

[Please note that this version corrects several errors in our original message, and has been further updated for new information received.]

Fairfield Taxpayer encourages you to consider running for public office in our town.

Leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties in Fairfield are looking for candidates for a number of town offices this fall, and the deadlines for submitting your name for consideration are fast approaching.

On Tuesday, November 5th, voters will elect representatives to the Board of Finance (BOF), the Board of Education (BOE), Town Plan & Zoning, Board of Assessment Appeals, Constable, and the Representative Town Meeting (RTM). In case you were wondering, the three members of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) are elected every four years, and their next election will be in 2015.

Democratic Candidates Needed

Ellery Plotkin, Chairman of the Fairfield Democratic Town Committee (DTC), invites anyone interested in serving our Town to become a candidate for the upcoming municipal elections on Nov. 5. Interested residents can join the Fairfield Democratic slate of candidates to "protect and grow the Fairfield we love -- a town that cares about its schools, its public libraries, its small businesses, and unique neighborhoods," according to a release from the DTC, which will nominate and endorse its slate of candidates at two meetings, both beginning at 7 pm, on Thursday, July 18th and Tuesday, July 23rd, both in the BOE Conference Room (501 Kings Hwy, 2nd Floor). Any registered voter residing in Fairfield is invited to seek a nomination.

Anyone interested should write to FairfieldDTC@gmail.com, or call Ellery Plotkin at 203-521-7489.

Republican Candidates Needed

The Fairfield Republican Town Committee (RTC) Chairman James Millington announced that the RTC is actively recruiting candidates for the November municipal elections.

Millington stated "We are looking for candidates on all levels of government who are willing to step forward and give back to their community. I encourage anyone who has given service a thought to reach out to me. I will provide all the information a prospective candidate will need in order for them to decide if the office is a good fit for them."

Contact Chairman Jamie Millington at JMillington@snet.net or 203-258-1049 for further information.

Independent Candidates

Anyone seeking to run for office as an Independent should contact Town Clerk Betsy Browne for information about filing a petition to appear on the ballot.

Who are the Current Candidates?

Our current understanding is that:

- All of the five current incumbents on the **Board of Finance** who are up for re-election will be running again in November, including: **Catherine Albin** (D), **Rob Bellitto** (R), **Mary LeClerc** (R), **Bob Stone** (D) and **Jim Walsh** (R), and we believe there are three new candidates: **Ed Bateson** (R), **David Becker** (R), **Brandon Mills** (R). The normal term for the BOF is six years, but because Ms. Albin and Mr. Walsh were appointed to complete the terms of members who retired from the Board, they are believed to be seeking reelection for terms of less than six years (the seats filled by Ms. Albin and Mr. Walsh have, respectively, four and two years remaining, but like any candidate, they are allowed to seek any of the five open seats). Among the new candidates, we believe that Mr. Becker and Mr. Miles are seeking six-year seats. Other candidates may still join the race.
- Three of the four incumbents on the **Board of Education** who are up for re-election are reportedly not seeking another four-year term, including: Sue Brand (D), Tim Kery (R), and Perry Liu (D). The only incumbent seeking reelection is **Pam Iacono**. At present, we are aware of only one new candidate on the Democratic side – **Heather Dean**; and there are three new candidates on the Republican side – **Dorene Herron**, **Eileen Liu-McCormack** (no relation to Perry Liu), and **John Llewellyn**. The choice of at least two candidates (the Democrats may choose to endorse more than two candidates, even though only the two with the largest number of votes on November 5th can win the two open Democratic seats) for endorsement by the Democratic Party will be made by members of the Democratic Town Committee at meetings on July 18th and July 23rd. The choice of two of the four candidates (Herron, Iacono, Liu-McCormack and Llewellyn) for endorsement by the Republican Party will be made by any and all registered Republicans in Fairfield who vote in a town-wide "caucus" (essentially a primary election) on **July 23rd** to be held in the **Lecture Hall at Ludlowe High School from 4 pm to 8 pm**. Under the rules of the Town Charter, the two endorsed Democratic candidates (or the two Democratic candidates with the most votes on Election Day if there are more than two candidates) and the two candidates endorsed by the Republicans on July 23rd are apparently assured of being elected in November. Other candidates will undoubtedly still join the race because at present there is only one declared Democratic candidate for two open seats.
- With regard to the **Representative Town Meeting**, there is currently a dispute regarding how the Town should be redistricted, as it must be under state law every ten years to ensure that there is roughly the same number of people (i.e., men, women and children, not just voters) in each district based on the 2010 Census, either into eight districts with five members from each district (i.e., 40 members), or into ten different districts than the ones we have now with five members from each district (i.e., 50 members). The trial date to resolve this dispute is reportedly July 16th, and the judge will presumably render a verdict before RTM candidates are to be endorsed by both parties on July 23rd. (This dispute does not affect the endorsement of candidates for town-wide boards like the BOF and the BOE.) Members of the RTM serve two-year terms and

thus all members are up for reelection in every municipal election.

If all this seems confusing, rest assured that you are not alone. We will try to keep this page as current as possible.

Please note that Fairfield Taxpayer endorses positions on issues; we do not endorse candidates. We are non-partisan, and among both our members and our leadership are many Democrats, Independents and Republicans. For more information about us, please visit FairfieldTaxpayer.com.