



Voters' Guide

2024

Town Election: May 7, 2024

**Wayland Town Meeting: Monday, May 13 at 6:45 pm at the
Wayland High School Field House
and continuing on Tuesday, May 14 (if needed)**

Click on the links to see the candidate information for the following offices:

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Please note that candidates were limited to 100 words in their question answer.



Select Board (3-year term)

Doug Levine

ADDRESS: 9 Gray Birch Lane

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN:

Special Counsel, Massachusetts State Police

Town elected and appointed board service: Select Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Wastewater Management District Commission, Cable Advisory Committee, Town

Administrator Search Committee, Economic Development Committee

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: N/A

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/ THEM?

If elected I will relish the opportunity to serve my fellow Waylanders again as a member of our Select Board because I know we can accomplish a lot when board volunteers, Town staff, and residents collaborate. Having spent time helping establish our new Community Center, I'm eager to create more community spaces and experiences. I also will focus on enhancing town-wide communication so we're not reliant on what's become the de facto public square, the Wayland Community Forum on Facebook. And I will continue to bring more Waylanders into the fold along the way as we move our Town forward.



Select Board (3-year term)

Carol Martin (incumbent)

ADDRESS: 42 Lake Road

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN:

Prior Occupation: Sales and Marketing Manager

Prior Service: 2021- present: Select Board; 2012 - 2021: Finance Committee
2011 - 2012: Council on Aging; 2010 - 2011: Senior Property Tax Committee

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: www.SelectCarol.com

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/ THEM?

My current issues:

- Financial Policies & Long-Term Planning
- Drinking Water
- Town Centers
- Housing

Formalize **Financial Policies** to achieve the best we can from our budget. Establish a Capital Planning Committee to develop a long-term plan to insure funding for large capital projects such as new fields or a school.

Water: Join the MWRA. Take this big, but very important step to ensure quality water while protecting the Town from major unknown costs.

Maintain the integrity, appearance, and character of our two **Town Centers:** Route 20 and Cochituate Village.

Affordable and Community Housing for all: first buyers, families, seniors, employees.

Board of Assessors (3-year term)

Zachariah Ventress (incumbent)

No response received.



Board of Assessors (3-year term))

Doug McNeilly

ADDRESS: 39 Rice Spring Lane

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Real Estate Agent

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: None

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/THEM?

As a Member of the Board of Assessors, I will work with the other Members of the Board to ensure the Board executes on its objective and goals and draw on my perspective as an active Residential Real Estate Agent.



Board of Health (3-year term)

Brett Mordas

ADDRESS: 9 Brewster Road

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Caregiver, Medical Assistant

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: None

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/THEM?

I believe the most pressing issues facing our board are maintaining access to nurses in our schooling systems, keeping our water supply clean, and ensuring we are tackling new health problems head-on. The COVID pandemic showed us that we should be prepared for multiple scenarios. We should also be emphasizing primary prevention to help prevent disease and screening for people with high blood pressure or potentially diabetes.

Board of Health (3-year term)

Robert Defrancesco (incumbent)

No response received.



Board of Library Trustees (3-year term)

George Winfield Treese (incumbent)

ADDRESS: 11 Erwin Road

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Software consultant, writer, and adjunct lecturer in computer science. Current member of the Wayland Board of Library Trustees, completing my first term. Previously served on the Wayland High School School Council for several terms, including as a parent and as a community member. Also served on the Technology Task Force for the Wayland Public Schools.

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: None

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/ THEM?

The most important issues for the Wayland Free Public Library today are how to continually adapt to the community's needs for information resources, and the challenges of the Library's building. As an older building, the Library requires continued maintenance, improved accessibility, and creative rethinking of how the space inside the building is used. The Town has budgeted a limited amount for this work, but more support is necessary. The Library is currently developing a new five-year strategic plan, working with members of the Wayland community, to understand and respond to what the community needs today and in the future.



Board of Library Trustees (3-year term)

Candace Hetzner

ADDRESS: 127 Commonwealth Rd.

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Academic dean and professor; Town manager selection committee member; Wayland Housing Partnership committee member; Parmenter Foundation volunteer and Board member

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: (no response)

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/ THEM?

My number one priority is to help support the Library Director and Board continue their excellent programming that makes the Library an intellectual and cultural center for the entire Town of Wayland. I am especially interested in creating increasing opportunities for older residents to engage in intellectual exchange and companionship.



Board of Library Trustees (5-year term)

Emily Weintraub

ADDRESS: 8 Trinity Place

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Art appraiser

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: N/A

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/THEM?

The Wayland Free Public Library's Board of Trustees is overseeing two important current projects: addressing needed maintenance and repairs of the Library building, and the development of a new long-range strategic plan to ensure that the Library space and services are meeting the evolving needs of our community. These responsibilities require close work with Town boards such as the Facilities Department, Permanent Municipal Building Committee and the Department of Public Works, as well as with the Library Director and staff. In short, the Library Board of Trustees must engage with many community voices to best accomplish its work.

Board of Public Works (3-year term)

Judy Huan-Ping Ling

No response received.



