1993 WESTPORT Voter's Guide

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WESTPORT LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

Candidates for First and Second Selectmen

VOTE FOR ONE UNIT

The Board of Selectmen has three members, elected for four-year terms. The team with the most votes becomes First and Second Selectman, and the candidate for First Selectman with the next highest vote count becomes Third Selectmen.

LWV QUESTION: Describe your three top priorities for action for the next four years. Speak to your own vision for Westport. Include what could be changed and what could be preserved.

LWV QUESTION FOR SECOND SELECTMAN: How will your own special interests and talents support the Selectmen Team?

Joseph P. Arcudi
Republican

Qualifications: B.A., economics, Fairfield University. Representative Town Meeting, 24 years; Chairman Employee Compensation 20 years; Education, recreation, Public Protection, Finance committees. Arcudi's Restaurant, entrepreneur, 20 years. Youth baseball manager 20 years (60 teams). League chairman 18 years total. Chairman, Town Pension Board, six years. Republican Town Committee, nine years.

Reply: 1. Create more open, responsive government. Set time aside for residents with problems to see First Selectman without an appointment. Phone calls will be returned — by me and department heads — the same day whenever possible. If department heads are too overloaded to return all calls, I will take care of them, personally. 2. Simplify the process for obtaining permits for home improvement. Current process too cumbersome/complicated. Tough on contractors; nightmare for homeowners. 3. Ensure revaluation is conducted timely and fairly. Ensure business isn't undervalued to avoid overburdening residential properties.

Betty Lou Cummings
Republican

Qualifications: Westport resident, 26 years; elected to the RTM for three terms; Founder, Westport's Apple Festival; President, Library Riverwalk & Gardens; Friends Chairman, Staples Auditorium Restoration; Former Saugatuck and Staples PTA President; Co-chairman 1991 Westports of the World Convention; member LWV; B.S. and M.A. Michigan State University.

Reply: My special interests and talents are projects that need to be done. Under my leadership, two very successful projects were completed at no cost to our town budget ... both created a "sense of community" ... they are Westport's Apple Festival and the Library Riverwalk and Gardens. As a team player to the Selectman, I will help facilitate a town government that will empower new creative ways to solutions ... not be the problem. I will help keep Westport "special" ... a hands-on government with a heart!

Nicholas W. Thiemann
Democrat

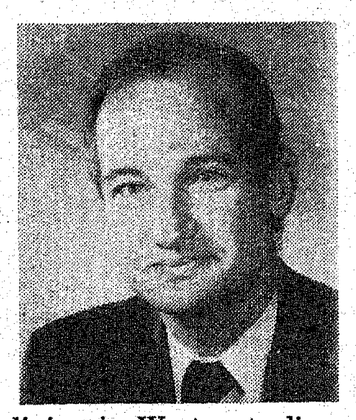
Qualifications: Married to Helen, son Clark at Bedford Middle School, University of Virginia, J.D., Peace Corps, Nigeria, Development Officer, Westport Attorney for past 27 years, Board of Finance, RTM, Selectman's Committee on Parking and Traffic, Trial Referee, Superior Court, Little League, manager, umpire, commissioner, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Connecticut, Director.

Reply: My first priority is to govern Westport in a competent, businesslike and fiscally sound manner. Second, to ensure that Westport's services and recreation facilities remain second to none. Third, to encourage an excellent education system with accountability to its students and the town. My vision for Westport is a town with a strong sense of community. We need to reestablish volunteer citizen committees. We need town hall and the schools to cooperate in areas like procurement and technology. And we need to bring Westport together again.

Eleanor 'Ellie' Lowenstein
Democrat

Qualifications: League of Women Voters, President, Treasurer, Voters Service Co-chair, Town-Owned Land Use Committee, P&Z permit information review, Environment Committee; Long Lots PTA; President, Vice President, Secretary; Staples PTA, Vice President, Secretary; Westport Schools Mathematics Council; Sunday School teacher; Church Children in Need Committee; Substitute Teacher, Moderator, forums and debates.

Reply: Twenty-four years of community volunteer work have given me experience in administration, consensus building, project management, personnel relations, planning, and public speaking. I am open to new ideas to make government work more efficiently, serve the public better, and keep expenditures at a minimum. I have been involved in the good-government role of the League of Women Voters in Westport by registering voters, analyzing town board meetings and town government in general, working with Town Hall staff, and reviewing all town-owned property. Clearer and more frequent communications from town officials to citizens will be my goal.



Lewis J. Sperber
Petitioning Candidate

Qualifications: I possess the proven managerial, administrative, financial and legal skills. Attorney and CPA. A resident for thirteen years. I was the founder of Sperber Adams, The Conservative Synagogue, and a co-founder of the Westport Film Society. Board members - Project Return, United Jewish Appeal, Levitt Pavilion and Human Services Commission.

Reply: 1. Creation of Teens Anonymous - working with therapists, clergy association and others to create a network of places where teens can meet to talk to their peers. Our teens face problems from the pressures of living in Westport, divorcing parents, alcohol and drugs and need Teens Anonymous. 2. Insisting, Insisting, Insisting that the police enforce the speed limits on the roads of Westport. 3. Improve services for the elderly and handicapped - ask gas stations to provide full service at the price of self service gasoline; improve condition of the senior center and provide more programs. Enhance living conditions in Westport.

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

VOTE!
Polls Open
6 AM to 8 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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The candidates are listed in the order in which the parties appear on the ballot.
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Candidates for Board of Finance

VOTE FOR THREE

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.

LWV QUESTION: What do you consider the most critical financial issues facing Westport? How would you address them?

John A. Laurino

Republican

Qualifications: Incumbent Board member. Westport resident 12 years. 23 year career in financial services industry including CEO of Bank and Broker dealer subsidiaries for major insurance carrier. MBA/Finance. Currently Managing Director of Westport Consulting Group; leading financial service industry product and business development consultants. Former Historic District Commission Chairman.

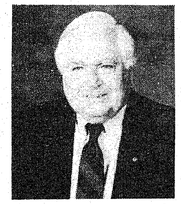
Reply: Westport's finances are in excellent shape and taxes are flat 1993/1994. The challenge for the 90's is maintaining the high level of services we enjoy, while continuing to maintain and invest in the Town's resources. Therefore, it's important that the rigorous budgeting procedures the current Board of Finance has established be continued to insure that the Town and the Board of Education accomplish their goals while being held accountable to reasonable budgets as reflected in current long-range forecasts established for each and every department. All of this requires a disciplined approach to planning, budgeting and financial analysis.

Edwin K. Dimes

Republican

Qualifications: Resident and practicing attorney in Westport over 43 years. Know how the town works. Interact with town officials daily. Service on many town bodies. Jointly responsible for handling $60,000,000 town pension monies. Concluding 14 years on Board of Finance (last 9 as Chairman). I know the job.

Reply: Our paramount financial issue continues to be how to satisfy the constantly escalating requests for services and things while, at the same time, keeping a lid on taxes. My solution is to continue doing what we have been doing during my 14 years on the Board of Finance. We set priorities (5 year capital forecast, for example) and are selective in what we appropriate money to buy, build or fix. Our track record in this regard has been excellent. Our people get exceptional value for their tax dollar and the town keeps its AAA bond rating. We have Fiscal Fitness.



Randolph W. 'Wally' Meyer

Democrat

Qualifications: Experience and knowledge of Westport are the keys to serving on the Board of Finance. Eight years of service on RTM and as Second Selectman gives me understanding of Westport's financial needs. Many years as local businessman and extensive volunteer work gives me the understanding of Westport's community needs.

Reply: The most critical issue is planning for Westport's financial future. Today, we only budget one year at a time, and while we have a Five Year Capital Forecast it is essentially a "wish list." Westport should develop a computer program that models its revenues, expenditures, and Grand List for the next 6-8 years. Based on varying growth rates for different elements of the budget we should be able to anticipate budget shortfalls that may occur years in the future. Once we have a better understanding of Westport's financial future we can take steps now to solve tomorrow's problems.

Diane Goss Farrell

Democrat

Qualifications: FINANCIAL SKILLS: Developed and managed multi-million dollar budgets for Procter & Gamble, Texaco and others. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP: Served as President Westport Young Woman's League; President Coleytown Elementary PTA; Council Member Green's Farms Congregational Church; Fundraiser Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. PERSONAL: Westport native; Married, 2 daughters; Wheaton College BA.

