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WESTPORT LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

Candidates for BOARD OF FINANCE

VOTE FOR FOUR

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:

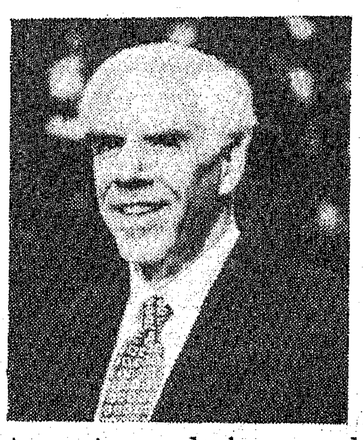
What do you consider to be Westport's most ciritical financial issues, both short term and long term? How would you address them? Please include your views on the buying and selling of town property.

J. Donald Warren, Jr. / Republican

Background: CPA; Partner, Coopers & Lybrand L.L.P.; MBA, George Washington University; Board of Finance 1990-present; RTM 1989-1990; Spouse: Judith Ann Johnston; three children: 9, 15 & 17.
Reply: Revaluation of property and ability to minimize property tax increase (short term); Use general fund in excess of 5% of general fund to minimize tax increase in conjunction, with re-engineering programs for both Town and Education with objective of reducing expenditures. Prioritization of expenditures for both Town and Education (long term); Town, in consort with Education, should institute long-range planning and budgeting and build simulation model to evaluate financings and expenditures alternatives on tax structure. Long-range plan should include analysis of Town properties to determine best use of Town-owned properties and need for additional Town-owned properties. Selectman's office has responsibility for buying or selling Town properties, not Board of Finance.

Penny A. Bray / Republican

Background: 6 year member, Board of Finance; 4 years vice-chairman, BOF; elected RTM, 3 terms; vice-president: Aviation Technical Consultants; Fairfield County Tax Collectors Association; Republican Women of Westport; FAA Certified Flight Instructor; Husband, Paul, 3 grandchildren; "Not afraid to say NO!"
Reply: The ten year revaluation mandated by State Statute, with potential shift of the tax burden from commercial to residential will require astute, careful planning to phase in the residential load. Services, i.e. police and fire, must be maintained while still retaining a 5% reserve to maintain Westport's Triple A (Aaa) bond rating. Long Term needs dictate planning by both the Town and Education financial centers and overseers to prioritize and implement sound budgets. Planning must be for more than the immediate future. Town property NEEDS must be evaluated and matched with citizens requirements. Town Charter gives Town property disposition responsibility to Board of Selectmen; practice prescribes Board of Finance input.



Roy E. Fuchs / Democrat

Background: Member, Board of Finance. Commercial banker; Stanford MBA; experienced planner. Member, School Facilities Study Committee: recommended classroom additions to meet growing enrollments. Chaired Finance Subcommittee of School Study Committee: recommended Board of Education budget reductions.
Reply: Near Term: Setting spending priorities to balance high level of services demanded against need to minimize tax rate growth as "tax pie" shrinks. Longer Term: Managing operating budget and addressing capital requirements (e.g., classrooms for projected 1,000 new children within ten years), recognizing bonding impacts tax rate, as do increased operating expenditures. Board requires managers able to plan beyond annual budget. I will continue to lead effort to adopt a formal planning and prioritizing process. Have publicly stated that land use must be addressed strategically, not piecemeal. Previously asked First Selectman to provide the Board a plan for the use or disposal of each Town-owned property. Will do so until one is delivered.

Steven L. Ezzes / Democrat

Background: Investment banker with 25 years of experience at financial institutions such as Citibank and Goldman, Sachs. Lifelong resident, attended Westport Schools, MBA from UCLA.
Reply: PROPERTY TAX REVALUATION is the clarion call for Westport's leaders to create an overdue long-range financial plan. We can no longer plan only for today and fail to consider longer term implications of the changing tax structure and population of our Town. Education, infrastructure, and safety needs are increasing. Long range planning and productivity improvements are needed to curtail future tax increments. We need to be cognizant of the reasons we moved to Westport and focus on how we can provide needed services with the ability to finance. Land is finite! WESTPORT CANNOT SELL ASSETS TO PAY FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES. We should adhere to the RTM's Real Property Acquisition Fund that states that funds raised from land sales be dedicated for additional property procurement.

Christine O'Sullivan / Democrat

Background: Serving on the RTM for 10 years, I examined town and education budgets along with labor contracts for both. A long term member and recent past president of the League of Women Voters, I have learned about fair and responsible government. My legal practice involves financial analyses in marital dissolutions and contract matters.
Reply: Financial short term and long term issues are interwoven. Today's allocations are tomorrow's taxes. Our current financial resources must be husbanded and planning for future needs must be in earnest to keep taxes low. We need accurate forecasting to set aside money for expected capital needs. Labor costs drive our budgets. We should examine labor contracts before they are due for renewal, seek consistency in treatment of town employees, along with co-payments on benefits where salaries are high. The sale of town property is shortsighted. The benefits are temporary while the losses are permanent.

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Candidates for BOARD OF EDUCATION

VOTE FOR THREE

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:

How would you define an educated person?
How does a Board of Education member help students in Westport's school system meet your definition?

Theodore Youngling / Republican

Background: Have completed two terms as member of Bd. of Education. Member of the R.T.M. for eight years and was a member of the education sub-committee for four years. My four children are products of our school system and now I find myself with five grandchildren in or almost ready to enter our schools.
Reply: An educated person is one who is aware of what is happening in our world today and knows the history of these happenings. He has the skills to evaluate this knowledge and the ability to make decisions based on the most reliable information available. We are fortunate to live in a community that provides excellent support for our schools, not only with our taxes but with our involvement. We have made a commitment to the children of Westport which offers them opportunities to learn and succeed that compares favorably with the best anywhere.

Deborah R. Rath / Democrat

Background: R.T.M. District 3, Finance Committee, Environment Committee; Representative, Board of Education Subcommittees: School Bus and Teacher Contracts, Facilities/ Space Committees * Coleytown Elementary PTA Board; Learning Community Board; PTA Council * League of Women Voters; Westport Bar Association * Two daughters, preschool and Coleytown Elementary * Local attorney; B.A. Vassar College, Phi Beta Kappa, J.D. Georgetown University.
Reply: An educated person is: • Intellectually curious, a lifelong learner; • Able to read, process and communicate, problem-solve, verbally and mathematically, work independently and in groups; • Technologically proficient, able to use technology to acquire new knowledge. Board of Education role: • Insure that what our children are taught builds on the foundation of the past while embracing the future, combining the best of traditional education and new teaching methods; • Continue integration of technology into the classroom; • Measure student performance through standardized testing, traditional classroom tests and more subjective performance assessments; • Provide, maintain adequate facilities and resources.

