. LOWENSTEIN

District 5 is lucky; it has an extraordinary community group, the Green's Farms Association, which covers the district. Its members have been very helpful in getting the word to me (and other District 5 members) on local issues. And I notify the Association's officers when I learn of situations that might affect the district.

I also use the old-fashioned way of identifying needs: walking, driving, and looking for things that need attention, such as litter, traffic-sign problems, safety issues, commercial intrusions into residential areas (like broken fences and intrusive lighting). I have lived in the same house long enough for neighbors, friends, acquaintances, and strangers to call me with problems. Often I can help; sometimes I can't, but I will always listen.

Bio: A 26-year Westport resident. RTM member since 1997. Chair of Public Protection Committee. Also on Finance, Public Works, and Transit committees. Former Library trustee. Married with three Westport-educated children.

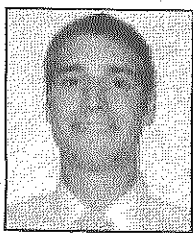
Email: bankside @juno.com

Remember to bring identification to the polls.

You must show a pre-printed ID before voting. Acceptable forms of ID include:

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- Social Security Card
- library card
- a bill addressed to you at your home
- passport
- personal check with name and address on it

DISTRICT SIX • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR

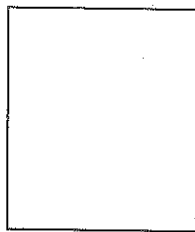


CHRISTOPHER JOHN URIST

As a twenty-seven year resident of Westport and having been through the Westport school system, I am in the unique position to have benefited from the excellent programs offered by our town. I understand the importance of providing Westport's children with the education they need to succeed in our changing world. As a small business owner in Westport I am keenly aware of the need to extract the most value from every dollar of taxpayer money. I will draw on my experiences and my familiarity with Westport as a lifelong resident to address the needs of district 6. I am always around and interested in from hearing from fellow residents.

Bio: Staples High School 2000, University of Colorado 2004, BA history major, business minor. Co-founded Primotec USA, importing dental equipment for North & South America. Became CEO and partner in 2007.

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ANN M. FLYNN

No response.



CATHY TALMADGE

This was my first term on the RTM and I found that my constituents are very comfortable contacting me to alert me to issues via phone or email. I take pride in following up on these communications promptly and to the best of my ability.

There have also been a number of controversial issues including budgets and proposed ordinances when I have randomly called large samples of my constituents to solicit their opinions and to discuss the more subtle issues that may not be explicit in the press. I will continue to expand both my telephone and email communications as they are more personal and have been very helpful for me and have the additional benefit of drawing many of my constituents into the process.

Bio: As a 20-year resident, mother, wife and RTM member Cathy utilizes her executive expertise serving on the finance, public works and environment committees and fighting to maintain Westport's unique character.

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JOYCE COLBURN

I am involved in the local community and come into contact with the constituents in district 6 frequently who identify needs and issues. Constituents and residents of Westport can reach me by using the town web site. I get phone calls as well as emails from district 6 and all of Westport constituents. I communicate with my constituents by phone, or email. The RTM votes as a full body and not by district, therefore, the RTM represents all of Westport. However, district 6 needs are certainly taken into consideration. Priorities for district 6 include traffic control, schools, fiscal prudence consistent with obtaining the best possible services for public works, parks and recreation, police and fire departments. We need to protect open space.

Bio: Joyce Colburn has served on the RTM since 2007, is a 35 year resident of Westport, has a masters degree from Columbia University.

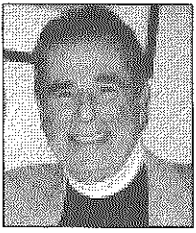
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For a map of the Westport voting districts and a list of polling places, please go to the town website, www.westportct.gov/residents/voting

CANDIDATES FOR RTM

LWV question for all districts: *How will you identify the needs of your district and then how will you communicate with your constituents?*

DISTRICT SEVEN • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR



ARTHUR ASHMAN

Because of my extensive background and experience in healthcare, teaching, and business, I feel qualified to identify town needs, with an understanding of local problems, to find practical, lasting solutions to arising issues in local government.

Specifically, I shall welcome speaking with people in my district and listening carefully to their views, comments, and suggestions for town issues. In keeping an open mind to all views on an issue before personally taking a position, I hope to fairly represent all the constituents of District 7. Being semi-retired, I shall be personally available, and have a dedicated email address for ongoing communication with constituents, as well as other RTM members. Obtaining a consensus of opinions and devising suggested directions is essential before arriving at meaningful conclusions.

Bio: Oral surgeon-35 years. • Entrepreneur: Founded, developed and sold 3 biotech companies to big board companies. Clinical Professor, and Founder of Ashman Department of Implant Dentistry, NYU College of Dentistry.