Reply: Key issues include: (1) property revaluation - implementation in 1995, (2) upgrade of Westport's administrative computer and communications systems, (3) maintenance, including sewers, roads, and town buildings. I will: (1) work to insure fair, equitable property re-assessments, (2) insist upon efficient application of computer and communications technology, and (3) prioritize maintenance needs to insure that Westport doesn't fall behind. I will seek cost savings opportunities - while committed to preserving Westport's quality of life. This includes departmental fiscal performance incentives and co-op purchasing with area communities. Westport has been my home since 1958 - I'm committed to having Westport's future live up to its past!

Candidates for Board of Education

VOTE FOR FOUR

The Board of Education has seven 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.

LWV QUESTION: Now that school building needs are largely met, what substantive educational issues should the board address?

Caren Calish Gagliano

Republican

Qualifications: Staples graduate, M.B.A. Dartmouth, 18 years business experience, daughter of a teacher, mother of four year old ... As a proud alumnus of Westport schools, and parent, I want excellence in our schools. As an experienced business manager I will insure that every education dollar is spent effectively.

Reply: • integrate technology into the classroom; • identify and implement new ways of expanding involvement of parents in our schools; • revise the gifted program in line with the Board of Education approved goals; • review curriculum K-12; • restructure the teaching and learning process so that our schools meet the needs of students into the 21st century; • help direct the replacement and retraining of our teaching staff as large numbers of senior teachers retire; • insure that the building expansion and renovation program is executed well, and on time; • co-ordinate development of the state mandated diversity and regionalization plan.

Joan A. Irvine

Republican

Qualifications: Caring, energetic, with a long history of community service. Elected BOE 1989, chairman 3 years; PTA President-Council, Bedford, Kings Highway; BS Ed. summa cum laude from Ohio University; Former elementary teacher; Scouts; Nature Center; numerous civic organizations. Westporter 22 years; married to Art, children Scott, Elizabeth.

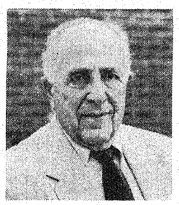
Reply: Our fine school system is everchanging to meet the academic and societal needs of Westport students. Professional educators and the Board use the approved long-range goals to identify and assess what and how students learn; how technology fits in our schools; how we can attract and support new staff; how we can work on state reform issues; and how professional development will aid restructuring efforts. While mindful of Westport's unwavering commitment to quality education in a framework of cost consciousness, I believe a good board listens and responds to the concerns raised by its residents.

Ira W. Bloom

Democrat

Qualifications: Vice Chairman of Board of Education since election to Board in 1989. RTM Member 1981-1989, serving as Deputy Moderator and Finance Committee Chairman. Two children in elementary school. Resident since 1978. Attorney at law (partner with Wake, See, Dimes & Bryniczka). Active in many town organizations.

Reply: First, the Board should focus on curriculum, continuing to implement existing long term educational goals. We must continue the development and implementation of the learning outcomes curriculum. This curriculum must prepare children for the demands of the next century: the ability to think and communicate analytically and creatively, to use new technologies, and to solve problems. This can be done only within the limits of prudent financial management. Second, the Board must focus on technology, so our children will be able to employ the tools of technology in their educational and daily lives.

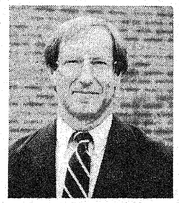


Franklin J. Wiener

Democrat

Qualifications: 37 years, homeowner, taxpayer: Know our town's concerns. 20 years, Staples teacher/administrator: Know our schools' achievements and problems. 4 years, Board member: Fought for fiscally responsible maintenance of program. Committees: Health insurance (saved town "big bucks"); Technology: comprehensive 5-year program; School Study (Liaison): 23 efficiency-promoting reforms.

Reply: We are engaged in new ways of learning, new interrelationships among things taught. The Board must be closely involved in this fundamental shift towards active learning and the development of more comprehensive ways of measuring student achievement. At the same time, technology's revolutionary expansion of information demands integration of hardware into our classrooms, software into our curriculum, opening the world as resource to our students. Importantly, the call for diversity and excellence embodied in recent state law demands our promoting Board-led community involvement; local school control depends upon voluntary participation and full cooperation in insuring quality education for all.



Steven G. Halstead

Democrat

Qualifications: I know Westport and its children. * 20 years as Westport resident; * Father of 5th grade student at Coleytown Middle School; * Founding member and Treasurer of WISE — Westporters Interested in Supporting Education. I have the competence and experience. * Cornell MBA; * 26 years with IBM; * Business management, corporate communications, and technical skills.

Reply: Children's needs are first. The Board must lead in preparing our children to flourish in a technology-based, socio-economically diverse, internationally challenging 21st Century world. Changes in curriculum, teaching methods and technology are required to meet these needs. To implement change, school system management and personnel must be focused on constantly improving educational results. Rational fiscal budgeting required. Improvements to Westport's already superb schools are necessary. Every dollar must be spent effectively. Open dialogue necessary. On major issues, including State-mandated planning for diversity and excellence, open dialogue should be facilitated with the community, school administration, teachers and students.

Candidates for Board of Tax Review

VOTE FOR TWO

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

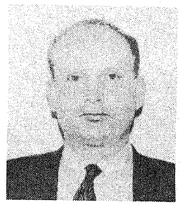
LWV QUESTION: How do your background and experience qualify you for this position?

J. Drayton Hamm

Republican

Qualifications: Considerable experience in managing complex business challenges and sensitive personnel relationships. Background includes managing budgets, cash flows, resolving issues of conflicting points of view and personal financial interests, creating and giving executive presentations, public speaking, and possessing a respect for the individual and his rights.

Reply: Retired IBM executive with 35 years experience in marketing management, product management, customer field support, direct sales, and staff management. Responsibility included experience resident and working in Asia with customers and employee nationals in nine countries of east Asia (1983-1991). Recent domestic experience includes assignment in New York City as senior account executive managing several of IBM's largest worldwide customers in the financial services industry. Graduated from Muhlenberg College, served four years as a US Naval officer. Resident in Westport since 1970, married to Eugenie Hamm. Two children educated through the Westport school system.



Douglas W. Dunham

Democrat

Qualifications: Lifelong Westport resident; Staples Class of 1979, valedictorian; Harvard University, A.B.-A.M., 1984, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa; Columbia Law School, J.D., 1987, Law Review; Senior Associate in Litigation with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; Little League coach; Treasurer, Democratic Town Committee.

Reply: My longtime residence in Westport has given me a thorough familiarity with the town and with the factors that contribute to property valuation. My education and professional practice as a lawyer has equipped me to deal both with the legal issues presented to the Board and the weighing of evidence and arguments in a fair and impartial manner to try to achieve a just result.

Candidates for Planning & Zoning

VOTE FOR THREE

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.

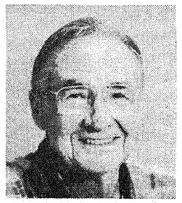
LWV QUESTION: What changes would you like to make in the Town plan?

Lois S. Porro

Democrat/
Save Westport Now *

Qualifications: Can read site plans and subdivision plans; am familiar with zoning regulations and Town Plan; have met with all boards involved in approval and enforcement; have been an advocate for preservation of residential neighborhoods before Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning & Zoning Commission and RTM.

Reply: In updating the Town Plan, I would favor a greater emphasis on housing opportunities, taking into consideration state mandates and what the latest census tells us about our population and its needs; and more attention to acquisition and appropriate use of town land. The Plan should include new environmental concerns and their implications on drainage, sewerage, and development in coastal and aquifer areas; more specific "how to implement" desired goals; and definitions of terms so that intent of policies is clear. I would like to involve more residents in the determination of needs and policies.



Robert MacLachlan

Democrat/
Save Westport Now *

Qualifications: Commissioner since 1988. Record of strong support for the underlying philosophy of the Town Plan: "(1) Restrict commercial and multi-family residential development; (2) protect the single-family residential areas." Detailed knowledge of the regulations and a record of applying them impartially.

Reply: I would add two sections. Affordable Housing. Recent legislation enables a developer to build apartments for "affordable housing" in single-family residential areas. The commission should study this issue and outline a course of action. Commercial Development. Homeowners' taxes may increase substantially due to the 1995 reassessment and higher school costs. This may lead to pressure for more commercial development. Similar pressure led to pro-commercial plans of the 60's and 70's with adverse results. The commission should review that experience.

