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FIRST SELECTMAN candidates

The Board of Selectmen has three members, elected for four-year terms. The First and Second Selectmen are the running mates who receive the most votes. The Third Selectman is the candidate who gets the second highest number of votes. As a full-time town employee the First Selectman is its chief administrator. The salary as of Nov. 1, 1977 will be $29,500 per year. The other two selectmen, each with a salary of $1,000 per year, are his advisors.

Jacqueline P. Heneage (D)

Public Schools, Hanover, N.H.; Attended Wellesley College; University of New Hampshire—B.S. Zoology, 1948; Mayo Clinic Physical Therapy School—1949 Certificate P.T.

First Selectman since 1973; Member Gov. Grasso's Railroad Advisory Task Force; Board Member Metropolitan Regional Council; Board member Conn. Conference of Municipalities; Steering committee on Public Safety of National League of Cities; Westport delegate on greater Bridgeport Solid Waste Commission; Former member and secretary of Zoning Board of Appeals—1971-73; A founder of Westport's first Historic District and Commission; President Westport League of Women Voters—1969-71; Former PTA Board (Bedford Elementary); Former Girl Scout Leader.

Vincent J. Rotondo (R)

A.S. Norwalk Community College; certificates Labor Relations Practices, Water Pollution Control, U. Conn.

Third Selectman—Westport (1975-1977); Commissioner Public Works—Stamford (1975-1977); Cabinet Member Stamford Mayor Clapes (1975-1977); Director Public Works, Westport (1972-'75); Instructor-Coordinator, Connecticut Dept Environmental Control; Superintendent Water Pollution Control, Westport (1960-'72).

Member Connecticut Dept Environmental Protection; Certification Committee; N.E. Water Pollution Association Awards Committee. Member, Board of Directors, Connecticut Water Pollution Abatement Former Member, Board of Directors, Connecticut Water Pollution Abatement Society.

Activities—Published author, Nationally recognized in Water Pollution Control; former Secretary, Saugatuck River Power Squadron; former Longhouse Chief Y.M.C.A. Indian Guides; former Rear Commodore Minuteman Yacht Club.

L.W.V. QUESTION: ***How will you tackle what you perceive to be Westport's most critical problems?***

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

The Town has had ample opportunity to observe my methods of tackling critical problems. Most problems become critical because they have either not been addressed or the solutions have been postponed. My administration inherited a slew of critical problems whose solutions had been postponed year after year: solid waste, Longshore, Town Garage, Town Hall, DDD floating zones, the Fire Department, to name just a few. Old, old problems never addressed because all solutions posed controversy.

How did we approach and solve these problems? We studied the need; costed out the alternatives; weighed the effect on a few versus the welfare of the Town as a whole; we then made a decision based on all available information and steered the solution through all appropriate boards. In many cases citizens committees were formed to do the in-depth research required. Involving our citizens is important in achieving participatory government. When necessary, we had professional studies. But always we have acted; implementation has been the rule not the exception, and we have succeeded with little impact on taxes.

I predict that with my administration reelected and most of the old problems solved or being solved, the Town will see potential problems recognized and resolved before they become critical, emotional issues.

Our Town is now a mature suburb and while we address other needs, we must retain our healthy tax base, our lovely homes, our special mix of citizens, our exceptional recreational facilities and our fine schools. This requires intelligent management and a 'can-do' attitude.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

Westport's most crucial problem is lack of leadership by the incumbent First Selectman.

"The First Selectman's job is to provide the townspeople from uncontrolled growth, from daily traffic jams, from wasteful expenditures, from deteriorating town facilities, from drainage, housing, garbage problems, and to plan ahead." These were Mrs. Heneage's words in 1973. Words...not action. Problems then...a Crisis now.

Leadership—I will provide the leadership that attracts the best professionals to municipal government. Our Selectman form of government is one of the oldest, most participatory. My administration will instill pride of hometown, creating in our citizenry an incentive to serve on elective, appointive bodies, boards and commissions. I will provide an 'open', 'people' administration, responsive to the needs of all. It will not be necessary for Westporters to form groups, hire attorneys, to make Town Hall aware of individual or sectional problems. I will bring a new unity to all diverse groups of people, town employees and merchants. During my 26 year residency, I have functioned in each capacity.

Money Management—Executive know-how can make town government efficient, and productive. I will manage your tax dollars so that wasteful town expenditures will be eliminated.

Commercialism—Commercial intrusion into residential areas will not be tolerated by my administration. The dedication will be to work in the best interests of Westport, "A hometown in a town of homes."

Deterioration of Services—I will act to rebuild and increase recreational facilities, instead of more studies of Longshore and our marina facilities.

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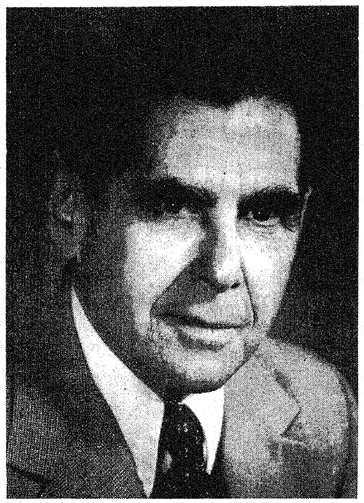
SECOND SELECTMAN running mates

Theodore Diamond (D)



J.D., Columbia University Law School; B.S., St. John's University.

Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer, Composition Materials Company, Inc., Stamford.

Director, E.B. Marks Music Corporation; Member, Financial Advisory Committee. 1942-46: U.S. Infantry; Combat Navigator, 15th Air Force.

Over 20 years' participation in Town affairs: Selectman, two terms; RTM member; Chairman, RTM Study Committees; Selectmans' and citizens' committees, i.e. Chairman, committee which successfully opposed Altman Regional Shopping Center.

Full range of participation in Westport's community life together with professional experience as executive of Stamford corporation, and attorney, qualify me for Second Selectman's managerial and advisory responsibilities.

Joyce Roessler (R)

Utica College, Sacred Heart University (Senior). Founder / Director, Information and Referral Service, 1973-75; Municipal Agent for the Elderly, 1974-75; Leader. Open End Forum, Dept. Continuing Education, Westport, 1974; Talk Show Program, Radio WMMM / - WDJF, 1973-74; Director, Volunteer Bureau, 1970-72. Secretary, Civil Preparedness, Vice-Pres., Memorial Society of Southwestern CT., Republican Town Committee.

Westport Friends of Wilcox Children, 1968-77; Chairman, Southwestern Ct. Nutrition Program Advisory Council, 1974-75; Chairman, Southwestern CT. Area Agency on Aging Task Force, 1974-75; Member, Executive and Advisory Boards, Area Agency on Aging, 1974-75; Secretary, Energy Coordinating Committee, 1974; A founder and Executive Board member, GLOW, 1974-77; Moderator, Future Workshops, 1975; Moderator, White House Conference on Aging, 1971.

L.W.V. QUESTION: ***How will you use your role as Second Selectman to affect policy?***

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

As Second Selectman, I have sought to add a dimension of independent action to a role that has been largely passive until I took office four years ago. In addition to my active participation on the Board of Selectmen and in other planning groups, I shall continue as an informed advisor to the First Selectman.

Using my long term community and business experience, I shall continue the systematic review of municipal operations that I began 4 years ago to help the First Selectman professionalize and upgrade Town departments. My 14-month Fire Department study is a major example. Implementation of the professional evaluation I recommended will bring a higher level of fire protection to the Town. I have also reviewed the operations of the Tax Collector's and Tax Assessor's Offices. My cooperative effort with Town Controller has already doubled Town employee pension funds on a guaranteed basis. With the full suppoot of the First Selectman, I shall proceed with these reviews in an open and orderly manner.