Cheryl A. Bliss / Republican

Background: Three children in Westport schools; former social studies teacher, Hamden, CT schools; former assistant branch manager, Hartford National Bank; past president of Westport Historical Society; CES and CMS PTA board member; member of social studies curriculum review committee.
Reply: An educated person is one capable of assimilating information from a variety of sources, analyzing it and using it to come to an intelligent conclusion. To do this, the individual must have acquired an extensive knowledge base and the perspective to put the information in a meaningful context. Furthermore, the individual must possess the communication skills to convey the information and the personal skills to work with others for the good of the community. The Board of Education can best help educate students by assuring that adequate resources are available, mandating the implementation of a carefully articulated curriculum, and evaluating the results of the students' performance.

Eugene E. Cederbaum / Democrat

Background: I have served on the RTM three times, am a mentor in the middle school, have served on the United Way and Arts Center boards and have been President of the Westport Bar Association. My children are Staples graduates. I believe that good communication leads to consensus which is the best way to define and achieve goals.
Reply: Knowing how to learn continuously in this age of virtually unlimited information will be the hallmark of tomorrow's educated person. We must teach our children to love learning. We must teach them to be good questioners, but better listeners; to be self-confident, but not self-centered; to communicate well because they understand well. Board members must demonstrate these same skills. I will first listen to understand alternatives and differing points of view, then question to fully understand an issue and finally communicate my ideas and reactions simply, clearly and often.

Candidates for ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

VOTE FOR THREE

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

LWV Question:

For various reasons, such as the limited number of available building lots, the ZBA faces increasing requests to grant variances to existing structures. How will you be guided in evaluating each request?

John E. Watson, III / Republican

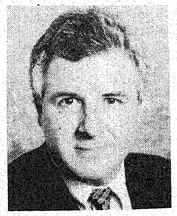
Background: Native Westporter ,graduated Staples 1977, University of Michigan 1981, earned an MBA Sacred Heart University 1986. Professionally; Vice President Herbert J. Sims ,Westport based Bond underwriter and brokerage firm. ZBA ViceChair. Civicly; Rotary Club, Parents as Teachers. LTj.g.-US Naval reserves.
Reply: As an incumbent member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, I have four years experience reviewing and deciding numerous requests for relief from the zoning regulations. The most important question I ask myself with each request is, "how would I feel if I was a next door neighbor?" The zoning regulations were created to protect neighborhoods and property values, and as a member of the ZBA I must always consider the effect of any variance on the neighbors. With an attentive ear to the concerns of both the applicant and the neighbors, I provide the necessary avenue to grant relief from the zoning regulations.

Douglas Scott Skalka / Democrat

Background: I am an attorney, having practiced law for over ten years. I have appeared before zoning boards, including the Westport Zoning Board of Appeals, and have litigated zoning issues before every court in this state. Recently, I left my large firm practice, which often required me to commute to New York, to become a partner in a New Haven law firm. This move has allowed me to devote more time to my family (my wife and I are the proud parents of twin eleven month old girls) and my community. I look forward to serving the citizens of Westport.
Reply: The Zoning Board of Appeals is under pressure as a result of the increased number of applications filed before the Board. To address this pressure, we must have qualified, well-respected Board members that will evaluate each application on its own merits while still providing parties with a expeditious hearing.

John J. McCarthy / Republican

Background: * Third Generation Westporter; * Graduate of Westport Schools; * BA, Marketing & Finance, partial MA, Finance; * Vietnam Veteran; * Former undercover Agent for US Treasury Department; * Vice President Chase Manhattan Bank, NA (20 years); * Investment Executive with Paine Webber Inc., Currently Manager Institutional Sales for Westport Resources, Inc.; * Republican Town Committee member (2 terms); * Elected member of the Westport Board of Tax Review (8 years); * Justice of the Peace & Constable for the Town of Westport.
Reply: Each application will be viewed on its own merits and as an unique entity with full realization as to the importance to each applicant. Individual decisions will employ my familiarity with Westport, experience with over 2,000 individuals property appeals while on the Tax Review Board and a personal site inspection of the property. All of my input will incorporate true hardship, assurances of harmony of neighborhoods and zoning regulations as well as substantial justice for all concerned.



James C. Ezzes / Democrat

Background: Residential General Contractor; Director Motion Picture Acquisition, Home Box Office; Director of Programming, Showtime Entertainment; Theatrical Fundraiser/ Producer - Broadway/ Off-Broadway; Executive Committee, Westport Democratic Town Committee; Family moved to Westport 1953; Attended Westport schools K-12.
Reply: Each application to the ZBA for a variance (a request for "relief" from P&Z regulations) must be analyzed on a CASE-BY-CASE basis. As a member of the board I will carefully review each application, analyze all P&Z regulations, work closely with the professional staff, fairly evaluate the question of "hardship", consider the impact on the neighbors, visit each property and make an IMPARTIAL, NON-PARTISAN decision. I am experienced with all aspects of the building and renovating process, as well as concerned about maintaining the integrity of the town. I have appeared in front of ZBA boards throughout Fairfield County and I am able to interpret regulations and provide SOUND, THOUGHTFUL decisions.

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!

Candidates for BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

(formerly Tax Review)

VOTE FOR ONE

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

LWV Question:

With the new property reevaluation due in 1996, how will you assure fairness for all Westport taxpayers?

Garson F. Heller, Jr. / Republican

Background: Westport resident for over 30 years. Elected to Westport RTM 7 terms (1967-1981). Member Westport Board of Tax Review since 1982, and Chairman since 1983.
Reply: The State of Connecticut Statutes require Westport to complete a total reevaluation by 10/1/95. For the past sixteen years, I have been the leading advocate of fair assessments for Westport. I was in the RTM in 1978-81 when an earlier flawed reassessment was done. I proposed the successful RTM action to defer the 1979 implementation. When the 1980 corrections did not produce an equitable Grand List, I was a member of the Selectman's Committee that recommended the 1985 reevaluation and I was able to convince the RTM to appropriate funding. For the past 13 years, I have worked hard to listen to appeals by residential and commercial property owners and to adjudicate fairly. Using my years of experience and my knowledge of Westport assessment procedures, I will carefully analyze all appeals in relation to comparable properties to assure equitable treatment for all taxpayers.

Michael Farrell / Democrat

Background: My educational background, including courses sponsored by NYU and the Appraisal Institute, and practical experience appraising varied property types have qualified me as a Certified General Appraiser in the State of Connecticut. These qualifications should prove invaluable to the Board of Tax Review.
Reply: With the recent decline in commercial property values it appears the revaluation will result in a shift in the tax burden away from commercial and toward residential property, with increases in the tax burden for the average home anticipated at 13% to 15%. Over 900 appeals were made after the last revaluation in 1985, which was a time when commercial property values were soaring. It will be critical that the Board of Tax Review be familiar with all the valuation issues involved in order to competently judge the validity of the appeals. Mistakes could be costly to Westport taxpayers in terms of taxes needlessly foregone or in court cases lost.

