LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WESTPORT

2001 VOTER'S GUIDE

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

POLLS OPEN 6 am to 8 pm

CANDIDATES FOR FIRST SELECTMAN

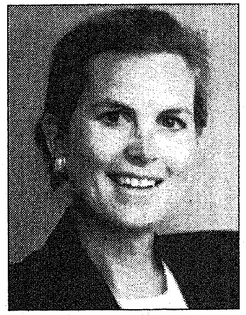
The Board of Selectmen has three members, elected for four-year terms. The team with the most votes becomes First and Second Selectmen, and the candidate for First Selectman with the next highest vote count becomes Third Selectman.

LWV Question: *What is your top priority for Westport and what actions would you take during your term to accomplish it?*

John J. Izzo 227-7815 (Republican)

Reply: My top priority will be to stop the level of government spending. Our bond indebtedness at the beginning of the present administration was $26,000,000.00. We now owe $137,000,000.00; quite soon we will owe over $250,000,000. It's projected that two out of every ten tax dollars will go to pay our debt. Space does not allow me to list all the steps I will take to reduce government spending, but let me tell you that my vision is to restore Westport to what it once was. "A small town where neighbor helps neighbor". "A town that is so governed that all of us can afford to live here and retire here with dignity, that's my vision". You can trust my administration to provide it for all of us.

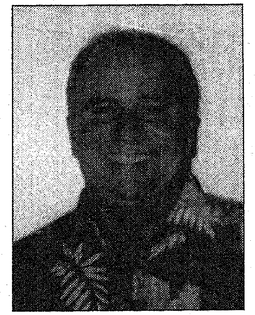
Background: Born in Westport. Educated by Westport School System. 58 years old. Married Joan Avery 1965. Two sons (Joseph and John). Associate degree. Co-Owner, Arrow Express, Inc.



Diane Goss Farrell 226-6733 (Democrat)

Reply: Our administration will continue to provide a high quality of life for all Westporters. This will be achieved through: *Prudent municipal budgeting that has not exceeded the CPI *Senior tax relief *Public/private partnering * Long-range planning: "Westport 2001 and Beyond" *Facilities improvements: Longshore, Barons South and Downtown *Open communications — instituted a town website, tv channel, internet "Town Hall list", "Citizen Brown Bag Lunches" *Though not under direct budgetary control, encourage and support Board of Education fiscal restraints *Work with neighboring municipalities to solve regional transportation problems *Maintain a strong sense of community during uncertain times. It has been an honor to serve as First Selectwoman. Thank you, Westporters for your many contributions to this wonderful town.

Background: First Selectwoman since 1997. Member, Board of Finance1993-1997. Business background in advertising. Selected to serve / lead Westport Young Woman's League, Nursing and Home Care, CES PTA. Moved to Westport in 1958. Married, two daughters.



John A. Kluchnick 259-4331 (Petitioning Candidate)

Reply: Those who've lived here 20 years or more or plan to won't be driven out by higher taxes from unnecessary deficit spending presently being practiced by irresponsible reprehensible Town, Board of Education & RTM officials alike. Solutions: School users fee-Two Thousand dollars per student per year, after five years residence $1500 declining $200 yearly for five years – then pay $500 yearly till graduation. Maximum $500 yearly raises to Town and School employees earning $75,000 or more. Build steel-concrete State of the Art modular Staples, saving approximately 40% or 40 MILLION DOLLARS. Future tax increases 20 years residence 70 & older – income $30,000 or less-NONE. 31 to $40,000 save 50% – 41 to $50,000 save 25%. Ages 65-69 half the above. Tell 10 others that "We" YOU & I together can keep everyones taxes down, including Yours. Vote KLUCHNICK or Pay Dearly…

Background: Common Sense – Veteran Submarine Service – AARP member – much more.

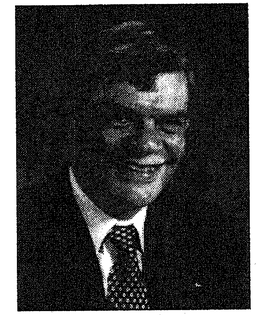
CANDIDATES FOR SECOND SELECTMAN

LWV Question: *How do you perceive your role as Second Selectman?*

Maura F. Marden 221-8645 (Republican)

Reply: If elected I would use this position to assist our First Selectman in making decisions on the many important issues facing our town. Specifically, I will work to insure that taxes DO NOT CONTINUE TO RISE and I will strive to be a LEADER and do what is best for Westport. I will not be afraid to make a decision. From taxes to school building to working with our youth and seniors, I will continue to be a person that is accessible to all. I am someone that not only listens but learns and acts on what I hear. If elected, I will listen to the words of our neighbors and take to heart what they are saying. I will not take this position of being able to make a difference for granted.

Background: 14 year resident, BA St. Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN), numerous volunteer associations, 3 sons.



Carl W. Leaman 226-5725 (Democrat)

Reply: As Second Selectman I will work actively with Diane to accomplish the administration's objectives. I will continue to provide counsel and assistance as we work through the challenges the Town will face over the coming four years. We have a unique partnership, which is based upon trust and a similar outlook as to how government should act. This includes operating in an open manner, to listen, to develop consensus and then to provide a responsible decision making process.

Background: 34 years in the Wall St. community, now retired *Salomon Brothers, Morgan Stanley, CS First Boston *2nd Selectman ('97-'01), Board of Finance ('83-'95) *Town Committees, Pension Investment, Transit District Study, Railroad Parking, Bond Timing *State-Metro North Commuter Council.

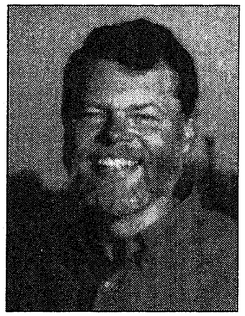
← No candidate has filed to run as Petitioning Candidate's running mate.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Vote for any 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 financial issues facing Westport, both short-term and long-term, do you consider most critical?*



Richard (Rick) Benson 227-4895 (Republican)

Reply: Long term, controlling the spiraling growth of taxes and debt service brought about by unprecedented levels of spending is the key issue. Short term, maintaining control of our operating budgets through creative cost containment and reestablishing a "Checks and Balances" approach to town government by having a Republican BOF are the issues. Can we continue the present level of spending in this time of economic uncertainty? The BOF is intended to operate as an independent oversight board for town and education spending. I will bring the necessary professional financial scrutiny to bring Westport's spending under control and to assure us the best value for our tax dollar.

Background: 22 year resident; MBA in Finance from the Wharton School; married to Totney for 30 years; 4 years as Vice-chairman of Conservation Commission; 5 years on P&Z; church Trustee; Scoutmaster BSA Troop-39; past-president Westport Rotary; 21 year United Way Volunteer; USNR Vietnam Veteran.

Lewis D. Brey 226-8664 (Republican)

Reply: Westport has not felt the full impact of the growing debt service cost for our numerous capital projects and purchases, and taxes will rise substantially. We must embrace creative and proactive cost controls. As we move forward with the final phases of our school building program, and provide for excellence in education, we must exercise maximum oversight over projects and costs. Contain growing personnel costs which account for almost 80% of spending by negotiating responsible and fiscally sound salary increases and controlling growth of personnel. Board must balance the interests of seniors, families with school children, and all Westporters, and serve as a check on spending as intended. Proactive financial scrutiny will increase efficiency, and balanced government is in everyone's interest.

Background: Incumbent, Board of Finance; Former Member RTM; Chairman Employee Compensation Committee; Member: Education, Transit, Ordinance Committees; School Building Committee; Attorney, Partner, Spitzer, Sundheim & Brey; Lifelong Westporter.