I shall study proposals benefiting the elderly; I shall continue my work to meet recreational needs of all Westporters. I am working with a committee dedicated tc renovation of Longshore so that it may regain its former status as a major Town asset.

Finally, I shall use my managerial and fiscal training in the decision-making process concerning planned development of Jesup Green, traffic flow in downtown Westport, containment of commercialism, and acquisition of additional open space, consistent with the special character of Westport and the quality of its life.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

The Second Selectman role, however vaguely defined in our Town Charter, can be utilized to its fullest potential—as a point of access to Westport residents. As Second Selectman, I can assist residents of Westport in fulfilling a basic ideal of American government—and that is, to understand it! With Town residents sufficiently understanding Town government, they will, in fact, affect policy.

My role can be one of assuring citizen input to policy decisions made in the Office of the First Selectman. This way, that policy will be received by the people favorably, because it has come from the people initially.

I do not believe that one person, or two, can affect policy without the support of the people. The procedure of establishing and affecting policy has multiple direction—the most important of which is from the people to Town Hall.

As your Second Selectman, I will be an integral part of the decision-making process in Town Hall. I will be a working Second Selectman—working side by side with Mr Rotondo and those interested citizens of our town who want to have an in-put in the operatio of their government. As our campaign has been a People campaign, so will our administration. A government cannot be representative without access, and access cannot be effective unless those whom the people have elected are interested in listening.

POLLING PLACES

DISTRICT 1—**Bedford Junior High School**

DISTRICT 2—**Assumption School**

DISTRICT 3—**Saugatuck Congregational Church**

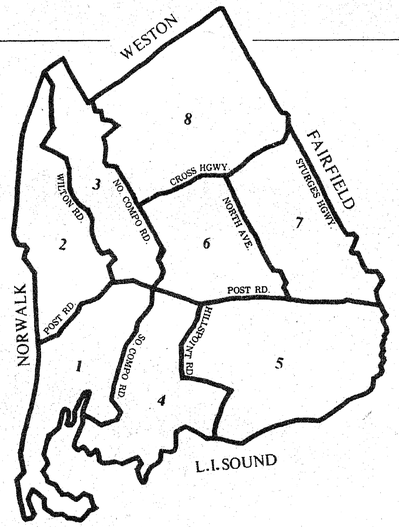
DISTRICT 4—**Hillspoint Elementary School**

DISTRICT 5—**Greens Farms Elementary School**

DISTRICT 6—**Burr Farms Elementary School**

DISTRICT 7—**Long Lots Junior High School**

DISTRICT 8—**Coleytown Elementary School**



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BOARD OF FINANCE candidates

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The Board of Finance has six members serving staggered four-year terms. They review and endorse all appropriations, including the annual budget, set the proper tax rate, prepare and issue the Town Report. Three vacancies will be filled in this election.

Alexander Eisemann, Jr. (D)

Educated at Yale University and Haverford College

15 years President and Chief Executive Officer of public company, $2,000,000 sales, 3 divisions, 120 employees. Currently Management Consultant in finance, marketing and general management.

Substantial experience in cash flow, capital expenditures and budget management. Decision making and problems of small companies are in many respects similar to municipality's.

Have attended virtually all Bd. of Finance and RTM meetings since March 1977 plus several Selectmens and Board of Education meetings. Had lengthy meeting with Town Controller to learn Town's financial system. Have also discussed Town problems with two of Town's Department Heads.

22-year resident of Westport.

Former United Fund Captain; President Coleytown El Fathers' Club

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

Under the leadership of a competent and well informed First Selectman, Departments and Boards have done significantly better in preparing their recent budget requests.

The Board may now consider the opportunity to broaden its activities while maintaining its traditional financial watchdog role.

It should therefore:

1—Assign one of its members to each proposed major Town project, i.e. Longshore, Jesup Green Development, Staples modernization. This member would attend all discussions and negotiations and bring first hand knowledge of proposals and potential financial commitments to the Board.

2—Recommend to the Board of Education and take the lead in creating a uniform comparative expenditures form to enable direct educational cost comparisons with other towns.

3—Establish depreciation reserves as part of our budget process—the practice of all successful businesses.

4—Take the lead in encouraging preventive maintenance on all Town property and equipment.

5—Exercise leadership in preventing long term increases in our taxes which result from unwise deferrals of needed expenditures.

L.W.V. QUESTION:

How broadly do you interpret your jurisdiction over town affairs?

Arthur Grayson (D)

B.S. in Economics—Wharton School of Finance, Univ. of Pennsylvania; LL.B.—Columbia Law School

President, Grayson Securities, Inc., Fairfield

Served 4 years as member of Board of Finance 1973-present

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

It is not generally recognized that the legal authority of the Board of Finance is limited. The Board does not have the power to initiate requests for appropriations. It can act only upon those items presented to it by the First Selectman or the Board of Education.

Whenever the Board modifies or rejects a request a hue and cry is sounded that the Board is "making policy". In my case, having served for four (4) years and now seeking re-election, this criticism has fallen on deaf ears. I firmly believe that I was not elected to act as a rubber stamp. I view the over-all integrity of the Town's finances to come within the jurisdiction of the Board of Finance and consider it to be the duty of each of us to carefully scrutinize the necessity of every request against the background of high inflation and the taxpayers' ability to pay.

Robert S. Roath, CPA (R)

University of Maryland, BA, Accounting; Certified Public Accountant

Director of Accounting—General Foods Corp.; Member—Financial Executives Institute

Beginning with Price Waterhouse & Co. and through today with General Foods, my entire career has been devoted to finance. This involves controlling, analyzing and budgeting expenses while at the same time meeting the needs of the various organizations I have been associated with. This background provides the skills necessary to meet the responsibilities vested in the Board of Finance.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

The Board of Finance is responsible for the fiscal fairness of Westport's total revenue and expense, the effect of which determines the tax rate and each taxpayer's burden. It therefore follows, that the Board must evaluate each piece of the pie while at all times keeping the total in mind. A complete understanding of every element of the budget is essential so that the Board members can discharge their responsibilities properly; it cannot operate in a vaccuum.

It is the responsibility of the First Selectman, the Board of Education or whatever group is involved to establish policy, set direction, preserve Westport's character, and propose the expenses necessary to meet the various objectives. It is the responsibility of the Board to consider and evaluate each proposal.

The role of the Board of Finance is to balance the needs of the town with its ability to pay. It must always consider the AAA credit rating, the impact to future generations and, of utmost importance, the Board of Finance must remember what Westport is and make sure that we maintain the character of the town that we live in.

Robert L. Fuchs (R)

Cornell University (B.A. with Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa); University of Illinois (M.S.)

President, Geosystems Corporation, Westport; Certified Professional Geologist

13 years in technical, supervisory, planning and analysis positions with Mobil Oil Corporation; 12 years as an independent businessman and natural resource investor; Chairman of Committee on Investments, Geological Society of America (12,000 scientists); Chairman of Committee on Finance and candidate for Treasurer, American Association of Petroleum Geologists (18,000 scientists); member, New York Society of Security Analysts.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

The Board of Finance plays a minor part in the everyday legal, social, and environmental services furnished our townspeople. However, in its jurisdiction over the fiscal bloodstream of the town, the Board's role is primary.

The Board functions like the main valve in an irrigation system, through which water passes from reservoir to fields. If passage is too swift, the reservoir may be drawn dangerously low. Downstream, fields may be flooded and water wasted. Conversely, too slow a rate may cause crops to die while water upstream is diverted into other systems.

In Westport, flow of funds from people through government to people should be at a rate that wil guarantee optimum money utilization—too fast, and sources deplete, credit rating decrease, indebtedness soar; too slow, and vital programs will wither and die. The Board of Finance must ensure cash flow efficiency, consistent with upstream supply and downstream needs.