Candidates for PLANNING AND ZONING

VOTE FOR FOUR

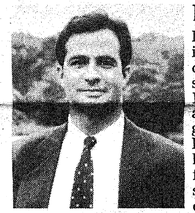
The P&Z has seven members serving staggered four-year terms. They are responsible for developing a Town Plan, securing the most desirable use of land within the town, regulating the density of population, and drafting zoning regulations necessary to the success of the plan.

LWV Question:

Since the P&Z must update the Town Plan of Development by 1997, what are your views on the following issues: a) legalization of apartments; b) the 10% affordable housing required by the state; c) establishing criteria for the sale, purchase or use of municipal land and; d) establishing special use zoning districts.

Carla L. Rea / Republican

Background: • Incumbent, Chairman 1992-95; • Married, Three children, Resident 24 years; • Foreign Language Teacher, Legal Translator; • Graduate Instituto Magistrale Elisabetta, Rome, Italy; • Instrumental in simplifying zoning permit process; • Fought State Housing mandates in Hartford.
Reply: A) Apartment issues are both social and economic in nature. I advocate resolution of the current situation. B) Controlling rents for existing housing is difficult. We should lobby vigorously to have the State accept the Town's existing apartments to satisfy its 10% requirement. C) Criteria are activated by use of the 8-24 mechanism which is applied after consulting the Town Plan. Now is a critical time to ponder Westport's future as P&Z has begun the process of drafting a new Town Plan which will carry us into the next decade. D) The Town is zoned into districts which are functioning well. Any change must be approached with care to protect Westport's residential character.

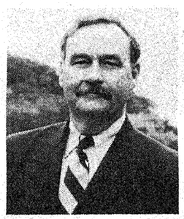


David R. Marks / Republican

Background: My wife and I chose to make our home in Westport because of its natural beauty, quality of life, character, and public facilities. I am committed to preserving these attributes for future generations.
Reply: My work on the Regional Plan of Development as Westport's Representative to the South Western Regional Planning Agency has prepared me for the Town Plan of Development: A) I have not yet decided about legalization of apartments. The issue is complex and a full public discussion is warranted. B) In housing, diversity is strength. However, I oppose unfunded State mandates. Unfortunately, the State definition of affordable housing places Westport at a disadvantage. C) The potential for public use and the character of the neighborhood should be paramount in land use decisions. Every effort should be made to obtain more open space. D) Adherence to a well-designed Town Plan should make special use districts unnecessary.

Kathryn Harvey Mimms / Republican

Background: Earned Chartered Financial Analyst - 1982, MBA from The University of Texas - 1977, 14 years of analytical investment experience. Westport Young Woman's League member serving on Board and Executive Board. Westport resident - 5 years. Married - mother of two children.
Reply: The touchstone of effective town planning is the health and safety of all Westport residents. In updating the Town Plan: a) apartment legalization should be approached cautiously with economic, health, and safety standards reinforced; b) affordable housing mandate is a zone-breaking measure and should be repealed. I would encourage ALL Fairfield County State Representatives to work to this end; c) municipal land management criteria should respect residential and commercial zoning and allow for preservation of open space; d) I have as yet to learn of any need for special zones, but I'm open-minded. I look forward to working as a P&Z member to implement the best solution for all Westporters that ensures their health and safety.



Robert D. (Rob) Graham / Republican

Background: • V.P. & Asst. General Counsel, General Reinsurance Corp.; • 22 years experience as a lawyer & a businessman; • Delaware Department of Justice; • P&Z Alternate; • Minute Man Yacht Club; • Pres. Stamford-Darien Meals-on-Wheels; • Supporter, Westport Country Playhouse; • B.A. Univ. of Delaware, J.D. Boston University; • Admitted to practice of law in CT and Delaware.
Reply: I've participated in Westport's Planning and Zoning process since 1994 as an alternate commissioner and member of the regulations committee. I would approach the specific issues you've raised by applying the relevant statutes and zoning regulations to the evidence presented in a fair and common sense manner. Updating the Town Plan of Development is the most important task facing the P&Z over the next two years for it will help determine the quality of life in Westport into the twenty-first century. I'm committed to inviting the widest possible public participation in this planning process.

Eleanor (Ellie) Lowenstein / Democrat / Save Westport Now

Background: President League of Women Voters (LWV); Founder and participant, LWV Public Land Study; Candidate, Second Selectman, 1993; Tracked land use issues through town boards; Advocate of basing decisions on Town Plan of Development.
Reply: a) Legalizing existing apartments would bring them up to code and provide safe, alternative housing. The need for additional accessory apartment regulations should be assessed. b) To preclude development through state mandate, Westport should take the initiative to offer a mix of housing to accommodate a broad range of ages and occupations. c) Criteria established to evaluate present or potential municipal land would put the parcels in perspective to town resources and needs. Along with long-range planning, criteria preserve appropriate parcels for present and future public use. d) Special use districts should be established only when they are valuable for specific preservation or for the good of the community and will enhance the quality of life.

RTM

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LWV Question:

What interests and talents would you bring to the RTM? What are your chief concerns for the town?

District 1 - Vote for any Five

Christophersen

Herman

Jensen

Scheffler

Sheffer

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Valiante

Lorna B. Christophersen

Background: Having lived in the same house in the same District since 1951, understandably, I have a more comprehensive & intimate knowledge of Westport and particularly my District, than most. Loyalty to my constituents to their needs & concerns, and a sincere dedication to ensure them a fiscally responsible and responsive goverment, are what keep me on the RTM. My experience in Town Goverment; Elected to RTM 1971-77, Elected to Bd. of Education 1977-80 (Chairman 1980), RTM 1982 to Present.
Reply: My chief concern: the impact of the impending property tax revaluation. A 24% property tax increase will devastate many residents. It is the obligation of the RTM to carefully curb unnecessary expenditures, and ensure all Westporters full value for their tax dollar.

Catherine S. Herman

Background: President, Catherine Strateneyer & Associates (advertising & public relations); RTM District 1 Representative; Board of Directors, Elderhouse Adult Day Care, The Levitt Pavilion, Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center, Save the Children Federation, Westport Country Playhouse; 12 year resident; married; two elementary school children; sustaining member, Westport Young Woman's League; Graduate, University of Texas.
Reply: Westport's challenge is to budget limited tax dollars prudently while providing quality services for our citizens and quality education for our children. I believe that Westport has difficult decisions ahead; however, with careful budgeting, I also believe we can maintain our standard of living without extravagant cost increases. Keeping costs down is important to all of us, but especially to our older citizens, many of whom are on fixed incomes.

Jorgen F. Jensen

Background: Chairman, Environmental Committee, member RTM Finance, Public Works, Health & Human Services & Transit Committees. Member, Selectman's Committee on Capital Expenditures.
Reply: Westport needs RTM members who are willing and able to challenge town officials by asking tough questions to make sure we do things right. The RTM has the final say on spending proposals and and this is where you go to voice your views on controversial issues. I have been in the forefront of important debates, doing the research and presenting issues forcefully on the floor of the RTM. Having served on many key committees, I know every department head in Town Hall and will challenge them about budgets, school construction, sewers, recycling, zoning and environment.

