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# 1973 Westport VOTER'S GUIDE

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**DISTRICT 1**
Bedford Jr. High School
**DISTRICT 2**
Nature Center (Youth Museum)
**DISTRICT 3**
Vigilante Firehouse (Wilton Rd.)
**DISTRICT 4**
Hillspoint Elementary
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Long Lots El.
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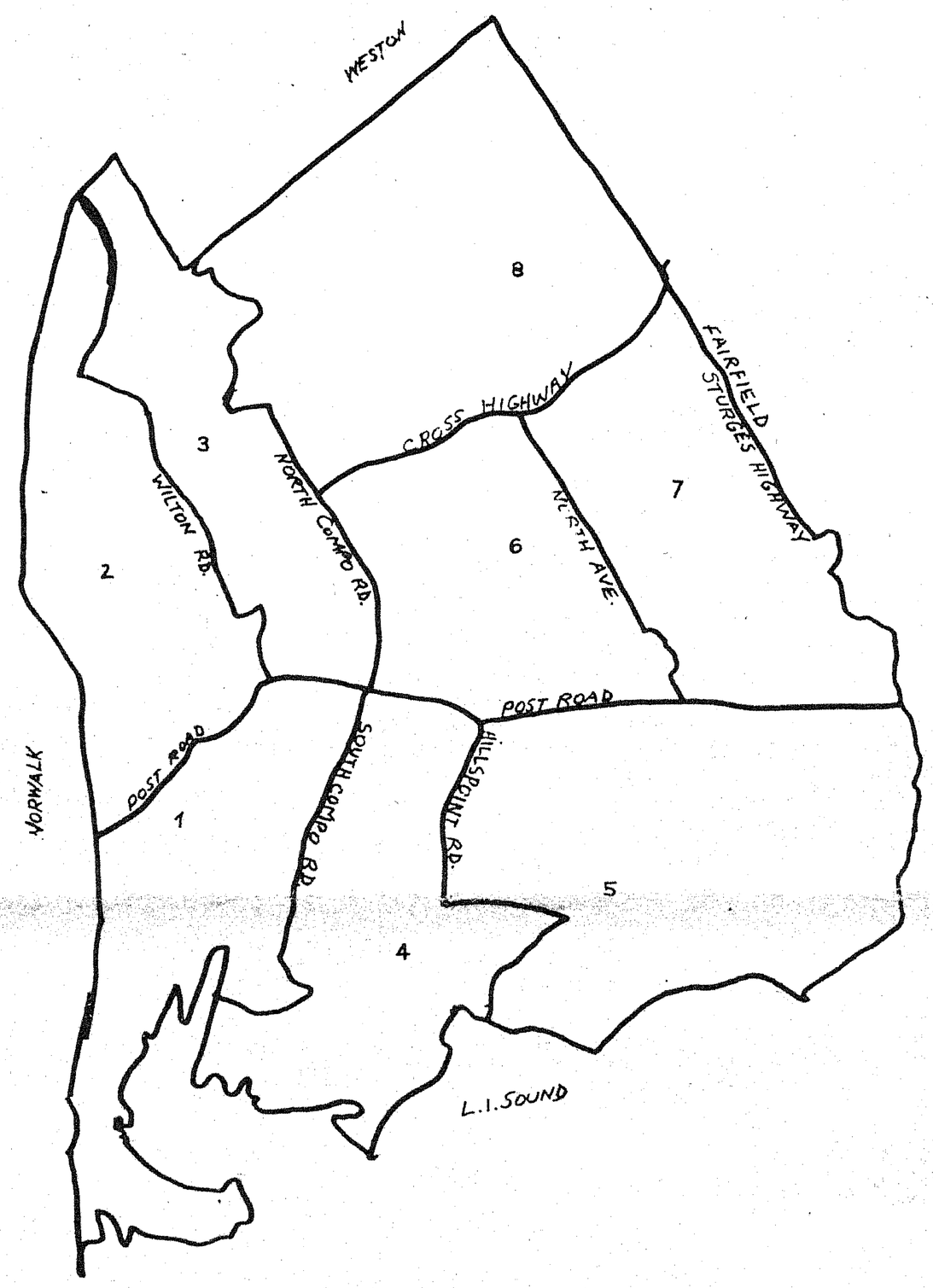
Coleytown El.




## SAMPLE BALLOT

| | YES | NO | YES | NO | | | | | | |
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| VOTE ON THE QUESTIONS | For amendment to the Charter of the Town of Westport, Connecticut to provide for the election of members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. | | For amendments to the Charter of the Town of Westport, Connecticut, recommended by the Board of Selectmen, a true copy of which are on file in the Town Clerk's office. | | | | | | | |
| | 1 FIRST SELECTMAN and SELECTMAN | | 2 3 BOARD OF FINANCE *Vote for any two* | | 4 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION *Vote for any two* | | 6 BOARD OF TAX REVIEW *Full term Vote for any two* | 7 BOARD OF TAX REVIEW *To fill vacancy for two years Vote for any one* | 8 9 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS *Vote for any two* | |
| REPUBLICAN | 1A John J. Kemish Howard L. Kany | | 2A John B. Leeming | 3A Carl Stitzer | 4A Daniel J. Carnese | 5A Rudolph Francis Mutter | 6A Richard J. Diviney | 7A Dickson F. DeMarche | 8A Rita V. H oper | 9A |
| DEMOCRATIC | 1B Jacqueline P. Heneage Theodore Diamond | | 2B Arthur Grayson | 3B Frederick W. Jackson | 4B Leonard Rovins | 5B | 6B Elizabeth M. Lewis | 7B Nancy H. Mollo | 8B Laonard N. Backer | 9B James B. Gambrell |
| CONSERVATIVE ACTION | 1C John J. Kemish Howard L. Kany | | 2C John B. Leeming | 3C Carl Stitzer | 4C Daniel J. Carnese | 5C Rudolph Francis Mutter | 6C Richard J. Diviney | 7C Dickson F. DeMarch | 8C Rita V. Hooper | 9C |

*FOR INFORMATION ON PARTY TICKET OR SPLIT TICKET VOTING, ASK THE DEMONSTRATOR AT YOUR POLLING PLACE.*

*DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR YOUR RTM MEMBERS. THEIR NAMES APPEAR ON THE LOWER RIGHT-HAND SECTION OF THE BALLOT. MAKE YOUR CHOICE AND MARK YOUR BALLOT!*

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## LWV QUESTION

. . What are Westport's problems, and how will you solve them?

The Board of Selectmen has three members, elected biennially. 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 fulltime town employee the First Selectman is its chief administrator. His salary is $24,930 per year. The other two selectmen, each with a salary of $1,000 per year, are his advisors.

REPUBLICAN

### * STATEMENT - John J. Kemish

First, I am committed to the preservation of the residential character of Westport. I promise to fight vigorously to preserve and improve our zoning laws, to stop the unstructured growth that is blighting our commercial areas. I am dedicated to the updating of our Town Plan of Development with the fullest citizen participation. A block by block analysis and plan vigorously implemented is a first priority.

Equally important is the subject of health. Growth in our town brings more garbage and more pollution. We are now engaged in a massive sewer construction project. We are working toward a regional solution to the garbage problem, and cleaning up our waters. These matters must be pursued with the cooperative support of all residents, for without these efforts in the field of health, Westport could find itself with an extensively uncontrolled health hazard.

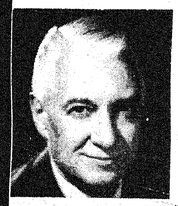
All of this must be done without a rapid rise in our tax rate. As a fiscally conservative manager with years of experience in municipal finance, I hope Westport can continue to handle its problems without a rapid rise in taxes. This past year, I have secured a Triple-A credit rating for the Town, an achievement that will save the Town thousands of dollars in future years.