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BOARD OF TAX REVIEW candidates

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Bernice K. Singer (D)

Incumbent member of the Board of Tax Review. Resident of Westport for the past 8 years. Married to Bernard Singer, a local ophthalmologists; 2 children in Burr Farms.

Has worked as a special education tutor in Fairfield for the past four years; Prior to that time, served as Director of the Camp Fire Girls in Queens and Assistant Director of Red Cross Youth for New York City.

Community activities have included: Founder and treasurer of the Westport Women's Political Caucus, awards chairman for the cub scouts; former Chairman of the Bayberry Kindergarten PTA; member of the League of Women Voters and Democratic Town Committee. Education includes B.A. in Social Sciences from Temple University and an M.A. in Public Administration from Syracuse University

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

The Board of Tax Review receives citizens' appeals from their tax assessments at public hearings generally held during March. In preparing a case, a citizen may inspect his and any other citizen's record, anytime, at Town Hall. The citizen may make his appeal personally or be represented by counsel. When information is incomplete, the Board advises the citizen to seek additional data from appropriate agencies and town Boards. Each case is reviewed, individually. On-site inspections are conducted in most instances. The property, in question, is compared with like property to determine whether or not the assessment has been fair.

The Board notifies each appellant, in writing, of its decision. When the Board lowers an assessment, the tax bill is adjusted, accordingly.

Robert Landowne (D)

Ph.D., Chemistry, Yale University, M.A., Johns Hopkins University, B.S., University of Michigan.

Head, Clinical Chemistry Section and Computer Operations Dept. of Laboratory Medicine, St. Joseph Hospital, Stamford.

Senior Research Chemist, American Cyanamid Co., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Yale University President, Westport Interfaith Housing Corp., Treasurer, Vice-President, both Coleytown PTAs (several years), 10-year Westport resident.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

The Board of Tax Review, though small and unpublicized, is important to those taxpayers who feel they have been improperly assessed. Grievances concerning over-evaluation can be easily and inexpensively brought before the Board. There, an amicable hearing should be held and a decision reached following inspection of the property and comparison of similar properties as deemed necessary to reach an equitable decision. The property owner should even be advised by the Board how to seek help from other public agencies to strengthen his case when adequate data is not submitted. Taxpayers should know, also, that tax records are open and available for their inspection. With a town-wide reassessment scheduled within the next term of office of the Board, many additional assessment complaints will undoubtedly arise. The Board members should inform the taxpayers of their availability and willingness, then, to settle these appeals impartially and not as their adversary.

Anson A. MacLaren (R)

Two years Syracuse University. Then Pace Institute (now Pace University). Graduated with Degree in Marketing and Advertising.

Advertising Manager, 'The Embalmers' Supply Co., Westport, Connecticut.

25-year resident. Have seen Town grow to 29,000. Values increase tremendously. Served as member of Recreation Commission (2-Terms) during Baldwin administration. Committee Member, Board of Directors Member and President (8-Terms) Westport YMCA. Now a Trustee and member of Building Committee. Trustee, Camp Mohawk, Litchfield, CT (YMCA overnight camp for girls) for 17-years. Treasurer Westport Little League for 25-years. Past member United Fund Board of Directors (4-Terms). Value Judgement on financial matters essential in all of the above.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

The general property tax is the prime source of financing our municipal government. It is based on the value of taxable property. Town is required to notify property owners of their assessment and give them the right of appeal before tax becomes final.

Under Connecticut law, Assessment Review is the citizens' guarantee that his property has been assessed in accordance with due process. The taxpayer should know that he may complain to the Board of Tax Review if he or she feels that assessment has been unfair.

Members of the Board are generally laypersons rather than professionals specifically trained for the job. The Board tries to ensure a fair deal for all...a balance between justice and a fair income for the Town. All data, market value and assessment of land and buildings are on Cards filed with the Town Tax Assessor, available to the Board for comparison of like properties in same neighborhood.

L.W.V. QUESTION: ***What should the citizen know about the Board of Tax Review?***

The Board of Tax Review has three members with staggered four-year terms who review citizens' appeals for revision of tax assessments. They meet every February for as many days as necessary. There are two vacancies this year.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS candidates

Vote for any two

Leonard N. Backer (D)

B.S. Civil Engineering Tufts University, continued studies Temple University, MIT Northeastern University, University of Pittsburgh.

Vice President Tex-Fab Mfg. Co., Vice President Dorrid Co., President Tex Tyle Associates Ltd.

Registered Professional Engineer, member Westport Zoning Board of Appeals 1973-to date, past Chairman of Planning and Zoning Scituate, Mass. dnstiluted 1) land Banking for future needs 2) Full open hearings for all residential and commercial developments 3) Restructuring of Zoning enforcement procedures. Past President Scituate Tax Payers Association (Affiliate Mass - Tax Payers Assn.) Instituted full and open competitive bidding procedures on all town equipment.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

The role of an effective Zoning Board of Appeals necessitates a judicial like stance to protect the private individual use of property while avoiding the creation of public nuisances.

The Board must limit the rights of private property owners when conflicts may exist with the health, welfare and safety of the community.

An example of such rulings by the Z.B.A. on which I currently serve, have been the rejection of applications for the expansion of extensive parking spaces for shopping centers and restaurants into nearby residential zones.

A good board must meet the needs of the people where such applications fall within the intent of the established regulations but must avoid making any decisions that may be construed as true zoning changes.

M. Philip Lorber (D)

Attended St. Johns University, L.L.B. St. Johns Law School, (cum laude). Member Board of Editors St. Johns Law Review and Philonomic Council Honor Society. Member of Connecticut, New York Bar; U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Military Appeals. Vice President, Association of American Lawyers in Europe. Retired, U.S. Navy, Judge Advocate.

Semi retired Attorney at Law.

Have life time of experience as trial attorney and counsel before many appellate courts and government administrative agencies. Also served as appellate reviewer in Executive Branches of the Federal Gov't.

My background and training qualify me to be of legal assistance to the BA, who currently are without such legal guidance.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

I perceive of a Zoning Board of Appeals that will carry out its statutory duties with judicial temperament, conscious of the delicate balance between the legitimate needs of individual citizens and those of the community at large. These duties require a distinction between a genuine hardship request for a variance by an individual as distinguished from illigitimate attempts to radically alter the character of Westport.

I will strive for the establishment of meaningful communications between the Board and Town Officials, with a view toward eliminating conflicting decisions which involve Westport in costly litigation in the courts.

Virginia H. Williams (R)

B.A. Wheaton College: political science.

Research assistant.

Founding Board member Aspetuck Land Trust P.T.A. Board Bedford Jr. High, 12 year resident of Westport Historical Society, League of Women Voters study committees, Visiting Homemakers Service, Women's League of Nature Center Environmental Activities, Presently; 2 year term as alternate on Zoning Board of Appeals.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

I strongly feel that the Zoning regulations and their variances basically establish the character and appearance of Westport. As a member of the Board of Appeals I will stand as a bulwark against the erosion of Zoning through indiscriminate granting of variances that undermine zoning by way of the back door.

Despite the best planning; regulations sometimes do prevent residents from making improvements and changes. The State mandates that the Zoning Board of Appeals examine and consider these cases of genuine hardship. During my term as alternate I have taken the time to inspect and be familiar with the cases before me and recognize that there are times when variances should be granted; when the health, safety and welfare of the community would not be impaired and the change is in keeping with the neighborhood. However; it is a power to be used sparingly and only when hardship exists.

L.W.V. QUESTION: ***What is the role of an effective ZBA in town government?***

The Zoning Board of Appeals has five members with staggered four-year terms. They review citizens' appeals for variances in individual cases where the town Planning and Zoning regulations may cause undue hardship. There are two vacancies this year.