William L. Scheffler

Background: I am an attorney: among other community activities, I serve on the Board of the Westport Education Foundation, am *pro bono* counsel to the Family Center of Westport-Weston, am a Kings Highway Room Parent and am a former Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Reply: In my time representing RTM District 4 (during which I moved to District 1), I have become knowledgeable in the ways that the Town's legislative body can balance our taxpayers' need for responsibility — fiscal, planning and otherwise — with our citizens' desire to maintain small town values. I grew up here, and I believe that old and new can, and must, coexist. This is a magnificant town: we must do what we can to keep it so for our children.

Ann E. Sheffer

Reply: I grew up attending RTM meetings during the years that my father was the Moderator, and came to appreciate the extraordinary role it plays in town government. The Town Meeting has always been the place where citizens can (and should) speak up about the overall direction of Town government. Now that I'm on the RTM, I have tried to understand and balance the needs and fiscal concerns of new families as well as long-time residents, like my father, in order to make choices which serve the whole community. I bring this goal of balance and cooperation to other organizations with which I'm involved— the Friends of the Library, Westport Education Foundation, Westport Arts Center — in working to keep Westport an engaged, caring community.

Joseph Valiante, Jr.

Background: Now completing fourth term (8 years) on the RTM representing District 1. Have served on recreation and planning and zoning committees of the RTM. Lifelong resident. Graduate of local schools. town employee — fire department — 27 years.
Reply: INTERESTS, TALENTS, CONCERNS: In addition to interest in recreation programs and planning and zoning issues, I am dedicated to fiscal responsibility - i.e., maintaining our relatively low tax rate, but without sacrificing town services to our fellow citizens and without lowering our quality of education. I look forward to completion of the proposed community center at Longshore and to adoption of a permanent preventative maintenance program for all town-owned buildings, both to protect their value and to avoid major maintenance costs through ongoing care.

District 2 - Vote for any Four

Delara

Harris, H.

Harris, W.

Mayer

Reiner

Webber

John E. DeLara

Background: I married my wife Stephanie and moved to Westport in 1991. We selected Westport because we thought it would be the ideal community to live and raise a family.
Reply: I'm well established in corporate business. The experience and knowledge I've acquired over the last 12 years in budgets, negotiations, contracts, project management, marketing, market analysis, education, and computer technology give me a well rounded background to serve you. If you treat people the way you want to be treated you gain their respect. When you respect a person, you listen to and understand that person, which leads to a cooperative and creative environment to get things accomplished. We need people on the RTM willing to work together for the common good of Westport.

Holton E. Harris

Background: Westport resident 34 years; Veteran; Engineer, B.S. and M.S. from M.I.T.; President, successful manufacturing corporation. PRIOR RTM: 6 years prior RTM experience; Deputy Moderator; Chairman, Finance Committee; Rules Committee. CURRENT RTM: Incumbent RTM member; Public Works Committee; Employee Compensation Committee; Chairman, Computer Committee. OTHER CIVIC: Charter Revision Commission, Vice Chairman one School Study Committee, member another; Scoutmaster; Chairman, Selectman's Capital Equipment Study Committee.
Reply: I bring skills and long experience in organization and financial management to the RTM. Example: Recent Capital Equipment Committee recommendations have potential to save Town up to a million dollars over a 10-year period, if implemented. From my position on RTM Public Works Committee, I would like to work to see that they are!

Walter D. Harris

Background: Lifelong Westport resident, 31 years. Work locally. Westport school system, then Bachelor's and Master's degrees from MIT. Eight years on RTM, four as Chairman of Parks and Recreation Committee. Also served on Public Protection, Planning and Zoning, Ethics, and Computer Committees.
Reply: This year, Connecticut lost population. Westport must remain attractive and vibrant. So, our priorities must be low taxes through cautious spending, continued excellence in education through high academic standards, and careful attention to our excellent parks and beaches. We must efficiently maintain our Police, Fire, and Public Works services. To this work, I bring experience on the RTM, business knowledge (Product Manager, recently named VP, Operations, of a local manufacturer), and advanced engineering training in analyzing complex systems.

Jeffrey A. Mayer

Background: B.A., Yale 1973; LL.B., NYU 1978. Attorney, Barrett Smith, NYC; Financial services, Goldman Sachs, NYC; currently, AIG Trading., Greenwich. Married, Nancy Diamond; Children: Brian (7), Marshall (4).
Reply: In 20 years of professional experience I have demonstrated skills as a creative problem solver, negotiator, innovative financier, and legal draftsman. I hope to apply these strengths to several challenges Westporters share, including: (1) finding creative solutions to demands for adequate town recreational facilities; (2) ensuring that our schools, accounting for 60% of the town budget, remain superlative within prudent fiscal limits; and (3) preserving Westport's precious open spaces, like the F.D. Rich Property on Partrick and land adjacent to the Nature Center. I will attend meetings and speak up for my neighbors.

Bari Reiner

Background: Westport resident for 17 years. Have witnessed growth and changes in town, some for the better and some should have never taken place.
Reply: Interests and concerns focus on environment and education. Would like to keep the remaining open space as is. Do not believe town owned land should be sold for development; leave it in its natural state. For a year have been attending Board of Education meetings. Have noticed that the turnout is lean. Believe public comments should be at the begining of the meeting. That would draw greater participation than the public giving their comments at the end. Schools here are good but not excellent. I hope by being a member of the RTM I could encourage that next step to excellence.

Mary G. Webber

Background: RTM member; Education and P&Z Committees. Former President Bedford PTA; Co-President PTA Council; Boy Scouts. Two sons through Westport schools. BA in Government, Smith College, Economic research for The Conference Board, US Council of International Chamber of Commerce, Mobil Oil. Member LWV.
Reply: dedicated to informed representation and work at it; regularly monitored Board of Ed meetings; was a member of the system's Long-range Goals Committee and currently member of Budget and Program Planning Committee. I have an economist's training and belief in careful analysis and budgeting; an appreciation, developed over 19 years residence, of Westport's quality of life; and a particular concern for the scope of our impending commitments (schools, library, senior and community center, new town plan) and their cumulative fiscal impact.

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LWV Question:

What interests and talents would you bring to the RTM? What are your chief concerns for the town?

District 3 - Vote for any Four

Bloomer

Kienzle

Meyer

Rubin

Traub

John F. Bloomer

Background: BS Engineering, MBA Finance, Northwestern University; 26 year resident Westport; 3 children Westport schools; Controller, Document Services Division, Pitney Bowes, Stamford; Interfaith Housing Association, Board of Directors 1988-93, Vice President 1990-93.
Reply: Interested in finance strategies assisting tax payers get more value from tax dollar. Concerned about why homeowners face 24% increase in property taxes next year. Believe most Westporters enjoy excellent life quality, but do not think tax burden is equitably shared. As Controller for $8.8 million division of Connecticut based Fortune 150 firm, financial talents should be useful. Other concerns; development of Winslow Park, changing Jessup Green, increasing burglary rate, accessibility at Longshore. Concerned that Westport is becoming too expensive for children and some parents. Creative solutions needed now to ensure continuing vibrant Westport.

