

Precinct 6 Town Meeting Candidates

Eight to be elected for 3 years, ten on the ballot

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(* indicates incumbent)

Kristopher Galletta*

Joan Miller*

Monica Ross*

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Community Activities

Town meeting member for past 8 years

Former President of Vinson-Owen Parent Association

Chaired various committees at VO including Junior Authorfest

Spearheaded BOKS (Build our Kids Success), an early morning exercise/wellness program sponsored by Reebok for elementary school students

Volunteer as CCD teacher at St. Mary's

Coached soccer for many years in the travel program

Worked on important initiatives such as building the new VO school and high school

Candidate Statement

What are the three or four issues facing Winchester that you think are most important?

Winchester has always been a town that prides itself on academic excellence. We have witnessed a decline over the past several years. I am committed to refocusing our goals on advancing our curriculum, providing the necessary resources to our teachers and administrators, and revamping our literacy program so that all students have ample opportunity to reach their most significant potential.

We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful downtown, home to many outstanding businesses. Winchester must continue to support our small businesses and focus on attracting more business to town so that we don't have to rely so heavily on private tax dollars to fund town projects. Parking remains an issue, and we must continue to find ways to address this pressing need.

Having been involved in the VO and high school renovation projects, I appreciate the commitment and sacrifice our tax-paying citizens make to ensure our students have the best environment to learn and grow. Such substantial investments require proper care and maintenance, which too often get overlooked. I advocate that money be set aside for specific maintenance and repairs to some of our town's greatest assets, including schools, fields, and parks. Investing in our towns assets should not be a one and done transaction, but rather an investment that we continue to care for and invest in so that such assets maximize their longevity. Regularly maintaining our buildings, fields and parks will prevent small problems

from escalating into larger, more expensive problems, but is also essential in the longevity of our town's assets.

Do you support Winchester adopting the Community Preservation Act? What reasons do you have for your position? I am committed to preserving, protecting and developing our historic sites and green space. I ran for town meeting with the goal of helping to save Wright-Locke farm and have remained on TM ever since. I will continue to ensure that our unique community resources can be enjoyed by all for many years to come. I look forward to hearing more discussion about the details of the CPA surcharge and how much will be charged to tax payers, whether or not exemptions will be allowed, and the town's plan for determining who decides where the funds are allocated. At a time when our residents are absorbing rising tax burdens as we fund vital projects like the Lynch and Muracco school, it is crucial for town meeting members to talk with their precinct residents to hear their concerns. I have always taken a cautious approach to supporting tax increases and at a time when inflation continues to burden our wallets, it is even more critical to examine closely the timing and need for such measure.

Noha Soliman*

Brenda Outwater Mandile

Community Activities

2007-2009 - Co-President Children's Own School Parent Association
2011-2013 - Co-President Vinson-Owen School Parent Association
2008- Present- St. Mary's Parish CCD Teacher
2010- 2018 - Winchester Soccer Club Coach
2012-2014 - Co-Chair Vinson-Owen School Override Committee
2014- Present- Winchester Garden Club (Acting Recording Secretary)
2021-2023 - Co-President Winchester High School Parent Association
2022- Present- WHS "All Night" Graduation Party Committee
2022- Present - St. Mary's Parish Council
2023- Present - Co-Chair Parent Inter-School Council (PISC)
2023 - Fall Town Meeting Member (Caucus)

Candidate Statement

Winchester is a beautiful community and it would be an honor to continue to serve as a Town Meeting Member representing the 6th precinct. I grew up in Winchester and I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to raise my children in Winchester. I am committed to the long-term overall health and well being of our very special community. I support maintaining the strong fiscal health of our town. I support maintaining the excellence of our school system, teachers/educational professionals as well as the maintenance of our school buildings. I support local business and a thriving downtown area. I support preserving open spaces and local wildlife. I think a multi-generational community is very important and I strongly support services and affordable housing for our Seniors.

Do you support Winchester adopting the Community Preservation Act? What reasons do you have for your position?

I think it is important to maintain historic buildings, open spaces and housing options that all generations can afford. I support accessing matching tax revenue from the State as long as this revenue stays in Winchester and that our local government has “a say” in how these funds are allocated.

Jeffrey Calabrese

Derek Ross

Andrew Clavette

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Community Activities

- Attorney with a law firm based in Winchester Center (Maher, Spang + Clavette, P.C.)
- Volunteer Coach with Winchester Youth Hockey’s Learn to Play Program
- Winchester Hockey Alumni Association Board Member
- President of the Caitlin Clavette Foundation

Candidate Statement

What are the three or four issues facing Winchester that you think are most important?

- Providing the best educational and recreational opportunities for our children.
- Spending taxpayer dollars to enhance our town in a responsible manner.
- Continuing to foster a supportive community for all residents and families to be a part of.

What are your positions on these important issues?

Growing up in Winchester, attending its public schools, and participating in town recreation/ athletics was a privilege that gave me great opportunities later in life. Providing that opportunity to all children in Winchester, including my own two boys, is critical to the success of future generations. With the recent literacy issues highlighted by The Boston Globe article, it is important to make sure we are providing our children with the best educational curriculums while supporting our teachers and giving them the resources they need. Transparency in town government and public participation are essential in creating a sense of community and inclusion as we continue to make Winchester a great place for all residents and families to live.

Do you support Winchester adopting the Community Preservation Act? What reasons do you have for your position?

Yes, I support the Community Preservation Act. Open spaces and historical sites that can be enjoyed by the public are good for the health and well-being of the community. Expanding housing opportunities in a responsible manner will enhance commerce in our downtown and allow more families to prosper. It will also allow our town to continue to receive grants that are essential for town infrastructure and development of the downtown area.

Steven Bonnell

Nicole Lentine