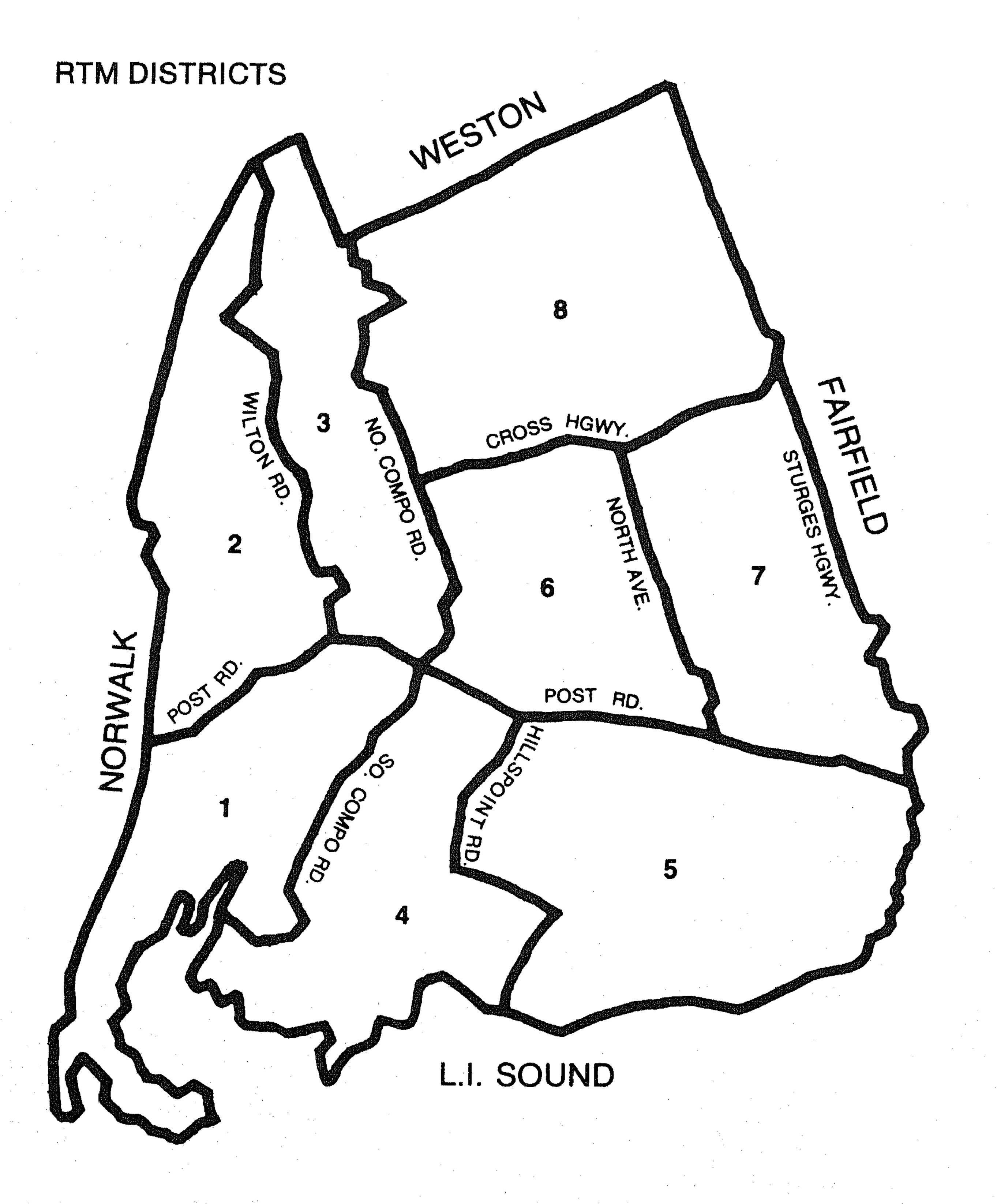


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POLLS OPEN FROM 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. NOVEMBER 5



POLLING PLACES

DISTRICTS 1 & 2:

Bedford Middle School Gym
Riverside Avenue

DISTRICTS 3 & 8

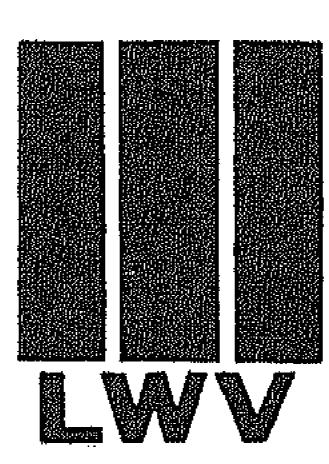
Coleytown Elementary School Gym
Easton Road

DISTRICTS 4 & 5
Greens Farms Public School Gym
17 Morningside Drive South

DISTRICTS 6 & 7
Long Lots School Gym
Hyde Lane

Electors who need special assistance are requested to call the Registrars of Voters' office (226-8311, Ext. 140) for an appointment.

VOTE! It's your future.

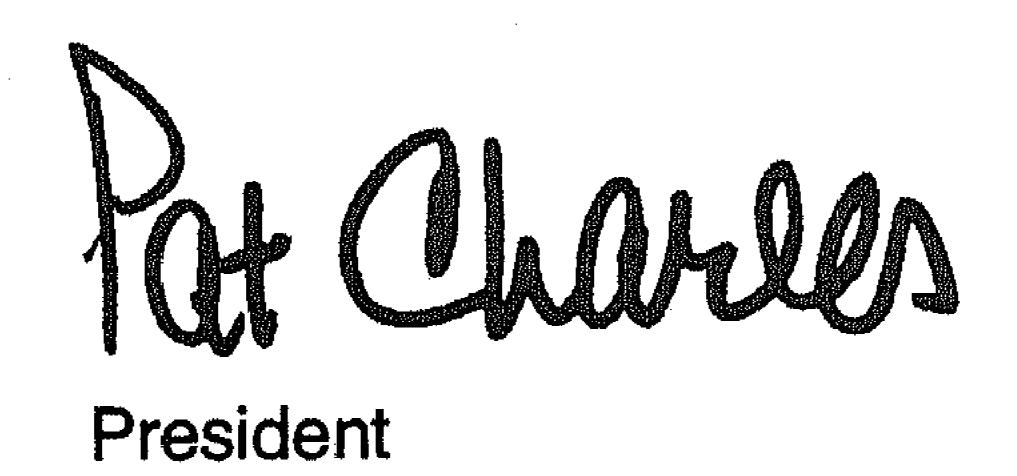


A MESSAGE FROM THE WESTPORT LEAGUE

Westport's League of Women Voters launched an experiment in the local election of 1981 by mailing a copy of the Voter's Guide to every residence in town. It was so well received that the League has decided to do the same in all future local election years. In the years of general elections the Voter's Guide will continue to appear as a League-produced insert in the newspaper. The League is a nonpartisan organization that publishes this guide as one of its traditional ways of helping the public cast an informed vote.

May we suggest that you read what each candidate has written, make your decision, mark the sample ballot provided and take it with you to the polls. We urge you to exercise your RIGHT TO VOTE on November 5. Voting districts and polling places are indicated. The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. At every polling place there is an official ready to answer questions and demonstrate the operation of the voting machine.

To vote, you must first be registered. Citizens may register year 'round at the office of the Registrars of Voters on the first floor of Town Hall. Remember to notify the Registrars of Voters if you change your name, change your address within the town, or move to another town in the state of Connecticut.



HOW TO VOTE BY MACHINE

Pull the red handle of the curtain lever to the right as far as it will go, and leave it there. This will close the curtain around you and unlock the machine for voting.

2. Register your vote for candidates in one of three ways:

a) Simply turn down the pointer over the name of each candidate for whom you wish to vote, and leave it down. If you are permitted to vote for more than one candidate for an office, it is indicated at the top of each column, directly under the office designation.

b) OR, pull the party lever of your choice. (These are located on the extreme left, over the party designations.)

This will automatically turn down the pointers over all the names on that party row.

c) OR, pull the party lever of your choice and then turn up the pointers over candidates for whom you do not wish to vote. Then turn down the pointers for candidates of other parties for whom you do wish to vote.

3. When you have finished voting, LEAVE THE POINTERS DOWN OVER THE NAME. Move the red handle of the curtain lever to the left as far as it will go, and leave it there. This will register your vote and return the pointers to their non-voting position, after which it will open the curtain.

4. Blind or physically disabled electors may be accompanied into the voting booth by a person of the elector's

choice, who shall be an elector of a Connecticut town.

NOTES:

• In the case of an office to which two or more candidates are to be elected, you can turn down the proper number of pointers anywhere in that group, even though one may be directly below the other.

• The machine is so arranged that you cannot turn down more than the proper number of pointers for any

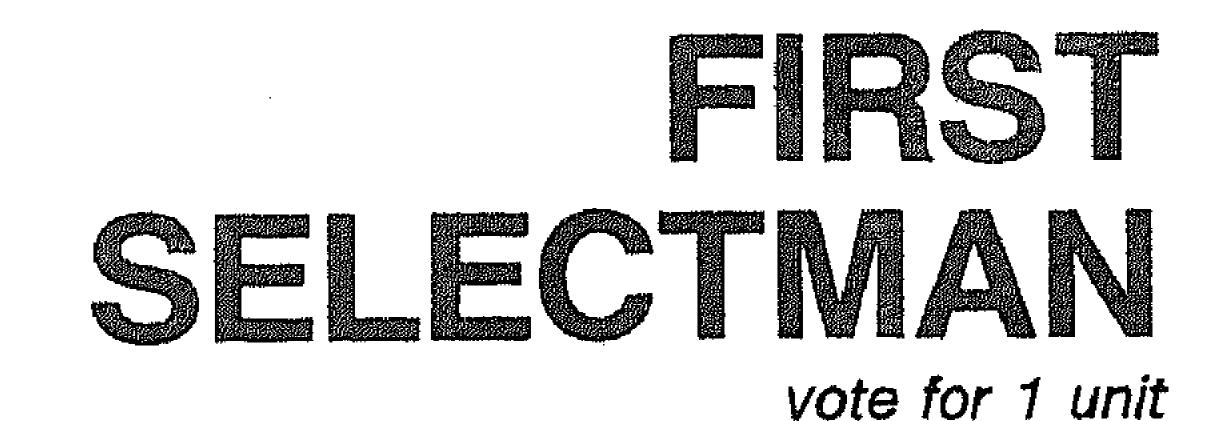
office. Therefore you need have no fear of spoiling your ballot by voting for too many.