Nancy K. Kienzle

Background: Cornell Univ. B.S.; Fairfield Univ. M.A.; Teacher: Staples H.S.; Westport Resident 29+ years; Four children; Community: GSA; PTA's, Church, Special Olympics, RTC; Guiding Eyes.
Reply: Interests: I have no special issues that have prompted my candidacy. We chose to live in Westport and have felt it is a "special" community to live, raise children and now grow old in. I care about maintaining our school system, the open space and beauty of Westport and making it a "friendly" place for residents of all ages. Talents: I have good listening skills, an open-mind, and integrity. Concerns: The future will bring changes (growing school population, traffic, etc.) and we must cope with them. I am willing to commit my time and energy working toward solutions for Westport.

William F. Meyer III

Background: 27 year resident of Westport, always active in community affairs. Currently VP of Girls Little League softball and managed its growth from 8 to 40 teams; serve on two committees of the Saugatuck Congregational Church; am chairman of the annual Crop Walk for Hunger; and was a site manager for Westport's "First Night".
Reply: My main concern for Westport is that we maintain balance on quality of life issues, looking prudently and with common sense at educational budgets, recreation expenditures, administrative costs and property tax rates. Having attended town meetings in the past, I wish to be an active member of the RTM, seeking out and listening carefully to my constituents. Three decades in Westport make me want to help keep this a very special place.

Stephen M. Rubin

Reply: As a retired executive, I have the required time to be an active and effective RTM representative as well as a volunteer to numerous organizations. As an incumbent, I have worked hard and have been a conscientious member of the RTM. Other town contributions include Westport's School Bus Monitor Program as well as civic, charitable and town government committees.
Reply: I have strived to work for the maintenance and improvement of our Westport's infrastructure. Our "Westport's Quality of Life", is my chief concern, while demanding fiscal responsibility and accountability from town government and its employees. I want to continue to represent the people of District 3, both young and seniors alike. I am grateful for the support I received during my previous term.

Harry Traub

Background: RTM member 1993-Present, Parks & Recreation and Public Works Committees; Westport resident since 1987; 2 School-age children; Westport Rec. Soccer Coach; Real Estate Consultant 15 years; BBS, Trinity College Dublin; MBA, Harvard.
Reply: 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 services help maintain Westport's quality of life and property values, which benefit all residents. At the same time we must ensure accommodation for long term residents and those on fixed incomes. My prior RTM experience, professional and educational background, insure careful evaluation of each budget request to assure maximum value from each tax dollar spent.

District 4 - Vote for any Five

Brey

Canning

Kaufman

Schwarz

Waxman

Lewis D. Brey

Background: Life-long resident of Westport, attended Westport school system and graduated Staples High School. Graduated Emory University, BA in political science, and Pace University School of Law, JD. I am a member of the RTM in District Four.
Reply: I have always been a strong supporter of Westport's Schools and have first-hand knowledge of what makes our schools special. I believe that at a time when government must understand the need to control spending, we must also recognize that education is a vital component of a vibrant community, and our democratic system. Westport must manage its growth responsibly. We should take care to preserve the character of our community while allowing for sensible change. I will apply my education and experience to facilitate these goals.

Janet S. Canning

Background: Westport resident since 1979; six years on RTM; past PTA President; active involvement in local youth, educational and musical activities; currently employed by Department of Human Services as coordinator of Meals on Wheels.
Reply: My primary interests are education and the elderly. Our own two children received a wonderful education in the Westport schools. I want to be part of a town that treats future generations as well. Working with Meals on Wheels I see many people in need of town services. The current reassessment will shift the balance from commercial to residential taxpayers, who understandably will resist tax increases. My chief concern is how to balance a stable tax rate with the very real needs of our neediest citizens.

William Kaufman

Reply: I am deeply concerned that, in seeking to improve our town, our leaders may do more harm than good, by failing to take sufficient time and effort, to develop a consensus before acting on their plans, e.g., changes in education and recreational facilities. The changes, though possibly beneficial, may not compensate for the damage to the spirit of unity resulting when citizens are denied a role in decision making. Initiative and Referendum ought to be used more frequently. We should nurture voluntarism to handle tasks around town. As a ten year Westport resident, a small businessman and an attorney, I have the motivation and the experience to help our wonderful town.

Ralph Schwarz

Background: I grew up in Westport, moved back with my family four years ago and care deeply about it. In my career as an attorney I have dealt with issues which now confront our town: land use, construction and public finance.
Reply: Westport faces an increase in its school population of approximately 1,000 students in the next few years which will require new facilities. Several of our fine recreational assets, especially Longshore, need redevelopment. Planning issues are ripe with the 1997 review of the Town Plan. I would like to contribute my professional experience to these matters. There is too much unpleasantness and rancor in our town's public discourse and life. We need to calmly confront our challenges together.

Carol Ann Waxman

Background: My husband and I moved to Westport with two small children in 1976 and I have a strong interest in seeing that other families enjoy the same - and when possible - improved opportunities.
Reply: I presently serve on three RTM committees - Public Protection, Health and Social Services and Library, Museum and Arts. I am also a town representative to SWCCA and serve on its Housing Committee. I attempt to keep abreast of town issues and concerns by observing town board and commission meetings. My main concern is how the drastic cutbacks at the federal and state levels will impact the lives of Westport residents, young and old.

REMEMBER! Voter identification at the polls.

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.

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LWV Question:

What interests and talents would you bring to the RTM? What are your chief concerns for the town?

District 5 - Vote for any Four

Aasen

Booth

Gibbons

Hymans

Kokoszka

Wasserman

Lawrence O. Aasen

Background: For 32 years I have been very active in Westport Civic, Community and church activities. Serve on two RTM committees. I ask questions.
Reply: On the RTM I speak out, investigate and ask questions. My chief concerns for Westport are the rising taxes, big salaries, big legal fees, and the urge by some to sell beautiful town land. Some Westporters can no longer afford to live here and are moving out. That is a shame! Westport does not need a town manager—it needs to MANAGE better. I think the RTM, the Board of Finance and the Board of Education should be a little more lean and mean—and not big spenders!

John W. Booth

Reply: During my first term, I've brought my years of business experience to matters brought before the RTM. My chief concern is the impact of the recent reassessment on residential taxes. The increase in residential assessments and a relative decrease in commercial assessments will shift the burden to homeowners. It's been suggested that the residential mill rate increase will be 25%. That could only occur if town and school budget increases are not kept within reason. Both budgets are developed by adding the cost of new programs to existing programs. Little effort is made to eliminate outdated programs through "zero-based" budgeting procedures. If federal and state programs—and expenses—can be curtailed, there's no reason why Westport cannot do the same without impacting necessary services.