Dorothy S. Williams

Democrat/
Save Westport Now *

Qualifications: Westport resident since 1964; member of Commission three years. Worked in the P&Z office two years followed by 8 years as administrative assistant to the First Selectman (1973-81). On staff of Westport Chamber of Commerce until retirement in May 1993. Active member, the League of Women Voters; graduate of Vassar College.

Reply: I wouldn't change any of the Town Plan's underlying philosophy to: restrict commercial and multifamily development; protect single family residential areas; promote traffic and drainage improvement; protect waterfront areas; promote additional limited housing opportunities for Westport residents. The latter goal might be strengthened to further provide for young families and elderly. Wassell Lane demonstrates the success of a community effort to provide for middle income families. Many 1987 goals are now outdated, e.g., the "Baron's" property is Town owned; Wakeman Farm slated for playing fields; and there's no mention of composting or recycling. The ten year updating is already due.

Candidates for Zoning Board of Appeals

VOTE FOR TWO

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

LWV QUESTION: How can the Board of Appeals best serve Westport?

Joanne Leaman

Republican

Qualifications: Incumbent chairman, long term interest in land use, 24 year Westporter, active in community. Enjoy finding equitable resolutions to citizens' needs while protecting integrity of zoning regulations. Encourage public and staff participation. Engage Board in spirited discussions to ensure thorough analysis of each application and decisions that are well considered.

Reply: ZBA members must understand the zoning regulations, how they function and their intent. To grant variances, we must identify hardship unique to the property. We visit each site, research files, consult staff and former zoning officials to understand the applicant's history. In our work, we see the zoning regulations in action and often identify problem areas that require P&Z review. To best serve Westport, Board members need open minds, curiosity, interest in land use and the law, a logical thought process, empathy, a sense of humor and fair play, a tendency to disputatiousness and a propensity for keeping late hours.

Barbara R. Herman

Democrat

Qualifications: A Certified Residential Appraiser, I am thoroughly familiar with Zoning Regulations — I work with them every day. I am completing a term on the Board of Tax Review, giving me experience in Town Government. These should prove beneficial in understanding the complexities of the various applications brought before the Board.

Reply: This is a town of people, not businesses. By remaining sensitive to this, the ZBA can best serve its citizens. I am strongly committed to preserving the residential character of Westport. Although a certain degree of growth and development is inevitable, I would vote to issue variances for only the most compelling reasons. At the same time, I believe I have the ability to be fair and impartial in judging applications.

Hope O. Hageman

Democrat

Qualifications: Westport League of Women Voters Observer assigned to Planning and Zoning Commission. Charter member, LWV Land Committee studying acquisition, use and disposal of town-owned property. Flexible schedule allows thorough examination of ZBA cases. Objectivity and decision-making skills attained through community involvement in 14 cities in seven countries. Vassar College graduate.

Reply: Sensible, successful land use policy derives strength and structure from planning and zoning regulations, but recognizes that special circumstances require flexibility. While zoning laws protect the rights of the community at large, Westport's Zoning Board of Appeals protects the rights of individuals to a fair hearing, offering the possibility of relief in cases where genuine hardship can be shown. Because the accumulated decisions of the ZBA play an important role in determining the makeup of Westport, the town can best be served if the ZBA renders decisions which help to maintain Westport's unique balance of residential, commercial, recreational and open space.

** Candidates have been endorsed by both parties, and their names will appear on separate ballot lines. Vote for each candidate only once.*

AFTER YOU'VE THOUGHT THROUGH YOUR CHOICES:

VOTE!

THEN . . .

- Keep informed
- Let public officials know your feelings
- Be a letter writer
- Attend public meetings
- Don't be afraid to ask tough questions
- Be proud of yourself for participating!

RTM

The Representative Town Meeting is a nonpartisan legislative body. Its 36 members, chosen on the basis of population from 8 districts, are elected for two-year terms. RTM members vote on appropriations made by the Board of Finance and write ordinances for the town. Members also serve on one or more committees which review and make recommendations regarding appropriations and ordinances.

LWV QUESTION: On what committees of the RTM would you like to serve, and why?

District 1 - Vote for any Five

Christophersen

Herman

Jensen

Sheffer

Solomon

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Valiante

Lorna B. Christophersen

Qualifications: I am a strong believer in Participatory Democracy with a firm commitment to help make Westport a better place to live. I have broad historical perspective and experience in town government earned by serving Westport as an RTM member since 1971 and from 4 years on the Board of Education.

Reply: In the past I have served on every major committee of the RTM and was, in fact, the 1st RTM member to request and serve on multiple committees. At this juncture I am still deciding on which committees I can best contribute and serve.

Catherine S. Herman

Qualifications: President, Catherine Stratemeyer & Associates (advertising & public relations); Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors, Save the Children Federation; Governing Board, Levitt Pavilion; Member, Westport Recycling Task Force; 10 year resident, married; two children attending Westport schools; marketing and business administration background; active in community organizations; Graduate, University of Texas.

Reply: RTM Committee Preferences: EDUCATION: One of Westport's greatest assets is its educational system — critical to our children, but it also ensures a desirable town with high property values and a healthy tax base. ENVIRONMENT: I served on Westport's Recycling Task Force which resulted in an award-winning recycling program. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES: During my nine years with Save the Children, I've developed a deep commitment to the quality of life of children, their families, and the elderly. Westport's challenge is to budget limited tax dollars prudently while providing quality education for our children and quality services for our citizens.

Jorgen F. Jensen

Qualifications: Served on the RTM as Chairman, Environmental Committee and member Finance, Transit, Public Works and Health & Human Services committees. A leader in defeating locating maintenance building on Longshore and a poorly planned telecommunications system. Supported school construction, composting and transit system.

Reply: On the Finance Committee, looking forward to working with a new administration making the town more responsive to the public, more efficient and holding the line on taxes. The town, school and library must start working better together to eliminate redundancies. The money we invest in technology should be offset by savings. Our building permit procedures need to be simplified and inspections combined. As Chairman of the Environmental Committee, I will be dealing with the Compo marina proposal and leaking underground storage tanks.

Ann E. Sheffer

Qualifications: Community activities: Westport Arts Center, Westport Historical Society, Friends of the Library, League of Women Voters, Riverwalk Committee, Westport Schools Foundation, School Art Committee; Staples P.T.A. president (1989-91). Member, Connecticut Commission on the Status of Women. Attended Westport schools (Staples 1966); B.A. Smith College, M.A. Tufts, M.B.A. University of Washington.

Reply: Committee preferences: 1) Arts, Museums & Library — I've worked with these organizations for years and want to use my experience and knowledge to maximize town use and support of these valuable resources; 2) Finance — I would like to see us strengthen the fiscal authority of the RTM and use the budget as a planning and management tool; and 3) Public Protection — I am concerned about our response to shoreline emergencies (particularly in District 1) and about security for homes, businesses, cars at the station, etc. This committee will be the forum for dealing with these pressing issues.

Sarita Solomon

Qualifications: As a concerned Westporter I will bring a fresh new voice to the RTM. I have served as Co-President of Bedford Middle School PTA for two years; member of Young Women's League; on the Board of Directors of Saugatuck Island Owner's Association, and Freshmen Grade Representative at Staples.

Reply: I would like to serve on the Education and Planning and Zoning committees. A graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University, I have a B.A. in Education. I am married with twin daughters, Alanna and Brie, who graduated from Bedford and are freshmen at Staples. I will bring to the RTM a combination of educational background and hands on experience to assure quality education in a cost efficient manner. Funds appropriated must be spent wisely. As a licensed Real Estate professional I will provide to the Planning and Zoning Committee a supportive voice for homeowners in the upcoming property revaluation.

Joseph Valiante

Qualifications: Lifelong Resident (50 years). Father of two, both graduates of Staples and U of Rhode Island. Formerly active in Little League. Member of RTM 6 years. Service on RTM Planning & Zoning Committee and Recreation Committee.

Reply: I would like the Public Safety Committee and the Recreation Committee. As a Westport Firefighter for 25 years, currently as Assistant Chief, I have a greater familiarity than others with the public safety needs of the community. I have seen and dealt with the tragedy that fire, natural disaster, crime and sudden illness can inflict. As a golfer, parent, former Little League coach and former Staples athlete, I have a love of recreation and familiarity with the recreational needs of Westport. I know that with proper controls, reasonable user fees can improve service at no taxpayer cost.

