

CANDIDATES FOR RTM

DISTRICT SIX • VOTE FOR ANY FOUR



VELMA E. HELLER

Answer: Westport is known for outstanding educational and recreational programs; for the natural beauty of beaches and parks. A unique charm and character make this a dynamic and desirable place to live. Our challenge is to maintain excellent schools and town services; protect environmental, residential and cultural assets in planning for the future; to balance the needs of all citizens and to spend tax dollars wisely. Among the specific needs impacting District 6 are: controlling traffic, and protecting residential neighborhoods from commercial encroachment. As your RTM representative I will listen, consider all points of view and make informed, fair and fiscally responsible decisions on the issues that effect our quality of life.

Background: RTM District 6 (2001-2005); Education, Health & Human Services, Employee Compensation Committees; Assistant Professor – Sacred Heart University; LWV; Friends of Senior Center Board; retired Westport principal, vice principal, director, teacher; children were, grandchildren are in Westport schools.



JO ANN W. DAVIDSON

Westport's needs are affordable housing for young people, seniors and for our workforce. We also need traffic calming. We must keep our top school system but control mounting costs. We need to preserve and maintain our wetlands, open spaces and scenic views. District 6 shares these needs with the Town. Some neighborhoods change when large homes replace smaller ones. The P&Z enforces zoning regulations and the RTM votes on new regulations. The last RTM session studied and voted on school budgets, Long Lots parking, Longshore renewal and Compo Beach maintenance. An underage drinking ordinance was a big issue. The RTM is a forum for diverse viewpoints. We need to have open discussions and to listen to each other.

Background: Retired Westport teacher. Resident 49 years. Three children through Westport schools. Conservation Commission. Commission for Senior Services. Tree Board. League of Women Voters. RTM Committees: P&Z, Environment, Long Range Planning, Rules.

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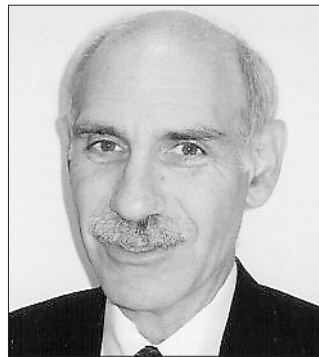
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JOHN G. KLINGE

Answer: At District level it is imperative to listen to constituents and work directly on their behalf where possible. For example, I convinced Fairfield Public Works to re-pave Sturges Highway in 2004. Town-wide, critical needs encompass challenge of balancing superior education for all children, maintaining "small town" quality of life for residents and keeping taxes at a manageable level for all property owners - especially seniors and moderate income families. This requires timely long and medium range planning, judicious cost/benefit expenditure analysis, aggressive evaluation of education programs to ensure maximum effectiveness and the ability to keep our focus the qualities that make Westport the unique and wonderful Town that it is today.

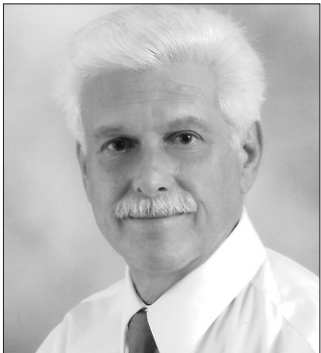
Background: Forty year resident - RTM 1997-present - Education, Parks/Rec, Public Works, Long Range Planning Committees - Youth mentor program 1997-present - Red Cross Unsung Hero 2001 - Westport substitute teacher - Masters Engineering Cornell 1961 - Masters (candidate exceeded 150 word limit)



ALLEN S. BOMES

Answer: All Westporters share most of the same concerns regardless of which district they reside in. For example, we need to maintain a delicate balance between our excellent school system and our senior citizens who can not afford higher taxes. Also, we need to focus on quality of life issues such as preserving our open space, reducing traffic congestion, preserving our cultural and historical resources and closely examining the effects of building a liquefied natural gas terminal on Long Island Sound.