• You may WRITE IN the name of a candidate who does not appear on the ballot. Write-in slides are located over the space for questions. Do not open one unless you intend to use it. In order for the write-in to be counted, the candidate must have registered with the Secretary of State by October 22.

• There is no danger of anyone's knowing how you vote, as the movement of the curtain lever returns the

pointers to their non-voting position before the curtain begins to open.

The Board of Selectmen has three members, elected for four-year terms. The team with the most votes becomes First and Second Selectmen and the other candidate for First Selectman becomes Third Selectman. Annual salary for First Selectman, the Town's chief administrator, is \$44,500. The Second and Third Selectmen who act as his/her advisors receive \$1,000 annually.



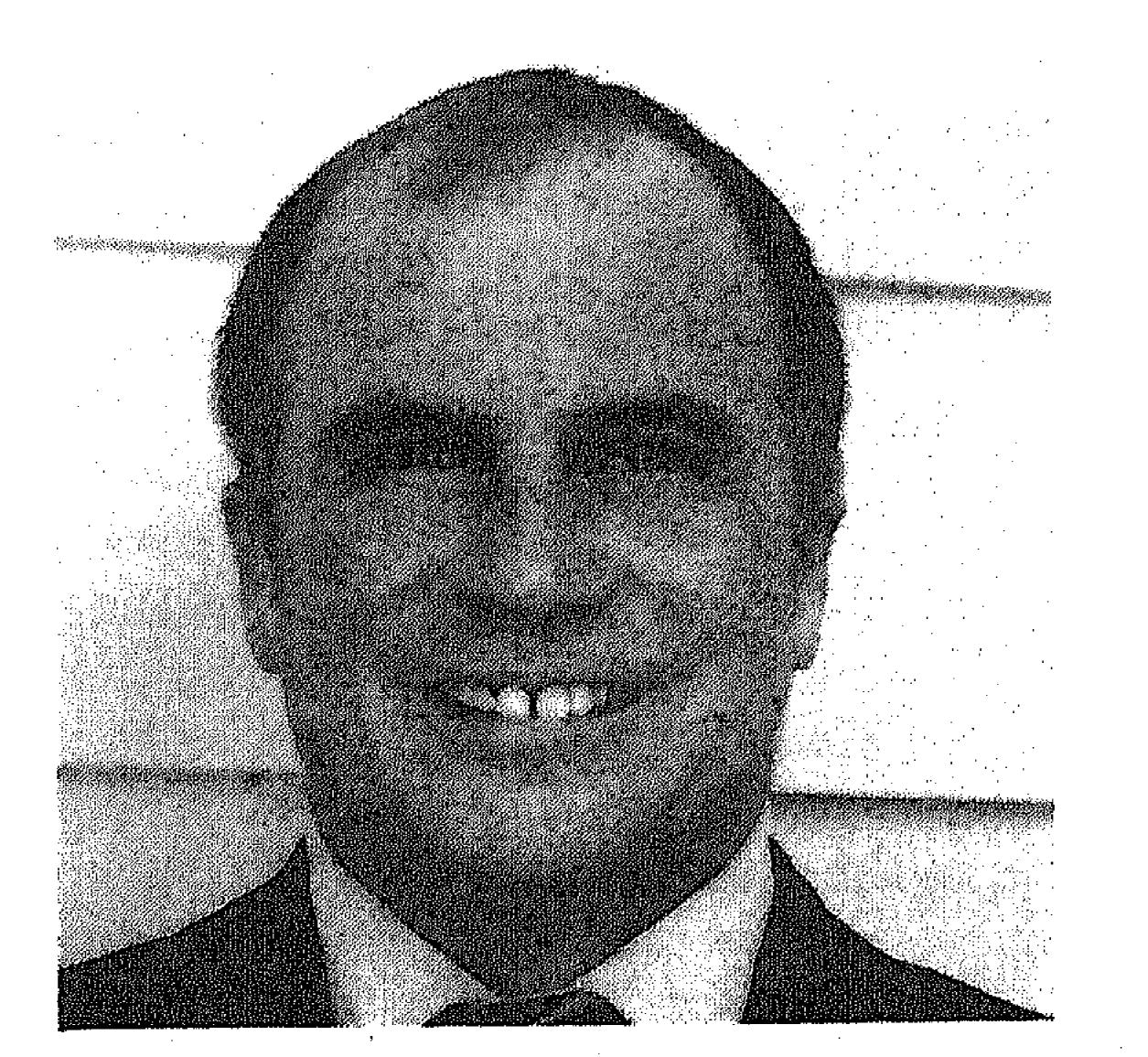
LWV QUESTION: What do you consider your top priorities for action? Please list five and discuss the most important.



MARTHA W. HAUHUTH (D)

Qualifications: President, Westport League of Women Voters—1974-6. Chairman, Southwestern Regional Planning Agency—1976-8. Member, Connecticut Coastal Area Management Board. Westport RTM 1978-9 (Planning and Zoning Committee). Chairman, Transportation Task Force, Southwestern Connecticut Planning Coalition. Selectman, 1981-5. Implemented and managed Stamford's Crossway Transportation System, 1982-5.

Reply: 1. Restore open, responsive local government and make Westport proud of its leadership again. Citizens and town boards will be included in important decisions affecting our town. 2. Take personal stands against inappropriate commercial development. Experienced town attorneys will be used to advise the P&Z, win lawsuits, and support stronger zoning enforcement. 3. Improve Westport's fiscal management. More accurate revenue projection mechanisms will be instituted to avoid excessive surpluses and over taxation. A substantial percentage of the \$6.5 million surplus will be used to reduce taxes in fiscal 1986-7. 4. Preserve Westport's heritage. Acquiring "Baron's" property and saving the Bridge Street Bridge will be top priorities of my administration. 5. Initiate traffic improvements. Traffic will be managed by concerted effort to improve lights, lanes, intersections, and targeted mass transportation.



JOHN A. KLUCHNICK (PC)

Qualifications: As a life-long resident of Westport, I have a deep commitment to and respect for the Town and its residents. I am an employee of the Town and know how its government functions. I know a great many Westporters. If elected I will work hard for everyone in the Town.

Reply: My first priority is to halt the commercialization of this beautiful town. Virtually every person that lives here does so out of choice. Like myself, they like Westport and want to see commercial development stopped. Gorham Island, Wright Street, Riverside Avenue, Longshore, and the whole of Post Road East have given way to overzealous development occasioned by the irresponsible leadership of our Town. This, and the resulting traffic congestion, must be restricted.

I would also: (1) cause the Town to promptly acquire the Baron's property; (2) shift real estate taxes to commercial properties; (3) provide more effective (and less costly) use of the Town's existing facilities (playing fields, closed schools, etc.); and (4) provide more Town assistance for senior

Oualifications: I have brought sound management to Town Hall, reduced taxes, improved services and enhanced the Westport quality of life by establishing an arts center, acquiring available open space, improving recreational facilities, enhancing public safety and establishing effective emergency preparedness measures, with leadership abilities acquired while managing private sector companies.

Reply: In TRAFFIC, improvements at Parker Harding Plaza are proceeding and several others are planned, such as the intersections of Myrtle Avenue and Post Road East and Wilton Road and the Post Road. In COMMERCIALIZATION, I have proposed a building moratorium pending adoption of the Town Plan. Development of the Town must be consistent with available open space and reduced traffic. In CONTROLLING TAXES, sound fiscal mangement is required to continue tax reduction while improving service to the public. In PUBLIC SAFETY, new fire stations and emergency preparedness center will be complemented by the rehabilitated police station and a new EMS center.

QUALITY OF LIFE has been enhanced by establishing an arts center, acquiring available open space including the Baron's property and by improving recreational facilities.

(PC) Petitioning Candidate

WILLIAM SEIDEN (R)

SELECTMAN RUNNING MATES:



No candidate has filed to run as Petitioning Selectman running mate.



JOSEPHINE S. FUCHS (R)

RANDOLPH W. MEYER (D)

Qualifications: Westport Marketing, Inc., 1978-85, Founder and president. Computer leasing company. Westport RTM 1981-85 Committees: Finance, Employee Compensation, Public Protection (Chairman). Project Return 1984-85 Treasurer. Susan Lloyd Educational Memorial Fund 1980-85 Founder. BIPED Corp. 1983-85 (Data processing education for handicapped). Rotary Club of Westport 1983-85 Committee Chairman.

Qualifications: 16-years active community service, including five years on the ZBA (two as Chairman); Director, Historical Society; President, Republican Women; Justice of the Peace; Vestry, Christ & Holy Trinity Church.

Experienced in land use, social services. I offer full-time availability and a track record of organizational and people skills.

LWV QUESTION: In your role as advisor to the first selectman, in what specific areas would you plan to be most active?

Reply: ACTION PROGRAMS—Beautify Westport—Westport town parks and buildings are shabby. Emphasize maintenance and beautification programs. Restore magnificent maple tree roadway into Longshore. Better utilize town greenhouse for townwide plantings. Use town's example to encourage all property owners along Post Road, including State of Connecticut, to participate in beautification programs. Initiate highly visible awards program for outstanding participation.

Downtown Merchants—Their success is our success. If they fail we are faced with empty buildings or high-priced boutiques. Work with merchants to assure them, and us, best possible traffic and parking. In return, we expect them to provide the cleanest and most attractive shopping area in Fairfield County.

Pride—My community activities are highly people oriented. Use that experience to help restore community pride...*

Reply: ROLE—Bill Seiden has already delegated to me primary areas of responsibility that take full advantage of my experience and expertise. I recently assumed the position of Advisor on Planning and Zoning matters and Ombundsman for the First Selectman to the Town of Westport.

