

**This Week's Focus:**

**TOWN PLAN & ZONING CANDIDATES**

Many do not realize how important this Commission is to the quality of our lives and the value of our homes and businesses. Through its legislative and administrative control of zoning and subdivision regulations, the TPZ has enormous power over what and where people can build (e.g., housing density, "McMansion's"), and thus over the size of our population, school enrollment, how much traffic there is on our streets, the character of our neighborhoods, how well we protect our environment and natural resources, and how much of our tax burden falls respectively on the owners of residential, commercial and industrial property. The TPZ must also respond to applications by developers to build high-density housing anywhere in Town under State law "8-30g," which allows them to ignore all zoning regulations if they set aside at least 30% of their new units as affordable housing.

The TPZ consists of seven voting members and three alternate members. Every two years, three voting members are elected to four-year terms and one voting member is elected to a two-year term. All three alternate members are elected to four-year terms, but this year one alternate member will be elected to fill a two-year vacancy. Under the Town Charter, no more than five of the seven voting members, and no more than two of the three alternate members can be registered with the same political party. There are two Republicans and one Democrat on the Commission whose terms have not expired, so as many as three Republicans or three Democrats can be elected or reelected as voting members this year.

*You can vote for two 4-Year Voting Members, three will be elected.*

Four-Year Voting Member Candidates:  
Mark Corcoran (D) - *Currently an Alternate*  
Meg Francis (R) - *Currently an Alternate*  
Chris Macalese (D)  
Matt Wagner (R) - *Incumbent*

*You can vote for one 2-Year Voting Member, one will be elected.*

Two-Year Voting Member Candidates:  
Jaci Coleman (R) - *Incumbent*  
Walter Dunne (D)

*You can vote for one Alternate Member, one will be elected.*

Four-Year Alternate Member Candidates:  
Jeffrey Ng (D)  
Thomas Noonan (R) - *Incumbent*

*To help voters gain insight into what the TPZ candidates think, Fairfield Taxpayer has asked each of them to answer the following simple but important questions:*

- 1 What is your assessment of our current zoning and subdivision regulations and our Master Plan, and how do you think they could be improved?
- 2 What is your assessment of the TPZ's performance and how do you think it could be improved?
- 3 If elected (or reelected), what will be your top three priorities and why?

*So far, we have received responses from the following candidates:*

**Jaci Coleman, Meg Francis and Matt Wagner**

By going to [FairfieldTaxpayer.com](http://FairfieldTaxpayer.com) and clicking on "2015 Election" you can:

- o Find out what each of the candidates thinks.
- o Review "bio's" and photos of all candidates.
- o Send candidates your comments or questions with simple "1-click" links.
- o Find out where you should vote after the recent redistricting.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MOST VOTING DISTRICT NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED AND MANY VOTERS WILL HAVE NEW VOTING PLACES.**

*To help inform all voters, please ask candidates who have not yet responded to our questions to please do so!*

Fairfield Taxpayer, founded in 2012, is a non-partisan organization dedicated to preserving Fairfield as a desirable and affordable community for all its residents. More than 4,500 of Fairfield's 37,000 registered voters are now on our e-mail list and almost 1,400 people connect with us through our Facebook page. These neighbors represent a diverse cross section of ages, occupations, incomes, districts, and political affiliations.

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**MOST OF US DON'T CARE?** In 2009 and 2013, less than 30% of Fairfield's voters turned out for our municipal elections, even though the people elected will have a MAJOR IMPACT on our quality of life, our schools, our taxes and our property values. If you don't vote, who do you suppose will come out and elect our leaders?

**PLEASE VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD.**