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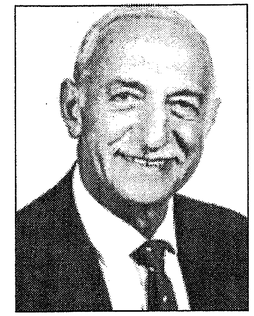
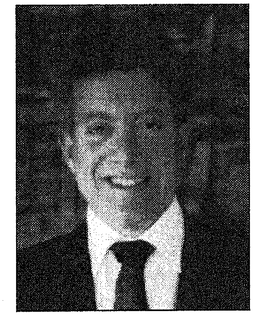


Ralph Hymans 259-6630 (Republican)

Reply: Taxation! Prudent and equitable sharing. Maintain our population mix by not overburdening one section for the benefits of others. Mix is important to prevent uncontrolled burdens for all. We had one goal, be comfortable and safe for families with children. There is a new generation; retired couples, they love their life here. What they do not love are increases in taxes! When they move, a new generation with children moves in; swelling school enrollment, traffic, more services. $13000 to send a child to school yearly and rising, more than the taxes the house produces. We must find ways to keep seniors. If we do not retain them, you end up, without their values, and services more expensive than if they stayed. We must keep seniors from moving.

Background: 25 year town resident; RTM member 4 terms; AARP Chapter President; CPA; Harvard University education; WWII Vet; Adjunct Finance Professor; former Corporate CFO; Y's Men Member.



Jeffrey Mayer 226-0366 (Democrat)

Reply: 1) Short term: We moderated the impact of revaluation. Now we must efficiently manage capital and operating budgets. We initiated a professional management structure for school construction and saved millions. Now we must avoid overembellishment of new schools. School budgets must be tightly managed, using the new format to improve accountability, and annual increases must be capped by inflation and new enrollment. We have held the Town budget to inflation, even while improving infrastructure and enhancing recreation. Now we must creatively finance a senior center and needed open space acquisition while exploring enhanced tax relief for seniors on fixed incomes. My Board of Finance experience has demonstrated that diligence and collaboration lead to creative, cost-effective solutions. (2) Long term: Learn to prioritize and say "no."

Background: Yale B.A., NYU J.D. President, MxEnergy, 1999-. MD AIG/Sempra Trading, 1992-99; VP, Goldman Sachs, 1984-92. Board of Finance, 1997-; RTM 1995-97. Chrmn., Town/Schools Maintenance Committee. Sunrise Rotary Board; WSHU… *(Candidate exceeded word limit.)*

Shelly A Kassen 227-2488 (Democrat)

Reply: The most critical issue we face remains the need to balance the demands of a growing school population with the desire for outstanding town and recreational services-while keeping our taxes at a reasonable level and our superior bond rating. This can be achieved through responsible planning, professional management and strong coordination among town bodies. I will continue to work hard, look at all requests for their long term impact, and seek cost savings in all areas of expenditure.

Background: Member, Board of Finance, MBA from Harvard; CPA with Coopers and 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 and am married to an investment executive.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Vote for any four

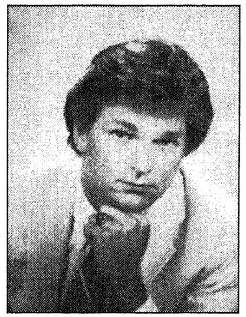
The Board of Education has seven members serving staggered four-year terms. It functions primarily as a policy-making and planning agency of the town's educational system, consulting with and relying on the school staff for the administration and implementation of plans.

LWV Question: *What can the Board of Education do to reduce the rate of increase in the operating budget while continuing to maintain quality education?*

Linda Merk-Gould 226-3901
(Republican)

Reply: Preserving Westport's quality education is paramount as we engage in necessary tough choices to achieve fiscally responsible budgets while student enrollment increases. Utilize my business experience to: Analyze data from the comparative cost/pupil study underway. Implement proven, efficiency ideas, including examine staffing levels and medical insurance funding. Maintain judicious expenditures to avoid high future building maintenance costs. Negotiate staff contracts (80% of education budget) that recognize both long-term educational and fiscal priorities. Support hiring/professional development of teachers to achieve highest educational standards. Increase emphasis on enriching curriculum for all students' learning-styles, focusing now on high school. Enhance dialogue with community to make Westport's schools a source-of-pride for everyone. Contact: lgould@optonline.net.

Background: Board of Education elected 1997. RTM Long-Range Planning Co-Chair. Historic District Commission. WPA-Art Rescue Committee. Founder, award-winning preservation business (20-years), projects include Statue of Liberty, West Point Military Museum construction consultant. Wellesley, Honors BA; MA. Married. 2 children,14-year resident.



Kenneth R. Sosnoski, Jr. 226-9308
(Republican)

Reply: Parents need the freedom to guide their children in their educational obtainment as much as possible. Westport currently spends over $11,000 per child. Let's allot that $11,000 to the parents for the school of their choosing.

Background: My wife, Joanne, our three children, and I live in a house that has been in our family for generations (it was built by Frederick and Jennie Pascarelli, her grandparents). Joanne's uncle is Joe Stroffolino, whose father was our area's state representative for many years. I am running for public office because I am concerned that the Westport they knew is disappearing. The middle class, those on a fixed income, and particularly the elderly are under pressure from high taxes, liberal spending and mounting debt to sell their homes and leave our town. Whatever I do in office, whatever policy I make, will always be with them in the forefront of my mind.

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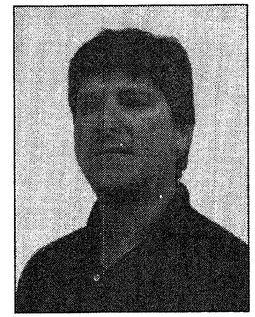
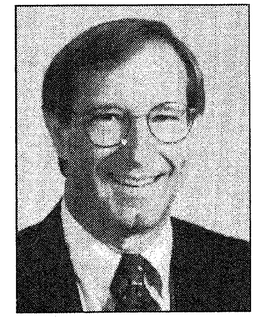


Mark Owades 259-4333
(Republican)

Reply: The Board of Education is an organization that is out of control. Instructional programs are introduced without regard for either the operating or capital budget. Standards are developed by constructing a list of wants and desires and anyone who questions the content of that list is considered "opposed to education." I believe that the current board does not require objective, measurable standards from the educational establishment, and accepts fuzzy "student should be able to demonstrate" type statements. I believe that Westport is fortunate that the students here are of high caliber and that the parents are deeply involved in the education of their children. This enables us to succeed in spite of the mediocre standards to which our educators are held.

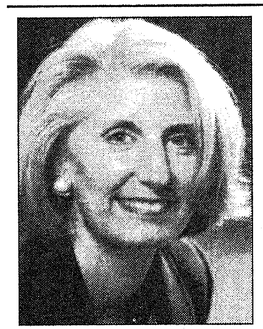
Background: I am: founder, MTO Associates, technology consultants, President, Westport Rotary Club, co-founder, Minuteman Newspapers, father,15-year-old student and husband, Kim Cooper, life-long Westporter.



Steven G. Halstead 226-3461
(Democrat)

Reply: Controlling budget. Student enrollment growth (uncontrollable) drives budget growth. Class-size (controllable, but not without affecting educational program quality) must be kept as is or reduced. "Peer-district financial study" will identify policy, district infrastructure and budgetary constraint opportunities for tradeoffs between educational program quality and costs.

