

Precinct 5 Town Meeting candidates

8 members to be elected, 11 on the ballot (* indicates incumbent)

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

Robert L. Johnson*

William A. Band*

Community Activities:

- Town Meeting member- 2 terms
- Member of the volunteer grounds maintenance crew, Wright Locke Farm - 10 years.
- Member of the volunteer medical appointment driver team, The Jenks Center – 7 years.

What Winchester issues do you think are most important?

Improving affordable housing stock consistent with local community views on density, aesthetics, traffic, and commercial needs.

What does Winchester do well?

Upholds a sensitivity to aesthetic and historic preservation considerations. Supports a strong school system.

What could be improved?

Continued attention to traffic /safety management, with special attention to mitigating disruptions to traffic flow, parking, and commuter travel during the MBTA station demolition and re-construction.

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

I am in favor of both overrides if no other means to finance the projects can be identified. The Muraco Culvert completes the Winchester Flood Mitigation Plan that has already greatly diminished Winchester's historical flooding problems. The Muraco school physical plant conditions have deteriorated below acceptable conditions and should be ameliorated.

Nikolas Casagrande

Melissa Madden

Ruth E. Trimarchi*

Community Activities:

- Town Meeting Member since 2017
- Climate Action Advisory Committee, Chair
- Climate Action Plan Committee, Co-Chair; developed the Winchester 2020 Climate Action Plan
- Cultural Council member
- League of Women Voters Member
- Winchester Trails Leader
- Led a large team through a complex two-year process to successfully change the Winchester Town Charter, changing the name of the Board of Selectmen to the Select Board
- Developed a successful business for Wright-Locke Farm as the Manager of Flower Operations
- Supported Winchester Town Departments in writing five climate grants; two awarded
- Led large teams to co-host seventeen public climate events, collaborating with the League of Women Voters, Schools, Wright-Locke Farm, Network for Social Justice, Farmers Market, Winchester School of Chinese Culture, Public Library, Sustainable Winchester, Council on Aging and many others

After successfully completing four years as a Town Meeting member, I am now asking for your vote to re-elect me for a new three-year term. During the past several years I have actively participated in all Town Meetings and additionally have been quite active working on behalf of our community.

Winchester is a great town, and I am delighted to be a part of this community. I am confident that we will work together to meet upcoming challenges to support all of our citizens from our children to our seniors, balancing economic development in town with preservation of the things that make living in Winchester so desirable.

I'll be voting 'Yes' on Ballot Question #1 for Immediate Repairs on Muraco Elementary School and completion of our flood mitigation project!

Timothy J. Nolan

Jacqueline A. Welch*

Philip A. Frattaroli

Aaron M. Kuttylo*

Carol S. Savage*

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Community Activities:

- Town Meeting member – Precinct 5 Chair
- Citizens for Public Schools - Board
- Massachusetts Moms Demand Action – State Chapter Leader

I am running for re-election as a Town Meeting Member for Precinct 5, and I welcome the chance to serve again. I have been engaged in Winchester town government for much of my 28 years as a resident and I believe in civic engagement. My three children all attended and graduated from the Winchester public schools and I've always been an advocate for quality public education. My professional background is in business strategy, marketing and nonprofit fundraising and I have served on various boards and campaigns. I bring multi-sector experience and a best-practices approach to decision-making. Before working in the nonprofit segment, I developed brands at Kraft Foods.

Winchester's biggest planning challenge is our reliance on local property taxes to fund the majority of our town services, since our commercial tax base is small and we qualify for minimal state aid. It is a constant challenge to maintain the quality of our school and town services while also striving to keep our town center vital and our community affordable and welcoming. Our average property tax bills are among the highest in the state, and it is our fiscal responsibility as Town Meeting members to strive for cost-effectiveness as we prioritize investment. The upcoming override for the Muraco culvert and School Life extension is one of those priority projects that is necessary to manage flood control and school building maintenance and I urge you to vote YES.

Winchester is a wonderful community with many strengths, the greatest of which is its engaged citizens. As a Town Meeting Member, we receive background information and learn about hearings that take place to help make important community decisions. These meetings are open to the public but are often poorly attended; increasing awareness about these meetings is an area of opportunity. Bookmark www.winchester.us and periodically check the community calendar for ways to engage in your town.

Eric J. Keough
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Community Activities:

- Winchester Chamber of Commerce Board Member 8yrs
- Muraco's principal School Advisory Committee 2yrs
- Winchester Soccer Club Board Member 5yrs
- Winchester Community Park, Communications Director 2yrs
- St. Mary's School Auction Event, volunteer auctioneer 1yr
- Winchester Youth Soccer Coach 8yrs
- WinRec Men's Softball League Coach 5yrs
- Winchester SNL Flag Football Coach 5yrs
- Winchester Youth Baseball Coach 4yrs
- Winchester Youth Hockey Asst Coach 4yrs

•What Winchester issues do you think are most important? Education, public health (pandemic, mental, Jenks, etc), continue to develop programs to protect our teens, continue to create a diverse inclusive community, and strong programs to support Winchester small businesses.

•What does Winchester do well? The town is a very safe community. Our public services – Fire, Police, Public Works, and Schools – are some of the best in the country.

•What could be improved? If there was some “magic” programs or community groundswell to help children (and parents) spend less time on screened devices (phones, laptops, etc.) I'm am guilty as well but I believe these hours spent on devices today, is hurting our full potential tomorrow.

•What is your opinion on the Winchester Spring Ballot Question, the proposed override for the Muraco Culvert and Muraco School Life Extension? As a parent of three children who attended Muraco, I may be a bit biased. Regardless, all schools in Winchester should have an appropriate safe, clean, healthy environment that is conducive of learning.