1999 WESTPORT Voter's Guide

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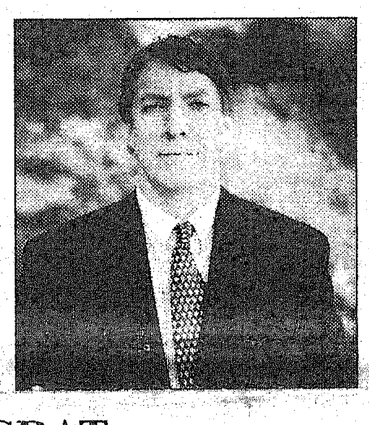
Candidates are listed in the order in which they appear on the ballot.

CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 133

League of Women Voters Question: *What are your legislative priorities in representing the 133rd District?*
Vote For Any One

REPUBLICAN
Cathy C. Tymniak
Worked side-by-side with late husband, Rep. Paul Tymniak. Met hundreds of people, listened to their concerns and discussed important local issues. Volunteered to improve the area's quality of life for more than 20 years, including Historic District Commission, Kennedy Center, Barnum Museum, American Cancer Society, Rehabilitation Center. Mother of three children. Caregiver to elderly parents. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES Local control of schools, towns and zoning is something we can all support. Other priorities include: Preserving open space to protect our towns' unique character, Continuing the fight against expensive, unfunded state mandates, Improving the quality and availability of healthcare, Protecting children from drugs, abuse and violence, High-quality educational opportunity for all students, Returning more hard-earned tax dollars to the families of our district, Listening to people, helping to resolve constituent problems and working to improve our quality of life.



DEMOCRAT
William M.Rowlands
I am a native and long-time resident with a Bachelor of Science degree from Dalhousie University. I am self-employed in the graphics and computer industry and am active in the community. Wife works at the Chamber of Commerce and our son attends Staples.
We need to explore several avenues in the search for answers to our traffic problems. We need strong initiatives to lessen the tax burden on individuals and small businesses and to get a grip on health care and insurance costs. Westport has some unique attributes, which make it a great place to live, and I would like to see those qualities preserved. I support a woman's right to choose and I'm against school vouchers. I am in favor of preserving open space and protecting the environment. The Internet has raised concerns of great import and I'm particularly concerned with the issue of electronic privacy.

NATURAL LAW
Bernard A. Nevas
Bernie, 55, served on SWRPA, the Westport RTM and in the Peace Corps and practiced law and real estate. He is married with two children. Since 1992 he has been promoting the Natural Law Party's science based, prevention-oriented approach for government. We have a government of temporary fixes, which does not permanently solve our problems ... and wastes money. A vote for me is a vote for two major common sense changes: 1. Science. Use science to tell us whether programs work and eliminate the ones that don't work. 2. Prevention. Focus on preventing problems. Prevention is cheaper and kinder than cure. If I am elected, I will immediately form an all-party Prevention Caucus similar to one inspired by the Natural Law Party in the US Congress. Once legislators see that voters support these changes they will too. Your vote sends a message. Don't waste it.

This election for State Representative for District 133 is to fulfill the unexpired term of the late Rep. Paul Tymniak, who died in July. The remainder of the term is one year. In November of 2000, an election will be held for the regular two-year term. District 133 includes the northern portion of Westport, plus sections of Weston & Fairfield.
NOTE: THERE IS NO ELECTION FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT 136.

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BOARD OF FINANCE

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.
League of Women Voters Question: ***Should the Board of Finance exercise tighter control in approving requests for capital appropriations?***

Vote for any 4

REPUBLICAN - R. Gavin S. Anderson

Background: Professional financial accountant: 8 years at KPMG; 27 years at ColgatePalmolive with international financial responsibilities, including operations, acquisition and divestment. Active on RTM Finance, Public Works & Ordinance Committees. Now retired, Chairman of CEP, Board member of National Foreign Trade Council, Executive Committee of US/South Africa Business Council (founder).
Reply: YES. Capital appropriations require as much scrutiny as any other, if not more. Rarely can major capital projects be examined in isolation. Large schemes are often segmented for financial approvals without reference to the cost of the whole. This 'piecemealing' is wrong because can disguise possibly unpalatably large totals, and thereby lead to additional funding requests under the "can't stop now" argument. Operating costs accrue from completed Capital projects, mandating simultaneous review of these future costs - potentially permanent increases to Town budgets. Capital appropriation approvals should be contingent on 'follow-up progress reporting' to the Board of Finance/RTM.

DEMOCRAT - Steven L. Ezzes

Background: I am the current BOF Chairman. As an investment banker at Goldman, Sachs and money manager for Thomas H. Lee Capital I have detailed knowledge of finance and capital budgeting. I have an MBA in finance/accounting and serve on corporate boards including Westport National Bank.
Reply: The BOF already exercises tight controls on capital expenditures. As Chairman I instituted new appropriation procedures that will result in even greater scrutiny of capital appropiations. This new review has been designed to establish uniform procedure for Town and Educational requests. Westport is embarking on a significant capital expenditure program to upgrade and construct new schools. I have called for the addition of a 'Town Construction Manager' who will oversee all Town construction projects reporting to the First Selectman. During my tenure as Chairman I have instituted procedures to assure our construction projects are properly reviewed and completed on or below approved budgeted amounts.

REPUBLICAN - John E. Watson, III

Background: Lifelong Westporter. Attended Westport schools. Graduated Staples 1977. Michigan BA Economics 1981, Sacred Heart University, MBA Finance 1986, Lieutenant, USNR. Treasurer Green's Farm Congregational Church Outreach, Treasurer Under One Roof. Master, Temple Lodge, Westport. Eight years Town Government Experience: ZBA, Vice Chairman. Two Children at Long Lots. Professional Financial Advisor.
Reply: With the expanding demands on the Town for reconstruction/construction of schools and recreation facilities it is imperative the Board of Finance exercise tighter and proper control and oversight on ongoing projects. If a project is not going well the BOF and PUBLIC should know as soon as possible. Plans and schedules may need to be revised, funding may need to be adjusted. With proper control in place the BOF would not see a request for additional funds for a project that must open next week. Post approval follow-up reviews would encourage cost containment and potential savings.