### BACKGROUND - John J. Kemish

B.S. Business Administration - University of Hartford; M.A. Government - Public Administration - University of Connecticut

1952-55 intern to City Manager, Kansas City, Mo.; 1955-58 Director of finance, Milford, Conn.; 1958-67 Town Controller, Westport, Conn.; 1967-1973 First Selectman, Westport, Conn.

Vice President (69-70) 2 terms - Metropolitan Regional Council (N.Y., N.J. & Conn.); President 1971 - Metropolitan Regional Council; Member - City Managers Association; Connecticut Conference of Mayors; Bridgeport Regional Refuse Study Committee; National League of Cities; Fairfield County Selectmen & Mayors Association; Southwestern Connecticut Planning Region; Municipal Finance Officers Association.



### * STATEMENT - Howard L. Kany

Westport's problems center on the continuous primary objective of preserving and enhancing the unique character of our town as a stimulating, rewarding and pleasant place in which to live and work. Residential aspects must remain foremost and excellence of town services must be maintained, while keeping taxes at reasonable levels. Responsible fiscal, administrative and operating judgments are essential to solve such problems, as well as others which face our community, including those involving educational and recreational facilities; traffic patterns for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians; waste disposal; and environmental preservation and improvement. Electing candidates of mature judgment and governmental experience will assure careful studies and practical solutions.

Planning and zoning problems must be considered from short and long range, and within the framework of an overall town plan accenting private housing for community-minded people. Residents should be kept informed publicly of essential proposals in all aspects of municipal responsibilities. Explanatory and conversational meetings should be scheduled at times convenient for affected townspeople.

### BACKGROUND - Howard L. Kany

Graduate, Wittenberg University (A.B.); Public Schools, Dayton, O.

Vice President and Executive Director, Broadcasting Foundation of America.

Selectman incumbent; four-year member, vice chairman, Westport Board of Education; 35 years administrative, communications experience, Columbia Broadcasting System, Associated Press (news, international relations), New York, Washington, Chicago; Diverse Westport interests, including Westport-Weston Arts Council (board); Saugatuck Congregational Church; Y.M.-C.A.; Cedar Point Yacht Club; member, U.S. National Commission for UNESCO; trustee, National Television Academy, New York International Center; International Committee, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; instructor, American, George Washington Universities.

I favor an open door policy and intend to be readily available for Westporters with pertinent problems — or suggested solutions. I pledge listening — and action.

DEMOCRAT

### STATEMENT - Jacqueline P. Heneage

The First Selectman's job is to protect 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.

Westport's number one problem: Our INCUMBENT has failed to exhibit such necessary leadership, responsibility and planning. Problem No. 2. UNCONTROLLED GROWTH: Amend zoning regulations to control proliferating offices and shopping centers on Post Rd.-Riverside Ave. END DDD: This floating zone encourages mega-development!

3. TRAFFIC: Develop unified plan for traffic circulation, parking, road improvements, mini-bus, sidewalks, bicycle paths.

4. WASTEFUL EXPENDITURES: Stop sloppy budget procedures! Instigate systematic budgeting for all department operating costs: require projections, justifications, goals so Town can estimate needed revenues and plan ahead. Eliminate the frivolous application of Federal revenue sharing! These funds belong to major capital needs.

5. DRAINAGE, GARBAGE: Stop band-aid approach to drainage and flooding. Pursue regional garbage plan with emphasis on recycling. Decide the best location for transfer station.

6. OTHER PROBLEMS: Provide for elderly housing by adopting special permit regulations. Stop Longshore deterioration. Maintain and expand our valuable recreation areas. Add recreation programs for elderly, girls, pre-schoolers. Preserve areas of natural beauty through good zoning and conservation practices. Make Town Hall open and responsible to everyone, equally.

### BACKGROUND - Jacqueline P. Heneage

B.S. University of New Hampshire; Certificate in Physical Therapy from Mayo Clinic.

Registered Physical Therapist, Easter Seal Re habilitation Center, Fairfield, Conn.

Secretary Zoning Board of Appeals; A founder of Westport's first Historic District (1972); Member Selectman's Traffic Advisory Committee; President Westport League of Women Voters 1969-71; LWV Board 5 years; Chaired LWV Land Use study; member LWV studies: Housing, ZBA, Recreation, Open Space; Chaired LWV observers & local action; Member citizen action groups; Sanatarium, Bridge St. bridge; Former PTA Board member, Bedford El; former Girl Scout leader; Westport resident twelve years.

### STATEMENT - Theodore Diamond

A patchwork use of land — the visible byproduct of ineffective leadership — is Westport's basic problem. Haphazard commercial exploitation on the Post Road, compounded by the current speculation in land for office buildings on Riverside Avenue, call for public review of zoning regulations, beginning immediately with the DDD (Design Development District) concept.

Accompanying this review must come an open statement from Town Hall on the location of new sewer lines. The administration's policy appears to offer a neatly packaged invitation to commercial development that will have grave and irreversible effects on Westport's character.

A further misuse of land is the administration's neglect of the buildings, boating areas, and other facilities that have made Longshore a major public asset. False economy on repairs over the past 6 years is now creating the need for vast capital expenditures.

A functioning BOARD of Selectmen is part of the solution to these problems. If elected Second Selectman, I would exercise full executive and advisory responsibilities to provide an independent approach to all Town matters, uncommitted to any particular sector. This use of the Second Selectman's office would provide added leadership instead of a rubber stamp to the First Selectman's activities.

### BACKGROUND - Theodore Diamond

St. John's University - B.S., Columbia University School of Law - LL.B.

Business Executive: President, Lorum Fibre Co., Inc.; Treasurer, Composition Materials Co., Inc.; Member, Board of Directors, E.B. Marks Music Publishing Co.

My candidacy is based on 18 years' experience in Town affairs - the RTM - Selectman's Committees - citizens' groups. In addition, my professional experience as attorney and executive of a Stamford-based corporation qualifies me to carry out the management and advisory responsibilities of the position of Second Selectman.

*THE CONSERVATIVE ACTION PARTY HAS ENDORSED ALL THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## LWV QUESTION

What goals do you hope to see achieved during your term on the Board of Education?

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 the relying on the school staff for the administration and implementation of plans. One Republican and two Democrats remain on the Board. There are two vacancies.

REPUBLICAN

### * STATEMENT - Daniel J. Carnese

1. We are told that our children's academic performance is above national averages. The unvarnished truth is that our children are performing below national norms when compared to children of equal intelligence. For several years, tests have shown that Westport children in the elementary and junior high grades have been generally performing below national norms in the areas of Reading, Language Skills, Work-study Skills, and in Mathematical skills when compared to children with similar IQ's from other parts of the country. It is essential that we find out why Westport is not developing the inherent capability of our children. This inquiry must be done promptly and corrective action taken. We must also ask the school system to do a similar test and comparison of our high school students.

2. Renew the Staples plant. Enlarge it enough to fulfill its educational and athletic needs. For planning, use standard professional substantiation procedures. I do not believe that the educational-athletic space needs in the recently publicized modernization proposal are adequately substantiated. Do not repeat the mistakes in plumbing, heating, ventilation, etc. which have plagued many of our newer school buildings.

3. While welcoming suggestions from all groups, keep the policy formation in the hands of the Board of Education.

4. Give greater emphasis to career education and the needs of the "average student," throughout the system. In particular, investigate the problems caused to the average student by "self-pacing," instructional methods. If needed, provide alternatives to self-pacing.