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JOHN G. KLINGE

Most District needs same as Westport - maintain/enhance quality of life for residents of all ages at reasonable cost. Identify local needs by observing/listening. Examples: Sturges Highway needed resurfacing - found Fairfield responsible -spoke to manager - result job completed plus storm drains. Spoke with residents regarding Staples lights as member RTM Parks/Rec Committee. Stated that if approved mandatory that sound system overhauled (noise reduction) plus GRADUAL startup Fall 2010 (4 "events" max, lights ONLY Monday-Wednesday-Friday until 7 PM.

Lived same address 35 years; neighborhood/church meetings, Senior Center events, PTA moms as substitute teacher. Town meetings, local sports and events/projects. Letters to Editor, telephone (255-0829). Deliver meals to homebound Thanksgiving-Christmas-New Years - Easter holidays.

Bio: RTM 12 years. Committees- Future Planning (chair), Education, Parks/Rec, PW. Westport Committees - Maintenance, School Transportation, EMS. President Friends Senior Center. SafeRides Board. Sub Teacher. Mentor. Cornell, Harvard MBA. US Navy.

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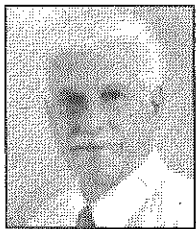


PATRICIA L. VORIS

There are many ways to listen to your constituents, through such means as public forums, civic organizations, emails, phone calls, in the supermarket, at church, expressed views in the media. Conversely, there are also ways to communicate with your constituents. As a life-long resident of Westport, I have developed many contacts over the years that I feel will help me get a sense of how residents feel on issues.

Bio: Born, raised Westport; graduate Fisher College, Boston; assistant editor NY Times; worked Planning and Zoning Department, Westport; married; two children, one grandchild (all products Westport schools).

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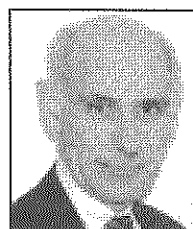
STEPHEN M. RUBIN

Needs of the district are diverse and so are the people. As an active member of our community I will continue to be available to all. Attending events at the Senior Center, Schools, athletic events and town organization functions, etc., I have found no lack of input from constituents. Phone and emails are always a good way to communicate and will continue to be available. (Home: 256-1834 and Email: smrubin@optonline.net) With a 100% attendance record for all RTM meetings over the past terms my neighbors

have always been able to feel they are well represented. No matter how popular, or not, an issue is, honest communication with constituents is essential and appreciated. Please vote to re-elect me. Thank you.

Bio: Rules; Public Protection; Education committee member and Chair of Transit. I am Active with Senior Center, PAL, Staples Gridiron and Westport religious, charity and civic groups.

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ALLEN S. BOMES

The concerns and needs of my district are similar to the rest of town. The current economic downturn requires tough choices in reducing expenditures. We must maintain the proper balance between school and town spending while keeping the overall tax rate as low as possible. There are also concerns about preserving the character of our residential neighborhoods, improving senior tax relief, building more affordable and senior housing and conducting a fair and equitable property revaluation. The best way to find out how constituents feel is by attending as many board and commission meetings as possible and listening to the public comments. Another way to communicate with constituents is while campaigning. As you go door to door, you find out which issues are important.

Bio: Three-term incumbent and member of the Finance, Parks & Recreation and Long Range Planning Committees. Community service includes School Building Committee, Emily McLaury House Restoration Committee, and First Night.

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DISTRICT EIGHT • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR



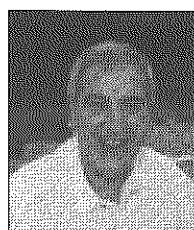
WENDY G. BATTEAU

As my 17 years here have demonstrated, district needs impact quality of daily life. Meeting these requires understanding them individually and in town context. Natural resources and health protection, infrastructure maintenance, neighborhood integrity, school issues, the "blue line", zoning

regulations, traffic control, revaluation and more all affect and connect us. For insight I research issues extensively, talk with town, state, federal and other experts, attend numerous meetings. Conversation with constituents is key. I phone individuals and visit neighborhoods; mail information also requesting input; talk with residents at gatherings at schools, the library, town events. I'll hold daytime district forums to maintain residents' night family-time. I've urged utilizing technology for virtual interactions. Expanded use of webcasts, local TV and newspapers will also facilitate communication.

Bio: RTM Education; Environment, Library/Arts; Ordinance; Rules Committees. Green Village Initiative steering committee; Green Task Force. Develop children's media; former senior executive, major publishing houses. Brown, Stanford. 17-year resident, child at Staples.