My background is suited to issues that are currently being vigorously debated by Westport residents, i.e., over commercialization and land use. I am vitally interested in the direction of Westport's development and in the well being of its residents. As a member of the ZBA during the past five years, I have had my hand directly on the pulse of Westport; accordingly, I intend to serve as the eyes and ears of the citizens and the First Selectman.

AFTER YOU'VE THOUGHT THROUGH YOUR CHOICES:

| | VOTE! |
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| THEN | |
| | Keep informed throughout the year. |
| | Let elected officials and party leaders know your feelings. |
| | Be a letter-writer; send your opinion to newspapers, radio and TV station |
| | Attend public meetings; stand up and be heard. |
| | Don't be afraid to ask tough questions. |
| | Be proud of yourself for participating. |
| | |

The Board of Finance has six members serving staggered four-year terms. They review and endorse all appropriations, including the annual budget, set the tax rate, prepare and issue the annual Town Report.



Reply: A surplus should be a safety cushion against major unex-

pected liabilities. As such, it should be about 5-7% of budgeted

expenses. Our surplus is well above that line, and it increased

by \$1.2 million last year to \$6.9 million, while the Board of

it. The net excess of current revenues should be made available

for Town-wide capital projects. This long-term investment now

time tax reduction of approximately \$250. Future years would,

in turn, reflect considerably higher taxes. I.E. \$29,700 prudently

invested 20 years ago will buy a \$200,000 home today, whereas

that property will cost, not \$29,700 but \$440,000 (principal and

interest) when purchased with a 20 year mortgage. Our taxes

work the same way. Intelligent continued investment of com-

parable surpluses will, in the long run, stabilize and reduce taxes

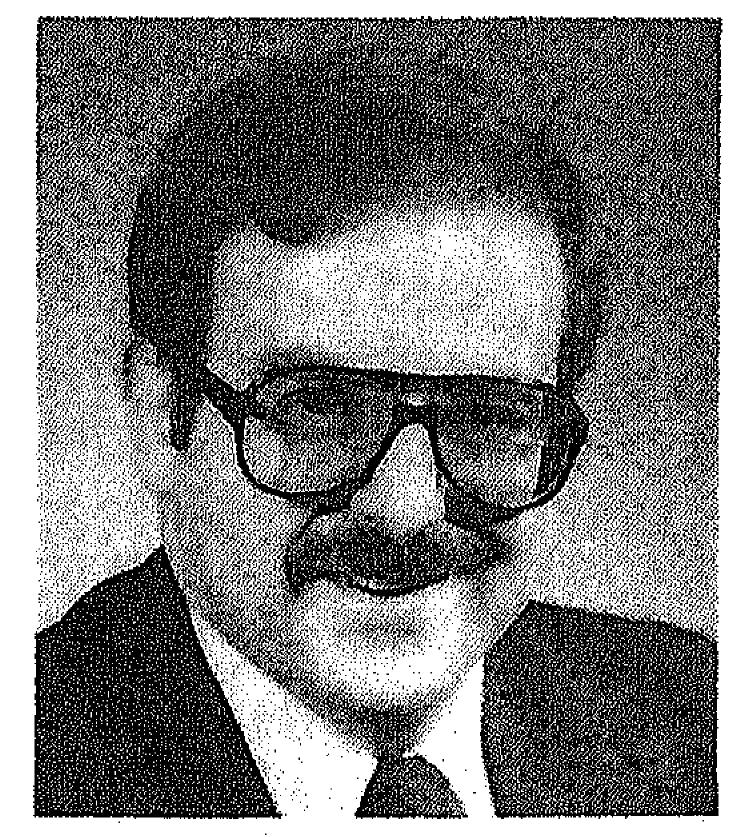
and careful expenditure control. Excellence without

Westport deserves continued prudent long range management

The first step in controlling the surplus is to stop increasing

vote for 2

LWV QUESTION: What are your thoughts on Westport's current monetary surplus? What changes, if any, would you implement?



KENT S. BERNARD

Qualifications: With senior citizen parents living here, and a son in public elementary school, I see the concerns of all of our citizens. As a corporate lawyer, I specialize in areas requiring analysis of costs and the real world impact of financial decisions. I'm trained to work with budgets.

will protect us against higher taxes later. We then can reduce the surplus by lowering taxes over a several-year period. That way, we can fine-tune reductions and reach our goal in a fiscally prudent manner. Reply: Careful financial planning, control and investment have given Westport a sizeable fiscal surplus—permitting us to lower the tax rate for two successive years. Immediate return of this surplus would result in the average home owner receiving a one-

for many years to come.

Finance tried to cut our services.

Qualifications: Board of Finance—4 yrs; proposed millions in tax savings. RTM—8 yrs; Committees: Chairman-Public Protection, Transit; Finance, Recreation. Opposed further downtown development, thrice voting down P&Z. Chairman: Advisory Committee—Future Educational Planning. Chairman: Little League, Babe Ruth Baseball, Cub Scouts; PTA Council. President: Retail Store Chain; Tufts graduate—Economics major.



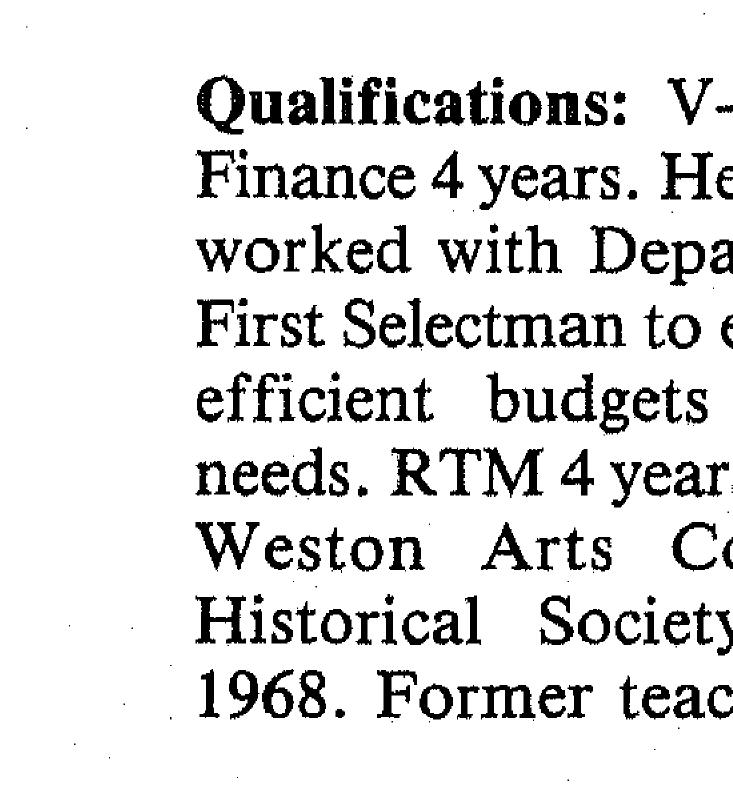
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EDWIN K. DIMES

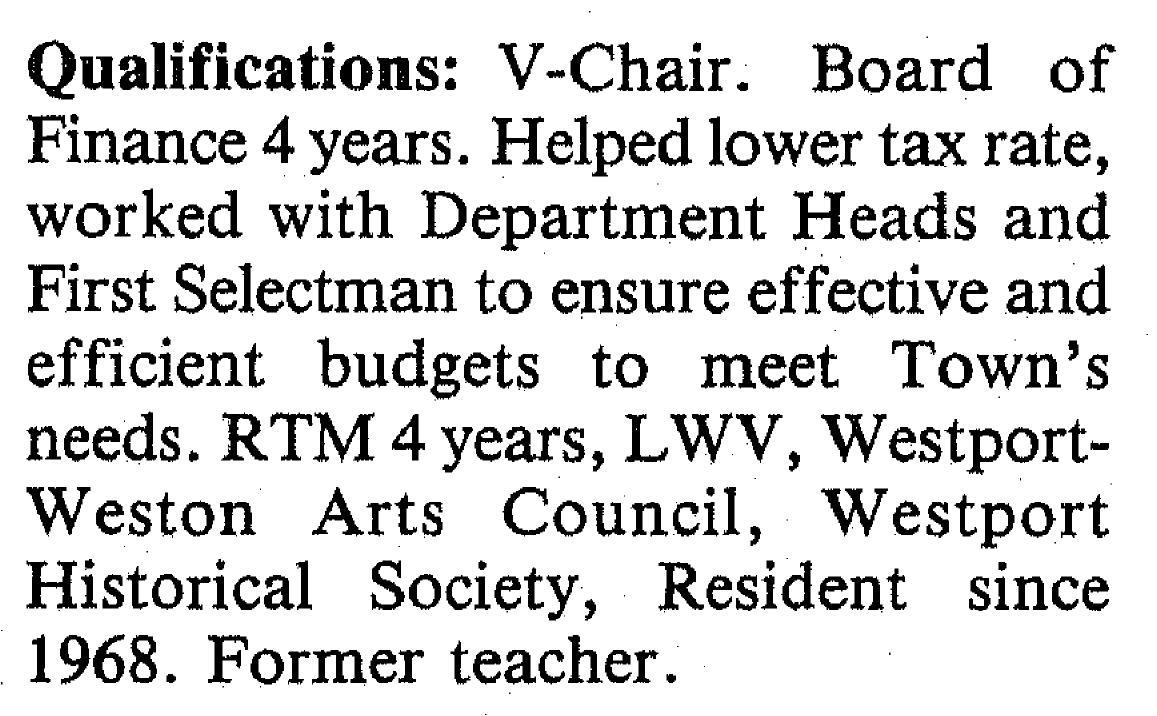
RITA STITZER

extravagance.

Qualifications: Thirty-five year resident and practicing attorney in Westport; incumbent member (6 years) and Chairman Board of Finance; President of Westport Pension Boards; former member RTM, Public Site and Building Committee, P&Z (alternate), Recreation Commission, Deputy Harbormaster, Selectman's Longshore Committee; numerous community services; Wesleyan University B.A.: Yale Law School L.L.B.