### BACKGROUND - Daniel J. Carnese

Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute; Massachusetts Institute of Technology: B.S. in Engineering; University of Bridgeport: M.S. in Management Engineering.

Director of Cooperative Education, University of Bridgeport.

Before joining the University of Bridgeport in 1970, I held major supervisory positions directing the design, development, and testing of sophisticated aerospace projects. I was responsible for technical supervision, planning, and budget as Assistant Chief Flight Test Engineer at Republic Aviation and as Chief Flight Test Engineer at Sikorsky Aircraft. In addition to general engineering competence, my expertise is in planning, analysis, and management of complex programs.

I have been very interested in both the educational and financial aspects of our School System. By following these aspects closely for several years, I have been able to provide educational and cost data to RTM and Board of Finance members to help them evaluate Board of Education proposals.

### * STATEMENT - Rudolph Francis Mutter

I am deeply interested in seeing that all Westport children, including my own, have available the best education we can offer. To insure this, I believe the Board of Education and school administration must be responsive to the needs of the total community. Teachers, students, administrators and the citizens of Westport are all participants in our school system. There must be a free exchange of information, frank discussion of problems, consistent and careful planning, and thorough and dispassionate review of programs in order to assure that we have a school system which is educationally sound.

### BACKBROUND - Rudolph Francis Mutter

Williston Academy, Easthampton, Mass.; University of Massachusetts; U.S. Air Force, Primary Management Course; American Management Assoc., Product & Brand Mgrs. Course.

Group Product Manager, Foodservice Products Division, The Nestle Company, Inc., White Plains, New York 10605.

Twenty-one years experience in sales and marketing. During most of career, involved in planning, compilation and review of budgets, setting and implementing priorities and goals - as well as dealing with administration and organization. A founder and presently Chairman of the Board of the Saugatuck Nursery School and day care center. Now has over 80 students, by design 25 per cent are on scholarship.

DEMOCRAT

### STATEMENT - Leonard Rovins

When elected in 1971 to the Board of Education, I committed my efforts to eliminating political divisiveness among Board members, to cooperating with other town agencies and to acting in the best interests of our youngsters within the means and willingness of the town to afford. The unanimous approval of the 1973-1974 education budget by the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting attest to these accomplishments. These same goals continue high on my agenda. However, I recognize we have a serious responsibility to our children who will live most of their adult lives in the 21st Century. Accordingly, we must continuously reexamine our educational goals and programs to insure that these leaders of tomorrow are prepared to cope not only with today's problems but also with the ever changing demands of rapid technological advances, cultural shifts and a society which will have to support an increasing world population with limited natural resources. A Board dedicated to education, supported by its professional staff, in cooperation with the town and its fiscal bodies can accopplish these objectives. I shall continue to concern myself with these goals as I have in the past two years as Chairman of the Board.

### BACKGROUND - Leonard Rovins

B.S. City College of New York, LL.B. Brooklyn Law School, Army Command and General Staff College, National War College.

Attorney and partner - Fellner and Rovins, New York, N.Y.; Col. - Infantry U.S. Army Reserves (1936-1966).

Chairman Tax Committee and President, Citizens Planning Association of Westport (1955-1960); Charter Revision Commission (1967); Recreation Commission (1960 to 1971); Town negotiator; Labor Law lecturer; Faculty, National War College (1964-1965); Selectman's Committee on Youth and Human Resources (1970-1971); Business Advisory Council Fairfield University (1968 to 1973); Chairman, Board of Education, 1971 to date.

# EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMMENDMENTS

The Charter Revision Commission recommended many changes to improve the way our government works. Nothing was done to change our basic form of government. Two basic questions will appear on the ballot.

I. The first question asks: should the Planning and Zoning Commission be an elected or appointed body?

II. The second question asks for approval or disapproval of the remaining changes in the charter. We have listed the major changes. This is a bird's eye view from up high. If you wish a closer look, go to the Town Clerk's office for a full accounting. Bring a magnifying glass!

A. Our legislative body, The Representative Town Meeting (RTM), is the subject of three recommendations for change:
1. An earlier filing date for RTM candidates to allow for their inclusion on the absentee ballot.
2. A more specific provision for vacancies which occur on the RTM: a defeated candidate who had received at least 45 per cent of the number of votes received by the top winner in the district would be eligible. If there is no such eligible candidate, the remaining members of the RTM district can elect any elector from their district.
3. The provision for referendum on appropriations over $25,000 would read "$50,000" in the changed charter.

B. Changes in procedures for the Selectmen:
1. Meetings of the Board of Selectmen must have notice and agenda published in advance, and minutes filed in the Town Clerk's office.
2. The First Selectman would be required to hold at least 2 joint meetings annually of all chairmen of all Boards and Commissions and their department heads and administrative officers to coodinate efforts.
3. Clarifies the appointive and dismissal powers of the First Selectman.

C. Boards and Commissions would experience the following changes, and some new commissions would be formed:
1. Library Trustees would be appointed by the RTM.
2. The Public Site and Building Committee would be appointed by the RTM.
3. Individuals would be limited to 8 years or 2 full terms of service on any one Board or Commission.
4. Minutes of all Boards and Commissions would be filed in the Town Clerk's office before the next meeting of the group.
5. If the state passes a new law enabling it, we would have a 7 member Board of Finance.
6. The Conservation Commission would be in the Charter with strengthened powers concerning tidal areas.
7. The Commission for the Elderly would appear for the first time in the Charter.
8. The Historic District Commission would appear for the first time in the Charter.

D. New budget procedures:
1. A Central Purchasing Authority would include the Controller and a designated employee of the Board of Education.
2. A new section on Budget sets forth more procedure and requires more coordination of planning under the First Selectman in preparing the Budget and 5 year proposed capital projects.

E. Town employees are affected by the following:
1. Classification and Description of Town positions will be reviewed by the RTM each September.
2. The Director of Public Works would no longer be required to be an Engineer, but must have a Registered engineer on his staff.
3. The Town Attorney may not do legal work for anyone but the Town. However, any assistant who may be appointed by the First Selectman will not be limited in this way.
4. Tighten up professional qualifications for heads of departments.

F. Recall is clarified as follows:
1. Recall may occur for malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance only.
2. Petitions must be signed by at least 10 per cent of the electors.
3. At least 20 per cent of the electors must go to the polls and 20 per cent of all the electorate in town must vote for recall.

G. Long-range planning
1. First Selectman must be provided by the Planning and Zoning Commission with a land use statement on all proposed town land acquisition.
2. Planning and Zoning Commission must update the Town Plan every two years.

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# REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING CANDIDATES

## DISTRICT No. 1 — VOTE FOR 6

Arcudi | Bunks | Christophersen | Guryan | Martenson | Morse | Perry | Stroffolino

**Joseph P. Arcudi**

Staples High, Fairfield Univ - A.B. economics

Insurance Agent, owner of Arcudi's restaurant.

Chairman RTM employee corp., Conn. member RTM police, fire and traffic committee, chairman Town employer Pension comm. Town committee member.

**Abe Bunks**

B.S., New York University, 1955. L.L.B., New York University - 1958.

Attorney - member of firm - Mierbaum, Bunks & Silk, 40 Broadway, N.Y.C.

Member of RTM for last 5 years.

Committees served on: Police & Fire Protection, Planning & Zoning, Finance, Ad hoc Committee re. legislation-obstruction of streams and waterways (enacted 1969)., Ad hoc Committee re Gift of Bandshell to Town (Chairman), First Selectman's Committee to study Town Plan as relates to D.D.D.