DEMOCRAT - Kevin A. Connolly

Background: Born and raised in West Hartford Connecticut. 1979 Graduate of Yale University. Nearly twenty year career in Bond Portfolio Management. Currently Head Municipal Investments at Citibank Global Asset Management. Ten year resident of Westport, my wife Diane and I have two young children in the Westport School system.
Reply: I am committed to a rigorous review process and the tightest controls allowable in approving requests for capital expenditures. It is critical that Westporters have confidence in our review process, as well as, the value of the appropriation themselves. I support and will actively participate in ongoing efforts for further cooperation, both formal and informal, between governmental bodies prior to appropriation approval. I view cost control on our necessary capital expenditures to be the chief priority for the Board of Finance in coming years.

REPUBLICAN - Robert D. Graham

Background: A lawyer and financial services business executive for 26 years, I'm currently Senior Vice President of General Reinsurance Corporation. I've served as Vice-Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission since 1995.
Reply: Westport capital expenditures - and the debt used to finance them - have increased sharply in recent years. We need a common sense approach to controlling those costs. Capital requests should include meaningful and appropriate documentation, including financial reporting and cost control procedures. Each should be presented in the context of a comprehensive Town capital plan, so projects aren't approved on a piecemeal basis. The Board of Finance should follow up on previously approved capital projects to assure appropriate implementation and continuing relevance to the evolving capital plan. Improved reporting, operating cost controls and financial management will assure good value from Westport's capital investments, and help hold down debt and tax increases.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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.
League of Women Voters Question: ***How can the Board of Education meet educational goals and at the same time, control costs?***

Vote for any 3

REPUBLICAN - Cheryl A. Bliss

Background: Member Board of Education 1995-99(Secretary since 1997); former teacher Hamden, Connecticut Public Schools; President of Cooperative Educational Services; member Coleytown Middle and Staples PTAS; three children in the Westport Schools; former assistant branch manager of Hartford National Bank.
Reply: With the increase in the student population, this is the Board's most challenging job. A multi year plan should be developed by the board and superintendent so that both educational goals and anticipated costs can be fully scrutinized and readjusted according to what is desired by the town. Regarding the budget process, zero base budgeting must be implemented. With seven unions'salaries accounting for seventy six percent of the school budget, negotiations , especially in the area of insurance benefits, must be executed with fiscally responsible results. Through better communication among the various town bodies, school officials, parents and taxpayers, we can achieve our educational goals at an affordable price.

DEMOCRAT - Mary R. Parmelee

Background: Corporate tax attorney on Wall Street and at PepsiCo, PTA Council President, School Building Committee, 14-year Westport resident.
Reply: The most effective way to meet educational goals and control costs is to maximize the ability of classroom teachers to deliver curriculum. We spend more on teachers than any other budget item. Through improvements in recruiting/training/supporting teachers, we will realize continued quality education and efficient operation of our schools. We must carefully and prudently ensure that learning takes place at the highest level possible for each child. The BOE represents all community members, not just parents. As buildings and enrollment strain our pockets, we must make hard choices. I have made such hard choices in the design of our school buildings and have successfully advocated for removing unnecessary expenditures from budgets. Five years of line by line examination of the operating/capital budgets of our schools will guide me in finding future efficiencies.

REPUBLICAN - Lewis D.Brey

Background: Member - RTM since 1995. RTM Education Committee; Chairman RTM Employee Compensation Committee. RTM representative to Board of Education, Town labor negotiations. Lifelong resident of Westport, attended Westport schools, Staples graduate. BA, Emory University; JD, Pace University School of Law; Partner, Goldbergh & Spitzer, L.L.C. law firm. Wife Jean teaches English at Wilton High School.
Reply: Excellence in education is critical for Westport's future. The Board should support staff development at all levels and the continued development of mentoring programs for new teachers to ensure quality education for every student. Conduct ongoing curriculum reviews and align the educational program among the elementary, middle and high schools to promote the highest educational standards throughout the system. Communicate openly with other Town bodies and community during the budget process and ongoing building program. Continue to negotiate effectively to manage salary and medical insurance costs which account for over 75% of the school budget.

DEMOCRAT - Neil K. Gerhardt

Background: For thirty five years, Certified Public Accountant; currently Chairman of three Connecticut companies. Controller and CFO of several corporations; my background in finance and fiscal management are assets that the Board of Education needs. 22 years resident with two grown children who attended Westport Public Schools.
Reply: My background in business gives perspective to the business of running a school system; cost of running this system represents more than half the town budget. Professional expertise is imperative in deciphering all aspects of a budget. To meet established goals and contain the various costs, judicious business decisions need to be made. The needs of our children - teaching in the best way, with the best tools, under the best circumstances is paramount. The best prescription for our school system is parental involvement; excellent curriculum, safe and sound facilities and spending money wisely. Our goals must be achieved within a fiscally responsible budget.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning & Zoning commission 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.
League of Women Voters Question: ***How can the Planning and Zoning Commission strengthen enforcement of zoning regulations?***

Vote for any 4

REPUBLICAN - Duane Nelson

Background: Planning and Zoning Alternate, February 1998 to present. Real Estate General Counsel for Citigroup Investments. Graduate Yale University, B.A. Economics; Georgetown University, J.D.
Reply: P& Z Commission can strengthen enforcement of zoning regulations by supporting alternative enforcement remedies for the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Most violations are resolved after a letter from the Zoning Enforcement Officer. For those violations that are not, remedies in addition to cease and desist orders (enforceable with varying degress of success in court), need to be available. Draft ordinance is currently under consideration by the commission before submission to RTM. Ordinance would establish citation procedures and fines for each zoning violation -as authorized by state statute. This remedy should be added to enforcement remedies along with additional planning by P & Z in timely, effective meetings, to preserve the real estate values and character of Westport.

REPUBLICAN - Elizabeth Kuechenmeister

Background: Westport resident since 1982; member of TAME (Traffic Awareness Moderation Effort); Citizen's Roundtable on Town Plan of Conservation and Development; served on the Parks and Recreation Commission; active in numerous civic/charity organizations; Manhattanville College, BA, American Studies; committed to public service; wife & mother; love Westport!
Reply: Zoning regulations should be fairly enforced to protect property values with the increase in commercial and residential development in Westport. P & Z is presently considering implementing citation procedures to be levied against those who do not respond to cease and desist order from Zoning Enforcement Officer; hire additional Zoning Enforcement Officer, if necessary; improve communications with residents Offer workshops to explain P & Z regulations; conduct efficient public hearings and work sessions. As a member of Planning and Zoning will work to keep commercial development in existing commercial zones, protect residential character and open space.