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION candidates

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Judi Lich (D)

Attended Ohio State University.

Homemaker, Businesswoman.

Member, League of Woman Voters, Westport Democratic Women, O.R.T., Hadassah, B'nai B'rith Women, Long Lots, Coleytown PTA. Have lived in Westport with husband Larry and two children, 4 years.

Sought nomination to the Commission not because of formal training, but because of a deep personal interest in and concern for Westport's future. I am aware of its unresolved problems as well as its countless successes. Moreover, I care for its unequalled charm and character. If elected, I intend to work hard to retain this quality of life we are used to and have a right to expect.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

I do not want to see extreme changes take place in Westport. I do want the Commission to have a clearly thought-out conception and plan available, in order to mold and shape all inevitable changes that must occur, to grow gracefully.

Re-structuring of the Commission, enabling more time for planning. Utilize staff to implement detail work. Organize subcommissions to handle preparatory work necessary to arrive at zoning application decisions.

Regularly consulting our Town Boards, in order to utilize their professional expertise.

Get homeowners and occupants of existing illegal apartments out of limbo. Provide regulations allowing adequate housing needs to be met, limited and controlled.

Stop over-intellectualizing common sense issues. Accept the reality of change in a constructive, reasonable manner.

Make certain that public health, welfare and safety of every Westporter is of ultimate importance when considering any future P&Z applications and / or plans.

John A. Jacobsen (D)

B.S. in Engineering, Stevens Tech; M.S. in Operations Research, NYU; Management Science Seminars, MIT.

Manager, Interdivisional Services, Corporate Planning Dept., General Foods; formerly in Advanced Engineering Design Dept., Sikorsky Aircraft.

Career experience in long-range planning and site selection studies; member WTA, TIMS and ORSA; a 5-year resident planning to remain in Westport; family active in Community; wife Janet Reading Consultant (Coleytown JHS '73, Redding Elem. '74-'77) and coordinating Hillspoint PTA parent-aide program; children attend local schools, Ann-Mari at Long Lots JHS and John at Hillspoint Elem.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

As a Professional Planner, I believe that: 1) Long-Range, Comprehensive Planning must become the Top priority, not the Last. - current Commission bogged down on minor details - major problems continue unresolved year after year. 2) Professional Management of Planning Staff is Essential - to eliminate confusion and inconsistency (e.g. Paul Newman's studio) - to free up time for planning by delegating responsibilities. 3) Commercialization must be controlled to preserve the character and integrity of the Town - current codes allow inappropriate office buildings - creative, imaginative zoning required - existing regulations (e.g. signs) should be enforced to improve aesthetics. 4) The Apartment Issue Must Be Resolved Without Polarizing the Community - elderly housing a must - no high-rise, high density dwellings - avoid hasty, simplistic solutions - systematic planning and experimentation to study mix of alternatives with, - a subsequent Referendum based on data / facts, not on sheer conjecture. 5) Coordinated Planning for Town Center and Jesup Green a necessity - P&Z Commission currently uninvolved.

James Sherwood McGuire (D)

B.A. Economics & Classics, Holy Cross College MBA Candidate, University of Connecticut, Stamford.

Director of Market Planning, National CSS, Inc.

My profession is designing, organizing, and planning the implementation of new computer oriented products.

I can contribute substantially to improving the P&Z's efficiency in addressing and solving Westport's growth problems.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

I am commited to working for an improved &Z organization, one that will deal effectively with the complex problems of a modern town.

Westport needs a Master Plan outlining all P&Z priorities and a Master Schedule for addressing them. This Plan and Schedule should be public to invite maximum citizen involvement.

The Plan must consider: Updating the Town Zoning Plan, Housing for the Elderly, Reducing blight on Route 1, Identification and preservation of Westport's historic buildings and homes, Controls for all apartments currently in Westport.

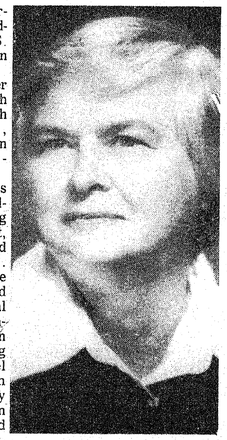
These are not simple issues. They cannot be solved in the old fashioned "meeting / debate" organization of the current Republican dominated P&Z Commission.

I look forward to the opportunity to contribute, through my position on the Planning and Zoning Commission, to the preservation of Westport's character and charm.

The seven members of the Planning and Zoning Commission are elected for 4 year staggered terms. The Commission is bi-partisan. There are three vacancies this year.

L.W.V. QUESTION: ***What are your planning and zoning priorities for Westport?***

Ann C. Gill (R)



B,S. U-Conn., Horticulture Major, Landscape-minor. B.S. Education, Western Conn. State College.

Housewife, Former Jr. High Science, Math teacher, Research Assistant, L.W.V., board member when chairman Transportation.

Election Laws studies, PTA Board-Burr Farms, Long Lots., 22 year resident, presently secretary and member P&Z. Education gives me aesthetic insight and ability to visualize final product for the commission. Worked on rewriting zoning regulations and feel very familiar with them as I attended every work session we had on them. Instigated proposal for preservation of the farmlands.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

My Priorities are: 1) To continue to help achieve the up grading of commercial property in town (especially on the Post Rd) through improved landscaping and architectural design. Our efforts are already being realized. 2) To assist in the neighborhood meetings in January and based on the residents responses, formulate a plan that reflects the wishes of the residents and will maintain an attractive Westport. 3) To preserve the integrity of the zoning regulations and hopefully anticipate zoning problems before they occur. 4) I would like to push for the acquisition of open space by the town and the preservation of the farmlands. 5) It is of prime importance that P&Z maintain individual property values.

Mary H. VanDeusen (R)

Lincoln School, Providence, Rhode Island, Pine Manor Jr. College, Wellesley, Mass., Katherine Gibbs School, Montclair, N.J.

Film Clerk, Westport Public Library

United Fund for eight years, Member of Young Women's League for 2 years, Board member 1 yr., Organized Jennings Trail Historical Tours for 2nd & 3rd graders for Historical Society., Board member and Nominating Committee member Hist. Soc., Member Aspetuck Land Trust, Member Families for a Residential Westport.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

I am running for the P&Z because of my interest in the future development of Westport. I have lived here nearly nine years, and in that time, have seen the town slowly take on a more urban appearance. I realize that commercial development cannot be totally impeded, but it can be done within certain circumspect boundaries. Over the years, I have pursued my deep interest in preserving open land as much as possible, and when land is developed, it ought to preserve the natural character of the area. Therefore, my priorities would be in the area of working to acquire open space wherever feasible and to encourage the design of new commercial buildings that blend with the contours of the land. Steps have been taken to create effective zoning enforcement procedures, but I feel more could be done in this area and I would enjoy the opportunity to pursue this effort.

Martin Levin (R)

B.S. University of Bridgeport, Mathematics.

Pilot, American Airlines.

Two terms RTM. Served on the following study committees: Public Works; Police, Fire and Safety; Recreation; Ecology. Served on the Ad-Hoc Comm. to Promulgate the Inland Wetland Regulations for the Conservation Comm. Also served on the Ad-Hoc Comm. to establish the Westport Transit District.

One Term Planning & Zoning. Most significant effort in the past two years has been assisting in the revision of the Zoning Regulations to make them more understandable to the layman and to coordinate them with the Town Plan.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

My first priority is to complete the revision of the Zoning Regulations which should more nearly implement the updated Town Plan. Secondly, since Westport has so little buildable land remaining (and that land is marginal), well-planned use of that land is most important. But not only is good planning needed for new buildings, — it is essential for building and land being redeveloped, such as Longshore Park, the Marina, and the Post Road.