Nathaniel W. Gibbons

Background: Greens Farms Resident 39 Years, Reside & Work in Westport (firefighter), Greens Farms Association Member, 3 Terms Prior RTM Experience: Key Attributes: Responsive, Watch Dog, Follow-Up, Thoughtful — Key Goals: Neighborhood Protection, Value for Tax Dollars, Improve Town Resources.
Reply: My past record: For: recycling, composting, tipping fees for commercial haulers, ballfield expansion for all Westporters, liberalize apartment regulations. Against: unfunded state mandates, expansion of liquor licenses, ripping up Jesup Green for parking spaces. Chief Concern: Our "blueprint for the future", the town plan, is outdated, and that its revision will become a partisan document mauled by non-residential interests. Second chief concern: Westport government processes have been slow to use computers to streamline public access to town resources. Why ride a buggy into the millennia?

Ralph Hymans

Background: Greens Farms resident 19 years; CPA specializing in tax and financial planning; educated at Harvard University, Harvard Business School. Former member of RTM;Parks and Recreation and Public Works committees;member of Conservation committee Clamming Commission.
Reply: Balancing Westport's needs and wants with its checkbook. To maintain our quality lifestyle, superior schools and recreational facilities, we need to get greater value for our tax dollars.

Wanda E. A. Kokoszka

Background: 6 years on the R.T.M. - Environment, Parks and Recreation Committees; 32 year resident - husband and 2 children educated through the Westport School system. Past - Greens Farms PTA President; Trustee Westport Library; District Cancer Coordinator; Director-at-Large Westport Women's Club; Chief Umpire Girls Softball; Coordinator Rogers Field Little League (Food); President Mills Street Homeowners Association.
Reply: My interests and talents are varied from working with children to working with the seniors at present. Understanding and working with all age groups; Open minded; Accessible and responds to all; A sense of humor; Works well with all Town Departments. Maintaining the quality and services to all residents whether educational, recreational, or protective without over spending. Getting the best services at the best price.

Janis M. Wasserman

Background: • two term RTM representative District 8, Finance Committee, Health & Social Services Committee, Chairperson, Transit Committee; • Westport's Grants Person 1982-1989; • Grantwriter/fundraiser for community organizations; • Education Budget Process Review Committee; • Staples Governing Board (SGB); • Former PTA treasurer and vice president; • Social Action Committee - Temple Israel; • 15 year Westport resident, two children presently in schools.
Reply: • Primary concerns: • insure that our school system continues to provide our children with an excellent education; • RTM must understand and address the needs of Westport residents of all ages; • Other concerns: School facilities planning, revaluation, and maintaining a balance between open space and development; • Talents demonstrated by: my leadership in insuring that Extended Day Kindergarten was implemented in the Westport School System; • fifteen years of active participation in townwide issues.

District 6 - Vote for any Five

Arena

Boyce

Daily

Malone

Murphy

Raines

Sean P. Arena

Background: My family consists of five generations of Westporters. Graduate of Norwalk Community College. Elected for two-year term in 1977 as Councilman for the City of Norwalk, where I served on Planning & Zoning, Parks & Recreation, and as chairman of Claims Committee. Appointed Commissioner of Parking & Traffic Commission, 1979-1983.
Reply: My interest first and foremost will be to the citizens of Westport. My previous background as councilman will enable me to adhere to the concerns of the town citizens, and to promote the charming historical preservation of this lovely New England community. My main chief concern would be to maintain the superior quality of the Westport school system, and also to beautify and utilize the open parklands for use by all citizens of Westport.

Daniel E. Boyce

Background: I, and my family have been residents of Westport for six years. My two children attend Coleytown elementary school. I founded *Snoboard Magazine*, and own two sporting goods mail order companies, Sailways, and Performance Snowboarding, all located in Fairfield. I am a graduate of the University of Vermont, and I am a CPA.
Reply: I am running for RTM to perform a service for the community. I have long enjoyed the many benefits the town has to offer and would like to give something back. I do not have an agenda. In business I have spent 16 years learning about people. Over that time I have had many ups and downs. I have learned that my daily success, or failure is in proportion to how well I respond to the concerns or needs of my employees, customers or any other person I have contact with during the day. This is the attitude I would bring to the RTM.

Jamison A. Daily

Background: Current RTM member (Committees: Education and P&Z) ... 17-year town resident ... Westport public schools 2nd - 12th grades ... Columbia University (B.S., Mechanical Engineering) ... Knowledgeable, as an incumbent, about how our town government works.
Reply: I am interested in preserving what Westport currently has to offer. Maintaining our town's virtues is very important to me. I am skeptical of change unless I see enough justification for change. I am a strong supporter of our school system. I am an open-minded listener and enjoy helping my constituents with their concerns. Among my concerns for Westport is that the town budget itself effectively enough so that all residents can afford their tax bills while, at the same time, quality services can be maintained.

Ronald F. Malone

Background: Responsive, ethical, thoughtful and hardworking RTM members need to be elected for the continuing success of the RTM. All of my adult life has been in worthwhile public service to Westporters. For many years I operated a small business which was followed by twenty-three years of Westport Police service, including seven as Chief of Police. Volunteer activities continue to be a major part of my life and I work part time driving a Westport school bus.
Reply: I have many concerns that are effected by RTM actions: Taxes; the preservation of municipal assets; and the health, welfare and safety of our citizens, to name a few. Major efforts will be required to mitigate the impact of revaluation and the shift in burden to the homeowner.

Thomas J. Murphy

Background: Resident of Westport for 28 years. Education: B.S. Mathematics, Boston College. Work experience: 2 years with FBI as Cryptanalyst, 31 years with IBM in technical, sales and managerial positions.
Reply: Westport property taxes are scheduled to rise dramatically in the next two years. This is due to several factors among which are: a tax-shift from commercial to residential property, continued salary increases, additional teachers and school rooms to handle the growing school population. I believe the Town and School Administrations need to face up to this problem by constructing next year's budget with a view toward eliminating unnecessary and outmoded programs. We simply cannot continue to spend more and more each year without some relief.

William P. Raines

Background: Westporter since 1965; RTM since 1990; active contributor on Finance, Planning & Zoning (Chairman), Environment Committees; semi-retired financial communications executive with time, experience, enthusiasm to serve.
Reply: In the face of predicted major shift in tax burden — from commercial property to individual homeowners — resulting from state-mandated 1995 revaluation, the greatest challenge facing Westport is to maintain our quality of life ... excellent schools, police & fire protection, recreational facilities; adequate open space ... while keeping taxes bearable for ALL of our residents. To help meet this challenge, I pledge to utilize my business background, communication skills and extensive Finance Committee experience to evaluate and prioritize spending requests — in light of our finite resources — and to forge consensus for effective, responsible RTM actions.

