A Political Primer For Westporters- November, 1965

If you are not familiar with Westport's government, local elections can be pretty confusing. This booklet presents the candidates and issues you, the elector, will be called to decide upon in the forthcoming election. We hope this non-partisan information will be of assistance when you go to the polls November 2 to cast your vote.

Meeting the candidates in person is one of the best ways to become an informed voter. On Sunday, October 24, you will have an opportunity to meet your RTM candidates in a home in your neighborhood. For the location in your district, see the back cover.

The Westport League of Women Voters

Westport's Charter

The form of Westport's government is set forth in the Town Charter, which was adopted in 1957. The Charter provides for two-year terms for the Selectmen and RTM members. All other elected board members serve four-year terms which are staggered so that only half the members of a board are elected in each local election year. There is also the provision that no more than a bare majority of any board may be of one party. The present composition of all boards is a bare majority of Republicans and the balance all Taxpayers, with the exception of one Democrat on the Board of Education. The members of all Boards, except the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Tax Review, serve without salaries.

+ Democrats, with one Taxpayer on Bd. of Finance + one on Zoning Bd. of Appeals.

Registration

Registration in Connecticut is called "voter-making." Those wishing to register must be 21 years old, a citizen of the United States and must have lived in the State of Connecticut and the Town of Westport for six months. Naturalized citizens must present proof of citizenship. If you have moved to a different address within Westport report your new address to the Town Clerk's office.

The only voter-making session remaining before election day is November 1, 9 to 11 am in the First Selectman's office in Town Hall. This is only for those whose rights have matured since the last voter-making session of October 8. 14

At the same time he registers to vote, the voter may register with a party, or may choose to remain unaffiliated. There is a representative from both major parties at each voter-making session.

HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Absentee ballots are available for registered voters who are unable to vote due to absence from the state, illness or physical disability during the entire day of election. An application for an absentee ballot may be obtained from the Town Clerk. The application must be filled in and signed by the voter and then presented to the Town Clerk for the ballot. The ballot must be received in the mail by the Town Clerk not later than 6 pm on the day prior to the election.

Meet Your Candidates

In this booklet and at the League-sponsored candidates' meeting October 13, we have tried to give you information on which to base your vote. Added information about the Board of Education candidates and their views will be offered at the Board of Education candidates' meeting (sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the PTA Council and the Westport Education Association) October 26 at Coleytown Junior High School, 8:15 pm.

The RTM candidates will be available to the residents of their districts at the League-sponsored sherry parties Sunday afternoon, October 24, 3 to 5 pm. The back cover gives the location of the party in your district for you to meet your candidates.

NOTE: All answers to the questions in this booklet are in the words of the candidates. Except for space limitations the League has placed no restrictions on how the candidates may answer.

Westport's Political Parties

We have asked the parties to explain their positions:

DEMOCRATS: Westport needs a town garage; a new town hall; additional recreation facilities; a Post Road sewer line; a conservation program; and a garbage disposal program.

The Baldwin Administration has approached the needs of the town with procrastination instead of planning. Mostly the present administration fails to plan at all, but even when it does, it fails to act. Main Street parking for which plans were drawn long ago is still undeveloped.

It is true these needs cost money. But needs do not disappear because of that. Needs must be met and can be met only through planning. A Democratic Administration will distribute costs and ensure that the town will meet its needs without resorting to unsound and expedient fiscal maneuvering. A Democratic Administration will get going.

REPUBLICANS: The Republican Party in Westport stands for good government and in this regard it stands on its record.

We believe in keeping Westport a wonderful town in which to live. This means a top notch school system, second to none. It means excellent public recreation like Compo Beach, the yacht basin, Longshore golf and tennis. It means good roads well maintained. It means a good police force to keep those roads safe for family travel and our houses and families secure. It means good fire and health emergency service available when needed. All of these and the hundreds of other functions which the town performs for your benefit and enjoyment cost money. The Republican Party does not believe in raising taxes any more than absolutely necessary to perform these essential functions. It is always alert to means of broadening the tax base so that within the framework of a fine residential community the home owner will not be disproportionately taxed compared with residents of an industrial community.

In short we believe we have led Westport in the right direction and we intend to continue on the same path which has produced the town of which we are all so justifiably proud.

TAXPAYERS: The Taxpayer Party was formed eight years ago by a group of Republicans, Democrats and Independents. They felt that Westport had become a one party town because the Democratic Party no longer furnished meaningful opposition to the Republican majority. Since its formation the Taxpayers have furnished that opposition.