Reply: Clearly its better to have a surplus than a deficit, just as its better to have money in the bank instead of no money and nothing but bills. Westport's surplus results from extra income, budgetary turnbacks due to good management, occasional wind-falls and other sources. It's nothing new. Westport always has a year-end surplus. What the Board of Finance continues to do each year in setting the tax rate is to take about half of the surplus and apply it against the next year's budget. This responsible practice has enabled Westport to stabilize and reduce taxes over the past four year period—something no other town in Connecticut has been able to do. It also leaves a carryover surplus for emergencies, which makes the bonding...*



Reply: Our budgets are well-planned and carefully scrutinized to meet the Town's needs and it's desire for services. Recently increased revenues and high interest earnings from prudent investments have steadily increased surplus funds. Each year we have applied a meaningful portion of this surplus to reduce monies needed to be raised from the taxpayer. We try to keep enough money in a "savings pot" to cover unexpected large expenditures. However, the State, CPEC & Moody's indicate that 2 to 5% of a total budget is a comfortable margin to set aside for emergencies. Based on that I feel our "savings pot" should be smaller and that we should apply a larger portion of the surplus towards lowering the tax rate.

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BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

The Board of Tax Review has three members with staggered four-year terms who review appeals for revision of tax assessments. Annual salary: \$200.

vote for 2

LWY QUESTION: Are current assessment guidelines sufficient to reach equitable assessments and fair market value? If not, how would you change them?

Qualifications: I have served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for four years and was Chairman of the Board for one and a half years. I am well acquainted with the zoning regulations and the various factors that affect the value of property.



STANLEY P. FREEMAN

Qualifications: I have lived in and loved Westport for 19 years. I was elected to this board in 1975. I feel I know the town and I know the job—I made a contribution before and would like to again. Then, as now, I had the time to inspect all claims...*



ELIZABETH M. LEWIS

Qualifications: Westport native; third generation Westport family. B.A. Marketing and Finance, Partial M.A. Finance. Army-Vietnam veteran. Treasury Department Agent. Seventeen years financial management experience with Chase Manhattan Bank. Currently, a Manager of Chase's Worldwide Insurance Division. Reponsible for asset, liability and real estate management for major insurance companies and their subsidiaries.



JOHN J. McCARTHY

Reply: The current assessment guidelines are sufficient to yield equitable assessments. However, how one interprets the various factors that go into making our decision is very important.

In order to reach what is a proper assessment and fair market value, the Board member must be fully acquainted with all the guides that give property its value and how various factors permanently or temporarily vary the market value of real property.

Reply: The new assessment guideline seem to be more equitable than the previous ones—at least the assessors individually assessed each property, rather than making educated guesses, the method of choice on the previous assessment. How these criteria are applied is the important thing. Some fine tuning by the Board of Tax Review will certainly be necessary.

The big if is how the assessment of commercial property works out. It would seem that if commercial property were fairly assessed, Westport home owners would get a tax break. Wasn't that once the rationale for all this rampant commercialization, traffic, and uglification? Westport has had wilder commercial growth than many neighbor towns, yet we have benefited less. If elected I will try to turn this around.

Reply: The current assessment reportedly was not equitable in providing fair market values for residential and commercial properties. The present assessment which is in the final stages of completion was ordered for the purpose of significantly reducing the inequities.

To assure that these efforts are achieved through both a team and individual basis, I will strive for fairness and equity in every tax assessment in the Town, work closely with the Town Assessor to improve past and ongoing evaluations, visit every home or property being contested wherever possible and apply all of my financial management and real estate skills to achieve realistic, fair assessments.

Join the WESTPORT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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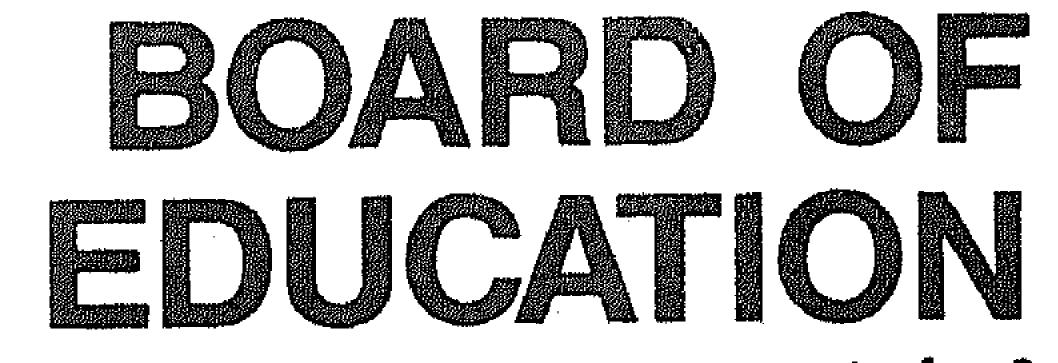
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| [] I'm unable to join now but would like to The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization ope | o support League with notes to all citizens, men and wor | h my enclosed contribution en, of voting age. | n. | |

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The Board of Education has five members serving staggered four-year terms. It functions primarily as a policy-making and planning agency of the Town's educational system consulting with and relying on the school staff for the administration and implementation of plans.



vote for 2

LWV QUESTION: Connecticut is one of only four states to have partisan Boards of Education. What is your opinion of nonpartisan Boards and, of expanding the Board to seven members?

Qualifications: A quarter century's local lawyering, active citizenship, and six years Board service are apparent qualifications. Perhaps more important: the joy of parenting, with my wife, two children who went through Westport's excellent schools, benefitting appropriately from them and from our exceptional staff, and generously letting me share parts of their experience.



Qualifications: Westport Board of Education 1971-1985, Chairman 1971 -1975; Director Connecticut Association of Boards of Education 1972 to date, President 1978-1980; Director National School Boards Association 1980 to date. Secretary-Treasurer 1985-1986, Vice-Presidential candidate 1986-1987; Governor's (Ct.) Arbitration Panel 1979 to date; CABE Distinguished Service Award (1982); Col. USAR (Ret.).



LEONARD ROVINS

Reply: I have ambivalence on both issues. Either way, on each question, is livable. Nonpartisan boards are congruent with cherished theoretical democracy, possibly inhibit "political control" and maximize the ideal of the open society. The party process should, ideally, recruit useful but shy worthies, screen out the ill-suited. In our imperfect world: imperfect results.

Who is on the Board is more significant than how many. Five or seven are workable groups. In a society where public service is not a goal of as many as has been so in the past, the community's task is more often recruitment than it is selection. Increasing Board size may not help. Breaking the Board into committees may foster inattention by a member to facets without that member's committees ambits.

Reply: My experience nationally and in Connecticut prompts my support for partisan selection of Board candidates and the five member Board. Westport's dedication to excellence in education guarantees the party screening process will nominate only those so committed. The non-partisan petition process provides no screening and no assurance as to qualifications or commitment. Moreover, that option always has been available. The five member Board functioning as a "Committee of the Whole" has established its effectiveness in Westport. Each Board member is required to be thoroughly informed and to participate actively on all matters. Five members facilitate Board action, permit wider public involvement, allow for closer contact with staff, and insure greater accountability to voters, parents, teachers, other governmental bodies, and most important, to children.

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| informing the pub | lic —Voter's Guide —Candidates' Meetings —Monthly Cable TV program —Voter Registration —Nonpartisan fact sheets |
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Join the WESTPORT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

PLANNING AND ZONING

Four Years

vote for 3

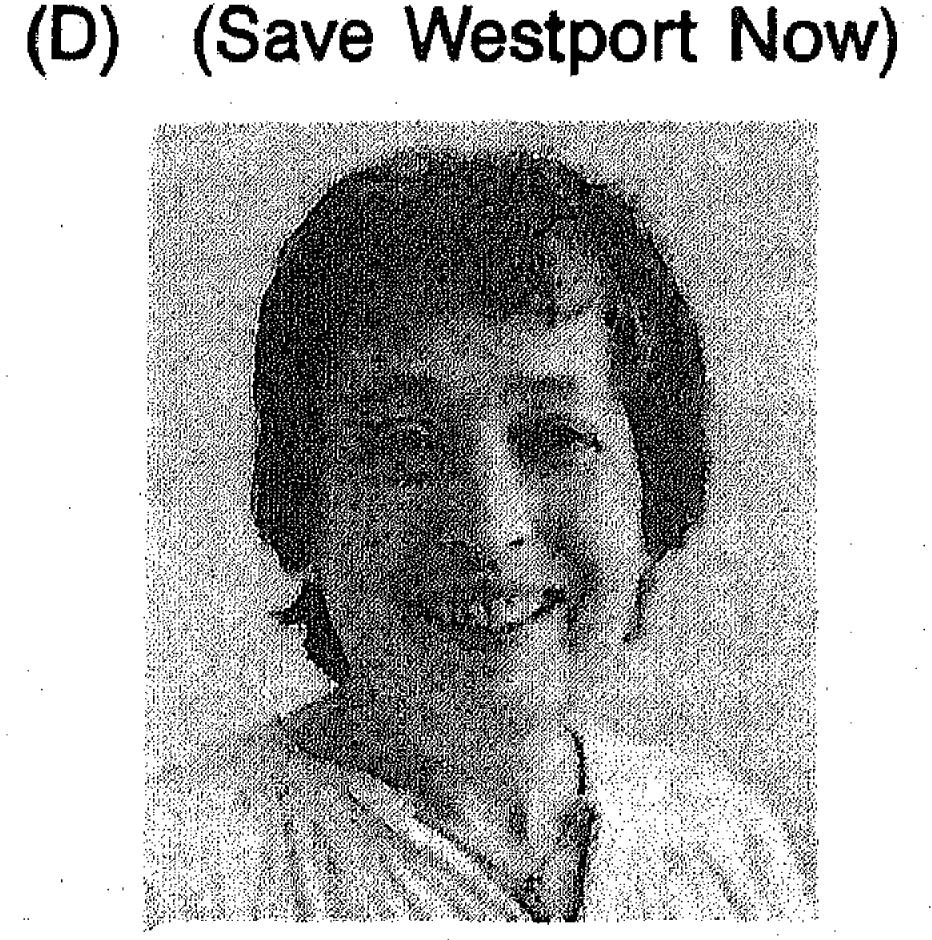
LWV QUESTION: Commercial development and alternative housing are issues important to Westporters. What are your views and how would you implement changes?