REPUBLICAN - William A. Crowther

Background: Westport resident 28 years. Planning & Zoning Commissioner past 2 years; Alternate previous 3 years. Preparer current Town Plan (member 3 committees). Former board Greens Farms Association. Former adv. agency VP Creative Director; corporate Director Marketing Communications. Consultant Marketing Communications.
Reply: Realistically, at present or at any practical future P&Z Department staffing level, it is impossible to address every single zoning violation in Westport. This means that existing resources must be focussed on the most flagrant and most consistent violators. Seeking maximum possible enforcement, the P&Z has just authorized submission of a new ordinance for RTM review which establishes stringent citation procedures and fines for such violations. This ordinance can be further strengthened by more frequently referring violations to the State Prosecutor who has the ultimate power of arrest. I also recommend that as with tax delinquents, names of chronic violators be published.

DEMOCRAT and SAVE WESTPORT NOW* - Eleanor S. Lowenstein

Background: Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission since 12/96, elected to P&Z 11/95, led P&Z in revision of 1997 Town Plan of Conservation and Development; Westport resident 16 years; BS University of Illinois; previously President, League of Women Voters (LWV); founding member LWV Land Management Committee; former Long Lots PTA President.
Reply: To preserve Westport's character, protect property values, and to safeguard homes, neighborhoods and commercial areas, zoning regulations must be enforced. Because violations are often unintentional, compliance can be improved and enforcement strengthened by: Simplifying, whenever possible, the language of the zoning regulations. Educating home and business owners about zoning regulations, emphasizing that building projects should be planned in consultation with the P&Z staff in Town Hall. Initiating fines for refusal to heed written warnings to cease violations. Adding staff to improve enforcement.

** Candidate has been endorsed by both parties and her name will appear on separate ballot lines. Vote on one line only.*

REPUBLICAN - Steven S. Lewis

Background: Throughout the fifteen years I have lived in this great town I have seen many changes take place in Westport.
Reply: My intent on running for a seat on the Planning and Zoning Board is to try and keep the integrity of Westport so it shall remain a wonderful place to live, work, and visit. I am currently employed as an institutional Securities Broker with a degree in Law, an MBA in Marketing and two Undergraduate degrees. Education has been the foundation of my success and I believe it can also be the catalyst for enforcement of our Zoning regulations. My approach would not be a punitive approach but rather an effort to foster a broader understanding of the purpose of our planning and zoning process through educational forums and descriptive literature with simplified language. It is important that the enforcement of our By-laws be uniform, consistent and fairly applied.

VOTE!
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Tuesday, November 2

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The ZBA has five members serving staggered four-year terms. They review appeals for variances from the Planning & Zoning regulations.
League of Women Voters Question: ***What would be the effect of granting too few or too many variances?***

Vote for any 3

REPUBLICAN - Elizabeth Yang Wong

Background: Present member ZBA, land use experience, knowledge of Westport facilitates evaluation of complex variance applications with comprehensive perspective, insightful analysis. Committed to preserve Town's residential character. Urban planner, NYS Division Housing/Community Renewal, other government agencies. M.S. Urban Planning, Columbia University, B.A. Urban Studies. Kings Highway, Bedford Schools (PTA Exec. Board 6 years; Chairman Fundraising, Treasurer, Secretary), Girl Scout Leader, LWV. Moved here 1981, husband, James Wong M.D., one daughter.
Reply: Overall quantity of variances granted is irrelevant, judicious consideration of long-term implications is important. Excessive granting of variances undermines Regulations, creating non-conformity of Town. Severe restriction of variances denies owner right to utilize property, imposes undue hardship, effectively confiscating land under regulatory power. Variances with proven legal standards of hardship are necessary at times to accommodate needs of changing community and preserve property values to prevent negative climate for investment, erosion of tax base and community decline

REPUBLICAN - Lisa K. Wexler

Background: Resident since 1989. Member, Planning and Zoning Commission since 1997. Practicing Westport attorney. Graduate of Johns Hopkins University and New York University School of Law.
Reply: Ironically, the effect of granting either too few or too many variances is the same. The result is the public's disrespect for and ultimate disregard of the zoning laws. If too many variances are granted, the public perception is that the town is not serious about enforcing its zoning laws. More applications for variances follow and house by house the streetscapes and neighborhoods change. If too few variances are granted, many people disregard the zoning laws and violate them privately because the perception is that the answer will be no even if the request is reasonable and necessary for that particular property. Zoning laws work only if they are administered reasonably and fairly, looking at both the specific property and the neighborhood as a whole.

REPUBLICAN - Walter M. Randall

Background: Teacher of American government, active in local civic organizations, supporter of environmental issues, longtime interest in historic preservation.
Reply: Too many variances dilute the strength of the law until every case becomes an exception. That results in the rule of men, not laws. The rule of law should always prevail so that special interest groups and certain individuals will not receive special treatment. Granting too few variances addresses the issue of the letter of the law versus the spirit of the law. For example, strict interpretation of the law resulting in denial of a request that is based upon a hardship of the land, not a self-imposed hardship, would be regarded as unfair, rigid, and unbending. Our goal is to be just and moderate; to apply the laws fairly after gathering all the facts; to maintain a balanced view while preventing overcrowding of the land and holding the line on urbanization.

DEMOCRAT - James C. Ezzes

Background: Current Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals. Residential General Contractor. Westport resident since 1953; attended Westport Schools K-12. Vice Chairman, Democratic Town Committee. Member Rotary Club. Formally Director Motion Picture Acquisition, Home Box Office; Director Programming, Showtime Entertainment; Theatrical Venture Capitalist/ Producer (Broadway/ Off Broadway); Consultant Minneapolis Star and Tribune Co., Nieman Foundation Harvard University.
Reply: Each application to the ZBA for a variance (a request for "relief" from P&Z regulations) must be carefully analyzed on a case-by-case basis. The ZBA is a state mandated, quasi-judicial board and acts as a "safety valve". Excessive granting of variances could undermine Westport's residential and commercial regulations and conflict with the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. Likewise, granting too few variances would be unfair to applicants who may have a unique and legitimate hardship which legally warrants consideration for relief. The ZBA must be impartial, knowledgeable, and thoughtful in their proceedings.

CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals has three members with staggered four-year terms who review appeals for revision of tax assessments.

League of Women Voters Question: *How would you assure fairness for all taxpayers when the new property revaluation is implemented?*

REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT* Garson F. Heller, Jr.