In its first bid, the Party came within 41 votes of electing Al Scully to the post of First Selectman. The Taxpayers proceeded to fill virtually every minority position on every elective Board and Commission.

This year the Party has nominated Wayland Shook, a vigorous young Westport businessman, to head its ticket. Shook, a member of the Board of Finance, has also served on the RTM and the ZBA. We are counting on him to furnish the leadership which is so badly needed to get Westport moving---moving toward the solution of problems such as garbage dumping, the town garage, Main Street parking, railroad station access, the Saugatuck River, a pension plan for town employees, and an overhaul of the recreation situation. These and other issues will be discussed by the Party during this campaign.

We feel that Wayland Shook and the other Taxpayer candidates can bring some fresh and intelligent thinking.

Board of Selectmen

"First Selectman" is New-Englandese for "Mayor." He is the chief administrator of the town. He appoints the heads of all operating departments and directs their administration. Among the officials and boards appointed by the First Selectman are: Town Clerk, Controller, Assessor, Tax Collector, Director of Public Works, Planning and Zoning Commission and Recreation Commission. The First Selectman is a full-time town employee and receives a salary of $15,000. The other Selectmen act in an advisory capacity at a salary of $1200 a year each.

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The Board of Selectmen consists of the First Selectman and two other members, elected biennially. Each party nominates one candidate for First Selectman and another as his running mate, much as the President and Vice-President of the United States run on a single ticket. The pair receiving the highest number of votes are First Selectman and Selectman (popularly, although not officially, called "Second Selectman"). The "Third Selectman" is the candidate for First Selectman receiving the second highest number of votes. This system insures that no more than two members of the Board of Selectmen will be of the same party.

THE CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATIC

GIRARD E. WHEELER; 14 Rayfield Place. Consulting geologist; formerly gen. mgr. of corporation and pres. of contractors assoc. Dartmouth College, BS '24; Columbia Univ., PhD '33. Formerly member of: CPA, Flood & Erosion Control Board, RTM, Permanent Refuse Disposal Committee, Tax Reassessment Study Committee; presently member of: WABE Executive Board, RTM Building and Site Selection Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission.

EDWIN GREEN; 6 Watch Hill. Attorney-at-Law, practice in Westport. Williams College, BA; Columbia Law School, LLB; member Connecticut and New York Bars. My legal training would help me analyze and solve complex problems; my local practice gives me a knowledge of town's problems.

REPUBLICAN

HERBERT E. BALDWIN; 104 Bayberry Lane. Present First Selectman. Norwalk High School; Alexander Hamilton Institute. Formerly: member Board of Tax Review, Deputy Judge of Town Court, Representative to General Assembly, State Senator, RTM moderator; presently: First Selectman, member Metropolitan Regional Council.

ELLIOTT JOHN ROBERTS; 8 Lyons Plain Road. Chief scientist, Dorr-Oliver. Yale University, BS in chemistry '25, PhD in chemistry '28. Formerly: RTM member, member Planning & Zoning Commission, chairman Flood & Erosion Control Board; presently Selectman.

TAXPAYER

WAYLAND SHOOK; 4 Oak Street. Owner of Television Workshop. High school, one year college, trade schools. Formerly: member Zoning Board of Appeals, member RTM, president Rotary Club, president Bedford Elementary PTA; presently member Board of Finance, director Westport Chamber of Commerce.

ALBERT T. SCULLY; 26 Tamarac Road. History and civics teacher. St. Lawrence University, BS '31; Yale, Fordham, NYU, post graduate studies. Formerly: First Selectman, Selectman, member of Board of Finance, chairman Shore Erosion Control Board.

QUESTION: What do you think are the most pressing problems facing Westport and how would you handle them?

WHEELER: The Refuse Disposal Problem should be finally put into a long-range plan. The most satisfactory solution would be a combined operation with adjacent Fairfield towns. By delaying we will have more lawsuits and neighborhood complaints which have recurred throughout the years.

The Town Garage Problem can be resolved by executive determination to utilize or not utilize the many available reports, make a decision, and carry it out promptly. Every year's delay means loss of money.

The Pension Problem should be reviewed, agreement brought about between the Town and all employees, and immediate action taken to set up a financially sound and equitable system. Every year's delay means loss of money, and for several hundred people, insecurity.

The Post Road Problem must be acted upon immediately by getting the needed sewer lines laid. Most of the cost will be carried by users, present pollution will be stopped, and designed industries can then locate on the Post Road. Delay means added pollution, loss of tax revenue.

The Town Center Problem involves: first, action on the long-delayed parking center; second, coordinating the down-town shopping area with an improved, modernized Civic Center. Delay means costly loss of efficiency.

