# The League of Women Voters of Westport
# 2005 VOTERS GUIDE

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## CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

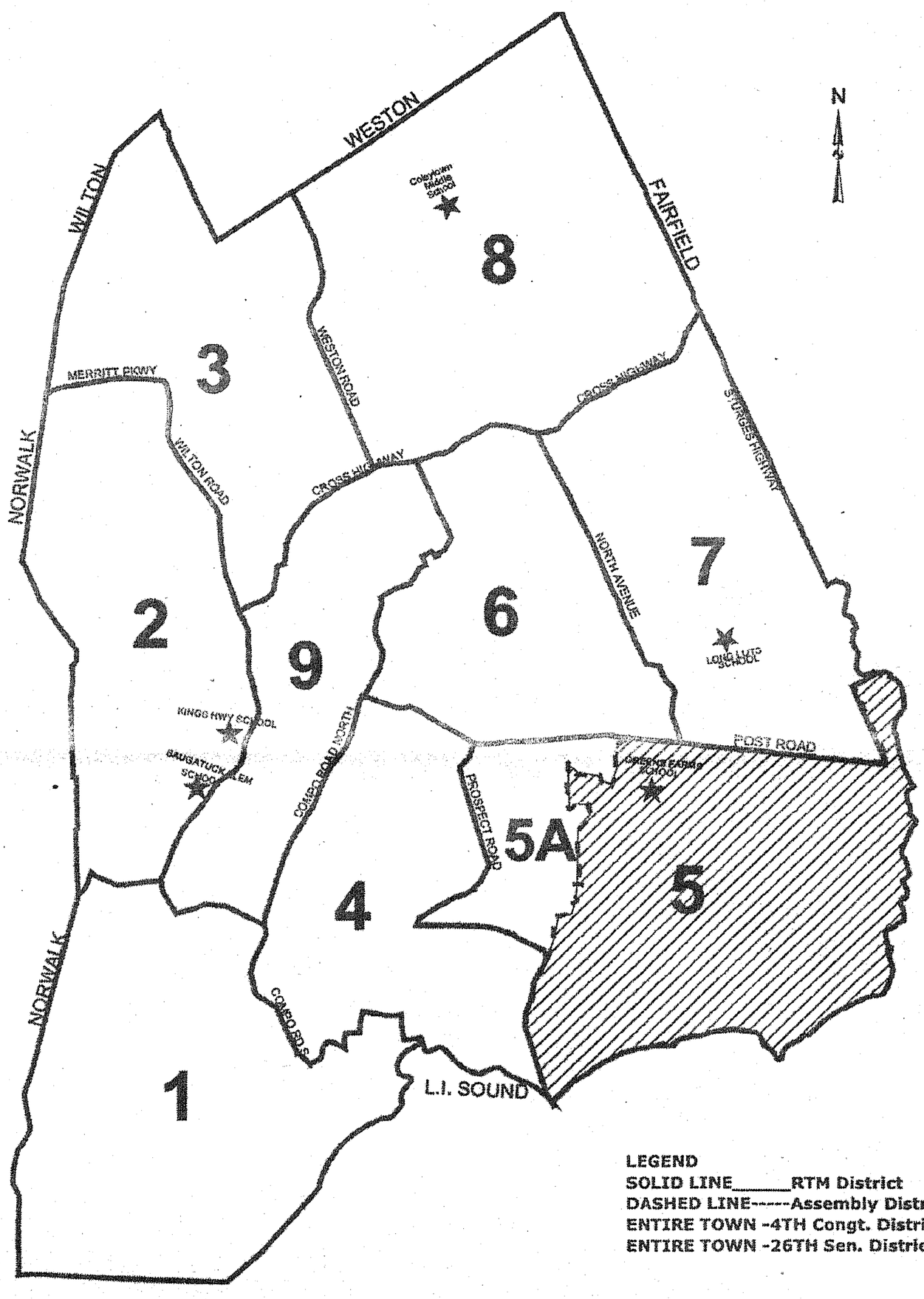
*Dear Westport Voters:*

*As you know, this is a 'local year', when we will choose officials to serve on a number of local Boards and Commissions, as well as on the Representative Town Meeting. Chances are that if you are reading this letter, you already know how important it is to educate yourselves before making your decisions on Election Day. This Voters Guide is prepared to help you find out about the candidates and where they stand on issues that are important to you.*

*We applaud you for taking the time to read it. Westport has always had a healthy turn-out for local elections. We urge you to continue this trend and go to the polls on Tuesday, November 8 to exercise the most basic right and privilege in a democracy…your right to vote.*

**Laura Gallagher and Lisa Shufro**
**Co-presidents**
**League of Women Voters of Westport**

## Voting Districts




### ELECTION VOTING DISTRICTS

| | POLLING PLACES | VOTING DISTRICTS | CONG | SENATE | ASSEMBLY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ★ | SAUGATUCK ELEM SCHOOL 170 Riverside Avenue | 1,9 | 4 | 26 | 136-1 |
| ★ | GREENS FARMS SCHOOL | 4, 5A | 4 | 26 | 136-4 |
| | 17 Morningside Drive South | 5 | 4 | 26 | 133-1 |
| ★ | COLEYTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL 255 North Avenue | 3,8 | 4 | 26 | 136-2 |
| ★ | LONG LOTS SCHOOL 13 Hyde Lane | 6,7 | 4 | 26 | 136-3 |
| ★ | KINGS HIGHWAY SCHOOL 125 Post Road West | 2 | 4 | 26 | 136-5 |

## CANDIDATES FOR FIRST SELECTMAN

### FOUR YEAR TERM

*LWV Question: What are the critical issues facing Westport and how will you address them?*

**JOHN J. IZZO, Republican**

Answer: Education – Work in cooperation with Superintendent's Office and the Board of Education to ensure that the children of Westport receive an education that is measured by results that are in the top tier in the state and is fiscally accountable to the taxpayers of Westport.
Fiscal Policy – Create a meaningful tax relief program for our senior citizens that enable them to continue living in our community: Tax freeze for all seniors earning up to $75,000 – Sliding scale abatement up to $2,000 – Increase the tax deferral program to $100,000 income.
Establish a fiscal policy that maintains our credit rating, reduces our debt and ensures an infrastructure that supports the needs of a 21st Century lifestyle. Environment – Work to preserve and protect open space – Develop an energy policy to promote alternative fuel sources – Move forward with a plan to locate the YMCA at the Baron South property
Background: 2 years RTM, 4 years (candidate exceeded 150 word limit)

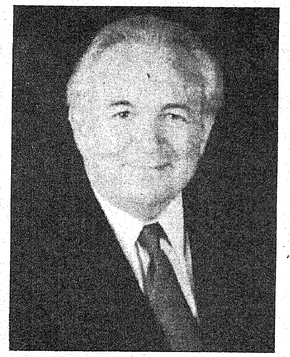
**GORDON F. JOSELOFF, Democrat**

Answer: Westport faces many critical issues that require experienced, caring leadership. The health and safety of Westport citizens are our No. 1 concern – issues that I know well as a longtime volunteer firefighter and EMT. Shelly and I will ensure that Westport continues to offer quality schools and superb recreational facilities while being fiscally responsible. We will provide meaningful and fair tax relief for seniors so downsizing and retirement don't mean leaving Westport. Our accessible, responsive 21st Century administration will use the latest technology to enhance the safety of our citizens, provide improved services, and strengthen efficiencies to keep taxes low. We will promote community spirit through a "Celebrate Westport" initiative that will feature new ideas to bring Westporters together. We will protect our environment by emphasizing and promoting alternative energy sources. While the town has changed greatly since my childhood, together we can make tomorrow's Westport as good as yesterday's.