Background: Extensive experience in budgeting, finance and accounting. Also, I was a former Vietnam era naval officer. Community service includes the School Building Committee (Staples, Long Lots Parking and Coleytown Middle Sub-Committees), CFO/Treasurer of First Night Westport/Weston, baseball and softball commissioner and softball umpire coordinator.



STEPHEN M. RUBIN

Answer: This can be answered very easily by simply listing everything in our local newspapers such as seniors, beaches, dogs, taxes, big houses, YMCA, schools, ordinances, conservation, trees, parks, sports, etc., etc. All of these issues are extremely important and relate to the total composition of our wonderful town and each resident in each district. I will do my best to continue to be in contact with my constituents to work for everybody as a whole and not just special interest groups. I have lived in Westport for twenty years and served on the RTM for half of that time. I am associated with and volunteered with many diversified charitable groups and met many residents. Experience and listening tells me that everything that goes on in town relates to all districts.



LISA S. ROME

Answer: As an RTM incumbent, I believe Westport's critical needs are similar to those of District 7: emergency preparedness and protection of citizens' health and safety, maintaining and improving an innovative school system, senior and youth activities enhancement, open space acquisition and preservation, coordination of a safe transportation plan, residential neighborhood protection, prudent fiscal policies to contain our increasing tax burden

Background: Fifth-term RTM Representative: Chair Health and Human Services; on Finance, Employee Compensation, Rules and Ethics Committees; Physician; Clinical Instructor in Medicine, Yale; Serves on Clinical Research Committee of American Society of Clinical Oncology; past Fairfield Country Board ADL; LWV; Former Board of Directors, Domestic Violence Crisis Center; WYWL sustainer; past Little League Coach; B.A. M.Ed. Child Study, Tufts

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JONATHAN PHILIP STEINBERG

Answer: Revaluation: Our taxes may be reasonable by area standards, but vigilant oversight of the process helps assure that homes and businesses have been appropriately assessed and every Westporter's tax bill is equitable. Education: Many live in Westport because our schools are among the best anywhere. Education consumes 65% of

our taxes. As pupil enrollment approaches its projected peak, the RTM should help the BOE manage resources effectively, maintaining educational excellence while pursuing enhanced productivity from its large labor force. Community: Facilitating a downtown Y, promoting more safe, fun teen activities, attracting more diverse background/income residents — the RTM can help foster a varied, vibrant community. This also means becoming better neighbors; balancing the right to one's dream house with the need to preserve the town's special character. Background: 23-year Westport resident. Graduated Coleytown MS, Staples, Yale, NYU MBA. Married to Nancy Mullins. Daughters Rachel, Margot, Charlotte in Westport schools.



MICHAEL A. REA

Answer: As your RTM, I will continue to make the distinction between what is critical and what is desired. Fiscal responsibility, prudent reviews of appropriations are necessary to insure that the Town maintains our quality of life and educational system at the lowest cost possible. It is critical that the town better manages its responsibility in assessing, collecting taxes and conducting

fair and equitable re-evaluations. I will continue to advocate for preservation and protection of our environment, not just in our district but also for the entire town. I respectfully ask for your consideration and vote this November. Background: Native Westporter seeking fourth term on RTM District 8. Current: Chair RTM Environment, Member; Finance and Employee Compensation Committees. Former: Chair Bedford M.S. Building Committee, Member SBC, Chair Westport Parks & Recreation Commission, Founder & President Westport Sons of Italy & Festival Italiano.



LOIS G. SCHINE

Answer: District 8 problems are mirrored by most of the town. Maintaining our high quality of education, great recreational facilities, quality police and fire departments; preserving available open space and controlling traffic flow while paying careful attention to the tax structure which provides these benefits are concerns of everyone on the RTM.

Background: I have lived in Westport for 52 years. My five children have grown up here and attended Westport schools, graduating from Staples High School. I have served eight years on the RTM on the Finance Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, Planning and Zoning Committee, Rules Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee and Transit Committee. I have been Chair of the Human Services Commission, served on the First Selectwoman's Land Acquisition Committee, the Committee to acquire Winslow Park, and the Committee to deal with the State of Connecticut on the Post Road bridge reconstruction.