# Wrentham Voter Guide

Election Day is Monday, April 1, 2024



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# About the Wrentham Voter Guide

Local elections, those that matter most, exert direct effects on our day-to-day lives because local officials' decisions affect our schools, roads, public safety, and local businesses. Your votes in local elections give you a say in who makes decisions that affect you and let your voice be heard.

The Wrentham Voter Guide (WVG) is designed to help you, as a voter, make informed decisions because lack of information about candidates and the positions they hope to fill are among the primary reasons that voters do not turn out at local elections.

We reached out to every candidate who filed to run as a candidate and to those we learned are "write-in" candidates for the April 1, 2024 election, and requested the following information:

- 1 2 sentence statement about why he or she is running for office
- 100 150-word bio
- Photo
- · Website, social media channels and LinkedIn profile if available

Every candidate responded to our inquiries, which enabled us to share the information they provided.

We hope that this information, available in PDF format and on the Web can help you to make informed votes and hope that you will share it with your friends and neighbors and encourage them to vote.

Your vote makes a difference because it puts you, the voter, in the driver's seat.

Questions: wrenthamvoterguide@gmail.com

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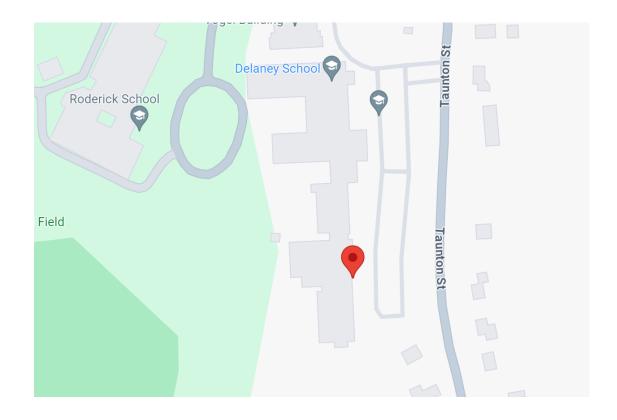
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### **Annual Town Election**

Wrentham's Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, April 1, 2024 at the Delaney Elementary School, 120 Taunton Street.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Voter registration is open now, so go register to vote! The last day to register to vote will be Friday, March 22, 2024, in the lobby of Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Town Hall is closed to the public on Fridays. If you wait until the 22nd to register, you'll need to go to the main door and ring the bell - someone will assist you (on TD Bank side of the building).

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# Cable 8 Candidate Profiles & WE Candidates Forum

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# Debt Exclusion Ballot Question

#### The Question

A Debt Exclusion question will be on the ballot for the April 1 Town Election. The Debt Exclusion question relates to the means for Wrentham to provide its allocation of funding for the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical District reconstruction project. The question as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

Shall the Town of Wrentham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the Town's allocable share of the bonds issued by the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical District ("the District") for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new District high school and related athletic facilities, located at 147 Pond Street, Franklin, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes	No	

### **Information**

Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School serves 11 towns, including Wrentham. In October 2023, a special election was held in all 11 towns that approved funding construction. This allowed the project to go forward. It is now up to each town to determine how they provide their allocation of the funding.

# Debt Exclusion Ballot Question

### **Information Cont'd**

A debt exclusion is a temporary increase in property taxes above the limits allowed by Proposition 2½. It allows the Town to raise the amount of the annual debt service payment for a designated project each year until the debt is retired. This is how the funding was provided for the King Philp Regional School building projects. That debt will be paid off in Fiscal Year 2026. A debt exclusion must be voted on by placing the question on an election ballot.

#### A Yes vote means:

The Town's payments for the debt service will not come from or impact the Town's annual operating budget. The payments will come from an amount added to the tax levy, similar to what was done for the King Philip building projects.

#### A No vote means:

The payments for the debt service will come from and impact the Town's annual operating budget. The operating budget would have to absorb the cost of the project within the existing tax levy. This would affect the current and future annual operating budgets for Town departments.