ROSS BURKHARDT (D) (Save Westport Now)

Qualifications: Masters Degree in Community Planning and Area Development with over 15 years experience in planning, zoning and public management. Partner in West Avenue Historic Properties which renovates historic buildings in Bridgeport. Seven year resident of Westport. Over one year as alternate to the P&Z. Extensive experience in public/private negotiations, ...*

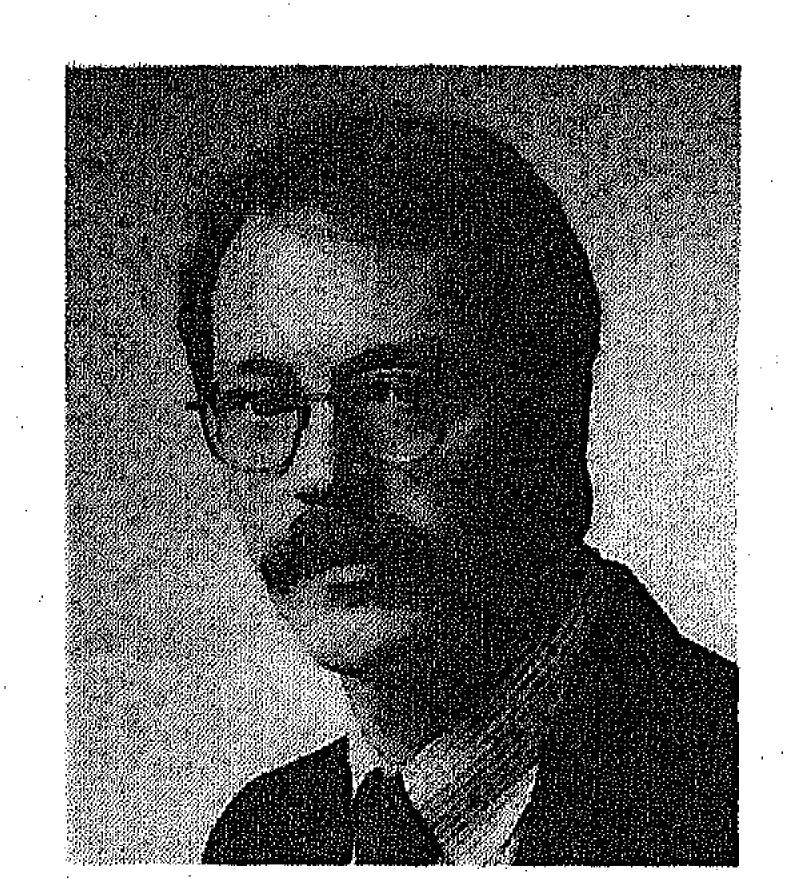
Qualifications: Dan has served as an alternate Commissioner and has been a full Commissioner for two years. He has demonstrated a deep concern for protecting residential neighborhoods from commercial and multifamily intrusion and has spent a lot of time researching the town's actual need for additional low/moderate income housing.



DANIEL KATZ

SYLVIA KOMAROW (D) (Save Westport Now)

Qualifications: Westport resident 16 yrs. Married. Mother of five. Education: B.F.A. Studied Art, Architecture, Graphics, Crafts, Business Management. Experience: Fashion Design, Advertising Design, Craft Teaching. Served numerous volunteer groups in leadership positions. Active in opposing over-commercialization and invasive zoning. Member various local and national conservation organizations.



JAMES B. DESTEFANO (R)

Qualifications: Consulting Structural Engineer with 2 years experience on the Planning and Zoning Commission; B.S. University of Pennsylvania (Estrada Award, Number 1 in class), M.S. University of California, Berkeley; Active experience in environmental affairs (officer—Sierra Club); Proven professionalism to ascertain and weigh technical impacts of land use.

Reply: With my planning experience I can help the P&Z become more effective in managing and reducing the impacts of both existing and future commercial development. The P&Z can no longer simply update the town plan and massage its zoning regulations. It must agressively implement plans for commercial development by adopting innovative zoning concepts, controlling the capital budget process, and cooperating with other agencies to achieve better management of traffic, parking, public transit and other relevant services.

The high cost of housing threatens to polarize Westport and dramaticly change the character of the Town. The P&Z must avoid the traditional debate over subsidized multi-family housing and lead a cooperative effort to find financing tools and housing designs that will preserve the town's character, while meeting the...*

Reply: Commercial development and "alternative" (moderate cost multifamily) housing can both impact our town in the same negative ways. Commercial development by further crowding our roads and "alternative" housing by further crowding our roads, beaches, recreational facilities and over burdening our town services. Both commercial development and multifamily housing threaten single family, residential neighborhoods. We can control this threat only by refusing to change zones, by creating specific regulations to limit the amount of additional traffic any new construction can generate, by insisting that any multifamily construction be for needy elderly and town employees only, and by being given the legal support to stand up to law suits rather than negotiating settlements.

Reply: Let's retain Westport Charm. Commercialization has been too rapid and too uncontrolled, zoning enforcement disgraceful (e.g. illegal filling of Saugatuck River). Residential areas should be free from "zone-busting" threats, no neighborhood is safe if one is threatened.

Suggest "shuttle-bus" circling downtown, connecting Main St. to fringe parking like Levitt lot, Town Hall lot (weekends). Suggest converting some office space to residences. More effort to legalize unregistered apartments would promote fairness, and present a clearer housing picture.

Elderly housing, certainly, but close to stores, banks, transportation, etc. Foresee future needs: Adult day care, latchkey child supervision. Urge corporations to offer van transportation from highway commuter lots. Preserve Longshore for residents. Save natural resources. Save historic structures. Restructure incompetent P&Z staff.

Reply: The update of the Town Plan should be the key to controlling commercialization and addressing housing issues. On the remaining commercially zoned land, efforts should be made to encourage mixed-use projects (residential units integrated with commercial space). This reduces the commercial square footage, and provides alternative housing without violating residential zones.

Benefits include a great reduction in traffic impact on these areas. Population should not be allowed to exceed the capacity of the towns facilities or overload the infrastructure. The new Town Plan under consideration must reflect Westport as it now exists and provide guide lines for preserving the town's character into the future. The Planning & Zoning Commission must have the courage to implement the regulations that will allow the plan to work.

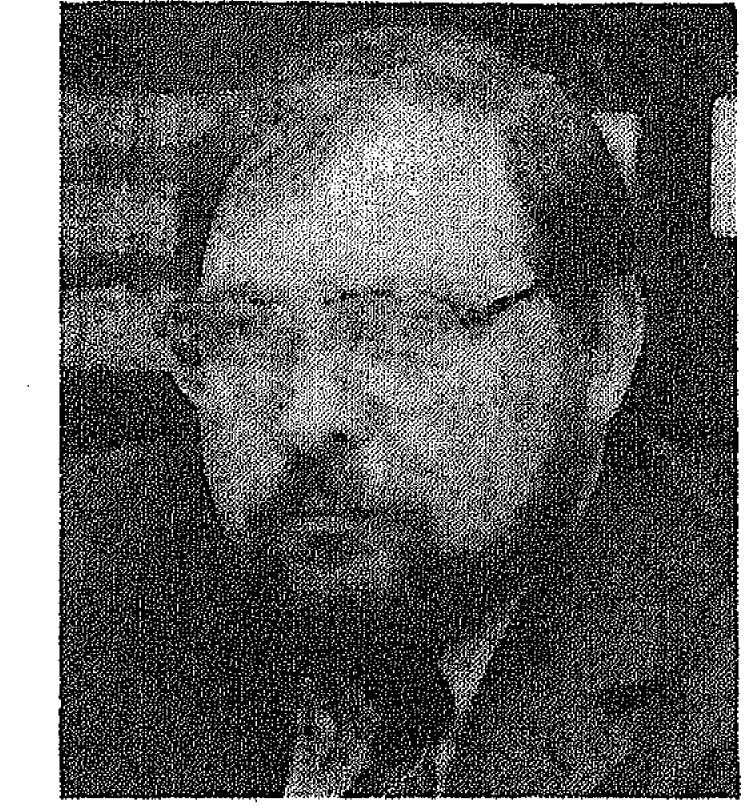
The P&Z has seven members serving staggered four-year terms. They are responsible for developing a Town Plan, securing the most desirable use of land within the town, regulating the density of population, and drafting zoning regulations necessary to the success of the Plan.

Qualifications: Attorney with extensive experience in land use law, Constitutional law, and litagation. Graduate U.B. (magna cum laude), Western New England College School of Law (cum laude). Recipient American Jurisprudence Award, 1979. Can deal with procedural matters and draft restrictive regulations which are enforceable and Constitutionally cor-

rect. Third generation Westporter.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Four Years, cont'd.



ANTHONY SLEZ, JR. (R)

The ZBA has five members serving staggered four-year terms. They review appeals for variance from P&Z regulations.

LWV QUESTION: What factors do you consider in granting a variance to the present P&Z regulations, and how do you define hardship?

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

vote for 2

Reply: In granting a variance, the key determination is whether the use or enjoyment of one's property is unreasonably impacted by the literal application of a zoning regulation causing undue hardship or exceptional difficulties. The hardship must relate directly to the nature of the property itself and not to the personal hardship or economic circumstances of the owner. A property owner's financial situation, regardless of how compelling, should not be the basis for a variance, nor should the variance be granted if it adversely effects public health, safety, property values, or alters the character of the community.