District 2 - Vote for any Four

Galambos

H. Harris

W. Harris

Vallone

VanSiclen

Webber

James A. Galambos

Qualifications: Member of the last two RTMs, which kept the lid on costs and taxes. Member of Public Works, and Employee Compensation Committees. Chairman of the Library, Museum and Arts Committee. General Manager, Prodigy Services Company. Westport resident since 1985. Involved parent of two children in Westport Schools.

Reply: All RTM Committees provide detailed oversight and review of all town proposals and budgets before they are presented to the full RTM for a vote. Even the unglamorous Public Works Committee makes important decisions concerning things we usually take for granted: crucial town services like sewers, roads, and storm emergency response. The Employee Compensation Committee is the watchdog over the largest part of each town department's budget, the salary line. As Chairman of the Library, Museum and Arts Committee, I have helped the town hold down costs while pressing for the highest possible level of services for Westporters.

Holton E. Harris

Qualifications: RTM EXPERIENCE: Six Years Prior RTM experience; Depty Moderator; Chairman, Finance Committee; Rules Committee; 100% Atttendance Record! Other Civic: Charter Revision Commission; Two Major School Study Committees; Scoutmaster. Personal: Veteran; Engineer - B.S. and M.S. from M.I.T.; Resident of Westport 32 years; President of Successful Electronics and Machine Co. EXPERIENCE COUNTS!

Reply: Finance Committee. The prime function of the RTM is to provide the services necessary to maintain the quality of life we all want in Westport. But in these troubled economic times there is a very important secondary objective of making sure the Town government is run efficiently and that taxes are kept at the lowest practical level. I have a very thorough knowledge of the workings of the Westport Town government, a good feel for organization, and a very solid business and financial background. I think I can contribute greatly to both these objectives. Experience counts!

Walter D. Harris

Qualifications: Lifelong Westport resident. Westport schools from Kings Highway through Staples Class of 1982. Bachelor's and Master's in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from MIT. Experienced on RTM (three terms). Work for local small business. Skeptical on spending but committed to maintaining excellent services in Westport. Age: 29.

Reply: Parks and Recreation: As this Committee's Chairman, I have helped guide many projects now serving Westport. I hope to continue as Westport grapples with uses of parkland, beaches, marinas, and more. I value passive use of land. I want to help ensure that fees are fair for services rendered. Computer Committee: Westport faces tough choices in using new technology to make its government cheaper but better. I have the training for this and want to help more. Public Protection Committee: In industry, I have worked on making services efficient. I seek to apply this experience here.

Joseph Vallone

Qualifications: Having served on the Education and Transit committees during my first term in office, the knowledge and experience gained will strengthen my leadership capabilities during a second term. As an architect with nine years of private practice, I'm scheduled to serve as a liaison during the upcoming school expansion projects.

Reply: I'm certainly hoping to return to the Education Committee. I have been selected by the RTM as their resident architect liaison for upcoming school projects, most of which are in preliminary stages of development. With academic, administrative and facility improvements occurring simultaneously, it's exciting to assist in the process of preparing our children for the next century. Serving on the Transit committee has been challenging. Recent committee activities have convinced me that the Transit District has "turned the corner." New management, buses and routes should improve ridership for commuters, elderly, handicapped and children. I hope to continue with this committee.

Frances Van Siclen

Qualifications: Best qualification for office is having served on RTM District #2 for past two years. Was a learning experience that evolves over time. Challenging and rewarding. Having served previously am more knowledgeable of workings of town government. Feel confident about tackling complicated issues and serving people in District #2.

Reply: Would like to be on Public Protection, Environmental Committees. Have served these committees previously - found them to be interesting and worthwhile. Environmental issues and public protection are on everyone's mind - they need to be addressed and adapted to make Westport safe and secure as possible in uncertain world. Much to be considered on these topics as there are diverse opinions on how things should proceed. Maximum use of resources must be achieved with little impact to environment as possible. Efficient Police and Fire Dept. must be maintained for benefit of Westport. Will endeavor to do my best in these areas.

Mary G. Webber

Qualifications: Lived in Westport since 1976, District 2 since 1979. Former President Bedford PTA, Co-President PTA Council. Various committees; Boy Scouts; PTA. Two sons through the Westport schools. BA in Government from Smith College. Economic research for The Conference Board, the U.S. Council of the International Chamber of Commerce, Mobil Oil.

Reply: My extensive experience with, and appreciation for, our school system would lead me to the Education Committee. My particular concern that a careful balance be struck between the benefits and costs of development would guide me to the Planning and Zoning Committee. However, I am ready to serve on any Committee in the belief that the RTM is the means by which we can and must take responsibility for our future. Assuring cost effectiveness, maintaining quality standards and providing an informed forum for public discussion of all our needs are among my goals for work on any committee.

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District 3 - Vote for any Four

Garrison

Goldschmidt

Mix

Rath

Rubin

Traub

Bridgid M. 'Brie' Garrison

Qualifications: Mother of two pre-school aged children. Democratic Town Committee member. Democratic Board of Education Search Committee member, Co-Chairman of parents of pre-schoolers referendum education — Westporters for Quality Education, 1992, BS Nursing, Syracuse University & MPH, Yale University.

Reply: Public Protection Committee — Along with many other commuters in Westport, my husband and I lost our car during the December 1992 storm. This should not happen again. I would like to be a part of a team that will improve the procedures by which the town responds to emergencies. Health and Social Services Committee — With a background in nursing and a Masters in health services administration, I have a broad understanding of the health care issues affecting most people and would look forward to serving the town in that capacity.

Catherine 'Katy' Goldschmidt

Qualifications: Demonstrated (1989-93) thoughtful, informed voting record based on consistent attendance at relevant meetings and research. Respond effictively to constituents' requests for assistance with town officials. Ask hard questions. Listen to diverse viewpoints. Advocate rational growth. Aware not all residents are affluent. Westporter 27 years.

Reply: Environment: Expanding challenge. Westport ahead of state in drafting regulations to protect environment. Need to be hypervigilant, sensitive to costs, willing to educate and inform public. Imperative all town bodies communicate re environmental issues. Education: Bring perspective of over 20 years as language clinician in Westport Schools. Expect school budget to reflect routine elimination of waste, topnotch building maintenance. Do not favor forced busing; endorse goal of integrated, quality education. Look for genuine responsiveness to parental concerns, reaching for best for all levels of student abilities. Will encourage use of schools as all-day, year-round community facilities.

Mary D. Mix

Qualifications: Ph.D. History and Political Science - Columbia University, J.D. Columbia University, Masters Tax Law - University of Bridgeport, 35 year resident Westport, 4 children attended Westport schools, practicing Westport attorney 15 years, RTM 10 years 1979-83, 1987-93, RTM Committees; Finance (Chairman), Education, Binding Arbitration, Ethics (Chairman) and Member First Selectman's Committee on Reassessment 1981-83.

Reply: Finance and Education. I have been on Finance (7 years Chairman) and Education for most of my 10-year service on the RTM since 1979. This dual membership enables me to evaluate both the Town and Education portions of the budget. We have helped keep tax rates stable by carefully scrutinizing expenditures. These committees will watch and report on the spending of the money appropriated to update and enlarge our school facilities to accommodate our influx of students. My experience with the last reassessment of property will assist me and the RTM in preparing for the next reassessment.

Deborah Rath

Qualifications: As a parent, attorney, and committed volunteer of several local organizations, my strengths are in analyzing issues, building coalitions, and negotiating solutions. Since my family enjoys the benefits and opportunities afforded by Westport. I would like to utilize my professional background and experience on behalf of District #3 residents.

Reply: I am deeply committed to protecting and enhancing our community's quality of life. I would like to serve on those committees that reflect my abilities and interests, so that I may be an effective voice for District #3. The important issues facing Westport require difficult budgetary decisions. Participation on the Finance Committee would enable me to analyze the competing costs and benefits of our town's programs. Rather than dividing our town by young and old, newcomers and longtime residents, we must work together, accommodating our conflicting interests to ensure the social and economic health of our community.

