Candidates for RTM

District Nine - 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?

MICHAEL GILBERTIE
No response

MARIA PETTI
The Town Plan was created from a survey conducted among Westport residents to be used as guidance for the future of Westport. We need to preserve the charm and quality of life that Westport offers: maintain excellent education system and recreational facilities; preserve open spaces, environment and residential character of neighborhoods; support cultural offerings; and provide superior services to our diverse community. In doing so, we must be careful to exercise fiscal responsibility. District 9 is the center of Westport, with Main Street, Town Hall, Senior Center, Public Library, Winslow Park, Baron South, Levitt and Playhouse, as well as residential neighborhoods. Our district is integral in preserving the cherished Westport attributes because actions in District 9 affect all Westport residents.

Background: I grew up in Westport (Staples '86). RTM incumbent - Ordinance Committee Chair; Westport Young Women's League; League of Women Voters; Senior Counsel/Xerox; Fairfield University; Brooklyn Law School.

JOHN D. MCCARTHY
The key issues the plan addresses are the protection of our residential neighborhoods and the re-vitalization of downtown. As a leader of the Gorham Avenue neighborhood's fight against a 20-unit condominium development on 1.5 acres in the middle of our single family neighborhood, I have seen first hand how a neighborhood can be terrorized by a developer and shown how a neighborhood and a town can fight back. I also look forward to working to bring more of a sense of community to Downtown through focusing on the needs of residents and not those special interests who want to see parking meters and more chain stores in town.

Background Information
CFO of a technology company in Norwalk, Staples graduate (1982), MBA Wharton/BA Connecticut College, wife Susan, children attend Saugatuck/ Bedford, parents live in town, former Treasurer Interfaith Housing, attend Assumption Church, coach Little League Baseball and Softball, Soccer and Basketball

EUGENE R. BURGESS, JR.
It is not a "true" plan because it is not executable, but a framework to begin assessment and prioritization of funding items outlined in context with the Town's other needs.

I see flooding as a critical issue and is where I will focus my efforts. The '97 Plan addressed it, but it received little or no action over the last ten years.

Gene and his family became Westport residents in 1978. Born in San Antonio, grew up in Western New York, he earned BA in chemistry from Alfred University and a MBA from Michigan State. With wife Carol, they are parents to two daughters. With a business career spanning more than 30 years, Gene previously served as a senior executive in consumer package goods, biotech and software. Currently, he is Managing Director of a consulting firm advising global clients in areas of strategy, performance improvement, and fact-based decision making.

EILEEN FLUG
My priorities for the coming term are preserving the character of residential neighborhoods; supporting workforce housing; improving sidewalks, crosswalks and bike lanes; promoting safe and easy access to parks; and adopting a septic system maintenance ordinance to protect our waterways. Most of these needs are addressed in the current draft of the 2007 Town Plan. I will use the Town Plan as an advocacy tool, to push for change in these important areas in order to make Westport the best it can be.

RTM District 9 Representative since 2005. Co-President of League of Women Voters of Westport. Active in Saugatuck Elementary School PTA. Advocate for healthy food in our schools and member of the Westport Health and Wellness Advisory Committee. Practiced corporate law for 13 years, in Washington, D.C. and NYC. New England native and resident of Westport since 2002. My husband and I have two children attending SES.

VELMA HELLER
As a 43 year Westport resident, I want to preserve, the unique character of our New England shore community. The new Town Plan addresses this goal and challenges us to plan for smart development in the future. Many priorities identified in the plan impact District 9: protecting waterways, open space, local historic districts, residential neighborhoods, creating housing opportunities and downtown Westport development. These are community issues as well. The Town Plan will guide your RTM in making informed decisions about budget appropriations and ordinances that effect Westport's future. As we strive to protect and enhance environmental, cultural and residential assets, we need to consider the needs of all citizens and spend tax dollars wisely.

RTM District 6 (2001-2007), Education Committee Chair, Assistant Professor - Education Sacred Heart University; Retired Westport principal, vice principal, LWV, Friends of Senior Center, Children, Grandchildren Westport Schools

KEVIN D. GREEN
I was a public participant in the Town Plan development process and am an advocate for appropriate sustainable growth, greener energy, and a vital downtown. As an RTM member, I will work to protect our open spaces, prevent reckless growth, maintain excellent schools and fiscal prudence, advocate for greener energy, and help keep Westport a great place to live. My community activism started with my opposition to a proposed zoning change that would have allowed developers to build multi-family dwellings in all of Westport's single family zoned neighborhoods, the first of which was proposed inside the boundaries of the Gorham Avenue Historic District. I will work to resolve the affordable housing issue in a more appropriate manner. Our green energy commitment can be followed at greensgogreen.blogspot.com.

Bio: PhD Physicist with 20 years combined experience in physics research and financial markets. A 7 year Westport resident, I'm married with 2 kids.

Make sure to exercise your right to VOTE this November 6, 2007

SAMPLE BALLOT - TWO SIDES

OFFICE / PARTY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Board of Finance Vote for Any Four				Board of Education Vote for Any Three			Board of Assessment Appeals	Planning and Zoning Commission Vote for Any Four			
REPUBLICAN	○ 1A Charlie Haberstroh	○ 2A Stewart Reifler	○ 3A Edward John Iannone	○ 4A Alan S. Phillips	○ 5A Sandy DeFelice	○ 6A Michael J. McGovern	7A	○ 8A Garson F. Heller, Jr.	○ 9A Timothy William Wetmore	○ 10A David B. Press	○ 11A Michael Krawiec	○ 12A Helen Martin Block
DEMOCRATIC	○ 1B Allyson Stollenwerck	○ 2B Kenneth L. Wirfel	3B	4B	○ 5B Faith H. Taylor	○ 6B Mark H. Mathias	7B	8B	○ 9B Eleanor S. Lowenstein	10B	11B	12B
SAVE WESTPORT NOW	1C	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	○ 9C Eleanor S. Lowenstein	10C	11C	12C
	1D	2D	3D	4D	5D	6D	7D	8D	9D	10D	11D	12D
WRITE-IN VOTES	○ 1E	○ 2E	○ 3E	○ 4E	○ 5E	○ 6E	○ 7E	○ 8E	○ 9E	○ 10E	○ 11E	○ 12E

OFFICE / PARTY	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Zoning Board of Appeals Vote for Any Three			Representative Town Meeting District 1 Vote for Any Four See row D below.						
REPUBLICAN	○ 13A Elizabeth Wong	○ 14A William R. Harris, Jr.	15A	16A	17A	18A	19A	20A	21A	22A
DEMOCRATIC	○ 13B James C. Ezzes	14B	15B	16B	17B	18B	19B	20B	21B	22B

RTM will be different for each district

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You must show a pre-printed ID before voting. Acceptable forms of ID include

* **driver's license**
* **Social Security card,**
* **library card**
* **a bill addressed to you at your home address**
* **or you may sign a statement attesting to your identity.**

You may take your copy of the VOTER'S GUIDE with you for reference when you go to vote.