BALDWIN: 1. I consider the preservation and improvement of commuter service on the New Haven Railroad to be the first and premost pressing problem facing Westport in the two years ahead.

2. Broadening the tax base by admission of light industrial enterprises to relieve tax burden on real estate under strict adherence to the Designed Development Zoning Regulations already adopted by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Initiative to promote and recruit prospects.

3. Planning for town-wide extension of sanitary sewer system, and installation of sanitary sewer service easterly on the Post Road and possibly other smaller extensions. (Seek full government aid for cost of planning and 50% government aid for construction.)

4. Construction of a new Town Hall and Town Garage (both greatly needed) just as soon as capital funds are available without reduction of Westport's financial standing.

5. Continuing sidewalk, storm drainage and road reconstruction programs to keep up with Westport's growing population's needs.

SHOOK: 1. GARBAGE DUMPING. We can no longer drift from one garbage crisis to another. Constant litigation between the town and those living adjacent to garbage dumps is intolerable. Westport is now sophisticated enough to burn its garbage rather than bury it in salt meadows and swamps. We must begin planning immediately for the construction of an incinerator.

2. TOWN GARAGE. For years town equipment has been rusting in the open behind Town Hall. We advocate the immediate construction of a garage on town owned land adjacent to the police station. This new building can also house the Engineering, Road and Health Departments and enable us to eliminate the fire-trap Lyman Building.

3. PARKING. Not one new Main Street parking place has been built in eight years. The Elm Street Plaza is hopelessly bogged down. This plan must be brought to completion quickly.

4. SAUGATUCK STATION. Our commuters form the economic backbone of this town. Parking and access to the station need immediate improvement. A fresh approach must be found to alleviate this particular bottleneck.

5. SAUGATUCK RIVER. The river is our greatest natural resource---at high tide. Dredging up to the State Street bridge is required. In preserving the river, we can simultaneously solve another problem, i.e. the unsightly condition of commercial structures on the West side of the river. Additional parking facilities comparable to Parker Harding Plaza must be created on the West side of the river.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance has six members, who review all appropriation requests. They review and endorse the annual budget, determine the property tax rate and prepare and publish the town report.

There are three positions to be filled on the Board of Finance. The Charter provides that no party may nominate more than two candidates whose terms expire the same year. No elector may vote for more than two candidates; the three drawing the most votes are elected.

THE CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATIC

LUTHER CONANT, JR.; 108 Harbor Road. President, Conant and Company Public Relations, Inc. Harvard College, BA, cum laude; Harvard Business School, one year. Overall management of my own business for eleven years; RTM; active in Democratic Town Committee.

DANIEL R. KILTY; 5 Quintard Place. Coordinator of Peru program for Institute of Public Administration. St. Anselm's College, BA in economics; Wharton School, MA in government and finance; Indiana University, PhD requirements completed in government economics and international business. Formerly employed as assistant director of finance in East Hartford (with a budget similar to Westport's); formerly management analyst in the budget division of the State Capitol.

REPUBLICAN

BROOKS N. HEATH; 11 Prospect Road. Public relations supervisor, management information and PR research, Western Electric Company. Newton High School, Mass.; Harvard, AB '43, mathematics with minor in political science. In nineteen years of general business experience, I have been continuously involved with expense control: budget preparation and analysis, cost reduction, new methods development, accounting.

EDWIN W. MITCHELL; 15 Roosevelt Road. Retail men's and boys' store. Secondary school, Lansdown, Pa.; Penn State, '26. Past two years served on Board of Finance, plus forty years of business experience.

TAXPAYER

GEORGE W. "BOB" HAYDEN; 136 North Compo Road. Director, magazine and press services, United Community Funds and Councils of America. Manhattan College, BA '36; New York University, MA '39. Experience in financial reporting and economic research.

FRANCIS C. MERCIER; 17 Washington Avenue. Industrial engineer, Lycoming Division, Avco Corp. Graduate American Institute of Banking. Through the experience of some thirty years in business and industry I have developed a feeling for fiscal and budgeting problems, whether related to business or municipal affairs.

QUESTION: In view of the ever-increasing tax rate do you feel economies could be effected in town services? If so, where?

CONANT: There will have to be economies effected unless Westport grows in the direction few of us would care to see--a great imbalance of high-income families. Any member of the Board of Finance must weigh the benefits of many sound high-budget projects against the over-all effect upon the tax rate. From nine years' observation of the Town budgets it is my opinion, now, that cuts can be effected in small percentages all across the board. But something must be done to put the town pension system on a workable accounting basis.