Background: Member Westport RTM 14 years. Member Board of Assessment Appeals 18 years Chairman 16 years. Westport resident 35 years

Reply: The Board of Assessment Appeals listens to residents and community property owners who feel their assessments are unfair because they are higher than 70% of market value or similar properties. In my role as a member of this body I have tried to be fair to all applicants. I have been involved in Westport's revaluations since 1969. 1 was the major proponent for delaying the unfair 1979 (Honeycutt) revaluation to 1980 and I convinced the RTM in 1983 to fund the 1985 revaluation which replaced and corrected the flawed 1979 revaluation. I have been involved with the selection of the Ryan firm doing the current revaluation and I plan to review the new Grand List to assure all property groups are equitably assessed at 70% of real value as required by Connecticut Statutes.

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CANDIDATES FOR REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING DISTRICT 1

The Representative Town Meeting is a non partisan 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.

League of Women Voters Question: *What issues are of particular concern to you for your district and for the town?*

Vote for any 5

Jorgen F. Jensen

Background: For the past ten years I have been representing you on the RTM as one of the most active members, chairman, Public Works Committee and member of the Finance, Environment and Long Range Planning Committees of the RTM. I also serve on the School Transportation Committee and personally know every town and school official. I have been actively involved with issues such as new school construction, acquisition of open space and preservation of Westport's residential neighborhoods.

Reply: The most important issue facing Westport is to complete the school construction programs on time, on budget and with minimal disruption to the students. Property revaluation will result in higher taxes for many. I will seek to phase it in over as long a time as possible.

Mark T. Owades

Background: Founder, MTO Associates, technology consultants,co-founder, Minuteman Newspapers, father,13-year-old Bedford Middle School student and husband, Kim Cooper, lifelong Westporter.

Reply: I believe that the current term of the RTM will have to face the fact that spending on school building projects is out-of-control and getting worse. Moving BMS to the other side of town will have a devastating effect on District One, both in terms of traffic and community. The B of E must be given specific spending limits and required to build within those limits. Creating expensive educational programs without hard data to support them cannot be tolerated or funded. Destroying our neighborhood by moving out our middle school must be stopped. I urge all residents to join me in fighting this error.

William L. Scheffler

Background: I was elected to the RTM in 1993, and now serve as Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee and Co-Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. I am also an ex-officio member of the Land Acquisition Committee.

Reply: My major concern is the Long Range Planning Committee, which is intended to serve as a forum for new thinking about issues, in order to consider spending decisions within the larger picture of the long-term needs of the town. This need for vision and planning is the major challenge facing the next RTM -- and indeed all parts of town government in order to make informed choices about the future of the town..

Ann Elizabeth Sheffer

Background: I have served on the RTM since 1993, as a member of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Library, Museum, and Arts Committee.

Reply: These committees have allowed me to address the issues of most concern to me: Finance, because it provides an overview of all of the activities of the town, and Library, Museum, and Arts because it deals with those institutions in our town that give us our sense of community. In terms of legislation, these concerns led to the Arts Advisory Committee, charged with preserving and enhancing the artistic heritage of our town; and the Town Gift Policy, a response to the generosity of citizens who provide services and amenities that enrich the town (the basis for the recent Community Gift Catalogue.)

Also running **Joseph J. Valiante, Jr**. - Did not respond

DISTRICT 2

League of Women Voters Question: *Same as above*

Vote for any 4

Gwen L. Campbell

Background: B.A Colgate University. Married to Jack Campbell, three children: Alyson, Hilary (both at Kings' Highway School) and Matthew (preschool, Nature Center). Member: KHS PTA, RTM Education and Library, Museum and Arts Committees

Reply: The issues that are of particular concern to me are: meeting the needs of our burgeoning school population in a timely and efficient manner. Our massive building projects will be expensive but they should not be excessive or wasteful. Accountability in all areas will ease the concern that these projects are 'out of control'. I am also concerned that Westport strives to meet the needs of all its residents to ensure that we all can enjoy the uniqueness of our town.

Alice H. Shelton

Background: : RTM Incumbent. Chair, RTM Ordinance Committee. Currently serve on five RTM committees including: Finance; Computer; Long-range planning; Library, Museum & Arts. Member, Selectman's Committee to Study Tax Deferral and Tax Abatement for Senior Citizens. Former CPA (Price Waterhouse, International Tax Manager). Former PTA President (King's Highway School, 1996-97). Westport Historical Society Education Director. Y's Women Board Member. Y's Care Reading Volunteer (Beardsley School, Bridgeport). Frequent volunteer in Westport Schools. Cub Scout Leader. Member: WYWL and LWV For more information, see: www.sheltons.net/alice.

Reply: Issues of concern include maintaining excellence in education! Advocating for senior citizens. Careful management of town spending. Protection of natural resources (including open space). Long-range planning. Balanced representation. Westport is a very special place - I'd like to keep it that way!

Walter D. Harris

Background: Lifelong Westport resident. Staples '82, MIT Bachelors and Master's in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. 12 years on RTM. Ham radio operator, private pilot, ballroom dancer. Age: 35.

Reply: Keeping taxes down is a vital issue for all. As a Finance Committee member, I have the experience and drive to help. Also, in the immediate future, Westport will implement a revaluation. Above all, that revaluation must be fair to every taxpayer. Another vital issue is education. As a graduate of the former Bedford Junior High, I sympathize with those students and parents facing disruption as the role of that school changes again. Changes to our school system must maintain high standards of education, while remaining fiscally prudent.

Mary Gordon Webber

Background: RTM member six years. Chair, Education Committee: Member Long-range Planning; Planning and Zoning; Rules; Ethics Committees. Former President Bedford PTA. Co-president PTA Council. Two sons through Westport schools. Smith College BA in Government. Economic research The Conference Board, US Council of International Chamber of Commerce, Mobil Oil. Various town committees. Active League of Women Voters. Boy Scouts. Westport resident 23 years.

Reply: Education and fiscal planning issues paramount. Education budget dominates town spending. Current building program will determine schools for coming generation. Must maintain quality system. Must assure cost effectiveness. Other decisions - town land use, senior center, open space purchases, spending caps - require careful needs and resources balancing. Will continue employing extensive experience with schools, knowledge of town government and commitment to doing homework.