Background: Experience and continuity. BOE member (8 years), Chairman (last 4 years), BOE successes: Improved curriculum. Integrated leading-edge technology into teaching and learning. Negotiated last two win-win teacher's contracts. Enhanced strategic planing and budget reporting. Initiated "peer-district comparative financial study". Strengthened relationships with town bodies. Hired new Superintendent. Expanding facilities for student population (doubling 1990 to 2010): completed Greens Farms Elementary, Coleytown Middle and Bedford Middle; started conversion of old Bedford Middle into Saugatuck Elementary; started land-use and funding approval processes to renovate and expand Staples. Resident (28 years); son, Staples graduate (2001); IBM (26 years) MBA (Cornell).



Sandra Urist 226-0189
(Democrat)

Reply: We have reorganized/streamlined our budget, improving disclosure of costs. Since 1990, enrollment increased 59% while per-pupil costs increased 21%. Rate of increase has been lower than enrollment due to reorganizations. We are analyzing comparative expenditures with similar districts looking for economies, knowing that:* Salaries/benefits account for 78% of budget *Our elementary costs are higher, high school costs lower *We offer more programs, start music/foreign language earlier, hire more paraprofessionals, psychologists, social workers *Our special education needs/costs are greater. I am vigilant in protecting programs/services, class-size and have advocated for curriculum improvements. Thorough analysis must continue with understanding and acceptance of costs/benefits. I remain committed to maintaining quality and continuing to seek future efficiencies.

Background: Current BOE Secretary, Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Director, 2 years. 10 years marketing for Fortune 500 companies, past PTA Council President, Westporter 24 years. Instrumental in introducing Spanish starting in Kindergarten.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Vote for any two

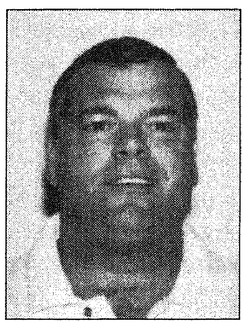
The Board of Assessment Appeals has three members with staggered four-year terms who review appeals for revision of tax assessments.

LWV Question: *Do you feel that improvements can be made in the current appeals process?*

Robert C. Kane 222-0790 (Republican)

Reply: I have reviewed the Westport Town Charter and specifically Chapter Nine that covers the Board of Assessment Appeals. I find the wording to be acceptable and general enough to allow for the application of fairness and good common sense by the board members. My position is to be a member with one hundred percent fairness when reviewing any case brought before the board.

Background: Local experience: Justice of the Peace 2001-, Republican Town Committee 1990-94, 2000-, Executive Assistant to First Selectman 1989-90, 27 year resident of Westport. Business experience: Xerox Corp.-Marketing Executive-20 years, Baron Resources Corp.-President-2 years, International Exec. Service Corp.-Volunteer, Exec. Recruiter-6 years, U.S. Naval Officer-3½ years; Education: BA Holy Cross College, MBA Univ. Southern California.



Scott S. Sivak 454-0002 (Democrat)

Reply: As a licensed Realtor here in Westport I am privy to a real view of property values. Dealing with real estate values and tax assessments on a daily basis certainly keeps me abreast of current trends and valuations. It is this experience and knowledge that I hope to apply for the benefit of all of us, here in Westport. My Thoughts are, there is always room for improvement in everything we do in life. Although, many things do work well, I do not always agree with the phrase "If its not broken, don't fix it." Because you simply can't make everybody happy all the time. I only want to "build a better Mousetrap." In other words, learn from current and past board members as to what has worked well in the past and what might work in the future to better serve the town of Westport.

Edward Marcantonio 341-9179 (Democrat)

Reply: Connecticut provides its taxpayers with a fair, expedited process to appeal real property tax assessments. The Board of Assessment Appeals meets every March to consider appeals. Generally, taxpayers file appeals by February 20th, and receive notification of hearing dates by March 1st. Taxpayers have at least seven days advance notice to prepare. Upon reaching a decision, the Board notifies taxpayers within one week. Dissatisfied taxpayers can further appeal to superior court, which timely reconsiders their case. While committed to enforcing this process, I am open-minded to implementing any changes which would ensure that everyone is given the fairest opportunity to be heard.

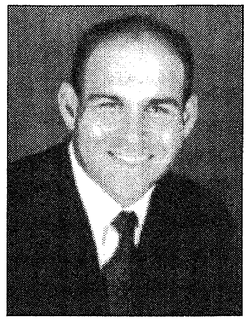
Background: Cum Laude graduate, Columbia College; Dean's List graduate, Fordham Law School. Partner, Westport firm, Hermenze & Marcantonio, 1994-present; attorney, Cummings & Lockwood, 1991-1994. Practice areas: tax, estate planning, probate, and previously, real estate. Westport Bar Association President, 2000-2001; long-term commitment to community service.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Vote for any two

The ZBA has five members serving staggered four-year terms. They review appeals for variances from the Planning & Zoning regulations.

LWV Question: *In what ways do ZBA decisions impact the town?*



Spencer Brown 227-0007 (Republican)

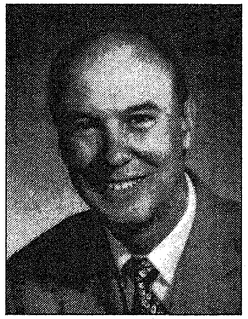
Reply: In order to maintain a healthy community, citizens must believe that the town government will promulgate regulations that protect the general welfare, but that such regulations will be enforced in a fair and even handed manner. Moreover, regulations must be tempered by the potential hardship that they could have upon an individual citizen. ZBA decisions impact the town by attempting to maintain a proper balance between owners' desire to use their property freely and the communities right to regulate such use for the general welfare. This balance fosters a healthy community that respects both Westport's needs and its citizen's rights.

Background: My professional background includes law, finance and management. I have appeared before regulatory bodies as an advocate and an interested party and therefore am professionally and temperamentally suited to decide matters such as those that are brought before the ZBA.

Jacqueline J. Masumian 227-4294 (Democrat)

Reply: Variances from our P&Z regulations granted by the ZBA are intended to provide relief where a legitimate hardship is determined to exist on a specific property. ZBA decisions have the potential to: 1) affect property values of individuals or entire neighborhoods, 2) maintain or expand the commercially zoned areas of our town, 3) affect the development of our schools, religious institutions, and recreation facilities, and, 4) alter, preserve, or enhance the overall landscape of Westport, its residential character and natural beauty. If elected, I am committed to using my knowledge and design expertise to make the fairest, non-partisan decisions for all residents and property owners.

Background:18-year resident of Westport. 15-year Westport business owner. Landscape designer. BA DePauw University. Volunteer for Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue. Married to Westport architect George Masumian.



Gregory W. Altschuh 222-0579 (Democrat)

Reply: Westport's zoning regulations are intended to protect the rights of residents and property owners and maintain the "look and feel" of our town. ZBA, a "safety valve" of sorts, exists because no matter how precise, regulations cannot always cover each piece of property perfectly. ZBA grants variances on a very limited basis. Decisions can affect the applicant, neighbors and in particular cases the development or expansion of schools and commercial properties, and must be based upon careful analysis of legal standards, public health and safety, Westport's Plan of Development, a unique knowledge of Westport's history and good common sense. If elected, I will continue to make educated and thoughtful decisions affecting our town.

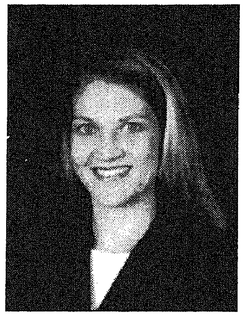
Background: Current sitting member of ZBA (Secretary), Regulatory expert with 22 years corporate legal experience with Fortune 500 Company, ZBA Alternate 1995-2000, 17 year resident of Westport, Community volunteer, AB/MA – Johns Hopkins, JD – Georgetown.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Vote for any three

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.