# Candidates for Second Selectman

## Four Year Term

***LWV Question: How do you perceive your role as Second Selectman?***



**ROBERT F. LASPROGATO, Republican**
Answer: John Izzo and I have discussed the role of Second Selectman in his administration. We feel that I will be a sounding board, an advisor, and a trouble-shooter. I also see using my abilities and background as a problem solver on situations that may arise. I support the platform, and would act as an advocate for programs as spelled out in that platform. I expect to be actively involved in the activities of the town.
Background: I have lived in Westport for 15 years; I am a former Republican Town chairman and member of the Flood and Erosion Board. Prior to moving to Westport, I served as a member of the Bridgeport Police and Fire Commissions. I also spent 14 years in bank management with an advanced Banking Certificate from the University of Colorado at Boulder. I am a native of Norwalk, Connecticut.

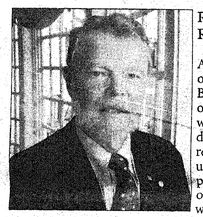
**SHELLY A. KASSEN, Democrat**

Answer: The role of Second Selectman is first, and technically, to serve on the Board of Selectmen in its executive authority regarding all contractual and legal matters affecting the Town. Beyond that, the responsibilities of the Second Selectman are what the individual makes of them. My intent is twofold: to use my experience on the Board of Finance to strengthen efficiencies and internal controls within town government so that we can keep our taxes fair, and second, to focus on initiatives that will make Westport a safer, more diverse yet more cohesive and caring community. I look forward to working with Gordon to accomplish our administration's priorities and to maintaining a responsible and open decision-making process.
My background: 16 year resident, eight years on the Board of Finance and currently its chair, Harvard MBA and CPA, leadership roles in several non-profit organizations both local and national, married with three daughters.

# Candidates for Board of Finance

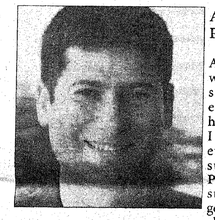
## Four Year Term • Vote for Any Three

***LWV Question: What should the Board of Finance do to assure that the needs of all town departments are met? What questions would you ask during the budget process to determine what these needs are?***



**RICHARD B. BENSON, Republican**

Answer: It is the responsibility of the First Selectman and the Board of Education to propose operating and capital budgets which reflect their respective departmental needs. The BOF's responsibility to critically evaluate those proposed budgets, prioritize the requests, and only approve expenditures which are fiscally prudent and in the best interest of the community and of our children, while maintaining meaningful tax relief for seniors. With 80% of our budget dominated by "people costs", every position needs to be justified every year. My proactive financial scrutiny will increase efficiency in personnel, purchasing, and technology.
Background: 26 year resident and owner of local home building firm; BOF incumbent (4 years.), P&Z (5 years), Conservation (4 years); Scout Master Troop 39, Saugatuck Congregational Church Trustee, Westport Rotary, Rotary District 7980, Compo Playground (1988 and 2005); United Way Board (10 years);USNR Vietnam Combat Veteran; Married to Totney 34 years; BA., BS., Wharton MBA



**AVI KANER, Republican**

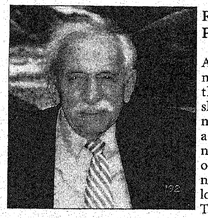
Answer: As a Westport resident with three children in our schools, I am motivated to ensure that we provide the highest level of quality services. I conduct financial evaluations every day as an owner of a supermarket chain. As a Principal at Booz Allen, I led strategic financial and budgetary reviews for multinational companies resulting in substantial cost improvement and revenue enhancement. I would question how specific department budget requests relate to the current and future needs of Westport residents including families, empty nesters, and seniors. Once comfortable with the logic of the request, I would evaluate the certainty of achievement within the given timeframe. I would benchmark our departments' plans with those of similar communities, to learn from their mistakes and successes – for the benefit of our residents. Finally, I would question the level of coordination among departments to maximize efficiencies in financing, contracts, equipment, and real estate.

**JEFFREY ALAN MAYER, Democrat**

Answer: The BOF has two opportunities to assure that Town needs are funded: First, when the Schools and Town develop budgets each Winter, the BOF can and should urge the First Selectman and Superintendent to strengthen here, trim there. Last year, e.g., I pushed for additional staff in the Assessor's office as well as another social worker to address mushrooming Senior Center requirements. Second, when Town managers make funding requests we must quiz them: Will this meet the need? Are your constituents satisfied? Was there a public bid? Similar questions have exposed weaknesses in Technology as well as the need for a commercial assessment specialist to confirm homeowners are not bearing more than their fair share of taxes. N.B.: We can't do it all and must prioritize.
Background: Member, Board of Finance, 1997-2005; RTM, 1995-97; President, CEO, MxEnergy Inc.;Yale BA; NYU JD; Sunrise Rotary; Instructor, Continuing Ed; Two children, one at SHS

**HELEN A. GARTEN, Democrat**

Answer: Our challenge is to ensure that the quality of services offered the public by all town departments matches the excellence of our schools. Senior services and technology are areas where demand for services is growing. It is up to the Board of Finance to set priorities. I will ask department heads, 'Where do you see your department's needs over the next three years? If additional investments are required, can you identify economies to offset budget growth?' I will work with the town and education administrations in planning the timing of future investments to avoid unanticipated tax increases. And, as I have done on the RTM, I will listen to Westport residents to learn what works and how services can be improved.
Background: 20 year resident. RTM Finance Committee. RTM Representative, Revaluation
Working Group. A.B., Princeton. J.D., Harvard Law School. Law Professor, Rutgers, specializing in finance, corporations, banking.



**RALPH HYMANS, Petitioning Candidate**

Answer: We should leave the needs of each department to the professionals. The BOF should question whether these needs are excessive for running an efficient department and not exceeding those beyond other alternatives. Dollars are not unlimited and we must look to the taxpayer who pays. The Board should question the necessity of these needs and the consequences of not supporting the spending. The Board has to conscientiously analyze the spending of these needs. The Board controls the purse strings but must be sure the departmental needs are met and the taxpayers are receiving the necessary services they expect without waste.
While the recommendations of departmental professionals should be respected, the BOF must assess the risks and benefits of alternative solutions. Ultimately, the impacts on taxes and the overall town budget are critical. Zero based budget reviews are useful to assure that taxpayers are receiving the necessary services they expect cost-effectively.

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***Once again, the LWV of Westport owes many thanks to Patricia Strauss, Town Clerk, for her help with this guide.***

## First Time Voters – Vote With Confidence

❑ Enter booth and pull lever to close the curtains and activate the machine.

❑ Make your selections for candidates by pushing the lever down over the name of your choice for that office.

❑ You can change your lever vote as many times as you like before pulling the handle to open the curtains. (This is not true of "write-in" voting; see instructions below.)

❑ "Write-in Candidates can be entered in the space above the levers. Use the pencil that hangs from a string in the left corner of the voting booth. Lift the clear sliding cover and "write-in" the name of your candidate. Be sure you are lifting the cover above the office for which your candidate is running.

Once you lift the sliding cover for a "write-in" space, a vote is registered even if you do not write anything in the space. Therefore, you cannot change your vote from a "write-in" back to a lever selection once you have raised the sliding "write-in" cover.

