

Precinct 2 Town Meeting Candidates

Eight to be elected, seven on the ballot

If no candidate profile is shown, the candidate did not submit a profile.

(* indicates incumbent)

Susan Carney*

Jason Lee*

Barbara Bouquegneau

Laura Colella*

Community Activities

- Town Meeting member since 2009
- En Ka Society member since 2016
- Winchester High School PFA Communications Team 2018-2021
- St. Mary's Parrish CCD teacher since 2008
- Winchester Friends of Music board member since 2021
- Winchester Soccer Club AGC and coach 2013-2017
- Muraco Elementary School PTO co-chair 2009-2011

Candidate Statement

What is your opinion on the Winchester Spring Ballot Question, the proposed override for the Muraco Culvert and Muraco School Life Extension?

I support the proposed override for the Muraco Culvert and Muraco School Life Extension projects. The culvert project is the last phase of a multi-year flood mitigation program. Town meeting previously funded studies, design and permitting for the new culverts and additional funds are required for construction of the project and completion of the flood mitigation program. Having witnessed the flooding in the Muraco neighborhood, as well as in other areas of town including the town center, during the many flood events between 1996 and 2010, I believe that completion of this multi-phased program should not be delayed, especially as delaying the project would result in additional costs. I am also in favor of completing the repairs to the Muraco Elementary school. As a total reconstruction of Muraco will not happen for at least eight to ten years, immediate repairs are required to keep the building running, to address health and safety concerns and to keep the students in the classrooms, as boiler malfunctions have required the school to close. Further, by addressing the roof, plumbing and electrical system problems now, we will prevent potential extra costs from an emergent break-down of these

systems during the next decade, while we wait for the MSBA to partner with Winchester in the construction a new Muraco school.

What Winchester issues do you think are most important?

Current important issues include the ongoing struggle to add affordable housing units and meet annual targets to extend the safe harbor status giving the town greater discretion over 40B development proposals, as well as the need to stimulate commercial development in the town center as well as the North Main Street corridor. The town must continue to balance fiscal responsibility including the preservation of free cash and maintenance of building stabilization, capital stabilization and OPEB funds with our immediate needs and long-term goals including providing excellent education to our students in safe and appropriate facilities, ensuring that our town employees receive equitable compensation, and that our town buildings, roads and sidewalks are safely maintained. As we lack a large commercial base and rely primarily on our resident's property taxes to fund our operating and maintenance costs, we need to carefully review expenses and ensure that decisions regarding overrides, which will likely continue to be required for both general expenses and specific projects, are made thoughtfully, transparently and with full consideration of all objectives including the financial impact on individual residents and the overall benefit to the town as a community.

George Nowell, Jr*

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Anthony R. Conte*

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Community Activities

Jenks Senior Center Volunteer

Winchester Register of Voters 2020

Chairman, Town Meeting Committee on Government Regulations, 1995 to present

Precinct 2 Town Meeting Member 1989 to present

Candidate Statement

• **What Winchester issues do you think are most important?**

- A. Keeping Winchester Affordable
- B. Encouraging seniors to stay in Winchester

• **What does Winchester do well?**

- A. Winchester is a well-run town
- B. High quality schools