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Voter's Guide

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The candidates are listed in the order in which the parties appear on the ballot.

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 Selectmen, and the candidate for First Selectman with the next highest vote count becomes Third Selectman.

LWV QUESTION FOR FIRST SELECTMAN: Describe three specific issues facing the Town and how you would address them.

LWV QUESTION FOR SECOND SELECTMAN: How do you perceive your role as Second Selectman? In what way can you make the greatest impact?

Joseph P. Arcudi (Republican)

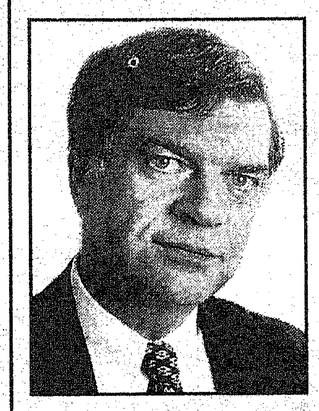
4 Jonathan Lane, 226-0505
Background: Incumbent First Selectman (1993-present); degree in economics, Fairfield University; 20+ years experience as Westport businessman; 24 years in Representative Town Meeting.
Reply: A. TAXES. I will minimize the impact of the revaluation by phasing it in. I will continue successful efforts to hold down taxes through careful budget controls and selective use of the largest surplus in Westport's history. B. QUALITY OF LIFE. In the past four years we have added a skating rink, a roller blade facility, athletic fields, open space, and improved Recreation Maintenance. We need to continue these efforts on behalf of young and old. C. EDUCATION. Although the First Selectman has no control over education, I will ensure the town agencies support the Board of Education wherever possible. While on the RTM I consistently supported Westport's education system. Because I come from a family of educators (two Westport teachers and a Board of Education chairman) I have always understood and supported a first rate education system in Westport.

Betty Lou Cummings (Republican)

34 Marine Avenue, 226-7767
Background: Second Selectman; Co-Chair, Library Capital Campaign; Co-Chair, First Night Fund Raising; President, Library Riverwalk & Gardens; Chairman, Jesup Green Project; Party Chairman, Cockenoe Island Victory Celebration; Former PTA President, Staples & Saugatuck Elementary; RTM Member, 1986-1992; B.S. & Masters Degree, MSU.
Reply: My job as Second Selectman is to support and influence Joe Arcudi's decisions, but clearly not as a "rubber stamp". I am a "project lady", active in many projects that add to Westporters' quality of life. We still are a very special small town, but we are experiencing new growth with new needs and differing views... which requires vision, leadership with a heart, and execution! Over three decades, I have demonstrated "the ability to plan and get things done"... positively and with a good dose of faith! We will continue doing the "right thing" for all of our citizens in developing Westport's fabulous future!

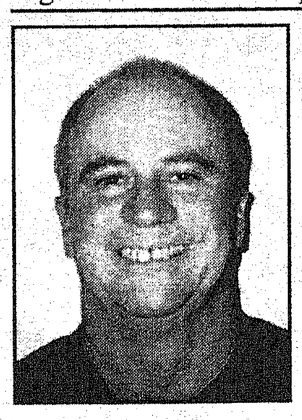
Diane Goss Farrell (Democrat)

125 Weston Road, 226-6733
Background: • Elected member Board of Finance; • Business background in advertising account management, clients: Procter & Gamble, Texaco, Warner-Lambert; • Selected to lead/serve many Westport organizations: Westport Young Woman's League, Nursing and Home Care, Coleytown Elementary PTA, Westport Ice Skating Committee, jUNe Day; • Grew up in Westport; children attending Westport public schools.
Reply: The next four years will be exciting and challenging as Westport heads into a new century. Three issues facing Westporters: the tax reassessment, school construction and the need to restore open government. As First Selectman I will: • work to make prudent tax and fiscal decisions with long-term planning; • work with the Board of Education to manage and coordinate the $60 million plus in school capital projects; • work in good faith with all elected boards and commissions and end freedom of information disputes; As First Selectman, I will bring new leadership to Town Hall that includes experience, professionalism and integrity.



Carl W. Leaman (Democrat)

16 Pequot Trail, 226-5725
Background: • 34 years in the Wall Street community, now retired; • Saloman Brothers, Morgan Stanley, First Boston Corp; • 12 years Board of Finance, 2 as Vice Chairman; • Town- Pension Investment Committee, Bus Transit Committee 1979, 1989 Railroad Parking Committee, Bond Timing Committee; • State- Metro North Commuter Council.
Reply: I will provide counsel and assistance to the First Selectman as an active participant on the Board of Selectmen. Diane and I will work as a team to provide open and responsible government. We will make clear thoughtful decisions. We will listen and work to develop consensus among Westporters. I will have the greatest impact on Town finances and budgets. As a Board of Finance member I successfully instituted several funds, among them a sewer reserve fund, heart and hypertension fund and capital fund for education. I will continue to develop ideas to strengthen the Town financially while keeping taxes at the lowest possible level.



John A. Kluchnick (Petitioning Candidate)

37 Bauer Place, 259-4331
Background: Born: June 10, 1943
Reply: School Projects: C.M.S. EIGHT MILLION proposal now EIGHTEEN MILLION. G.F.S. TWELVE MILLION proposal now SEVENTEEN MILLION. New middle school, my estimate EIGHTY MILLION. I'd contact manufacturers of modular buildings and show the Board of Education - R.T.M. - Board of Finance - Towns residents - we could have state of art middle school and SAVE 20 to 40 percent of EIGHTY MILLION with modular complex. SCHOOLS - OFFICE BUILDINGS - DISNEY WORLD HOTELS are modular. We could SAVE approximately TWENTY FIVE MILLION on new middle school. Suggest Board of Finance pay off and dismiss Cook & Jepson architects while new middle schools EMBRYO stage. Revaluation: Commercial Property - Buildings - 95 percent occupancy - YET 20 percent FIVE MILLION DOLLAR TAX SHIFT to residential- THAT'S DONE. I'd request - Yearly Commercial Property - Buildings SCHOOL TAX - FIVE MILLION DOLLARS apply to School Projects. Partiality: Children - Young Adults - Older Adults - Seniors - consider what's best for all concerned.

No Candidate
has filed to run as Petitioning Candidate's running mate.

A Message from the League

The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends on the informed and active participation of all citizens. This Voter's Guide is intended to help you cast an educated vote. The information from each candidate is presented on a non-partisan basis. We neither support nor oppose any candidate.

Read what the candidates have to say, attend the forums and the coffees in your district. Then mark the sample ballot on the last page of this guide. Vote in person if you can, but remember that failure to provide "true and correct" information on an absentee ballot is a Class D felony. (see back page).

After the election, STAY INFORMED. Attend public meetings; they are open to all electors. Let public officials know your feelings and don't be afraid to ask tough questions.

Be proud of yourself for participating.

Lisa Shufro

Lisa Shufro, President
League of Women Voters of Westport

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Candidates for Board of Finance

VOTE FOR THREE

The Board of Finance has seven 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 are the most critical financial issues the Town will face during your term? How will you address them?

John A. Laurino (Republican)

8 River Lane, 454-8880

Background: I have served on the Board of Finance for nearly 5 years. I have also spent 27 years working in the financial services industry including insurance, commercial and retail banking, brokerage, and investment management. My MBA is in Finance.

Reply: I know from two years of extensive financial modeling of the Town's revenues and expenses that residential taxes will effectively double under today's 'business-as-usual' course. That's unacceptable. Our challenge will be to address how to better deliver services and to constantly be examining priorities...all within the context of an integrated townwide plan with its focus always on the taxpayer. The consultant-led administrative review currently underway of all Town and Education departments, which I am co-managing for the Board of Finance, will enable us to apply modern management techniques and technologies so that we can reorganize and transition the delivery of services more cost effectively.