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LWV Question:

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District 7 - Vote for any Four

Bernard

Crawford

Johnson

Meyers

Miyasaki

Rome

Stuart S. Bernard

Background: Born in New York. Attended Columbia University. Veteran World War II. Publisher "Outdoor Life". Senior VP Times Mirror Magazines. 36 years community service in Westport.
Reply: To balance, without generational warfare, the interests of seniors living on fixed incomes, parents struggling to raise their children, as well as childless families, we need respectful, candid communication across a broad spectrum of concerns such as education, taxes, traffic, transportation, recreation, commercial development and the environment—to mention just a few. Preserving Westport's enviable quality of life in the current down-sizing economy will require difficult decisions without regard to politics or personal predilection. I will bring to the RTM my experience as a result-oriented problem solver with no agenda other than what is best for our community.

Otis L. Crawford

Background: Westport resident for 18 years, 3 children through Westport schools. Ohio State University graduate with a B.S. in pharmacy. Registered pharmacist in Ct. Retired executive with pharmaceutical company. Treasure of AARP, Y's Men golf dir., Volunteer-Yankee Doodle Fair, Holiday food delivery, First Night, etc. ...
Reply: I would bring to the RTM 40+ years experience working with people to meet a goal, and the time and energy to convey the concerns of the people of district 7 to the RTM. My concerns for the town are: Attracting commercial office users to increase value of commercial real estate thus helping with the tax base; Protecting our assets - parks, beaches, Longshore; Modernizing town government and processes.

Paul C. Johnson

Background: M.S. Industrial Engineering and Management, Columbia University, Registered Professional Engineer, Employed as Industrial Engineer, Chief Industrial Engineer, Plant Manager for various manufacturing firms and U.S. Navy.
Reply: In view of the anticipated 20-30% increase in residential taxes resulting from revaluation, effective 1996, cost containment and improved efficiencies of administrative service providers will be the imperative operative area for the new RTM body. The academic training and work experience I've acquired in both public and private sectors are directly applicable to identifying, redressing and monitoring trouble spots in use of public monies to keep Westport a good place to put down roots and raise a family. As a 25-year resident, I value what Westport offers, not the least of which is the grass-roots democracy represented by the RTM.

Barbara A. Meyers

Background: The interests and talents that I would bring to the RTM are as follows: 1989-1993 Representative Town Meeting member (RTM) District #7, served on the RTM Public Protection (Police and Fire) Committee, Planning and Zoning, the arts and library; 1986-1989 parking hearing violation's officer for the town of Westport, attendant counter for Congressman Christopher Shays general election, Congressional District 4; graduate: Durham College, Victoria, Texas, Fairfield University.
Reply: "My over-riding concern is for the apparent loss of governmental credibility. Who are we to trust, if not our elected leaders who we have chosen to resolve the daily problems and issues affecting our community. We must not only require, but demand, that those in position of power be above reproach, trustworthy and, above all, have personal integrity".

Joy M. Miyasaki

Background: Tax and business lawyer (Partner in CT/NYC law firm; former IRS Trial Attorney). Active in civic, church, and charitable affairs. B.A. and J.D. from Georgetown University.
Reply: My chief concern is that high quality services, such as excellent schools, parks and recreation programs, and fire and police protection, be provided in a cost efficient manner. We need to work continuously toward this goal, taking into account the needs of all Westporters, young and old, well-to-do and not-so-well-to-do. I love living here and want to contribute to our community. I would bring solid work experience, a willingness to listen, an ability to work out practical solutions, and the desire and energy to represent our community effectively.

Lisa S. Rome

Background: Physician; Clinical Instructor in Medicine, Yale University; Women's Crisis Center's Board of Directors; American Cancer Society, Breast Cancer Detection Team; Westport Young Woman's League; Little League Coach; B.A. M.Ed. Child Study, Tufts University.
Reply: My special interests are education, finance and health care. Westport needs to strengthen its educational system while increasing fiscal responsibility. The significant increase in enrollment mandates a need for long-range educational planning along with prudent property tax policies. By serving on local nonprofit boards, I understand the budgetary process and my analytical skills enable me to formulate solutions to complex problems. Being a physician, I am concerned about Nike site proposals and other situations directly affecting our health. I value the natural beauty of West-

District 8 - Vote for any Five

Donenfeld

Friedman

Gaines

Merk-Gould

Joseloff

Schneider

Irwin Donenfeld

Background: Lived and worked in town since 1968. Own residential and commercial properties (Coastwise Marine). Pay taxes on both. Ten years on RTM. Serve on Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and chair Public Protection.
Reply: Over the years we will be receiving less money from the state and federal governments. We must set our priorities to assure the continuance of those services we value the most, while not ignoring those who require community assistance. Westport should continue to remain a town serving all those who live here.

Richard B. Friedman

Background: As a member of the RTM Finance and Education Committees, I have worked hard to help control the upward spiral of tax increases. I authored a July 5, 1994 RTM resolution urging town agencies to limit the increases, if any, in salaries and benefits in new union contracts. I then served on the School Contract Study Committee whose input resulted in the lowest salary increases in a Westport union contract in many years.
Reply: If re-elected, I will seek to reduce tax increases by considering the consolidation of town departments, privatization of certain functions and continued aggressive labor negotiations. However, I am unequivocally committed to improving the quality of education in Westport through, among other things, the increased use of computers as a teaching tool.

Marian R. Gaines

Background: Married; Born in New York City; Graduate of Christopher Columbus H.S.; Attended New York university; Vice President and Merchandise Director for 10 years for a national corporation. Market analyst both in the domestic markets and abroad. Retired. Westport resident 13 years. Frequently attend R.T.M. and other civic meetings. I am project oriented, work well with people.
Reply: Avid follower of town affairs, member of the Y.M.C.A. Write and speak well, analytical, keep up with current events, read, member of the Y's Women, W.T.A. Chief Concerns For The Town: • A Teen Center; • A Community Center - to accommodate 1,000 people or more; • Control of Canada geese and deer; • Polarization of young and older people in town especially where taxes and the school budget is concerned; • Casinos in Bridgeport.

Linda Merk-Gould

Background: BA.Honors. Wellesley College; Two children attend Westport schools; Founder/President. Art preservation business.
Reply: During my seven years in Westport, I have served on the Historic District Commission, WPA Art Rescue Committee and the Education Budget Planning Committee. As a business owner, I am experienced with budgets. Involved with the arts, I value how decisions affect the quality of life. My concern for Westport is maintaining the quality of life while balancing costs. In a town with finite tax dollars, too many programs can result in lower quality and existing facilities not maintained - ultimately resulting in higher costs. As a RTM member, I would seek new solutions; for example, partnerships with private enterprise to reduce the town's cost while maintaining quality services.

