

## **Precinct 4 Town Meeting Candidates**

Eight to be elected, eight on the ballot

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

(\* indicates incumbent)

### **Bettina S. Parks\***

### **Maryann McCall-Taylor\***

#### **Community Activities**

Town Meeting Member

Winchester Housing Corporation board member

First Congregational Church Reno Garden Committee

#### **Candidate Statement**

- What Winchester issues do you think are most important?
- What does Winchester do well?
- What could be improved?
- What is your opinion on the Winchester Spring Ballot Question, the proposed override for the Muraco Culvert and Muraco School Life Extension

The pandemic is the most important issue facing Winchester and the world. The Town has had to revamp its way of doing business. Providing opportunities for public engagement while keeping citizens safe continues to be a challenge. The Town has done an admirable job, especially the library.

I would like to see the Town continue and strengthen its efforts to provide affordable housing including changing zoning laws which drive up the cost of housing.

I support the override to fund the Muraco Culvert, the last step in the flood control program, as well as the funding of repairs to the Muraco School.

### **Sally Quinn\***

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#### **Community Activities**

- My husband and I moved to Winchester in 1982.
- Town Meeting Precinct 4 member since 1998
- Winchester Cooperative Nursery School President 1994-96
- Lincoln School PTO
- McCall School PTO
- Winchester High School All Night Graduation party committee

- EnKa fair volunteer and frequent grant requester
- Numerous Select Board, School Committee and Override campaigns
- Winchester Cooperative Theatre – Tickets and backstage left
- Connect & Commit (Winchester Community Service Foundation) Board member
- Wright-Locke Farm Conservancy – Vice-President and President 2008-2018 – The Conservancy operates Wright-Locke Farm.
- Wright-Locke Land Trust – President 2018-present – The Land Trust owns the land bought from the Town and is nearly finished building the All-Seasons Barn, which will allow Wright-Locke Farm to operate year-round. If this pandemic will ever end, with this breathtakingly beautiful indoor space we will expand all our programs. I cannot wait to show it off to the town.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Winchester Citizen of the Year 2019 – what an honor

### **Candidate Statement**

I think that Winchester is a well-run town. We have a talented staff and myriads of town volunteers who donate their time to make our town the attractive and pleasant place that it is. My children attended the Winchester School systems from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and they are successful and well-educated thirty-somethings now. It is a great town to bring up kids.

I think we have to be very careful to continue working on affordable housing as we certainly are already at risk of making our town completely unaffordable. I am pleased at the work being done on sustainability and climate issues. Again, this was a lot of work by a lot of town volunteers and staff.

As to the Debt Exclusion that will be on the March 30 ballot, I support it. I well remember the flooding in 1996 and 1998, and the many floods after that. Besides the fact that we loved canoeing on Ginn field, it was devastating for much of the town, especially the downtown area. Since then, the Town has invested heavily in flood mitigation projects. We began the flood mitigation program in 1999 and this will fund the last of these 13 projects. No one wants a real estate tax increase, but I believe we have to finish this flood mitigation program. Many houses up in the Muraco district will be taken out of the flooding areas with this work. We owe them that. Let's complete the job.

**Michael Rauseo**

## **Candace W. Van Aken**

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### **Community Activities:**

Currently:

- Town Meeting Member-Pct 4
- W. Historical Society-member, past board member
- W. Housing Corp.-affordable housing advocacy group
- High School art teacher

Past member of:

- Winchester Historical Commission
- Winchester Finance Committee
- Winchester Wildwood Cemetery Advisory Committee
- Former Board Member and later Steering Committee member, LWVW

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

--Having lived in Winchester through some pretty severe flooding, I feel it is important to complete the final project of the town's Flood Mitigation Program. The funding for this and the "Muraco School Life Extension" are on the March 30 Town Election as a Debt Exclusion Override.

--Continued support for the Winchester Street Tree Program. The Town has an annual program to plant and maintain its street trees. The trees of Winchester add a great deal to the quality of life for the residents.

--Supporting policies and programs that promote a more inclusive and caring community.

## **Mary Kay McIntyre**

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### **Community Activities**

- Winchester A Better Chance from 2009 to present, serving as host parent to 2014 WHS graduate and ABC board member in varied roles.
- Prior Town Meeting member for Precinct 8 approx. 1999-2005.
- Parent-to-Parent board member approx. 2014-2017.
- Winchester Housing Partnership board approx. 2011-2013.
- Winchester Swim and Tennis Club Tennis board-member 2011-2015.

### **Candidate Statement**

Winchester Public Schools work very hard to provide a quality education. My 4 children received excellent education at Lynch and Lincoln Elementary, McCall Middle and Winchester High Schools.

The challenge of maintaining moderate quality school buildings has been addressed and debated since I moved to Winchester in 1996. The current proposed overrides for renovations at Muraco Elementary School are necessary to physically continue education at Muraco. While it would be optimum, and I would prefer, to replace both Lynch and Muraco in the very near future, our town finances cannot simultaneously support both projects. Therefore, these repairs to Muraco are needed to hold over the building until it is finally able to be replaced.

I value and appreciate your vote for me to represent Precinct 4 as a Town Meeting member in Winchester!

## **Stephen A. Boksanski**

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### **Community Activities**

- Board of Directors, Winchester Youth Baseball & Softball
- Coach, Winchester Youth Baseball & Softball
- Coach, Winchester Basketball Association
- Coach, St. Mary's CYO Basketball
- Volunteer, Skillings Field Improvement Committee

### **Candidate Statement**

- What Winchester issues do you think are most important? Education, community engagement, budget
- What does Winchester do well? Winchester provides a safe environment for families to enjoy and has historically performed well educating its students.
- What could be improved? Business environment, opportunities for small businesses, community service.
- What is your opinion on the Winchester Spring Ballot Question, the proposed override for the Muraco Culvert and Muraco School Life Extension? I don't know the details but generally support education-related capital investments.

**Bhavana Upadhyaya\***