KILTY: I believe the town would benefit from increased professionalization at all levels. In the financial area, I would favor a modified program-type budget, adequate funding for the pension, establishing an inventory control of town property, improved purchasing procedures, etc.

MITCHELL: Economies can always be effected--which is why tax rate has been increased very little past two years. However, it is not possible to maintain our superior educational system and give other town services without reflection in tax rate. I believe my 25 years residence helps me in analyzing department operations and expenses.

HEATH: I believe there are opportunities for economies in any operation, public or private, including Westport's Town Government. One area of potential savings is in the use of data processing and computer methods in school record-keeping. Ultimately this can mean better, more accessible information for use in planning, guidance and instruction--at lower cost. Another opportunity for savings is in a reasonable extension of the pay-as-you-use principal in our recreation program, to help hold down costs. In both these areas action has been taken by a cost-conscious administration. If elected I would aid and support such efforts.

HAYDEN: Yes. Adopting a realistic attitude toward town services, elimination of frills, ability to say no to unnecessary demands.

MERCIER: Through the elimination of duplicate and overlapping functions in different departments and their consolidation under one department. For example, the maintenance functions of both the Recreation and Public Works Departments. The investigation of fringe activities and facilities of the Board of Education--for example, ice hockey and the unused solarium at Staples. The use of qualified Westporters, wherever possible, in solving our problems, instead of automatically employing outside experts. The location of new town facilities on land presently owned by the town--for example, the town garage. In short, the elimination of unnecessary expenditures and the efficient use of our local talent and municipally owned resources.

Sample Ballot

NOTE: These pages may be taken to the polls.

PARTY LEVERS Pull to right	FIRST SELECTMAN AND SELECTMAN	BOARD OF FINANCE Vote for any 2		BOARD OF EDUCATION Full Term Vote for any 2		BOARD OF EDUCATION To fill Vacancy Vote for 1	BOARD OF TAX REVIEW Vote for any 2		ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Vote for any 2	
Democratic	Wheeler-Green	Conant	Kilty	Mark		Schine	Discepolo	Marcus	Fitzgerald	Wexler
Republican	Baldwin-Roberts	Heath	Mitchell	Anstett	Raymond		Giegerich		Robbins	
Taxpayer	Shook-Scully	Hayden	Mercier			Solway	Giegerich	Holmes	Capasse	Hale

RTM candidates are listed below and to the right of the townwide candidates. They are not included in a party slate.

REFERENDUM

"To provide for the formation of a district department of health with the Town of Weston"

Currently Westport and Weston each employ practicing physicians as Health Directors who serve only on a part-time basis. With the population expansion, more demands are made in areas of sewage disposal, stream pollution, public nuisances, school health facilities, and inspection of restaurants and food handlers. As adjacent residential communities, Westport and Weston have similar requirements of health services, and there is much common use of food markets, restaurants and water resources.

It is expensive to provide these services. Presently Westport's Health Director receives $12,000 annually; Weston's Health Director receives $3,100. Two sanitarians, two secretaries and nine school nurses assist Westport's Director; Weston has only one school nurse. Expenditures in Westport in 1964-65 exceeded $103,000.

In 1963 a Health Study Commission recommended a Health District. State aid of $30,000 would be available to a Westport-Weston Health District. One director, especially trained for work in public health, would be needed on a full-time basis. More professional services, increased health benefits, research and education would be provided for both communities.

The League of Women Voters has been unable to discover any opposition in Westport to this proposal.

Won't you help?

Will you help the Westport League of Women Voters defray the cost of bringing this information to every registered voter in Westport? Mail your contribution to: LWV, Box 285, Westport. Thank you.

optional party lever

HOW TO USE CONNECTICUT VOTING MACHINES

1. First pull a party lever or push down pointers to put the machine in action. This registers a straight party vote.

2. To split your ticket, ~~you must first pull a party lever and then~~ push up the pointer over each candidate you do not want. Pull down the pointer over the corresponding candidate you do want.

3. If your party has nominated fewer candidates for any office than the number for which you are entitled to vote, you may vote for other candidates (from any party) for that office, up to the total allowed on the machine. You can turn down the proper number of pointers anywhere in that group, even though one may be directly below or above the other.

4. The RTM candidates will be at the bottom of the ballot and must be voted for individually. They are not included in a party slate. Only the candidates in your district are listed on your ballot.