Gordon F. Joseloff

Background: Seeking third term...RTM deputy moderator...chairman RTM Education Committee...active in numerous community organizations...fire and ambulance volunteer...grew up in Westport and attended schools here...covered RTM as local reporter in early 1960s...award-winning former CBS News and UPI foreign correspondent...quick study...open-minded...even-tempered.
Reply: Chief concern is finding creative ways to do more with less...need to maintain Westport's special quality of life and excellent schools and services without unaffordable taxes...eager to continue working with our enormous pool of talented and dedicated residents and town employees to make the Westport of today and tomorrow as good as the Westport of yesterday.

Robert Schneider

Reply: Why I'm Running; As a physician with a law degree, and after 25 years living and practicing in Westport, I think I'm in touch with what most Westporters want: the same high educational quality our two children enjoyed (K-12), efficient and economic town government, and with casinos looming nearby, a safe hometown. Past service as Chief of Medicine in the United States Air Force Strategic Air Command, and my current position as Editor-in-Chief of the Connecticut Bar Association's civil litigation journal have given me hands-on education in communication, administration, and negotiation. I'd like to offer this background to the town, and particularly to fill the existing gap in the RTM when health care issues arise. I welcome your support and input.

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICES ➤	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Board of Finance Vote for any Four				Board of Education Vote for any Three			Board of Assessment Appeals	Planning And Zoning Commission Vote for Any Four				Zoning Board of Appeals Vote for Any Three		
REPUBLICAN	1A J. Donald Warren. Jr.	2A Penny A. Bray	3A	4A	5A Theodore W. Youngling	6A Cheryl A. Bliss	7A	8A Garson F. Heller. Jr.	9A Carla L. Rea	10A Kathryn Harvey Mimms	11A David R. Marks	12A Robert D. Graham	13A John E. Watson. III	14A John J. McCarthy	15A
DEMOCRATIC	1B Roy E. Fuchs	2B Steven L. Ezzes	3B Christine B. O'Sullivan	4B	5B Deborah R. Rath	6B Eugene E. Cederbaum	7B	8B Michael Farrell	9B Eleanor S. Lowenstein	10B	11B	12B	13B Douglas Scott Skalka	14B James C. Ezzes	15B
SAVE WESTPORT NOW	1C	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	9C Eleanor S. Lowenstein	10C	11C	12C	13C	14C	15C
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The Representative Town Meeting

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

Candidate #	Name
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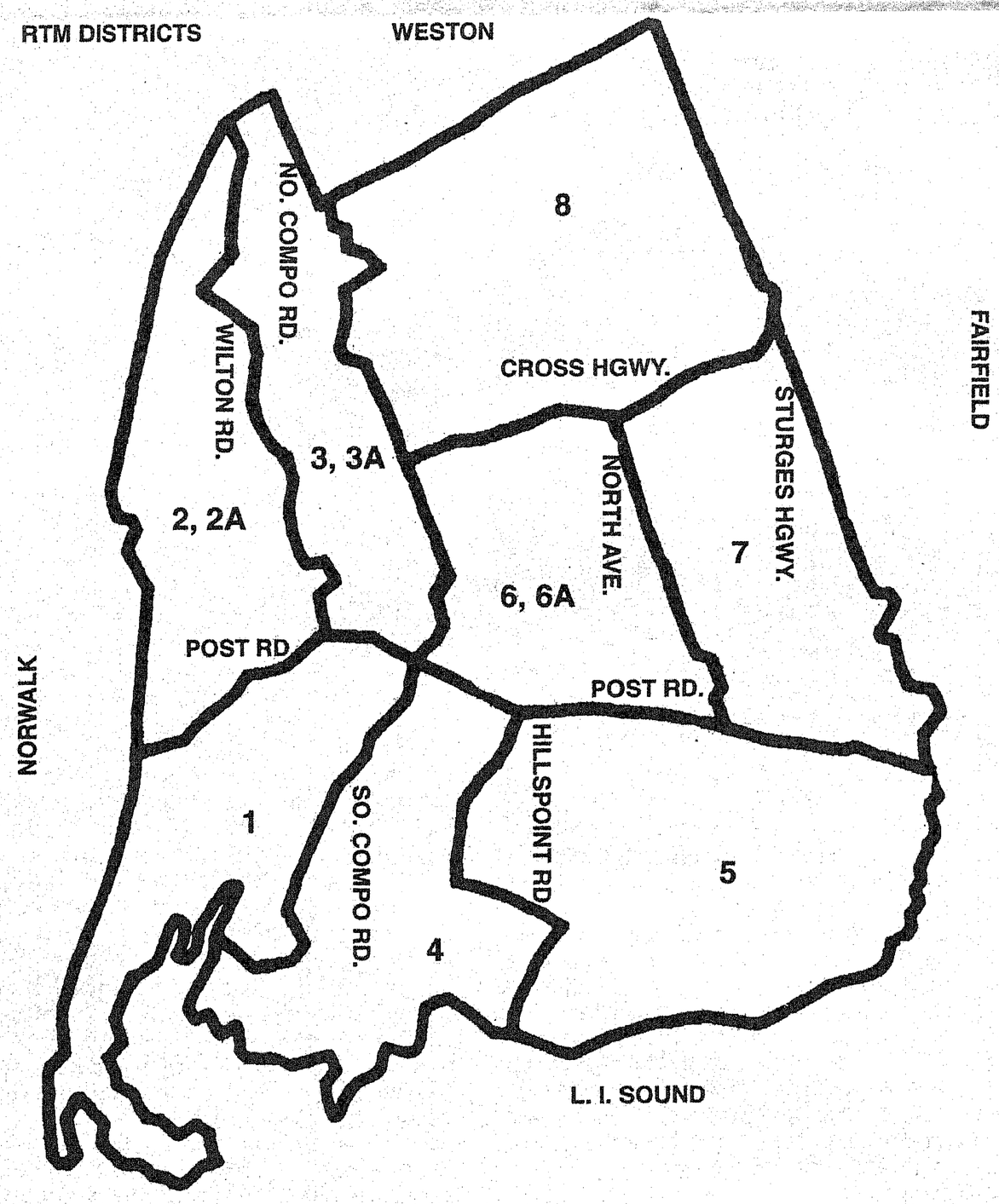

Voting In Person

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.Completed ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 8 P.M. on Election day, so act NOW!

Attention 18 year olds and new residents!

The cut-off date for voter registration was October 24, BUT if you moved into Westport after that date, or if you will be 18 years old by November 7 (or if you become a citizen by that date), you may still register to vote in this election. Visit the registrar's office in Town Hall between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or call 226-8311.

Additional copies of this Guide are available at the Westport Library and the Town Clerk's office.

Polling Places

Handicapped accessible machines are available.

DISTRICTS 1, 2 & 2A	Bedford Middle School Gym	Riverside Avenue
DISTRICTS 4 & 5	Westport Arts Center Gym	17 Morningside Avenue South
DISTRICTS 3, 3A & 8	Coleytown Elementary School Gym	Easton Road
DISTRICTS 6, 6A &7	Long Lots School Gym	Hyde Lane