Shelly Kassen (Democrat)

315 North Avenue, 227-2488

Background: My background includes: an MBA from Harvard; a CPA with Coopers & Lybrand; positions as controller and budget manager within the private sector; and extensive community involvement as president of The Conservative Synagogue and an active member of the PTA's. I am the mother of three daughters, one at each level of our school system, and am married to an investment executive.

Reply: The most critical financial issue that we will face is the need to balance the demands of a growing school population and the desire for outstanding town and recreational services with the objective of keeping our taxes at a reasonable level and our bond rating AAA. I believe this can be achieved through responsible planning, professional management, and stronger coordination among town bodies. I will work very hard, look at all requests for their long term impact, and seek cost savings and efficiencies in all areas of expenditure.

Scott Spitzer (Republican)

26 Berndale Drive, 221-8223

Background: I am a graduate of Cornell's Business School (M.P.A., major in accounting) and Law School (J.D.). I have 20 years of law and business experience, including preparing, reviewing and cutting budgets. I have served on Westport's Long Range Capital Planning Task Force and attended most Board of Finance meetings over the past few years.

Reply: Our challenges include continuing the many Town services, maintaining unique recreational facilities and supporting our school system and educational excellence, without jeopardizing our AAA bond rating; and assuring that the Town and schools are accountable to the same financial and managerial standards by which we, as taxpayers, must abide. We need to continue an 80 year tradition of proven financial leadership on the Board of Finance, press ahead with the administrative services study, consolidate duplicative functions, pursue benchmarking of Westport's delivery of services and press for more cost effective delivery of services.

Jeffrey Mayer (Democrat)

26 Pequot Trail, 226-0366

Background: Yale B.A., NYU J.D. VP, Goldman Sachs, 1984-1992; MD, AIG Trading, 1992-Present. Member, RTM: Education, Long Range Planning, Library Committees; Sunrise Rotary; WSHU Advisory Board; Married, 2 children.

Reply: Priorities: (1) Efficiently manage capital and expense budgets, (2) make hard choices among capital projects. 1. With budgets approaching $100 million, we must reassess our management style. Recent problems challenge us to: (i) improve accountability for construction projects; (ii) eliminate duplication of town/school services; and (iii) have independent entity oversee property acquisitions/dispositions. 2. We need new schools; but do we need a community center? School populations will decline; before overbuilding, let's implement joint community/school uses: Holde Hall, Senior Center, perhaps school libraries serving as community resources. My RTM experience has taught me that diligence, research, and collaboration lead to creative, cost-effective solutions. Board of Finance members should be pro-active, not reactive, acquainting themselves with issues before they are formally presented.

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: What has to be done to improve both the program and the maintenance of the schools?

Pete Wolgast (Republican)

20 Sturges Commons, 259-4215

Background: 25 year Exxon executive; Christ and Holy Trinity Pre-school board; past chair RTM Finance Committee; Harvard MBA; past president Westport Historical Society; grandchildren in Westport schools.

Reply: First it is imperative that we provide Westport children with outstanding educational opportunities. Our children are our future and we must do our utmost to give them the opportunity to succeed. The Westport Public Schools presently have a Curriculum Development Plan. This is a major effort to improve curriculum. However, the present Board of Education has not focused on priorities. Along with the administration it has placed major emphasis on a new Chinese study program in which few students are participating. The Board needs to focus on priorities and then require accountability. For proper maintenance, first of all make certain buildings are constructed properly by having a certified clerk of the works oversee construction. Then, make planned maintenance a priority.

Steven Halstead (Democrat)

126 Weston Road, 226-3461

Background: Board of Education (4 years), resident (24 years), son at Staples, business and technology management with IBM (26 years), MBA (Cornell), founder WISE and Schools Strategic Technology Committee.

Reply: Program: Focus Board to constantly improve teaching and learning to achieve the highest educational standards. Develop research-based curriculum using professional educators, with community input, to deliver clear statements of what students should know and be able to do at all courses and grade levels. Strengthen assessment of what students learn. Implement middle school program improvements in parallel with school construction. Prepare Staples program for growth. Integrate technology into teaching. Foster staff, parent and community collaboration to make Westport schools a source of pride for all. Maintenance: Build right originally. Staff professionally to insure the 9.5% of budget earmarked for maintenance is effectively utilized. Protect budgeted funds from erosion through special appropriations for unanticipated/mandated expenses, e.g. special education out-of-district placements.

Linda Merk-Gould (Republican)

3 Meeker Rd., 226-6179

Background: Elected to RTM-1995. Co-chair of Long-Range Planning Committee; RTM Education and Computer Committees. CES Leadership Council, Education Budget Planning Committee (1995). Award winning art preservation entrepreneur for 15 years, Westport business owner. Two children in Westport schools. BS Honors, Wellesley College.

Reply: EFFECTIVE PLANNING is essential to improve the educational program and schools' maintenance. For example: • Integrate the yearly standardized testing data into the ongoing curriculum reviews (a good use for technology) as part of the feedback to improve educational programs and ensure that all learning styles are addressed; otherwise: Why do we spend the time and money testing? How do we know our teaching methods reach all children? • Budget Better: The budget is regularly frozen before year end. Maintenance work is not done. Why not employ industry-standard building maintenance masterplans? Long range and integrated, system-wide planning are key to making a good school system better.

Sandra Urist (Democrat)

15 Plunkett Pl., 226-0189

Background: MBA led to managerial positions in business. Active in Westport education 11 years, PTA Council President. Led PTA in forming Leadership Councils, defined parent role/participation, led active PTA involvement in school budget, advocated effectively for remedial programs/all levels, led construction of Skate Park, raised funds as Chair of United Way's Parenting group, served on Selectman's Substance Abuse Task Force. Four children in Westport schools, elementary, middle and high school.

Reply: 1. Strengthen administrators' training/accountability for supervising staff and achieving learning outcomes. 2. Strengthen teachers' ability to meet needs of full range of learners from low to high achievers, disabled and gifted. 3. Implement improved middle school program. 4. With anticipated increased high school enrollment begin *now* to look for opportunities to improve programs. 5. Expand educational horizons by teaching foreign language in elementary. 6. Review maintenance plan in coordination with building expansion plans to avoid unnecessary expenditures.

Caren Calish Gagliano (Republican)

230 North Avenue, 227-2784

Background: • elected to Board of Education - 1993; • Staples graduate, M.B.A. Tuck School - Dartmouth College; • 20 years business experience; • daughter of a teacher; • parent of 2nd grader and Staples Senior.

Reply: To improve an already good system, we need to have, at all our schools: experienced principals/assistant principals that are in the classrooms observing teachers and providing feedback to help them improve their teaching skills, clearly stated curriculum goals, and improved ways of determining if the kids learned what was intended. Although improved, our school buildings are still in a sorry state because not enough resources - people and dollars - have been brought to bear. The Town owns the buildings, the Board of Education uses them. The RTM and Board of Education together need to set up a Restorative Maintenance Committee to develop and execute a comprehensive plan and obtain funding to correct the unsatisfactory conditions which now exist.

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Candidates for Board of Assessment Appeals

VOTE FOR TWO

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 upcoming implementation of the 1996 property revaluation, how will you assure fairness for all taxpayers?

Leonard P. Kaminsky (Republican)

9 Black Birch Road, 226-0680

Background: Westport Resident for 32 years; Retired vice-president, Cone Mills Mktg. Co.; Former member, Board of Trustees, Temple Israel; Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association; Planning & Zoning Commission, 1992-1995, Chairman, 1992, 1995; Past President, Westport Sunrise Rotary.