Stephen M. Rubin

Qualifications: As a retired executive, with 30 years experience in the Medical/Surgical & Health Care Industry, I worked successfully with diversified people worldwide. As your neighbor, I have actively participated in Westport organizations, including: Red Cross, Bus Monitor Program, Mediplex, Young Woman's League, YMCA and Masons.

Reply: During my career in Health Care, I learned the needs necessary for quality life. Not only am I fortunate to share in a town where this quality exists, but I also recognize the importance of its preservation. As a Health & Social Services Committee member, I would be able to use my experience; as a Parks & Recreation Committee member, I would help Westporters enjoy quality leisure time. Active in Westport's School Bus Monitoring Program, I could serve as a Transit Committee member since I am knowledgeable about the need for safe transportation for children and seniors alike.

Harold "Harry" Joshua Traub

Qualifications: Westport resident since 1987. Co-chair Pre-School Parents for Quality Schools, Coleytown Elementary School Representative to the Board of Education; Rec/Developmental soccer coach Girls 3rd/4th grades; past chairman, Westport Weston Cooperative Nursery School. Real Estate consultant, ten years. MBA, Harvard; BBS, Trinity College Dublin.

Reply: Committees: Education, Parks & Recreation. Westport's main priority is to provide the highest quality services — a superior education system, excellent park and recreation programs and the finest police and fire protection — in the most cost-effective manner. These serves help maintain Westport's quality of life and property values which benefit all residents. At the same time, we must ensure accommodation for long time residents and those on fixed incomes who have helped to make the town such a desirable place to live. To ensure these goals, the RTM needs to carefully evaluate budget requests to provide maximum value from each tax dollar spent.

District 4 - Vote for any Five

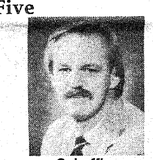
Brey

Canning

Drimmer

Hamm

Marks


Scheffler

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Walker

Waxman

Lewis D. Brey

Qualifications: Lifelong resident of Westport, attended Westport school system, K-12. Graduated Emory University, BA in political science. I have served as an intern in the White House Office of Political Affairs, in Congress, and with the New York Supreme Court in White Plains.

Reply: I would like to serve on the Education and Parks and Recreation Committees. I have a first hand understanding of what makes our schools special. I believe that we should continue to support the unique, high quality education that we have always provided. Serving on the Education Committee will enable me to voice that support. Many of Westport's favorite recreation spots are in the fourth district, including Compo Beach, Longshore, and Old Mill. Westporters enjoy these wonderful facilities year round and serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee will enable me to voice our concerns and desires to town government.

Janet S. Canning

Qualifications: Four years on the RTM. Past PTA President - Kings Highway, Bedford and PTA Council. Active involvement in local youth, educational and musical activities. Desire to serve Westport which has been a wonderful community for us and our two children for over fourteen years.

Reply: My first choice is Health and Social Services. Having served on this committee for four years, I feel its work is essential in keeping Westport a community that cares for all of its citizens. My recent degree in Health Advocacy also makes this committee a "good gift." As a parent, former teacher and school volunteer I am also interested in Education. However, one of the strengths of recent RTMs has been the balance of backgrounds and expertise on the various committees. I hope that balance can continue and would therefore serve where my skills are most needed.

Candace Drimmer

Qualifications: Qualified to represent our community because like most Westporters, I do not have experience in town government. Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, University of Georgia, written for newspapers, magazines and radio, taught high school, worked at Save the Children, Staples PTA, Co-Vice President of Communications and consumer advocate.

Reply: The Education Committee, in my belief that education is an investment in our country's future. Without a successfully supported public education system, we simply will not have an educated public. Education must be viewed as a lifetime occupation that begins with a joint venture between parent and educator. In a constantly changing world, it is not sufficient to offer a curriculum relevant only for today's world. We must teach our children how to learn. Only then can we yield a generational bumper crop of adults with the mental elasticity necessary to adjust to the inevitable challenges of their future.

Eugenie D. Hamm

Qualifications: Penn State, B.S. Health and Human Development. Resident 23 years, children educated through the Westport Schools, four grandchildren approaching school age in Westport. Community service/membership: Board of Directors - Westport Garden Club, dedicated to major civic beautification and conservation projects. Westport Historical Society, Friends of the Westport Library, Nature Center.

Reply: Committee Choices: Parks and Recreation, Education, Environment. District 4 contains some of Westport's most treasured resources: Longshore Park and Inn, sports and boating facilities, Compo Beach and Playground are major attractions for Westporters, young and old. Their care and maintenance are essential to the quality of life and real estate values in our town. Educational needs are a top priority for our community. Constantly changing and moving in new directions, these needs must be carefully assessed and met with the best we can provide from our tax budget. If elected, I will do my committee "homework" thoroughly. I care ... about Westport.

George H. Marks, Sr.

Qualifications: My wife and I, as well as our three children, have gone through the Westport school system. Our grandchildren are now doing same. Served in Merchant Marine from 1941 to 1946 as navigator on Liberty ships and troopships. . . .*

Reply: As I do not know what committees are available, I cannot make any choices at this time.

William L. Scheffler

Qualifications: Has been a NYC and Westport attorney (corporate, land use specialties) for two decades; has served, among others, Westport's ZBA (as Chair) and The Family Center (as President); grew up in Weston, remembers vividly (and fondly) the Westport of four decades ago and seeks to integrate that Westport with today's.

Reply: Planning & Zoning: Have been a land use professional for over fifteen years, appearing before the NYC Board of Standards of Appeals, City Planing Commission and related agencies; have been Chair of Westport's ZBA; have represented a local Board of Realtors; keep current on land use developments through reading, review of statutory changes. Public Safety. Feel strongly that, as to crime, emergency preparedness and personal safety, legislative and public education must combine with practical, professional advice to fashion effective, long-lasting remedies; in public safety, Westport should be viewed in the context of its neighbors and must work with them whenever appropriate.

Jonathan B. Walker

Qualifications: Life long resident — native Westporter. I love my hometown. Four years on RTM. Member of Education Committee — Chairman, 1992-93. On Board of Directors, Westport-Weston Family Center. Little League coach six years. A fighter for Westport's quality of life: top schools, recreation and town services at a fair price.

Reply: The Education Committee. I'm a product of Westport schools. Have a M.Ed. and taught school for three years prior to marketing career. As Chairman of the Education Committee, I encouraged the Board and Superintendent to seek the comprehensive plan now in place to fix our over crowded and rundown facilities.I want to continue serving on this committee because I see a direct link between quality schools and Westport's economic vitality. I'll continue to fight the narrow self interests of some taxpayers — and some teachers — whenever they run counter to the long term best interests of the system.

Carol Ann Waxman

Qualifications: Our family has lived in Westport for seventeen years. Joshua (20) and Alyce (17) attended Westport's public schools I've volunteered in the PTA, and held Executive Board positions in the League of Women Voters and Visiting Homemakers. I'm currently serving on committees involved with the arts, elderly and health care.

Reply: With two children recently finishing up their public school education and having served on two League of Women Voters Education Studies, I hope to retain a lifetime commitment to public education. However, my first committee choice on the RTM is Public Protection. Living in the beach area during the December 1992 storm I was especially aware of the dedicated work of this committee and its commitment to the well-being of all residents. My second RTM Committee would be the Art, Museum and Library because these valuable assets must be kept vital and accessible to Westport residents of all ages.

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District 5 - Vote for any Four

Aasen

Booth

Gibbons

Hymans

Kokoszka

Lawrence 'Larry' O. Aasen

Qualifications: I have served on the RTM for 13 years and lived in Westport for 30 years. I know — work at — and enjoy the job of being on the RTM. My main contribution is that I am not afraid to ask blunt questions.

Reply: I would like to continue to serve on the Public Protection Committee and the Library, Museum and Arts Committee because of my experience on the RTM. I am pleased that I have been able to work with our fine library, nature center, arts center, the fire and police departments. I am unhappy about the costly salary contracts we have to approve. In a recession, I think Westport should consider a salary freeze on all salaries.

John W. Booth

Qualifications: I've lived in Green's Farms since 1978 - but a Westport resident since 1970. As part-time business consultant, I can devote time to RTM, town and Green's Farms concerns. (I'm a member of Green's Farms Association.) At RTM meetings, my votes will reflect a consensus of my constituents' opinions.