Email: wgbatteaurtm@optonline.net



MICHAEL A. REA

An RTM is a volunteer, nonpartisan, non-paid elected representative serving the district. As a lifelong Westporter, I have come to know Westport and its citizens very well. We're not bashful in helping identify needs or issues in the district. I currently serve as Chairman of the

RTM's Finance Committee, commonly referred to as the workhorse committee. The Finance Committee meets frequently, reviews, makes written and oral reports to the full RTM for its consideration on all expenditures over \$20,000. Communication to the district is often by direct telephone calls, emails, letters, and personal conversations. This happens at all hours of the day and night throughout the term. I enjoy it, and once again, ask for your vote to continue to serve you in District 8.

Bio: Westport Native, Married, Three Children; VP-General Re Corporation; Elected RTM Five Terms, Chairman-Finance Committee, Environment & Workers Compensation. Past: Chair-Westport School Building Committee-Bedford Middle; Chair - P&R.

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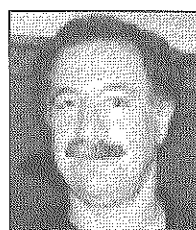


LOIS G. SCHINE

I have represented District 8 in the RTM for 12 years. It has been my experience that my constituents (as well as other citizens) use the telephone and e-mail to communicate with me. I will write to every household in my district, including my telephone number and e-mail address, encouraging them to contact me with comments, opinions and feedback on issues important to them. I will remind voters that RTM meetings are broadcast on Channel 79. Citizens are permitted to speak at every RTM meeting-an excellent opportunity to be heard by all 36 RTM members. If I deem it desirable to reach out to voters I will generally do that with a random telephone survey.

Bio: Degrees-Engineering; A Founder and Treasurer of Young Womens League; President Coleytown Junior High P.T.A.; Chair Human Services Commission; Member Selectman's Land Acquisition Committee; Member Committee to Acquire Winslow Park

Email: loisschine @optonline.net



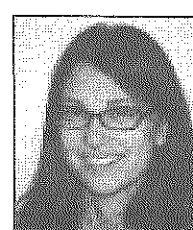
JONATHAN PHILIP STEINBERG

I'm always eager to discuss issues affecting Westporters, although perhaps this makes me rather boring company! My kids' activities have been a great way for me to connect within my district, interacting with parents and grandparents. I'm on six RTM committees, five town committees, and attend many boards/commissions meetings, so I hear what Westporters are passionate about (I get lots of emails, too!).

But good representation is more than polling constituents. My job is to conduct due diligence on any proposal before the RTM, do the requisite research, and develop a point of view on what's best for Westport. I care about finding solutions, like keeping taxes down through improved efficiencies in town or school operations, or "smart growth" policies to preserve the town's residential character.

Bio: 3 RTM terms; 27-year resident. Graduated: Coleytown MS, Staples, Yale, NYU MBA. Jon's and Nancy's daughters educated in Westport schools: Rachel (Staples '09), Margot (Staples), Charlotte (Coleytown MS).

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HEATHER CHERRY

I believe in thoughtful, regular communication and making myself readily accessible to all of my constituents. I will create a website that not only provides constituents with information regarding the RTM agenda and other upcoming Westport business but also allows constituents to submit issues and questions. I will publicize the existence of this website so that the residents of District #8 can become more involved in and educated about Westport government. I will also make myself available either via telephone, email or face-to-face meeting for any constituent that would like to meet with me. In addition, I am constantly in contact with many people who live in District #8 and therefore will often be able to pursue discussions regarding their concerns and needs.

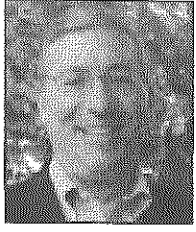
Bio: I am married with two children. I currently attend Yale Law School, have an MBA from Harvard, a BA from Wellesley College and was a Vice President at Goldman, Sachs.

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CANDIDATES FOR RTM

LWV question for all districts: *How will you identify the needs of your district and then how will you communicate with your constituents?*

DISTRICT NINE • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR



JOHN D. MCCARTHY

I am fortunate to have my parents living in town so that I am able to regularly hear the opinions and issues that are important to retired people in Westport. This is a great way for me to be reminded that there is much more going on in Westport beyond the school activities and Little League games which my family enjoys. I will continue to regularly post my thoughts of town and RTM activities at Twitter.com/johnmccarthy and Facebook. I welcome all communication whether on-line or in person or by phone.

Bio: CFO/consultant to internet companies, Staples graduate (1982), MBA Wharton/BA Connecticut College, wife Susan, children attend Saugatuck/ Bedford, parents live in town, attend Assumption Church, coach Little League Softball.

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VELMA E. HELLER

The needs of individual districts and the town as a whole are revealed as the RTM considers: appropriations, ordinances and in some cases requests to review the work of other town bodies. During my 4 terms on the RTM I have learned that communication with my constituents and neighbors comes in many forms. I must say that I most enjoy learning how residents feel about issues from personal contacts by walking door to door, talking face to face or listening to many perspectives at meetings of various town bodies.