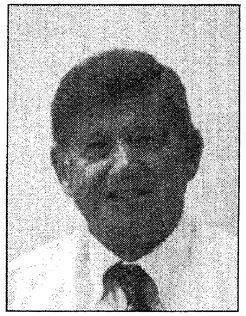
LWV Question: *Are there weaknesses in Westport's zoning regulations and, if so, how would you address them?*



Roz Koether Cooper 222-1775 (Republican)

Reply: The Planning and Zoning Commission should focus on planning for the future of Westport. What do Westporters want their town to look like in the year 2020? With the recent tragedy, displaced businesses are relocating to Fairfield County. The Commission should make sure any new commercial development retains Westport's New England small town character. Regulations should be strengthened regarding preservation of open space in new subdivisions. Finally, the Commission should streamline regulations so that they are understandable to the homeowner. I am a Westport native, and attorney with extensive real estate experience. I believe Westport needs a Planning and Zoning Commission that will conduct efficient meetings, reach fair decisions, and keep the public informed. Currently an alternate on the Commission, I look forward to continuing to serve Westport.

Background: Westport Native. Married. One son. Local attorney specializing in Real Estate since 1991. Current alternate to P&Z Commission. RTC Representative since 1996.



Edgar L. Van Gelder 227-6120 (Democrat/Save Westport Now)*

Reply: To pinpoint a weakness in the Westport Zoning Regulations requires an encyclopedic knowledge of all regulations. I doubt that even the formidably knowledgeable P&Z staff has total recall of the Town's complete Zoning Regulations and Subdivision regulations. The Zoning regulations are a work in progress, constantly being amended, updated and added to. In this connection I refer to Appendix C-1, of the regulations, consisting of 16 pages, which lists all amendments from March 15, 1991 to August 20, 2001. Having served as alternate Commissioner for the last 4 years, it is this Candidate's opinion that, as now promulgated, the Regulations do the job, keeping in mind that changing conditions may require further amendments. Example: I have served as a member of the Committee for Big Houses since its inception in January 2000. This Committee is charged with writing new regulations to control the proliferation of big houses in Westport.

Michael D. Stashower 227-6054 (Democrat /Save Westport Now)*

Reply: In general, Westport's zoning regulations have served the town well. In the past four years, the Commission adopted regulations to control the placement of cellular towers and to allow Assisted Living and Affordable Housing under very controlled circumstances, and made necessary changes to other sections. The main area that still needs to be addressed is controlling the size of so-called big houses in a way that does not prevent existing owners from enlarging and improving their properties. A sub-committee, which I chaired, has been working on this. In view of recent tragic events, the Commission voted to table the proposal until the end of the year.

Background: Retired senior vice president-finance, Perkin-Elmer Corp. and executive vice president, Data Switch Corp. Elected to P&Z Commission in November, 1997. Other community activities have included: president, UJA/Federation; treasurer, Y's Men; vice president, Temple Israel; treasurer, Jewish Home for the Elderly. 31-year Westport resident

Arlene K. Gottlieb 226-9344 (Democrat/Save Westport Now)*

Reply: Westport's zoning regulations have been very effective in protecting the beauty and uniqueness of our town. However, Constitutional law, state law, and the changing needs of our community necessitate vigilance in reviewing our regulations. Recently, local court cases tested whether neighboring towns must permit billboards to be placed on local roads. I voted to amend our sign regulations to ensure their constitutionality to safeguard our town from these challenges. I support the state mandate to increase our town's housing for an economically diverse population. As a member of a P & Z committee considering provisions for more open space in new subdivisions, I will recommend changes in our regulations to protect and maintain residential districts.

Background: JD, Cardozo School of Law, Attorney, CT, NY, former guidance counselor, president of manufacturing company, Alternate P & Z, founding member Westport Community Band, 32 year resident, daughter and family live in Westport.

*** (Democrat/Save Westport Now) candidates have been endorsed by both parties, and their names will appear on separate ballot lines. Vote for each candidate ONLY ONCE.**

For more information on these political parties, contact:

Robert Lasprogato
Chairman, Republican Town Committee
226-9748

Martha Aasen
Chairman, Democratic Town Committee
227-6126

Sidney Kramer
Chairman, Save Westport Now
227-1836

YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IS A PRECIOUS PRIVILEGE — *EXERCISE IT!!*

Representative Town Meeting

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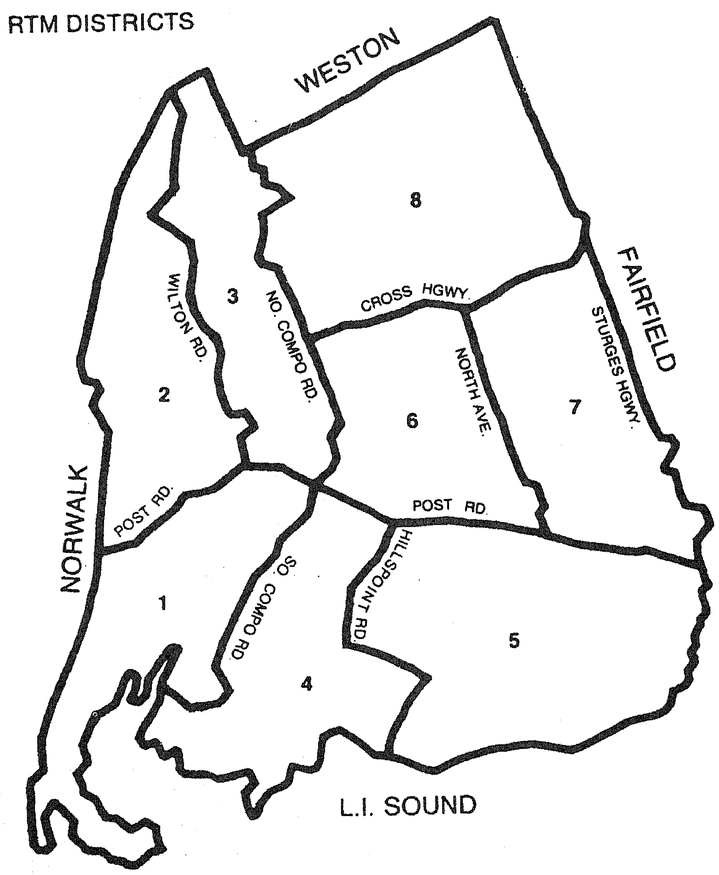
- **RTM candidates appear on the lower right portion of the ballot as seen in the back of this guide.**
- **RTM candidate order was determined by lottery.**



POLLING PLACES: Districts 1 & 2 Kings Highway School at 125 Post Road West
Districts 3 & 8 Coleytown Middle School at 255 North Avenue
Districts 4 & 5 Greens Farms School at 17 Morningside Drive South
Districts 6 & 7 Long Lots School at 13 Hyde Lane

District 1

Vote for any five

LWV Question: *If elected, how would you best serve your district and its needs?*

Theodore A. Youngling 454-7509

Reply: My ability to listen and work with others will be an asset to the residents of District 1 and the RTM in general. Because I work in town, I am able to make a strong commitment to serving as an RTM member. I will be available to all members of my district to discuss important issues such as taxes, schools, open space and downtown planning. I am fiscally responsible and keenly aware of our communities short and long term needs.

Background: Westport resident since 1967, attended Westport schools; First Vice-President-Assistant Branch Manager, Prudential Financial, Westport; husband and father of three children attending Westport elementary and middle schools; board member and Assistant Treasurer Westport/Weston United Way; board member Westport Chamber of Commerce.

