

## CANDIDATES FOR RTM

### DISTRICT THREE - VOTE FOR ANY FOUR

LWV Question: How will you use the 2007 Plan of Conservation and Development of Westport to address the critical needs of your district and the town as a whole?



#### BILL MEYER

My main concern for Westport is that we maintain balance on quality of life issues, looking prudently at educational budgets, administrative costs, and property taxes. The Town Plan (which is currently in draft form only) is mainly written by the Planning & Zoning Commission so the RTM has only nominal input.

Background. A six term RTM member most active Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee and serve on the Education and Human Services committees PRESENTLY on Board of Directors of the following Westport organizations. Sunrise Rotary, First Night, Little League, (umpire 20 games

a year on the Bill Meyer girls softball Field), Y's Men (former president), AARP, Friends of the Senior Center, and Westport Community Theatre. Saugatuck Congregational Church Council, deliver Meals on Wheels...



#### HADLEY ROSE

The 2007 Town Plan was formulated with the input of the citizens of Westport. It addresses a complex set of issues. But what it all boils down to is preservation, conservation and anticipation. We need to preserve what makes Westport Westport: our natural resources, the beaches, rivers and open space. We need to protect our neighborhoods from overdevelopment. The Plan sketches out strategies to deal with anticipated changes. It talks about how we can use creative new zoning regulations and enforcement of existing ones to control growth in a rational way. It also discourages us from expanding the Blue Line that might promote more intensive development, especially here in District 3.

I'd use the Plan as a guideline when land use and related issues come before the RTM.

Background - 15-year resident. My children attend(ed) the Westport schools. 4-year RTM member. Member - RTM Education, Public Works and Compensation committees.



#### PETER GOLD

The 2007 Plan is a vision of what Westport should be in the next ten years and suggestions on how to get there. It should serve as a check and balance on proposed changes to Planning and Zoning rules, a guide when setting and implementing Town policies and priorities, a way to monitor progress and a springboard to stimulating continuing discussions on the Town's future. However, given anyone's inability to accurately foresee the future, its use must be tempered by common sense when the unexpected happens. As a member of the RTM's Long Range Planning Committee, I contributed thoughts and ideas of my own and of residents of my District during the planning process and provided comments on the various drafts of the Plan.

Resident since 1982, two children, consultant specializing in employee benefits, member of RTM Long Range Planning, Transit and Employee Compensation Committees, former soccer coach 10 seasons.



#### ROBERT GALAN

The Town Plan is a guideline made by the Planning & Zoning Commission with input from electors, as well as the RTM and other commissions and boards. Making the town plan functional generally requires a series of public hearings by the corresponding board or commission to enact anything new within the plan. I would have a list of priorities from the Town Plan based on the needs and concerns of the electors of the district as well as broader issues germane to the town at large. I would then work to ensure that these issues were brought before the corresponding RTM committees and the corresponding boards and commissions in the town for enactment.

I was appointed to the RTM in July 2007 to fill a vacancy. Prior to this I was an alternate on the Planning & Zoning Commission from 2005-07.



#### AMY ANCEL

Two top concerns of the 2007 Town Plan are protecting the environment and residential neighborhoods from overdevelopment and commercial encroachment. These issues are particularly relevant to District 3, as we are facing many threats to our residential character from commercial development and increased traffic. Also at risk is the health of the Saugatuck River. There has been little adherence to past town plans by our leaders and regulatory boards. We have simply reacted to developers' demands for a very long time. I intend to challenge that and will use my position on the RTM to influence our boards and commissions to uphold the Town Plan, to honor the people's vision of conserving Westport's assets, and to not pander to special interests.

Throughout my 19-year residency here, I have championed these causes and believe that, as stewards of Westport's future, we need to start adhering to and implementing that vision.

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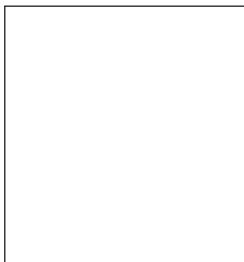


#### GENE SEIDMAN

I was involved with the 1997 Plan, and will see to it that the best ideas of the current plan will be implemented during my next term. I oppose 8-30g "affordable housing" projects and will work to preserve "Open Space" while mitigating traffic congestion. We need an orchestrated and thoughtful downtown "Master Plan" which integrates the library, Levitt, Art Center, Toquet

Hall, the Senior Center and, hopefully, the YMCA. "Thinking Green" means more sidewalks and bicycle paths. I see a mandatory annual septic maintenance ordinance, a new police, fire department, and EMS facility, and Parking Harding and Jessup Green developed into a beautiful waterside garden park.

I have coached, served on the Youth Commission, and advise for Builders Beyond Borders. I am a marketing consultant and regular guest on Sirius Radio. I am married to Ana Rogers, with sons Julian and Gabriel. I am proud to serve RTM District 4.



#### LIZ MILWE

The 2007 Plan of Conservation & Development reflects the important environmental & conservation needs of our town and our future. As a resident of Compo Mill Cove, I value the importance of these conservation efforts and as a member of the Sherwood Mill Pond Advisory Board have been working with a group of concerned citizens to address silt-

pollution and invasive plant species around the pond while creating a plan for a passive recreational park for bird watching and kayaking. The 2007 Plan encourages improvement and enhancement of town owned properties, which hopefully will include appropriating funds for Sherwood Mill Pond. The Town Plan also identifies several important issues - workforce housing, public transportation and enhancing community facilities. However, the plan does not address the priorities expressed by our "kids" including creating public after school transportation service, increasing student orientated community facilities and providing a safe driving service for teenagers.



#### JEFF WIESER

It is important for any enterprise to have a set of guiding principles. The 2007 Plan has clearly been created with much thought, and it has been reviewed by many citizens concerned with maintaining what we all know is Westport's excellent quality of life. I would be very careful to act in a manner counter to any aspect of the plan which has gained such acceptance. I

do, however, recognize that a Plan is exactly that: a plan and not a set of legislative acts. I will review any critical issue with the attention it deserves. I will represent my district with the care that is required when an issue comes before the RTM, drawing on my experience as a banker with HSBC, and as a resident of, and volunteer in, Westport with wife, Pat, and three children, since 1985.

**VOTE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2007**  
**POLLS OPEN 6 A.M. – 8 P.M.**