

Precinct 6 Town Meeting Candidates

8 members to be elected, 10 on the ballot (* indicates incumbent)

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Noha M. Soliman

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My family and I have lived in Winchester for eight years and plan to stay for a long time to come. This November, current Precinct 6 Town Meeting Members voted for me to fill a vacancy. I now ask for your vote for a three-year term.

As a mom to two sons who attend Vinson-Owen and McCall, I believe one of Winchester's strengths is its incredible academics. I am an active volunteer in the VO Parent's Association and co-founder of the Vinson-Owen International Night. I believe that for Winchester to continue to thrive we need to regularly maintain the school infrastructure, so I am in support of the proposed override for the Muraco Culvert and School Life Extension project.

Throughout our diverse population, a commonality I have witnessed is we all care about our local community, about the world at large, and about making good, inclusive decisions. It's a passion of mine to support these measures. I volunteer with a local non profit to help secure housing for newly resettled international refugees. I have also volunteered to coordinate clothing drives for international aid relief, as well as food drives for local food banks, and I've always been amazed by Winchester residents' charitable and helpful nature.

As a real estate agent, I know one of the many things that makes Winchester so special is our quaint and accessible downtown. Our local businesses have all been affected by COVID, so I feel it's critical to support a safe reopening plan town-wide. It's also important that we continually attract more diverse businesses to rival neighboring towns' and grow our commercial base.

I care about what happens in all Winchester neighborhoods. Winchester is diverse – of cultures, backgrounds, ideologies and opinions, and I am committed to seeking out input and feedback from residents and will keep an open mind to consider all perspectives.

I would be honored to serve our Precinct in Town Meeting and help to make prudent, inclusive decisions that will support our great community.

John R. Wiseman, IV*

Patrick Matteson

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My name is Patrick Matteson and I am running for Town Meeting Member in Precinct 6. My wife Barbara, our three daughters (6 and 2.5-year old twins), and I moved to Winchester just over two years ago. Like many others who have moved to Winchester, we were drawn by the strong public education system, beautiful town center with many local businesses, and proximity to nature and outdoor activities. It is, however, the residents' strong sense of community that makes us feel fortunate to establish our family roots here.

I am running for the position of Town Meeting Member to be able to contribute to the direction of Winchester as we navigate through this pandemic and the years ahead. There are a number of important issues that need immediate attention, such as large school infrastructure projects, as well as other fiscal items that will require thorough assessments.

I have worked in Finance for the last 15 years with experience ranging from small community banks to some of the largest wealth managers in the country. I have a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Rhode Island and an MBA from HEC Montreal. My friends and colleagues would say that I have a strong analytical mind, work well with others, and am focused on finding solutions and compromises. I also "know what I don't know" and am proactive in seeking out advice and counsel when needed.

As Town Meeting Member, I will leverage my professional experience and personal background by making informed contributions and reflecting the goals of Precinct 6 residents. If elected, I will work towards our shared purpose of further enhancing Winchester's strong reputation and ensuring it is a great place to live for all residents.

As an involved parent of three young children, I am deeply vested in ensuring Winchester has a bright future, a strong public school system, and a unified community. It would be an honor to be one of Precinct 6's Town Meeting Members. I hope to have your vote on March 30th.

Ioannis D. Evrigenis*

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My name is Ioannis (Yannis) Evrigenis. I am about to complete a term as Town Meeting Member for Precinct 6, and I am running for re-election. I am a member of the Town's Finance Committee, a professor of political science at Tufts University, and live on Amberwood Dr. My wife has been a teacher at Winchester High School for twenty years. We have daughters at McCall Middle School and Winchester High School, as well as a host son, in the Winchester ABC Program, who is attending WHS. With all of us involved in education, in one way or another, I am very much interested in maintaining our town's strong commitment to its schools. As the father of young children, I would also like to ensure that that commitment is pursued in a fiscally responsible manner. Ballot question 1, on the final flood mitigation project and much needed repairs to the Muraco Elementary School, is at the intersection of these issues and I urge you to support the override.

Jack T. Ciulla

Monica A. Ross*

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Community Activities:

Town meeting member for past 6 years.

Former President of Vinson Owen Parent Association

Chaired various Committees at VO including junior author fest.

Spearheaded and ran for many years BOKS (Building Our Kids Success), an early morning exercise/ wellness program for our elementary schools.

CCD Teacher at St. Mary's.

Coached soccer for many years in the town travel program.

Worked on important initiatives such as building the new Vinson-Owen School and Winchester High School, Save Wright-Locke Farm, and Lights for our athletic fields

Candidate Statement:

- What Winchester issues do you think are most important? Education, including the social/emotional component. Developing programs for our teens to help better manage stress.
- Encouraging more diverse businesses to move to Winchester so we don't have to rely so heavily on private tax dollars to fund town projects. A big driver in this is to provide more parking for patrons.
- Supporting our current local businesses, particularly as they recover from the pandemic and navigate through upcoming construction projects.
- Improve sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian safety and of course parking.
- Support for our senior community who often times struggle to remain in Winchester in their retirement years.
- What does Winchester do well? Public safety, education, Jenks Center, community spirit.
- What is your opinion on the Winchester Spring Ballot Question, the proposed override for the Muraco Culvert and Muraco School Life Extension? This is a necessary project that is part of the town's flood mitigation plan. As someone who grew up in the Muraco neighborhood, I know firsthand the severity of this issue and it is imperative that we finish this project. I also support the repairs to Muraco as all students deserve to have a safe and healthy building that fosters a positive learning environment.

Having grown up in Winchester and now raising my 4 children here with my husband, this town holds a special place in my heart and I so I ask for your support at the polls for my re-election to town meeting so I can continue to work towards making this a town by which we can all feel proud.

Joan W. Miller*

Francis A. Sabatino*

Paul Manganaro

My name is Paul Manganaro. I am seeking your support in my desire to represent you as a Precinct 6 Town Meeting member because I feel my decades of involvement in Winchester as a former student (1976-1982), current parent of three children living in town and volunteer (1990-Present) has given me valuable insight to where we are as a community and what challenges await us.

We are and always will be a community that listens and is built on respect. Open dialogue and unconditional support for the whole community is what will continue to allow Winchester to thrive. We cannot focus on personal agendas nor should we accept agendas that others may try and force on us as a community.

With your VOTE I pledge to stand up for Winchester as one Town and do my part to help us grow now and in the future.

Margaret T. McIndoe*

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Community Activities:

- Warden, Precinct 5 – earlier, warden Precinct 2
- Town Meeting Member Precinct 6
- Council on Aging Member/Secretary
- Minuteman Senior Services Winchester Representative/ board member
- En Ka Society
- the Winton Club
- First Congregational Church Deacon

What Winchester issues do you think are most important? Housing, education, infrastructure, health

What does Winchester do well? Education, volunteer civic responsibility

What could be improved? Moderate income housing

What is your opinion on the proposed override for the Muraco Culvert and Muraco School Life Extension? Because Winchester does not have income from industry, it relies primarily on residential and commercial tax income to operate. Although an override will result in an increased tax burden, without other sources of income it is necessary to fund major civic projects that benefit the entire town, protect residents when natural disasters occur, keep its employees and families safe, help maintain its excellent schools, and sustain the quality of life that makes Winchester a desirable place to live. The culvert, as part of the town's long-time flood mitigation work, should be completed. Muraco school, an ample school in the 1970s, is overcrowded and potentially unsafe for its staff, the children who attend it and the residents of Precincts 1 and 2 it serves.