



The League of Women Voters of Westport 2017 VOTERS' GUIDE

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President's Message

Eighty-eight percent of Westport's voters voted in 2016. In 2013, the last time Westport selected a First Selectman, participation was 46%. Why do we vote for President but skip local elections, when those elections determine who will decide our mill rate, zoning regulations and exemptions, school budgets, affordable housing plans, and other issues that affect our daily lives? Sometimes, the reason is a lack of information – it is hard to know substantive differences between candidates. The League of Women Voters publishes this Voters' Guide every year to help inform your choice. Democracy is not a spectator sport. Vote local on Nov. 7, 2017!

Sheila Ward, President, League of Women Voters

Candidates' replies are published exactly as submitted.
Candidates are listed in the order in which they appear on the ballot.

Candidates for First Selectman and Selectman - Vote for 1

LWV Question for First Selectman:

What are the three biggest problems Westport faces and how will you address them?

Melissa established a successful business, served on the RTM and Library Board, spearheaded the Downtown Plan and its Implementation. She and husband Jon have two wonderful children: George and Lily.



Melissa Kane
Democrat

Westport is a wonderful place and it deserves effective leadership. The state is facing many challenges; we need proactive leaders prepared to protect what we value most. Status quo stewardship won't work anymore.

Economic stability/fiscal responsibility: We'll build a robust commercial grand list – to keep taxes flat - with a sustainability plan that supports local businesses. We'll fully support and advocate for our schools to keep attracting young families.

Preservation of our character and values: We treasure and will better maintain the charm of our neighborhoods, our environment and our many town assets: Fix Compo's too long neglected infrastructure and crowding problems. Preserve Saugatuck's character-defining Cribari Bridge. Finally provide housing and options - not empty promises - for our seniors who built Westport.

Traffic: It's gotten much worse, but nothing's being done. We'll reconfigure our worst intersections - Rte. 33/Post Road and the Main/Easton/Weston Roads nightmare - and address numerous other dangerous Post Road intersections.

It's time for real action. Rob and I will roll up our sleeves to ensure Westport's vibrant future.

Westport First Selectman, Former Vice-Chairman Board of Education, retired Accenture partner, former trustee Westport YMCA, Westport Rotary and Homes With Hope; Wharton MBA; wife Mary Ellen; daughter Samantha.



Jim Marpe
Republican

(1) Protecting Westport's quality of life from the state's fiscal crisis: Secure Westport's financial future by continuing to practice fiscal discipline and responsible management. This allows us to protect our schools from budget cuts, keep our tax mill rate steady and still provide high quality services and improve our infrastructure and amenities.

(2) Mitigating traffic congestion: I-95 and Merritt congestion, phone apps like Waze, narrow intersections and our Town's success are contributing to increased traffic. Placing traffic officers at critical intersections, adjusting traffic light timing and working with the state to find data-driven solutions on state-controlled intersections and roads to address traffic issues.

(3) Promoting Westport's economic vitality: We must retain our existing businesses and attract new ones. We have made ongoing outreach efforts to our Town's major employers to find opportunities to work together; celebrated over 100 business openings in the last 4 years; and are improving the quality of our major shopping areas. We are participating in Fairfield County Five, a new initiative aimed at attracting service, marketing and technology businesses.

Served on RTM for 10 years. Over 30 years professional expertise in asset management, public policy and community development. MBA and MS in Management and Systems. Married, twins Staples Freshman.



John F. Suggs
Petitioning Candidate

I'm running as an Independent because I want our community to turn away from partisan politics and listen to one another. I'm also running because I want to implement common sense solutions to address our major challenges—school funding, traffic congestion, revitalizing downtown and preserving our quality of life. I've outlined my solutions in detail in weekly position papers available on my website and Facebook page. Here are my top three: (1) school funding—let's share half of the town's yearly pension reform savings with the schools (first year \$350,000-\$650,000); (2) traffic—let's retime traffic lights at our worst intersections and save the Cribari Bridge, which prevents 18 wheelers from using our local roads; (3) let's give all Westporters a say in our future—I'll reinstate weekly brown bag lunches at Town Hall for everyone to discuss any issue they choose, I'll start a walk-the-town program so I can visit you in your neighborhoods to learn what's on your mind and I'll forge relationships with neighborhood groups to be more responsive to neighborhood concerns.

Westport resident 22 years. President of National Institute of Science. Brewmaster of Wolf Legacy Brewing Company. Owner of Something Wolfy Superhero Training Academy. Honored to be the fiancé of wonderful Denise Bahr.



Timothy J. Elgin
Petitioning Candidate

Westport is facing yet another local crisis. We are losing our sense of security, and our local departments losing their pensions. In order for Westport to grow as well as maintain its deep roots we need to wake up and realize that the current parties are flawed. We need to restructure and reform our towns government, stop the increase in taxes, build efficient and cost effective sustainable energy structures. I am President at the National Institute of Science, we are currently working on a cleaner, and safer way to provide access to fresh water. I plan on bringing more business to the town and will ensure structuring third-party entities to create more wealth while also avoiding tax increases and budget cuts. We'll avoid over development but welcome sensible growth. I will work hard to make sure our schools stay safe, are well-funded for proper education. We will create initiatives for progressing the students to allow more opportunities for them to grow and develop. I am supported by the Libertarian Party of Connecticut.

LWV Question for Selectman:

How do your skills and experience complement those of your running mate?

Rob Simmelkjaer is an executive and on-air contributor at NBC Sports and serves on the Westport ZBA. He graduated Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School. He's married with two daughters.



Rob Simmelkjaer
Democrat

I come to my first campaign for public office in the midst of a twenty-year private sector career as corporate lawyer and a senior executive at two Connecticut-based media companies: ESPN and NBC Sports Group. I feel my business background wonderfully complements Melissa's years of experience in town government and progressive activism.

As Second Selectman, I expect to focus much of my effort on the business community, trying to attract entrepreneurs and established businesses to Westport. Our town must be seen as a business-friendly oasis in a state that isn't always known for its ability to attract and keep businesses.

22 years with Gen Re, Member, Board of Finance, Member, Board of Education, Chair, Audit Subcommittee, University of Notre Dame, BA in Economics, married, three children in Westport Public Schools.



Jennifer Tooker
Republican

Jim Marpe and I first worked together as members of the Board of Education and found we shared an unwavering commitment to Westport's schools, and a dedication to working in a non-partisan, collaborative manner to address issues for our constituents. We both have extensive professional management experience and are skilled in bringing talented individuals together to solve complex problems. My Board of Finance experience and deep understanding of the Town's financial issues will also be particularly valuable in the Selectmen's office, as will my business background as I spearhead our ongoing efforts to promote Westport's economic vitality.

Candidates for Board of Finance - Vote for up to 3

LWV Question for Board of Finance:

How will likely reductions in state funding affect Westport, and how specifically should Westport cover any resulting deficit?

Westport resident for 11 years with wife and three children, member of BOF, partner in international law firm, adjunct professor of law, youth sports coach, founding member of local charity.