Westport resident for 12 years. Married - 2 children in Westport Schools.

**Lorna B. Christophersen**

Brearley school, University of Oslo, Norway, College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.

Housewife.

Westport resident for 23 years. RTM member (1971-73) served as a member of the RTM Public Works Study Committee, the RTM Recreation study committee and the RTM Railroad Parking Committee, co-chairman of the RTM Ad Hoc Transit District alternatives committee, A member of the Selectman's Saugatuck Playground committee, the Beautification committee, the bicycle path committee. member of political party town committee, education study sub-committee.

**George C. Guryan**

Attended Philadelphia School of Textile and Science, B.S. Textile Engineering, University of Rochester - Business and Finance, Amos Tuck Graduate School - Dartmouth College Business and Financial Management.

Assistant to the Chairman of the Board American Bank Note Company.

Background in Finance, Systems and Engineering.

**John R. Martenson**

A.A. Long Beach City College, B.E. (I.E.) University of Southern California, M.S. (I.E.) University of Southern California.

Industrial Engineer.

Westport Little League for five years; PAL for two years; Board of Deacons at the Saugatuck Congregational Church past 20 years; experience as an Industrial Engineer in preparing and reviewing budgets and making economic decisions as to how to obtain the greatest return for the money invested.

**Harry E. Morse**

LL.B and J.D. George Washington Univ.; LL.M - New York Univ.

Vice President - Condec Corp. Old Greenwich, Conn.

Engaged in Purchasing and Contracts for private industry for last 16 years; USNR - retired; Member Christ and Holy Trinity church; Organizer and first pres. Bermuda-Surf Ass'n; Pres. Surf--Sound Ass'n.; Westport resident for 11 years.

**Gordon E. Perry**

B.A. Brown University 1955, Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven 1951.

Vice president - The Mutual Life Insurance Company of N.Y. (MONY).

Executive program in business administration Columbia University, 1972. Officer, major financial institution, responsible for management of group pension department, active participation in long range corporate plans and budget development. Three children, two attend Westport Elementary schools, Active in boating, rail commuter.

**Theresa V. Stroffolino**

Attended Westport schools.

Housewife, former pharmacist assistant (42 yrs.)

Native of Westport, former member of the House of Representatives of the State of Connecticut, Assembly District 143, fulfilling my husband's unexpired term of office, member of V.F.W., Treasurer of St. Anthonys' Society, member of Alhambras, member of Political Womens club.

## DISTRICT No. 2 — VOTE FOR 4

Hammond | Harris | Hertz | Hirshman | Russell | Trotman

**Nancy J. Hammond**

Fairfield Conn. schools plus B.A. Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

Housewife, mother of 4 and amateur politician.

Four years in RTM representing dist. No. 2. One of the founders of Families for a residential Westport. Member of environmental committee of RTM last two years. Drafted Inlands Wetlands bill to help save marginal lands from development.

**Holton E. Harris**

B.S. in Electrical Enginneering, M.I.T. M.S. in Electrical Engineering M.I.T.

President, Electronics Company.

RTM Member - 1969-Present (District II).

Chairman, Finance Study Committee, 1971-Present.

Committee on Rules and Procedures, 1970-Present.

Ad Hoc Committee on Roads.

Ad Hoc Committee on Cuttings Lane.

Ad Hoc Committee on Stonybrook Drainage.

Charter Revision Commission - 1972-73. Families for a Residential Westport Steering Committee. Kings Highway PTA. Ad Hoc Committee on Town Computer Center.

Westport Resident 12 years. 2 children - Westport schools.

**Eve M. Hertz**

Rosemont College (Pa.) - B.A. Psychology. Columbia Univ. (N.Y.C.) Post Grad School of business.

Realtor: Two children in Westport school system. Westport resident and realtor 10 years. Former occupation consumer research

**Abram S. Hirshman**

Biography Not Returned

**Alison Jean Russell**

B.S., Education, Ohio State Univ., M.A., Education, Columbia Univ., Doctoral Candidate, Columbia Univ.

Research consultant, Booz-Allen & Hamilton, management consultants, N.Y.; teacher in private school, N.Y.C., adjacent to Columbia University, serving many multi-lingual children. Teacher of Gifted children, project explore, Stamford, Conn.

Current research interest is reviewing compartive educational programs. Member of Westport

League of Women Voters. Member of Westport Young Women's League. Member of Women's political caucus.

**Louise Trotman**

Attended N.Y.U. School of Retailing; Tobe-Coburn School, Associate Degree - Merchandising, Fashion Promotion.

Previously, Buyer Alden's, Inc.; Married, 2 children in Westport Schools.

Member, League of Women Voters, Westport 2½ years; Director, Board of Westport LWV 1½ years, Publications and Action Chairman - Lobbyist, State and National League Positions; LWV

Board of Education Observer; also observed RTM and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings; currently Coleytown Elementary School PTA Board, Observer at all

Board of Education meetings. Member, LWV Boca Raton, Florida, Member Air Quality Study; LWV observer, City Council Meetings.

## DISTRICT No. 3 — VOTE FOR 5

DeMaiorebus | Dublin | Hunter | Lunghino | Rea | Steinberger | Wilson | Ziff

**Joseph R. DeMaiorebus**

Graduate - Systems Engineering (MSEE), University of Connecticut; Engineering Management, Long Island University. Additional Courses in: Finance, Accounting and Managerial Techniques.

Undergraduate - Electrical Engineering B.S. cum laude, N.Y. Institute of Technology.

Senior Electronic Engineer, Perkin-Elmer Corporation.

Member Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; RTM incumbent; member RTM Public Works Committee; RTM Ad Hoc Committee to Study Alternative to the Transit District; Member Connecticut Conservation Association and Bedford Elementary School PTA.

**Amos Dublin**

A.B. Columbia 1935.

Retired Ins. Executive.

Four terms in RTM; Active in town affairs since 1950. Currently: chairman Sr. Citizens comm. Community council.; board member Aspetuck Valley Health District, interfaith housing, intercommunity camp, Westport; area chapter Am. Assn. of retired persons. Previously: charter rev. commission. chairman Bedford Elem. school remodelling comm., Red Cross fund campaign; United Fund special gifts, 37 years successful business experience.

**Thomas A. Hunter**

B.S. and M.S. Illinois Institute of Technology. Ph.D. University of Michigan.

New Products manager, Homelite division of Textron.

Member, Westport Charter Review Comm., member, school board, Rocky River, Ohio; member, Rocky River Ohio charter commission. Over twenty years active participation and interest in municipal affairs.

**Donald J. Lunghino**

Columbia College - A.B., Columbia Law School - L.L.B.

Attorney - Secretary and Associate General Counsel of Lever Brothers Company.

Westport resident for 16 years, age, 52; 3 children, 1 at Staples.

Member of Charter Revision Commission, 1972-73.

RTM member for 8 years.

Deputy Moderator of the RTM for the past 4 years.

Member of Ecology Study Committee for the past 2 years.

Chairman, Education and Library Study Committee (1967-71).

Chairman, Cuttings Lane Investigation Committee (1971).

Member, Selectman's Pension Committee (1967).

Chairman, Building Code Revision Committee (1967).

Member, Railroad Station Property Committee (1966).

**Michael Anthony Rea**

Biography Not Returned

**Rita Steinberger**

B.A. in History and Government from Boston University. Currently M.A.T. candidate at Fairfield University.

Former teacher.

Westport Young Women's League and Women's American ORT.

Incumbent member RTM - Ad hoc Committee to Study the Transit District (mini-bus).

**C. Daniel Wilson Jr.**

BA, Elmhurst College, MA, Rosary College, MA Candidate, Fairfield University.

Librarian: - Member of RTM 1972-73. RTM Committee on Library, Museum, and Arts. A hoc Committee on Band Shell. Married; 3 children, one at Bedford El, one in the Community Nursery School; native of Connecticut. Active community participation. Member of American Association of University Professors, participated in efforts to maintain Westport's residential character.

**Charles J. Ziff**

Undergraduate, Univ. of Alabama; Major, Economics; Minor - Political Science; Degree, Bachelor of Science in Economics. Law school, Memphis State Univ., school of law. Degree - Juris Doctor.

Private practice of law.

1967-69 - Representative to the Student Goverenment Assoc., at the University of Alabama; 1968 - SGA House of Representatives student affairs committee. 1969 - SGA House of Representatives Finance committee. 1968-69 - elected by the SGA House of Representatives to the University of Alabama Board of Publications. 1971- Tennessee Bar Association. 1972 - Conn. Bar Assoc. 1973 - Westport Bar Assoc.

## DISTRICT No. 4 — VOTE FOR 5

Allen | Boylan | Bryniczka | Cain | Corbett | Eiseman | Flint | Mitchell | O'Connell | Pardon | Schreiber | Solovay | Walker

**Craig G. Allen**

Amherst B.A.- Masters Ed. - Hunter

T.V. producer - Communications - Education.

18 yrs. RTM; NBC Net staff director; Kodak producer, J. Walter Thompson; U.S. Gov. TV advisor, Saigon; Committee to purchase Longshore; committee to operate Longshore; chairman RTM Recreation Committee; chairman RTM Police Fire Committee; pres. Kiwanis, Westport; delegate to party convention, Hartford; candidate First Selectman,

**Thomas E. Boylan**

Red Bank Catholic High school, Red Bank, New Jersey. Rutgers University - not degreed.

Executive recruiter - E.J. Lance Management, 101 Park Avenue, N.Y.

Progressive background in the field of international communications.

**Jacob P. Bryniczka**

Westport schools 1958-63; Staples graduate 1963; Wesleyan University B.A. 1967; Univ. of Conn. School of Law, J.D. 1970; The Austro-American Institute of Education, Vienna, Austria and the University of Cologne, Cologne, West Germany under the aegis of Wesleyan University.

Attorney with Westport law firm of Wake, See & Dimes.

Worked in Westport 15 years, assistant scout master, Westport Sea Explorers Ship 28 (1971-72).participant in Staples High School Seminar on New Rights of Eighteen Year olds; Co-chairman of Westport Bar Association 1973 "Law Day" Committee.

**Robert W. Cain**

University of Illinois; B.S. Ceramic Engineering; B.S. Business Administration.

Union Carbide Corporation, FerroAlloys Division, Manager, Export sales.

Four years on RTM; chairman RTM Railroad Parking committee; member Public Works committee; served on Building Code committee; Thirteen years resident of Westport.

**Marylou K. Corbett**

Univ. of Miami.

Homemaker, mother of five: RTM incumbent from District 1, Recreation Commission Study Committee, Executive Board member Bedford Jr. High PTA., Executive Board member Saugatuck Elem. PTA. Former president PTA Saugatuck Elem., girl scout committee chairman, cub scout den mother, doners aid Am. Red Cross, area captain for United Fund, Board of Directors of Westport Young Womans League (6 years). Resident of Westport, 9 years.

**Alfred S. Eiseman, Jr.**

Dartmouth - A.B., 1940. Post graduate courses in Community Affairs, Fairfield University and in Housing at New York University.

New York Representative - The Murray Printing Company.

Incumbent on the R.T.M., Member R.T.M. Education Study Committee and member R.T.M. Museum and Library Committee. 21-year resident of Westport. Board of Directors Inter--Community Camp

**Norman W. Flint**

Columbia College 1928 A.B. - Graduate School, Columbia M.A. - Teachers College, Columbia.

Retired: Westport resident since 1935, Teacher (English) and principal Bedford Jr. H.S. 1935-1964; Principal Coleytown Jr. H.S. 1964-69; Former member YMCA Board; Jr. Red Cross chairman 1948-1958; Unicef chairman 1954-1964; District chairman United Fund 1971-73; Present member of RTM sub-committee Health and Safety; Member Public Site & Building Committee 1969-present;

**Vinton W. Mitchell**

Bridge Street Elementary, BJHS, Staples 1940, Dartmouth College '44, AB Economics and Political Service 1946, U.S. Army Air Force 1942-46, Amos Tuck school (MCS 1947), Columbia University graduate School of Economics 1947-1949.

International Banking (Latin America) and International Finance Economist.

Founding director and finance chairman, family recreation center in Falls Church, Va.; American President Turkish-

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## DISTRICT No. 4 (Continued)

American Society, Ankara; Director-treasurer, Fulbright Commission, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Experience in budget and tax analyst and reviewing to assess, negotiate and sell programs.

**James B. O'Connell**

B.A. Harvard College.

Director of External Information, IBM, Armonk, N.Y.

Westport RTM, 1969-1973; chairman, RTM Education Study Committee, 1971-73; Former Member, Educational Goals Committee, Adult Education, Advisory Committee. Resident of Westport for 20 years.

**Edward R. Pardon**

Fordham University; Bernard Baruch School of Business Adm.

Registered Representative Harris Upham & Co., Norwalk. Active in a number civic organizations prior to residing in Westport; member of Manhattan Community Planning Board No. 9 in New York City. Member New York City Landmarks Preservation Committee.

**Barbara Ellen Schreiber**

Biography Not Returned

**Eleanor C. Solovay**

B.A. - Wellesley College (Political Science)

Housewife and teacher.

Married, two children in Westport public schools, serves on the executive boards of both the Saugatuck and Bedford Jr. High School PTA. substitute teacher in Westport schools. Active in New England junior tennis. Westport resident five years,

**William J. Walker**

Univ. North Carolina, 1937-1941. Bus. Adm.

Market Research Analyst.

Incumbent member RTM, member Recreation Commission Committee. Active in Youth and Recreational programs.

## DISTRICT No. 5 — VOTE FOR 4

Calise | Christy | Levin | Lewis | McGhee | Parsell

**Michael F. Calise**

Staples High, Norwalk Community College; various Electronic and Real Estate Schools; served USMC 1958-1962.

Real Estate Broker, Appraiser and Lecturer with offices at 234 Main Street in Westport; Real Estate Instructor for local business school. Incumbent 6 year RTM member - served on Police and Fire Study Committee - serving on Education Study Committee for past four years - (formerly Education and Library Committee); five children in school system; initiated RTM Ecology committee; serving on Westport Chamber of Commerce Education and Environment committees; very active in attempts to control commercial growth and development in Westport; Native Westporter.

**William S. Christy**

Graduate of Blair Academy and Penn State Univ.

Handle sales for Sommitville Tiles, Inc. in No. Eastern U.S. Completing sixth year in RTM from Dist III.

**Martin Levin**

B.S. Math UConn 1955.

Pilot, American Airlines Inc.; RTM member for 2 years. Member of Inland-Wetland and Ad Hoc Transit Study Committees.

**Myron S. Lewis**

B.A. Amherst College

Ex VP American Cyanimid, Shulton Div. to '72, Currently operating 3 new enterprises headquartered in Westport.

Twenty years a Westport resident, 15 years commuting Westport to New York, Candidate for Board of Education '69, Active in many local political campaigns, Member Greens Farms Association. Twenty five years of executive experience with major corporations such as Vicks and Shulton.

**K. Burr McGhee**

Purdue University - BSME.-U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Supervisor, Manufacturing Engineering Hand Tools Division, Litton Industrial Products.

Have served two full terms and one half term on RTM.

**Alan W. Parsell**

Graduate of Staples High School. Also a few short courses in landscaping and salesmanship.

Landscape contractor. Two years as Justice of Peace, seventeen years on Board of Education. Seven years as chairman. Twenty years on Nov. 3, 1973 as a member of Westport R.T.M.

Membership of quite a number of R.T.M. study committees - two at present.

## DISTRICT No. 6 — VOTE FOR 5

Ashcraft | Arenander | Dickinson | Gilbertie | Heller | Lederer | Meyers | Winnick

**Ruth V. Ashcraft**

B.A. Hiram College, M.S.S.A. Western Reserve University.

Social Worker - Westport Manor Convalescent Home.

RTM 1971-73; Currently serving on: RTM Education Study Committee; Staples Modernization Committee; Adult Education Advisory Committee; League of Women Voters.

**Alfred Arenander Jr.**

H.S. Graduate, Corporation mgr., RTM incumbent; Served 10 yrs.; RTM Public Health Comm.; Active in political party; Former Pres. Citizens Planning Assn.

**Roy M. Dickinson**

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

Chairman RTM Environmental Study Committee which introduced Wetlands bill. Chairman RTM Transit Study Committee which investigated viability of Transit District and nominated two Transit Directors. Member Railroad Parking Committee which fostered repaving and relighting of parking lots. Active Youth programs; Chief Umpire National Little League-1973; Coach Recreational Soccer Program 1969-72; Boy Scouts. Vice-chairman Community Planning Board No. 5, New York City. Member American Chemical Society, Chemical Industry Association, Audubon Society, National Wildlife Society.

**Anthony Gilbertie**

Staples graduate plus 1 yr. of college. Served in Army National Guard 1960-1966. Two yrs as Platoon Sgt. (attended Non commissioned officers Academy). Attended University of Conn. and New Britain Teachers college.

Vice-President of a Westport Corp. Married, father of three children, native of Westport, educated in Westport schools, helping to operate a local business for 17 years.

**Garson F. Heller Jr.**

B.E. - Chemical Engineering - Yale, 1957. Graduate Business studies - Baruch School CUNY (1947-1960).

Data Processing Manager and Consultant.

Resident Westport 9 years. Member RTM 6 years. Coach in Little League and Recreation Soccer. Member of RTM study committees: P&Z, Recreation (chairman), Special Garbage Study Committee, Conservation.

**Frederick E. Lederer**

B.S. Journalism and marketing. Univ. Illinois, 1948. Graduate work in mkting and sales management, Northwestern Univ. 1949-51.

General Sales manager, Paper Novelty Mfg. Co., Stamford.

RTM incumbent - 1 term (1971-73) member P&Z study comm; co-chairman Ad Hoc Transit Study Comm.; member Planning & zoning Commission 1970-71; member Staples PTA Board 1969-71; member Conn. vacation-travel advisory council; active in Conn. Assn of local legislators; member Troop Comm. boy scout troop 39; Board member Westport Tennis Assn.; Westport Little League official; member Conn. Conservation Assn.

**Stephen Meyers**

Long Lots Jr. High; Staples High School; Parsons College, B.A.

Salesman for Litton Industries; Resident of Westport for 20 years; Co-chairman Burr Farms Road Association; Auxiliary State Police, 3 years.

**Esther Norma Winnick**

B.S. in Elementary Education at University of Bridgeport, grad. Magna Cum Laude.

Teacher; Real Estate Broker; Real Estate Course; Law Courses (grad. work); O.R.T. - Vice president; Sisterhood of Temple Israel.

## DISTRICT No. 7 — VOTE FOR 4

Cowden | Danbury | Davidoff | Gambaccini | Gilbertie | Rotolo | Williamson

**Frances Cowden**

B.A. Connecticut College.

R.T.M. incumbent 1969-1973.

27 years in Westport. Four children. Former Pres. L.W.V.; V.P. Burr Farms P.T.A., membership chairman Long Lots P.T.A.; two terms V.P. Staples P.T.A.; 1964 Charter Revision Comm.

1st Term, Chairman Hunting Ordinance Comm. and served on Public Works Comm.

2nd Term, Rules Committee, Transit District Comm. and chairman Health and Safety Committee.

Member Westport Pension Board, Traffic advisory Board, Chairman Professional Advisory Board of Aspetuck Valley Health.

Co-authored research paper "What To Do About the Post Rd."

**Thomas Danbury**

Bachelor of Journalism, University of Missouri, 1958; M.A., Missouri, 1961; Post Graduate work through doctoral pre-lims.

Corporate Director of Marketing Research, Reuben H. Donnelley Corp., N.Y., N.Y. Two years RTM member Finance Committee; regular attendance at Board of Finance meetings and other municipal bodies; a director of Westport's Inter-faith Housing Corporation; 5 years as a faculty member, Michigan State University; 8 years experience in business with heavy emphasis on budget controls, analysis of population, economic and social trends; Reporter, covered state and local government.

**Jerry Davidoff**

A.B., University of North Carolina, 1947. J.D., Yale Law School, 1950.

Lawyer, practicing in Westport.

Active in a variety of civic and charitable endeavors, I have demonstrated interest and concern in the quality of my community. Two children attending Westport schools, resident of Westport 15 years.

**Dorothy Gambaccini**

B.S. Hunter College.

Housewife; Two terms on RTM - candidate for 3rd on RTM; Public Health and Safety Committee and Finance Committee; Chairman of Westport Women's Club Scholarship Committee; on Board of United Fund; Past PTA Council President and President of Greens Farms and Long Lots PTAs; formerly on boards of LWV, AFS, and Community Council. 18 yr. Westport resident.

**Michael A. Gilbertie**

High School - Graduated from Staples High School, 1958.

Vice President and Secretary of a Westport based corporation; Ran for the RTM from District 7 in 1968. Have worked in and owned a Westport company for 18 years; his family resided in Westport since 1903; married, father of two children attending Westport school.

**Domenic E. Rotolo**

Fairfield School System; further education under G.I. bill.

Owner of Outdoor Adv. Co. and industrial buildings; owned businesses for 26 years including wholesale food distribution, outdoor advertising, and industrial building management.

**Gordon K. Williamson**

BS/MA Biochemistry - Northwestern University.

Assistant Marketing Manager - Mobil Oil Corporation; Served as Environmental & Science Advisor - William Scott, Attorney General, State of Illinois (Campaign); Education Committee - Tech. Ass. Pulp & Paper Industry; Educational Counselor - United Methodist Church; Chairman, United Fund - Skokie Valley Industrial Ass. (Illinois).

## DISTRICT No. 8 — VOTE FOR 6

Arnow | Brod | Gilbertie | Klein | Koch | Levy | Ross | Slaughter

**Ernest I. Arnow**

Bronx High School of Science (1942); New York University College of Arts and Sciences, University Heights; New York University College of Dentistry (1952).

Dentist. Lived & practiced in the area for 20 years; Norwalk Lions Club President 1963-64; A founder and director of County Federal Savings and Loan Association; Founder and Charter President of the Southern New England Academy of Practice Administration; President-elect of the Friends of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine; Advisor to Dean of School of Dental Medicine of UConn.

**Morton S. Brod**

U.S. Military Academy, West Point, 1947, 1948; Bowdoin College, 1948-1949; Adelphi University, B.A. 1951; Columbia University, D.D.S. 1955; Internship and residency - oral surgery Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center; U.S. Army Air Corps for 4½ years during and after World War II.

