

## CANDIDATES FOR RTM DISTRICT ONE • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR

*LWV Question: What are Westport's critical needs and how do they relate to your district?*



**ROSE ANNE PRESTON**

Answer: I see Westport's primary critical need as a more broadly distributed budget to enable better planning and implementation in the transportation, communications and affordable housing areas. As local pedestrian and vehicle movement has become more problematic, a viable traffic plan for emergencies is a necessity. Accompanying this should be a universal communication system which Town employees are trained to use. Departments responsible for these goals need adequate budgets to accomplish this work. District 1 is particularly impacted by traffic congestion and the increase of multiple family housing. I-95, and Routes 33 and 136 all converge within two blocks of a train station that services two thousand people daily. Gridlock happens on a regular basis. Emergencies generate chaos.

Background: I have lived in a residential neighborhood abutting the commercial Saugatuck area for 16 years. I see, first hand, the necessity of enlightened traffic management and wise, long range planning and zoning enforcement.



**JUDITH K. STARR**

Answer: District 1 is a microcosm of Westport. The needs of our town are reflected across our district. Key issues include maintaining the character of our town and neighborhoods; controlling traffic; preserving open space and our environment, including Long Island Sound; providing essential services and continued quality education while keeping taxes affordable to long-term residents. Areas like Saugatuck West, with existing affordable homes, and Downtown Saugatuck, may be among sites facing increased pressure for development as new sites becomes increasingly scarce.

Background: 27 years Saugatuck Shores resident; professionally trained social worker; 2 terms on RTM; serving on Public Protection and Environment Committees; Chair, Public Works Committee, where I supported needed sewer plant upgrades to benefit many neighborhoods and the Sound. I will contribute my experience, knowledge, and background to help make our town the best it can be, and welcome your suggestions.

## CANDIDATES FOR RTM DISTRICT TWO • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR



**ALICE H. SHELTON**

Answer: Critical needs for our district and the town include: Preservation of open space. Maintaining residential character of neighborhoods. Excellence in education. Emergency preparedness. Tax relief for senior citizens. Fiscal responsibility. Careful review of proposed legislation. Long-range planning. Westport is a special place – I'd like to keep it that way!

Background: RTM Deputy Moderator since 2001 (elected by RTM). RTM incumbent since 1997. Chair, RTM Ordinance Committee. Serve on several RTM committees: Ethics; Finance; Long-Range Planning; Information Technology; Library, Museum & Arts; Rules; School Building Administration. Appointed three times by Diane Farrell to serve on the Selectwoman's Committee to Study Tax Deferral and Tax

Abatement for Senior Citizens. Former CPA (Price Waterhouse, International Tax Manager). Westport Historical Society Advisory Council Member. Former Y's Women Board Member. Former PTA President. Former Service Learning Club Mentor. Former Cub Scout Leader. Member: WYWL, LWV. Frequent community volunteer. Website: [www.sheltons.net/alice](http://www.sheltons.net/alice).



**PAMELA J. DAVIS**

Answer: I am honored to have had strong support in my candidacy for RTM membership for District 2. As an attorney and former federal prosecutor, I have devoted much of my career to public service while remaining an active member of my community. In the past, I helped spearhead a successful grassroots effort to block overdevelopment in Larchmont, NY. Overdevelopment, a critical issue facing District 2 residents in particular, is also a concern for all of Westport. We cannot allow open spaces to be heedlessly exploited, particularly when we know that Westport's appeal is in large part due to these spaces. District 2 is home to some of the last vestiges of open land in town. Every town expects some development. But the choices we make today must be made carefully and with concern for the

future character of Westport. Bad choices here are irrevocable. Let's make the best ones.



**JOHN E. FISHER**

Answer: I wish to make a positive contribution to the town of Westport which has been so good to me over the last thirty years. I support our excellent school system, recreational services and the efficient town management. Hopefully I can contribute some small benefit back to Westport as a

Representative Town Meeting member for district two. All residents of district two are

welcome to contact me with their ideas and suggestions. I can be reached by e-mail at [jefishe@attglobal.net](mailto:jefishe@attglobal.net) or by phone 203-515-2532. My family enjoys Westport even though my four children are grown and scattered across the United States. My wife is a realtor with Raveis Realty here in Westport. I am employed as an executive for the IBM Corporation



**SEAN M. TIMMINS**

Answer: Westport is an ever evolving community with a history of New England culture blended with metropolitan flare which creates a wonderful place to live. As Westport evolves, we must pay attention to what makes it unique or that Charm and Character which makes Westport so special will erode. Preservation of Community Character is important in District 2.