❑ IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP, PLEASE ASK THE BOOTH ATTENDANT TO BRING THE MODERATOR TO YOU. THIS IS YOUR RIGHT AND YOU ARE NOT INCONVENIENCING ANYONE..

❑ When you have finished selecting your candidates, leave the levers in the down (selected position). When you pull the handle to open the booth curtains, your vote is registered by the machine and the levers automatically reset for the next voter.



# Candidates for Board of Education

## Vote for Any Four

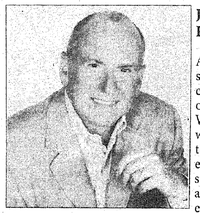
***LWV Question: How would you balance budgetary restraints with curriculum requirements?***

**KRISTIN TESTA LAFLEUR, Republican**

Answer: The key to meeting and surpassing curriculum requirements is to attract and retain an exceptional faculty. A highly educated and motivated faculty reduces the disruption and financial burden of teacher turnover, creates a more dynamic system that responds to evolving educational needs, and delivers the exceptional education experience our town has come to expect. The Board should support investment in our faculty through curriculum-centered training and staff development that ensures educational objectives are met and minimizes future expenditures to replace and re-align staff. Well-established educational objectives for new and existing programs ensure efficient use of faculty and financial resources and maintain an emphasis on learning.
Background: 9 years financial services experience; Westport Young Woman's League, 7 years, 5 years as a board member; Fairfield University, M.A. American Studies, N.Y.U., M.B.A., Ithaca College, B.S., married with one daughter attending King's Highway School.

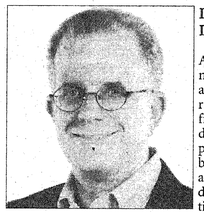
**ROBERT M. CHASIN, Republican**

Answer: The Board needs to encourage and support the Administration in taking a critical view of the District's programs. What should be provided by schools, other community organizations and parents? Efficient spending and distribution of resources sometimes means cutting or modifying programs for more effective or better utilized offerings. The District must look at courses with low enrollment or that do not support present and future needs and requirements. A school's budget should reflect the values and beliefs of the community and complement the students' curricular wants. The Board must ensure that the budget is well conceived and that all spending is earmarked for areas that will have a positive impact on student achievement, regardless of ability and background.



**JIM MARPE, Republican**

Answer: I want to make our schools the right place for every Westport child, retaining our premier status at a cost all Westport can afford. Begin with regularly updated educational goals, reflecting the evolving learning needs of all students. Match these goals to a thoughtful openly constructed budget. Throughout my career, I helped clients build organization-wide consensus on "must have" capabilities versus "nice to have." This same discipline of goal-based prioritization must be applied to the tradeoff of curriculum and costs. New program suggestions must align with BOE goals. Continuous curriculum improvement coupled with goal-based prioritization will keep our schools ones we can be proud of, and can afford.
Background: Board of Education Member (Secretary), Westport Y Trustee, Y's Men, Interfaith Housing Board, Westport Rotary, Stamford Symphony President; Accenture (management consultants) Partner – 32 years; MBA (Wharton) 16-year resident; wife (Mary Ellen) Director Westport's Academy of Dance, Daughter (Samantha) – Staples graduate 2002.



**DONALD G. O'DAY, Democrat**

Answer: Curriculum requirements and electives can be balanced against budgetary restraints when the proper financial discipline is applied during the budget development process. Westport's school budget process must begin with a well publicized and inclusive debate of the curriculum objectives – both required and elective. The board must facilitate the discussion with detailed and accurate cost estimates associated with the overall curriculum. When the curriculum objectives and costs are established, the budget can be presented for town approval. However, our school's budget process does not end when the budget is approved. Financial discipline is a year-round process and goes a long way towards covering unexpected costs. Educational excellence and financial discipline are not mutually exclusive goals. I will bring a commitment to both goals to the Board of Education. I ask for your vote.
Background: Chief Financial Officer, business manager, father of 3 Westport educated children, candidate for Board of Education.

**MARJORIE CION, Democrat**

Answer: I am committed to continually assessing and improving our curriculum. At the same time, we need to explore ways to save money that do not impact program. The Board of Education and the Town government should investigate the possibility of combining resources and experience in areas such as maintenance, computer technology, and human resources to achieve greater budget efficiency and prevent overlap. Through collaboration with the Board of Finance, the Board of Education has saved significant amounts by reducing the health insurance reserve. We need to aggressively pursue this type of dialogue with the Board of Finance and the RTM so that we can look for ways to save money while preserving the excellent reputation of our schools.
Background: A former attorney, I have lived in Westport for 14 years with my husband and five children. I have been Co-President of the Coleytown Elementary and Middle School PTA's and PTA Council.

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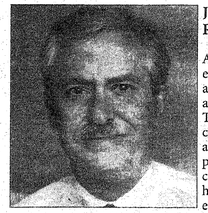
# Candidates for Board of Assessment Appeals

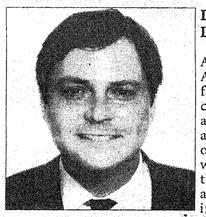
## Vote for Any Two

***LWV Question: What should taxpayers know about their rights and responsibilities under the assessment appeals process?***



**JOHN A. FITZGERALD, Republican**

Answer: Every Westport property owner has the right to appeal the Town's assessment and taxation of his property. That includes residential and commercial property owners, and car owners. With the new property evaluation now being conducted, there are apt to be homeowners who seek an explanation for their new assessment, and possibly to contest it. Their first option is to meet with the Town's Tax Assessor, and if that's unsatisfactory, to appeal to the Board of Assessment Appeals. For taxpayers who appeal, it is their responsibility to have as much hard evidence as possible to support their claim of unfairness. The three-person Board will then consider their case and make a judgment on any appropriate correction to the Town's assessment.
Background: Westport homeowner and taxpayer for 30 years - Career as an investment advisor, licensed and experienced in asset valuation - Experience in buying and selling residential property, developing new homes



**DAVID B. KRAUSS, Democrat**

Answer: The Board of Assessment Appeals provides a forum that allows citizens to challenge their property tax assessments if they believe the assessor erred in the valuation of their property. If a taxpayer wants to initiate an appeal, they must submit a written application to request a hearing. The town government website offers the relevant information and forms. At the hearing, the taxpayer should provide the appropriate and relevant evidence to support their case. The Board has the power to lower property taxes if it finds the claim is valid. If taxpayers disagree with the Board's decision, they have a right to appeal it in court. As a practicing attorney who currently sits on the Board, I understand the importance of giving citizens due process and protection under the law through fair hearings. I am running as a Democrat and support affordable and equitable property taxes.