DISTRICT 3

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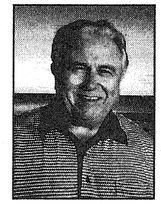

Michael A. Gilbertie

Background: Lifelong resident- Born 4-23-1940 at home, 8 Clinton Ave. Attended Westport Schools, graduated Staples 1958. Caddied at Longshore when private, 1950-58. Drove Westport School Bus part time, 1960-66 & 1978-82. Worked in Westport family business, 1955-93. Employed with National Car Rental at Westchester County Airport, 1993 to present. President Westport Lions Club 2 terms, Treasurer 2 terms. Member Westport Y.M.C.A. 42 years, 1957 to present. Member Church of The Assumption Choir 21 years, 1978 to present. Two children both attended Westport schools; Linda graduated Staples 1986, received B.S. Business Management, University of Rhode Island. Employed with Liz Claiborne. Brian, Staples 1985 - Boston University, Bachelors of Music, Masters Music Education - Music Teacher, Middle school.Woburn Mass.

Reply: Taxes in general - Education costs-Charter changes.

Stephen M. Rubin

Background: After years in the business world, I have had the pleasure of serving Westport for over ten years. My volunteerism has covered a broad spectrum from charities and organizations to service on the R.T.M. for the past six years. My 100% attendance record illustrates my commitment.

Reply: I am asking for your support towards my re-election. I see little difference between district and town since the R.T.M. represents and affects every citizen. A particular concern is maintaining Westport's quality of life. It is important that my vote reflect a balance of an effective educational system and the necessity to safeguard every taxpayer. Open space and the senior center are also vital issues to focus on.

Deborah R. Rath

Background: R.T.M.. District 3 (1993-1995): Finance Committee; Environment Committee. Board of Education (1995-1999): Vice-Chair. First Selectman's Property Revaluation Committee (1995). Superintendent's Long-Range Space Committee (I995). Member: Toquet Hall Adult Advisory Board; League of Women Voters. Former member: PTA Council; Learning Community Board. Local attorney; Westport Bar Association. Vassar College (B.A., Phi Beta Kappa); Georgetown University Law Center (J.D.). Two daughters (elementary and middle school).

Reply: Town and Distnct Issues: Balance demands for services with fiscal responsibility; - Develop comprehensive, long-term plan for open space; - Maximize use of new and renovated school buildings for community and school needs; - Maintain generational mix through property tax relief for older and lower-income residents; Broaden participation in government.

John G. Sibley

Background: Resident of Westport for 32 years. Member of the RTM for 2 years-public Works Committee, and, Employee Compensation Committee.

Reply: With the heavy demand for spending for schools and other town projects over the next several years it is imperative only those projects that are absolutely necessary be considered. Debt and debt servicing will add greatly to every ones tax obligation and tax increases must be kept to a minimum and property valuations must be fair and equitable.

Also running: **Andrew F. Fink** - Did not respond

DISTRICT 4

League of Women Voters Question: *Same as above*

Vote for any 5

Gerald E. Bodell

Background: Holy Cross College, Fordham Law School; Editor Fordham Law Review,CT HumanRightsCommission Hearing Officer, Mamaroneck Board of Education, Counsel for Jewish Child Care Association of New York and New York Foundling Hospital,

Reply: I want to help to preserve the quality of life that the citizens of this beautiful Town now enjoy. Education of the children is paramount. District 4's recreational facilities are outstanding and should be properly maintained and the neighborhoods should be unimpaired by the hazards of flooding while allowing the natural environment to flourish. Strike an even balance in financing so as to further the public interest in all projects and not unduly burden the taxpayer; every citizen of Westport should be equally treated and have the right to be heard

Carol Ann Waxman

Background: I have been a Westport resident for the past 23 years and a member of the Representative Town Meeting for the last 6 years, presently serving on Public Protection, Health and Human Services, Planning and Zoning, Long Range Planning, Rules and Ethics.

Reply: For me "quality of life" issues in relation to the dollars being spent for our children and older Westport residents are of particular concern. It is important to consider priorities while trying to provide for all the needs, wants and wishes of all of Westport residents. Needed schools are being built and the next long overdue step is to build a modern, permanent Senior Center to take us well into the next Millennium. Constituents' calls and letters of concerns are welcome.

Wally Meyer

Background: Twenty years at IBM, establishing a successful technology leasing company, ten years of service to Westport on the RTM and as a Selectman, and a long term committment to Westport non-profits. This combination of experience gives me the knowledge and skills required to meet Westport's needs.

Reply: The major problem for Westport is to meet the needs of the growing school population on a cost effective basis. This process requires intensive analysis, constant oversight and the ability to say "no".

Mary Moers Wenig

Background: I am a long-time Westport resident. My children, now grown, attended Westport schools, Hills Point Elementary, Long Lots, and Staples. As full-time law professor, I teach tax law, estate planning, elderlaw. My volunteer activities have been primarily at the national and state level. I am eager now to serve my hometown.

Reply: My interests and, I believe, my District's are the maintenance of our schools' high standards of excellence and the preservation of our natural resources, to the extent commensurate with fiscal responsibility. But I hope to serve RTM with an open mind, to listen and learn from a fair-hearing for all sides and then to determine the important questions facing Westport and how best to answer them.

Kara Riggle Edwards

Background: Resident: 6 years, Family: Husband Scott and son Jared; Education: B.S. Economics and M.B.A.; Experience: Employed as a Commodities Trading Manager for Salomon Smith Barney, Junior League.

Reply: Education, planning and zoning, and the environment will be the key issues in the coming years. The projected growth in the population of school-aged children will cause further strains on town facilities and funds. However, it is essential that we maintain the high quality of education Westport residents have come to expect. Planning and zoning and the environment will become increasingly important as open land declines and problems such as flooding, traffic control and managed growth become more pervasive. These issues are of particular concern to residents of District 4 since it contains Compo Beach and Longshore.

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 nonpartisan basis. We neither support nor oppose any candidate.

Read what the candidates have to say, attend the forums, then mark the sample ballot. Vote in person if you can. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk's office, but remember that failure to provide "true and correct" information on an absentee ballot is a Class D felony.

After the election, STAY INFORMED. Attend public meetings, they are open to all. Let public officials know your thoughts, and don't be afraid to ask them tough questions. Be proud of yourself for participating.

Maggie Feczko -- President, LWV of Westport

CANDIDATES FOR REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING DISTRICT 5

The Representative Town Meeting is a non partisan legislative body. It's 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.

