

**Representative Town Meeting
District Three
February 27, 2024**

Based upon the recent resignation of Lyn Hogan due to her new work obligations and travel requirements (we'll miss Lyn), the remaining member of RTM 3 (Ross Burkhardt, Jimmy Izzo and Don O'Day) met to consider the applicants from District 3 who responded to the Town Clerk's open position posting on the Town's website.

Per the Town's Charter, "Any vacancy in the membership of the Representative Town Meeting...shall be filled by the remaining members of said voting district...". As with other RTM vacancies, that process was followed.

A total of four individuals from District 3 responded to the call for applicants and were interviewed by the three remaining RTM 3 members. The four individuals are:

- Rick Carpenter
- Ron Clarke
- Pam Kopack
- Richard Vogel

On Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, beginning at 6:30PM, a series of four 30-minute interviews were conducted in room 307 at Town Hall. At 6:31PM, Don O'Day opened the meeting and motioned to go into Executive Session. Jimmy Izzo seconded the motion and all three RTM members voted to move to Executive Session. However, before each of the four interviews were conducted, the applicants were told that, if they wished, the interview would be open to the public. None of the four applicants opted for a public session.

All four candidates were uniquely qualified. Each had strong relevant professional experience, a clear passion for Westport and a vision of what they would bring to the RTM. Westport is indeed fortunate to have so many talented people willing to serve.

The interviews were completed by 8:30PM. The three RTM members remained in Executive Session to discuss the candidates' strengths. At 8:45PM, Don O'Day motioned to return to Public Session and the motion was seconded by Ross Burkhardt. All three members then voted to return to Public Session for the vote.

At 8:47PM, Don O'Day motioned to select Pam Kopack as the new RTM District 3 member. That motion was seconded by Ross Burkhardt and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Kopack brings a great deal to the RTM. During a 40+ year career she was a CPA, an Audit Manager and a Director of Business Operations. She is now retired. In Westport, Pam has long served our town. Pam has served as President of Westport's Young Woman's League and was a PTA president for Coleytown Elementary School. She also served as Co-Treasurer and Executive Board member for "A Better Chance in Westport" and still serves as the Treasurer of Christ and Holy Trinity Church Preschool.

We are fortunate and excited to welcome Pam to the RTM and encourage the other candidates to continue to look for ways to service Westport.

Respectfully submitted,

Don O'Day

Member, RTM District 3

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