Reply: By careful consideration of the merits of each individual case.

Douglas W. Dunham (Democrat)

277 South Compo Road, 227-5880

Background: Member, Board of Assessment Appeals, 1993-97; Attorney, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York; J.D. 1987, Columbia Law School, Law Review Editor; A.B.-A.M. 1984, Harvard University, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa; Class of 1979, Staples High School, Valedictorian; fourth generation Westport resident.

Reply: In addressing Westporters' appeals regarding the reevaluation, I will attempt to work with my fellow Board members to resolve cases in the most fair and impartial manner possible. As an attorney with a leading law firm, I have consistently endeavored to provide my clients with balanced, accurate, and prompt advice. Over the past four years, I have tried to address Westporters' concerns in the same fair-minded manner and will continue to do so in the future.

Candidates for Planning and 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 is your philosophy concerning the enforcement of zoning regulations? How would you decide whether a regulation should be changed or enforced more effectively?

William A. Crowther (Republican)

36 Sasco Creek Road, 259-5700

Background: Westport resident 26 years. P&Z Alternate, current and previous Commissions (3+ years). Former board member Greens Farms Association. Former Program Director AARP (4 years). Ex adv agency VP Creative Director. Retired corporate Director Marketing Communications. Self employed consultant, Marketing Communications.

Reply: I believe zoning regulations should be stringently enforced. Regrettably however, 100% enforcement is beyond the Town's resources and capabilities. As a result enforcement must be applied on a priority basis starting with those violations which are most flagrant and/or create hazards. I also recognize that some violations may be unintended or in rare cases unavoidable. In such instances considerateness and careful judgement should be employed to determine the degree of enforcement required. Widespread and consistent violation of a zoning regulation may indicate the regulation is flawed or outdated. Such a regulation should be carefully examined and a determination made as to the need for its revision or possible elimination.

Michael D. Stashower (Democrat/ Save Westport NOW*)

14 Cardinal Lane, 227-6054

Background: Retired senior vice president-finance, Perkin-Elmer Corp. and executive vice president, Data Switch Corp. Community activities have included: president and honorary director, UJA/Federation; board member, Y's Men of Westport-Weston; vice president, Temple Israel; treasurer, Jewish Home for the Elderly; treasurer, Cedar Point Yacht Club. Westport resident for 27 years.

Reply: I feel that zoning regulations should be strictly enforced, even if additional help in the Zoning Enforcement Office is necessary to accomplish this. Any added cost will be more than made up by the increase in property values in the town. A decision to change or more effectively enforce a regulation depends upon its effects on residents or commercial property owners — the number of people adversely affected and to what degree. Unless it can be demonstrated that the regulation is inequitable or is resulting in an excessive amount of violations, I favor more effective enforcement.

Robert MacLachlan (Democrat/ Save Westport NOW*)

6 Pequot Trail, 226-5746

Background: Graduate Glasgow University; happily married many years to Emily; 3 children, 2 Staple s graduates; resident since 1969; retired oil company executive; P&Z commissioner for 10 years.

Reply: 1. I hold the conventional view of zoning enforcement; P&Z is responsible. This view is based on statutes, affirmed by legal authorities. Town Attorney disagrees. Citing Town Charter, says First Selectman responsible for zoning enforcement. Based on this view Town Attorney has not taken action to enforce a cease and desist order issued by P&Z. I believe TA'S opinion erroneous, must be repudiated. Otherwise, zoning is controlled by First Selectman or TA, P&Z becomes debating society. Urge public review P&Z memos of 7/12/96 and 9/14/97, and Town Attorney memos of 9/17/97 and 7/16/96 (not seen by P&Z until 9/3/97). Available in P&Z office, Town Hall. How decide whether change a regulation or enforce it more effectively? On facts and common sense.

June Getraer (Democrat/Save Westport NOW*)

221 Greens Farms Road, 255-6271

Background: • 23 years interior design/space planner; • BA Cedar Crest College; • Past or present Board member: Connecticut Commission on the Arts, Discovery Museum, IHA, Westport Young Womens League, Junior League; • Meals-on-Wheels; • 18-year resident.

Reply: Zoning regulations represent a studied and informed interpretation of the law. Enforcement is a required and necessary element of their enactment. If acceptance and adherence is widespread, their occasional violation should be addressed promptly by enforcement authorities. However, if honored primarily in their breach, the question of modification rather than enforcement is presented. In making this determination, I would reconsider anew their rationale for enactment, whether these objectives could be accomplished by less restrictive methods and whether enforcement costs outweigh the benefits of adherence. If the enactment rationale has changed, or a less restrictive regulation can accomplish the same objective or enforcement cannot be equitably sought other than at excessive cost, regulations should be modified.

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: When considering a request for a variance, how will you be guided in evaluating each application?

Joanne C. Klouda (Republican)

8 Cardinal Lane, 222-9348

Background: • Licensed Professional Engineer; • MIT: MS Civil Engineering; • Polytechnic University: BS Mechanical Engineering; • National Science Foundation Fellow; • Monsanto Chemical Company, Project Manager; • Exxon Research and Engineering Company, Project Engineer; • Member of Westport Young Women's League, Historical Society, Nature Center, Coleytown Elementary PTA, Republican Women of Westport.

Reply: I will evaluate each application individually and base all decisions on the merit of the application and the demonstration of hardship. I will strive to fairly balance the public policy embodied in Westport zoning regulations with the property owner's need for relief. I will make informed, non-partisan, decisions based on my professional experience as an engineer along with a diligent review of variance criteria and arguments presented to me by all parties concerned. I will always bear in mind that zoning regulations were primarily created to protect property values and to preserve public safety, convenience and welfare.

Barbara R. (Bobbie) Herman (Democrat)

161 Sturges Highway, 255-1577

Background: A 14-year Westport resident, I understand the community and its needs. A Certified Real Estate Appraiser for 10 years, I am well aware of the necessity of maintaining property values, and of adverse conditions that negatively affect them. I will do everything in my power to maintain the residential quality of Westport and protect property values.

Reply: As I have for my past term, I will study each application thoroughly, visit the property and listen to the applicants and any affected neighbors. I have demonstrated that I am fair and impartial in hearing those who need variances to meet their current requirements. In the same vein, the growing population of Westport requires changes. These can be made without compromising the small-town quality for which most of us moved here. I have voted to approve commercial applications when I believed they were justified and did not intrude into residential neighborhoods.

Your right to vote is a precious privilege—

Exercise it!!

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

Jonathan A. Cunitz (Democrat)

7 Lamplight Lane, 227-2287

Background: Westport-based business consultant and resident for 24 years; Harvard Business School Doctor of Business Administration and M.B.A.; Lehigh University B.S. Engineering; former executive of Xerox Corporation and Chase Manhattan Bank; real estate management experience; former M.B.A. faculty, New York University and University of Connecticut.

Reply: I will evaluate each request in the context of how it meets "hardship" as defined by present zoning regulations. My decisions will be made by considering the concerns of the applicant, the impact of the requested variance on the neighborhood, and other relevant factors. Our zoning regulations were designed to protect our neighborhoods, enhance our property values and allow homeowners to enjoy the peaceful use of their property. My lifelong career as a business decision-maker with an engineering discipline will enable me to make thoughtful and fair-minded decisions that will balance these considerations.

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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: How would your choice of RTM committee assignments reflect the concerns of your district and the needs of the town?