Lee Caney
Democrat

Over the last two years, the State has eliminated funding to Westport and may require Westport to pay the State's liabilities. Under our leadership on the BOF, we worked with the Town and BOE to maintain the level of services and increased funding for the schools, while keeping taxes flat. We invested in the infrastructure, including the library, senior center, Compo and WTF. We achieved these results through innovative fiscal policy, the use of excess reserves, the creation of the BOE carryover account and the implementation of the energy performance contract. If elected, I will continue my responsible fiscal leadership.

Lived in Westport 42 years with wife Barbara and three boys. Chairman BOF, P and Z, Levitt Board, member Y's Men, soccer coach, Harvard Business School, President four Xerox divisions.



Brian E. Stern
Democrat

The State has lowered Westport's funding by \$6.1 million over the past two years; a dramatic loss. The Town and BOE worked tirelessly and cooperatively to enable sustainable departmental funding. With additional savings in insurance, and gains in the grand list, we enabled increased spending on education, and held town spending steady. These actions kept tax rates flat and maintained credit ratings. Simultaneously, investments were made for Westport's future at our Senior Center, Library, Wakeman Farms, and Levitt. As BOF Chairman, I shall continue to lead by prioritizing education and efficient town services to preserve and build this inspiring town.

Born and raised Westporter, three daughters in Westport Public Schools. 15 years finance industry. RTM member (Education, Public Protection and Library, Museum, Arts committees). Committed to Westport through involvement in numerous town organizations.



Andrea Lawrence Moore
Republican

State Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funds have already been eliminated for Westport and the town receives little other funding from the state. The largest risk is a transfer of state pension liabilities to towns like Westport. The impact would be significant but could be addressed by consolidation of services, use of the towns strong balance sheet to reduce BOE costs, and by aggressively fighting for mandate relief. There are opportunities to reduce costs, but we need to collaborate to find solutions. Westport must continue to support its excellent public schools and many wonderful amenities while still keeping our property taxes reasonable for all Westporters.

Current Board of Education member. Management Consultant (strategy, finance, risk) & former Chief Risk Officer. MBA, Columbia Business School. Married. Lavi and Vik have 2 girls in Westport Public Schools.



Vik Muktavaram
Republican

Westport receives very little state funding, therefore there isn't much for the state to cut. More dire is the threat of long-term state's pension liabilities being passed onto municipalities impacting Westport now and into the future. It's imperative that we fund our excellent schools and maintain our wonderful amenities, while keeping property taxes reasonable and competitive. Recognizing that Westport is not immune to state's budget crisis, we must be fiscally smart and reduce our cost structures. Collaboration is key. For example, we could potentially use the town's strong balance sheet to reduce the school's costs related to buses, healthcare, etc.

Candidates for Board of Education - Vote for up to 4

LWV Question for Board of Education:

What do you propose as a long term plan for our school district to respond to likely reductions in state education funding?

A practicing real estate attorney and former NYC prosecutor, Candice Savin graduated from Johns Hopkins and Duke Law and lives in Westport with her husband Daniel Gross and children Aliza and Ethan.



Candi Savin
Democrat

Westport's schools are the pillar of two goals we value most: raising successful children and bolstering the prosperity of our community. To maintain our schools' excellence, I will carefully review every expenditure and seek out common-sense savings that don't impact the classroom. But in tough fiscal times creative thinking is required. For example, I have urged our administration to develop solar energy on school properties, which would enhance both the environment and our balance sheet. I never take funding dollars for granted, but there is a level below which we cannot go. I will tirelessly fight for strong schools.

BOE Secretary/former Chair. Healthcare strategic planner; extensive management consulting experience. Selected for statewide educational leadership positions. Past LLS PTA co-president. Three children attending/graduated from WPS. MBA, Northwestern (Kellogg); BA, Yale.



Elaine Whitney
Democrat

I have an eight-year track record of proactively improving our educational programs while simultaneously achieving substantial, recurring savings in non-classroom operating costs, ensuring the sound financial footing of Westport's schools for the long term even in challenging economic times. To continue to deliver this value in the current climate, we must: 1) implement our newly-updated, long-term strategic plan; 2) advocate for both appropriate funding and greater local flexibility; and 3) continue collaboration among town officials and community members to maximize the impact of our valuable resources on our students and, in turn, to contribute to the overall strength of Westport.

My family has lived here since 1999. I'm active in many Westport organizations including the Women's Club, Senior Center, Temple Israel, YMCA Foundation, Y's Women, LWV, Maker Faire and ABC.



Karen Kleine
Republican

We began planning for 2M in state cuts in 2016 and made adjustments to lessen the impact on students. Connecticut's budget deficit may require more from us.

Here are three things I will do to plan for any additional reductions in state funding: 1) participate in our strategic planning process, during which I will look for sustainable solutions; 2) serve on the next teacher contract negotiation committee to work with the union to minimize the impact of funding reductions; and 3) continue my work with state and local leaders to prevent any new mandated payments from Westport to the state.

Board of Education member, 5 years and currently Vice-Chairperson. Professional educator for 14 years, 11 years as a teacher. Living in Westport since 2008 with four children in Westport schools.



Jeannie Smith
Republican

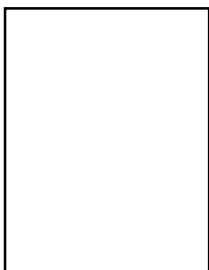
In my 5 years serving on the Board of Education, we have taken many steps to improve the quality of our education while remaining fiscally responsible. As the only Educator on the BOE, I have advocated for focus on the classroom experience. Improving the instructional capabilities of our teaching staff through innovative technology, enhanced training and international partnerships can keep us on the cutting edge of educational advances. As a community, we will continue to seek more effective collaborative efforts with our town to accomplish our goals for our Westport children.

Candidates for Board of Assessment Appeals - Vote for 2

LWV Question for Board of Assessment Appeals:

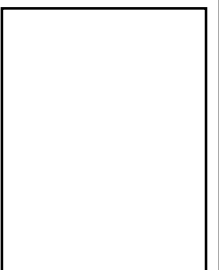
What best qualifies you to implement CT state statutes that govern assessment appeals?

Candidate did not respond.



Elaine Arnow
Democrat

Candidate did not respond.



Joseph Sledge
Republican

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Thank you!

Candidates for Planning and Zoning - Vote up to for 3

LWV Question for Planning and Zoning Commission:

What are the most important values you hold with regard to the mission, philosophy and direction of Westport's Planning & Zoning Commission going forward?

Senior Counsel at Bridgewater Associates for over 6 years; formerly an attorney at Milbank and Gibson Dunn; Husband and father of 2 (ages 5 and 3); avid golfer – loves Longshore!




Greg Rutstein
Democrat/
Save Westport Now

As commissioners we must keep an open mind and be respectful to each resident and business owner that comes before the commission. We must ensure that we:

- plan and facilitate smart growth and environmentally sound solutions to land use;
- protect our residential neighborhoods from losing their small-town New England character;
- maintain a diversified tax base that is healthy, thriving and sustainable;
- prevent large scale housing developments from causing overcrowding of our schools and adding further traffic congestion; and
- create an efficient and responsive review process for all applicants.

It's time for fresh leadership & new ideas at P&Z.


