

## ***Public Questions Submitted for WE Candidates Forum 2026***

<b><i>General (For any or all Boards)</i></b>
What measurable goal do you plan to strive for if elected this term? What specific steps do you plan to take in the first 6 months to get closer to this goal?
I believe in fostering independence in children, which is hard to do when existing sidewalks are unsafe and don't connect our recreation complex to their school without having to rely on a car. What are your plans to ensure that there is safe, buffered side walk between our schools and our recreation complexes?
Why is it allowed for elected officials to conduct business by Zoo? Select Board and others should meet in person and have the public be able to be there. Request immediate return to in person. Pandemic is over.
Select board and other candidates - Why not meet in person? The pandemic is over and public officials should be allowing the electorate in person access instead of avoiding accountability.
Is there enough cross-board communication and coordination? How would you improve on that?
<b><i>Select Board</i></b>
You have said you support open space but during the last two town meetings you have voted against the town acquiring open space for conservation and to improve public access to open space. Why are you speaking out two sides of your mouth?
How are you working with our state rep and senator to address the dangerous traffic patterns in our town center with Rt 140 and Rt 1A? We have had traffic studies completed in the past that have gathered dust with no follow through. What would you do to move forward an initiative like this that would have real life positive impact on our town? Do you plan to collaborate with the state to get these vital needs met? Or will you follow the isolationist agenda of the current board and use taxpayer money for superfluous litigation like they did with MBTA communities?
Every member of our current Selectboard is a member of the Republican Town Committee. How will you ensure you are voting for the Towns best interest rather than an ideologically driven agenda?
The current Selectboard voted to sell town-owned land to a developer at the Wampum Corner site and now we have a huge gravel pit eyesore that any visitor who comes to the outlets would drive past in order to get to our town center. Wrentham has three gravel pit operations that send giant trucks that shake houses on main streets. Will you vote in favor of keeping Town land in the town or will you follow the lead of existing other select board members and claim to "love and support open space" and then vote against it over and over again?

Knowing what we know now, would you have voted differently at Dec 2024 town meeting regarding MBTA Zoning or do you still believe a no vote and lawsuit was the correct action?

I'm worried that Chris Gallo is defining Wrentham's future. As chair, he introduces each topic, leads questioning on each topic, and does both in a manner that telegraphs his position. The outcome? Unanimous alignment. Does your voice matter? If it does matter, what will you do to enhance your effectiveness?

In a national climate that is becoming more and more politically divided, how will you work as a Select Board member to ensure you are making decisions that are what is best for the community as a whole which is made up of residents from diverse viewpoints versus making decisions or voting based on your own personal bias?

How do you justify spending close to \$200K on a virtually unwinnable law suit against the State (who has unlimited resources, by the way) when it was proven time and time again that towns were losing the court battles regarding MBTA? We have so many needs for this town that could have used the \$200K.

And, in the same breath the SB has been so quick to chastise other boards for possibly even remotely opening the town up to a lawsuit (ex: Conservation Commission and the solar panels 2022). How do you justify the appearance that it is OK for the SB to file lawsuits and spend town money that way, but other boards making decisions that they too feel is in the best interest of the town get chastised for even a hint of a possible lawsuit?

When will you go back to in-person meetings insteadt of Zoom?

(DPW) Need to lower mounds of snow, can't see around the mounds/corners.

Why are select board still meetingsby Zoom. So exclusive. What are you hiding from.

I think meetings should be at Town Hall - not Zoom.

### ***Planning Board***

### ***WPS Committee***

Most candidates state that they "support" parents, students and teachers. Can you please define your definition of "support" and how that impacts your voting for or against policies and budgetary line items?

I believe an important part of representing the best interests of children starts with staying humble as adults. Can you please give an example of a time when, as an adult, you apologized to a child and tell us how you took accountability for your behavior?

Parents worry about a lot of different things and sometimes mask opinions as facts. For example "I'm afraid 'woke' teachers will indoctrinate my children." How do you tell the difference between a worry that is based in no evidence versus a problem that needs to be addressed with a concrete solution?

How will you ensure all students and families feel safe in WPS?

Why is a new school necessary and not an update. The school may need updates but not complete construction of costly materials.

I'm worried about AI - I've seen students turn in homework produced by AI. I'm worried that students will not learn how to think, how to reason, how to critically assess information. At the same time, AI is a tool. What AI policies do you think teachers and students should adopt?

I'm worried about sleep - what policies do you think the school should adopt to encourage sleeping?

I'm worried about play time / down time - I'm aware that the school day is largely directed by state policy, which has resulted in significant decreases in group play / down time. Does it matter? And if so, what do you think should be done about?

***KPRSD Committee***

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***Library Board of Trustees***

I'm worried about cuts in Federal support of libraries that have already taken place and about future cuts. What do you propose to do to secure new funding to at least cover the loss of that revenue?

***Board of Assessors***

***Board of Health***

I'm worried that board members coordinate on topics before the board in a manner that complies with Open Meeting rules - specifically, Member 1 speaks with Member 2, then Member 1 speaks with Member 3. This enables Member 1 to secure a majority while complying with Open Meeting. First, do you engage in that practice? And second, does it concern you, do you think the practice is taking place? If so, what do you propose to do?