**ELAINE S. ARNOW, Democrat**

Answer: Taxpayers should know that they are entitled to meet with the Board of Assessment Appeals if they are dissatisfied with their assessments and believe that the town assessor has erred in the valuation of their property. Taxpayers must take two initial steps: 1)Submit a written application on or before February 20, 2006 2)attend a meeting, consent to be sworn in and give facts required by the board in March. Taxpayers may or may not be represented by attorneys. If they are not satisfied with the board's decisions, they may turn to the superior court of the judicial district for the town in which their property is located. The Board of Assessment Appeals will hear all cases and evaluate all appeals for tax relief with fairness and integrity.
Background: Connecticut native, resident of Westport 49 years, Realtor in Westport 24 years
Former music teacher in Westport schools, BS,MA-Teachers College, Columbia (candidate exceeded word allotment)

# Candidates for Planning and Zoning Commission

## Vote for Any Three

***LWV Question: What regulatory changes can be made to encourage renovating and preserving existing homes?***

**TIMOTHY WILLIAM WETMORE, Republican**

Answer: Zoning regulations are intended to insure that the character of our neighborhoods is maintained. A well designed new home is just as valuable to the community as a well preserved home. Many communities have struggled with the "Teardowns/Big house" issue, utilizing complicated height and floor area restrictions, etc. with limited success. As an Architect with eighteen years of experience, I've found regulations which encourage reducing or the breaking up of the building mass work best. This can be accomplished through minor regulatory changes. Also, it is important to allow for a more streamlined process for the renovation/expansion of existing homes. So as not overburdened these projects with extensive reviews and requirements intended for larger more complex projects.

Background: Architect/Principal Wetmore Associates. Married to Lorraine, Father, of Matt, Lucas, & Alexis. Member School Building Committee, Staples/Long Lots Subcommittees. Former Member Port Chester Architectural Board of Review, (1990-97)

**HOWARD B. LATHROP, Democrat /Save Westport Now**

Answer: Expansion of the number of Historic Design Districts and the creation of Special Design Districts would preserve existing houses and the character of the neighborhoods they create. Their unique character has been established slowly. The houses, the natural topography, the landscaping, and street layout together create the overall ambiance. All these elements need to be conserved. Each Design District would require different design guidelines and zoning regulations including restrictions on tree removable. Required setbacks and building heights along the street would be maintained. Additions would occur away from the street front. New construction should fit within an envelope matching the volume allowed for existing houses. For situations outside of a Design District where an individual building is deemed significant, multiple unattached buildings on a single site should be allowed.

Background: Howard Lathrop, a member of the Westport School Building Committee, is an architect with extensive experience designing buildings throughout the world.

**RONALD D. CORWIN, Democrat/Save Westport Now**

Answer: Protecting Westport's character should be the Planning and Zoning Commission's overriding concern. We should provide incentives for owners of historic homes to have their properties named a Local Historic Property or part of a Historic District. Prior changes would go through the Historic District Commission and P&Z. We should also explore the creation of Village Districts in some areas of town. These districts allow new construction and substantial reconstruction while protecting the distinctive character of historic structures. In addition, I would try to determine why our present regulations are discouraging renovations and search for changes that allow homeowners maximum use of their properties within limits that guarantee preservation of land, streetscape and other resources.

Background: Westport resident since 1986; coached Little League and Recreation basketball; chairman, Boating Advisory Committee; member, Mill Pond Advisory Committee. Executive Leadership Coach; Held senior positions at Citicorp in U.S. and Europe. Ph.D. Syracuse University.

**BRUCE E. KASANOFF, Democrat/Save Westport Now**

Answer: It's essential that we protect Westport's character by preventing the construction of oversized houses on small lots. Instead of focusing merely on lot coverage, zoning should look at the total size of the house. For example, present regulations encourage negative practices, like shortening driveways to maximize house sizes. This puts big houses too close to the road. We also should consider making it harder for developers to build oversized spec houses that ignore a neighborhood's characteristics, so they can maximize potential profits. Westport is a charming town with a special character, and it should remain that way.

Background: Westport schools' Information Technology Literacy Curriculum Committee; one child each in Westport elementary, middle and high schools. In Westport since 2001. Business strategist, author and speaker. Professional reputation for developing innovative solutions to challenging problems. Able to simplify complex situations, and to build consensus across diverse constituencies. Wharton MBA.

# Candidates for Zoning Board of Appeals

## Vote for Any Two

***LWV Question: What should the considerations be when a request for a variance comes before the ZBA?***

**PETER THORNER, Republican**

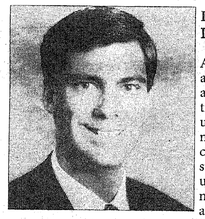
Answer: Within the context of preserving the public health, safety, convenience, welfare and property values with respect to a parcel of land, and consistent with both Westport's Town Plan and its comprehensive zoning requirements as well as the preservation of the character of the neighborhood, considerations of variances would be appropriate to circumstances where unique conditions affecting a parcel results in substantial difficulty or singular realistic hardship that can be well-documented as a consequence of applying existing zoning regulations. I believe in the exercise of fairness in approaching all applications for variances and would consider, in an impartial manner, the potential impact of the requested variance on adjoining properties, traffic patterns, intended use and the overall well-being of the Town's residents in reaching equitable conclusions.

Background: Currently a partner in a private equity merchant banking firm and consultant with respect to corporate strategic initiatives; Corporate director; Formerly Chief Executive of two multibillion (candidate exceeded 150 word count)

**JACQUELINE J. MASUMIAN, Democrat**

Answer: When a request for a variance comes before the Zoning Board of Appeals, the only consideration for the granting of the variance is a legitimate hardship pertaining to the land in question. A request for a variance must provide a good argument that literal enforcement of the zoning regulations would result in exceptional difficulty or hardship. Hardships not pertaining to the land cannot, by law, be considered. Tangential considerations in granting a variance might be public safety and welfare, existence of an historic structure, or pre-existing non-conformities. Having been a member of ZBA for four years and reviewed close to 150 applications, I have seen a wide variety of circumstances and have considered each application very carefully.

Background: 22-year resident of Westport. 19-year Westport business owner. Certified landscape designer. BA DePauw University. Volunteer for Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue. Married to Westport architect George Masumian.



**DOUGLAS J. BOWEN, Democrat**

Answer: The primary consideration is to determine if there is a genuine hardship in conjunction with zoning and other regulations. A hardship is determined when there are unique characteristics, uses or circumstances involving the property under review. Consideration must also be given to any adverse impact on adjacent properties, the neighborhood and residents of the Town of Westport. Variances are granted in perpetuity and thus decisions by the ZBA must be made after careful consideration and analysis.Background: A twelve year resident of Westport, he and his wife Ellen have two children in the Westport school system; Managing Director of ING Clarion with 23 years experience in real estate investment and zoning matters; masters in business from Carnegie Mellon University and civil engineering degree from Lafayette College; coach in Parks and Rec; member of original Baron's South Planning committee; and board member of the Devereux Glenholme School.

# Candidates for RTM

## District One • Vote for Any Four

***LWV Question: What are Westport's critical needs and how do they relate to your district?***

**DIANE D. CADY**

Answer: District 1 and Westport share critical needs in the protection of valuable natural resources: the beaches, Long Island Sound and trees on public property. The unique charm of Saugatuck and Compo beach requires protection from needless teardowns and overdevelopment. Increased tax relief for seniors of lower incomes is part of the solution. Maintaining our schools' high standards and balance of town services with Westporters ability to pay for them.

Background: Served 2 years on RTM, working on RTM Study Committees: Environment, Health and Human Services, Parks and Recreation. Outspoken against the loss of trees at Longshore. Planted trees in beach area with grants, past Co-Chair Westport's Tree Board, advocate for: improved storm drains, financial assistance for elevation of houses against flooding, Unsung Hero from Red Cross. Masters-level social worker in full time private practice of psychotherapy and family therapy

**MATTHEW I. MANDELL**

Answer: Preserving the character of Westport is central to each district. Protecting neighborhoods from over-development, increased traffic and loss of open space is a goal we must work together to achieve. Making sure seniors are not priced or taxed out of our town is critical to maintaining the broad spectrum of community and experience we cherish. As a father of two, I'll add my voice to the emphasis we place on educating our youth. I will work to solve teenage issues by enlisting parents and experts to expand support and involvement. I'll use my background as a media consultant to enhance information distribution, incorporate new technologies and create a more transparent government allowing residents to interact and offer their input more efficiently.