### **Summary**

This question has a significant impact, both operationally and fiscally for Wrentham. Voters should refer to the <u>Town's website</u> to get more information. Additional information will also be provided from the Town's various communication services. The <u>Tri-County Regional Vocational</u> <u>Technical District's website</u> provides details about the project as well.

### **Select Board**

### 3-year term - 2 openings, 4 candidates

Wrentham is governed by a five-member Select Board; members are elected for 3-year staggered terms.

The Select Board are the town's Chief Elected Officials. They have general supervision over all matters not specifically delegated by law or vote of the Town Meeting to another officer or board. The Select Board is responsible for hiring and supervising Town Administrator; setting policy and goals for the town, which are then implemented by the town administrator and other town officials; collective bargaining, serving as a licensing authority; and appointing community members to boards and committees.

#### **Candidates:**

James Anderson (incumbent)

Christopher Gallo (incumbent and Vice Chair)

**Christopher Doherty** 

**Donald Jordan** 

### **James Anderson**

### Why are you running?

I'm running for reelection to another three-year term because I truly believe this current Select Board has made great strides in making decisions in the best interest of the Town and its residents. My many years in municipal government, either as chief of police, interim town administrator, and current select board member, provides me with unique insights that are beneficial to the Town and its residents.



### Bio

I am a lifelong resident of Wrentham and a graduate of King Philip High School. That I raised my family here, coached youth sports, enjoyed my career as a Wrentham police officer, and spent my last ten years as chief of police, served as interim town administrator, and two terms on the select board demonstrates I am totally invested in the Town of Wrentham.

While on the select board, I had the opportunity to proudly serve on the Town Charter Review Committee and Wrentham's 350th Anniversary Committee.

My many years of municipal government and lifetime experience serve me well to continue my service to the Town of Wrentham. I look forward to serving the residents of Wrentham for another three years and continue making Wrentham a great place to live, work, and play!

# Christopher Gallo

### Why are you running?

I am running for reelection because I truly believe that Wrentham is one of the best and most welcoming towns in the commonwealth. To continue in this direction, we need to maintain local decision-making, ensuring that all 12,000 residents have a say in our town's future, especially relating to these important areas such as our economy, housing, schools, taxes, infrastructure, and essential town services.



### Bio

Hello, Wrentham. My name is Chris Gallo, and I am running for reelection to the Wrentham Select Board. My family and I have had the pleasure to call this amazing town our home for over 8 years. My wife Katlyn, of 12 years, is an amazing wife, mother, former teacher and business partner. We are blessed to have two great children, Tommy who is 10, and Maddy who is 6. Whether it is coaching our kids' sports, being involved with organizations such as WEST, Lions Club, Wrentham Sportsmen's Club, The American Legion, or being actively involved in our church, we have always tried to exemplify service to our family, friends, and community. The past three years of serving on the Select Board have been an incredible learning experience and we have gotten some great things accomplished, but there is still more work to do!

### Website, Social Media

Gallo for Wrentham (website)

Gallo for Wrentham (Facebook)

## **Christopher Doherty**

### Why are you running?

I am running to keep my town, my home, a nice, safe place to have a family and run a business. I don't want the state to bully us with their woke projects that I feel will ruin our town as we know it.



#### Bio

I grew up in West Bridgewater MA, a small town similar to Wrentham. I went to SouthEastern Regional Vocational Tech High School where I studied auto mechanics.

I served in the U.S Navy SeaBees for 10 years and completed 2 deployments in two different war zones.

When I got home, I used the GI Bill to get a class A CDL from New England Tractor Trailer School. I went on to get my certificate in Auto and Diesel Technology from Universal Institute.

At the present time, I am working for the Department of Correction and have been for almost 10 years. I bought a home in Wrentham across from Mirror Lake were I live with my 2 year old twins and my long term girlfriend Jessica.

I hope to invest in a small auto shop of my own when my children get older and I am closer to retirement from the Department of Correction.

### **Donald Jordan**

### Why are you running?

It is my belief our town government can be run more people-friendly, more efficient, and frugally. I'd like to preserve our rural nature; I want to be a vote that protects and preserves such a setting for future generations.

#### Bio

I am a Northeastern University graduate who majored in history and poli sci and played division one hockey for the Huskies. Later, I took advanced graduate courses to complete my vocational education certification at Keene State.

I moved here in 1977, built my home, and made Wrentham my hometown. I raised three children in the Wrentham and King Phillip school system, which ushered them into college and successful lives.

I moved here because I wanted to duplicate the rural setting I grew up in Walpole. I have been a Wrentham building inspector for the past 26 years. It afforded me a birds-eye view, seeing Wrentham transition from a small rural community to having an Outlet Mall drawing millions of patrons.

# Wrentham Elementary School Committee

### 3-year term - 2 openings, 2 candidates

Wrentham Elementary School Committee consists of five members; members are elected for 3-year staggered terms.

The school committee has the power to select and to terminate the superintendent; is responsible for reviewing and approving budgets for public education in the district; overseeing capital projects such as the construction or renovation of school buildings; and establishing educational goals and policies for the schools in the district that are consistent with statewide goals and standards established by the board of education.

### **Candidates:**

<u>Erin Greaney (incumbent & current Vice Chairperson)</u>

<u>Philip Jordan (incumbent & current Chairperson)</u>

## **Erin Greaney**

### Why are you running?

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of serving as a member of the Wrentham School Committee. It has been an honor to contribute to our progress during this time, and I am seeking reelection to continue this important work. I am proud of the significant strides we have made, and I am eager to build upon these achievements for the betterment of our educational community.

#### Bio

I am a proud mother of three children: Ashlyn (15), James (12), and Bryson (6). Nine years ago, my husband Mike and I relocated our family to Wrentham, and we quickly fell in love with the charm of this town. During our time here, I have been actively involved in the community, dedicating six years to the PTO board. I had the privilege of serving as president for five years and actively participated in various committees, such as the Wellness Committee and the Return to School Committee. Additionally, I contributed to the WPS Welcome Wagon, ensuring new families felt welcomed and supported. Through my involvement in these organizations, I have gained valuable insight into the needs of our community. I am enthusiastic about continuing to support our educational system and seeking reelection to the Wrentham School Committee.

## Philip Jordan

### Why are you running?

I am running for reelection to the Wrentham School Committee to ensure continued excellence in our local public elementary schools. I will continue to identify and secure state and federal funding to meet our budgetary needs without impacting local taxes, building on the success of eliminating tuition for full day Kindergarten and joining the 94% of schools across the Commonwealth with free full-day K! I am especially interested in the new Roderick School building project, ensuring that we build a modern, efficient, and safe school for our students.



#### Bio

Phil Jordan is the Chair of the Wrentham School Committee, where he has helped create a collaborative environment intently focused on student success. He has many accomplishments over the last three years, including securing a grant for free full day Kindergarten without increasing taxes, navigating a complex state grant for \$40+ million to renovate or replace the aging Roderick School as Chair of the Roderick School Building Committee, and leading fair contract negotiations that supported teachers in a financially responsible way. A 13-year resident of Wrentham, Phil is a member of the Wrentham Elementary School Trust and the Wrentham Business Collaborative. A lawyer by training, Phil runs a small business in Wrentham, where he provides expert guidance to local, state, and national governments and the private sector, and is on the faculty of Harvard University. When not working, Phil is happiest when enjoying the outdoors with his wife and three daughters.

# King Philip Regional School Committee

### 3-year term - 1 opening, 1 candidate

KP Regional School Committee consists of nine members, three members from each town. The third member for each community is a member of the elementary school committee and is elected by the elementary school committee to a one-year term; they serve on both committees for that year.

The KP Regional School Committee is responsible for overseeing the operation of public schools within a regional school district and is comprised of elected representatives from each member town. Specific duties include: developing and approving policies; hiring and supervising the superintendent; developing and approving the budget for the district; negotiating contracts with teachers and staff members; overseeing capital projects such as the construction or renovation of school buildings; monitoring student achievement and taking steps to improve student outcomes; and communicating the performance of the schools within the district to the community.

### **Candidates:**

Cait Lanza

### **Cait Lanza**

### Why are you running?

Wrentham resident, university professor, wife and mother of three (ages 13, 11 and 7) who wants to bring my perspective as both an educator and parent to provide our youth community with the best educational experience.



<u>Cait Lanza for King Philip School</u> <u>Committee</u>



#### Bio

My husband, Chris, and I have been married for 17 years and moved to Wrentham nearly 12 years ago. Since moving to Wrentham, I have been both a commercial and residential designer. In 2013, I started teaching design at Newbury College. I have two degrees in Interior design, a Bachelor of Science from Endicott College and a Master of Fine Arts from Savannah College of Art and Design. I currently teach at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth campus in the Interior Architecture and Design program. My three kids are 13, 11, and 7 years old. This year I started co-teaching in the faith formation classes at St. Mary's Parish. I am a former board member for the local Moms group chapter and elementary school PTO. One of my passions is reading both fiction and nonfiction books. A position on the school committee would combine my loves of education and parenthood.

## **Planning Board**

### 3-year term - 3 openings, 3 candidates

Wrentham's Planning Board consists of seven members; members are elected for 3-year staggered terms.

Wrentham's Planning Board is responsible for managing the growth and development of the town through the implementation of the Wrentham Zoning Bylaws. Some of the specific responsibilities of the Planning Board include: reviewing and approving subdivision plans; reviewing and making recommendations on zoning bylaw amendments; Issuing special permits for certain land use projects; site plan review; long-range planning, and public outreach.

### **Candidates:**

Alfred Bou-Assi
Thomas Maloney
Norman Orban

### Alfred Bou-Assi

### Why are you running?

Having followed planning board meetings for the past year, I am running for a seat on the board to actively contribute to the decision-making process. I think it's important we continue to foster responsible growth and I am committed to shaping the future of our community in a positive way.



LinkedIn Profile: Alfred Bou-Assi

### Bio

I graduated from UMASS Amherst with a B.A. in History and studied software engineering at Harvard Continuing Education School. My professional path has led me to a successful decade-long career as a software engineer. In 2021, my family (wife and two children, ages 4 and 7) moved to Wrentham to be closer to family. I have a keen interest in town planning, combining my historical background with a passion for shaping the future of our local environment. I plan to work with the other board members to ensure that proposed developments are the best they can be for Wrentham, and I am prepared to deny projects when necessary.

Areas that are important to me include ensuring:

- Developments are a good fit for Wrentham bylaws and master plan, and working with developers to make proposed developments fit
- Our roads are safe for driving and walking
- · Developments are economically viable
- · Long-term thinking and carefully considered changes

### Thomas Maloney

### Why are you running?

I am running for a seat on the Wrentham Planning Board because I believe that my experience in local government has given me the knowhow to help Wrentham grow thoughtfully and sensibly over the next decade.



#### Bio

Before moving to Wrentham in the spring of 2022, my family and I lived in Norwood where I served on the Board of Selectmen for six years. In that capacity, I worked with the Planning Board on a number of development-related matters, including zoning overlay district proposals that were brought before Town Meeting. One of those was an overlay district that was designed to encourage mixed use development in the downtown area, much like Wrentham's Village Zone districts.

As a member of Wrentham's Open Space committee and its Historical Commission, I know how deeply our citizens value the type of change that respects the town's natural beauty and preserves its unique heritage.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Planning Board to guide the town's growth through challenging times.

I ask for your vote on Monday, April 1.

Email: Tommaloney28@yahoo.com

### **Norman Orban**

### Why are you running?

I recently moved to Wrentham with my wife to raise our 4- and 6-year-old boys closer to family, and I would like to become more involved in the community. My experience as a real estate attorney makes me well suited for the Planning Board, where I hope to serve the community and use the skills I have developed over the past 13 years of practicing law.



#### Bio

I am a partner with the law firm of Allcock & Marcus in Braintree. My focus is representing condominiums and homeowners' associations, property managers and developers in Maine and Massachusetts. I provide associations and developers with general representation and in litigation matters in State, Federal and Appellate Courts, and have represented clients before Planning Boards, Zoning Boards and the Appellate Tax Board related to disputes concerning defective construction, negligence defense, taxation, zoning and development issues among other matters. I am presently a member of the Community Associations Institute New England Chapter's Board of Directors and have spoken on legal issues at Community Associations Institute's Massachusetts and Maine annual conferences as well as at Community Associations Institute National Law Seminar in New Orleans, LA. Additionally, I provide and participate in educational webinars at the state and national level.

LinkedIn Profile: Norm Orban

### **Board of Health**

### 3-year term - 1 opening, 0 candidates

Wrentham's Board of Health consists of three members; members are elected for 3-year staggered terms.

The Board of Health (BoH) has a number of responsibilities related to protecting and promoting public health in town. In Wrentham, the BoH is responsible for "...protecting groundwater from contamination, protecting private and public water supplies, ... enforcing DEP regulations on the disposal of wastewater (Title 5), enforcing EPA/DEP regulations on preventing pollution from air, water, solid waste and toxic wastes, enforcing regulations to control noise pollution and so on" (Board of Health, Town of Wrentham).

### Additional duties may include:

- Inspecting food service establishments;
- · Investigating public health complaints;
- Promoting public health education;
- Monitoring communicable diseases.

### **Candidates:**

# Fiske Library Board of Trustees

### 3-year term - 2 openings, 2 candidates 1-year term - 1 opening, 1 candidate

The Fiske Library Board of Trustees consists of six members, each elected for 3-year staggered terms.

The Trustees have custody of, and manage, the library and all property of the town related to the library. All funds and property that the town may receive by gift or bequest for library support or maintenance is administered by the Board in accordance with the gift or bequest. The Board of Trustees, subject to terms of the town charter, has all the other powers and duties given to the boards of library trustees under the constitution and laws and other powers authorized by the Town Charter, bylaw, or other town meeting vote.

### **Candidates:**

### 3-year Term

Mary Elizabeth Bernard (incumbent)

Judith R. Brown (incumbent)

### 1-year Term

Kristen Smith

## Mary Elizabeth Bernard

### Why are you running?

As a lifelong participant and proponent of Library services, I am dedicated to supporting the Fiske Public Library. I am committed to continue the work of the current Board of Trustees in policy development, community advocacy, and supporting the work of the Director and Staff in making this valuable community resource, the Fiske Public Library, the best that it can be.



#### Bio

Municipal Human Resources and Management professional with comprehensive experience in all aspects of human resources including labor relations, personnel administration, strategic planning, risk management, training and development, affirmative action, policy review/design, contract negotiations and employee relations.

#### **CURRENT ROLES**

Principal of HR Key Solutions Inc.; Part-Time Faculty Suffolk University, 2019- present

#### FORMER ROLES

Part-time Director of Human Resources, Town of Wrentham 2019- 2023; Assistant Town Manager, Town of Foxborough 2014-2019; Human Resources Director, Town of Westwood 2003-2014; Chairman of Massachusetts Municipal Personnel Association 2015 -2019; Presidential Member, Massachusetts Municipal Policy Committee on Labor Relations 2015-2019

#### **CREDENTIALS**

Certified SPHR, (Senior Professional in Human Resources) since 2008; Certified SHRM-SCP, (Society of Human Resources Management Senior Professional) since 2015; Graduate, Certificate in Municipal Leadership, Suffolk University, Highest Honors 2015; Certified Trainer, Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) 2011-present

## Judith R. Brown

### Why are you running?

The Fiske Library, a true diamond in the rough, has just begun a transition - with a new director. I helped begin that transition and I ask for your vote to continue guiding its evolution.

### Bio

Author Barbara Sher wrote that a "scanner" sees the world as an enormous candy store, wants to reach out... and stuff their pockets. What could be more multifaceted than a library - committed to presenting all viewpoints? For free!



After a degree in education, this scanner taught grade 5, then grade 6, then grade 7/8 math. I earned a Masters Degree in Guidance; a CAGS in Computers in Education.

My husband and I discovered Wrentham 48 years ago. Its open spaces were perfect. Our son, now 45, sought even more. He found them in Colorado with his wife and our 2 grandchildren.

After classroom teaching, I directed a professional licensure program, supervised teacher practicums, and became an executive function coach. Then COVID...

Three years ago, I asked Zoom call participants to consider voting for me as a write-in candidate for the Fiske Library Board of Trustees. I'm grateful they did.

## **Kristen Smith**

### Why are you running?

I'm running for Library Trustees because as a former librarian, I believe libraries are the cornerstone of a compassionate, thoughtful, and welleducated community. I want to work with the Library Trustees and the new Library Director to create a space Wrentham deserves; to expand the library's collections, services, and events so everyone has a space to feel welcome.



Instagram: @SmithForFiske

Bio

After earning my Master's in Library and Information Science, I held various positions serving communities through libraries including research intern, adult literacy instructor, and high school librarian. Working with teenagers was incredibly rewarding and I not only learned how libraries can better serve young adults but how libraries can be more accessible to individuals with learning differences. I look forward to the opportunity to bring this perspective to the Library Trustees and the Fiske Library.

My husband and I moved to Wrentham in 2018 and welcomed our son shortly thereafter. We've loved becoming members of Wrentham's close-knit community. In my short time here, I've also volunteered with the Metacomet Greenway Association, a non-profit working to create a 17-mile rail trail from Walpole to North Attleboro. As a family we enjoy hiking, reading, and playing board games.

I currently work from home for a small start-up oncology company.

### **Town Moderator**

### 1-year term - 1 opening, 1 candidate

The Town Moderator is an elected position and is subject to reelection every year.

The principal duties of the Moderator are to run Town Meeting and to appoint the Finance Committee.

Specifically, the Town Moderator presides over town meetings and ensures that they are conducted in an orderly manner, determines the outcomes of votes taken at the meeting and announces the results, certifies the results of the meeting and submits them to the town clerk, appoints election officers for town elections, and appoints members of the Finance Committee. The town moderator is critical to ensuring that town meetings are conducted in a fair and orderly manner.

### **Candidates:**

**Edward Goddard** 

### **Ed Goddard**

### Why are you running?

I am running for reelection as Moderator to continue my commitment to public service to Wrentham.

#### Bio

My name is Ed Goddard. I am currently the Town Moderator and have been the Moderator for 5 or 6 years. I have lived in Wrentham since 2001 – watching Vinatieri's kick to win the Patriots first Super Bowl on a milk crate in my empty living room. I have 3 children: Jack (25), Bryce (22) and Calvi (21).

Prior to being elected as Moderator, I have served as the Chair of the Wrentham Public Schools School Committee, Chair of the Board of Selectman, served as a Member of the KP School Committee and have been appointed to serve on several search committees for School Superintendent and Town Administrator. I was previously appointed and served as Chair on the Marra Property Reuse Committee and as a Member of the Sheldonville Fire Station Committee.

I was the Chair of the Wrentham 350th Anniversary Committee, was a former multi-year "celebrity" judge in the Dancing with Wrentham Stars event, and was a Founding Member and Board Member for W.E.S.T.

**LinkedIn Profile:** Edward Goddard

### **Board of Assessors**

### 3-year term - 1 opening, 2 candidates

The Board of Assessors consists of three members, each elected for 3-year staggered terms.

The Board of Assessors is responsible for assessing the value of all real and personal property within the Town of Wrentham. The Board of Assessors works to ensure that property is assessed at fair market value, and that taxes are levied uniformly and equitably. "The Assessor's responsibilities include the ongoing updating of our detailed parcel database via cyclical permit and sales inspections, processing motor vehicle excise tax abatements, personal exemptions, property abatements, chapter land, preparing abutters lists, name and address changes, updating parcel maps and GIS systems on a yearly basis, providing a public access terminal and providing parcel data to those who inquire" (Board of Assessors, Town of Wrentham).

### **Candidates:**

Thomas DiPlacido (incumbent)

Elizabeth Baczkowski

## Thomas DiPlacido

### Why are you running?

I have always believed that it is our responsibility to serve our community and while that can be through many different actions it is up to each one of us to decide how we may best accomplish that.

### Bio

When my children were young I coached their sports for many years, I then served on the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission and many other ad hoc committees when asked.

However, for well over ten years, I have felt that I may best serve the residents of Wrentham by being on the Board of Assessors. I bring knowledge of both Residential and Commercial Real Estate as well as a lifelong understanding of our community. By being Neutral and Fair, I believe I have served this position well and wish to continue to serve as an Assessor for the residents of Wrentham.

### Elizabeth Baczkowski

### Why are you running?

Having worked for the Town of Millis in the Assessor's office, I believe it would be a great opportunity to use the knowledge I've gained to serve my community.

#### Bio

My family and I have lived in Wrentham since 2017. My daughter graduated from KP. I have worked in Municipalities since 2016, and I am currently the Treasurer/Collector for the Town of Randolph. In my role as the Treasurer/Collector, I work together with the Town Assessor as our departments impact one another.

## **Housing Authority**

5-year term - 1 opening, 0 candidate

3-year term - 1 opening, 1 candidate

The Housing Authority consists of five commissioners, each serving for 5-year staggered terms. Four commissioners are elected by the voters and the fifth commissioner is appointed as provided in <u>section 5 of Chapter 121B</u> of the General Laws (e.g. one member of a housing authority shall be a tenant member appointed by the Select Board).

The Wrentham Housing Authority Housing manages and oversees public housing and affordable housing programs, ensuring that eligible individuals and families have access to safe and affordable housing options. It administers the Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AVHP), maintains and manages public housing developments, and works to address the housing needs of low-income elderly/disabled individuals and families in Wrentham.

**Candidates:** 

5-year Term

3-year Term

**Andrea Nardini Murphy** 

## **Andrea Nardini Murphy**

### Why are you running?

I am seeking a position on the Board of the Wrentham Housing Authority because I have personal experience with state public housing and a lengthy resume of serving on boards and committees which will help me meet the needs of this position.



### Bio

I have lived in Wrentham for 10 years and have a son in Wrentham public schools. I was a Marketing Officer at Middlesex Savings Bank where I created community relationships and developed a deeper understanding of financial needs. From there, I worked in sales and marketing at a high voltage testing, maintenance and engineering company, and now enjoy the benefits and challenges of being self-employed. I work with my husband, John, an electrical engineer and electrician, and a retired Major in the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

I am on the Board of the Wrentham PTO. I enjoy what this community has to offer and want to ensure we utilize the available resources to continue to thrive.

### **About Write-In Candidates**

A write-in candidate is not listed on the official ballot but asks voters to write their full name and address in the blank space provided for a particular office. Voters must physically write the name of the candidate and his or her address on the ballot rather than selecting a pre-printed name. Often, candidates will provide stickers with their names and addresses for voters to apply to a ballot.

A candidate who chooses to run for office as a write-in or sticker candidate should alert the town clerk in writing of his or her intent.

According to the Massachusetts' Secretary of State guide "How to run as a Write-In Candidate" "...if a voter misspells [the candidate's] name or address, the vote can still be counted, as long as the election worker can figure out the voter's intent" (How to Run as a Write-In Candidate, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts).

A write-in or sticker candidate must receive the highest number of votes in a contested or uncontested race to win the seat.