Currently seated on P&Z board; affordable housing subcommittee; advocate for Westport residents; MBA Corporate Finance; Lives and works in Westport. Father of two boys; coach multiple sports.



Michael Cammeyer
Democrat/
Save Westport Now

In the upcoming years we need to look at all the factors that affect Westport. We need to respectfully listen to our neighbors and those who come in front of the commission. While proactively asking questions, we will promote dialogue about smart future development. It is of the utmost importance that we are aware of the impact a project will have on TRAFFIC, SCHOOLS, DENSITY, and WESTPORT. We need to preserve the delicate balance between what makes the town of Westport special, while continuing to enhance features for the future. It's time for fresh leadership and new ideas at P&Z.

P&Z Commissioner, chairs Affordable Housing Subcommittee. Georgetown Law '99. Former Skadden Attorney. RE Investor. PTA leader/volunteer. Wife to Chris, mom to James, 12 & Jonny, 9. Loves dogs & Westport.




Danielle Dobin
Democrat/
Save Westport Now

We must take a PROACTIVE not reactive approach to the land use challenges we face:

- P&Z must stop overdevelopment that crowds our schools and roads, particularly developers bypassing local density laws to create oversized projects.
- P&Z must take active steps to maintain Westport's residential property values, support our existing business community, attract new businesses to Westport and support our merchants to ensure our downtown thrives. This is critical given the state's fiscal issues.
- P&Z must treat all residents and applicants with respect. Our process should be responsive, careful and efficient.

It's time for fresh leadership & new ideas at P&Z.


Jon and his wife, Alli, have three girls. He is the General Counsel at Cotiviti in Wilton, a local youth soccer coach and member of The Conservative Synagogue.



Jon Olefson
Republican

As a current Alternate Member of the Commission, the most important values are strong residential property rights, intelligent development and the highest level of integrity. We need strong property rights to protect the value and enjoyment of our investments, and to encourage others to make similar investments. We must embrace intelligent design and development, such as mitigating traffic, to ensure that Westport remains relevant and attractive for future generations. We must do this with a thorough understanding of land use law, knowledge of the application process, honesty, and avoiding conflicts of interest to ensure public trust.

Over the past decade, I have served as Transit District Director, Parks & Recreation Commissioner and RTM Representative. My career in land use and protection spans more than 25 years.



Jennifer Johnson
Coalition for
Westport

Westport's abundant natural resources, rich heritage, and amazing people make our town great. But we can do better. We need senior housing; we must make our streets safe for cyclists and pedestrians; we struggle to find tenants for retail stores; we spend too much time in traffic. To confront these challenges, the P&Z must move beyond partisan gridlock. The P&Z needs new members with deep knowledge of local and regional issues, and fresh perspectives who are committed to building confidence in the electorate through respectful, transparent and collaborative community dialogue. The right leadership can assure a bright future.



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Candidates for Zoning Board of Appeals - Vote for up to 2

LWV Question for Zoning Board of Appeals:

Since variances are granted according to state statute, how much leeway would you give petitioners seeking a variance? What in your opinion constitutes an acceptable hardship?

Bernard Deverin has served on the ZBA for the last four years, this past year as Secretary. He is the founder of Westport Builder Group, a building-design firm. His building expertise and environmental concerns as a ZBA Board Member/Secretary.




Bernard Deverin
Democrat

'Acceptable hardships' are reviewed and scrutinized on an individual basis. In the four years I have served on the ZBA, I have learned that no two cases are alike and there are always exceptions to the rule based on a number of criteria: non-conforming lots, issues of safety, wetlands, prior statutes that were grandfathered in but do not pertain to present times, topography and/or land obstacles.

These are all hardships, however, leeway and consideration may be used, along with common sense for the benefit to our community.

Victoria Gouletas, an experienced real estate attorney and NYU Law graduate, is currently an alternate ZBA member. When not working, she's swimming at Compo Beach or running with her dogs.



Victoria Gouletas
Democrat

I am an alternate on the ZBA and have been called to sit for many meetings. Variances are granted if a petitioner can show s/he is bringing the property into compliance in ways other than the requested variance, or if the variance increases safety. It's the petitioner's job to make the best case possible to the ZBA to allow the variance. In order to understand the request, it is our job to review the file, visit the site and hear the petitioner's presentation. State statute and case law define an acceptable hardship and we make decisions within those parameters.

35+ years experience in building design, software engineering, advanced product development, marketing and consulting. Chair: Town Flood & Erosion Control Board. Degrees: BS Civil Engineering, MBA, Masters of Architecture.



Thomas Hood
Republican

The variance applicant must prove a hardship whereby they cannot reasonably make use of the property when following zoning regulations AND that the variance sought not harm neighbors or the overall zoning regulations. Each property is unique. Typically, hardships arise from the property itself and not from personal or financial considerations. It is possible that the property shape, topography, differing setbacks, safety, proximity to water and FEMA flood areas might play a role in the determination of a hardship. The board has a statutory duty to deliberate on the hardship presented verses conserving public health, safety, welfare and property values.

REMEMBER
To bring ID to the polls

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.

Candidates for RTM, District One - Vote for up to 4

LWV Question for RTM:

What do you believe are the two most important issues the RTM must address and what solutions would you propose?

Member RTM since 2003, was Co-chair Tree Board; Unsung Hero Westport Red Cross; instrumental in finding funds to elevate houses after flooding; found funds to plant 42 trees at Compo.



Diane Cady

Senior residents have been shocked and disappointed that the building of a residence for seniors, very close to happening, was, first, swept away by a move of the Planning and Zoning Commission. When it came to the RTM, there were not adequate votes to overthrow the P & Z decision. The RTM needs to re-open the topic, and work with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Not long ago, I read that our town is 3rd on the list of Connecticut towns holding the most debt. The RTM needs to support the continuing the paying down of our costly debt.

Executive Director Westport-Weston Chamber of Commerce, 12 year RTM member, Saved the Partrick Wetlands and Kemper Gunn House, Created the Slice of Saugatuck and Westport Dog Festivals. Married, 2 kids.



Matthew Mandell

Fiscal responsibility and protection of the character of our community are my issues.

Requiring accountability from both the Town and Board of Education, while ensuring good services and quality schools is complicated, but mandatory. Keeping our taxes reasonable, especially for seniors, is imperative.

Westport is a unique and beautiful town, it's what sets us apart and is a magnet for residents. Protecting our small town New England character not only guarantees a superior lifestyle, but increases our property values.

For 12 years I've worked to improve our town, please give me the opportunity to do more.

I am a curious and compassionate pragmatist. I am excited to explore the issues and opportunities that are most important to the citizens of District 1 specifically and Westport in general. I have a particular interest in preserving and enhancing the unique qualities that make Westport the place we chose to raise our family. These include Compo Beach, the other town beaches, Longshore, the excellent educational system, the library and the community of caring, passionate citizens. I look forward to listening and learning from my fellow District 1 residents and going the extra mile to research and consider all options available to the RTM to serve our community. I first moved to Westport in 1995 and have been a full-time Compo Beach resident since 2001. I have served many seasons as both a soccer...