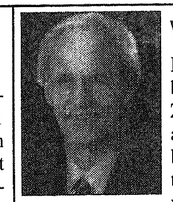
Ann Elizabeth Sheffer 227-5522

Reply: Though RTM members are elected by district, we serve the entire town. We listen to our neighbors in a small part of this small town and then come together as 'representatives' in the town meeting, to debate and decide on the best course of action for the whole community. The challenges facing us are more complex than ever: balancing the needs of all the members of the community; encouraging Westport to grow and change while maintaining our sense of shared history and culture. My RTM priorities are focused on the institutions that bring us together as a community:

Background: Chair of the Library, Museum, and Arts Committee of the RTM, member of the Education Committee, ex-officio member of the Town Arts Advisory and International Hospitality Committees.

Joseph J. Valiante, Jr.

Candidate has withdrawn from the election.



William L. Scheffler 227-1560

Reply: By continuing 8 years of RTM service; by continuing to chair the RTM Planning & Zoning and Long Range Planning Committees and to serve on the RTM Finance Committee; by continuing to propose and endorse legislation to advance Westport in the 21st Century while holding dear that which makes this town the place we all know and love. Specifically, by emphasizing fiscal prudence, extraordinary education (which are not incompatible goals but, rather, goals which require joint planning) and assisting to advance municipal planning that accommodates commerce and tradition.

Background: Attorney and investor; on the boards of agencies as diverse as the Aspetuck Land Trust, the Secretary of State's Citizenship Fund, the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary; 11 years as a room parent in our schools.

Marla J. Cowden 454-2387

Reply: Westport has a full agenda and limited resources with which to achieve it. Many agenda items will necessarily have sweeping physical affects upon the First District. The Senior Center, possibly a new YMCA and renovations to the train station will affect the First District. Full usage for the "Baron's South" property is still being contemplated as well. In addition to the physical affects, the financial ramifications will affect our citizens in the First and all districts. If elected, I pledge to listen, to evaluate and to work diligently to obtain the best outcomes for First District and all Westport citizens.

Background: Retired CPA. Profit/Cost Improvement consulting for Arthur Andersen. General and construction accounting/planning for nonprofit affordable housing concern as an independent. PTA & PTA Council Co-President.

Jorgen F. Jensen 227-7672

Reply: The most important issue facing Westport is finding an affordable solution to the overcrowding of Staples High School. We must reduce the cost now estimated at a staggering $84 million. The implementation of the Downtown Study, particularly the proposed Senior Center will be important issues in the future. Also, the railroad station projects and improvements to the sewer system will be important to our part of town.

Background: Chairman RTM Public Works Committee; member, RTM Finance Committee and Long Range Planning Committee. I have lived in town for 40 years and my children went to Westport schools. My experience in engineering, construction and finance have been helpful on the RTM.

LWV Question: *If elected, how would you best serve your district and its needs?*

Lynn Abramson 221-8324

Reply: In the next few years, the critical issues our town must address include: providing a full-service Senior Center, prudently renovating Staples High School and maintaining excellence in our schools, and determining and implementing a downtown plan. The challenge will be to balance fiscal responsibility with the need to provide for a changing community. As District 2 representative, I pledge to listen to the concerns of my constituents, to do my homework on the issues, and to objectively analyze "the big picture" so that I make the best possible decisions for our community.

Background : Broker of US Treasury Securities, 1981-1987. Westport resident since 1992. Served as: Girl Scout Leader, KHS PTA Co-President, PTA Council Co-President, Co-Chair of the United Way Annual Golf Outing. Married with two children.

Gwen T. Campbell 226-2608

Reply: As an RTM member, I have worked to balance the varied needs of my district. In the past four years, we have begun with plans for a senior center, use of Baron's South, purchase and protection of open spaces and other town projects. We have completed and continued school building projects to accommodate our existing student body. The next few years will be an important time to provide a solid educational structure while considering the interests of all Westporters.

Background: RTM member since 1997. Colgate B.A. 1983.

Alice H. Shelton 222-0007

Reply: Westport is a very special place – I'd like to keep it that way! I would best serve our district by continuing to advocate for: Excellence in education. Tax relief for senior citizens. Prudent management of town spending. Careful consideration of proposed legislation. Protection of natural resources. Historic preservation. Long-range planning. Balanced representation.

Background: Website: www.sheltons.net/alice. RTM Incumbent. Chair, RTM Ordinance Committee. Serve on several RTM committees including: Finance; Long-Range Planning; Computer; 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, 1996-7). Westport Historical Society Education Director. Y's Women Board Member. Service Learning Club Mentor. Former Cub Scout Leader. WYWL. LWV. Active community volunteer.

Mary Gordon Webber 226-6062

Reply: Maintain focus on long term benefits and consequences for all members of our community of each expenditure and ordinance. Actively solicit constituents' concerns and ideas. Attend as a matter of course other boards and commissions, e.g. Board of Education. Research, question, facilitate procedures, advocate for quality and cost effectiveness.

Background: RTM Member for eight years. Presently 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. Economic research The Conference Board, US Council of International Chamber of Commerce, Mobil Oil. Various town committees. Active League of Women Voters. Westport resident 25 years.

DON'T GRIPE, WRITE...

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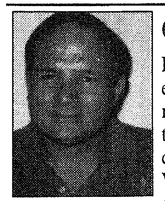
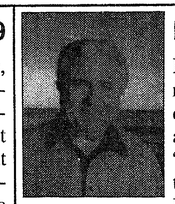
LWV Question: *If elected, how would you best serve your district and its needs?*



Charles W.K. Haberstroh 222-7699

Reply: I would listen closely to constituents, exercise fiscal responsibility to ensure maximum cost effectiveness and improve those attributes which have made Westport the great community that it is today. We must ensure that Westport education continues to set the standards for national excellence, while keeping a vigilant eye over all associated costs. I would work to upgrade the town's recreational facilities, reduce traffic congestion, especially downtown, and promote senior services.

Background: Harvard University Graduate. Established own Westport-based financial services company after 26 years NYC banking. 11 year resident, married, father of four. President, Staples Boys Basketball Association, 1996 - present. Staples Baccalaureate Parent Speaker, 2000. Member, Westport Chamber of Commerce. Coach—various rec, and travel basketball and youth baseball teams.



Michael A. Gilbertie 454-8931

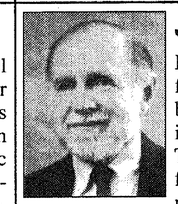
Reply: If elected, I pledge to act in a fiscally responsible manner, when voting on all expenditures. I will vote for what is "needed" only, and will not vote for any request that is of a "want" nature and cannot be justified. I will work to preserve what is left of Westport's small Town New England character.

Background: Lifelong Westport resident, born 1940 in the Gilbertie homestead, 8 Clinton Avenue. Attended Westport Schools, graduated Staples 1958. Helped run family business in Westport 38 years.

John G. Sibley 227-9250

Reply: If re-elected for a third term, first, I will support whatever is most beneficial for Westport. Second, I will address any concerns my constituents might have. Presently, I am on RTM committees for Parks and Rec., Public Works, Education, and Transit. These committees effect a large segment of our population, and a large portion of the town budget. These Departments should be carefully monitored as the committees make recommendations to the RTM for action on their budgets and operations.

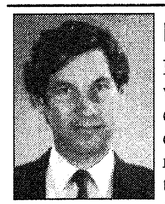
Background: I have been a resident of Westport for thirty-four years. Retired after twenty-nine years with a major oil and chemical company.