As Director of the Partrick Wetlands Preservation Fund I have experience in Town government and have a proven record of accomplishment. I'm a softball coach and a class parent.



# Candidates for RTM

## District One • Vote for Any Four

***LWV Question: What are Westport's critical needs and how do they relate to your district?***

**ROSE ANNE PRESTON**

Answer: I see Westport's primary critical need as a more broadly distributed budget to enable better planning and implementation in the transportation, communications and affordable housing areas. As local pedestrian and vehicle movement has become more problematic, a viable traffic plan for emergencies is a necessity. Accompanying this should be a universal communication system which Town employees are trained to use. Departments responsible for these goals need adequate budgets to accomplish this work. District 1 is particularly impacted by traffic congestion and the increase of multiple family housing. I-95, and Routes 33 and 136 all converge within two blocks of a train station that services two thousand people daily. Gridlock happens on a regular basis. Emergencies generate chaos.

Background: I have lived in a residential neighborhood abutting the commercial Saugatuck area for 16 years. I see, first hand, the necessity of enlightened traffic management and wise, long range planning and zoning enforcement.

**JUDITH K. STARR**

Answer: District 1 is a microcosm of Westport. The needs of our town are reflected across our district. Key issues include maintaining the character of our town and neighborhoods; controlling traffic; preserving open space and our environment, including Long Island Sound; providing essential services and continued quality education while keeping taxes affordable to long-term residents. Areas like Saugatuck West, with existing affordable homes, and Downtown Saugatuck, may be among sites facing increased pressure for development as new sites becomes increasingly scarce.

Background: 27 years Saugatuck Shores resident; professionally trained social worker; 2 terms on RTM; serving on Public Protection and Environment Committees; Chair, Public Works Committee, where I supported needed sewer plant upgrades to benefit many neighborhoods and the Sound. I will contribute my experience, knowledge, and background to help make our town the best it can be, and welcome your suggestions.

# Candidates for RTM

## District Two • Vote for Any Four

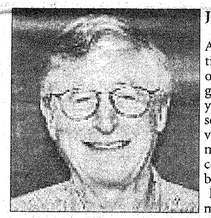
**ALICE H. SHELTON**

Answer: Critical needs for our district and the town include: Preservation of open space. Maintaining residential character of neighborhoods. Excellence in education. Emergency preparedness. Tax relief for senior citizens. Fiscal responsibility. Careful review of proposed legislation. Long-range planning. Westport is a special place – I'd like to keep it that way!

Background: RTM Deputy Moderator since 2001 (elected by RTM). RTM incumbent since 1997. Chair, RTM Ordinance Committee. Serve on several RTM committees: Ethics; Finance; Long-Range Planning; Information Technology; Library, Museum & Arts; Rules; School Building Administration. Appointed three times by Diane Farrell to serve on the Selectwoman's Committee to Study Tax Deferral and Tax Abatement for Senior Citizens. Former CPA (Price Waterhouse, International Tax Manager). Westport Historical Society Advisory Council Member. Former Y's Women Board Member. Former PTA President. Former Service Learning Club Mentor. Former Cub Scout Leader. Member: WYWL, LWV. Frequent community volunteer. Website: www.sheltons.net/alice .

**PAMELA J. DAVIS**

Answer: I am honored to have had strong support in my candidacy for RTM membership for District 2. As an attorney and formal federal prosecutor, I have devoted much of my career to public service while remaining an active member of my community. In the past, I helped spearhead a successful grassroots effort to block overdevelopment in Larchmont, NY. Overdevelopment, a critical issue facing District 2 residents in particular, is also a concern for all of Westport. We cannot allow open spaces to be heedlessly exploited, particularly when we know that Westport's appeal is in large part due to these spaces. District 2 is home to some of the last vestiges of open land in town. Every town expects some development. But the choices we make today must be made carefully and with concern for the future character of Westport. Bad choices here are irrevocable. Let's make the best ones.

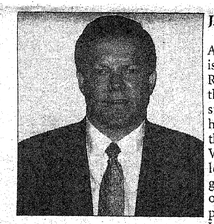


**JOHN E. FISHER**

Answer: I wish to make a positive contribution to the town of Westport which has been so good to me over the last thirty years. I support our excellent school system, recreational services and the efficient town management. Hopefully I can contribute some small benefit back to Westport as a Representative Town Meeting member for district two. All residents of district two are welcome to contact me with their ideas and suggestions. I can be reached by e-mail at jefishe@attglobal.net or by phone 203-515-2532. My family enjoys Westport even though my four children are grown and scattered across the United States. My wife is a realtor with Raveis Realty here in Westport. I am employed as an executive for the IBM Corporation

**SEAN M. TIMMINS**

Answer: Westport is an ever evolving community with a history of New England culture blended with metropolitan flare which creates a wonderful place to live. As Westport evolves, we must pay attention to what makes it unique or that Charm and Character which makes Westport so special will erode. Preservation of Community Character is important in District 2. Mitigating sprawl and preserving the rural quality of life we enjoy in this district is important. As a father of two 1st graders at KHES, I believe our children's safety and education is a responsibility shared between parents and the town yet each have individual responsibilities that should never be relinquished to others. I will offer my background in information technology to help where it may apply. As co-director of the Partrick Wetlands Preservation Fund and former P&Z candidate, I have experience in Town government and have a proven record of accomplishment.



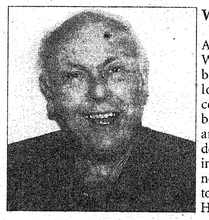
**JAY KEENAN**

Answer: Westport faces several issues over the next two years. Residents are concerned with the quality of our educational system, the value of their homes, the level of taxes, and their rights as property owners. We must maintain the highest level of education across all grades to ensure the future of our children and maintain the property values of our homes. We need a senior tax relief program to keeps our seniors in Westport. We need to balance the rights of homeowners to improve their property with the long term affects of over development on the character of our town. Government must be accountable, transparent and accessible to everyone. My experience as Vice-Chairman of the Stapes Building Committee, coupled with professional experience and good common sense makes me well qualified to represent you on the RTM.

Background: Married to Caroline Keenan, Father to Conor, Callie, cArrick, Principal at DGK Architects.

# Candidates for RTM

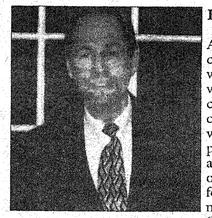
## District Three • Vote for Any Four



**WILLIAM F. MEYER III**

Answer: My main concern for Westport is that we maintain balance on quality of life issues, looking prudently and with common sense at educational budgets, administrative costs and property tax rates. Three decades in Westport (after living in 7 other states through business promotions) make me want to keep this a very special town. Have missed very few meetings on 10 year RTM commitment.