Reply: I'd like to serve on the Education Committee. Our two sons attended Burr Farms Elementary and Long Lots Middle Schools. Both graduated from Staples. My father was a teacher, school principal and bureau chief for the NY State Education Department, so I understand the concerns of parents, teachers and administrators. I feel taxpayers recognize the need for quality education to maintain the value of their homes, but are concerned when a growing proportion of the school budget goes to administrators, not its tax dollars — and accountability from school management.

Nathaniel W. Gibbons

Qualifications: Greens Farms resident 37 Years, Reside & Work in Westport (writer), Assistant Chief Westport Volunteer FD, Greens Farms Association Member, 2 Terms Prior RTM Experience: Key Attributes: Responsive, Watch Dog, Follow-Up, Thoughtful — Key Goals: Neighborhood Protection, Value for Tax Dollars, Improve Town Resources.

Reply:
Public Protection: ... Safer neighborhoods, railroad stations, and shopping centers are vital to Westport's life quality. I stand behind reasoned improvements that make our town a safer place to live, to work, or just to park your car. What dollar is better spent than the one that protects someone you care about? Parks & Recreation: ... Provides more pleasure to more of us than any other Town resource. As the most visible of taxpayer benefits, I want our Parks and Recreation facilities to continue to improve: marina expansion, ball fields, running trails, nature paths, Longshore improvements — YES. This is Westport. Why not the best?

Ralph Hymans

Qualifications: I have lived in Westport (Greens Farms) for 17 years and have raised my family here. During that time I have come to recognize and appreciate the inherent values of Westport. My family has experienced the excellent educational, recreational, entertainment and public services provided by this town. I chose to ....*

Reply: I would be pleased to serve on the Parks & Recreation and the Finance Committees. One of the best values in Westport is the recreational facilities of which I and my family take full advantage of. I have served on this committee before and have recognized the inherent value of these facilities. It is one of the features that make Westport an ideal place to raise a family. As a member of the Finance committee, I believe there must be a fiscal responsibility balanced with community needs and the amount of money that is spent. I have had experience in facing....*

Wanda E. A. Kokoszka

Qualifications: Incumbent Member R.T.M. - 2 terms. Thoroughly studies each and every item brought before the R.T.M. Works well with other Town Boards. Accessible to all constituents. Responds to all questions and statements. Open minded. A sense of humor. A long history of service and dedication to the town.

Reply: I would like to serve on the Environment and Parks & Recreation Committees of which I have been a member for the past 2 terms. In the next 2 years there will be numerous projects brought before these 2 committees. I feel that I am Qualified to deal with each and every project. Having served on these committees I feel I have the experience to handle each project correctly for the people of this town.

District 6 - Vote for any Five

Daily

Malone

Murphy

Porio

Raines

Sachs

Jamison Daily

Qualifications: Moved to Westport in 1977 ... Education: Columbia University (B.S., Mechanical Engineering), Staples, Long Lots, Greens Farms Elementary, Hillspoint ... Internship with U.S. Congressman on Capitol Hill ... Knowledgeable about the overall Westport budget and the branches of our town's government ... An avid follower of local issues.

Reply: The Education Committee interests me because I am knowledgeable about our schools and would like to see our students get the most from each tax dollar. Our school system is making adjustments due to the projected student enrollment growth. I can provide the R.T.M. with an informed voice in making key decisions and in communicating with the Board of Education. The Planning and Zoning Committee interests me because I am a proponent for preserving the historic relics of our town. I will stand up for the structures of Westport's past.

Ronald F. Malone

Qualifications: A lifelong Westporter, successful business person and respected public servant; father to local businessmen, grandfather to children in local schools, I bring a balanced perspective to serving the voter and taxpayer. Responsive representation, absolute fiscal accountability, and worthy public service are my objectives in seeking re-election.

Reply: Currently assigned to the Health and Human Services, Library, and Ethics Committees of the RTM, I would hope to continue service with them, exercising the insight and valuable experience I have gained with them the past two years. Committee assignment is the purview of the RTM Moderator and I would further seek assignment where my financial experience as a businessman meeting a payroll, as a Police Chief balancing multi-million dollar budgets, and as a volunteer getting things done at the least possible expense, all have application to financial decisions made by the RTM.

Thomas J. Murphy

Qualifications: - Resident of Westport for 26 years. - Education: B.S. Mathematics, Boston College. - Work Experience: • 2 years with FBI Crime Lab; • 31 years with IBM in technical, sales and managerial positions; • 8 years in computer programming and consulting. - Member of RTM Finance and Public Works Committees; - Chairman of RTM Computer Study Committee.

Reply: As a member of the RTM Finance Committee I am asked to participate in reviewing and making recommendations on all appropriations over $20,000 as well as all Union contracts and all Town and School budgets. I approach these matters with an attitude of "healthy skepticism." As a fiscal conservative, I try to represent a significant portion of Westport taxpayers who are concerned with the spiraling costs at all levels of Federal, State, and Local Government as well as School Administration. My 40 years experience in the computer industry also enables me to participate in Town and School automation planning.

Patricia A. Porio

Qualifications: - Member RTM for two years, '91-'93. - Served on P&Z Committee and Arts, Museums and Library Committee. - Past President (3 yrs.) League of Women Voters. - Past President and Vice-President PTA. - Board member, Nursing and Home Care. - Familiar with Town Budgets. - Aware of the diversity of opinions and needs of our neighbors.

Reply: I will request to the Moderator that I be assigned to the committees on which I presently serve. Although there are few occasions when the RTM is requested to review a P&Z action, when the request is made, it is essential that the reporting committee has a working knowledge of the P&Z. I have that experience. The Library has been exploring the need for a new integrated computer system and has kept the Library committee of the RTM up to the minute on their research. An informed committee is crucial for reporting to the RTM on the appropriation of funds.

William P. Raines

Qualifications: Enthusiastic Westporter since 1965. Skilled communicator experienced in dealing successfully with Town government as parent and taxpayer; as leader in vital neighborhood betterment; as RTM member (since 1990). Committees: Finance, Planning & Zoning (Chairman); Environment; Recycling; Insurance. Semi-retired with time, energy and concern to continue to represent our district effectively.

Reply: Experience serving on the Finance Committee and as chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee has demonstrated that these assignments provide unique opportunities to effectively represent the vital interest that all Westporters have in balancing our needs ... excellent schools, police & fire protection, recreational facilities ... with our finite ability to pay; and in preserving the integrity of our beautiful residential neighborhoods through effective zoning and enforcement. Many years in financial communications and marketing have enabled me to effectively evaluate appropriate requests, labor contracts and annual budgets. The perspective of homeowner/taxpayer has sharpened my interest in zoning matters.

John Sachs

Qualifications: On RTM Finance, Employee Compensation, Rules Committees. Chairman Insurance Committee. Volunteer Medicare and Insurance Counselor. Formerly: Owner Insurance Agency, Westport, 23 years, Financial Planning and Securities, NYC, Westport Municipal Pension Board, President Westport Rotary, Trustee Temple Israel, President Mid-Fairfield Independent Agents Association. Resident 32 years. Children through local schools.

Reply: RTM Finance and Employee Compensation Committees. Would contribute the most there because of my business background in the Financial Services field, RTM experience and volunteer work as outlined above. My three terms on the above committees have given me invaluable insights into the complexities of these most important functions of municipal government. While the Finance Committee is involved in all requests for money, the town's largest expenditures are personnel costs which are examined by the Employee Compensation Committee. Sitting on both committees affords a broad perspective and ultimately results in better balanced decisions.

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KEEP IN TOUCH . . .

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YOUR NAME . . .

In 1995, your name and your opinions could appear in this space. To become a candidate for the Representative Town Meeting it is necessary to file a petition with the signatures of 25 voters registered in your RTM District. The petition may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office and must be filed in the same office not later than the second Tuesday in September before the election. Incumbents who wish to run again must file a letter of intent in August before the election. For further information about this and other election matters, call the Town Clerk at 226-8311.

District 7 - Vote for any Four

Davidoff

Johnson

Lowe

Meyers

Nilson

Wolgast

Jerry Davidoff

Qualifications: 32 years active Westport citizenship; RTM incumbent (on four committees); nine years Board of Education service (two as chairman); raising two children here; local lawyer, presidency, Westport Bar Association; varied civic and charitable involvements; and a continuing interest in keeping Westport as a most excellent place to live and work.