John W. Kiermaier 226-6146

Reply: The key needs of District 3 do not vary from those of the entire town. Westport will not be immune to the collateral effects of a declining economy and the recent national tragedy. Therefore, how well we manage our fiscal affairs will be of paramount importance. This will require clear-headed vigorous leadership from the RTM as well as for effective approaches to other challenges such as making the wisest use of open space; creating a welcoming atmosphere for the elderly and community arts undertakings; easing traffic conditions; and enhancing civility. I hope to become part of such an RTM.

Backgound: Recent Charter Revision Commission; P&Z; President, Fairfield County Foundation; Vice Chancellor, Long Island University; Vice President CBS News and CBS Inc.; President, Channel 13, N.Y.C.



Richard Lichter 227-6131

Reply: I am a successful business executive with 20 years of financial management experience. It is my firm conviction that through fiscal responsibility we can achieve a balance of a reasonable tax burden with superior schools and town services. Our quality of life and property values depend upon excellence in our educational system and control of government spending. I will work diligently and energetically to achieve both goals. I firmly believe in protecting the environment and open space. I will bring a business approach to resource allocation and management decisions.

Background: I am a member of the Board of Assessment Appeals, the Connecticut Capital Center Commission and the Westport Library Benefits Committee. I have an MBA from M.I.T. and B.A. from Dartmouth College (Phi Beta Kappa).

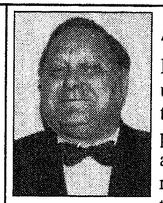
RTM District 3 continued on next page →

LWV Question: *If elected, how would you best serve your district and its needs?*

Deborah R. Rath 226-6624

Reply: Apply experience and knowledge to find solutions to critical issues; Balance demand for public services with need for fiscal responsibility; Encourage development of comprehensive, long-range plan for downtown area; Closely monitor completion of building projects, and maximize use of new and renovated buildings for community and school needs; Maintain generational mix through property tax relief for older and lower-income residents; Broaden participation in government by encouraging input and feedback from constituents.

Background: RTM District 3 (1993-1995; 1999-present): Finance Committee. Board of Education (1995-1999): Vice-Chair. Member; Toquet Hall Adult Advisory Board; League of Women Voters. Local attorney: Westport Bar Association. Vassar College (B.A., Phi Beta Kappa); Georgetown University Law Center (J.D.), Two daughters (elementary and high school).



Andrew F. Fink 227-1596

Reply: I will work to ensure Westport continues to have excellent town services including the school system. I will work to ensure town programs are run in a fair and open process with a minimum of waste. I will use my broad experience in town government and community activities, as a background for making decisions for District 3.

Background: Westport RTM, 1979-81. Chairman, Recreation Commission 1981-85. Town Attorney, 1993-97. Board, Westport Rotary. Westport Sister Cities (hosting exchange teacher and students). With Unitarian Church, sponsored nine Viet Nam refugees in my home, 1981. Former Board Member, Westport Soccer Assoc. Coach, boys and girls, 5 years. Wife: Helen, retired teacher. Children: Karl and Barbara, graduates of Staples H.S. Westport attorney. University of Michigan, J.D. cum Laude, and B.B.A

Dear Neighbors:

We are very pleased that the Voter's Guide is being mailed to every family in Westport this year.

As usual, in preparing it, we neither support nor oppose any of the candidates who are running for town office, but offer it as part of our mission to help educate and inform the voting public. You can mark the sample ballot on the inside of the last page and take it with you into the voting booth on November 6.

The Representative Town Meeting is the town's non-partisan legislative body and has the last word on appropriations, voting on any request of $20,000 or more. You can further educate yourself on the record of incumbents by logging on to the town web site at:

www.moffitt.com/rtm/archive/minutes/index.html

Most meetings of boards and commissions in Westport, as well as the RTM, are "noticed" in advance in local newspapers under "Legal Notices" and their agendas listed. You can also call the Town Clerk's office at 341-1110 and ask to be put on the "Town Hall List" so that you are advised in advance of meetings and agendas via E-mail. All meetings are open to the public. So ask questions and make your opinions known. A healthy democracy depends on the active participation of all its citizens in the process of government.

The League of Women Voters of Westport welcomes new members – both male and female. Call us at 226-6170 if you think you might like to join.

Daryl Cheffetz Katy Goldschmidt

Daryl Cheffetz and Katy Goldschmidt
Co-Presidents, LWV Westport

LWV Question: *If elected, how would you best serve your district and its needs?*

Gerald E. Bodell 341-0702

Reply: If elected I would best serve Westporters' needs by thoroughly and exhaustively investigating the necessity for the spending of every Dollar of taxpayer money. We must respond to the public interest in maintaining honestly required spending in every item of the Budget and still work to preserve the quality of life and the peaceful enjoyment of it that prevails in this great Town.

Background: As an RTM Incumbent I have been an active member of the Public Works, Environmental Protection, and Employee Compensation Committees of the RTM and have diligently voiced my District's concerns on all issues affecting them. I am a practicing Attorney, former Hearing Officer for the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights, and former member of the Mamaroneck Board of Education.

Wally Meyer 226-5258

Reply: I have served Westport for thirteen years as a Selectman, RTM member , and delegate to the regional planning agency. This experience plus a strong business background will enable me to make the tough decisions that Westport needs during these troubled times. I have worked hard for Westport and will continue to do so. But, the RTM also needs the citizens of Westport to work hard, too. The voters must study the issues and get involved. Come to meetings and let us know what you think. The RTM is addressing two key issues right now—underage drinking and the modernization of Staples. Aside from special interest groups there has been little interest shown by the general public. Show us you care!

Mary Moers Wenig 227-6837

Reply: After America's 9/11 tragedy, all else seems trivial. But from grassroots comes our strength, from family, neighborhood, and community. In my first RTM term, I listened to my neighborhood and community and learned more about Westport's governance and finances than I had in my previous forty years in Westport. My pride and affection for Westport are tempered by the knowledge that maintenance of Westport's virtues – its excellent schools, its natural beauty, its caring neighborliness – requires hard work, long-term planning, and cooperative efforts of everyone. I will keep listening and working.

Background: Law professor, Quinnipiac. Family (husband Jerry, deceased; daughter Maggie, Staples '74; son Mike, Staples '78) has been homeowner in District 4 since 1960.

Photo not provided.

George Franciscovich 454-0307

Reply: I will bring experience in working with all levels of government to the RTM and the people of District 4. I have served on the Town's Charter Revision Commission and the First Selectwoman's Strategic Planning Committee and gained a breadth of knowledge about the Town and its operations. Westport is a changing community with new residents moving here from across the nation and the world. They have chosen to make Westport their home, just as I have. It is important to incorporate these experiences and this diversity into our approach in dealing with the important issues facing our Town.

Background: I am an attorney with experience in communications and entertainment law. My wife Linda and I have lived in Westport for the past 6½ years.

Margaret K. McHenry 222-1318

Reply: It is my goal to be representative of the citizens of my district and encourage awareness of the RTM process. I would like to announce issues coming before the RTM, their dates and times of discussion, and the voting of all RTM members so that all Westporters are encouraged to give their representatives guidance and/or feedback on issues. This would be best achieved by enlisting the aid of the RTM itself (for accountability of voting) and the local newspapers for column space. In that absence, I would maintain a US postal and e-mail list for anyone requesting reports.

Background: I am a ten-year resident of Westport, with four grown children, mostly Westport schooled. My business background is retail real estate, development, management, and nursing.

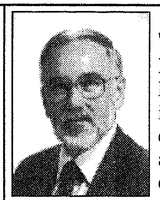
LWV Question: *If elected, how would you best serve your district and its needs?*

Ralph Hymans 259-6630

Reply: none

Background: 25 year town resident. RTM member 4 terms. Local AARP chapter president. CPA. Educated at Harvard University. WWII vet. Adjunct professor of Accounting, Finance. Former CFO of international company. Member of Y's Men.