Oral Surgeon - Norwalk; Associate Clinical Professor of Dentistry - Columbia Univ.; former Chief of Dental Service - Norwalk Hospital.

Member 8 years Westport Flood and Erosion Control Board; Former Secretary, now Chairman of the Superintendents Committee to Evaluate Administrative Restructure of the Westport Education System.

**John S. Gilbertie Jr.**

Westport School system 1st-12th grades, graduated June, 1947: matriculated at Danbury State College and Wright Tech Institute, Stamford.

Free-lance package designer. Commuted one year to Manhattan, N.Y.C. Native Westporter; Member of Assumption Church; Member Westport PAL; member Bedford Research Committee; member Staples Booster Club; member of Westport Taxpayer's Association.

**Woody Klein**

B.A., Dartmouth College; M.S., Columbia University, Graduate School of Journalism.

Managing Editor, "Think" magazine, published by IBM. Incumbent RTM member, District 8, 1971-73; Chairman, RTM Police, Fire and Safety Committee; Member, RTM Employee's Compensation Committee; Member, First Selectman's Traffic Advisory Committee.

Introduced 1972 commercial building moratorium resolution; Co-sponsored resolution overturning zoning law permitting luxury-priced apartments in Westport; Proposed town-wide plan to include apartments and transportation for the elderly.

**Robert J. Koch**

Fieldston School; U. of Pittsburgh, BBA; American College of the Underwriters C.L.U. (Chartered Life Underwriter).

Life insurance consultant. Board of Directors County Life Underwriters Assn..

N.Y.U. Law School 1954; B.S. New York University, 1948.

Westport Attorney. Faculty member University of Connecticut. 4 terms on RTM District 8; Chairman and past chairman of Public Works Study Committee of RTM; Prior Chairman of many RTM committees including Solid Waste Study Committee, Employees Compensation Committee, and numerous Ad hoc Committees; Westport's representative to the Regional Solid Waste Disposal Commission

# BOARD OF FINANCE

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.

## LWV QUESTION

**Should priorities determine the mill rate or should the mill rate determine priorities?**

REPUBLICAN

### *STATEMENT - John B. Leeming

In my estimation it would be unfortunate if the budgeting process in Westport ever reached the point where priorities determined the mill rate or that the mill rate determined the priorities.

In an orderly municipal operation the basic fiscal challenge is planning so that priorities can be weighed and dealt with in such a manner as to avoid imposing unreasonable or undue burdens on the taxpayers.

### BACKGROUND - John B. Leeming

Brown University, AB, 1950.

Marketing and Advertising Executive; five years experience on the Board of Finance, Chairman of the Board of Finance for the past three years.

### *STATEMENT - Carl Stitzer

The function of the Board of Finance is to try to obtain a proper balance between the needs and priorities of the town and the ability and desire of the townspeople to pay additional taxes for additional services. In striving to determine the balance, we hold many public and some private sessions to try to make sure the various departments are being operated at the highest level of efficiency possible. We attempt to evaluate the cost / benefit relationships of requests for expenditures, review on-going programs to determine whether they may have out-lived their usefulness, and thoroughly evaluate all requests for expenditures as an individual might do in his or her own business or home.

This past year we were able to obtain this balance with, for example, the education budget so that the Board of Education accepted a compromise budget with the Board of Finance. The town received an AAA Bond rating (one of the only two towns in Connecticut with a population of under 50,000) resulting in lower interest rates to the town and expressing in real terms the financial community's evaluation of our town's excellent financial management.

I hope the voters will give me another opportunity to serve them.

### BACKGROUND - Carl Stitzer

BBA in accounting, City College of New York, 1949; Certified Public Accountant (N.Y. & N.J.).

Vice President and Controller - Golf Digest and Tennis magazine, Norwalk.

Incumbent member of Board of Finance (elected 1971); 13 years in increasingly responsible phases of financial and business management; 7 years in public accounting and financial consulting.

DEMOCRAT

### STATEMENT - Arthur Grayson

There should be no predetermined approach to budgetary planning. Unfortunately, the Town administration, aided and abetted by the Board of Finance has committed itself to a position of maintaining the mill rate and that is one of the reasons why we are rapidly approaching a severe financial crisis. We all know that good business policy requires advance planning to determine financial requirements. We all also know that it is essential to maintain, service, and repair assets, buildings and equipment. It temporarily can be made to appear that the line is being held on taxes but as a practical matter huge future expenses are being created because of current neglect. There is no way to avoid paying this bill and the longer we wait, the most costly it is going to be.

Better planning and more efficient use of personnel and resources can prevent waste and save the Town substantial outlays of money. Greater efficiency can help us do essential things without increasing our costs.

Westport is a distinctive Town favored with outstanding physical facilities, an extraordinarily talented citizenry and income and wealth among the highest in the country. I believe that we should utilize these assets in striving for excellence. We can have fiscal responsibility without stifling innovation in our search for quality programs to meet the needs of our community. It is my firm conviction that Westport is not willing to settle for mediocrity.

### BACKGROUND - Arthur Grayson

B.S. in Economics, Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania.

L.L.B., Columbia University Law School.

President, Grayson Securities, Inc., Fairfield.

In addition to my primary occupation listed above, I have for many years operated several other businesses. The discipline of these total experiences will be very valuable in controlling town expenses and planning for future needs.

### STATEMENT - Frederick W. Jackson

Sound financial management is more than cutting budgets to meet artificial mill-rate limits. It should also mean judicious expenditures to protect current Town assets and the productive investment of Town funds. Too often the opposite is the case in Westport - witness the short term, ar postponing vital maintenance and Compo and the extra und management. terms of crisis expense or e realize. nsive study of its potential My experience on the state give the town a working liscover sources not now ions would thus provide a alance between need and

### BACKGROUND - Frederick W. Jackson

B.A. Economics / Government, Tufts University, 1960.

Exec. V.P., Strategic Development, Inc. - Management Consultants

Fourteen years' marketing / financial management experience at General Foods & Procter & Gamble. Investment and financial control responsibilities as President of General Food's venture capital subsidiary.

Served on 1969-71 Conn. State Revenue Task Force, 1972 Townwide School Budget Advisory Committee, and currently member of Westport Housing Authority.

Chaired state level joint consumer affairs lobby effort of labor, church and citizen groups in 1972.

Congressional liaison for association of minority economic development group to help draft new minority assistance legislation.

I believe that the addition of broad financial management experience such as mine is needed to restore rational financial planning to Westport's Board of Finance.



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# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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. Two Republicans and one Democrat remain on the Board. There are two vacancies to be filled this year.

## LWV QUESTION

**What is your position on the granting of use variances?**

REPUBLICAN

### *STATEMENT - Rita V. Hooper

The power of the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant a use variance must be exercised judiciously to assure that the general character of the Town is preserved and that property values and the orderly development of the community are secured. The grant of a use variance, by law, must be limited to those situations where the literal application of the zoning regulations would create undue hardship on a particular piece of property.

### BACKGROUND - Rita V. Hooper

Graduate of Staples High School, 1943; attended University of Connecticut, 1943-44; Language and Area Studies at the American Institute for Foreign Trade, 1948-49. (Phoenix, Arizona).

Housewife; Served as Secretary of Westport Representative Town Meeting; Job experience in municipal offices, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and as Clerk of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Founding President, Great Marsh Property Owner's Association; Member Bedford Junior High School Study Survey Committee responsible for the ultimate improvement of the plant; Co-Chairman, Barter Bar; Captain and Major, United Fund, District 1; Vice President and Secretary of Westport Canteen.