Reply: The remaining 17% of undeveloped commercial property

must be reasonably controlled and restricted. But it must be pro-

perly managed to spread its impact over a 15 to 20 year period,

allowing the necessary time for the P&Z, the Town, and the State

to address the real problem—the infrastructure, traffic circula-

tion patterns, and controls. Legally permissible methods which

have been used successfully are: Delayed Development Zoning,

Contract Zoning, Step Zoning, and Transferred Development

Rights. If alternative housing is not provided for soon, it is possi-

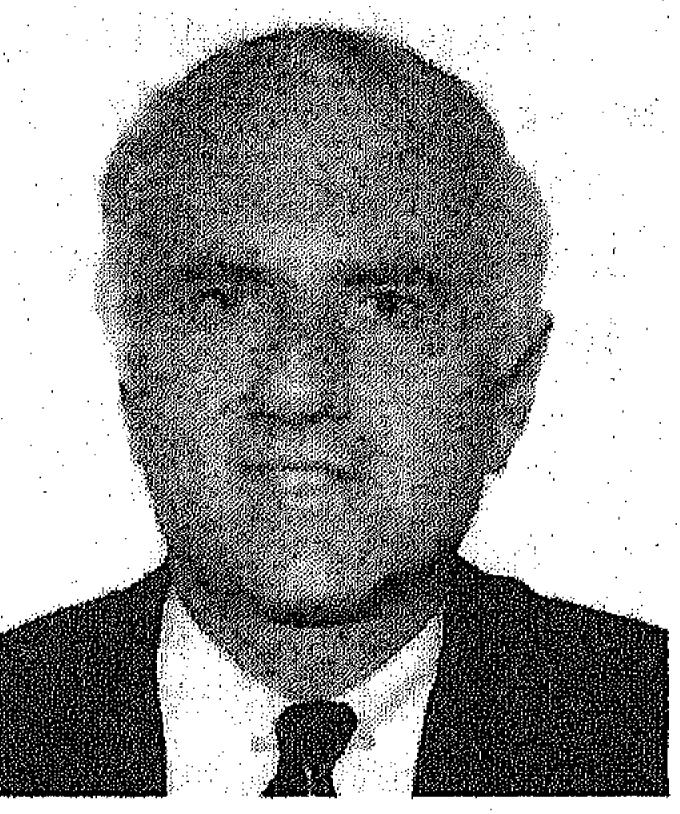
ble that outside authorities could argue that Westport has been

zoning for exclusionary purposes. Use of Municipal land or

private property, which has been given tax or development in-

centives, could solve the problem—if located in proper areas.

Qualifications: Lawyer—23 years experience. Corporate counsel for major U.S. corporation. Fordham College and Law graduate. Active in Westport school, church (St. Luke's) and charitable organizations. Active in Westport little league and soccer organizations. Married, three children, 10 year Westport resident. Can sing a fair version of "Danny Boy."



DANIEL J. ASHLEY

Reply: The role of the ZBA is to provide an opportunity for relief from zoning regulations where the application of the regulations would create a hardship for an individual property owner.

In granting a variance, ZBA members must consider whether the hardship exists because of some unusual circumstances which are beyond a particular property owner's control; that the hardship arises out of the application of zoning regulations to a specific property and not the neighborhood in general; and that the use the applicant is applying for is consistant with the intent of the zoning regulations and the town master plan.

A hardship would exist under these circumstances, if a property owner was deprived of the normal and reasonable use of his/her property.

Reply: Controlling the ZBA is Conn. Statute Sec. 8-6, which provides for orderly determination, administratively, of zoning ordinance variances on land use specific to that parcel (but not the surrounding neighborhood), and involves the landowner's legitimate though specific needs. Variance determination must weigh scrupulously conflicting considerations of exceptional difficulty or hardship of variance applicant balanced by public safety and welfare considerations.

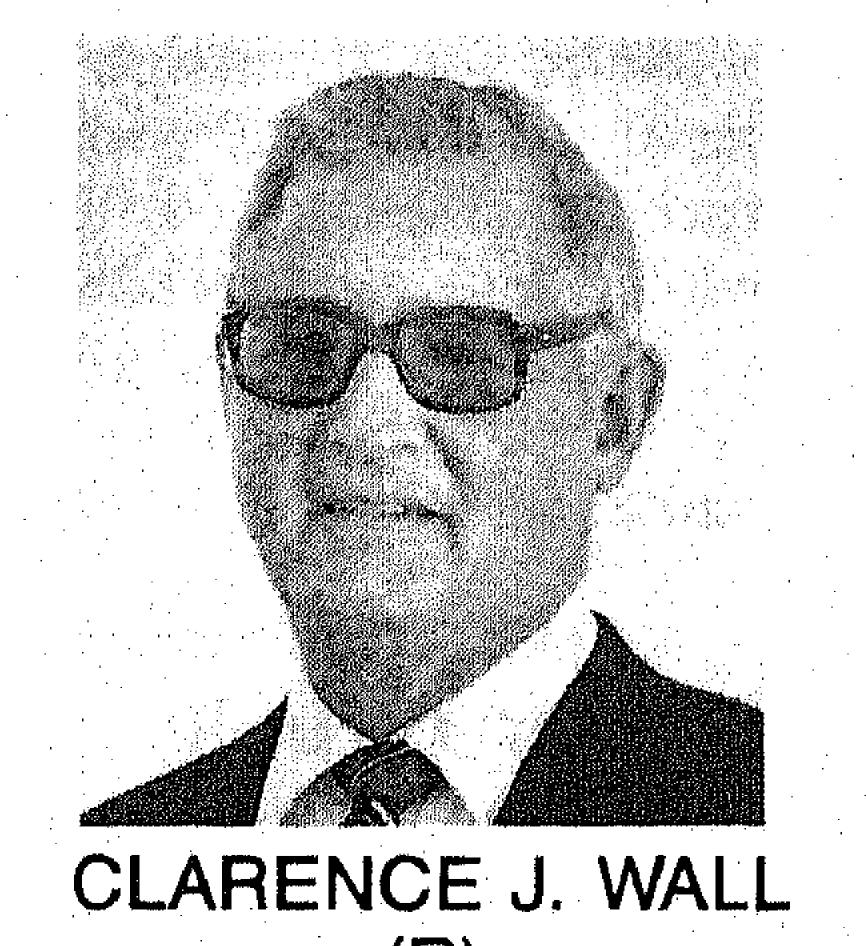
Hardship consists of suffering or deprivation, or both, involving constant toil or danger. The courts have held that financial difficulty, alone, does not justify variances. Additional elements must be present. Approved variances are virtually permanent; decisions to grant must consider the public good intended by the zoning.

Qualifications: Westport resident 10 yrs.; B.A. Economics-Brooklyn College; M.S.W. Policy/Planning-Univ. of Conn.; Commercial Real Estate Salesman-NYC; Exec. Director W.E.R.C.-New Haven; Boards of Directors: National Association of Women in Construction, Regional Council for Education for Employment; member: Ct. BOS Private Industry Council; convener: Ct. Legislature First Women's Congress.

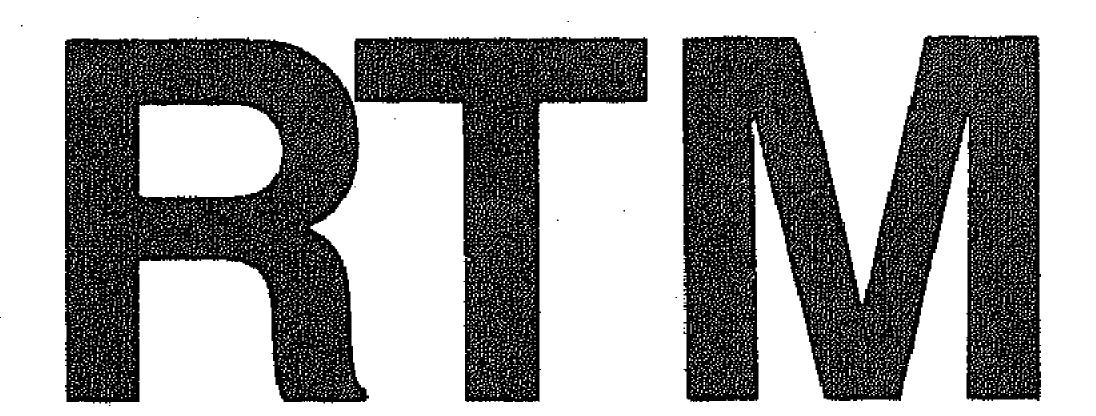


FRANCINE G. BRAVERMAN (D)

Qualifications: A 39 year resident who knows Westport, its problems and opportunities. An engineer with 38 years of experience in industry which required tough, cost effective decision making. Now retired but continuing as a consultant in the environmental field. This background will serve the ZBA well in the years ahead.



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District 1

ote for 5

Joseph P. Arcudi

I have been on the RTM since 1969 and I have seen the number of people running both increase and decrease. I believe it is still a very effective form of government.

The vote of the RTM member can truly represent the people's wishes. I believed in 1969 and I still believe that an RTM member can make a difference.

Lorna B. Christophersen

Based on my ten years experience as an active RTM member, I believe the RTM is still highly effective, representing "participatory democracy" at its best. We provide checks and balances in town government; respond to citizens petitions, are empowered to approve: town budgets, town ordinances; override the Board of Finance, override Zoning changes, and certain decisions on the disposition of town property. We also recommend actions to other Boards through "sense of the meeting resolutions".

Lysle P. Hollenbeck

I believe the RTM is effective in monitoring the activities of the First Selectman and influential town commissions. However, it needs to become more proactive instead of being a reactive body. This is especially important today given the need to preserve the present size of the Bridge Street bridge, to push for a consistent P&Z, to find real alternatives for the Saugatuck School and to develop an effective long-term Parks and Recreation Program.

Rita V. Hooper

Yes, I believe the RTM continues to play a major role in town government. It provides a forum for discussion of town issues and serves as the *local* court of last resort for specific issues, e.g., zoning. The RTM also, with its investigatory power, serves as a liaison between the administration and the public to effect a check and balance in the management of town affairs.