(Mr. Hymans is also running for the Board of Finance. If elected to both the RTM and the Board of Finance, he may fill only one office.)



John W. Booth 454-7018

Reply: I can best serve this area in two ways. First, I will strive to assure that we provide quality town services for all citizens and a quality education for our children – at a cost which is affordable for all segments of Westport. If we do not, we're in danger of becoming a one-class town. Second, I will continue to intercede with town government for the constituents who have elected me to represent them. This can range from meeting with town departments, to voting against adding still more municipal services to those already congregated in this residential area. To do this, I must foster support from other RTM members – both during the deliberations of study committees to which I belong, and at monthly RTM meetings.

Margaret J. (Peggy) Slez 259-9950

Reply: The special concerns of District 5 and the needs of the Town must be addressed with realism, honesty, and responsible spending. If elected to a second term, I would best serve District 5 by voting as if I were the CFO of a large corporation, answerable to all shareholders. As an RTM member, I am answerable to Westport taxpayers. As a conscientious RTM member, I am willing to recognize that the Town cannot financially afford to always satisfy the want of every constituent group.

Background: Public school teacher, 1969-79. J.D., Quinnipiac Law School, 1988. Practicing attorney, 1988-present. Hearing officer, Connecticut Dept. of Education, 1996-present. Member of Kiwanis and St. Luke choir. RTM member, 1999-2001.

Richard Lowenstein 255-5379

Reply: I will continue to serve my district by being available in person, by phone (255-5379) and by e-mail (bankside@juno.com). I have met with constituents on district problems (like noise and town land-use). I haven't always agreed with voters, but I've listened to their concerns and problems and helped direct them to town and state boards and departments. Although it's nice to run for office without opposition (as I am doing this year), I wish that more people would run for the RTM. Sadly, this year only 3 of 8 RTM districts have contested races.

Background: District 5 resident since 1983. Chair, RTM Transit Committee. Westport Library trustee, 1986-95 and currently Library book-sale chair. Vice president, Friends of Connecticut Libraries.

YOUR NAME...

In 2003, your name and your opinions could appear in this space. To become a candidate for the Representative Town Meeting it is necessary to file a petition with the signatures of 25 voters registered in your RTM District. The petition may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office and must be filed in the same office by the ninth Tuesday before Election Day. Incumbents who wish to run again must file a letter of intent in August before the election. For further information about this and other election matters, call the Town Clerk at 341-1110.

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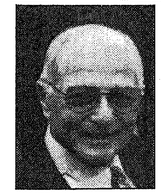
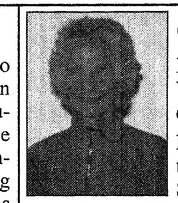


Saul Haffner 226-1710

Reply: I can best serve my district by trying to balance the diverse needs of our citizens within our financial resources. Providing for the education of our children while 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 importance in my district and to me. I will listen to the concerns of my constituents and try to be their voice on the RTM.

Background: Westporter since 1976. Two term RTM member, Long Range Planning, computer, and Parks/Recreation committees. Professor Emeritus of Management, Sacred Heart University. Specialty: Strategic Planning; Member, Y's Men. Justice of the Peace.



Catherine MyGodney 227-3252

Reply: Will try to help and meet the needs of Westport's quality of life and avoid unnecessary expenditures.

Background: Lifelong Westport resident – Attended all local schools – Graduate Staples High School. Served on RTM since 1997. Served on committees – Health & Human Services – Planning & Zoning – Transit – Public Protection. Member of AARP. Ladies Auxiliary post 399 – chaplain 15 years to present.

Ronald F. Malone 227-3156

Reply: Nothing is the same since the tragedy of Sept. 11, but the fundamentals for the next session of the RTM are the same: common sense, sound judgement, and decisiveness. All voices have to be heard, assumptions examined and focus mastered. The needed has to be accomplished and the unnecessary discarded. My vision remains the same: excellent services at the least possible cost.

Background: Lifelong residency and love of Westport expressed in service to the public as a volunteer, successful small businessman, police office, and former chief has given me a balanced perspective as to what Westporters expect of their elected officials.

Ann Marie Flynn 227-0764

Reply: By knowing in depth the issues before the RTM and the intent of my constituents. I represent them. I welcome informal discussion groups on issues that could have a severe impact on our town. We should work as a team to enhance the quality of life we want in Westport.

Background: Thirty years in international shipping; Westport resident for ten years. 2001 co-ordinator of Westport's United Nations Association jUNe Day and the welcoming of 450 visitors from the United Nations; 1956 Olympic Team member; 1959 Pan-American Games gold medalist. Served on the board of Riverside Stage Company (Wilton, CT); Founder – Westport Animal Group (W.A.G.) – 1994; Community: Westport Girls Softball League, Westport Community Theater; President/co-Founder – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Society (Outreach Program) – Elizabeth, N.J. – 12 years; Colorado State University.

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Mr./Mrs./Ms._____

Address_____

City_____ Zip_____ Phone_____

LWV Question: *If elected, how would you best serve your district and its needs?*

John G. Klinge 255-0829

Reply: Proud to have represented District 7 these past four years, I look forward to many more. Active membership on important RTM sub-committees: Education, Public Works and Parks & Recreation, plus Senior Center Site and Town Maintenance Committees have permitted me to be closely involved in critical areas affecting the cost/value of Westport's enviable quality of life. My pledge is to help provide the highest affordable quality of life for residents of all ages. To that end I endorse challenging accountable education, broad recreational opportunities, superior timely service, open communication and a pro-active role for your RTM in achieving these goals.

Background: 36-year resident. Wife, Jeanne; three children. Mentoring program. Red Cross 'Unsung Hero' award, 2001. Cornell Masters Engineering. Harvard MBA. Officer U.S. Navy – active duty.

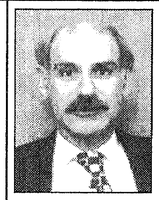
John Watson 255-8856

Reply: When elected, I will represent all Westporters and make sure the concerns of District Seven residents are heard in Town Hall. My experience as Vice Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals and School Building Committee member ensures my understanding of Town Government.

Background: Life-long resident of Westport, (Staples 1977, Michigan 1981, MBA Sacred Heart 1986) eight year member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, six-year member of the Town Committee. Vice President, Fleet Investment Advisors, Stamford. Member School Building Committee, Rotary Club of Westport, Minuteman Yacht Club, Lieutenant Commander USNR (Active Drilling Reservist), Treasurer, United States Navy League Western Connecticut Council, Chairman, The Marvin. Member Green Farms Congregational Church. Wife, Cheryl. Children Rebecca (8) and John (7) both at LLS. Response edited by LWV. *[with Mr. Watson's consent – LWV]*

Stephen M. Rubin 256-1834

Reply: After thirty 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 eight years. My 100% attendance records illustrate my commitment. I am asking for your support towards my re-election, this time in District 7. 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, the question of affordable housing and seniors are also vital issues to focus on.



Allen S. Bomes 259-0497

Reply: I believe that the issues facing my district are the same ones that affect all of Westport: I strongly support maintaining our excellent school system (I have two children in public schools); I favor a tax deferral system for our senior citizens, as property taxes will rise with increasing school enrollment; I will support efforts to develop additional sports fields on the newly acquired land next to Long Lots School as quickly as possible; I will work to insure that all town property is maintained properly to avoid additional costs in the future due to neglect.