As always, the homeowner bears the brunt of local taxation; commercial corporate development is the only way to relieve him of some of this burden. But relief must not come at the expense and sacrifice of making Westport a' / mo·e "hustle-bustle" than it already is. This means careful, experienced planning.

Apartments, condominiums and townhouses concern many of us. The P&Z will be taking soundings in the community early next year to determine what type, if any, multiple family dwelling units Westporters want in their community.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION candidates

Vote for any two

The five members of the Board of Education are elected for four-year staggered terms. The Board is bi-partisan. The Board functions primarily as a policy-making and planning agency of the Town's educational system, consulting with and relying on the school staff for the administration and implementation of plans. Two Republicans and one Democrat remain on the Board. There are two vacancies.

Leonard Rovins (D)

N.Y. Public School; B.S., CCNY; LL. B. Brooklyn Law School; Army Command and General Staff College; National War College.

Senior Partner, Fellner and Rovins, N.Y. Attorneys.

Westporter since 1953; Board of Education since 1971, Chairman 1971-1975; Recreation Commission 1960-1971; Charter Revision Commission; Westport Citizen's Planning Association, President, Human Resources Commission; Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, First Vice-President; Connecticut Council of Municipalities; Colonel Inf-USAR (Ret.); Labor sections American, Federal and New York Bar Associations; International management labor law practice in private and public sectors.

Howard M. Greenwald (D)

B.A., M.A. in Communications, Teaching Assistantship, University of Iowa.

Director of Communications, System Products Division, IBM; Immediately prior, Assistant to Chairman of the Board, IBM.

I have had two decades of experience in corporate community relations and public affairs, managing large projects, professional staffs and budgets at IBM, Ford, General Foods. I have advised IBM on educational affairs; edited THINK Magazine, largely for educators; managed Westport Little Leaguers; worked with Bedford on teenage drinking. My wife is a longtime math / language arts volunteer; my sons attend all three levels.

Lorna B. Christophersen (R)

Brearley School, N.Y.C.; University of Oslo, Norway; College of Chatleston, Biology major, former medical research technician.

Housewife

A 27 year resident, both my children have attended Westport schools, Representative Town Meeting member, District 1, 6 years; RTM Committes; Recreation Health and Safety Public Works, Railroad Parking, and P&Z; Selectmans' Bicycle Path Comm., Beautification Comm., Saugatuck Playground Comm., Senior Citizen Site Selection Comm., Republican Education Comm., PTA member. My experience and involvement in Westport's municipal operation has given me invaluable experience in understanding the interrelationship of our schools and our town government.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

The Board itself doesn't implement curriculum changes; it is the policy-making body that directs and motivates the administration to implement change.

I support the positive direction the board has taken the past 2 years. Our schools have made great progress in academic accountability by emphasizing the "Basics," turing away from experimentation, reintroducing a homework policy in Elementary and Junior Highs, providing more hours of first grade instruction, and strengthening discipline.

I support this policy, emphasizing behavioral as well as academic performance and reintroducing the magic combination of discipline, respect and responsibility. A structured academic environment need not sacrifice individuality, program flexibility, nor stifle student / teacher creativity.

We must develop means to measure whether curricula are meeting objectives; scrutinize courses for educational content; strive for curriculum continuity K-12 with definitive standards for each grade, and from school to school.

Our children are our most precious natural resource—it is our job to safeguard their educational opportunity.

L.W.V. QUESTION: *How can you implement curriculum changes to raise student achievement?*

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

Complete curriculum articulation in each discipline from K-12; reasonable class size; student motivation; in-service training; improved resource centers and libraries can implement curriculum to raise student achievement. However, the long range goals (adopted in 1969) need review and updating. There should be broad based participation in evaluating these goals so that curriculum improvement becomes more relevant to the times and needs of students, whether college bound or not, handicapped or learning disabled. We also must deal with such continuing problems as federal, state and union impact on local control of education; decreasing enrollment: resistance to educational expenditure and staffing. Directly or indirectly, all these factors: as well as local spending and community cooperation have an impact on curriculum. If the Board can successfully cope with these objectives, then our students will achieve the learning they need for our continuously changing world which will be their tomorrow, the 21st Century.

CANDIDATE'S COMMENT:

I see many areas of attention for a Board which cares. Foreign language students have for years left the system unable to speak the language they studied; we must dramatically improve achievement there. In English, we must raise students' ability to read, write and speak it well. In history, we fail to help children understand the critical issues of today. In music, the signals are clear; townwide, the program needs coordination and new vitality. We have not fully appreciated the value of constructive (not innane) homework. We intensely teach subjects, and often forget we must also teach skills-teach students to think independently, analyze, criticize, question. It will not be a universally popular view, but I believe in tough classroom standards, and realistic grading.

Good as our schools are, the problems are there. I would focus the Board on quality education and help lead the way to greater student achievement.

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING candidates

The RTM is Westport's strictly non-partisan legislative organization. Its 40 members, chosen on the basis of populations from eight districts, are elected for a two-year term. The RTM derives from the original New England open town meeting and all interested citizens are welcome to attend its sessions. Although the public may be recognized by the chair, only elected members may vote. Qualifications of RTM candidates are: (1) registration as a Westport voter and (2) residency in the district represented. RTM members may not hold any other town office while serving.

District 1

Vote for any five

Joseph P. Arcudi

Staples Graduate A.B. - Economics, Fairfield University.

Owner, Arcudi's Restaurant.

Lifelong Resident - Member of RTM since 1969 - member of RTM Rules Committee, 1969 - present. Chairman, RTM EMployee's Compensation Committee 1971 - 1975. Chairman, Town Employee's Pension Committee 1970 - 1975.

Martha Hauhuth

B.S. Degree - Education - Molloy College.

Teacher - President League of Women Voters - chairman Southwest Regional Planning Agency - Member Connecticut's Coastal Area Management Board - P.T.A. Boards Burr Farms and Staples - Staples Governing Board member 1976 - Social Action Committee Saugatuck Congregational Church. Active Westport resident 12 years.

I understand and care about the process by which Westport is governed.

It's time for me to use that ability and concern in a way that ensures that local government continues to serve us well.

Rudolph F. Mutter

University of Massachusetts BBA.

Marketing - Group Product Manager, The Nestle Co., Inc., Stamford, Connecticut.

Westport Board of Education since 1973 (Chairman since 1975,) Director, Saugatuck Nursery and Day Care Service since 1968, (Chairman three years). Formerly: Treasurer, Westport-Weston Youth Board, Chairman, Saugatuck Board of Missions, Deacon, Saugatuck Church. Member R.T.M. (Easthampton, Mass.) Captain U.S.A.F., Westport resident 17 years. 27 years experience in business management and budgets; familiar with building construction, interested in, knowledgeable about, and willing to devote time to Westport.

Gordon E. Perry

B.A. Brown University, New Haven area primary and secondary schools.

Senior Vice President The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

Member of RtM from district no. 1 for the past two terms - served on finance study committee and employee compensation committee during first RTM term. Currently serving as chairman of public safety and transit committee - Member of first selectman's fire dept. task force.

Nicholas W. Thiemann

University of Connecticut, B.A., University of Virginia, J.D.

Attorney

Rural World Development Officer, Peace Corps, Nigeria, Attorney in Westport, 11 years, Westport Board of Finance, 5 years.

District 2

Vote for any four

Jeanne D. Harris

B.A. Duke University, Majored in History / Political Science. (Phi Beta Kappa).

Housewife. Formerly Personnel Officer for Johnson & Higgins (NYC). 2 children in Westport School system.