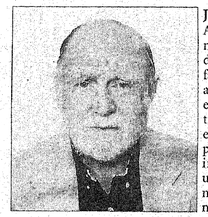
Background: 2004 Westport Service to Older Adults award, 2003 Faces of Achievement honoree, Presently, Board of Directors of Westport Community Theatre, First Night, Westport Little League (Bill Meyer Softball Field), Friends of the Senior Center, and current president of Y's Men (450 members). Very active member of Sunrise Rotary and Saugatuck Congregational Church. As a 5 term RTM member, I'm chairman of the RTM Parks & Recreation Committee and serve on the Education and Health and Human Services committees.



**HADLEY C. ROSE**

Answer: Westport's most critical need is to balance the services that we need and the services that we want, with the cost of those services to the community. We want to provide good schools, top quality public protection, etc. but not at the cost of taxing people out of the homes they have lived in for years. In that sense it doesn't apply to any one district. Open space and controlled development are also important. They affect the quality of our lives in so many ways. The Partrick situation showed the concern of the community in that regard. Many of those same issues are reflected in the Y/Mahackeno proposal. This is an area of concern to many in District 3

Background: RTM Education and Public Works Committees,14 year resident with children at Staples & CMS.11 year site supervisor for Habitat for Humanity 10 year coach, basketball and baseball, in Westport.



**JOHN W. KIERMAIER**

Answer: It is not well recognized that the RTM is the final decision place for key issues facing Westport. Those issues are not immune to the hard economic, social and international problems now facing the entire nation. Will the RTM play an effective role in reigning in expenditures in the understanding that while money is important it does not necessarily equate with good management or measurable results? Will the RTM work diligently to stem the premature and sad departure of our elderly and lower income families? Will the RTM be a model for incisive civil debate? The answers to such questions affect all Districts. I hope to direct my RTM service to those ends.

Background: Charter Commission, Commission for Elderly, one tern RTM (did not run again for personal reasons). Presidencies: Channel 13 NYC, CBS Foundation, Foreign Policy Association NYC, Fairfield County Community Foundation. VP CBS News.

# Candidates for RTM

## District Four • Vote for Any Four

*LWV Question: What are Westport's critical needs and how do they relate to your district?*

### VALERIE S. FISCHEL

Answer: Among Westport's most critical needs are our continuing efforts to strenuously maintain the town's current quality of life through vigorous environmental protection, constant improvement of schools, the library, beaches, parks and all of Westport's cultural forums and events. But, above all, in order to maintain our individuality as an open and welcoming community, we must strive to attract people of all ages and backgrounds by continuing to offer affordable housing and relatively low taxes. Insofar as my own district #4 is concerned, it is still my belief that all the needs of all Westport districts are inextricably intertwined and therefore each district is equally impacted by our attention to all of the above recommendations.

### GENE PAUL SEIDMAN

Answer: A strong educational focus is very good for all our citizens, while simultaneously ensuring high real estate values. I have concern for people on fixed incomes, who are having difficulty paying the increased property taxes. I am committed to ensuring that the Tax Rebate Referral Program remains available for all who need it.

The real estate revaluation in town was a disaster. I will work to ensure that the new valuations are done fairly across the board. I will work toward making Westport an even better community. I will never say what's wrong with something, unless I have an idea about how to solve that same problem, not only for the people in District 4, but for all the citizens of Westport. I am a pragmatic optimist.

Background: Grew up in Westport - Member, Westport T.A.M.E. Committee - Member, Westport Youth Commission - Advisor, Builders Beyond Borders - Coach, soccer, basketball, baseball - Managing Partner NY, BrightHouse (candidate exceeded 150 word limit)

# Candidates for RTM

## District Five • Vote for Any Four

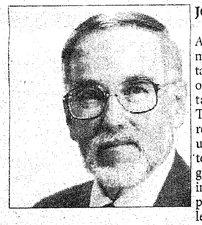
### RICHARD A. LOWENSTEIN

Answer: Two years ago, school-building spending would have been critical. Today, supporting an aging population with its evolving needs looms as an important requirement. Public safety is high on the list, too, as recent natural disasters have shown that preparedness is key to survival. District 5, bordering on the Sound with two major creeks running through, must be ready. That's why I helped organize the recent townwide emergency preparedness meeting. As your four-term representative and chair of the RTM's Public Protection Committee, I'll always work for first-class, always-ready fire and police departments. Although I watch tax dollars, I am not afraid to spend money where needed. In what was reported to be an RTM first, I took the initiative in getting the administration to increase the Human Services Dept. budget $30,000 for essential services for residents in need. And Green's Farms has its share of those residents.

### RALPH HYMANS

Answer: The critical issues: school resources and facilities, traffic safety particularly by schools and family neighborhoods, maintaining Westport's "village quality of life", taxes that meet the community's needs after assurance of budget cost-effectiveness, "open governance" responsive to the public, maintaining a diversified affordable community for our seniors and public employees.

Background: Former RTM Member 10 years. Education Harvard College and Harvard Business School Former President of Westport AARP, CPA, Formerly CFO of International Company, Adjunct Accounting Professor, Partner of Financial and Tax Planning Services Company, 26 year resident.

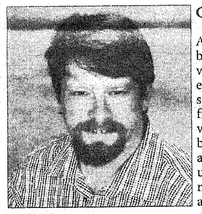


### JOHN W. BOOTH

Answer: One of Westport's most critical issues is an equitable way to balance the needs of the town and the ability of taxpayers to pay for them. Taxes will continue to rise, as result of a growing school population and the cost of other town services. We are in danger of taxing citizens on fixed incomes beyond their ability to pay, forcing many of them to leave town. Tax Deferral and Abatement helps relieve some of the burden, but state law limits such programs to those aged 65 or older. When benefits are improved, the cost must be borne by other taxpayers, including young lower income citizens. Hence the need for balance. In the final analysis, the RTM must make the hard fiscal decisions. As chairman of the RTM Finance Committee, and a member of the Tax Deferral and Abatement Committee, I've had the opportunity to address those issues.

### HELMUTH W. KRAUSE

Answer: I don't see a need for an additional cell tower on the Stauffer property, two is enough for our district. De-silting (dredging) Muddy Brook is certainly a perceived need by those who are affected by flooding, while others enjoy the babbling brook and consider it very photogenic for fashion photo backdrops. The drinking prohibition ordinance, if passed, can do more harm than good, if children's motto is "drink we must". Social ills cannot be legislated away; the police are not the babysitter of our youngsters. My most urgent wish for our town and nation would be to have parents rise up and re-claim their authority over their own children, and not make it a government (public), responsibility.



### CHRIS GRIMM

Answer: Westport residents benefit from high-quality services provided by Town government - especially our public schools, which are among the finest in the nation. These services must be maintained to both insure our quality of life and improve our property values. But Westport's leaders must take a more disciplined approach to spending, as budget increases (and the associated tax increases) have a disproportionate impact on long-term residents of Westport, especially Seniors.

Our leaders must focus on appropriately managing Westport's growth, as unchecked development taxes our infrastructure and erodes our open space."Spot" zoning should be discouraged, as it introduces instability to residential neighborhoods, while failing to address our affordable housing shortage. District 5 residents know that I firmly stand with them on this issue. An updated Conservation & Development Plan should preserve open space, while encouraging a centrally located community center - either the YMCA or an appropriate alternative.

# Candidates for RTM

## District Six • Vote for Any Four

### ANN M. FLYNN

Some of the critical issues that relate to the town of Westport and my district are: The tax revaluation, Affordable housing for low-income families and Seniors, Maintaining an excellent school system, A sensible underage drinking ordinance to protect our youth, Traffic jams that are happening in Connecticut - both state and local. We want to make Westport an affordable community and encourage diversity. Our 'affordable' housing percentage is below the State requirement. Our Seniors have become a part of the 'back-bone' of volunteers for Westport. Their efforts should be recognized through generous tax abatements. Many families move to this town for our school system. These issues must be addressed in our coming RTM meetings and a realistic answer given to them.