League of Women Voters Question: *What issues are of particular concern to you for your district and for the town?*

Vote for any 4

John W. Booth

Background: My background of business skills has been used during the past three terms on the RTM Finance, Long Range Planning and Health and Human Services Committees. Further, these skills were applicable to my work on the Town Census, Tax Abatement and Deferral Committee, the United Way's Professional and Advisory Committee and, most recently, for GOTNOISE? which particularly impacts the voters in the Green's Farms area I've represented. Retirement from the active business world has provided the time for such activities.
Reply: The principal issue facing all of the town is taxes. In addition to the impact of revaluation, we must reach consensus on how best to contain the costs of school construction and infrastructure, while providing a first class education to the growing number of students.

Steven S. Goldberg

Background: Local tax attomey/accountant/financial planner. Past President of Westport Bar Association (I997) and Westport Rotary (I999), Connecticut State Assembly candidate (1998). RTM District 5 involvement: planning and zoning, education, finance, library.
Father of a school child, involved with quality of education, computers and curriculum. He is mindful of the need for schools and Town facilities, and real estate taxes affecting fixed income families.
Reply: Townwide what's in it for me attitude; traffic; more overall planning for town properties: Allen's Clam House should continue as is; Barons South: several houses and Post Road section should be sold, YMCA should be relocated, allows Town to recoup purchase price and ongoing costs, lowers real estate taxes, and keeps a major portion as open space.

Ralph Hymans

Background: Greens Farms resident 22 years; CPA specializing in tax and financial planning; educated at Harvard University, Harvard Business School. Member of RTM for the past eight years. Currently serving on both the Parks and Recreation and Public Protection Committees. Formerly member of Conservation Committee, Clamming Commission. Formerly Adjunct Professor of Accounting and Finance at local college.
Reply: Education, environment, entertainment are primary concerns. Balance Westport's needs and wants, while keeping control of taxes in order to maintain our quality of life, superior schools and recreational facilities.

Richard A. Lowenstein

Background: 16-year Green's Farms resident, seeking reelection. During first term, appointed chair of Transit Committee. Also on Public Protection, Public Works, and Employee Compensation Committees. Former RTM-appointed Westport Library trustee. Currently chair of state Advisory Council on Library Planning and Development.
Reply: If we want to maintain Westport's singular character, we're going to have to better balance our burgeoning service and building needs with the ability of all Westporters to pay for them. Road rage, in spite of improved enforcement and better engineering, remains an issue, as drivers zip through town, ignoring speed limits and stop signs. Home-rule issues, like state agencies approving cell towers in residential areas, are a growing concern. And Green's Farms has the added problem of Turnpike noise and air pollution.

Margaret J. Slez

Background: Resident of District 5 since 1980. Ten years as a public school music teacher. Practicing attorney in Westport since 1988. Hearing officer for Connecticut Department of Education since 1996. Member of the St. Luke choir and Westport Kiwanis. Service on board of directors of Isaiah 61:1, Inc., a community-based corrections agency in, Bridgeport.
Reply: Of particular concern to me is the need to address the needs of District 5 and the Town as a whole with fairness and balance. Rather than considering residential and commercial as competing interests, we need to recognize that both components are essential to Westport's "hometown" attractiveness and economic vitality. While change is both challenging and inevitable, any development must be preceded by planning and accompanied by accountability.

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DISTRICT 6

League of Women Voters Question: *Same as above*

Vote for any 5

Saul Haffner

Background: Westporter since 1976. Two year term, RTM, Committees: Long Range Planning; Computer Usage; and Library and Arts. Professor Emeritus of Management Sacred Heart University. Specialty: Strategic Planning. Former executive with CT aerospace firms. Member, Y's Men. MBA.
Reply: Balancing the diverse needs of our citizens within our financial resources will be my major concern. Expanding our schools, maintaining the quality of life of our seniors, preserving neighborhoods and real estate values, and deciding on the best use of the properties the town has acquired; all of these are of concern in my district and to me. In our deliberations, I value the importance of civility and kindness as we proceed to build a better community.

Ronald F. Malone

Background: Common sense, good judgement, and responsiveness to voters concerns are required for worthwhile service to the RTM. A life-long resident, successful small business operator, with lengthy service as a police officer, police chief and community volunteer has given me a balanced perspective on issues that come before the RTM.
Meeting educational needs and implementing the long overdue property revaluations are primary issues as they will impact every taxpayer. Prioritizing needs and eliminating extravagance will ease the burden. The vison remains the same: Excellent services at the least possible cost.

William P. Raines

Background: Westporter since 1965. RTM since 1990: Deputy Moderator; Chairman Finance Committee; member and past chairman Planning & Zoning Committee. Former corporate financial communications executive. Semi-retired with experience, energy, dedication to serve.
Reply: To maintain a diversity of generations in Westport, we must provide more adequate tax relief for senior citizens so that they are not forced out of town by school enrollment driven tax increases coupled with property revaluation. To preserve and enhance the beauty of our Town, we must invest in acquisition and proper maintenance of open space and resist the pressures to "build something on it". Pressures on the RTM to strip away Plaming & Zoning regulation protection from residents living near Town/School-owned properties must be rejected.

Ralph Schwarz

Background: Born, raised and 40 year resident in Westport. Practicing attorney. Two terms on RTM serving on Ordinance, Planning and Enviromnental (Chairman) Committees.
Reply: Over the next ten years property taxes will rise more than 150% to pay the debt service on notes and bonds sold to finance school construction and renovation and land acquisition. While these expenditures have been well justified, there must be some limit to capital expenditures. Like many residents I am a firm supporter of our educational needs and look to such tools as value engineering to control costs.
Traffic and safety concerns have been constructively addressed in the last two years. There is more to be done, including improvement of certain intersections in town and continued growth of courtesy on the roads.

Also running: **Catherine MyGodney** - Did not respond

GET INVOLVED IN
Nonpartisan Political Action
Studying Issues:

Transportation (local)
Parks and Land Use (local)
Environment

Informing The Public:

Voter's Guide
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Nonpartisan Public Meetings of local interest

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Address _____

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Gift card should read _____

☐ *I'm interested. Send more information.*
☐ *I'm unable to join now but would like to support League with my enclosed contribution.*

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization open to all citizens, men and women, of voting age

CANDIDATES FOR REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING DISTRICT 7

League of Women Voters Question: *Same as on previous page.*

Vote for any 4

Grant G. Heller

Background: RTM member Westport native, 1993 returned to Westport. Wife - Joanne, two daughters attending Long Lots and one son in preschool. 16 yrs. experience financial planning.
Reply: Two Critical issues: a rapid increase in school age population and a revaluation resulting in heavier tax burden on residential taxpayers. Higher taxes can be particularly concerning to many senior citizens and others on fixed incomes. It's important to deal with the educational needs of our children, as well as the financial needs of all Westporters. Westport will also have to manage present and future building projects including: controlling costs on new school and renovation projects, neighborhood traffic and drainage issues, Baron's South use, and location for the Senior Center.