Westport resident 14 years. Elected to R.T.M. 1975. Currently serving on RTM Rules Committee, R.T.M. Employee Compensation Study Committee, and R.T.M. Recreation Study Committee. Worker and past Board Member, Westport / Weston United Fund; past officer and Board Member, Kings Highway P.T.A. Volunteer for Westport Red Cross, Bedford P.T.A., and Girl Scout Troop 198 (Kings Highway). Founding member of District II based Families for a Residential Westport. Attended Westport Future Workshops.

Charles T. Kline

B.A. Degree University of Michigan 1932.

Joined Chicago Tribune, one of the publishing firms that founded Metropolitan Sunday newspapers and became Prescideet in 1953. Firm sells network print for approximately one hundred leading newspapers, maintaining offices in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Retired in 1976 after thirty-three years with same firm.

Lived in Westport twenty-three years. Three of our children and four grandchildren attended Westport school. Associations: President of Newspaper Comics Council, Director Museum of Comic Arts, Sigma Delta Chi and various clubs in N.Y. and Conn.

Stanley H. Lieberstein

B.S. Chemistry, Brooklyn College, 1958; J.D. 1961 Brooklyn Law School. Graduate work in law, George Washington University 1961-3.

Patent Attorney and Member, Ostrolenk, Faber, Gerg & Soffen, N.Y.C.

Formerly, served as law assistant and technical adviser to Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Customs & Patent Appeals; Vice-President, Oxy Metal Industries Corp.; President, N.J. Patent Law Assoc.

Married, 3 children in Westport school. Lecturer, Practicing Law Institute and American Management Assoc. Active on behalf of public interest groups and represents Common Cause in litigation designed to enforce "sunshine" laws to open meetings among government officials to the public eye.

John E. Terrell

B.S.S. Georgetown University.

Director; Public Relations Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Incumbent: Only Elected two year member (not write-in or committee appointed). Two years on Library, Museum

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Arts and Public Works committees. Twelve year resident - 4 children in Westport Schools. Ten year service LL. also PAL Football, Rec. basketball, girls softball. Past Board Member YMCA, NY; Adult Institute N.E. Tufts Univ. Civic Center. On President's Committee Georgetown Univ. Consultant Fashion Institute of Technology.

Corporate position managing Public Relations for multi-billion organization involving Civic and Legislative activities and programs with National Volunteer Organizations.

Stephen M. Yanklowitz

Valley Forge Military Academy, Franklin & Marshall College - A.B. American University - MBA.

Marketing - New Products Richardson Merrell, Inc. Wilton, Ct.

High School: Leadership responsibilities - to include president of Honor Society, editor of yearbook, member National Honor Society. College: Leadership responsibilities - to include president of Soc. for Advancement of MGT, member Student Council. Business: managed multi-million dollar national businesses. Worked with staff people and outside suppliers in managing responsibilities. Civice responsibilities: class agent for secondary school and college. District captain for United Fund.

District 3

Vote for any five

Wayne G. Atwell

B.A. 1961 Hobart College - Phi Beta Kappa. Attended University of Connecticut - M.B.A. program.

Director - benefits planning - human resources department - General Telephone & Electronic Corporation, Stamford, Ct.

Member - Education committee - RTM 1976-77. Member American Pension Conference. Member Canadian Pension Conference.

Joseph R. DeMaiorebus

Graduate: Engineering Management, Long Island University; Systems Engineering (MSEE), University of Connecticut. Undergraduate: B.S. Electrical Engineering, New York Institute of Technology.

Senior Electrical Engineer responsible for the supervision and coordination of technical programs - Perkin Elmer Corporation.

Homeowner and Westport resident 10 years. RTM member 1971 to present. Member of the RTM Public Works Study Committee (1971-75), Member of the RTM Finance Committee (1975-77). Member of the Nature Center for Environmental Activities. Member of King's Highway Elementary and Coleytown Junior High PTA.

George E. Ingham

Ba, Wesleyan University; MA, Teachers Colllge, Columbia University; PhD, University of Connecticut.

Professor Emeritus, University of Bridgeport, 1976 -.

Westport resident since 1935; Westport Public Schools, 1935-66: Classroom teacher, Audiovisual Director, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent responsible for budgetary analysis, preparation, and research other instructional activities; -University of Bridgeport, 1966-76, Professor of Education: concentration on preparation of United States Office of Education grant proposals, direction of training programs financed by these grants; innovation and implementation of graduate programs on campus and in Puerto Rico; member: first Long Lots Junior High School Building Committee; Board of Trustees, Mid-Fairfield County Youth Museum, 1958-75.

William Seiden

B.S. Caltech, UCLA Graduate School of Business Administration, also Montana and Stanford Universities.

Businessman, Engineer, Consultant, Pres. Saflex Corp.

8 years a Westporter. Husband, father of 3. Member: Norfield Grange, Political Town Committee. Active in Westport educational affairs, author of numerous research letters outlining opportunities to enhance educational basics, student discipline, and cost effectiveness of school system. Only District 3 candidate north of the Merritt Parkway, representing the often differing viewpoint of that area.

Norton D. Smiley

Va. Military Institute, 1958-60, Lexington, Va. B.S. Mathematics, Moravian College, 1962, Bethlehem, Pa. Graduate work Management Science, American Univ., 1966-7, Washington, D.C.

Sr. Product Administration, IBM Corp. (12 yrs), DP Div. Headquarters, White Plains, N.Y.

Management experience with IBM managing large contracts with customers to provide computer services on time and within budget. Additionally served as administrator of joint study development efforts with customers. Now serving in a negotiating capacity with IBM Development Divisions representing a marketing division for new product development. I have served on the RTM since March, 1977. RTM Committees: 1) Environment 2) Employee Compensation and Benefits.

District 4

Vote for any six

Jacob P. Bryniczka

B.A. Wesleyan University J.D. University of Connecticut School of Law. (Attended Westport schools graduating from Staples H.S. in 1963.)

Attorney; partner, Wake, See & Dimes Westport, Connecticut.

Member Representative Town Meeting 1975-77, serving on Finance Committee, Health and Social Services Committee, Special Committee for Recodification of Town Ordinances; 1973-75 Selectman's Study Committee for Social Services.

Robert W. Cain

Univ. of Illinois, degrees in ceramic engineering and Business Administration.

Metals and Ores trader.

RTM member, 1965-67, 1971 to present; served on various RTM study committees including public works and recretion; Westport resident for 17 years.

Alfred S. Eiseman, Jr.

Dartmouth B.A. 1940, cum laude. Lt. Cmdr. USNR, World War II, destroyers Pacific Fleet.

Printer's sales representatives, Eastern Press, New Haven.

Twenty-five year resident of Westport. Two children are graduates of Staples. Wife is local author and member of Library Board. Have served three terms on the RTM from District Four, on Education, Museum and Library, Public Safety and Health Committees. Former President, Intercommunity Camp of Westport; Norwalk, Bridgeport. Member American Institute of Graphic Arts. Past President, Publishers Consortium for Employment.

Norman W. Flint

Columbia College and Graduate Faculties A.B., M.A. Teachers College.

Retired School principal Bedford & Coleytown Junior Highs.

Westport resident 42 years, RTM incumbent. Chairman: Jr. Red Cross; UNICEF; Dist. Chairman: United Fund. Past President: Westport Rotary Club. Member Public Site & Bldg. Committee. RTM Study committees: Health & Social Services, Public Works.

I take seriously the responsibility of representing both your and all the town's interests. I make time for the job. In six years I have missed but two meetings.

James Milton Gilreath

Cameron College, Oklahoma, Liberal Arts; Marist College and Seminary, Liberal Arts, Massachusetts

President, Hawthorne International—Executive Search Recruiter

I have taken an active part in civic and political activities — supported and actively campaigned for both a ZBA Candidate and Probate Judge Candidate in Westport.

Member of Executive Committee in W.H.O.A.—Fund raiser for Community Return Stamford—presently Board Chairman of same.