### RONALD F. MALONE

Answer: Effective and responsive government continues to be the critical task for all Westporters and their elected representatives. District Six needs are universal to what is needed for our community's governance. Excellent health, welfare and safety services are expected. Superior education resources are the norm and should continue. Successful insight as to the possible and desirable legislative action for local government without disastrous impact on taxpayers is the challenge for the 21st Century. Present diversity of age and economic status should not be lost because of failure to understand the priorities and need for tax rate stability. Memory of our institution's successes and failures is necessary to have a vision of future possibilities.

Background: Successful as a small businessman, police chief and active volunteer, my lifelong commitment is to hear all voices, prioritize needs, and to leave things better than when found.

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# Candidates for RTM

## District Six • Vote for Any Four

### VELMA E. HELLER

Answer: Westport is known for outstanding educational and recreational programs; for the natural beauty of beaches and parks. A unique charm and character make this a dynamic and desirable place to live. Our challenge is to maintain excellent schools and town services; protect environmental, residential and cultural assets in planning for the future; to balance the needs of all citizens and to spend tax dollars wisely. Among the specific needs impacting District 6 are: controlling traffic, and protecting residential neighborhoods from commercial encroachment. As your RTM representative I will listen, consider all points of view and make informed, fair and fiscally responsible decisions on the issues that effect our quality of life.

Background: RTM District 6 (2001-2005); Education, Health & Human Services, Employee Compensation Committees; Assistant Professor – Sacred Heart University; LWV; Friends of Senior Center Board; retired Westport principal, vice principal, director, teacher; children were, grandchildren are in Westport schools.

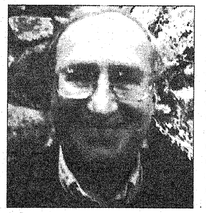
### JO ANN W. DAVIDSON

Westport's needs are affordable housing for young people, seniors and for our workforce. We also need traffic calming. We must keep our top school system but control mounting costs. We need to preserve and maintain our wetlands, open spaces and scenic views. District 6 shares these needs with the Town. Some neighborhoods change when large homes replace smaller ones. The P&Z enforces zoning regulations and the RTM votes on new regulations. The last RTM session studied and voted on school budgets, Long Lots parking, Longshore renewal and Compo Beach maintenance. An underage drinking ordinance was a big issue. The RTM is a forum for diverse viewpoints. We need to have open discussions and to listen to each other.

Background: Retired Westport teacher. Resident 49 years. Three children through Westport schools. Conservation Commission. Commission for Senior Services. Tree Board. League of Women Voters. RTM Committees: P&Z, Environment, Long Range Planning, Rules.

# Candidates for RTM

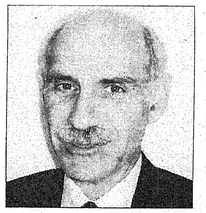
## District Seven • Vote for Any Four



### JOHN G. KLINGE

Answer: At District level it is imperative to listen to constituents and work directly on their behalf where possible. For example, I convinced Fairfield Public Works to re-pave Sturges Highway in 2004. Town-wide, critical needs encompass challenge of balancing superior education for all children, maintaining "small town" quality of life for residents and keeping taxes at a manageable level for all property owners - especially seniors and moderate income families. This requires timely long and medium range planning, judicious cost/benefit expenditure analysis, aggressive evaluation of education programs to ensure maximum effectiveness and the ability to keep our focus the qualities that make Westport the unique and wonderful Town that it is today.

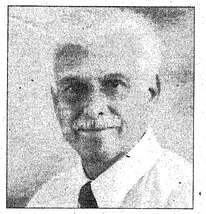
Background: Forty year resident - RTM 1997-present - Education, Parks/Rec, Public Works, Long Range Planning Committees - Youth mentor program 1997-present - Red Cross Unsung Hero 2001 - Westport substitute teacher - Masters Engineering Cornell 1961 - Masters (candidate exceeded 150 word limit)



### ALLEN S. BOMES

Answer: All Westporters share most of the same concerns regardless of which district they reside in. For example, we need to maintain a delicate balance between our excellent school system and our senior citizens who can not afford higher taxes. Also, we need to focus on quality of life issues such as preserving our open space, reducing traffic congestion, preserving our cultural and historical resources and closely examining the effects of building a liquefied natural gas terminal on Long Island Sound.

Background: Extensive experience in budgeting, finance and accounting. Also, I was a former Vietnam era naval officer. Community service includes the School Building Committee (Staples, Long Lots Parking and Coleytown Middle Sub-Committees), CFO/Treasurer of First Night Westport/Weston, baseball and softball commissioner and softball umpire coordinator.



### STEPHEN M. RUBIN

Answer: This can be answered very easily by simply listing everything in our local newspapers such as seniors, beaches, dogs, taxes, big houses, YMCA, schools, ordinances, conservation, trees, parks, sports, etc., etc. All of these issues are extremely important and relate to the total composition of our wonderful town and each resident in each district. I will do my best to continue to be in contact with my constituents to work for everybody as a whole and not just special interest groups. I have lived in Westport for twenty years and served on the RTM for half of that time. I am associated with and volunteered with many diversified charitable groups and met many residents. Experience and listening tells me that everything that goes on in town relates to all districts.

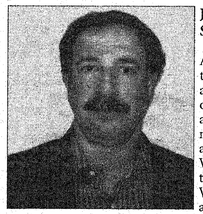
### LISA S. ROME

Answer: As an RTM incumbent, I believe Westport's critical needs are similar to those of District 7: emergency preparedness and protection of citizens' health and safety, maintaining and improving an innovative school system, senior and youth activities enhancement, open space acquisition and preservation, coordination of a safe transportation plan, residential neighborhood protection, prudent fiscal policies to contain our increasing tax burden

Background: Fifth-term RTM Representative: Chair Health and Human Services; on Finance, Employee Compensation, Rules and Ethics Committees; Physician; Clinical Instructor in Medicine, Yale; Serves on Clinical Research Committee of American Society of Clinical Oncology; past Fairfield Country Board ADL; LWV; Former Board of Directors, Domestic Violence Crisis Center; WYWL sustainer; past Little League Coach; B.A. M.Ed. Child Study, Tufts

# Candidates for RTM

## District Eight • Vote for Any Four

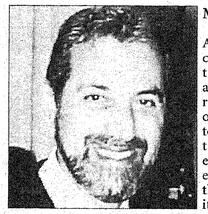


### JONATHAN PHILIP STEINBERG

Answer: Revaluation: Our taxes may be reasonable by area standards, but vigilant oversight of the process helps assure that homes and businesses have been appropriately assessed and every Westporter's tax bill is equitable. Education: Many live in Westport because our schools are among the best anywhere. Education consumes 65% of our taxes. As pupil enrollment approaches its projected peak, the RTM should help the BOE manage resources effectively, maintaining educational excellence while pursuing enhanced productivity from its large labor force. Community: Facilitating a downtown Y, promoting more safe, fun teen activities, attracting more diverse background/income residents — the RTM can help foster a varied, vibrant community. This also means becoming better neighbors; balancing the right to one's dream house with the need to preserve the town's special character.

