

CANDIDATES FOR RTM

DISTRICT FIVE - 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?



JOHN BOOTH

The plan of Conservation and Development is appropriate for the town as a whole, with emphasis on residential properties, but not completely applicable for District 5. What makes it different is the combination of residential, commercial and civic entities. Residential properties predominate in single family dwellings and condominiums. Commercial

properties include retail stores and office buildings. Town properties include the recycling center, public works garage, a commuter parking lot, the Green's Farm fire station, sewage pump house, Green's Farms Elementary school and adjacent playing field, and Green's Farms Academy. In a category by itself is the Green's Farms railroad Station. RTM Representatives for this district must guard against further encroachment of residential properties, if this area is to retain its residential character. I intend to do this, as I have done as an incumbent representative since I was elected in 1993.



RICHARD LOWENSTEIN

The 2007 Town Plan opens an opportunity for the RTM to determine if its actions are consistent with the Plan's direction.

When the new RTM convenes, I will ask it to examine agenda items in terms of their compliance with the Plan and to require submissions to the RTM to have a Town Plan impact

statement:

1. Does the Town Plan apply and, if yes, does the submission conform to the Plan?
2. If it does not conform, why not?

I would apply this "test" to all agenda items, whether proposed by the Town Administration, Board of Education, the Westport electorate, or the RTM itself.

Background: I am a 24-year resident of Westport and an RTM member since 1997. I am chair of the RTM Public Protection Committee and serve on the Public Works, Transit, and Library Committees. Previously, I was a Westport Library trustee for nine years.



CHRIS GRIMM

No response.

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DISTRICT SIX - 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?



RON MALONE

Required reading and reference for all Westporters The Plan is an excellent compilation of information about our Community and the characteristics that challenge our thinking and the need in some instances for change. The Plan's mission statement parallels my own thinking, that of maintaining the integrity of our neighborhoods, as well as protecting the environment. Twenty First Century problems defy easy solutions; the health, welfare and safety of the old, the young and those in between, all need our attention and consideration. Complex issues require hearing all viewpoints, use of critical thinking, sound judgment, commonsense, and decisive actions.

Seventy one year residency, successful twenty three years police experience, sixteen years worthwhile RTM service, years of volunteerism, working daily in Town, and desiring to be of service to others with as much effect as possible, hopefully gains your support.



ANN MARIE FLYNN

The 2007 Plan of Conservation of Development is a guiding path for Westport and tells where we would like to be in 10 years.

Some critical needs would be to embrace 'smarth growth' principles, 'green building strategy, protection of our historical and natural resources, welcome the commitment we have for our schools and address community facility issues. Roadway safety and congestion will continue to be troublesome until a variety of transportation choices are made available.

I would encourage my constituents to be aware of our present position on this road for change and use their ideas and volunteerism in achieving our goals and the town's. As each lights their candle of help our future is brighter and our goals nearer to completion.

Three term R.T.M. member - (and Lover of Westport) - RTM Committees: Public Protection - Parks and Recreation - Planning and Zoning - Library, Museum and Arts.



JOANN DAVIDSON

The Town Plan encourages us to consider what kind of Town we want for the next 10 years. I will use it as a guide at budget time. Is there funding for services we need? Are departments properly staffed? When development is planned, RTM committees watch progress on housing, traffic, parking, water quality, and green spaces, all in the Town Plan. Committees also review education, transportation, parks and recreation, our infrastructure, health and safety. We need to guard Winslow Park open space, put in a new ordinance requiring septic maintenance, and revive the "Emerald Necklace" concept for downtown.

The RTM is where any citizen can be heard when these and other issues are debated. You can also watch on Channel 79.

Background: RTM 4 years. Resident 51 years. Three children through Westport schools. Green Energy Task Force. League of Women Voters. Conservation Commission. Retired Westport teacher.



JOYCE COLBURN

As a commissioner on the P&Z(alt) I have spent the past 18 months helping to develop the new town plan, which prioritized the most important issues among Westporters. These are taxes, conservation of open space, traffic and congestion, and protecting residential areas from the encroachment of commercial development. In addition we need to focus on housing for a growing elderly population, buying land as it becomes available to improve school facilities, and creating better infrastructure for the Police dept., Fire and EMS, all who have outgrown their buildings. As an RTM member I will use my knowledge of the past and current POCD to address these concerns and bring about a large impact on our town and District 6. I want to maintain Westport's historical character while promoting its future.

I've been a Westport resident for over 34 years and earned a Masters Degree from Columbia University.



THOMAS VAN RIPER

If elected I look forward to working with the local boards and commissions to leverage this comprehensive guide to enhance the quality of life and the community character of Westport. This would include traffic and drainage improvements, protecting residential neighborhoods, and restricting commercial development to existing commercial zones. My small town Wisconsin values, combined with 18 years of Wall Street experience (10 commuting from Westport), allows District 6 to have a representative that understands and appreciates all points of view. My RTM candidacy is an extension of my community volunteer efforts, including serving on the advisory boards of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County and the Westport Basketball Association; volunteering at the Westport Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Norwalk Hospital, and Bridgeport's Charles Smith Foundation; and coaching several youth sports teams. I live on Marc Lane with my supportive wife Susan, Long Lots students Andrew and Emma, and our wonderdog Biscuit.

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CATHERINE CASSEL TALMADGE

The 2007 Town Plan is the vision for Westport's future and addresses the concerns we all share regarding overdevelopment, traffic congestion, commercial encroachment into residential neighborhoods, preserving open space, environmental protection, quality education, affordable housing, town services and infrastructure. As a District 6 RTM member, I intend to ensure that the town boards and commissions adhere to the spirit of this document, which by its very nature is the mandate of the people. The new plan is ambitious in its vision. Thus, the key lies with the RTM's oversight and exertion of fiscal responsibility, budgetary restraint and fair taxation in its implementation. I intend to listen to my constituents and work directly on their behalf in this effort.

As a 19-year District 6 resident and former Fortune 500 executive, I have the experience and ability to work productively within the RTM's purview to make this vision a reality.

REMINDER

This year's ballot has TWO sides.

Make sure to mark your VOTES on both sides of the ballot.