Board of Public Works (3-year term)

Michael Spelman

ADDRESS: 215 Old Connecticut Path

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: : I am a licensed construction supervisor providing service almost exclusively in Wayland as a general contractor and remodeler. I currently serve on the Rte. 20 South landfill visioning committee. I also serve on the troop committee for the Boy Scouts Troop 1, Wayland. In the past I coached football and baseball at the youth level.

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: None related to any campaign.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/THEM?

Until I gain more experience with the DPW and the Board, I cannot confidently speak as to what the most important issues are. I would guess the top 5 to be PFAS, roads, water management, trees, and land use. I saw that board positions were open and thought I could help. With my construction experience and large professional and social presence in Town, I think I might be uniquely qualified to assist this board.



Planning Board (5-year term)

Robin Gale (Fishman) Borgestedt

ADDRESS: 21 Jeffrey Road

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Attorney

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY:

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/ THEM?

Maintaining the character of our town while fostering a welcoming atmosphere is a priority. The development of housing opportunities must be managed by the Planning Board to maximize the benefits to the community. The Planning Board should work to foster appropriate, thoughtful development in business districts, and not just development for the sake of development. A comprehensive plan for the business district on Route 20 that brings the old Town Center and the new Town Center together, while easing traffic and encouraging custom for local businesses, should be the goal for one of the Town's problem areas.



Planning Board Associate (5-year term)

Phyllis Dininio

ADDRESS: 45 Forty Acres Dr.

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Anti-Corruption Specialist

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: (no response)

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/ THEM?

Balancing the preservation of green spaces with the need to provide more affordable housing is a major issue facing the planning board. I aim to consider ways to comply with state laws and mandates to create more housing that preserve or expand animal habitats, trails, and vistas. I also hope to learn from board members and residents about other challenges and opportunities facing the town and to bring an open-minded and thoughtful approach to the position.

Recreation Commission (3-year term)

David Pearlman (Incumbent)

ADDRESS: 34 Pequot Road

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Sales

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY:

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/ THEM?

I think among other things is making sure that we have enough indoor & outdoor space for active & passive recreation in town for residents of all ages. We are actively looking at options for additional grass fields as well as potential opportunities for indoor recreational space.



Recreation Commission (3-year term)

Lesley Stewart

ADDRESS: 281 Main Street

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Wayland Youth Soccer, President; 2023 Loker School Fifth Grade Activities Coordinator; Paralegal

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: n/a

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/ THEM?

Wayland is very lucky to have our diverse environment with access to beaches, athletic fields, playgrounds and courts, but additional maintenance of these gems is needed. For example, I see sports organizations spending sizable user fees on athletic fields, and yet many remain closed and in need of overdue repair. I intend to streamline communication between the organizations, Town Recreation and the DPW to improve matters. I also hope to see the user fees reviewed for their consistency and fairness. I believe we can maintain and improve these beautiful town resources within our current budget and user fees.



School Committee (3-year term)

Kate Sambuco

ADDRESS: 106 Concord Road

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Instructional Designer, Institute for Community Inclusion

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: www.kateforwayland.com

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/ THEM?

Wayland is facing a series of transitions, including the selection of a new permanent Superintendent and the addition of a new principal at both the elementary and middle school levels. Transparency and consistent communication will be important factors in these transitions. Additionally, in creating a school budget in challenging economic times, we face an environment where students are requiring an unprecedented amount of Social-Emotional Learning and Special Education support. Investing in SEL initiatives for students, as well as professional development opportunities for staff to effectively meet these needs are necessary to create an inclusive learning environment for all students.



School Committee (3-year term)

Elizabeth Cullen

ADDRESS: 7 Coolidge Road

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Assistant General Counsel, ezCater, Inc.

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: betsyforwayland.com

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/ THEM?

Hiring an exceptional Superintendent. If elected, I will collaborate with my School Committee colleagues to define key qualifications and select a qualified search committee. I prioritize: demonstrated excellence in people management and inspirational leadership; track record delivering high standards in difficult budget cycles; commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion with concrete ideas on how to infuse our schools with that commitment; and experience with long-term capital planning and new school construction. This leader will be essential to help ensure Wayland serves all students, educates the whole student, treats faculty & staff with professional respect and supports them in continued excellence.

Trust Fund Commission (3-year term)

Barry Rothschild (incumbent)

No response received.



Trust Fund Commission (2-year term to fill a vacancy)

Robert Fox (incumbent)

ADDRESS: 12 Forty Acres Drive

OCCUPATION AND/OR PREVIOUS SERVICE TO THE TOWN: Management Consultant in Financial Services

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA, IF ANY: NA

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS/ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING YOUR BOARD/COMMITTEE AND HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS IT/ THEM?

To me, immediate goals for the Trust Fund Commission, beyond the obvious assurance that funds are distributed as directed by the donors, are to ensure the funds' financial health and to help build awareness of the funds' existence amongst town residents. The Fund exists to enrich the town and its citizens so it's important that our external investor achieves investment goals and we spread awareness so worthy needs are brought to the commission for fund distribution requests.