District 1-Vote for any Five

Jorgen F. Jensen

1 Riverview Road, 227-7672
Background: I have lived in Westport for 35 Years with my wife Patricia. Our three children went through Westports schools. A graduate degree in engineering and some financial background has served me well in my ten years on the RTM.
Reply: One of the most active members of the RTM, I have a perfect attendance record and I am able and willing to assist with any problems concerning town government. As Chairman, Environment Committee and member RTM Finance and Long Range Planning Committees, I have been actively involved with issues like new school construction, acquisition of open space, and preservation of Westports residential neighborhoods.
Tax increases from revaluation and spending is my greatest concern for the future.

Mark Owades

19 Treadwell Avenue, 454-4106
Background: I am the founder of MTO Associates, consultants in computing and management. I was the co-founder and first publisher of the Minuteman Newspapers. I am the father of an 11-year-old student at Bedford Middle School and the husband of Kim Cooper, a lifelong Westport resident and co-founder of the Minuteman.
Reply: I have a broad background in local affairs. I am a member of the Westport Rotary and was an elected member of the Planning and Zoning commission from 1991 to 1995. I have a deep understanding of most of the issues that face the town and am qualified to sit on the P&Z, the Finance, the Education and the Technology committees. I look forward to serving the citizens of Westport once again.

William L. Scheffler

19 Stony Point Road, 227-1560
Background: Former Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals; multi-term member of the RTM; two children in Westport schools; President of Westport Education Foundation; local attorney.
Reply: As current Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee, I have overseen RTM response to the 1997 Town Plan of Development and downtown parking issues: would hope to continue to do so, and thereby implement our vision for Westport's future. Similarly, as a member of Long Range Planning, I have worked to, among other things, review Town purchasing requirements to insure that the best material is purchased for the best price. On Public Protection, I would continue to monitor Westport's emergency response preparedness.

Ann Elizabeth Sheffer

19 Stony Point Road, 227-5522
Background /Reply: During my past two terms on the RTM, I've served on the Library, Museum, and Arts Committee and the Education Committee. Not only do these assignments reflect my interests and background, but they have been the focus of many of the most important issues facing the town. On these study committees, we've worked closely with the affected boards or town departments (and benefited from the work of other study committees) to understand these complex problems early in the process. Then, after (hopefully civil) public debate, often late into the night, we've reached consensus (or at least compromise.) The in-depth work of the committees is what makes serving on the RTM rich and rewarding, and helps us serve the needs of the town.

Michael E. Latorre

No response. No picture available

Joseph J. Valiante Jr.

No picture available
27 Hogan Trail, 227-5657
Background: Member RTM 10 years. Served on P&Z and Recreation committees. Native of Westport. Graduate Westport schools. Associate degree in Fire Science Management, Norwalk Technical College. Member Fire Department 29 years.
Reply: District 1 is a diverse area, including income ranges from middle class to quite wealthy. My choice of committee work naturally must reflect that diversity so that I can work on subjects which are clearly of concern to ALL residents of my district. Recreation should serve both those who can afford to own a large boat and those who need free or near-free recreation. Similarly, P&Z actions affect residents in all types of neighborhoods and of all income levels. I am grateful for the confidence my neighbors have placed in me for 10 years and promise to continue to be available to hear their concerns and comments.

District 2 - Vote for any Four

Gwen T. Campbell

22 Old Hill Road, 226-2608
Background: B.A. Colgate '83; married: Jack Campbell, Dartmouth '83, self-employed, Westport, Ct.; children: Alyson 7, Hilary 5, Matthew 3; Westport resident since 1991; Member: Young Women's League, Kings Highway School PTA; co-founder: Toddler and Preschooler Halloween Parade.
Reply: I would like to serve on the Education Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee of the RTM. As a mother of three children and an active member of the KHS PTA, I have a strong interest in maintaining high quality education and responsible spending in Westport schools. I have been actively involved in several townwide issues, and feel strongly that the concerns confronting Westport today require long term vision, and not just "band-aid" solutions. It is important to keep in balance our immediate needs and long term goals.

Carol Christiaanse

49 Old Hill Road, 227-5208
Background: Resident 18 years; one child graduated Westport schools; another in special education at Coleytown Middle; RESPECT board member; past president Barnard College Club; treasurer Alumnae Seminar; member Minuteman Yacht Club and PTA's; former board member Young Women's League; computer professional for 16 years; B.A. Barnard College, (Columbia U.), M.S. in Computer Science, N.Y.U. (Courant Institute)
Reply: I will bring dedication and analytical ability to my committee assignments and the perspective of an 18-year resident, parent, and homeowner. The major concerns of the town and my district are to expand the educational and recreational facilities for the growing number of children; to take advantage of the newest technology townwide; and to provide pedestrian and traffic safety.

Holton E. Harris

5 Newtown Turnpike, 227-0920
Background: Westport resident 36 years; President successful machinery and electronics manufacturer; Engineer; Bachelor's and Master's from M.I.T.; Veteran; PRIOR RTM: (6 years); Deputy Moderator (2 years); Chairman Finance Committee (4 years); Rules Committee. CURRENT RTM INCUMBENT (4 years); Chairman Computer Committee (2 years), Public Works Committee, Employee Compensation Committee. OTHER CIVIC: Charter Revision Commission; Chairman Selectman's Capital Equipment Study Committee; Vice Chairman 1979 School Study Committee, 1991 School Study Committee; Scoutmaster.
Reply: Town facing unprecedented capital expenditures - current planned projects exceed $130 million, including bonding — plus revaluation and projections of increased taxes. More school space, and some other projects definitely needed, but also need RTM people with financial and Town government experience to ask tough questions, make tough choices, and ensure money is spent wisely.

Walter D. Harris

5 Newtown Turnpike, 454-0487
Background: Lifelong Westport resident. Staples '82, MIT Bachelor's and Master's in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. 10 years on RTM. VP/Operations at local Norwalk manufacturing firm. Ham radio operator, private pilot, ballroom dancer. Age: 33.
Reply: Seek to apply experience and training where it will be most useful: Growing up in Westport — Parks and Recreation Committee (current Chair) & Planning and Zoning Committee; technical training, Computer Committee; management experience, Public Protection Committee. Business knowledge can be applied everywhere to help keep taxes down and services up! I will work to use technology to make government more accessible to those citizens who cannot go to meetings. For example, I put the draft Town Plan on the 'Web. See more at http://www.netaxis.com/~wharris.

Alice Shelton

11 White Woods Lane, 222-0007
Background: I "retired" from practice as a Certified Public Accountant (Price Waterhouse, Tax Manager) when my son was born in 1989. My nine-year career in public accounting required skills in financial analysis, planning, research, communication and management. My keen attention to detail and sound business judgement would serve the town well if I am elected to the RTM. As a former PTA President (King's Highway School, 1996-97), I have closely followed the issues related to education, which account for the majority of the town's spending.
Reply: As a former CPA, my first choice would be to serve on the RTM Finance Committee. Westport needs fiscally responsible leaders to evaluate the upcoming capital investment projects while maintaining high standards for quality of life and education.

Mary Gordon Webber

7 Winding Lane, 226-6062
Background: RTM member four years. Chair, Education Committee; Member Long-range and Planning and Zoning Committees. Former President Bedford PTA, Co-President PTA Council. Two sons through Westport schools. BA in Government from Smith College. Economic research for The Conference Board, US Council of International Chamber of Commerce, Mobil Oil. Various town committees. Boy Scouts. Westport resident 21 years.
Reply: Education and planning issues paramount. Education budget more than half town spending. Current building program will determine schools for next generation. Must maintain quality system. Must assure cost effectiveness. Other pending initiatives - community center, open space purchases require careful balancing of needs and resources. Will continue bringing extensive experience with schools, knowledge of town government and commitment to listening and doing homework to present committees.

District 3-Vote for any Four

John Izzo

56 Richmondville Avenue, 227-7815
Background: Age: 54; Wife: Joan; Married: 32 years; Sons: Joseph and John Jr.; Co-Founder: Arrow Express, Inc.
Reply: My choice for RTM committee assignment would first be reflected in my concerns for property taxes along with maintaining Westport's quality of life. I intend to offer complete responsiveness to my constituents by conducting telephone polls on the most important issues allowing many of us as possible to express our opinions. I am not into monument building but rather I prefer supporting a strong foundation by making improvements which are affordable and most importantly desirable to District 3 voters. I will always strive to cast the most informed vote within the RTM, and with your participation, that will be highly likely so ... get ready for my phone call.

Nancy K. Kienzle

12 Lone Pine Lane, 226-4197
Background: Resident of Westport 31 years. Active in PTA's BSA, GSA, Church, Home & Family Center RTM 2 years (Environmental, Library and Arts, and Health and Human Services Committees) a teacher at Staples High School, a Senior Citizen, Puppy raiser for Guiding Eyes for the Blind.
Reply: RTM committee assignments are part choice and part assignment sometimes based on seniority. I have experience on the three committees as stated above. District 3 has contacted me most often about educational issues and Winslow Park. As a teacher I am too subjective for the Education Comm. I will request the Environmental, Parks and Rec. because they are both involved in Winslow Park, and the Health and Human Services because there are many Senior Citizens in District 3.

Stephen M. Rubin

17 Cross Highway, 454-0882
Background: "As a former business executive, I have the required time to be an active and effective RTM representative. I also serve with numerous Town, charitable and civic organizations. As an incumbent with 100% perfect attendance, I have been a conscientious RTM member. I have strived to work for the maintenance and improvement of our Westport's infrastructure.
Reply: Our "Westport's Quality of Life," is my chief concern, while demanding fiscal responsibility and accountability from Town government. I will be honored to work hard on any committee representing all the people on any and all Town needs. I want to continue to represent the people of District 3, both young and seniors alike. Thank you all for the support I received during my previous terms."

John G. Sibley

14 Highwood road, 227-9250
Background: Westport resident since 1967. Have been active in Westport Historical Society as archivist and on Barn Committee. Treasurer of Riverwalk project. Member of Y's Men.
Reply: Taxes are a principle concern of everyone. Education is the largest consumer of tax dollars, therefore, would seek assignment on the finance and education committees. All major town spending projects must be scrutinized as to timeliness and appropriateness. We are 2-3 years late in providing adequate school facilities. The last school built is now considered unsuitable. Fiscally responsible long range planning is essential to the orderly growth and development of the town. The most productive use of town facilities and resources must be achieved in order to meet the needs of all segments of the population.

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.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

District 4-Vote for any Five

Lewis D. Brey

69 Valley Road, 226-8664
Background: Representative, RTM District 4, 1995-1997. Life long resident of Westport, attended Westport schools and graduate of Staples. RTM Employee Compensation and Transit Committees. RTM representative to Westport teacher union negotiations. Attorney, Goldbergh & Spitzer.
Reply: Education Committee: In District 4, as in all of Westport, the student population has grown tremendously. I strongly believe in preserving and improving the quality of education in Westport. Because I am a life long resident of Westport, I understand what makes Westport's schools special. Employee Compensation Committee: Proper management of personnel costs is an important method of controlling Westport's spending. As a member of this committee, and as an attorney practicing in the area of employment law, I have experience with personnel matters, including Westport's unique employment issues.

Ross M. Chinitz

6 Guyer Road, 454-4738
Background: I am a graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in economics, and the Hofstra University School of Law. My wife and I moved to Westport in May 1996 after falling in love with the town and surrounding area.
Reply: My choice of RTM committee assignments would reflect the concerns of my district and the needs of the town. In that regard, I will seek assignment to committees that deal with education, long term planning, and/or recreation (i.e., the purchase of land to keep as open space). In the short time that I have been a resident, it has become apparent to me that those are the issues of major concern to both the residents of my district and the town as a whole.

Rhona Derrin-Lieberson

175 Hillspoint Road, 454-1011
Background: Resident: 26 years; Education: U.B. Law School; Business Experience: Retail buyer, teacher, Assistant to Corp. V.P. Finance, attorney, property manager. Personal: Husband: Dr. Alan Lieberson; Derrin Children: Stacie & Scott; Lieberson Children: Eric & Dara.
Reply: District 4 provides recreation to Westport: Longshore, Compo Beach, playgrounds, golf, tennis, swimming, boating, biking, bird watching, fishing, shellfishing, canoeing, running, races, walking, sunsets, sunrises, dining, skating, basketball, barbecuing—exquisite views. We appreciate these amenities, along with public utilities, convenience to Town, thruway, and the station, but they entail challenges: flooding, land erosion, hurricanes, conservation, wetlands, pollution, speeders, noise, intoxication, maintenance and injuries. These are my concerns, plus a desire to improve town/public communication and awareness through Town Hall accessibility, and town documents via the Internet. Hope to serve you well.

Randolph W. (Wally) Meyer

29 Old Mill Road, 226-5258
Background: Following is my record of service to Westport. 1981-1985 RTM - Committees: Finance, Personnel, Public Protection (Chairman); 1985-1989 Board of Selectman; 1993-1994 Westport representative to SWRPA (regional planning agency); I have a good understanding of finance as president of Westport Marketing, Inc. - a "technology leasing company" I founded in 1978. In addition, I have extensive involvement with community groups - Project Return (Treasurer), Rotary (President), Westport Country Playhouse (Treasurer), Susan Fund, and many others. I know Westport and understand its needs.
Reply: As I live at Old Mill I am interested in these committees: Parks/Recreation - to ensure proper balance between recreation and protection of beach areas. Public Protection - to ensure Town works more closely with neighborhood associations on emergency planning and evacuation procedures.

Ralph Schwarz

19 Soundview Drive, 454-1735
Background: I grew up in and have lived in Westport most of my life. As a real estate lawyer I've dealt with land use and environmental issues for over twenty years.
Reply: I will seek reappointment in my second RTM term to the Environmental and the Planning and Zoning Committees which address such town-wide concerns as proposed town land acquisitions, planning priorities, construction, impact of activities upon and protection of our natural resources, and road improvements. In District 4 flood control is a vital issue within the jurisdiction of my committees requiring comprehensive planning and action. The impact upon land uses by increased traffic volume and road work, both desirable and undesirable, are important to my district which contains Longshore, Compo Beach and roadways used for recreation.

Carol Ann Waxman

39 Danbury Avenue, 227-5703
Background: Our family including our two children, Joshua (24) and Alyce (21) have been Westport residents for 21 years. My greatest preparation for serving on the RTM has been parenting and the years I was active in the League of Women Voters.
Reply: I am completing my second term on the RTM and serve on the Art, Museum & Library; Health & Human Services and Public Protection Committees. By observing board and commission meetings I try to keep abreast of additional town concerns such as education and land development. Perhaps there is a committee on which I might serve my contituents' needs better and I look forward to that discussion. I encourage calls and letters regarding concerns and needs of District 4 and Westport as a whole.

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: How would your choice of RTM committee assignments reflect the concerns of your district and the needs of the town?

District 5-Vote for any Four

John W. Booth

P.O. Box 191, Green's Farms, 454-7018

Background /Reply: I've helped solve constituents' problems with the state maintenance entrance from a residential street, silting of a pond by the same state facility, unnecessary soil inspections for building permits, reduced speed limits on area streets, expediting pothole filling and cutting roadside weeds, and eliminating a dangerous intersection. For the town, I helped save the Westport Housing Authority from insolvency, was prime mover behind Town Census to prevent overbuilding or underbuilding of new schools, negotiated with Westport Arts Center to secure their early departure from Green's Farms School, helped select members of School Building Planning Committee and co-chaired the Long Range Planning Committee. Continued membership on that committee, Finance, and Health and Human Services will enable me to continue the above record of accomplishment if re-elected.

Nathaniel W. Gibbons

241 Greens Farms Rd., 254-3200

Background: Resident 41 Years, Greens Farms Association Member 11 years, Served on R.T.M. 1989 - 1995. Key Attributes: Responsive, Watch Dog, Follow-Up, - Goals: Neighborhood Protection, Value for Tax Dollars, Improve public safety.

Reply: Concerns for District 5: Impact of tax revaluation, Managing explosive growth in the education system, Making families safer at home/on roads. Finance Committee: We need a long term financial strategy that we stick to, and must curtail "impulse" capital spending projects. Public Works Committee: Given the abysmal track record of past projects we need long term accountability for design and construction, and buildings based on need, not wish lists. Public Protection: A dedicated traffic enforcement squad to reduce roadway chaos- live bodies handing out tickets. No tolerance for speeders, or careless distracted drivers.

Steve Goldberg

26 Hillandale Road, 226-7558

Background: Self-employed tax attorney, financial planner, accountant, educator. Taught public school, college, current president Westport Bar Association, President-elect Westport Rotary, Director, Westport Education Foundation. Daughter attends Long-Lots Elementary.

Reply: RTM assignment choices: Financial, education, concern District Five, which contains the Arts Center, because of the varied population: older wishing to avoid additional taxes and, younger, wishing quality education. This District in particular is a microcosm of the Town and requires the business, financial and educational background which I possess. District representation means sensitivity to differing needs, quality of life issues and careful, quality long term planning, including: keeping Holde Hall for future lower school population recharacterization and flexibility of property use, and acquisition of available open space.

Ralph Hymans

1 Rex Lane, 259-6630

Background: Greens Farms resident 20 years; CPA specializing in tax and financial planning; educated at Harvard University, Harvard Business School. Current member of the RTM; Parks and Recreation and Public Protection Committees. Former member of Conservation committee Clamming Commission.

Reply: As a member of committees, a primary concern is to balance Westport's needs and wants with its checkbook in maintaining our quality of life, superior schools and recreational facilities and to get greater value for our tax dollars.

Richard A. Lowenstein

372 Greens Farms Road, 255-5379

Background: Came to Westport 14 years ago from NY State, where I spent 7 years on the local Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission. Served as an RTM-appointed trustee (and treasurer) of the Westport Library. Appointed to 1987 Selectman's Committee on Traffic Management.

Reply: With the focus on education and finances, we often lose sight of nagging quality of life issues. For example, there's traffic volume and speeding — especially in Greens Farms. Because solutions elude our best efforts, I'd like to serve on the Public Protection committee, where I could have more direct influence. But traffic control is more than enforcement; it also relates to roads — Public Works Committee — and public transportation —Transit Committee — committee assignments to help me better serve Westport.

Greta Solomon

9 Parsell Lane, 254-1332

Background: Attorney with Cohen and Wolf, P.C., resident of Westport since 1984 with daughter at Long Lots. Active in non-profit organizations: Board of Directors and Chair, Board of Trustees, YWCA-Bridgeport; Bridgeport Area Foundation; Former President, Jewish Family Services, Bridgeport; Secretary, Jewish Center for Community Services; Chair, Jewish Community Foundation. Concentrates practice in estate planning, elder law, probate; advanced law degree (taxation) and volunteering gives me extensive background in finance and community concerns. Bring that wide experience to RTM and service for Town.

Reply: Can be most effective probably in finance related or community oriented committee. Work on RTM should take into consideration the concerns of District 5, as well as the needs of the Town. Also interested in programs for seniors and youth.

District 6-Vote for any Five

Jamison A. Daily

104 Roseville Road, 226-7098

Background: - RTM member since 1993; - Columbia University (B.S., Mechanical Engineering) Westport Public Schools graduate (Hillspoint, Green's Farms, Long Lots, and Staples); - Westport resident since 1977; - Employed as a computer programmer with CAD Tech Resources (in Darien)

Reply: Among my greatest concerns for Westport are the gradual loss of its small-town flavor and encroachments on the natural environment. To that end, I believe that I can be of service to my district and to the town on the RTM's Environment and Planning and Zoning Committees, As a graduate of our schools nine years ago, I am also interested in the Education Committee. Throughout my time on the RTM, I have been a member of the P&Z and the Education Committees.

Saul Haffner

8 Webb Road, 226-1710

Background: Westport resident for 21 years. MBA, Hofstra University. Former executive with aerospace firms in Stamford and Glenbrook. Teacher at Sacred Heart University for 15 years. Professor Emeritus of Management at retirement. Member of the Y's Men. Past President, Society for Advancement of Management (CT chapter).

Reply: The crucial task of town Government is to balance the varied needs of our diverse citizens within the limits of our financial resources. Strategic planning and communication with the community are essential. Soliciting my district's timely input and listening to its voice on important decisions are vital. My professional and academic experience has prepared me for committee assignments in long range planning and education, areas where I believe I can make significant contributions.

Ronald Malone

6 Cedar Road, 227-3156

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 in town for two of my children.

Reply: I have many concerns that are affected by RTM actions: Needed school expansion; taxes; and the preservation of municipal assets. Major efforts will be required to provide needed services and to mitigate the impact of revaluation.

Catherine MyGodney

41 Crescent Road, 227-3252

Background: Born in Westport - attended all local schools - graduate Staples High School - in the business world for 49 years (industrial and corporate) - Bridgeport Brass 26 1/2 years, E.D.P. - Christian Dior 4 years, inventory - Data Products, 4 years, marketing - Service America, 14 1/2 years, corporate payroll - Retired - member AARP - Ladies Auxiliary Post 399, Chaplain, 13 years to present - WTA, Board of Directors.

Reply: As an RTM committee member I will accept the concerns and needs of my district people. I will be opened minded and listen to their concerns and accept their views for the betterment of the town.

William P. Raines

31 Pumpkin Hill, 227-0258

Background: Westporter since 1965. RTM since 1990: Deputy Moderator; Chairman, Finance Committee; member, past chairman, Planning & Zoning Committee. Semi-retired financial communications executive with experience, energy, enthusiasm to serve.

Reply: The Finance Committee will study and recommend action on all appropriations, including capital expenditures for school expansion, senior center, open space acquisition and recreational facilities. It will address easing impact of property revaluation upon taxpayers. Strong zoning regulation ranks second only to excellent police and fire protection in preserving the value and enjoyment of our homes. The Planning & Zoning Committee recommends action on zoning decisions appealed to the RTM.

YOU, TOO...

could be part of this dedicated corps of citizens who give their time and their expertise for the benefit of the town. Consider running for RTM yourself in 1999! Contact the Town Clerk for Details.

REMEMBER...

The names of the RTM candidates for your district are located in the lower right portion of the ballot, starting with row 16E.

Don't forget them!

- Keep Informed
- Let public officials know your feelings
- Be a letter writer
- Attend public meetings
- Don't be afraid to ask tough questions

District 7-Vote for any Four

Grant G. Heller

6 Forest Drive, 256-0507

Background: I'm running for the RTM because Westport has added great value to my life. I'm hoping to give value back to the community as a RTM member. • Lifelong Westport resident and '78 graduate of Staples H.S.; • Married with three children - ages 6, 3, 1; • Employment - 15+ years as a financial planner for individuals and business owners; • Parents - • Garson Heller - Chairman, Board of Tax Assessment Review, former RTM member • Velma Heller - vice-principal Bedford M.S.

Reply: Town needs: to provide value/impact in our programs, particularly education, while making financially responsible decisions. We are challenged to fulfill the needs of an unexpectedly exploding number of children entering our schools, while addressing the financial concerns of a large number of "empty-nest" and retiree taxpayers.

John G. (Jack) Klinge

25 Sturges Highway, 255-0829

Background: 1. Westport: * 31 year resident; * Past member town Recreation Commission; * Successful Little League manager (boys/girls); * Wife Jeanne active locally; 2. * Business/Education: * Masters Engineering - Cornell; * MBA Harvard; * Lt. US Navy; * 30 years senior management positions; * three kids through school system; * Professor - SHU; * Area chairman - Cornell.

Reply: Number one priority of your RTM must be to maximize quality of life for all residents within an affordable planned use of resources: education, recreation, services, senior citizen care and ambiance. The RTM must be more proactive demonstrating leadership in these areas. This is especially true with the planning process - no more "knee jerk" - reactions to crises or opportunities. Additionally, we need to assign accountability for decisions. Better follow-up, budget control and execution of approved programs (e.g. library, open space, school facilities).

Maria S. Nilson

79 Old Road, 259-2432

Background: Born and reared in Norwalk, CT ... graduate Norwalk High School ... Claremont Secretary School, NYC ... 2 years with Litton Industries ... 32 years housewife, mother and community volunteer ... **Former:** RTM member ... Past President of the Westport/Weston AARP and the WTA ... led rally to Hartford to Repeal the State Income Tax ... Republican State Central Committee member, representing the 26th Senatorial District ... RTC ... Westport coordinator for Governor John Rowland ... **Present:** WWC ... FCHS ... Vice President RWW and the VFW, Woman's Auxiliary ... Justice of the Peace.

Reply: I feel all RTM committees are important and no matter which committee I am appointed to, I will do my best to serve in a manner which represents a consensus of the concerns of the District 7 residents, and those of the town as a whole. I feel it's important that all people be represented.

Lisa S. Rome

80 North Avenue, 227-3855

Background: RTM Representative; Physician; Clinical Instructor in Medicine, Yale; Woman's Crisis Center Board of Directors; Westport Young Women's League; Little League Coach; BA, M.Ed. Child Study, Tufts.

Reply: As a RTM incumbent, I believe the town's and district's major concerns involve long range planning for schools, open space acquisition, preservation of the residential character of neighborhoods, and prudent fiscal planning. Currently serving on both Employee Compensation and Health and Human Services committees, I study compensation and pension issues (a large portion of the town's budget) and health and welfare issues for all residents, children to seniors. Additionally serving on the Finance committee would allow me initial involvement in prioritizing town needs and investigating and financially analyzing town projects.

District 8-Vote for any Five

R. Gavin S. Anderson

109 Cross Highway, 227-8902

Background: Retired Westport resident for 20 years, married to Kendall Gardiner a Vietnam Combat Nurse (Purple Heart); 4 children through Westport Schools system. Professional Public Accountant (FCA/CPA), 27 years executive with Colgate-Palmolive living/traveling all over the world; business consultant and Board member of other companies. Member, Town Maintenance Study Committee. Military (Naval) service, member winning world championship sailing team, athlete.

Reply: Planning and Zoning, including natural and historic conservation. Dwindling availability of land and need for open space creates pressures on preservation in every Town district. P & Z reform much needed. Finance, - strong proponent of fiscal accountability, and sound financial management practices. Public Protection. Access from Merritt for would-be burglars, and potential construction of an additional Exit are important District 8 issues.

Dan Boyce

5 Fairview Drive, 454-2857

Background: I am the owner of a sporting goods company that employs approximately 110 people. I am a CPA and currently a representative from District 6.

Reply: My committee choices would be employee compensation and finance. These committees are losing some valuable people who are not standing for reelection. Employee compensation is the most significant cost in our town budget. The greatest service that I can provide in this area is one of continuity. The RTM term is for 2 years but the labor contracts are over longer terms. The complexity of the contracts requires experienced people on this committee. The finance committee is involved with practically every financial decision the town makes. My background fits well with the requirements of the task.

Irwin Donenfeld

6 Bonnie Brook Road, 226-9313

Background: RTM member 16 years. Chairman, Public Protection; member Education and Employee Compensation committees.

Reply: The three committees of which I am a member will dominate the Westport scene. We will renovate and/or build four schools; we will negotiate new employee contracts; we will study ways to control traffic and excess speeding in our streets. All residents pay premium prices for their homes and they expect the town to deliver the services needed. I always have been supportive of education and sensitive to the needs of those of all ages. I have been in the forefront in getting natural gas used for buses and police cars to help preserve our environment.

Gordon F. Joseloff

150 North Avenue, 221-0189

Background: Seeking fourth term ... RTM Moderator and Deputy Moderator four years ... former chairman Education Committee ... numerous community activities include fire and ambulance volunteer ... grew up in Westport ... covered RTM as local reporter in 1960s ... award-winning former CBS News and UPI foreign correspondent ... quick study,.. open-minded ... even-tempered.

Reply: As Moderator, I do not serve on any standing committee except the Rules Committee. One of Westport's greatest needs is to coordinate planning efforts — so I appointed a special Long Range Planning Committee. (I am an ex-officio member.) I also serve on the special Computer Committee and chair a special committee that recommended a School Building Planning Committee. My goal is to make tomorrow's Westport as good as yesterday's.

William F. Meyer III

3 St. George Place, 226-3704

Background: RTM 3rd District. Currently VP girls softball and managed its growth from 80 to 510 players,two committees of Saugatuck Congregational Church, chairman of annual Crop Walk for Hunger, "First Night" site Mgr., President of WISE Referendum '96. Sales executive for national company.

Reply: As a one term member of the 3rd District RTM I married Carolyn Kelsey on Sept 6th and moved into the 8th District. I've been an active member of the Parks and Recreation, Health and Human Services and Environment committees.My main concern for Westport is that we maintain balance on quality of life issues, looking prudently and with common sense at educational budgets, recreational expenditures, administrative costs and property tax rates.Three decades in Westport make me want to keep this a very special Town.

David A. Newberg

1A Punch Bowl Drive, 454-3915

Background: * A.B., Princeton University; * J.D., Columbia Law School; * Law Clerk to Federal Judge; * 17 years private law practice in NYC and White Plains. * Work involves studying issues, finding resolutions and bringing disparate viewpoints together in a coherent way.

Reply: I am interested in RTM committees related to education and finance. No matter what their age, District 8 voters are very concerned about both education and finance issues — particularly revaluation — and want their views to be heard. Membership on the RTM is a public service and I want to serve my prospective constituents effectively. Service on either the education or finance committees will meet that goal.

Abraham Rothenberg

303 Bayberry Lane, 227-7954

Background: An architect, living and working in Westport thirty years, involved in community affairs: Architectural Review Board, Nature Center, Chamber of Commerce, Arts Center, Sunrise Rotary, Silvermine Guild; adjunct professor CUNY School of Architecture, Fairfield University; writing on town issues for Minuteman; started successful campaign for town purchase of Poses Property for open space; currently opposing town plan for Jesup Green.

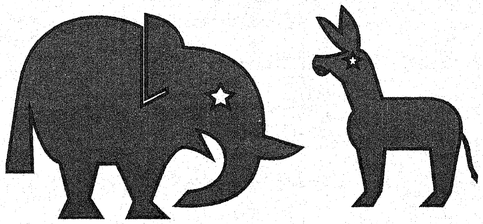
Reply: As an educator and architect, my professional background will be valuable reviewing the many current school planning and construction projects. The insights gained in thirty years of working with town commissions, personnel and regulations will help me to respond to citizens' concerns and to work effectively as your representative.

Lois Schine

208 Bayberry Lane, 227-9290

Background: Have lived in Westport for forty five years. My five children went through the Westport school system and now some of my grandchildren are attending school here. Was one of the first presidents of the Coleytown Junior High P.T.A. Have also served on numerous town committees such as: Bridge and Parking, Westports of the World. Educated as an engineer.

Reply: Would like to serve on the Health and Human Services Committee. Was Chairman of the Westport Human Services Commission in the late 1980's and worked at Bridgeport Hospital for ten years in this field. Would like to serve on Parks and Recreation Commission. Served on the committee which took Winslow Park for the town and co-chaired the Vote Yes Committee of the referendum on the park.



DON'T GRIPE, WRITE ...

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OFFICE → / PARTY ↓	1 First Selectman & Selectman	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Board of Finance Vote For Any Three			Board of Education Vote For Any Four				Board of Assessment Appeals Vote For Any Two		Planning & Zoning Commission Vote For Any Three			Zoning Board of Appeals Vote For Any Two	
REPUBLICAN	Joseph P. Arcudi Betty Lou Cummings ☐ 1A	John A. Laurino ☐ 2A	Scott Lloyd Spitzer ☐ 3A	4A	Pete Wolgast ☐ 5A	Linda Merk-Gould ☐ 6A	Caren Calish Gagliano ☐ 7A	8A	Leonard P. Kaminsky ☐ 9A	10A	William A. Crowther ☐ 11A	12A	13A	Joanne C. Klouda ☐ 14A	15A
DEMOCRATIC	Diane G. Farrell Carl W. Leaman ☐ 1B	Shelly A. Kassen ☐ 2B	Jeffrey Alan Mayer ☐ 3B	4B	Steven G. Halstead ☐ 5B	Sandra Ulrist ☐ 6B	7B	8B	Douglas Webber Dunham ☐ 9B	10B	June S. Getraer ☐ 11B	Michael D. Stashower ☐ 12B	Robert H. MacLachlan ☐ 13B	Barbara R. Herman ☐ 14B	Jonathan A. Cunitz ☐ 15B
SAVE WESTPORT NOW	1C	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	9C	10C	June S. Getraer ☐ 11C	Michael D. Stashower ☐ 12C	Robert H. MacLachlan ☐ 13C	14C	15C
PETITIONING CANDIDATE	John A. Kluchnick ☐ 1D	2D	3D	4D	5D	6D	7D	8D	9D	10D	11D	12D	13D	14D	15D
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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 _____

Candidates #	Name
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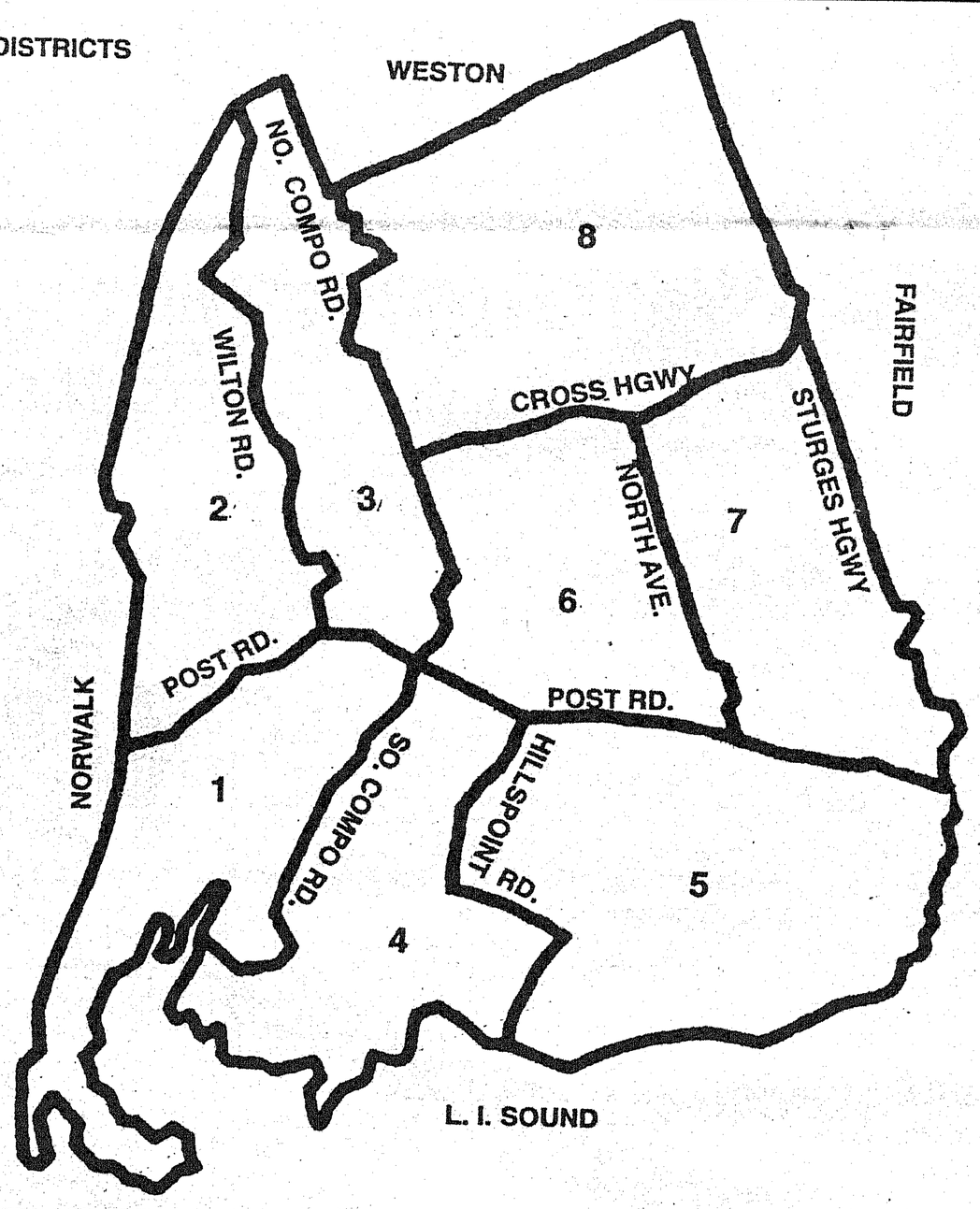
RTM DISTRICTS



POLLING PLACES

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

Handicapped accessible machines are available at all polling places.

Voting in Person...

If you are unfamiliar with Westport's voting procedures, officials will be on hand to answer your questions and demonstrate the voting machine.

When ready to vote, give your address, name and ID (such as a driver's license, employment card or library card) 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 yo
ur vote.

Absentee Voting...

Applications for absentee ballots are obtained from the Town Clerk, 341-1110. You may vote by absentee ballot ONLY if:

1. you are out of town during all voting hours (6 a.m. to 8 p.m.)
2. you are ill or physically disabled.
3. you are prohibited by your religion from voting that day.
4. you are in the armed forces.
5. you are an election official working at another polling place.

Completed ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day, so ACT NOW to vote absentee by mail.

You may vote absentee IN PERSON in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall any weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. before November 4. Also the office will be open Saturday, November 1 from 9 a.m. to noon for absentee voting.

Attention 18 year olds and new residents...

The cut-off date for registering to vote was October 21, BUT, if you have moved into town since that date, or become a new citizen, or if you will be 18 years old on or before November 4, you may still register to vote in this election. Contact the Registrars of Voters at 341-1115.

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