Having dealt with many Westporters actively in above activities, plus 11 yrs. of business experience, I feel I bring a fresh approach to RTM's main issue and concern—maintain Westport's character by activism.

David S. Maclay

Williams College '42, B.A.; Yale Law School LL.B. '48

Trial lawyer, partner Bridgeport law firm (Marsh, Day & Calhoun)

Lt. Commander, Navy, World War II. Silver Star Medal. During Korean War, civilian lawyer in the Secretary of Defense's office

Formerly, Ass't General Counsel, The Sperry & Hutchinson Co. Served on Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency, Darien Planning & Zoning Com'n, Darien Bd. of Finance. Have lived in Westport since 1969. Hobbies include sailing, skiing, tennis, 3 children, 2 step-children and a wonderful wife.

Eleanor C. Solovay

B.A. Wellesley College

Part-time wife; part-time mother; part-time teacher; part-time tennis player; part-time politician

RTM incumbent—2 terms; Education Study Committee—2 terms.

Ted Youngling

Attended Cornell University and Dartmouth College; Graduated University of Delaware and University of North Carolina Graduate School

President and Owner of Connecticut Temporaries, Inc., Stamford.

6 years service as a Naval Officer; 10 years College Coaching and Teaching; 14 years in business responsible for marketing and operations of National Service Companies—presently owner and operator of a very successful temporary office service in Stamford; Served as a member of the Recreation Commission and the Longshore Study Committee.

District 5

Vote for any four

Carla Botticelli

Graduated from the "Istituto Magistrale St. Elisabetta" of Rome, Italy. Am an Elementary school teacher. Attended the "Magistero" of Rome for Latin and philosophy.

Housewife, Italian teacher and legal translater, Berlitz school of languages (Stamford, White Plains and Westport.) Volunteer swimming instructor Westport Y.M.C.A.

Active volunteer at Greens Farms School, member of P.T.A. board. Former swimming instructor at New Canaan Y.M.C.A. 4 years.

On a given issue, I will find out what the people in my district want and I will lead in that direction using the legislative power of the R.T.M. for the people it represents.

Craig B. Heatley

Taft School; B.A. Middlebury College VP Tech Registry

Chairman DKE Foundation; Board of Directors Greens Farms Association; Deacon Greens Farms Congregational Church; Wevelos Leader; PTA Board; Apartment Study Group, Greens Farms Association. Presently, President Greater Bridgeport Junior Hockey Assoc.

As a 12 year resident of Westport, I am interested in the town's issues and feel that I can be of service.

Dr. Robert L. Kline

B.S., Fairfield University; D.M.D., Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

Dentist

R.T.M. 1 Term; R.T.M. Public Works Study Committee 1 Term; R.T.M. Health and Social Services Study Committee 1 Term; Past Member PTA Board, Greens Farms Elementary 1973-75, Long Lots JHS 1974-75; Board Member, A Better Chance (A.B.C.)

Kathleen L. Lehn

K. Burr McGhee

Purdue University—Mechanical Engineering; U.S. Merchant Marine Academy—Marine Engineering

Assistant Plant Manager—Hunter-Stevens, Inc., Norwalk, Ct.

Resident of Westport for 12 years. Elected to RTM four terms. Chairman of RTM Employee Compensation Study Committee; Chairman of RTM Recreation Study Committee; Member of RTM Planning and Zoning Study Committee.

District 6

Vote for any five

Ruth V. Asheraft

Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio. B.A. 1946. Case-Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio, M.S.S.A. 1950.

Social worker. Regency of Westport Convalescent Home.

Member RTM 1971-77; Education Committee, 1971-1977; Chairperson, 1973-1977; Adult Education Advisory Committee, 1973-1977; Screening Committee for Staples Principal, 1974-1975; Staples Modernization Committee, League of Women Voters, 1967-1976, Treasurer, 1969; Chairperson U.S. Congressional Study, 1970-1971.

Roy M. Dickinson

Swarthmore College, B.S. Rutgers University, M.B.A.

Pfizer Corporation.

Resident of Westport 9 years. Member RTM and RTM Rules Committee for 6 years. Present Chairman RTM Recreation Study Committee. Former Chairman Planning and Zoning Study Comm. Former Chairman RTM Transit Study Committee which endorsed Minnybus for Westport. Former Chairman RTM Environmental Study Committee which initiated Wetlands Bill. Member Railroad Parking Advisory Committee, Ex. officio member Longshore Study Committee.

Garson F. Heller, Jr.

B.E. Chemical Engineering, Yale Univ. 1957, Graduate Studies business administration, CUNY.

Manager and system design consultant, computer software for Data Dimensions, Inc., Greenwich Ct. (8 year). Formerly worked for Mobil Oil Corp, N.Y.C., for 12 years in engineering, computers and

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operations research.

Westport resident for 13 years. My wife Velma is employed by Westport Board of Education. 3 children attend Westport Schools, Staples, Long Lots, Hillspoint. Coached Little League and Recreation Soccer. 10 year member Westport RTM. Served as chairman Finance and Recreation study committee, member special garbage study committee, P&Z study committee, public work study committee.

Mary M. Jenkins

B.A. Skidmore College.

Elected to RTM 1975. Currently chairman RTM Finance Committee, member RTM Protection and Transit Committee. Member Selectman's Fire Report Task Force and chairman of Task Force subcommittee - Location of Fire Stations and Insurance. Westport Planning and Zoning Commission, Jan. '68 to Nov. '75. President, New Canaan League of Women Voters, 1959-'61. Member: Westport League of Women Voters, Community Council, Aspetuck Land Trust, Nature Center, Westport Historical Society. Westport resident 13 years.

Rita A. Steinberger

B.A. in History and Government / Boston University, currently 1st year Law student.

Former Elementary School teacher, currently assistant to Deputy Majority Leader of Connecticut State Senate.

3 term RTM member (Dist. 3), 2 term Chairman Environment Study Committee (RTM), served also on Public Health and Safety Comm. and the Ad Hoc MinnyBus Comm. Board of Directors Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center, 1974. League of Women Voters and Board of Kings Highway P.T.A., 1974.

District 7

Vote for any five

Daniel J. Carnese

Massachusetts Institute of Technology - B.S. Engineering. St. John's University - Graduate School. University of Bridgeport - M.A. Management.

Engineering Supervisor.

I believe that unless carefully monitored Westport taxes can rise precipitously. Therefore I plan to utilize my engineering and management background to evaluate priorities carefully so that Westport can maximize services within the constraints of reasonble taxes. I am conservative in matters affecting taxes. I also believe that Westport should minimize commercial growth. Director, Taxwatchers.

Patricia A. Fagan

University of Rochester, B.S. New York University, M.A. Fairfield University, Post-graduate studies.

Educator / writer.

1. 1975-77 Member RTM Education Study Committee. 2. Westport resident since 1962 (fifteen years). 3. PTA Boards - Hillspoint Cultural Arts (1969-70), Long Lots first vice-president (1970-71), by-laws chairman (1971-72), membership (1972-73), Staples Publicity chairman (1974-76). 4. United Fund. 5. Staples Boosters. 6. Guest Speaker to civic groups. 7. Cocordination / publicity Van Syck Brooks awards to Conn. Authors. 8. Lecturer at universities.

C. Richard Foote

BBA - Accounting, Univ. of Massachusetts; post graduate studies in taxation.

Assistant Vice President and Director of State and Local Taxes, Bankers Trust Company.

3 children in Westport schools; Treasurer of Community Nursery School (3 yrs.); United Methodist Church; Administrative Board, Finance Committee; Advisor to staff of Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Washington, D.C. regarding state and local taxation; Chmn, Subcommittee on State taxation (3 yrs.); Tax Executives Institute-State and Local Tax Steering Committee; various other tax organizations; previously; Treasurer of Canton (Ct.) Public Health Assoc.; and volunteer firefighter.

