

## **Precinct 8 Town Meeting Candidates**

**8 members to be elected, 7 on the ballot (\* indicates incumbent)**

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

**Min Qiu\***

**John A. Wile\***

**Hank Lin\***

**Heather R. von Mering\***

Town Meeting brings together the many volunteers in government in one space to work, discuss and debate the crucial matters facing the Town. There is wisdom and knowledge embedded in our 192 Town Meeting members, but also in all areas of our Town government: finance, schools, and the many town departments like Town Manager, Building, Engineering, Town Clerk, Public Works, Police and Fire, to name but a few. All of town comes together for our twice-annual Town Meeting to work for our community.

By shifting my focus from my current volunteer responsibilities to the Moderator of Town Meeting, I believe I can more strongly support our Town Meeting process and our local representative democracy; the direct and active engagement of our citizens to drive Winchester forward by creating opportunities for all voices to be heard. I also believe my ability to make space for all voices is critical to success in the position. I will also be honored to receive your vote to serve as the first ever elected female Town Meeting Moderator for Winchester, which is the last remaining elected seat in town to have never had female representation.

I have been a volunteer and leader in Winchester town government for more than a decade. Currently, I am the Chair of Winchester's Planning Board and am also a proud member of Town Meeting (representing Precinct 8) and Capital Planning. Prior to being elected to the Planning Board, I was appointed to the Winchester Historical Commission, where I served as the Chair. Locally, I have been a volunteer for the Winchester Historical Society and as a Winchester Public School District tutor in Math and Science. I currently coach Winchester's Girl's U8 hockey team. I live in the north end of Winchester with my husband Fritz and our children, who are fifth generation Winchester residents.

I am a graduate of the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture, and have been working in the building and design industry since 2000. I am currently am Vice President of Von Salmi & Associates. My expertise is in architecture, design, historical and zoning regulations, and the financial components of the residential building industry. I am a qualified construction expert in Massachusetts courts.

**Norman E. Doucette, Jr.\***

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Community Activities:

Woburn Breakfast Lions Club, Sustainable Winchester, Jumelage, Inc., Winchester Historical Society,  
Town Day Committee, WinCam member, Retired Winchester Transfer Station Operator and Recycling Coordinator

Important Issues: Traffic Calming and Sidewalk Bump outs, Flood Control, Recycling, North Main St. Study

What does Winchester do well: Town Community Services are done very well. School improvements and rebuilding are going well.

What could be improved: More speed limit signs in the Central Business District. The 20-25 mph signs are few and far between. Street lighting could be better if reflected down towards the crosswalks.

Winchester Spring Ballot Question:

Muraco School Culvert: I vote to approve the culvert replacement under the railroad tracks at Muraco School. This has been an issue since the late 70's due to more neighborhood flooding and more water entering Winchester from Woburn and beyond. All culverts need periodic cleaning due to branches and debris in the river. There are two 4' by 7' openings now and the new pipes will be 8' diameter. This will reduce some of the household flooding in the North End. This will complete a flood control program in Winchester which started with the current DPW Main Building being built higher back in 1981 after a flood. Many of my friends on Tufts Rd, Nathaniel Rd, Forest St. and Brookside Ave have suffered flooded basements and heating and electrical systems replacements several times over the years.

Muraco School Life Extension: The heating system and the 20 year old roof need replacement. We have already done these improvements to the Lynch School to extend its life until we could replace that building. Now it is time for us to perform some work on Muraco School to tide it over until the building can be replaced.

**Martin F. Mahoney, II\***

**Michael A. O'Brien\***