Reply: The vast majority of Westporters live here by choice. We came here, and remain here, because Westport is among the most desirable of residential communities. The challenge is to fulfill Westporters' expectations within the limits our residents can afford. No single committee covers all such expectations. The Employee Compensation Committee deals with personnel costs and contracts, vital concerns in our budget. Health and Human Services deals with departments which impact the well-being of many citizens. Our Library Committee deals with a much used resource. These committees command my energy. However, I will serve wherever I am considered most useful.

Paul C. Johnson

Qualifications: A Westport resident for 23+ years who served 8 years on Board of Tax Review and helped initiate Parking Violations Hearings. Educated as an Engineer, Columbia University, M.S. Industrial Engineering and Management, and worked as an Industrial Engineer and Plant Manager thus gaining problem-solving and decision-making skills.

Reply: My work as an Industrial Engineer and Plant Manager involved all facets of Finance, namely, preparing Operating Budgets, developing Standard Costs, performing studies of Costs and Cost Variances, also Return on Investment (ROI) and justification for Capital Expenditures so I have a good background to bring to the Finance Committee. The same is true for the Employee Compensation Committee. I have participated in all aspects of Employee Compensation, namely, Union Negotiations, setting Hourly Wage Rates and Salaried Pay Scales, as well as ascertaining Fringe Benefit Costs so I could make a valuable contribution to both these committees.

Anthony J. 'Tony' Lowe

Qualifications: Resident 24 years. RTM member 14 years. RTM Moderator and Deputy Moderator 5 years. Two children through Westport schools. Served on following RTM committees: Education; Environment (Chairman); Public Works; Rules; also Housing Code; Operations Improvement. Apple Festival and Y's Men. Nature Center. Chairman Board of Trustees Greens Farms Church.

Reply: Committees served: Having the honor to serve as the RTM Moderator, I am unable to serve on any standing committee except chairman of Rules Committee. I was chairman of the Environment Committee, and were I not moderator, would opt for that committee and Finance. They are two committees I feel I have above average expertise in and would be able to contribute the most to Westport.

Barbara A. Meyers

Qualifications: RTM Incumbent. Currently serving on the Police and Fire (Public Protection) Committee. Former member of the Planning and Zoning; Arts, Library and Museum Committees. Member of the National Organization for Women (NOW), Fairfield County Citizen's for Choice. Employed as Legal Assistant, Town Attorney's Office, with eight years municipal government law experience.

Reply: ... continue serving on the Public Protection Committee to accomplish my goals to increase inter-town police assistance through government grants, so that Westport maintains its sense of peace and orderliness ... Education Committee ... Westport schools have an envied reputation in the State. I am FOR the STUDENT and AGAINST unnecessary expenditures especially if it does not BENEFIT the student. I am a strong advocate of excellence in education and will continue to support our school system. ... Public Works Committee ... of paramount concern to all residents is proper maintenance of roadways and bridges. I would address any long-standing problems with our infra-structure.

Maria June Nilson

Qualifications: I am a 30 year resident who cares about the citizens of Westport and have 16 years experience in town government. I have a good grasp of town government operations and the time to devote to town issues.

Reply: Education Committee. I would like Westport to have a school system that is world class and state-of-the-art; that is rated within the top ten school systems in the U.S. for academic scores of both college bound and non-college bound students; and shows continuous productivity improvement. Public Protection. I am concerned about the rising crime rates and would like to be sure that Westport is adequately protected.

Lucia J. Wolgast

Qualifications: Westporter since 1968. Educated in Westport schools. Presently serving on RTM Rules, Employee Compensation and Environment Committees. Coordinator for re-election of chair of Board of Education. Attorney with Pober & Ross. Graduate of Cornell Law School with concentration in public law. A.B. with honors from Vassar College. Good, caring listener.

Reply: I would like to serve on the RTM Finance Committee. The RTM must carefully balance the need for town services against the cost of those services. The key RTM committee with this overall perspective is the Finance Committee. Westporters expect an excellent educational system, quality police and fire protection, and fine parks and recreation programs. These services add to Westport's ambience and help to maintain property values. At the same time many Westporters for a variety of reasons have difficulty paying taxes. The Finance Committee must insure that Westport provides essential services while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

District 8 - Vote for any Five

Donenfeld

Friedman

Joseloff

Schwarz

Seclow

Wasserman

Irwin Donenfeld

Qualifications: I've been a Westport resident since 1968. I own and operate a business in Westport (Coastwise Marine). Before moving here, I was Executive VP and editorial director of National Periodical Publications, a publishing and distributing company, I graduated Bates College in 1948, after serving two years in the Army Air Force.

Reply: I've been on the RTM for ten years, eight of them as chairman of the Public Protection Committee. As chairman I helped the Town get an Early Warning System, got Long Lots School as an emergency public shelter, a false alarm ordinance, an ordinance prohibiting helicopter landings, to name just a few accomplishments of your Public Protection Committee. I also serve on Public Works and on Parks and Recreation Committees. I have always worked hard to maintain the Education budget in the face of those who would cut it drastically.

Richard B. Friedman

Qualifications: B.A. Magna Cum Laude Cornell University, 1979. J.D. University of Chicago Law School, 1982. Father of two Coleytown elementary school children. Corporate litigator. I will fight for the following issues: avoidance of tax increases, inter-municipal financing arrangements to cut costs, continued townwide control of education and delay of townwide reappraisal.

Reply: I want to serve on the Finance Committee and explore creative ways to avoid tax increases. I believe Westport, Wilton and Weston should consolidate certain departments (other than police and fire) and thereby cut costs. I will also seek to delay the upcoming townwide reappraisal for a year or two in the expectation that commercial vacancies will decline and thereby reduce the proportionate tax burden on homeowners. I want to be on the Education Committee so that I can fight for retention of town control over education and participate in the inter-town dialogue on education required by state law.

Gordon F. Joseloff

Qualifications: Elected RTM 1991 ... chairman Education Committee ... member Public Protection, Environment, Computer Committees ... active in community affairs ... Volunteer Fire Department ... Volunteer Emergency Medical Service ... PTA ... League of Women Voters ... Historical Society ... attended Westport schools ... former UPI and CBS News correspondent ... thorough ... thoughtful ... skeptical ... goal: make tomorrow's Westport as good as yesterday's.

Reply: I'd like to continue serving on my present committees to build in experience and familiarity with issues. Education is a priority. While striving for excellent schools, we must do so cognizant of limited financial resources. Achieving our educational goals will not depend on how *much* we spend but on how *well* we spend it. Efficiencies need to be achieved in all areas of town government. Working better and working smarter are the only ways we can continue to deliver excellent services at reasonable cost. The RTM committees can help by asking questions, making suggestions, and scrutinizing closely all spending requests.

Edward W. Schwarz

Qualifications: Westporters have three major concerns; money, schools and recreation. As a fourteen year resident I've experience in all. Conclusion: We haven't got endless funds. We want excellent educational opportunities for our children and recreational facilities, whether beach or golf course. The job — keep it going fairly and with reason.

Reply: We must understand the basic cash flow of Westport in order to prevent a budget crisis and assure citizens that their money is well spent for education and recreation. Simultaneously, we must know how much money is available from local, state and federal sources to run our community safely and compassionately. The RTM must be realistic, ingenious and creative in guiding the town's operating departments. My experience in corporate America and as an entrepreneur should be of significant usefulness in accomplishing these goals.

Rita B. Seclow

Qualifications: *Served three terms on RTM as representative from District 8 *Excellent attendance, conscientious about committee meetings and responsive to constituents. *Chair Public Works Committee, member Public Protection Committee, Binding Arbitration *Active in community organizations - League of Women Voters, Dispute Settlement Center, CACLD, Board of Quick Center, Fairfield University,

Reply: *Public Works: I would like to continue as chair. I have developed a knowledge of and a relationship with this dynamic department which is responsible for the infrastructure of Westport - roads, sewers, waste, recycling, composting, building maintenance. *Public Protection: I have served on this committee for six years and am well versed in the needs and concerns of the Police and Fire Departments. Public Protection commands the largest budget after Education. *Finance: This committee oversees all expenditures. I am knowledgeable about the budgets and processes to make an effective contribution to this central committee. I would happily serve where needed.

Janis Wasserman

Qualifications: • RTM representative, member Finance, Health & Social Services, and Transit committees. • 7+ years Westport's Grants Person (worked with staff, RTM, boards, commissions and the community). • Grantwriter/fundraiser for community organizations. • Former PTA treasurer and vice president. • Social Action Committee - Temple Israel. • 13 year Westport resident, two children in schools.