5. The referendum is on the top of the ballot. Just pull the lever under "yes" or "no" to register your vote.

POLLING PLACES

District 1 & 2	Bedford Junior High School
District 3 & 8	Coleytown Elementary School
District 4 & 5	Greens Farms Elementary School
District 6 & 7	Long Lots Junior High School

The polls will be open from 6 am to 8 pm.

Board of Education

The five members of the Board of Education are responsible for providing education for all school-age children in town. It operates the public school system, spends school funds, appoints the Superintendent and approves the hiring of teachers. It maintains school property, books and equipment and provides transportation. The Board is independent of all other town boards and commissions, except that its budget is reviewed by the Board of Finance and approved by the RTM. Unlike other boards, specific items in its budget cannot be changed, only the total figure.

There are three positions to be filled on the Board of Education. ~~Two are regular four-year terms, and one is a two-year term to fill an unexpired one of a member who has moved away. Since the Democrats and Republicans each have a member whose term continues another two years, they could nominate only two candidates.~~ The Republicans have ~~two~~ candidates for four-year terms; the Democrats have ~~one~~ for a four-year term and ~~one for a two-year term~~; and the Taxpayers have ~~a candidate~~ for a ~~two-year term~~.

there are two Republicans left on Bd. until 1969.

FULL-TERM CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATIC

ARTHUR MARK; 6 Cross Brook Lane. Educator; leader, Workshop for Gifted, Summer Workshop, Greenwich. Emerson College, New England Conservatory, Boston College, BSE, MA; doctoral candidate at Teachers College, Columbia University. Program Director of PTA Council; public relations chairman of the Greenwich Education Association; consultant in education to public school systems and Episcopal Church School.

REPUBLICAN

ROBERT M. ANSTETT; 32 Burnham Hill. Lawyer, partner Boyd and Anstett. Trinity School, New York City; Lafayette College, AB '39; Columbia Law School, LLB, '42. The four years I served on the RTM plus four years on the Board of Education, two as chairman, have given me sufficient experience to qualify me for this position.

ALLEN A. RAYMOND; 75 Kings Highway N. President, Teachers Publishing Corporation; publisher, GRADE TEACHER magazine. University of Michigan, BS in Mechanical Engineering. Involved in town affairs for past twelve years; former moderator RTM, former president YMCA, former Republican chairman.

NOTE: The Taxpayer Party has the option of appointing a candidate for a full term, to replace one who withdrew his name. As of press time they had not done so.

TWO-YEAR TERM CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATIC

JOAN G. SCHINE; 27 Darbrook Road. Housewife. Smith College, BA. Four children in Westport schools; Science and Arts Camps (studied other school systems); president of Bedford Elementary PTA ('62-'63); president of PTA Council ('63-'64); board of WABE for several years.

TAXPAYER

REUBEN I. H. SOLWAY; 1 St. John's Place. Physician, general medicine since 1943. University of Toronto, BA '37, MD '40; St. Raphaels Hospital, New Haven Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal. Westport Board of Education for four years.

QUESTION: As a member of this policy-making body, in what areas do you think the Board of Education should focus increasing attention?

MARK: Amongst others: The Board of Education: 1) It seems to me that the Board of Education of the highly sophisticated communications-wise Westport should focus increasing attention on itself, first. A program for more effective communication with the townspeople should be one of the first pieces of business. 2) The function of the school board in our democracy must not be that of a rubber stamp of School Administration, nor is it a charade for certain status seeking party members. Faith in the wisdom and integrity of our Board will develop when the members begin to assume their proper responsibilities--act critically, purposefully and positively. 3) Westport should involve itself in setting up a council where representatives from parochial and private schools may sit down to discuss our common problems. We can be of more assistance to each other.

Professional Staff: 1) We would all agree that only the best staff possible is good enough for Westport. Yet, even with a fair salary schedule, it is difficult to keep our teachers content. How do you get them good and keep them that way? Several leave, fortunately most stay and some stay--disgruntled! More money may not be the only answer. 2) There is a movement among many superior communities to involve teachers on a twelve month basis. We can't expect even the most gifted teachers to keep up with new techniques, hardware, and curriculum revisions during the regular year. If the teacher is doing his job, he's too busy for hours of afternoon meetings. It seems to me that all teachers could be involved in either workshops for improvement of instruction or inteaching in the summer school. Surely one can see the benefits that would accrue to the community and to the teachers themselves.

ANSTETT: First and foremost I believe that we must maintain our high academic standards and where necessary improve them. As an example of this I cite the modern language program which, in my opinion, needs further study and consideration on the part of Board members.

Secondly, I believe in extending the salary scale so that as teachers grow older their salary is increased beyond their present limits. Today, a teacher reaches his optimum earning power somewhere around the age of thirty-eight. From then on he receives increases only if the salary schedule is increased. I strongly feel that qualified teachers should receive pay increases past the present schedule of sixteen steps. This should be increased to at least twenty-five steps with a consequent increase in earning power.

Thirdly, I feel that increased attention must be given to the care and maintenance of our existing plant. Immediate repairs are needed in a number of our schools. These should be made as promptly as possible. When the Bedford Junior High School and Kings Highway Elementary additions are completed, we should be in a position to turn our attention to improving existing structural conditions in our older schools.

Finally, I believe that we should undertake a study, particularly in the Junior High School, of lengthening the school day so that we can conduct a real intramural athletic program plus other activities such as drama, academic clubs, and others of this type. During the lengthened school day, students needing assistance in their academic subjects could receive such assistance.

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RAYMOND: My first concern, of course would be that we continue to maintain our high academic standing, and improve it where possible. It is my feeling that our school system has performed well in this area. It is difficult to get specific in suggesting areas where greater emphasis might be placed, because of the danger that omitting some area might be construed as dis-interest. Such is not intended. With this disclaimer, let me then say that with the Government's current emphasis on Project Head Start, it might be well for Westport's school system to join on a year-round basis in this exciting and promising program for pre-school children. Perhaps the Board is already moving in this direction--it probably is. Also, with education today facing great challenges and golden opportunities, I would be inclined to want to share with our School Administrators in the implementation of new developments we now find in all curriculum areas. There is no question--and I see it every day in my work--that during the next few years education will undergo exciting and stimulating changes. We in Westport will undoubtedly benefit from these changes. In this connection I feel I am, because of my work, unusually situated to be in touch with the latest educational developments. My company's magazine publishes articles reporting on the latest educational advances throughout the country. Our Supplementary Materials Division has a long list of titles that are used by teachers everywhere in enrichment programs. It would be hoped that this daily first-hand contact with educators throughout the United States could be put to good use on Westport's Board of Education.

SCHINE: The Board must focus attention on determining and spelling out a broad philosophy of education for Westport, and clarifying for itself, for staff, and for the public, the goals we are striving to reach in our schools. I believe we must constantly examine and evaluate our school system, and this is possible only if we can measure performance against clearly-recognized goals.

Once goals and philosophy are clearly understood, the critical evaluation of curriculum, and of overall "climate" in the schools, must be undertaken. The Board must define its own role, as the body responsible for broad educational policy, and its relationship to Administration and professional staff and to the public in fulfilling that role. Curriculum studies or surveys are continually pursued by an able professional staff, for purposes of improvement and revision. The Board, too, must engage in critical evaluation on an ongoing basis, and with the full participation of Westport's citizens.

The Board should also focus attention anew on the school buildings, not only in terms of plant maintenance and improvement, but also of their adequacy to meet the needs of changing methods and population. It will be necessary to review all available information on our school population, and to accumulate new figures, in an effort to foresee future needs and prepare for them.

Briefly, then, I recognize that the Board must constantly deal with immediate problems--of school plant as well as program, of staffing, budgets, transportation, and a host of details--but I believe that it <u>must</u> focus on examination, evaluation, and constructive criticism of every aspect of our school system. The accelerating pace of change in education makes this more necessary than ever before.

SOLWAY: During the past two years, I have frequently pointed out that Board policy is poorly defined in a number of critical areas; we have deferred to the Administration to set policy as well as to administer it.

We have made progress in the past year in teacher relations and in budget presentation, but a number of matters urgently require examination.

I believe we need a new look at guidance, particularly at the secondary school level, and at curriculum. We know that students in Westport have a mean I.Q. of 120; these kids merit a superior school system and an opportunity to go on to higher education. To increase the range of our curriculum is not enough; we must have a central philosophy of education that will carry them effectively through the years ahead. We suceed in getting 66% of our graduates into college, yet the drop-out rate is alarmingly high, and we are not really prepared for the new emphasis on scientific careers. I wonder, too, whether we are doing enough for the large number of students who are not going on to college and who must depend on our public facilities to give them a finishing education.

I do believe that by careful review of these and other policy matters the Westport Board of Education can improve our school system so as to provide the best possible program with the least possible waste and dilution. As a candidate I propose to approach these matters with courage and with responsibility.

Board of Tax Review

The Board of Tax Review meets every February to hold hearings on tax assessments. They have the power to adjust the Assessor's evaluation. They meet for as many days as necessary and draw a salary of $15 a day. 5 or 6.

Two of the three posts on the Board are to be filled. The Board member remaining in office is a Republican, ~~therefore the Republicans have only one candidate and the other parties two each.~~ 3 Rep. + Dem.

THE CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATIC

RAYMOND H. DISCEPOLO; 6 Merritt Lane. I have conducted a business as President and Treasurer for a number of years. I pay taxes to two towns on real estate that I own.

MARK JAY MARCUS; 15 Oakwood Lane. Manager, land and commercial development, Amy T. Finneran, Inc. Staples High School; University of Connecticut, BA; University of Connecticut School of Law, independent study in political science and journalism. Member Democratic Town Committee; assistant to counsel to Connecticut Democratic Party and to Minority Leader House of Representatives of Connecticut; helped draft Reapportionment Bill; statistical and campaign aid to Congressman Irwin.

REPUBLICAN AND TAXPAYER

LESTER R. GIEGERICH; 23 Punch Bowl Drive. President of company that specializes in commercial mortgage loan financing and shopping center development. University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, '40. Alternate member Planning and Zoning Commission.

TAXPAYER

LOUIS HOLMES; 12 Wake Robin Road. Southern New England Telephone Company. Staples High School, '36; Raymond Riordan Prep. Top blood donor in Westport; past master Temple Lodge AF & AM #65; past district deputy of First DeMolay District; member of Board of Tax Review.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets once a month to review appeals for variances in individual cases where the Planning and Zoning regulations may cause undue hardship.

There are five members of the ZBA and two positions to be filled. Since two of the positions with continuing terms are held by Republicans, only one Republican may run for this office.

THE CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATIC

JOHN E. FITZGERALD; 4 Valley Road. Physician; consultant in scientific and medical research; writing; teaching. Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, MD '50; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, PhD '55. My experience in scientific research has developed the skill of evaluating evidence in an objective and detached manner; medical research has tempered this by adding a unique, deep sensitivity to human needs and desires.

ANNE WEXLER; 9 Bonnie Brook Road. Housewife. Norwalk High School, '47; Skidmore College, BA '51. For eight years I have been active in politics in Westport, as a member and officer of the Democratic Town Committee. I have been a close observer at the RTM.

REPUBLICAN

GUY F. ROBBINS; 4 Compo Parkway. Practicing surgeon and consultant in problems relating to cancer; faculty of Cornell Medical School. Northwestern University, BS; Northwestern Medical School, MD. Formerly chairman of Planning and Zoning Commission, member of Zoning Board of Appeals, the Parking Committee, the Development Commission, chairman of Permanent Refuse Disposal Committee, past president CPA.

TAXPAYER

MARTIN J. CAPASSE; 9 Treadwell Avenue. Land surveyor. Westport schools; ICS course Surveying and Mapping; Army School on Flash Ranging in France. Land surveying qualifies me as an expert on zoning as all subdivision maps have to meet all zoning requirements.

GRACE ALLEN HALE; 140 Compo Road South. Secretary. Graduate of New York High School. My past experience as a member of the RTM and an alternate to the ZBA these past four years would be useful for service to this board.

QUESTION: Would you like to see the powers of the ZBA broadened? If so, how?

FITZGERALD: No. The existing powers of the ZBA as defined by statute and practice are sufficiently broad and effective. Neither should the powers of the Board be curtailed. The basic problem is to assure the proper use of existing power--and this problem is becoming explosively acute as Westport enters the saturation phase of development.

WEXLER: The ZBA is a quasi-judicial board whose functions are clearly defined in the Connecticut statutes and local zoning regulations. Since in effect, it is in no way a legislative body, I do not feel its powers should be broadened. I believe that the ZBA can best serve Westport through adherence to the standards now set in the Connecticut general statutes.

ROBBINS: No.

CAPASSE: Yes, I would. The P&Z have taken plenty from us by revising the zoning policies.

HALE: No.

Representative Town Meeting

Historically, New England towns were run by Town Meetings, in which everyone could speak and vote. As the town grew, only those directly concerned with items on the agenda attended, making it easy for any pressure group to pass its laws. The following meeting the opponents of the new law would show up and vote it out. The resultant government may have been a pure democracy, but it was hardly stable.

In 1949 a representative form of legislature was instituted in Westport. The town is now divided into eight districts, each with four, five or six elected representatives, for a total of 39 members of the Representative Town Meeting. Although only members may vote at the meetings, the public may attend and be recognized by the chair.

The RTM is a strictly non-partisan organization. Although most members are registered in a political party, they do not use party affiliations in running for office. While serving they may not hold any other office, elected or appointed. Any citizen who wants to run for the RTM files a petition with the signatures of 25 electors of his district. An incumbent need merely inform the Town Clerk of his desire to run.

The names of the candidates for the RTM are on a separate line on the bottom of the ballot.

The Candidates

number to be elected may change from 39?

DISTRICT 1 — VOTE FOR 6

Gordon Dalton	6 Laurel Road	Robert Louis Jones	16 Sachem Trail
John C. Folsom	18 Indian Hill Road	Nancy Leonard	18 Franklin Street
Paul R. Green	5 Marvin Place	Judith McCormick	3 Franklin Avenue
Raymond Lee Hooper	70 Harbor Road	Earle L. Townsend	20 Treadwell Ave.

DISTRICT 2 — VOTE FOR 4

Frank R. Eyes	4 Orchard Lane	John C. Honey	71 Newtown Turnpike
Nancy Gilchrist	49 Kings Highway N.	Robert B. Rogers	96 Kings Highway N.
Robert R. Hartsig	29 Marion Road	Barlow C. Wotton	79 Kings Highway N.

DISTRICT 3 — VOTE FOR 5

Martin Blumenfeld	33 Red Coat Road	Donald Lunghino	27 Gorham Avenue
William Christy	6 Juniper Road	Freeman Marshall	311 East State St.
Amos Dublin	12 Red Coat Road	Elizabeth McClellan	14 Pin Oak Lane
Theodore Gluckman	251 Main Street	Arnold E. Samuelson	26 Gorham Avenue
John B. Haworth	10 Highwood Lane	Lee B. Shilepsky	310 Main Street
John Holzapfel	49 Gorham Avenue		

DISTRICT 4 — VOTE FOR 6

Craig G. Allen	7 Compo Parkway	James O'Connell	17 Buena Vista Dr.
Robert W. Cain	16 Roosevelt Road	Stephen Tate	21 Taylor Place
Harmon H. Cardozo	7 Hidden Hill	William C. Turner	22 Vista Terrace
Jeanette Egan	21 Bluewater Hill	Arthur S. Weise	18 Owenoke Park
Albert Kelley	5 Guyer Road		

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Come to a

Sherry Party

District		District	
1	Mrs. Lawrence K. Grossman 27 Imperial Avenue	5	Mrs. Lawrence Aasen 31 Ellery Lane
2	Mrs. David Lurie 265 Wilton Road	6	Mrs. Curtis W. Melton 11 Joann Circle
3	Mrs. Alvin Karchere 31 Woods Grove	7	Mrs. Adele Behar 163 Long Lots Road
4	Mrs. Buddy Bernier 8 Mayflower Parkway	8	Mrs. Benjamin Gordon 161 Sturges Highway

Sunday, October 24, 3 to 5 pm

RTM (Continued)

DISTRICT 5

George Constantikes	124 Hillandale
Alfred K. Dolge	108 S. Morningside
Paul L. Hopkins, Jr.	6 Westway Road
Frederick Jackson	39 Clapboard Hill

VOTE FOR 4

Henry W. Munroe	37 Clapboard Hill
Alan U. Parsell	61 S. Morningside
Marion Watson	26 Beachside Avenue

DISTRICT 6

Michael G. Agate	8 Victoria Lane
Alfred Arenander	6 Twin Circle Dr.
Theodore Diamond	44 North Compo Rd.
Nathan S. Lanning	8 Twin Circle Dr.

VOTE FOR 5

John Lummis, Jr.	5 Webb Road
Peter W. Nathan	10 Dover Road
Don Sweeney	39 Burr Farms Road
Kurt E. Volk, Jr.	5 Reimer Road

DISTRICT 7

Stanley P. Atwood	Dexter Road
Hamilton Brosious	9 Sprucewood Lane
William J. Kery	56 High Point Road
Joel D. Schine	6 High Point Road

VOTE FOR 4

John J. Simon	3 Hawthorne Lane
Wildes W. Veazie	12 Hunt Club Lane
John R. Wilhelm	22 Sturges Commons

DISTRICT 8

Marshall deNoyelles	303 Bayberry La.
Alexander Eisenmann	24 Tupelo Road
Evan H. Harding	37 Cross Highway
Edwin H. Kahn	9 Coach Lane
Harvey Koizim	30 Highland Road

VOTE FOR 5

Nathan H. Magida	5 Brooklawn Drive
Barbara V. McCoy	8 Pheasant Lane
Raymond F. Ross	10 Cob Drive
Ralph Sheffer	185 North Avenue
Robert R. Slaughter	7 Bruce Lane

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