DEMOCRAT

### STATEMENT - Leonard N. Backer

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a quasi-judicial body that must hear and decide appeals from decisions rendered by the Zoning Enforcement officials or appeals for relief from Zoning Board regulations.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has the responsibility to interpret these regulations and decide if they will cause an undue hardship to the seeker of the variance.

A variance in residential construction, e.g. setbacks or sidelines, is a minor request and can often be granted. But a variance request for acceptance of substandard lots or commercial development is a request for a zoning change and must be examined in great detail. Such variances demand that genuine hardship be shown. Promiscuous application of the use variance defeats the intent of our zoning regulations.

As an engineer with experience in planning, zoning and construction, I can render a professional opinion of "hardship," coupled with a knowledgeable on-site examination of each case before the board.

Variances must conform to the character of the community and must create or maintain — rather than destroy — the aesthetic qualities of the town as a whole.

### BACKGROUND - Leonard N. Backer

Tufts University, B.S. Civil Engineering. Continuing Studies, M.I.T., Northeastern, Temple University, University of Pittsburgh.

Engineering consultant: Vice President, Sales Automatech Industries; Vice President, Dorrid Corp.; President, Matrix Associates.

Past Chairman - Planning and Zoning Board, Scituate, Mass. Instituted land banking for future town needs; open hearings for all residential and commercial developments; reorganization of town departments, coupled with successful revamping of the Board of Health and zoning enforcement procedures.

Past President - Scituate Taxpayers Association (affiliate Mass. Taxpayers Association.

Assistant Director - Civil Defense Department, Scituate, Mass.

### STATEMENT - James B. Gambrell

While requests for use variances are subject to the same requirements as those for other requests, an applicant should ordinarily have a much more difficult time making a case for relief since, by definition, use variances are not generally in harmony with the zoning regulations. Use variance requests should particularly be viewed with suspicion since they are often really requests for rezoning which are properly directed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

In carrying out its task, the ZBA should routinely consult the Planning and Zoning Commission, especially when it is not clear whether the applicant seeks a variance or is attempting to obtain a change in zoning. The ZBA should obtain the advice and views of the town planner and the town attorney as well. With such assistance, the ZBA can carry out its responsibility to grant variances where hardship is genuine (not merely financial or self-inflicted) and the variance is not inconsistent with the intent and purposes of the zoning regulations.

### BACKGROUND - James B. Gambrell

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, University of Texas, M.A. in Economics, Columbia University, and LL.B., New York University School of Law. Member of New York, California, Oklahoma and Supreme Court bars.

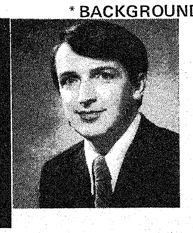
Professor of Law and patent counsel, New York University since 1966 and Counsel to Cooper, Dunham, Clark, Griffin and Moran.

Previously practiced law, served as special assistant to Commissioner of Patents, worked as engineer at Bell Telephone Laboratories and taught economics at Baylor University.

# 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 and are paid $15.00 per day.

REPUBLICAN



### *BACKGROUND - Richard J. Diviney

Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois - degree A.B.; St. John's University School of Law, New York - degree L.L.B.

Lawyer; member of the Westport Board of Tax Review 1972-1973.

DEMOCRAT

### STATEMENT - Elizabeth M. Lewis

Two concerned full time women could make this board a real community service. We can spend the time all year round to investigate all claims fully, make in depth analyses, and come to fair and impartial judgments. Every claim must be regarded with compassion. Also, this new kind of Board would work all year round to keep the community aware of its rights and to encourage its use. I believe it is important to also keep the public informed throughout this year on all aspects of existing tax laws and proposed legislation in this area.

### BACKGROUND - Elizabeth M. Lewis

Simmons College, B.S., Silvermine College of Art.

Formerly with The New York Times, Editor of Basic Books.

Community activities: Hillspoint PTA Board; Brownie leader; active in League of Women Voters, former Board member; Pres. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Secretary of Democratic Town Committee; former Pres. of Democratic Women of Westport.

## 2 YEAR TERM TO FILL VACANCY

REPUBLICAN

### *STATEMENT - Dickson F. DeMarche

I feel that the background outlined above makes me well qualified to judge real estate value and assessment by objective, equitable standards.

### BACKGROUND - Dickson F. DeMarche

BLA degree from College of Environmental Design, University of California. Graduate work in environmental / site planning.

Registered Landscape architect and site planner; Westport resident for 6 years. 2 years experience on the BTR. 10 years in the design field and 3 years in construction supervision. 5 years of studies including design, construction, real estate, economics, and city planning in addition to professional seminars on tax assessment.

DEMOCRAT

### STATEMENT - Nancy H. Mollo

I believe in citizens' boards in our community. Local lawyers and businessmen do not have the time which I plan to spend on the business of the Board of Tax Review, and they may inevitably regard an applicant as a potential client. The concept of tax breaks for Open Space land is an excellent one. I think the members of the Board of Tax Review should take the time to look at our Open Space lands throughout the year to investigate any misuse of these valuable land assets. The Board meets in February and March, and should personally inspect the property of each applicant for a reduction. I have the ability to judge fairly and impartially. I will investigate every claim in depth and will be available to listen to taxpayers complaints anytime.

### BACKGROUND - Nancy H. Mollo

Radcliffe College.

Free-lance Public Relations.

President - Democratic Women of Westport. Five Vice-Pres., Kings Highway P.T.A.; Chairman Kings Highway Balloon Day, 1973; Brownie leader; member, Democratic Town Committee; co-chairman, Muskie Finance Committee; Hall-Brooke School volunteer; volunteer in Westport and Norwalk schools; campaign manager - 1973 Democratic Election.

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# BE SURE TO MEET THE CANDIDATES!

## THURSDAY, OCT. 25, 8:00 P.M.

Meet the **CANDIDATES for TOWNWIDE OFFICES** at Coleytown Jr. High School. Theodore J. Hoskins, Moderator.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 1, 8:00 P.M.

Meet the **BOARD of EDUCATION CANDIDATES** at Coleytown Jr. High School. Virginia Boyd, Moderator. Co-sponsored by the P.T.A. Council and the Westport League of Women Voters.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 4, 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Meet the **R.T.M. CANDIDATES FROM YOUR DISTRICT** at a sherry party in your neighborhood.

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| DISTRICT 1 | Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Rossi 8 East Ferry Lane |
| DISTRICT 2 | Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bourne 21 Poplar Plain Rd. |
| DISTRICT 3 | Mr. and Mrs. Russell Archibald 8 River Lane |
| DISTRICT 4 | Mr. and Mrs. Clement Hipkins 3 Longview Rd. |
| DISTRICT 5 | Mr. and Mrs. Robert Astheimer 7 Ellery Lane |
| DISTRICT 6 | Dr. and Mrs. Erwin Silverglide 107 North Avenue |
| DISTRICT 7 | Mr. and Mrs. Albert Behar 163 Long Lots Rd. |
| DISTRICT 8 | Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fahringer 5 Florian Court |

# VOTE NOVEMBER 6 • POLLS OPEN FROM 6 AM TO 8 PM

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The League of Women Voters of Westport is deeply committed to the ideal of every citizen being an informed voter. To achieve this end, we are pleased to send you our Voters Guide, a non-partisan profile of the candidates.

We urge you to attend our Candidates Meetings on October 25th and November 1st at 8:00 P.M. at Coleytown Jr. High School.

To bring you face to face with your R.T.M. candidates. we host Sherry Parties in each district on Nov. 4th.

Your vote counts—see you at the polls on Nov. 6th.

Charlotte F. Belser
President

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