Background: 23-year Westport resident. Graduated Coleytown MS, Staples, Yale, NYU MBA.

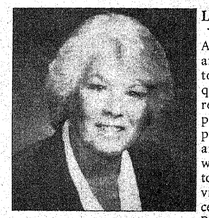
Married to Nancy Mullins. Daughters Rachel, Margot, Charlotte in Westport schools.



### MICHAEL A. REA

Answer: As your RTM, I will continue to make the distinction between what is critical and what is desired. Fiscal responsibility, prudent reviews of appropriations are necessary to insure that the Town maintains our quality of life and educational system at the lowest cost possible. It is critical that the town better manages its responsibility in assessing, collecting taxes and conducting fair and equitable re-evaluations. I will continue to advocate for preservation and protection of our environment, not just in our district but also for the entire town. I respectfully ask for your consideration and vote this November.

Background: Native Westporter seeking fourth tern on RTM District 8. Current: Chair RTM Environment, Member; Finance and Employee Compensation Committees. Former: Chair Bedford M.S. Building Committee, Member SBC, Chair Westport Parks & Recreation Commission, Founder & President Westport Sons of Italy & Festival Italiano.



### LOIS G. SCHINE

Answer: District 8 problems are mirrored by most of the town. Maintaining our high quality of education, great recreational facilities, quality police and fire departments; preserving available open space and controlling traffic flow while paying careful attention to the tax structure which provides these benefits are concerns of everyone on the RTM.

Background: I have lived in Westport for 52 years. My five children have grown up here and attended Westport schools, graduating from Staples High School.I have served eight years on the RTM on the Finance Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, Planning and Zoning Committee, Rules Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee and Transit Committee. I have been Chair of the Human Services Commission, served on the First Selectwoman's Land Acquisition Committee, the Committee to acquire Winslow Park, and the Committee to deal with the State of Connecticut on the Post Road bridge reconstruction.

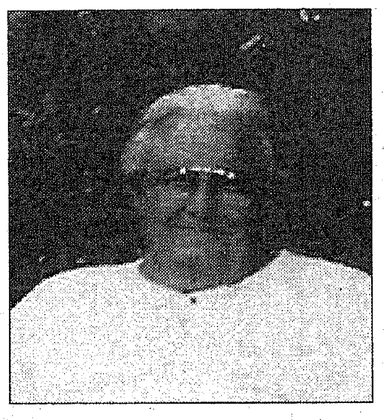
# Candidates for RTM

## District Nine • Vote for Any Four

### KIM MATHIAS

Answer: Westport's critical needs include fiscal responsibility as we seek to maintain the level of service, educational standards and quality of life we enjoy. Choices must be made. Westport needs its elected representatives to be responsive to the public. I want to know your views and will bring them to the RTM. A solid business community is vital to Westport's economic base. District 9 is the heart of Westport. The dynamic nature of downtown will make this area stronger and possibly busier. The relocation of the YMCA must be considered. Traffic impact and parking must be addressed.

Background: Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, I was Westport's Assistant Town Attorney. On the RTM I have served on the Health and Human Services, Ordinance, Public Protection, and Rules committees. Married to Mark Mathias. Our daughter attends Saugatuck Elementary School. I welcome the opportunity to continue representing you.



### MICHAEL A. GILBERTIE

Answer: Issues confronting all Westporters, including those in district nine;

Education costs. Relocation of the Y.M.C.A. (favor downtown site.) What will happen with the old YMCA. (Favor Town acquisition.) Senior citizen needs. Fairness in taxation and reevaluation.

Background: I am qualified to serve as an RTM member for the following reason. I have served on the RTM for three years. I am a native Westporter since 1940, and therefor have background knowledge of the issues. I went through the Westport School System, graduating Staples in 1958. I have two children who went through Westport schools and on to college, both graduating. Dughter with B.S. in Business Management, and Son with a Masters in music education who has taught at the middle school level for ten years.

### EILEEN L. FLUG

Answer: One of Westport's most critical needs is to balance the interests of all of its residents. As a responsible town, we need to provide an excellent education for our children; reasonable taxes for our homeowners; an affordable, vibrant community for our seniors; and compassionate, effective human services for those in need. We also want to maintain the character of our historic town and continue to preserve open space. These issues affect District 9 as well as all other districts. I look forward to hearing your views and keeping you informed.

New England native and a resident of Westport since 2002. Member of Board of Directors, League of Women Voters. Active in PTA. Advocate for healthy food in our schools. Practiced corporate law for 13 years, in Washington, D.C. and New York City. Eileen and her husband have two children, who attend Saugatuck Elementary School.

### MARIA J. PETTI

Answer: We need to preserve the charm, character and quality of life that Westport offers: maintain excellent education system and recreational facilities; preserve beautiful open spaces, environment and residential character of neighborhoods; support variety of cultural offerings; and provide superior services to our diverse community. In doing so, we must be careful to exercise fiscal responsibility. District 9 is the center of Westport, with Main Street, Town Hall, the Senior Center, Public Library, Winslow Park, Baron South, YMCA, the Levitt and Westport Playhouse, as well as residential neighborhoods. Our district is integral in preserving the cherished Westport attributes because actions in District 9 affect all Westport residents.

Background: I grew up in Westport and attended Westport schools (Staples '86). We've been back in Westport for over 2 years. Westport Young Women's League: Board & Co-Chair Community Service; Big Sister. Senior Associate General Counsel-First VP, Instinet Group Incorporated; Fairfield University; Brooklyn Law School.

# SAMPLE BALLOT

| OFFICES | 1 First Selectman & Selectman | 2 | 3 Board of Finance Vote for Any Three | 4 | 5 | 6 Board of Education Vote for Any Four | 7 | 8 | 9 Board of Assessment Appeals Vote for Any Two | 10 | 11 Planning and Zoning Commission Vote for Any Three | 12 | 13 | 14 Zoning Board of Appeals Vote for Any Two | 15 |
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| REPUBLICAN | 1A John J. Izzo & Robert F. Lasprogato | 2A Richard B. Benson | 3A Avi Kaner | 4A | 5A Kristin Testa LaFleur | 6A Robert M. Chasin | 7A Jim Marpe | 8A | 9A John A. Fitzgerald | 10A | 11A Timothy William Wetmore | 12A | 13A | 14A Peter Thorner | 15A |
| DEMOCRATIC | 1B Gordon F.Joseloff & Shelly A. Kassen | 2B Jeffrey Alan Mayer | 3B Helen A. Garten | 4B | 5B Donald G. O'Day | 6B Marjorie Cion | 7B | 8B | 9B David B. Krauss | 10B Elaine S. Arnow | 11B Howard B. Lathrop | 12B Ronald D. Corwin | 13B Bruce E. Kasanoff | 14B Jacqueline J. Masumian | 15B Douglas J. Bowen |
| SAVE WESTPORT NOW | 1C | 2C | 3C | 4C | 5C | 6C | 7C | 8C | 9C | 10C | 11C Howard B. Lathrop | 12C Ronald D. Corwin | 13C Bruce E. Kasanoff | 14C | 15C |
| PETITIONING CANDIDATE | 1D | 2D Ralph Hymans | 3D | 4D | 5D | 6D | 7D | 8D | 9D | 10D | 11D | 12D | 13D | 14D | 15D |

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**NOTE:** You will not be able to push up the write-in slide if you have already voted for the full number of candidates for that office.

### Representative Town Meeting Row F

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