While I get phone calls on occasion, more often these days I welcome constituents' sharing their questions, concerns and suggestions by e-mail, an effective communications system for busy, involved people.

Bio: RTM (2001-2009); Education Committee Chair; Retired Westport Principal, Director; Assistant Professor, Education (SHU); Friends of Senior Center; 45 Year Resident; Grandchildren Westport Schools.

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KEVIN DAVIS GREEN

Whenever appropriate, I try to discuss the local issues with Westporters, whether or not they are in District 9, and I always consider those opinions when voting at the Town Meeting. It is difficult practically to obtain an unbiased sample of District members' opinions, so I try to become informed on the issues and vote the way I think is best for Westport.

I am always interested in hearing from constituents, and email seems to be the most popular form. All emails are read but volume and time makes it hard to respond to all of them. Issues of concern are environment, sustainable growth, responsible fiscal policy, and town energy use.

Bio: PhD physicist now working in commodity markets. Nine year Westport resident, married, 2 kids. One term RTM veteran.

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EILEEN L. FLUG

I enjoy hearing from District 9 residents, and other Westporters, about their needs and concerns, and I am accessible by phone (227-8474) or email (eileenflugrtm@optonline.net). The needs of District 9 are consistent with the needs of all of Westport: affordability, excellent schools, responsible town budgets, public health and safety, protecting the environment, and preserving a sense of community. Through my active involvement with the RTM and its committees, PTA Council, PTA Green Committees, Health and Wellness Advisory Council, League of Women Voters, Sunrise Rotary, Green Village Initiative, Saugatuck Congregational Church and Community Gardens, I have opportunities almost daily to meet personally with other Westporters and discuss their needs and concerns. I look forward to hearing from my constituents.

Bio: District 9 Representative since 2005. Ordinance Committee (Chair) and Parks and Recreation Committee. Practiced corporate law for 13 years, in Washington, D.C. and NYC. Two children, attending SES and BMS.

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SAMPLE BALLOT - TWO SIDES

OFFICE PARTY	1 First Selectman and Selectmen	2 Board of Finance Vote for Any Three			5	6 Board of Education Vote for Any Four			9 Board of Assessment Appeals Vote for Any Two	
REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/> 1A R. Gavin S. Anderson and Kristina Testa LaFleur	<input type="radio"/> 2A Rob Zappi	<input type="radio"/> 3A Ari Kanner	4A	<input type="radio"/> 5A Michael J. McGovern	<input type="radio"/> 6A Jim Marpa	7A	8A	<input type="radio"/> 9A Rob F. Lasprognio	10A
DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/> 1B Gordon F. Jozeloff and Steddy A. Kassen	<input type="radio"/> 2B Brian E. Stern	<input type="radio"/> 3B Helen A. Garten	4B	<input type="radio"/> 5B Elaine Eva Whitney	<input type="radio"/> 6B Donald G. O'Day	7B	8B	<input type="radio"/> 9B Elaine S. Acrow	<input type="radio"/> 10B David B. Krans
SAVE WESTPORT NOW	1C	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	9C	10C
	1D	2D	3D	4D	5D	6D	7D	8D	9D	10D
WRITE-IN VOICES	<input type="radio"/> 1E	<input type="radio"/> 2E	<input type="radio"/> 3E	<input type="radio"/> 4E	<input type="radio"/> 5E	<input type="radio"/> 6E	<input type="radio"/> 7E	<input type="radio"/> 8E	<input type="radio"/> 9E	<input type="radio"/> 10E

FRONT

OFFICE PARTY	11 Planning and Zoning Commission Vote for Any Three			14 Zoning Board of Appeals Vote for Any Two		16 Representative Town Meeting Vote for Any Four				
REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/> 11A Gosvine Anne Soff	12A	13A	<input type="radio"/> 14A Michael Collins	15A	16A	17A	18A	19A	20A
DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/> 11B Howard B. Lathrop	<input type="radio"/> 12B Nora L. Janshian	<input type="radio"/> 13B Ronald D. Corwin	<input type="radio"/> 14B Jacqueline J. Muscatello	<input type="radio"/> 15B Douglas J. Bowen	16B	17B	18B	19B	20B
SAVE WESTPORT NOW	<input type="radio"/> 11C Debbie Anne Soff	12C	13C	14C	15C	16C	17C	18C	19C	20C

RTM will be different for each district

BACK

TO WRITE IN A VOTE for a registered write-in candidate for a particular office, use the write-in row spaces provided for this purpose. The space you use for writing in a person's name as a candidate must be directly below the column headed with the title of the office to which you wish this person elected. It will have the same number as shown in the column-heading for that office. See sample ballot above.

The LWV of Westport owes many thanks to Patricia Strauss, Town Clerk, for her help with this guide.

Our website will be updated with any additions to the ballot.

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