Background: I serve on the School Building Committee (including the Staples and the Coleytown Middle Sub-committees) and the Temple Israel Finance Committee.

Lisa S. Rome 227-3855

Reply: As a RTM incumbent, my experience, expertise and demonstrated leadership allows me to understand and act on the needs of District 7 and for all of Westport. These include: schools' long-range and safe transportation plan; open space preservation and acquisition; neighborhoods' residential character protection; school construction projects' financial control improvement; seniors' permanent home construction; youth activities enhancement; residents' Health and Safety concerns coordination; and prudent fiscal policies to contain our increasing tax burden.

Background: Third-term RTM Representative; Chair Health and Human Services Committee; on Finance, Employee Compensation, and Rules Committees; Physician; Clinical Instructor in Medicine, Yale; Fairfield County Board, 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.

LWV Question: *If elected, how would you best serve your district and its needs?*

William F. Meyer III 226-3704

Reply: Am a dedicated member of the RTM Parks & Recreation (chairman), Education, and Health & 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, administrative costs, and property tax rates. As a three decade resident I want to keep this a very special town.

Background: RTM member 6 years. Currently 18 year VP of girls softball and honored by new field given my name; active member of Saugatuck Congregational Church; 7 year chairman of annual Crop Walk for Hunger; board of director member of 'First Night' and Westport Community Theatre, and just joined Sunrise Rotary Club. 2 day a week marketing and sales director of award-winning national company.

Irwin Donenfeld 226-9313

Reply: The needs of the residents of District 8 are the same as those of the rest of Westport: safe roads, good schools, well kept beaches and recreational areas, awareness of expenditures and its effect on homeowners' budgets, well-manned fire and police departments, as well as responsive government.

Background: I have been Dean of the RTM, with 20 years experience, serving on the Education, Employee Compensation committees, and I am chairman of the Public Protection Committee. Appointed chairman of Project TAME, which developed many innovative ideas to help the town stop road rage, speeding, and careless driving.

Michael A. Rea 227-3732

Reply: I will continue to serve you by using my business skills and talents in assuring that we continue to provide and maintain quality schools and town facilities in a cost effective manner. As Chairman of the new middle school (Bedford), I was instrumental in bringing this project in on time and under budget. As an incumbent, I have served on the Computer, Health & Human Services and Library, Arts & Museum Committee. A life long resident, I have raised three children here, all attended Westport schools. I ask for your continued support in representing you in District # 8.

Background: Incumbent RTM. Member School Building Committee. Chairman North Avenue Middle School (Bedford). Former Chairman: Parks & Recreation Commission; Founder/President: WSOI & Festival Italiano

Gordon F. Joseloff 221-0189

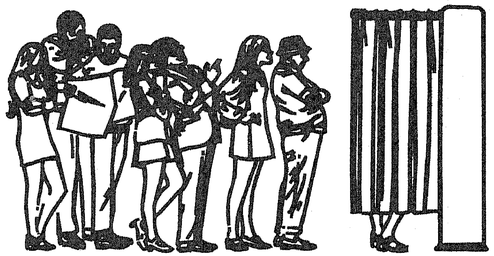
Reply: Westport and our world changed forever on September 11, 2001. Now, more than ever, we must be vigilant to ensure the health and safety of our community and its residents. I will best serve District 8 and Westport by helping to provide balanced, focused leadership so together our town can rise to the unparalleled challenges in the months and years ahead. My long-term goal remains unchanged: to make tomorrow's Westport as good as yesterday's. Terrorists will not dissuade us. Our resolve just got a little stronger.

Background: Seeking sixth term. RTM Moderator and Deputy Moderator eight years. Former chair Education Committee. Active community volunteer, including fire and EMS. Grew up in Westport. Covered RTM as a reporter in 1960s. Award-winning former CBS News and UPI foreign correspondent.

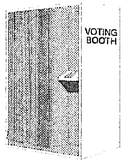
Lois G. Schine 227-9290

Reply: Westport is currently faced with a number of important issues. In the past four years of serving on the R.T.M. I have been involved in discussions and decisions regarding the school building program, the construction of a senior center and teenage drinking. A great deal remains to be resolved on these issues, for example: the reconstruction of Staples High School and a proposed teenage drinking ordinance. I believe my background of information on these and other issues can be helpful in bringing satisfactory resolution to the decision-making process with consideration for the different constituencies affected.

Background: My service to the town of Westport has been in a variety of roles: Chairman of the Human Services Commission, member of the Land Acquisition Committee and R.T.M.



HOW TO VOTE



IN PERSON: Please bring proper identification and give your address and name to the identity checkers. They will direct you to a voting machine.

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.

BY ABSENTEE BALLOT: 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 (6am to 8pm)
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 8pm 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 8:30am and 4:30pm before November 6th. Also, the office will be open Saturday, November 3rd from 9am to Noon.

IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS OLD OR A NEW RESIDENT: The cut-off date for registering to vote was October 23. BUT, if you have moved into town since that date, or become a new citizen or will turn 18 on or before November 6th, you may still register to vote in this election. Contact the Registrars of Voters at 341-1115.

HOW TO USE THE VOTING MACHINE: To close the curtain and unlock the machine for voting, move the red handle of the curtain handle as far to the right as it will go and leave it there. To register your votes, simply TURN DOWN the pointer OVER the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote, and LEAVE IT THERE. Returning the red handle to the left opens the curtain and registers your vote.

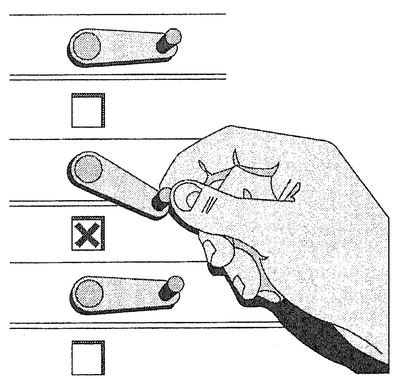
Officials will be on hand at all polling places to answer your questions and demonstrate the voting machine.

To register a write-in vote...

Push up the write-in slide that has the same number as the office for which you wish to write-in.

On the paper under the slide, write the name of the registered write-in candidate for whom you wish to vote.

NOTE: You will not be able to push up the write-in slide if you have already voted for the full number of candidates for that office.



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REPUBLICAN	○ 1A John J. Izzo & Maura F. Marden	○ 2A Richard B. Benson	○ 3A Lewis D. Brey	○ 4A Ralph Hymans	○ 5A Linda Merk-Gould	○ 6A Kenneth R. Sieroski, Jr.	○ 7A Mark T. Owades	8A	○ 9A Robert C. Kane	10A	○ 11A Roz Koether Cooper	12A	13A	○ 14A Spencer Brown	15A
DEMOCRATIC	○ 1B Diane Goss Farrell & Carl W. Leaman	○ 2B Jeffrey Alan Mayer	○ 3B Shelly A. Kassen	4B	○ 5B Steven G. Halstead	○ 6B Sandra Urist	7B	8B	○ 9B Scott S. Sivak	○ 10B Edward Marcantonio	○ 11B Edgar L. Van Gelder	○ 12B Michael D. Stashower	○ 13B Arlene K. Gottlieb	○ 14B Jacqueline J. Nissuman	○ 15B Gregory W. Altschuh
SAVE WESTPORT NOW	1C	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	9C	10C	○ 11C Edgar L. Van Gelder	○ 12C Michael D. Stashower	○ 13C Arlene K. Gottlieb	14C	15C
PETITIONING CANDIDATE	○ 1D John A. Kluchnick	2D	3D	4D	5D	6D	7D	8D	9D	10D	11D	12D	13D	14D	15D

Representative Town Meeting	
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