Kristin M. Purcell

Chris Tait, born and raised in the very district he is running for re-election on Westport RTM. He is married with two daughters in the Westport Public Schools.



Chris Tait

Chris Tait is running for his 3rd term as RTM/District 1. As Chairman of Parks and Recreation Committee, he has supported the improvements and ongoing maintenance of all of our beaches and public golf course. It is essential to the town that these wonderful resources remain at the quality that we expect. We must protect these assets by funding their maintenance and improvements in a fiscally responsible way, without neglecting the school system that so many benefit from. I grew up here and want my girls to also have wonderful experiences at the beach, on the water, and at school.

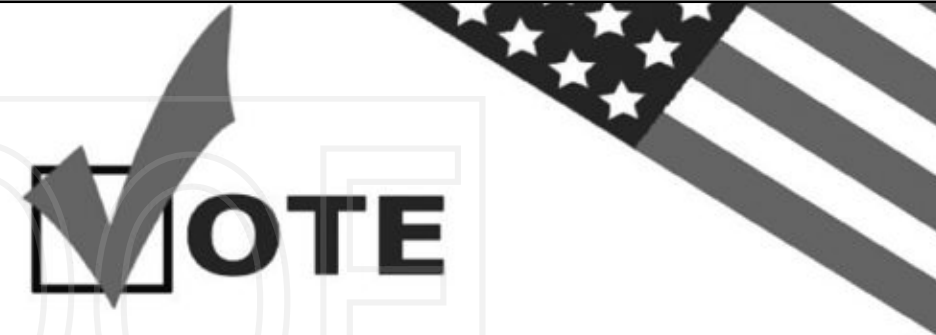
Coached 19 kids' sports teams
10 years Temple Israel's Finance Committee
Westport Sunrise Rotary
Michigan and Stanford Computer Science degrees
Northwestern MBA
Former Chief Technology Officer; former Chief Compliance Officer.



Richard S. Jaffe

First, Westport must remain the open, welcoming, caring community it has always been. I pledge vigilance to make sure we continue as a bastion of decency.

Second, we must plan for the future. If we don't, we may be caught by surprise if the state government's dysfunctional performance, a crumbling public transportation infrastructure, companies leaving Connecticut, and the tax burden shifting onto us interfere with Westport remaining as a place to live of choice. Fixing up Main Street, developing Saugatuck, and maintaining our schools' excellence may not be enough. My experience, and creative thinking, will help us with our plan.



You may take this Voters' Guide into the polls with you.

Candidates for RTM, District Two - Vote for up to 4

LWV Question for RTM:

What do you believe are the two most important issues the RTM must address and what solutions would you propose?

RTM 2005-17, 20 Year resident, Chair Public Works Committee, Staples School Building Committee, Trustee Earthplace, KHS Air Quality, Coach - 46 Seasons, Lehigh University, Architect, Married to Caroline, (Conor, Callie, Carrick).



Jay Keenan

The issues facing Westport vary from maintaining our investments in our school system, infrastructure and open spaces like Compo and Longshore to managing our Pension/OPEB obligations and long term debt as well as keeping our Seniors in Westport. There is no "100" word answer to any of these issues. Each issue affects each resident in a different way. The reality is...it is a balancing act. Westport is fortunate to have talented people working and volunteering for the Town which allow us to look at each of these issues from many different perspectives and come up with long-term effective solutions.

- Mother of four
- Harvard-trained litigator, prosecutor, and current financial industry arbitrator
- 13+ years' experience in the financial sector
- Founder of Westport non-profit related to resident health/safety
- Water polo coach



Christine Meiers Schatz

As a Harvard-trained attorney and financial-industry expert, I'd work to make Westport a better, more affordable home for everyone, from my twin toddlers to my parents. This will require (1) maintaining and improving our most valuable assets – including schools and recreation facilities, and (2) reducing traffic congestion and improving walkability. Accomplishing this will require new ideas, technology, and leveraging Westport's greatest untapped resource: our smart, sophisticated residents. We must modernize government so it's easier for residents to stay informed. And when you can't participate, I have the requisite advocacy background to ensure your concerns get the voice they deserve.

Native New Yorker and 25+ year resident of Westport. Married with twin boys in elementary school. Trusts & Estates attorney in Westport. Adjunct Professor at Fairfield University. Two term RTM member and Chair of the Ordinance Committee.



Neil Phillips

One of the most important issues that the RTM will address this year is the consideration and approval of the annual town and school budgets. This upcoming budget season will be particularly important because of the financial crisis in Hartford and the impact this is already having on many municipalities within the state. As a result, this will require creative thought and deliberation by the RTM about how we allocate tax dollars for the betterment of our town. I am confident that the RTM, along with other town bodies, will work collaboratively on this critical issue.

35+ year resident of Westport, Lou lives with wife Joan and daughter Tessa; 6 years on RTM, Chair of Employee Compensation Committee, sits on the Education, Public Protection, and Ethics Committees.



Louis M. Mall

The two most important issues facing the RTM are declining revenues from the State and increasing expenses from our Schools and our Town. I will continue to work with School and Town Administrations, our employees, Board of Education and Finance, and fellow RTM members to find ways to increase revenues without raising taxes, and to hold on spending without cutting our excellent services. The last four years have proven it CAN be done, working together in a collegial, non-partisan manner to the benefit of Westport.

Native to Westport, my family has lived in Westport for more than 100 years!
Staples High graduate. BA Math/Economics UC Santa Barbara. Working locally in a profession allowing flexible scheduling.



Catherine Calise

First having been an incumbent RTM member for three terms and an active member of the Parks & Recreation RTM sub-committee, I am involved at a level where changes are addressed. Recreational facility usage, including Longshore and especially Compo Beach needs to be dealt with in a manner in which our residents are comfortable and satisfied. Increased maintenance in all facilities, capping and/or controlling number of non-resident passes sold will help. Secondly the development of Saugatuck Center and traffic control are critical concerns. I will continue to keep residents aware so their opinions can be voiced.



For information about joining the League of Women Voters, visit our website www.lwvwestportct.org, email us at lwvwestportct@yahoo.com, or call Rachel Prior at 203-210-7387

Candidates for RTM, District Three - Vote for up to 4

LWV Question for RTM:

What do you believe are the two most important issues the RTM must address and what solutions would you propose?

Mother of 3 children in the Westport school system. Dog owner. Gardener. Cyclist. Horse-lover. Re-launched my career in finance and sales. School and Community volunteer. French speaker with MBA.



Sylina Jacobs Levy

The two most important issues facing Westport today are (1) controlling a rising annual budget; and, (2) promoting an "age-in-place" community.

Solutions include focusing on the positives, borrowing from other industries by adapting and re-inventing programs that reward employees for finding new and innovative ways for job performance, adopting a continuous improvement mindset, implementing a 2-year budget cycle; creating "age-in place" programs and policies by developing innovative housing options, promoting multi-generational connections, adopting transportation initiatives, growing community public safety programs, and creating new adaptive programs.

Attorney, educator, independent investment adviser, Mark Friedman loves Westport's culture of creativity, community, and recreational opportunities. Mark chairs Westport's Minds in Motion; his two boys attend CES/CMS.



Mark Friedman

The town's crown jewel, Westport's schools provide a lifelong benefit to our students and anchor the town's status—and property values—as top tier. As a member of RTM, I'd view investing in the schools as critical: doing so enriches both our children's lives and our own pocketbooks.

Simultaneously, we must continually invest in improvements to our daily quality of life: maintaining and upgrading our recreational infrastructure; improving the flow of cars, bikes and pedestrians. Coordinating with both state & town officials is required. Improving our quality of life is a high priority, and solutions are within reach.

Background: textile designer, fine artist and event planner. In Westport since 1997, I've been active in PTA, WAC and WDMA and enjoy bringing different aspects of our community together.



Amy Kaplan

It's become harder to get around Westport with traffic congestion around town. RTM district 3 borders one of the worst areas, near Merritt exit 42. Although these are partly state roads, Westport needs to take the lead on common sense solutions for roads we travel every day. Westport has invested in it's excellent education system and our students are high achieving on and off the field, but they are stressed and less resilient than they need to be. We must spend our education dollars wisely while still investing in the health and well being of the majority of our students.

Have lived in District 3 for 18 years. Proud to be running for 3rd term. Education, Long Range Planning, Public Works committees. Two children in Westport schools. Girl Scout Leader, PTA, Assumption Church.



Lyn Hogan

I ask for the opportunity to continue serving District 3 to build upon the work I've done on the issues important to so many of you. The top two: maintaining our town's excellent education system in the wake of budget cuts from Hartford and helping our town's seniors age in place. Also critical, supporting continued Compo Beach improvements including reducing beach over crowding, adding sidewalks beyond the downtown area, and striving to keep property taxes low. We must continue to collaborate with the Boards of Finance, Education and Selectman's office with a focus on creative cost-effective solutions. My committee work and RTM votes back up my positions.

I am a life long Westport resident. I have served 3 terms on the RTM. Chair of the RTM Public Protection Committee, member of RTM Employee compensation and Parks and Recreation Committees.



Jimmy Izzo

The two most important issues facing our town will be dealing with potential education funding cuts from Hartford and state mandates that effect our local zoning regulations like 8-30g.

To combat problem number one is simple; continue as we have the last 4 years with the RTM, Board of Ed, and Board of Finance working together to keep our schools funded.

Problem number two will require continued pressure by our town on the state to modify flawed laws that have allowed developers to bust up local zoning laws. Private-public partnership for moderate income housing without zone busting is the way to go.



You may take this Voters' Guide into the polls with you.

Candidates for RTM, District Four - Vote for up to 4

LWV Question for RTM:

What do you believe are the two most important issues the RTM must address and what solutions would you propose?

Biography: B.A. UConn in Political Science, Photographer, Coachmen Car Club Board Member since 2010, CGA Intern 2009-2010 M. Jodi Rell, Rep. Thomas Reynolds, Lifelong Westport Resident, City of Norwalk Office of Operations.



Andrew J. Colabella

Amongst the myriad of issues our town faces, I feel that the two biggest issues are traffic congestion and updating infrastructure to support our flourishing population. With the proposal for new developments, residential/commercial, I feel that before we take the step ahead to develop, we should really be upgrading utilities and inspecting water, oil, gas, sewage and electrical services to meet the needs of our residents. Lastly, the growing congestion due to negligent drivers, traffic patterns not being in sync with amount of cars or other lights, should be reviewed and corrective steps should be applied. I feel that these two issues have been long neglected and need to be addressed immediately.

Jeff Wieser elected RTM 2007. Current Deputy Moderator and Chair, Finance Committee. A former banker he is President of Homes with Hope. Wieser and wife Pat moved to Westport 1985.



Jeff Wieser

As Chair of the RTM Finance Committee, I believe Westport's tax base must be a main issue of the RTM. However, while it is important to maintain our modest mill rate, as we have done over the past many years, we must also balance the education, recreational and infrastructure needs of the Town. I am a proponent of affordable housing and think we need a plan to add housing stock in Town, as we must plan for even greater traffic in the coming years.

Community focused, collaborative approach, thoughtful leadership, results oriented, respectful of and respected by others. 16 year resident, two Staples graduates, soccer/softball coach, community/church volunteer, culinary student/future instructor.



Lisa Parrelli Gray

Employment lawyer, writer and RTM member; Lead petitioner of competitive-bidding-ordinance. Served 6 years as Assistant United States Attorney in DC. Mother of 3 children, who attended BMS, Staples and Cornell.



Kristan Hamlin

The overarching challenge is maintaining high-level of services (educational, public protection, Parks and Recreation, etc.), **without raising taxes**, in the shrinking state-budget. context. As lead petitioner of a competitive-procurement ordinance, I've been working on an outstanding solution: Our proposed ordinance requires all Town employees to eliminate price gouging in government contracts and will be in place so that future generations of RTMers will have the tools needed to analyze and enforce compliance. By enacting this ordinance and taking back taxpayer monies wasted on government contractors who price-gouge, we'll find the monies to meet the needs for high-level Town services.

**IMPORTANT
REGISTRATION
DEADLINES**

- Online Voter Registration Deadline - October 31
- Mail Postmark Voter Registration Deadline - October 31
- In-Person Registration Deadline - October 31
- Election Day Registration - November 7 starting at 6AM at Town Hall

Candidates for RTM, District Five - Vote for up to 4

LWV Question for RTM:

What do you believe are the two most important issues the RTM must address and what solutions would you propose?


Managing Partner of a real estate investment firm, Greg oversees strategic development and asset management. He serves on the B'nai B'rith Real Estate Board. Married, his two sons attend GFS.



Greg Kraut

The two most important issues the RTM is obligated to address are its two key functions. We are tasked with adopting the annual Town and Education budgets and approving all Town appropriations over \$20,000. As the final arbitrators of approving the funding levels for both the schools and Town, we play an important role in ensuring that our schools maintain their funding and excellence. In tandem, it is also important that we maintain the quality of our community to ensure that Greens Farms continues to remain a highly sought after and desirable place for all of us to call home.


35 year resident. Two children. Three-term RTM member; transit (Chair), public works, committees. 38 years' governmental benefits consulting. Former Board member, YMCA, Children's Community Daycare. Volunteer, Library, Playhouse, Sound Cyclists.



Peter A. Gold

Westport's a great town with wonderful amenities. But Westport's a victim of its success – traffic is bad, Compo Beach is congested, there is a dearth of affordable and senior housing. We can't build a moat around Westport and stop all growth. Developers will continue building, families will continue moving to Westport, and others will continue shopping here and using our train stations and beaches. However, the RTM can use its powers to approve appropriations, to pass ordinances, and provide input through public committee meetings, to ensure these issues are addressed in ways that work for Westport and are financially prudent.

Westport resident for 23 years. Retired CEO of a subsidiary of a NYSE co. President of Regents Park Condo. Assoc. and the Town's Representative on the Board of the Saug. Senior Housing Coop.



Thomas C. Bloch


Issue #1.
Making sure that the best interests of our constituents are represented and addressed by the RTM.

Solution #1
Making sure that communication with constituents is carried on frequently so their feelings and concerns are known and brought to the RTM debate.

Issue #2
The RTM must be creative in facing issues that will collide with Westport's ability to continue it's best in class offerings to it's citizens.

Solution #2
Devise ways to increase revenue to the Town to offset the decline in revenue from the state. The Town should structure itself to become financially self sufficient due to the lack of State funding which will last for many years.

Former Town Operations Director, BA & MPA degrees, 2 term RTM member (perfect attendance), Co-Chairman of Downtown Plan Implementation Committee, GFA member, 26 Year Resident, 2 Children thru Westport Schools.




Dewey J. Loselle III

As Town's Operations Director and former Government Management Consulting Partner (KPMG/Deloitte) I focused on efficiency & effectiveness in government. The role of the RTM is oversight. Having served on the RTM's Finance, Compensation and IT Committees, I will focus on keeping expenditures/taxes low, while providing quality services to Town and Schools.

I support the implementation of the Downtown Master Plan and the Saugatuck TOD Plan which will keep our Town competitive, Grand List growing and property values high.


IN DISTRICT 5, I WILL FIGHT TO PREVENT A FEDERAL PLAN FOR HIGH SPEED MEGA REGIONAL RAIL HUB IN GREENS FARMS.

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Candidate did not respond.



Bob Cantor


I am an 18 year resident of Westport, with 5 children. I served as an officer in the IDF and have 30 years expertise in banking and finance.



Arie Adler

The two major issues the RTM should address are 1) controlling costs and 2) education excellence. Regarding controlling costs, the RTM should pay extra attention to the rise in payroll costs which, this year, in many cases exceeded inflation rates. As for education, the RTM should take an active interest in increasing the diversity of the faculty. Currently there are less than a handful of African-American teachers across all 8 schools in town. Further, I believe our schools should take a more proactive approach in preparing students for the standardized tests, which are crucial factors in college admissions.

30 years living in Greens Farms. Director of Greens Farms Association. Mother of two (plus pup.) Spearheaded reopening of Greens Farms Elementary. Temple Israel member. Volunteer for Gillespie Homeless Shelter.




Karen Kramer

Maintain and Enhance the quality of life in Westport. There is no Connecticut town that has the charm and amenities we do. Beaches, Longshore, great schools, and low taxes! We can't let this slip away. Traffic is an upcoming issue we must deal with.

Be fiscally sound and strong so we can fund our schools, our Police and Fire Departments, while at the same time keeping taxes low enough to allow our seniors to stay in the town they love. We need to plan ahead. Protect, preserve and be ready for change. I am ready to do this.

I am a Greens Farms Elementary (GFS) Mom, a former corporate exec 20 years (McKinsey & Co, Credit Suisse). I am Deputy Registrar of Voters for Westport.



Nicole Klein

Education. Westport's RTM must protect our stellar education system by ensuring the budget that supports it remains adequately funded. The quality of our school system is critical for our children, and keeps Westport home values at a premium. The school's budget is not an appropriate place to seek solutions for the state's financial problems.


Public Amenities. Westport's public recreational amenities are critical to our community. Compo Beach needs a substantial facelift. Longshore's pool needs to be upgraded. Westport is a paradise of public recreation and these facets of our community require the financial support that creates value in our community.

Candidates for RTM, District Six - Vote for up to 4

LWV Question for RTM:

What do you believe are the two most important issues the RTM must address and what solutions would you propose?

Served 5 terms on RTM. Former telecommunications executive with extensive financial and operational expertise. Active volunteer sitting on Wakeman Town Farm Committee and a Trustee at Earthplace among other activities.




Cathy Talmadge

The power of the RTM is it's grassroots character and our communication with our constituents. Over the past few years I've concentrated on the responsible development of multi-family housing along the Post Rd. We can't stop it but we can work with the developers to improve the outcome.

An example is Geigers. I worked with my neighbors and the developer through multiple meetings in my home addressing issues and creating inventive solutions.

These proposed developments all over town are going to stress our infrastructure. Identifying and solving these issues will be a challenge in the coming years.


A twelve year Westport resident and two term RTM member who seeks to protect the interest of our town one issue at a time. Local issues matter most! Thank you.



Seth Braunstein

Managing change and improving efficiency are the two most important issues for the RTM. Change is a certainty. We will face changing statewide budgetary constraints, changing educational mandates and changing population dynamics. We must be able to delicately balance growth and the need to maintain the unique characteristics that make our town such a desirable place to live. All elected officials and town employees must make improving efficiency a top priority. We must embrace a holistic budgetary approach that aggressively targets innovative solutions that reduce expenses. We must scrutinize every line item in both the town and BOE budgets.


Westport residents for twelve years, Phil and I are the proud parents of Jordana (6th grade, BMS), Jonathan (3rd grade, SES) and Eliza (3rd Grade, SES). Thanks for your consideration.



Monique Lions-Greenspan

Born and raised in Manhattan, I am grateful for the beauty and benefits of living in Westport daily! As District 6 representative, I'll work collaboratively with constituents and town representatives to ensure that Westport remains desirable and vibrant. I believe protecting our town character and ensuring that our schools thrive are vital issues. My financial industry experience combined with time as an elementary school educator provide me with a unique perspective to face these and other unforeseen challenges. My volunteer roles (The Conservative Synagogue EVP, SES PTA Secretary, BMS PTA) demonstrate my leadership ability and commitment to community.

19-year Westport resident, 3 children attended Westport Public Schools; Rotarian, former local business owner, active participant in many community and local political initiatives. Cornell Master of City Planning and BA.



Jessica Bram

The RTM must support maintaining the excellence of Westport Public Schools by approving measures that preserve minimum class size. While reducing overhead should always be encouraged, the RTM should also support BOE budgets that maintain music, art, athletic, and guidance programs so critical to our children's development. As many District 6 constituents have told me, Compo Beach is currently in crisis due to overcrowding, insufficient maintenance, and lack of regulation enforcement. The RTM should support sharply reducing the number of daily out-of-town permits, restricting drop-offs, upgrading facilities, and funding construction of a South Beach pedestrian walkway and restrooms.

Candidates for RTM, District Seven - Vote for up to 4

LWV Questions for RTM:

What do you believe are the two most important issues the RTM must address and what solutions would you propose?

Married, Three children; Attorney-Trusts/Estates, Elder Law; RTM-2 terms, Chair-Library, Museum and Arts; Past-President-Westport Young Woman's League; LLS PTA (past VP of Fundraising); JD-University of Colorado School of Law, BS-Boston College.



Brandi Briggs

As we face a deep fiscal crisis from the state, our biggest challenges are maintaining the excellence of our schools and continuing to provide first-rate services for all Westporters. We are losing state funds so we must work together to be fiscally responsible and make decisions that focus on the long-term financial health of Westport. This includes working to keep Westport affordable, provide high quality amenities, improve our infrastructure and find solutions for our traffic issues. Difficult, disciplined decisions will need to be made in order to be smart and effective with how we spend our taxpayers money.

Twenty years RTM experience. Education, Recreation, Human Services(Chair), Planning, PubWorks Committees. Senior Center Friends Board, Teacher (Coach K), Westport Service Seniors Award twice. Masters Engineering Cornell, MBA Harvard. USN active duty.



John G. Klinge

MANAGE BUDGETARY CHALLENGES as Westport experiences reduced state assistance. Unfortunately, recent budgets for schools and town funding have pushed envelope to edges with use of reserves and creative management. Must face up to hard choices between draconian/impropitious spending cuts and prudently managed tax increases. Must not make unwise short term decisions that will negatively impact future programs.

DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE EXPANDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN for Westporters of all ages. Identify optimal locations/opportunities for development that are consistent with Town Plan as updated this year. Priority to seniors (long waiting list) and current residents who are most in need.

Current member of RTM Education, Parks/Recreation, Ordinance Committees. Attorney with experience in government, finance, and employment law. Active in community service. Nonprofit executive board member. Married with three children.



Lauren Karpf

The most crucial issue for the RTM to address is the impact of the state's fiscal crisis on Westport. We must protect the quality of our town assets, services, and property values, while maintaining our long-term fiscal health and striving to keep property taxes flat. As a returning RTM member, I will continue to approve appropriations which support our extraordinary schools, improve quality of life and housing choices for seniors, maintain public health and safety, address overcrowding of town assets and traffic concerns, and enhance economic development, while always prioritizing innovative cost efficiencies, better allocation of funds, and revenue opportunities.

Lived in Westport for 21 years. Worked in financial industry and have law degree. Volunteered locally including PTA and Temple Israel. 1 term on RTM: Education, Environment and Ordinance Committees.



Ellen Lautenberg Hendel

1. Adopting annual budgets for both the town and schools. The RTM must work with those entities to come up with creative ways to maintain or reduce their budgets while at the same time maintaining the high quality of the schools and ensuring that our amenities and infrastructure are properly maintained.
2. Dealing with the shortage of affordable housing while maintaining our town character and reaching our moratorium under 830-G. The RTM must work with the Planning and Zoning Commission to determine best options for development of affordable housing so Westport can control it's own destiny regarding these projects.

Candidates for RTM, District Eight - Vote for up to 4

LWV Question for RTM:

What do you believe are the two most important issues the RTM must address and what solutions would you propose?

Attorney, 10 years in litigation at global law firms. Volunteer leadership roles in Westport schools: CES PTA & A Child's Place Preschool Boards. Married with 3 sons.



Elizabeth Moriarty

Westport must continue to attract new families, despite the state's problems and the longer New York commute. New families drive the housing market and support property values. Westport cannot control everything, but we can focus on our key assets: 1) our public schools, 2) amenities/quality of life. With Connecticut's budget crisis, our schools will be more dependent on the town in coming years. The RTM needs to support a budget that provides for the continued excellence and innovation of Westport schools. We must also maintain and improve beautiful Compo Beach/Longshore, and work with the state to address traffic safety.

Incumbent RTM member (Fourth term), RTM Chair Long Range Committee, member P&Z subcommittee, former P&Z Chair, member ZBA, Justice of Peace, 42 year resident, Realtor.



Caria L. Rea

Two most important issues. Taxes & Traffic!

The State of Connecticut's fiscal crisis threatens our towns' ability to continue to fund and maintain our quality of education and life in Westport. Potentially increasing our taxes by millions of dollars over and above what is required now on an annual basis, will be daunting. I will continue to use my voice and vote to insure our tax dollars are well spent and that we continue to provide for our schools and other vital services.

I will support initiatives to improve roads & intersections to mitigate traffic issues.

Lived in Westport 25 years. Three children grew up here. BA Harvard in Economics and Computer Science. Worked in finance for 25 years. Served on RTM for 4 years.



Lee Arthurs

The most important issue for Westport is attracting and keeping businesses and home owners in Westport. This is critical for maintaining our tax base and vitality. The key to accomplishing this is to have strong economic development and address issues that impact families moving to Westport such as traffic, strong schools and accessible housing. Our second most significant issue is maintaining our town strengths such as Compo Beach and the schools. We need to be more proactive in these areas.

Please e-mail me at larthursrtm@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

5-term RTM: Environment (Chair); P&Z; H&HS; Library/Museum/Arts; Rules. Formerly senior editorial, executive positions, Random House and others; Nonprofit boards. 25-year Westporter, child graduated Westport schools. Certified substitute teacher. Brown, Stanford.

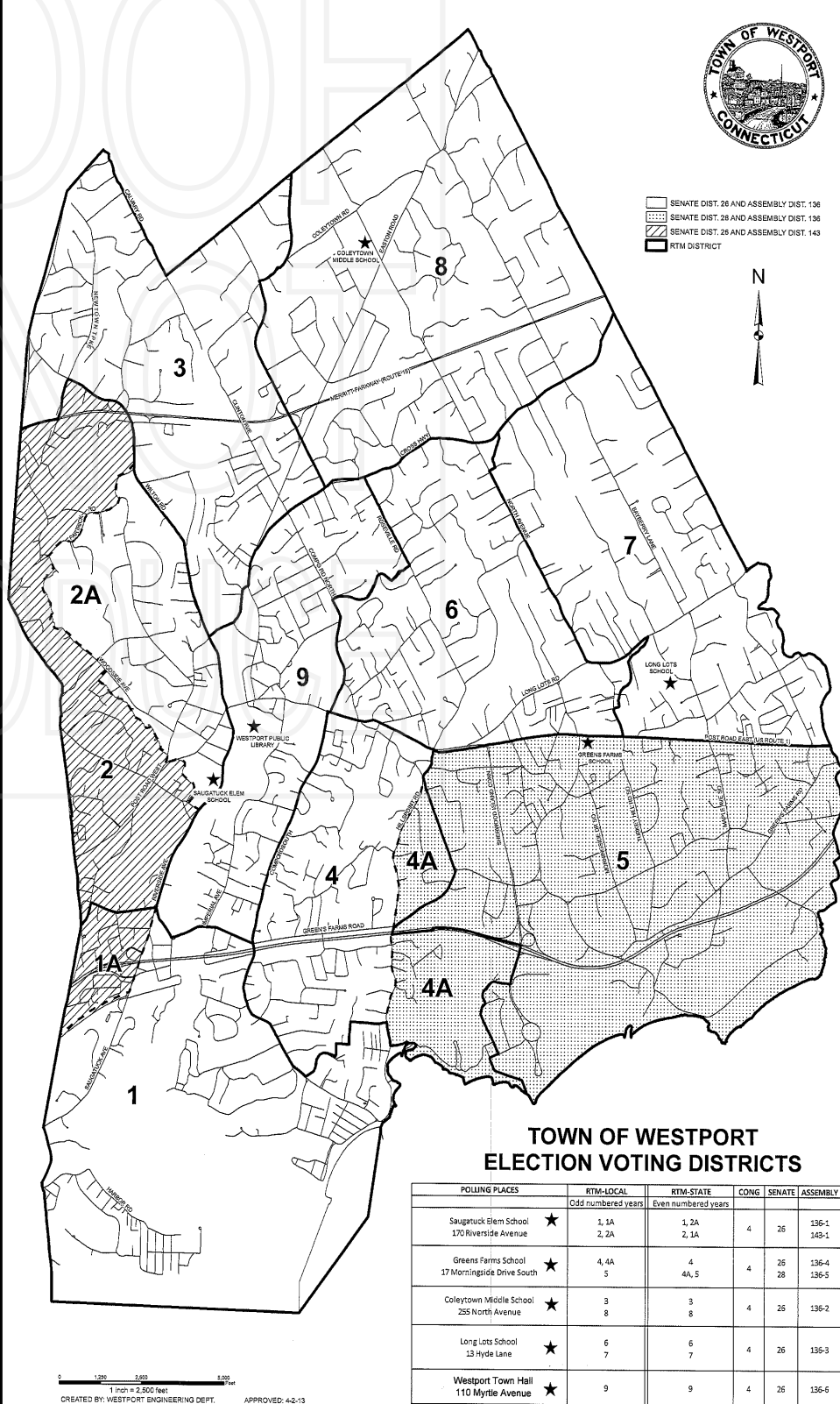


Wendy G. Batteau

Changing finances and demographics will drive important issues.

Connecticut's crisis budget will likely shift millions of dollars in state costs to Westport, endangering our signature educational system, services, facilities, steady taxes, property values - and residents. To protect us, town bodies must develop additional tactics to impact state policy; with public input, reach consensus on priorities for managing finite resources and funding choices; engage businesses; and increase our grand list.

Seniors comprise 37% of Westport's community. Sustaining this growing, diverse population requires planning now for innovative home options, health services, transit, and educational and recreational opportunities, and implementation.



ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

**Location: Westport Town Hall
110 Myrtle Ave**

If you miss the October 31 deadline, Election Day Registration permits you to register and vote in person on Election Day if you meet the eligibility requirements for voting in Connecticut and are not already registered in Westport. By law, a person is eligible to register and vote if he or she is (1) a US citizen, (2) age 18 or older, (3) a bona fide resident of the town in which he or she applies admission, and (4) has completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a disenfranchising felony.

Election Day Registration is not available at your polling place, but is available at Town Hall, beginning at 6AM. You will need to provide proof of identity and residency. Please allow extra time as the process takes much longer than polling place voting.

Candidates for RTM, District Nine - Vote for up to 4

LWV Question for RTM:

What do you believe are the two most important issues the RTM must address and what solutions would you propose?

25+ years' experience in public policy, politics, academia and media. Locally involved with PTA, Project Return and Suzuki Music School. Main Street resident with my husband and two school-age daughters.



Kristin Schneeman

If elected to the RTM, I'll work hard and work smart to:

- Maintain and enhance the distinctive qualities that make Westport unique and attract people to live and work here. We must continue to invest in our schools, parks and recreation, arts and culture, and support our seniors. I believe we can do this even in tight fiscal times if we make smart choices.
- Focus on quality of life. Improving traffic, beach conditions, and walkability/livability in our neighborhoods is paramount. I think we can do a better job prioritizing projects and developing creative solutions to getting them done.

Sal Liccione, longtime Westport resident is running for District 9 RTM representative. Sal is passionate about Politics and attends all Town Hall meetings. He is extremely knowledgeable about the inner workings of the town, so he can be most helpful where needed.



Sal Liccione

He is a member of the Fairfield County branch of Democracy for America, and Sal currently serves on the Citizens' Transit Committee. He is also active in both the Downtown Merchants Association and the Democratic Town Committee. He is often invited to Hartford by party leaders and provides a valued opinion on multiple issues. Sal has also volunteered on numerous political campaigns such as U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy D-Conn., U.S. Representative Jim Himes D-Conn., along with both local and state campaigns.

Liccione now works for the Downtown Merchants' Association after spending a chunk of time with the Parks and Recreation Department, working both maintenance and special events.

Prior to moving to Westport, Sal was active in Pennsylvania politics and served as a volunteer fire fighter.

Sal Liccione would be a valued addition to the RTM representing District 9, and will work tirelessly for his constituents.

Westport Resident- 53 years; RTM Representative (2001-2017); Current RTM Moderator, Retired Westport Principal, Vice Principal, K-12 Director, Teacher; Children, grandchildren graduated Westport schools; Ed. D.; Assistant Professor, Sacred Heart University.



Velma Heller

Based on my 16 years of experience on the RTM, the challenge is, as always providing a range of resources to serve our citizens well. The two most important issues the RTM must address are preserving our fiscal strength and sustaining the quality of life that Westporters expect. I provide a voice of reason as we scrutinize budgets to balance priorities for the town. As RTM Moderator, Deputy Moderator, Education Committee Chair and District 9 representative, I advocate for excellent schools, beach and recreational infrastructure, senior center, public safety including walkways and traffic control, historic preservation and environmental protection.

RTM Member, serving on the Transit, Library and Information Committees. Westport resident for 11 years with his wife of 39 years, Kathleen. Practicing municipal finance attorney for over 37 years.



Charles E. Carey

First, and foremost, we must maintain the sound fiscal position of the Town. The RTM cannot resolve the state's fiscal crisis but we must responsibly budget our resources. Our schools and the residential environment of our town must be maintained while we address these financial issues. Second, we need to maintain two iconic landmarks in Town, Compo Beach and the Cribari Bridge. The first will require a comprehensive review of current usage of the beach and possible changes to how we manage the beach and the second will require overcoming efforts by the state to enlarge or replace Cribari Bridge.

I'm a business owner, labor and employment law attorney, ViceChair of HomesWithHope, 23-year Westport resident and active volunteer serving on the boards of Saugatuck Elementary School and The Conservative Synagogue.



Lauren Soloff

As the fiscal crisis in Hartford inevitably begins to impact Westport, it will be imperative that the RTM work to support and sustain a relevant and progressive school system. I will promote smart spending while recognizing that ongoing investment in our schools is part of the heart and soul of Westport. The vitality of downtown will evolve as a more pressing issue as the future of retail becomes less certain. I will encourage those initiatives that have a vision for downtown as more than just a shopping destination, but also a gathering place for recreation, art, music, and innovation.

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Be sure to complete your vote on the reverse side of this ballot.

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	<input type="radio"/> 14G	<input type="radio"/> 15G	<input type="radio"/> 16G GREG KRAUT	<input type="radio"/> 17G PETER A. GOLD	<input type="radio"/> 18G THOMAS C. BLOCH	<input type="radio"/> 19G DEWEY J. LOSELLE III	<input type="radio"/> 20G BOB CANTOR	<input type="radio"/> 21G ARIE ADLER	<input type="radio"/> 22G KAREN KRANER	<input type="radio"/> 23G NICOLE KLEIN
WRITE-IN VOTES	<input type="radio"/> 14H	<input type="radio"/> 15H	<input type="radio"/> 16H	<input type="radio"/> 17H	<input type="radio"/> 18H	<input type="radio"/> 19H	<input type="radio"/> 20H	<input type="radio"/> 21H	<input type="radio"/> 22H	<input type="radio"/> 23H

Be sure to complete your vote on the reverse side of this ballot.

Westport has nine different ballots due to multiple districts