Marion H. Lang

B.A. Government. Connecticut College. A.S. Paralegal Studies, Sacred Heart University.

Paralegal, Nevas, Nevas and Rubin, Westport.

Familiarity with Town offices and procedures through current employment. Eleven year resident. League of Women Voters: 1966 to present including two years as Voters' Service Chairman, member of 3 study committee, and observer to several Town Boards. Burr Farms' PTA Board: 1973 to present including positions as Burr Farms' representative to Board of Education, Bulletin editor, Administrative Vice-President, and Chairman of Budget Advisory Committee. Long Lots PTA Board: 1976 to present - Long Lots' representative to Board of Education.

Anthony Lowe

Tulane University, B.B.A; Tulane Univ., M.B.A.

Manufacturer's Representative, sales consultant,Lowe's General Hardware.

Always have been active in community affairs having been on the Board of Directors for The Boy Scouts, a steward and presently serving as a trustee in the Greens Farms Congregational church. As a business owner with a store in Westport, I am vitally interested in the orderly growth of both the business environment and the residential community.

Sylvia L. Milberg

B.A., Antioch College.

Senior Planner, ABCD Inc., (the community action agency of the Greater Bridgeport Region; planning, budgeting and preparation of grants for human resources programs.)

President, Westport League of Women Voters, 1967-69, responsible for studies on planning, zoning, town buildings, recreation and open space. In 1971 I initiated and directed the town's committee to establish an historic district, and have been chairman of the Westport Historic Dist. Comm. since '73.Dir.Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging. My efforts and goals for Westport center around the preservation of our most important resources and keeping the town a place which people of varied ages, interests and backgrounds may enjoy.

Daniel D. Peck

Westport School System; University of Virginia, B.A. Economics, Dean's List, Delta Sigma Pi; School of Law, Texas Tech University, J.D., Order of the Coif, Editorial Board of Law Review, University Honors Award, Phi Kappa Phi.

Attorney, Goldstein & Peck, P.C. of Bridgeport & Westport. Formerly teacher of advanced algebra and geometry, head varsity golf and basketball coach.

Current chairman RTM Employee's Compensation Committee; member special 2-man committee to update Westport's ordinances; RTM Recreation Committee and former member RTM Planning & Zoning Committee. President, Friends of Westport Library. Associate Editor, Connecticut Bar Journal. Active political party state and locally. Westport resident 30 years.

Domenic E. Rotolo

Fairfield Public School system, further education under G.I. Bill.

Owner: Doclay Outdoor Advertising Co., Industrial Building, Self-employed since 1947.

Owned and operated wholesale food business for 13 years consisting of 11 truck fleet. Former member of RTM for two years. Resident of Westport 15 years.

District 8

Vote for any eight

Jean Bodkin

B.A. Univ. Chicago, MSW Univ. of Connecticut.

Clinical social worker Norwalk Hospital, University Connecticut School social work. Married, three children.

Westport Social Services Advisory Board. Twenty-five year residency with 10 years in Dist. 8 has given me a sound working knowledge of community and desire to help retain an attractive atmosphere. Together we will have to decide if present zoning is maintained or modified; traffic increased or contained; recreational facilities expanded or better cared for; educational needs and costs are properly equated; apartments built or not; elderly housed or ignored; mill rate balanced between needs and ability to pay.

John S. Gilbertie, Jr.

Staples 1947, Danbury State College, Wright Tech.

Designer, electronic engineering, free lance.

Member Westport taxpayers association. 4 years on RTM, 1971 to 1975. Active member of PAL 15 years. Coach 8 years Babe Ruth League. Member of WeCare, Assumption Church and Choir, Staples Booster Club, 15 years. Working to keep Westport a town of homes keeping out a flood of apartments which would turn Westport into a city not worth living in. Support more senior citizen apts as need is proved. Have devised plan which should satisfy those who use the minnybus and those who don't.

Raymond W. Hartman

B.A. (Political Science) Wagner College, Staten Island, New York. Graduate work in International Economics, N.Y.U.

Former international marketing executive for Shell Chemical and Exxon Chemical. Now associated with H. Pearce Co. North Haven, Ct. as commercial / industrial real estate specialist.

8 year resident of Westport, 3 children educated in Westport school system, qualified real estate appraiser and consultant without any business connection to Westport real estate, member Professional Standards Committee of the New Haven Board of Realtors, Westport Boy Scout leader.

Joan Jansen

2 years college, with additional course in philosophy, psychology, sociology, anthropology and political science.

Public Relations Assistant.

Active for 14 years on L.I. in elective and volunteer capacities: Library Trustee (served on Budget & Planning Committees; Chairman of Public Relations, Programming and Personnel Committees; Secretary & Treasurer); helped found & chaired Citizens Advisory Committee (operation out-reach for library programs); party candidate for Town Clerk and Congresswoman; served on M-A-D (Massapequans Against Drugs); Chairman of Public Relations Committee of Nassau Library Stytem (speaking at local organization's meetings, publicizing libraries' functions); Chairman of local civic organization, edited monthly newsletter; edited town-wide political newspaper.

Donald S. Levy

Tufts University - Major: Economics, Government.

Clothing Store Chain President, National Retail Merchants Association - past Director.

RTM member - 6 years; Chairman or member; Finance Committee, Rules Committee, Public Protection and Transit committee, Environmental Committee, Recreation Committee. Past and present Westport organizations: Westport Little League - Chairman; Coleytown Junior High School - President; Cub Scout Pack 38 - Chairman; Coleytown Garbage Association - President. Fund raisings - United Fund (Special gifts); Tufts University; Scouting. Wife - Barbara. Children - Robert, Jon, and Andrea.

Barbara K. Saipe

B.A. In History and Government from Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.

Real Estate broker - Saipe Agency.

Partner in Saipe Agency (real estate). Resident of Westport for 23 years. Three children, all graduates of Staples. Past community activities: PTA Board of Coleytown El and Staples; Board of League of Women Voters; Board member American Field Service; member Recreation Commission; YMCA Camping Committee. RTM Incumbent. Health and Social Services Committee and Employee Compensation Committee of RTM.

Rita Stitzer

B.A., Brooklyn College, M.A. City college, education.

Homemaker, substitute teacher Westport schools.

Member L.W.V., Past chairman of Voter's Guide Comm., co-chaired Focus Comm., started Ad Hoc Citizens Planning Comm. which is currently developing opinion survey poll on M.F.H., gained intimate knowledge of working and problems of town by attending meetings of RTM, Bd. of Ed., Bd. of Finance, and living with Carl Stitzer who is chairman of the Bd. of Finance and who has been on this Bd. for 8 years.

James T. Verges

University of Oklahoma, Undergraduate school - engineering, graduate school - finance & economics.

Director, Food & Beverage Services - American Airlines.

Business experience includes: Planning and performance functions held with American Airlines in the capacity of Manager of Financial Planning and Manager of Profitability Analysis. Westport has been my residence for the last five years, where I have been active in Little League and the Boys Scouts. I have four children in the Westport school system - Elementary, Junior high and High School.

Stephen W. Wolfe

New York University - B.S. in Foreign Trade.

Vice President of O.H. Clapp & Co., Inc., Westport (a trading commodity importer) and member of the Board of Tea Experts, and advisory group to the U.S. Dept. of HEW, Food & Drug Administration.

Westport resident 10 years. Currently President of Westport American Little League and Vice President of the Westport PAL Youth Football Program. There are many apparent problems in Westport regarding education, recreation, and, particularly, housing and commercial development. I am concerned that the existing character of Westport must be maintained by assuring only realistic future growth and development.

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