Mitigating sprawl and preserving the rural quality of life we enjoy in this district is important. As a father of two 1st graders at KHES, I believe our children's safety and education is a responsibility shared between parents and the town yet each have individual responsibilities that should never be relinquished to others. I will offer my background in information technology to help where it may apply. As co-director of the Partrick Wetlands Preservation Fund and former P&Z candidate, I have experience in Town government and have a proven record of accomplishment.



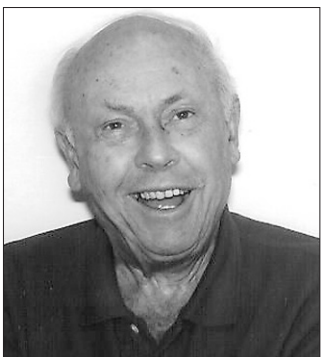
**JAY KEENAN**

Answer: Westport faces several issues over the next two years. Residents are concerned with the quality of our educational system, the value of their homes, the level of taxes, and their rights as property owners. We must maintain the highest level of education across all grades to ensure the future of our children and maintain the property values of our homes.

We need a senior tax relief program to keeps our seniors in Westport. We need to balance the rights of homeowners to improve their property with the long term affects of over development on the character of our town. Government must be accountable, transparent and accessible to everyone. My experience as Vice-Chairman of the Staples Building Committee, coupled with professional experience and good common sense makes me well qualified to represent you on the RTM.

Background: Married to Caroline Keenan, Father to Conor, Callie, cArrick, Principal at DGK Architects.

## CANDIDATES FOR RTM DISTRICT THREE • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR



**WILLIAM F. MEYER III**

Answer: 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. Three decades in Westport (after living in 7 other states through business promotions) make me want to keep this a very special town. Have missed very few meetings on 10 year RTM commitment.

Background: 2004 Westport Service to Older Adults award, 2003 Faces of Achievement honoree, Presently, Board of Directors of Westport Community Theatre, First Night, Westport Little League (Bill Meyer Softball Field), Friends of the Senior Center, and current president of Y's Men (450 members). Very active member of Sunrise Rotary and Saugatuck Congregational Church. As a 5 term RTM member, I'm chairman of the RTM Parks & Recreation Committee and serve on the Education and Health and Human Services committees.

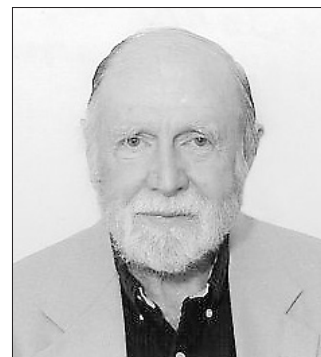


**HADLEY C. ROSE**

Answer: Westport's most critical need is to balance the services that we need and the services that we want, with the cost of those services to the community. We want to provide good schools, top quality public protection, etc. but not at the cost of taxing people out of the homes they have lived in for years. In that sense it doesn't apply to any one district. Open space and controlled

development are also important. They affect the quality of our lives in so many ways. The Partrick situation showed the concern of the community in that regard. Many of those same issues are reflected in the Y/Mahackeno proposal. This is an area of concern to many in District 3

Background: RTM Education and Public Works Committees, 14 year resident with children at Staples & CMS. 11 year site supervisor for Habitat for Humanity 10 year coach, basketball and baseball, in Westport.



**JOHN W. KIERMAIER**

Answer: It is not well recognized that the RTM is the final decision place for key issues facing Westport. Those issues are not immune to the hard economic, social and international problems now facing the entire nation. Will the RTM play an effective role in reigning in expenditures in the understanding that while money is important it does not necessarily equate with good management or measurable

results? Will the RTM work diligently to stem the premature and sad departure of our elderly and lower income families? Will the RTM be a model for incisive civil debate? The answers to such questions affect all Districts. I hope to direct my RTM service to those ends.

Background: Charter Commission, Commission for Elderly, one term RTM (did not run again for personal reasons). Presidencies: Channel 13 NYC, CBS Foundation, Foreign Policy Association NYC, Fairfield County Community Foundation. VP CBS News.