Werner Liepolt

If I didn't believe in the RTM's potential, I wouldn't be running. If I hadn't attended Representative Town Meetings on crucial issues and seen how inadequately the citizens

of District 1 are being represented, I wouldn't be running.

Since 1970 developers, bureaucracies, and special groups have had their way at our expense. We need to re-examine our representatives, elect people who will preserve both our rights and our town, and re-dedicate ourselves to democratic government.

Mark A. Smith

The RTM is highly representative, being one step removed from the pure Town Meeting form of government. The RTM can only be as effective as its elected members are conscientious in performing their tasks as RTM members. A conscientious RTM member must make a tangible commitment in time and effort to attend innumerable meetings, participate in formulating committee reports, and remain abreast of local issues. All this is time-consuming and may, unfortunately, discourage prospective candidates.

Judith K. Starr

Yes. While this may pose a problem, RTM still provides effective representative government. It's a direct artery between citizens, through their elected neighbors, and the heart of our town, assuring that ultimate authority rests with the people ourselves. It's a forum for exchanging views, providing the most effective kind of base for building concensus. Often, it's the agent of final appeal. RTM reflects Westport's citizens and neighborhoods, and gets the job of representative government done.

District 2

vote for 4

Barbara J. Lippard

This theory—less interest by the voters, less elected candidates, and therefore, less effectiveness in government—is not valid.

The Members of the RTM are representing the voters interest in municipal activities to provide the necessary balance in Town government between the legislative and executive.

The RTM provides the forum for the members of Westport to express their desires and concerns. The institutionalization of this activity is what is important not mere numbers.

John E. Terrell

Representative? Yes. Effective? So So. Crises legislation has become the order of the day. More and more committee reports because of time, are late or superficial thus more research and more writing is done on the floor generating legislative regurgitation necessitating more and longer meetings. Certainly unproductive, unattractive, uninviting to prospective new members.

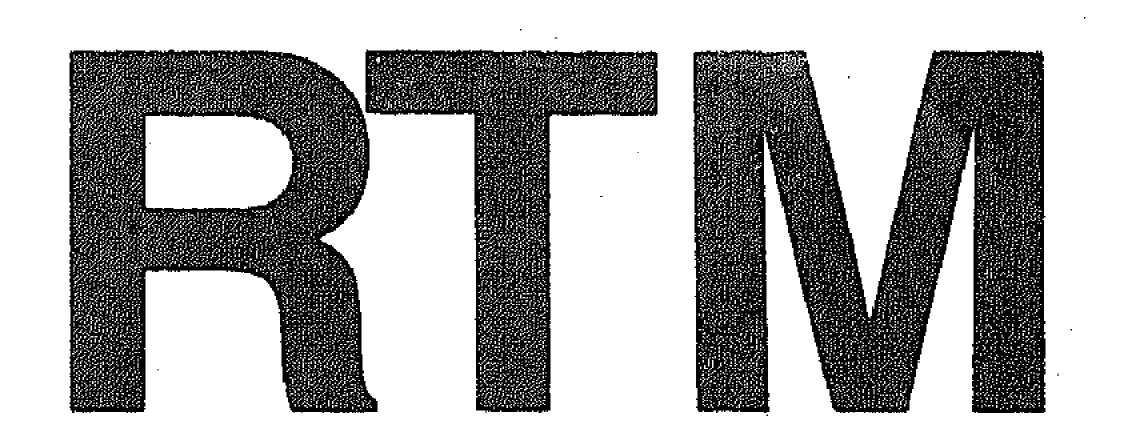
Study/change: Are present committees valid in number, function? Should members serve on only one committee optimizing his/her time/talent? etc.

It's your future.

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The RTM is the Town body closest to the

people. They do not campaign as Republican

or Democrat. They are simply citizens and

owe no allegiance to political parties. I would

like the powers of the RTM broadened to

make it a more vital and positive body. I also

think a committee should be formed to

actively seek and encourage capable can-

didates to become a part of our great

District 3

Frank H. Crump

If I could get across to people the satisfaction and feeling of accomplishment that I have gotten from serving on the RTM, I feel we would be swamped with candidates!

I believe the RTM is effective. Votes are generally based on committee reports that are impressive in their comprehensiveness. Compared with other nearby towns with City Councils based along political lines, our RTM is effective indeed. Small constituencies and biennial elections make it very representative.

Albert R. Johnson

Westport, as we know and love it, is an endangered species. Many of our elected officials apparently believe bigger means better, while too few listen to the wishes of the community. In this environment, the RTM can make the critical difference.

Unhampered by political party affiliation, we are your representatives, dedicated to protecting your interests and responding to your wishes. If I am re-elected, I will continue fighting for a truly responsive town government.

Bernard A. Nevas

The RTM will be effective to the extent its members actively seek opportunities to creatively use its existing powers. Before decisions of townwide impact are made by the Selectmen, P&Z, etc. the RTM should study the issue and express its opinion by resolution. For example, taking responsibility from ConnDOT for the Bridge Street bridge will over time cost all Westporters millions of dollars. The RTM should get involved now, before the Selectmen take irrevocable action.

Christine B. O'Sullivan

Declining numbers of candidates reflect the devotion and time service in the RTM demands.

Serving since 1982, with a full time law practice and having babies, I know how hard it is to give time.

I've enjoyed representing my district's views on the issues. The RTM makes a difference. Our budgetary powers and our limited powers to review the P&Z still sound

an effective voice in preserving and improving the quality of life in Westport.

Robert Seskin

The number of candidates running will not necessarily assure us of attracting people who are willing to work long hours representing Westporters. In my two terms as an RTM member, I have been quite satisfied that we have made sound decisions that will benefit the Town for many years to come. However, an effort should be made to entice more people to become candidates, so that there will be adequate representation in all the districts.

Theodore W. Youngling

American heritage...

Jane Young

Penny D. Lind

District 4

Yes, the RTM is still as effective as it was in 1970. The question really is: is that good enough? The town government is only as good as its representatives. The lack of candidates may not be because of disinterest but because of factors which include change in life-style and work-style.

vote for 5

What's needed is not more power, but more substance. Dealing with substantive issues in a forum with real clout will attract more candidates.

Bruce H. Salvo

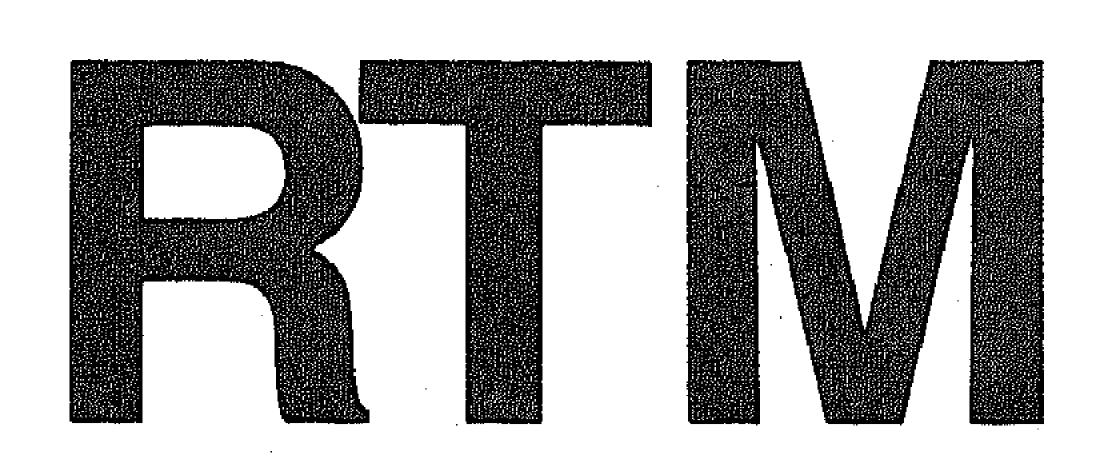
Yes. The RTM still delivers a valid service for the people of Westport. The RTM's imprint can be measured in many ways but perhaps its greatest strength is realized in its capacity to preside as a watchdog agency on a town-wide scale. While interest in seeking to join its ranks has waned, this should in no way tarnish the roles of those who by serving on the RTM represent the best interests of all Westporters.

Eleanor C. Solovay

The RTM has become the "Court" of last resort for a Community which is increasingly frustrated with public officials who do not seem to listen to what the citizens are saying. It is an effective forum—an interesting legislative body to be a member of—but lots of work.

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District 5

Lawrence O. Aasen

YES. The lack of candidates is due to these trends: husbands and wives now both work, there is an increase in single parent families, new Westporters don't know the role of the RTM, commuting has not gotten easier, and each year there is more competition for leisure time. The RTM is still effective because it has studied and voted on every important thing that has happened in Westport.

Penny A. Bray

I believe the need for the RTM is still there. However, I feel some of the Representatives may have gotten lost in the responsibilities of the RTM. I feel the RTM can increase its effectiveness through a review of its own mission as outlined in the Town Charter. The RTM needs to be there to listen to the people it represents, to be the "link" between the local citizens and the Town Government.

Francis J. Charlton

The RTM is still an effective form of government for the Town of Westport. Although the number of candidates has decreased over the years, the quality remains as good, if not better.

In a society that appears hell-bent on eliminating all vestiges of our historical past, the citizens of our town can be truly represented in a close, personal basis.

This participation should result in better government than other forms which have been suggested.

Sherman Levin

Sadly, no. Although RTM retains its legislative power, it has suffered severe loss in constituent interest, thus diminishing its accountability. Consider District 5, 1983, only four candidates for four seats. Consequently, of 1800 registrants, only 365 supported the *top* votegetter. Fortunately, the "elected" were hardworking and earnest. Suppose they hadn't been? While numerically still whole, RTM has lost a measure of representational integrity. Both voters and RTM need to make a comeback this year.

Richard J. Pober

The RTM is still an effective form of government, but it can and should improve. In the last term as an RTM member, we moved to increase the involvement and participation of the RTM. When given the opportunity to serve on the RTM, I seized it. We must ask what we want from our town and if we are willing to pay the price. As your RTM member, I will find the answers we need.