John G. Klinge

Background: Currently serve on RTM with membership on important Education and Public Works Committees. Also serve on townwide Joint Maintenance and School Transportation Committees created to seek better efficiency and cost savings in those areas. Thirty-four year resident with three raised, Westport educated children. Retired Harvard MBA and business executive; teaching experience at Sacred Heart and local school system. Successfully coached youth sports teams for 15 years. Mentor to three wonderful school age Westport kids.
Reply: Biggest challenge facing Westport is how to maintain our excellent quality of life and prudently manage town finances. Top of list includes strengthening accountability-driven school system, creating user-friendly open space and providing town services all in an atmosphere of open communication. Proactive RTM is critical to success.

Maria S. Nilson

Background: Born and reared in Norwalk, CT... graduate Norwalk HighSchool... Claremont Secretary School, NYC... 2 years with Litton Industries... 34 years housewife, mother and community volunteer... Former: RTM Representative 1979-1981... Past President of the Westport/Weston AARP and the WTA... led rally to Hartford to repeal the State Income Tax.. Present: RTM Representative... WWC...FCHS...VFW, Women's Auxiliary... Justice of the Peace.
Reply: I am concerned about excessive school spending which results in higher taxes. I feel that a decision on a location for the Senior Center should be reached quickly. Many residents in District 7 are concerned about lighted ball fields at Staples high School and the over use of property at North Avenue Middle School. Also the use or non-use of the Baron's South property is of importance to many town residents.

Lisa S. Rome

Background: RTM Representative (second-term), serving on Finance, Employee Compensation, Health and Human Services and Rules Committees; Physician; Clinical Instructor In Medicine, Yale; Fairfield County Exec. Committee, ADL; LWV; Former Board of Directors, Domestic Violence Crisis Center; Westport Young Woman's League sustainer; past Little League Coach; B.A. M.Ed. Child Study, Tufts
Reply: As a RTM Incumbent, I believe the our major concerns involve: long range planning for our schools; preservation and acquisition of open space; protection of the residential character of our neighborhoods; coordination of health and safety concerns for children to seniors; improvement in the financial control over school construction projects; and focus on prudent fiscal policies to contain our increasing tax burden.

DON'T GRIPE, WRITE ...

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DISTRICT 8

League of Women Voters Question: *Same as above*

Vote for any 5

Irwin Donenfeld

Background: Dean of the RTM, with 18 years experience, serving on the Education, Employee Compensation committees, and chairman of Public Protection Committee. Appointed chairman of Project TAME which brought many innovations for the town to help stop road rage, speeding, and careless driving. New reflective paint, new stop signs, road reflectors on the curve on Bayberry, townwide survey on traffic all emanated from Project Tame as well as the new traffic counter that will give us knowledge on how to control speeding on town roads. This survey showed that residents want greater enforcement of traffic laws. The Board of Finance granted $86,000 for extra overtime for dedicated speed control.
Reply: For District 8, I will follow up on the Silver Brook drainage project until completion.

Gordon F. Joseloff

Background: Seeking fifth term ... RTM Moderator and Deputy Moderator six years... former chairman Education Committee... community activities include fire and. ambulance volunteer, LWV, Historical Society... grew up in Westport... covered RTM as reporter in 1960s ... award-winning former CBS News and UPI foreign correspondent.
Reply: The greatest challenge to Westport in the new millennium is maintaining our greatly cherished quality of life while keeping costs at an affordable level for all. Westport is blessed with an incredible wealth of talent among our citizenry and working together we can continue to successfully meet that challenge. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of the effort. My goal remains to make tomorrow's Westport as good as yesterday's.

William F. Meyer III

Background: RTM member 4 years.. Currently 16 year VP of girls little league softball; managed its growth from 80 to 515 players, active member of Saugatuck Congregational Church, 5 year chairman of annual Crop Walk for Hunger; board of director member of "First Night" and Westport Community Theatre part-time marketing & sales director of award winning national company
Reply: As a.two term RTM I'm a dedicated member of the Parks and Recreation, Education, and Health and Human Services 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. As a three decade Westport resident I want to keep this a very special Town.

Michael A. Rea

Background: Westport native, Staples grad 1970. Married(Carla), three children, all Staples grads, Deborah, Michael & Alexander. Corporate Real Estate & Facillities Management for Global Reinsurance Corporation. Chairman, Westport Parks & Recreation Commision - 4 years, member 2 years. Present Member - School Building & Planning Committee. Present Chairman - North Avenue Middle School Committee. Member LWV. Founder & past Director Westport Festival Italiano. Founder & Past President - Westport Sons of Italy. Past member - Southwest Regional Planning Agency. Past President & Board member - National Association of Corporate Real Estate Executives-Fairfield/Westport Chapter. Past Coach & volunteer - Westport Soccer Association, Westport Little League
Reply: Cost effective & timely completion of school building projects, lack of long term planning in government - Why no town planner since the early 1970's? Taxes, Technology, Maintainance, Environment

Lois G. Schine

Background: Am currently an incumbent on the R.T.M. Have lived in Westport for forty seven years. My five children went through the Westport school system. Was one of the first presidents of Coleytown Junior High P. T.A. Have served on numerous town committees, such as: Bridge and Parking, Library Riverwalk, Human Services as Chairman, Westport of the Worlds Convention. Educated as an engineer.
Reply: Because there is very little open space left in Westport I would like to be involved in land use as well as other issues affecting our quality of life. I was on the Selectman's Committee that acquired Baron's Land North and am currently on the Land Acquisition Committee. Long range planning for schools and preservation of our town's residential character are also important concerns.

John P. Vornle

Background: Local resident since 1988. Father of school children in preschool, Coleytown Elementary, Coleytown Middle, and Staples. Boy Scout Leader (since 1994). Soccer coach. Town of Westport Youth Commission (since 1997). I have worked in finance since 1980 providing loans, municipal finance, healthcare, and utility services. I obtained a BA from Colgate University, an MBA from New York University, following a primary school education in Europe. I'm an avid skier, squash, foosball and chess player.
Reply: Doing what's "right" for the town. Traffic safety for children and senior citizens. Reducing "Bus Moms" driving duties I favor Open Space, Low Taxes, handling utility services proactively, and promoting Good Neighbors. My objective: improving everyone's "Quality of Life," especially District 8 residents.