Reply: It is vitally important for the RTM to understand the needs of Westport residents of all ages, and to see that the Town effectively provides those services appropriately funded by tax dollars. I care most about education and health and social services issues, which includes transportation. We should insure continuation of bus service to commuters and senior citizens and improved service for students and other townspeople. All Town services must be provided in a fiscally responsible way to insure Westport's long term financial health. Therefore, I hope to continue on the Finance, Health & Human Services, and Transit Committees.

The names of your RTM candidates appear on the lower right of the ballot. Don't forget them!

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICE → / PARTY ↓	1 First Selectman & Selectman	2	3 Board of Finance Vote For Any Three	4	5	6 Board of Education Vote For Any Four	7	8	9 Board of Tax Review Vote For Any Two	10	11 Planning & Zoning Commission Vote For Any Three	12	13	14 Zoning Board of Appeals Vote For Any Two	15
REPUBLICAN	Joseph P. Arcudi and Betty Lou Cummings ☐ 1A	John A. Laurino ☐ 2A	Edwin K. Dimes ☐ 3A	☐ 4A	Caren Calish Gagliano ☐ 5A	Joan A. Irvine ☐ 6A	☐ 7A	☐ 8A	J. Drayton Hamm ☐ 9A	☐ 10A	☐ 11A	☐ 12A	☐ 13A	Joanne Leaman ☐ 14A	☐ 15A
DEMOCRATIC	Nicholas W. Thiemann and Eleanor S. Lowenstein ☐ 1B	Randolph W. Meyer ☐ 2B	Diane G. Farrell ☐ 3B	☐ 4B	Ira W. Bloom ☐ 5B	Franklin J. Wiener ☐ 6B	Steven G. Halstead ☐ 7B	☐ 8B	Douglas Webber Dunham ☐ 9B	☐ 10B	Lois S. Porro ☐ 11B	Robert H. MacLachlan ☐ 12B	Dorothy S. Williams ☐ 13B	Barbara R. Herman ☐ 14B	Hope O. Hageman ☐ 15B
SAVE WESTPORT NOW	☐ 1C	☐ 2C	☐ 3C	☐ 4C	☐ 5C	☐ 6C	☐ 7C	☐ 8C	☐ 9C	☐ 10C	Lois S. Porro ☐ 11C	Robert H. MacLachlan ☐ 12C	Dorothy S. Williams ☐ 13C	☐ 14C	☐ 15C
PETITIONING CANDIDATE	Lewis J. Sperber ☐ 1D	☐ 2D	☐ 3D	☐ 4D	☐ 5D	☐ 6D	☐ 7D	☐ 8D	☐ 9D	☐ 10D	☐ 11D	☐ 12D	☐ 13D	☐ 14D	☐ 15D
	☐ 1E	☐ 2E	☐ 3E	☐ 4E	☐ 5E	☐ 6E	☐ 7E	☐ 8E	☐ 9E	☐ 10E	☐ 11E	☐ 12E	☐ 13E	☐ 14E	☐ 15E

The Representative Town Meeting

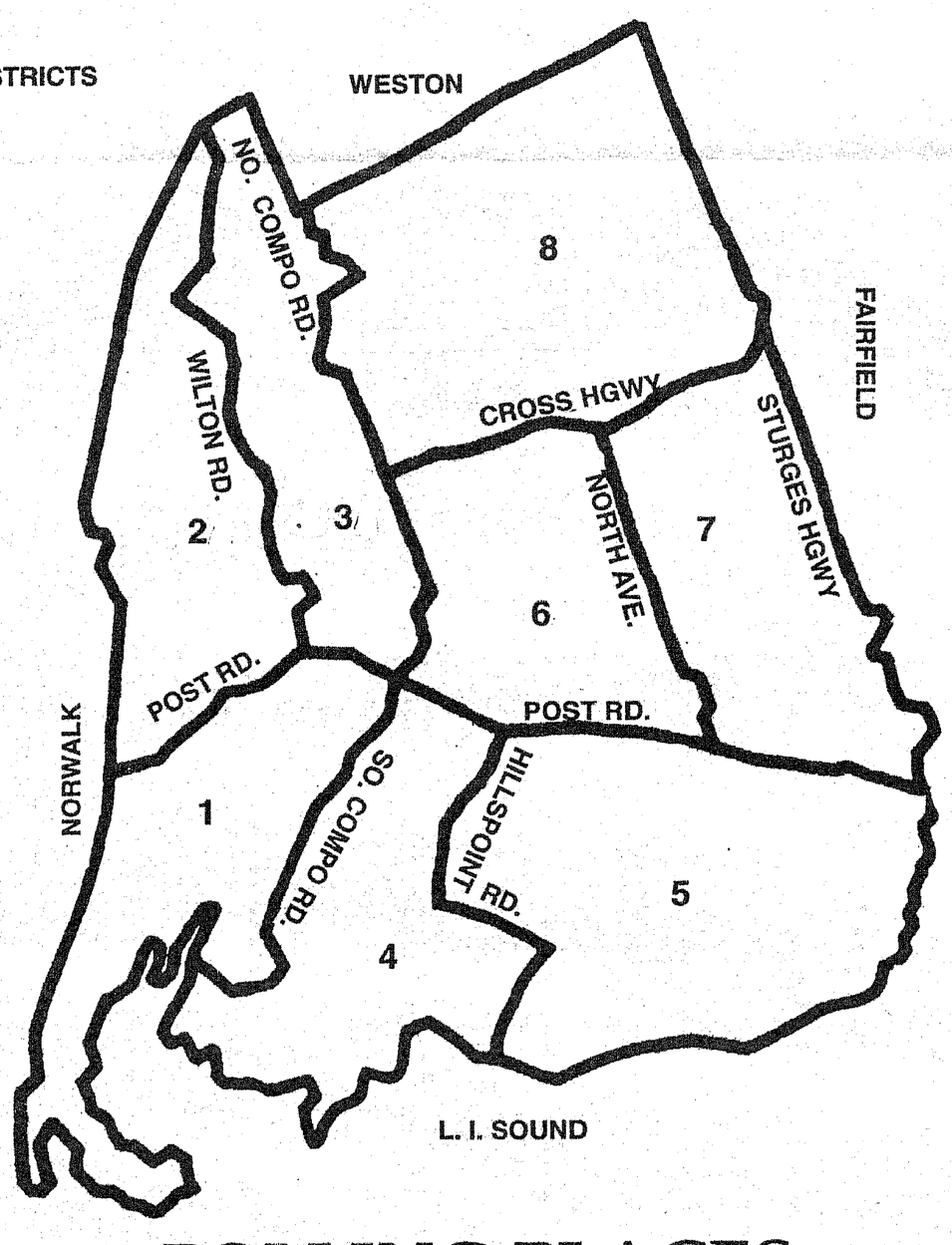
NOTE: RTM candidates appear on the lower right of the ballot, starting at row 16E and differ for each district. Read about your RTM candidates on the preceding pages and enter your choices.

MY DISTRICT IS NUMBER _____

THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED IS _____

Candidate #	Name
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

RTM DISTRICTS



POLLING PLACES

DISTRICTS 1 & 2
Bedford Middle School Gym, Riverside Avenue

DISTRICTS 4 & 5
Westport Arts Center Gym, 17 Morningside Ave. South

DISTRICTS 3 & 8
Coleytown Elementary School Gym, Easton Rd.

DISTRICTS 6 & 7
Long Lots School Gym, Hyde Lane

Handicapped accessible machines are available.

Voting In Person

NEW!
Voter identification at the polls. Effective this election, voters must show a pre-printed ID before voting, such as a Social Security card, driver's license, library card, employment ID, or else sign a statement attesting his/her identity.

When ready to vote, give your address, name and ID to the checkers. They will direct you to a voting machine.

To close the curtain and unlock the machine for voting, move the red handle of the curtain lever to the right as far as it will go, and leave it there.

To register your votes, simply TURN DOWN the pointer OVER the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote, and LEAVE IT THERE.

Returning the red handle to the left opens the curtain and registers your vote.

Officials will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate the voting machine.

Voting by Absentee Ballot . . .

Applications for absentee ballot may be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk at 226-8311.