District 6

vote for 5

Ira W. Bloom

After serving four years on the RTM, I believe that the body remains representative and effective. The RTM is sometimes inefficient and often slow, but these qualities are inherent in any democratic institution.

The public must have confidence that the RTM will always be a forum to discuss significant issues, and as members of the body our job is to listen and act responsibly. If so, the RTM will remain effective.

Horace W. Boynton

There may be many reasons that the number of candidates has been declining, including lower response to volunteer work in general and less tolerance for the time consuming procedures of the RTM.

I believe that the RTM is superior to the Town Meeting that it replaced. The Council form of government would require fewer people, but it is not clear from the record in other towns that a Council can remain non-partisan, a present strength...*

James W. "Jim" Call

The RTM is representative. By becoming more efficient in the conduct of its business, effectiveness can increase. Westport's growth from the seventies has placed demands on the RTM that make this imperative. Business schedules always make including public service difficult. It has taken me fifteen years to determine it must be reinstated. I am certain that a more efficient governing body addressing major issues will attract competent candidates for further improved effective and representative government.

Thomas F. Conroy

No response.

Mary M. Jenkins

Fewer candiates running for RTM seats has little impact on the effectiveness of the body since membership caliber remains excellent and diverse. Workload and the early petition return date—nine weeks before election—lower candidate numbers, yet four to six citizens applied for each of the four vacancies occuring during the last two years. With neighbors representing neighbors, the RTM faithfully fulfills its role as the governmental body closest to the electorate.

Douglas R. Wood

The RTM remains an effective and essential element of Westport's government. Its non-partisan members both represent and articulate diverse points of view, and each appropriation and proposal receives substantial scrutiny. Next to the open Town Meeting it is the purest form of democratic government yet devised. Procedural changes might help reduce the length and tediousness of some meetings, and possibly help attract more candidates, but no fundamental changes are required.

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District 7

vote for 5

Daniel J. Carnese

In principle, the RTM can be both effective and representative. I feel some changes in its operating procedures will go a long way to improve the situation. Some significant changes may ultimately be necessary.

In addition to its procedures, the RTM has some important matters to resolve, including passage of a meaningful conflict of interest regulation or statute. This is essential for a body such as the RTM.

William G. Clotworthy

Westport's Charter favors a strong executive branch, which is proper and most efficient in dealing with today's complex problems.

The RTM, as part of our system of checks and balances, is truly representative of the community, but will only be as effective as long as qualified people serve with dedication.

I hope it's not political cynicism which keeps people from running for local office. Hard-working, independent, concerned citizens are essential, and will always be heard

Anthony J. Lowe

The RTM is an effective and representative form of government for the Town of Westport. It is a microcasm of our national government and is the only way to give a voice to the citizens of a town this size. The problem with the RTM is the complaisancy on the part of the citizens (an unwillingness to devote time and energy to run for office, to vote, and to voice opinion to the RTM members...*

Walter L. Schlenker

The RTM plays an effective role in the checks and balances needed between the P&Z, Board of Finance, Town Officials, Board of Education, and others.

Public debate, as seen at RTM Meetings, tends to bring relevant information on both sides of an issue into the RTM decision process, even though the process can be time consuming and often-times frustrating.

The recent decrease in candidates for RTM reduces the potential for new talent. However, many of . . *

Adam D. Stolpen

The decrease in the number of candidates does not necessarily mean that the qualifications of its membership have suffered a corresponding decline. As long as there are sufficient members, the quality of candidates is more important than the quantity.

However, if the RTM is to be effective and representative in dealing with Westport's increasingly complex issues, its members must care about a broad range of concerns and be responsive to their constituents' views.

District 8

vote for

Anthony E. Ahern

The decrease in RTM candidates makes it less representative than it would be if each candidate was subjected to a contested election.

However, the size of the RTM and its nonpolitical nature renders it more representative of Westporters than any other elected body

The RTM sometimes seems ineffective because its size and nonpolitical character prevents it from acting quickly.

However, that weakness is the result of its openness to the views of all interested citizens.

Seymour C. Bendremer

The City Charter allocates to the RTM as a legislative body, "all legislative power of the town including the power to enact ordinances" with certain exceptions. This is an effective, elected, more than adequate form of government. Interested persons with some ability could make it even more effective with efforts directed to more publically representative activities. It is really a matter of effort. With effort would come public interest, acceptance and a respected RTM.

Irwin Donenfeld

The RTM serves as the conscience of the town. We spend the town's money, but most important of all, we are the court of last resort. We can overturn decisions of the Board of Finance and P&Z, and create or-

dinances to better the quality of life in town. As more people learn of the value of the RTM and how important it is, more will become interested.

Sidney L. Filderman

YES. Because it is just that—representative form of government. Lately it also seems to be functioning as an outlet for frustrations with town boards and while this transcends its original function, the RTM is there and available to help the people of Westport cope with the problems we have. There is no doubt that both the level of representation and discussion can be improved and with some luck and intelligence this might happen.

John S. Gilbertie, Jr.

The RTM will self-destruct unless the Town Charter is revised to allow: a) the same ratio/vote approval or rejection as other town bodies of items by simply majority of those present, b) items drawing large public attendance should be placed at or near top of agenda by moderator, c) shorter meetings in consideration of members and public who work and d) limit moderator and deputy moderator to six consecutive years.

Arthur O. Klein

Because they are unpaid, RTM members are less likely to represent special interests. The RTM has lost its importance because it is unable to reach a consensus. Frequently, RTM meetings drag on to the early morning, at which time most RTM members have left. In my opinion, all RTM meetings should have a non-extendable 11:00 o'clock deadline. Only in this fashion can the RTM act efficiently and become a real force in Town Government.

Barbara K. Saipe

Having been involved in LWV RTM candidates' meetings in 1970 and subsequently an RTM member, I feel that although the quantitative factor has decreased, the RTM is perhaps more representative of a cross section of Westport.

As a member of the RTM Parks and Recreation and also Health and Social Services subcommittees of the RTM, I feel that I have been an effective participant by attending those Commission meetings and reporting to the RTM.

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A Westport Government Primer

GOVERNMENT:

In Connecticut, power is vested in either the State or the Town government. The Counties have virtually no political power.

The New England system of open town meetings is one of the purest forms of democratic government, a system that was followed in Westport until 1949. In that year, with the population showing signs of rapid growth, a special act of the State Legislature provided the Town with a less cumbersome Representative Town Meeting. The new system delegated votes to an elected, nonpartisan group yet retained the tradition of an open meeting with public participation. Today, the meetings of the RTM are open to the public and once the representatives have concluded their discussion of a subject, any citizen may seek the floor to make his views known.

In Westport's colonial days "select" men were elected to carry out the instructions of the Town Meeting. By custom, one of the selectmen came to carry on the day-to-day activities of the group. This position of First Selectman was formalized when the Town Charter was written and today his/her duties are those of a mayor. The First Selectman's responsibilities include public works, recreation, fiscal management, public health, assessment and tax collection, public safety, planning and zoning and the general administration of Town affairs.

APPOINTMENTS:

Although the First Selectman is ultimately responsible for all aspects of the Town government with the exception of education, he/she may delegate direct supervision of these areas to various Town departments, boards and commissions. It is the First Selectman's duty to fill all the jobs for appointive boards, commissions and heads of departments (the daily work of many town agencies is handled by a paid staff within their operating departments). In addition, the Selectman may appoint official advisory boards which are disbanded after completing their tasks.

ELECTIONS:

Municipal elections are held in odd-numbered years (exception: selectmen are elected for 4-year terms). Candidates for local elected offices other than the RTM are chosen by the Town Committees of the political parties. Democratic Town Committee (DTC) and Republican Town Committee (RTC) members are elected for two-year terms by the enrolled party members in their respective RTM Districts. "Save Westport Now" is a minority party qualified to run candidates for the Planning and Zoning Commission on a third line. Nonpartisan petitioning candidates may also be included on the ballot. If the candidates endorsed by the political parties are challenged by a successful petition, a primary election must be held before the regular election.

INVOLVEMENT:

Small town government and low budgets are the New England style, a style that must be supported by volunteer hours. Westport's government counts over 1,000 citizens in its volunteer ranks. You can join them by giving your name to the First Selectman's office or the chairmen of the various boards and commissions:

VOLUNTEER

Architectural Review Board Area Nine Cable Council Beautification Committee Bikeways Committee Bridge Committee Building Boards of Appeals Capital Financing Committee Charter Revision Commission Cockenoe Island Steering Committee Joint Computer Committee Conservation Commission Downtown Advisory Committee Downtown Finance Advisory Committee BOARD OF EDUCATION Commission for the Elderly Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Energy Coordinator Ethics Committee Fair Housing Agent BOARD OF FINANCE Flood and Erosion Control Board Handicapped Persons Advisory Board Handicapped Persons Professional Advisory Committee Harbor Committee Hearing Officers

Historic District Commission

Historical, Archeological and

Paleontological Survey Committee

Insurance Committee Levitt Pavilion Committee Pension Committee PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION Police and Fire Department Chaplains Public Site and Building Commission Railroad Parking Advisory Committee Recreation Commission Rental Review Committee REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING Saugatuck School Action Task Force Shellfish Commission Social Services Advisory Board Solid Waste Commission SW CT Agency on Aging: Housing Task Force Representative SW CT EMS Advisory Council SW Regional Highway Task Force Representative SW Regional Mental Health Board Representative SW Regional Planning Agency Representative Transit District Board of Directors **UN Hospitality Committee** Waste to Energy Task Force Westport Symbolic Heritage Preservation Committee Westport/Weston Foundation Distribution

Horace C. Hurlbutt Memorial Fund

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Housing Authority

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Westport/Weston Health District Youth Adult Council Policy Group Youth Advisory Board ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Town Attorney Building Inspector Civil Preparedness Conservation Department Dog Warden Board of Education Department Municipal Agent for the Elderly Employee Assistance Program Advisory Board Engineering Department Fire Department Grants Administrator Harbor Master Handicapped Compliance Officer Health Department (Westport/Weston Health District) Highway Department Housing Authority Department

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