SAMPLE BALLOT — ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 136

OFFICE / PARTY	1 BOARD OF FINANCE Vote for Any Four	2	3	4	5 BOARD OF EDUCATION Vote for Any Three	6	7	8 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	9 PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION Vote for Any Four	10	11	12	13 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Vote for Any Three	14	15
REPUBLICAN	R. Gavin S. Anderson ☐ 1A	John E. Watson, III ☐ 2A	Robert D. Graham ☐ 3A	4A	Cheryl A. Bliss ☐ 5A	Lewis D. Brey ☐ 6A	7A	Garson F. Heller, Jr. ☐ 8A	Duane Nelson ☐ 9A	William A. Crowther ☐ 10A	Steven S. Lewis ☐ 11A	Elizabeth Kuechenmeister ☐ 12A	Elizabeth Yang Wong ☐ 13A	Walter M. Randall ☐ 14A	Lisa K. Wexler ☐ 15A
DEMOCRATIC	Steven L. Ezzes ☐ 1B	Kevin A. Connolly ☐ 2B	3B	4B	Mary R. Parmelee ☐ 5B	Neil K. Gerhardt ☐ 6B	7B	Garson F. Heller, Jr. ☐ 8B	Eleanor S. Lowenstein ☐ 9B	10B	11B	12B	James C. Ezzes ☐ 13B	14B	15B
SAVE WESTPORT NOW	1C	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	Eleanor S. Lowenstein ☐ 9C	10C	11C	12C	13C	14C	15C

SAMPLE BALLOT — ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 133

OFFICE / PARTY	1 STATE REPRESENTATIVE To Fill Vacancy	2 BOARD OF FINANCE Vote for Any Four	3	4	5	6 BOARD OF EDUCATION Vote for Any Three	7	8	9 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	10 PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION Vote for Any Four	11	12	13	14 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Vote for Any Three	15	16
REPUBLICAN	Cathy C. Tymniak ☐ 1A	R. Gavin S. Anderson ☐ 2A	John E. Watson, III ☐ 3A	Robert D. Graham ☐ 4A	5A	Cheryl A. Bliss ☐ 6A	Lewis D. Brey ☐ 7A	8A	Garson F. Heller, Jr. ☐ 9A	Duane Nelson ☐ 10A	William A. Crowther ☐ 11A	Steven S. Lewis ☐ 12A	Elizabeth Kuechenmeister ☐ 13A	Elizabeth Yang Wong ☐ 14A	Walter M. Randall ☐ 15A	Lisa K. Wexler ☐ 16A
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NATURAL LAW	Bernard A. Nevas ☐ 1C	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	9C	10C	11C	12C	13C	14C	15C	16C
SAVE WESTPORT NOW	1D	2D	3D	4D	5D	6D	7D	8D	9D	Eleanor S. Lowenstein ☐ 10D	11D	12D	13D	14D	15D	16D

The Representative Town Meeting

NOTE: RTM candidates appear on the lower right of the ballot, 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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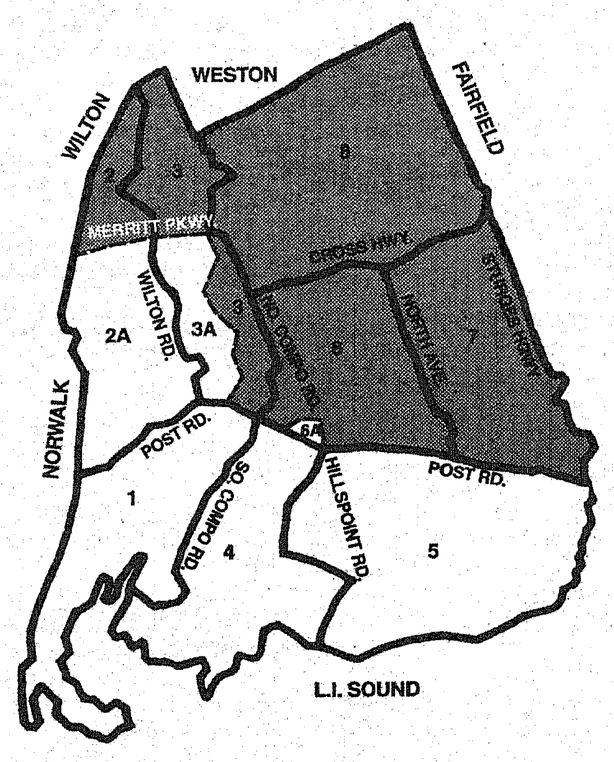
Don't forget to bring an I.D. with you. You may bring this ballot into the voting booth.



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POLLING PLACES

RTM DISTRICTS 1, 2, 2A
Bedford Middle School gym 170 Riverside Avenue

RTM DISTRICTS 4, 5
Staples High School old gym
70 North Avenue. (Turn left after the tennis courts.)

RTM DISTRICTS 3, 3A, 8
Coleytown Elementary School gym 65 Easton Road

RTM DISTRICT 6, 6A, 7
Long Lots School gym 13 Hyde Lane
Handicapped accessible machines are available.

NOTE: Voters in RTM Districts 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 are having a Special and Municipal Election, which includes candidates for State Representative in the 133rd District.

RTM Districts 1, 2A, 3A, 4, and 5, and 6A have ONLY the Municipal candidates.

VOTING IN PERSON

Officials will be on hand at all polling places 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 your vote.

VOTING WITH CHILDREN

State law allows a child up to age 16 to accompany a voter, who must be his or her parent or guardian, into a voting booth.

IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS OLD OR A NEW RESIDENT

The cut-off date for registering to vote was October 19. BUT, if you have moved into town since that date, or become a new citizen or will turn 18 on or before Nov.2, you may still register to vote in this election. Contact the Registrars of Voters at 341-1115.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Applications for absentee ballots are obtained from the town clerk, 341-1110. You may vote by absentee ballot only if you are:

1. Out of town during all voting hours (6 A.M. to 8 P.M.)
2. Ill or physically disabled.
3. Prohibited by your religion from voting that day.
4. In the armed forces.
5. 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 4:30 p.m. before November 2. Also, the office will be open Saturday, Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon.