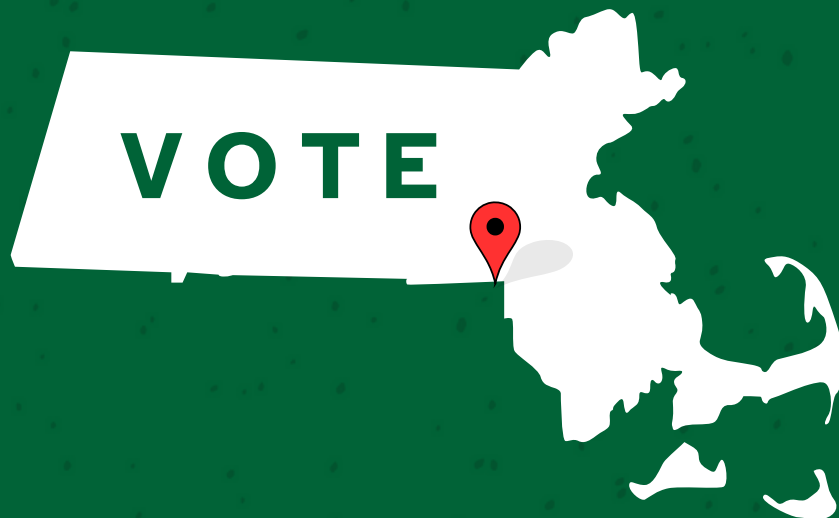


Wrentham Voter Guide

Election Day is Monday, April 3, 2023



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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 3rd, 2023 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

Most candidates 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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Annual Town Election

Wrentham's Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023 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 and the last day to register to vote will be on Friday, March 24, 2023 in the lobby of Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. As Town Hall is closed to the public on Fridays, residents should come to the main door and someone will assist you (on TD Bank side of the building).

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Cable 8 Candidates Forum 2023

Complete Cable 8 Candidates Forum 2023

Individual candidate clips are on the candidates' WVG website pages. Note that not all candidates elected to participate in the Cable 8 Candidates Forum.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/yptBJOxqQ-c>



Select Board

3-year term - 1 position open, 2 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:

Chris Doherty (candidate did not provide a response)

Michelle Rouse

Chris Doherty

This candidate did not respond to the Wrentham Voter Guide request for information.

Michelle Rouse

Why are you running?

I am running for Selectman to ensure Wrentham continues to be a healthy and thriving community, where we hold genuine respect for each other and for our town. I believe that when we come together, we can drive real change; for economic development, continued excellence in education, growth of town resources and promote programs for all our citizens.



Bio

I moved to Wrentham in 1998 with my husband Tim. We raised our three children who participated in town sports and programs and attended Wrentham Public Schools. Currently, our oldest son is an officer in the U.S. Navy and our two daughters attend Villanova University.

My dedication to community involvement spans my years of living in town. I have served on search committees for two school superintendents, town administrator and DPW supervisor. I was on the Wrentham School Committee and held the position of Vice Chair for eight years. I was a founding member and on the Board of Directors of Wrentham Elementary School Trust (WEST) and on the Capital Planning Board as the School Committee's liaison. I started Wrentham Angels, a volunteer organization which provides aid to residents in need. Currently, I am an appointed member of the Wrentham Housing Authority and a volunteer for the Wrentham 350th Celebrations.

Email, Website, Social Media, YouTube

mmrouse@comcast.net (email)

[Michelle Rouse for Wrentham Selectman](#) (website)

[Elect Michelle M. Rouse for Selectman](#) (Facebook)

[Michelle Rouse Candidate for Wrentham Selectmen](#) (YouTube video)

Wrentham Elementary School Committee

3-year term - 2 positions open, 3 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:

Veronica Gonzalez (incumbent & current chair)

Sheena Clutterbuck

Rebeckah Dawn Webber

Veronica Gonzalez

Why are you running?

As a current member of the Wrentham School Committee, I am running for re-election because I believe we have made great progress in fostering a positive, successful, and inclusive learning environment in a challenging post-pandemic world, but our work is not yet done. I want to continue collaborating with fellow school committee members to fine-tune our educational goals and policies to ensure they align with today's school vision, mission, and core values and that our Wrentham students receive the best possible education.



Website

[Re-Elect Veronica Gonzalez \(website\)](#)

Bio

A graduate of King Philip High School, I attended Assumption College and graduated with degrees in elementary education and social/rehabilitation services. I was actively involved as class president and a member of the tennis team. After graduating, I earned a M.Ed. in reading from Bridgewater State and then began my teaching career, gaining valuable experience at KP Middle School and Medfield and Sharon elementary schools.

After marrying my husband, an Air Force officer, we relocated to Arizona where I taught GED courses. In 2013, after he completed twenty years of active duty service, we settled in Wrentham with our three children who currently attend the Wrentham Public Schools. Over the years, I have volunteered for numerous boards, programs, and clubs that support fun, educational, and confidence-building activities for our children. For the last two years, I have had the privilege of serving as Chair of the Wrentham School Committee.

Sheena Clutterbuck

Why are you running?

I have decided to run for a seat on the Wrentham Elementary School Committee because of my desire to make a meaningful contribution to my school district, and my long held passion for the betterment of public education. I believe that my professional expertise, combined with my personal experience as a parent and former educator within the school district, provides me with a unique insight that would be beneficial to the school community.



Social Media

[Sheena Clutterbuck for Wrentham Elementary School Committee \(Facebook\)](#)

Bio

Sheena Clutterbuck, once known as Miss Frizzell, is a former Wrentham grade school teacher, with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She spent eight years educating through innovative and hands-on learning experiences for her 5th grade students. During that time, she gained tremendous support and recognition for her educational efforts within the school community, and was awarded Teacher of the Year by the United Regional Chamber of Commerce in 2013. After leaving her position to raise her two children, now 5 and 7 year-old students at the Delaney School, she served several years as a board member for the local chapter of the International Moms Club and her children's local preschool. Currently, Vice-President of the WEST foundation and committee member of the elementary PTO, Sheena is looking forward to having the opportunity to serve on the Wrentham Elementary School Committee.

Rebecka Webber

Why are you running?

I believe a well-rounded committee makes it far more approachable and brings up opinions and ideas that might not otherwise come up. For this reason, I would like to be a voice for those families who may not have the opportunity or courage to address their concerns due to different situations.

Email, Social Media

becka.webber23@gmail.com (email)

[Rebecka Webber for School Committee](#)
(Facebook)



Bio

My name is Rebecka Webber and I am running for a seat on the Wrentham Elementary School Committee. I am a mom to two magnificent little kids; one who will be attending kindergarten and one who will be entering his first year of preschool in the fall. We have lived in Wrentham for 8 years, though my husband grew up here and came back after transferring from the military. When we first moved back, I worked as an assistant in a local childcare center and absolutely loved watching them grow and discover. When we had plans to start our own family, plans shifted and I began working as an office manager for my husband's family company. We are rooted in this community, and like many others, would like to continue to see Wrentham be a great place to raise a family.

King Philip Regional School Committee

3-year term - 1 position open, 2 candidates

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:

Trevor Knott (incumbent & current chair)

Joe Cronin

Trevor Knott

Why are you running?

To do the work that needs to be done, for the students and families in our town of Wrentham.

Email

knottt@kingphilip.org (email)



Bio

Trevor is a 20+ year resident of Wrentham, where he and his wife Renee have raised their three children together. He is an active member and past-President of the Wrentham Lions Club, an active participant and past-Moderator of the Original Congregational Church, and coached for 18 years in the Wrentham Youth Baseball, Softball, and Soccer programs. Trevor currently serves on the Board at the Wrentham Co-Operative Bank, and as Chair of the King Philip School Committee. Having led the Committee during the immediate post-COVID period, Trevor strives to keep our students needs at the forefront of the district's strategic plan and decision-making at all times. Trevor is currently a Managing Partner at Infusion Marketing Group, serving community banking organizations nationwide with data-insights and accountable marketing services. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Furman University, and MBA from the University of Georgia.

Joseph Cronin

Why are you running?

I am running for School Committee because I have a great respect for each and every single hard working family in this community who entrust their children's development to our respective schools, despite any single difference in beliefs, and in values, all the while ensuring we are keeping schools a welcoming place for all who attend.

Encouraging family involvement, fostering healthy debate, asking tough questions, and strong lines of communication are an integral part to me, of ensuring that we are getting the most return for of our families investment while our children are enrolled in The King Phillip Regional School District.

Bio

- I Graduated from Braintree High School in 1999.
- Honorably Discharged from the United States Marines in 2003
- Columbia College, Columbia Mo, (Criminal Justice)
- Sworn into The Elevator Constructors Union, Boston. Over 19 years of Dedicated Service!
- I am happily married to my beautiful, loving wife Sarah, and father of two amazing children, Ledger (6) and Daphne (2).

Honor, Courage and Commitment! My Values!

My family and I love the outdoors and we believe constantly pushing the mind and body is the best way to see our potential. I believe everyday is a good day to make the next one better, and I firmly believe there's never too much time spent making memories. Leading by example! These beliefs are what spark me everyday to get out and advocate for strong community leadership and to remind parents that we are the true role models to our kids! Semper Fi!



Social Media

[Joe Cronin For King Philip School Committee \(Facebook\)](#)

Planning Board

3-year term - 2 positions open, 2 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:

Charles "Chuck" Woodhams (incumbent)

Robert English (write-in candidate)

Charles Woodhams

Why are you running?

I'm running for reelection because I think the board as currently composed is a good group that keeps the best interests of residents first and foremost in our minds. We try to strike a balance between the need for reasonable commercial development and the wellbeing of residents. I was on the board from 2001-2004 and chose not to run again at that time and in the ensuing years as the makeup of the board changed, I believe some of that balance was lost. My goal is to try to guide the inevitable development of the town in a direction that best serves the residents, who ultimately have to live with whatever is left behind. There are some key areas that I believe will be developed in the next several years that will set the tone for the vision of the town, and I want to be part of the process to encourage the very best projects we can.

Bio

- Lifelong Wrentham resident, both parents also lifelong residents
- Graduated King Philip Regional High School
- Attended Modern School of Music, Providence RI
- Employed in long term care pharmacy industry

Rob English

Why are you running?

I believe that my 48 years of professional work in the chemical industry, and 34 of those years founding and running a wholesale distribution business that employs area residents, puts me in a unique position to serve constructively on the Wrentham Planning Board. I recognize that we need appropriate development to continue to thrive as a community, but that development cannot be such that it outruns our infrastructure and long-term objectives as a community.

Bio

We moved our family from Franklin to Wrentham 25 years ago and live at 1351 West Street. We moved to Wrentham because of the character of the community; we have beautiful open spaces, farms, and lakeside living that has defined our town for 350 years. I'm no stranger to volunteer service and take the responsibility seriously. If elected, I will immerse myself in the planning board duties and by-laws and I will work hard to be a contributing member of the Planning Board. I am not a rubber stamp and will work to balance compliance with our by-laws and sensible growth for our community. I want to help and give back to the community that has given my family so many great things.

- 2 adult children and 1 granddaughter
- Current Board member on 3 non-profit boards
- USRowing referee
- Antique truck enthusiast

Write-In Info

Rob English

1351 West St

YouTube Video, Email

[Rob English write-in candidate for Wrentham Planning Board](#) (video link)

RobEnglishPlanningBoard@gmail.com
(email)

Board of Health

3-year term - 1 position open, 2 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:

George Smith (incumbent & current chair)

Dr. Randall Ferrell

George Smith

Why are you running?

I love Wrentham and get great joy out of helping others. The purpose of the Board of Health is to protect the health, safety, welfare, and the environment for the community. Therefore, I feel this is a good fit for me. I know the feeling one goes through when they need help and as a prior EMT, I have experienced those feelings and joy in helping and saving lives. When you hear cries for help, help them or get help, just as you would want for your loved ones.

Bio

Hello, my name is George Smith, and I am a candidate for re-election to the Board of Health for a three-year term. I have had the honor of serving as a Vice Chairman of a Select Board, Chairman of the Planning Board, member of the Conservation Committee and am now serving as Chairman of your Board of Health. Many voters have given me their vote of trust in prior elections, I have always stayed true to family, friends and citizens of Wrentham. I am requesting your vote on Monday, April 3rd, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wrentham Elementary School, 120 Taunton Street.

Thank you! See you at the polls!

God Bless America!

Dr. Randall Ferrell

Why are you running?

I am running for a seat on the Wrentham Public Board of Health for the following reasons:

I am retired now and have time to devote to a community that I have come to love. It is my pleasure and duty to the 12,000 residents of this community to provide them with my many years (37) of experience working in public health. I want to continue to serve and make Wrentham the best community in MA to live, raise a family, and work.



Social Media

[Dr. Randall Ferrell for Wrentham Board of Health \(Facebook\)](#)

Bio

Hello, my name is Dr. Randall Ferrell. I am proudly running for the position on Wrentham Board of Public Health.

I have lived in the Wrentham community for ten years. I am a practicing Chiropractic Physician DC.

I am licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Chiropractors for the last 37 years. I am also a Doctor of Naturopathy, ND. I have had a very successful practice of serving my community for 37 years. I include many therapies in my practice such as nutritional counseling, Functional Medicine, Functional Chiropractic Neurology and Rehabilitation protocols.

My Chiropractic training not only included the health and wellbeing of the individual but the public health of the community for a safe living environment.

Fiske Library Board of Trustees

3-year term - 2 positions open, 2 candidates

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, by-law, or other town meeting vote.

Candidates:

Honora Rainville

Dyan Rook

Honora Rainville

Why are you running?

I feel the library is an integral part of the town and I believe the services made available are important. As policy makers for the library, the Board of Trustees have the task of assisting the director to have a strong library with many services for the town. I wish to be part of that process.

Bio

Last year I ran for the 1 year position on the Library Board of Trustees as a write-in candidate and am now running for a full 3 year term. I have enjoyed my first year on the board and would like to continue as a way to give back to the town.

I have been a resident of Wrentham for almost 48 years. I have a Master's degree in Mathematics and taught for over 20 years.

Over the years I was a member of the Holly Club for 45 years and served/volunteered in various capacities for town organizations/boards including Wrentham School Committee and the Food Pantry in addition to the Library Board of Trustees.

I would appreciate your vote on April 3, 2023.

Dyan Rook

Why are you running?

Due to the retirement of our long time director, we will be searching for a replacement and I will look forward to new ideas and possibilities. In order to keep the library relevant, I will be an advocate for adequate funding for services, personnel and increased hours. The library should be a community center for a wide range of multi-generational opportunities, both educational and recreational.



Bio

My husband and I moved to Wrentham 43 years ago. When I retired after 34 years of teaching art in public schools, I ran for the position of library trustee and have enjoyed serving on the board since. Libraries have always been an enjoyable part of my life. I worked in libraries throughout high school and college and later as a research assistant in the library of the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. Over the years, libraries have become not just a repository for books. At the Fiske we offer a multitude of services. You can renew your passport, borrow a metal detector from the Library of Things, take a yoga class, enjoy children and adult programs and much more. If you haven't been to the library in a while, come check out a book and see what the Fiske has to offer: <https://fiskelib.org/>.

Town Moderator

1-year term - 1 position open, 1 candidate

The Town Moderator is an elected position and is subject to re-election 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

LinkedIn Profile

Edward 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 am the current 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.

Board of Assessors

3-year term - 1 position open, 0 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:

Constable

2-year term - 1 position open, 1 candidate

The Office of the Constable consists of three members, each elected for 2-year staggered terms.

The Office of the Constable is a law enforcement position with specific duties and responsibilities. Responsibilities include serving civil and criminal processes, such as summonses, subpoenas, and warrants; executing writs of attachment; enforcing local bylaws. The constables also "serve all warrants and other processes directed to them by the board of selectmen for notifying of town meetings or for other purposes" (Chapter 116, An Act Establishing a Charter for the Town of Wrentham).

Candidates:

Peter Tullock (write-in candidate)

Peter Tullock

Why are you running?

I chose to run for Constable because of my desire to make a meaningful contribution to the community.

If elected, I feel that I can make an important contribution to the integrity of our town.

Write-In Info

Peter Tullock

930 West St

Email

pjtrestitution@hotmail.com (email)

Bio

I was born and raised in Walpole, MA and attended North Bennett Street School in Boston where I studied Furniture Making. I went on to work in the antique restoration business for several years before opening my own shop in 1999.

I have lived in Wrentham for 21 years along with my wife and two daughters.

I am an active member of the Board of Trustees at Pond Home for the past decade, as well as a member of the Finance Committee at Pond Home/Pond Meadow.

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.