

2025 Candidates Forum Questions

1. Opening Round – Each Candidate will be asked this question (3 minute responses):

What goals and strategies from the Wrentham 2030 Master Plan do you think need to be addressed and implemented over your potential term in office, and how can you and your office or board affect that?

➤ (Additional information regarding the Master Plan is provided below.)

2. Target Round – The following questions were submitted by Wrentham residents. They were aligned to specific offices or boards as indicated. Candidates will only be asked the question as aligned to their board or office (3 minute responses):

Select Board

Will you be willing to vote against the popular majority on something you feel strongly about?

Planning Board

Please provide your view on the MBTA Act, recent updates/changes, and which direction you believe is best for the town and why.

Board of Assessors

Rising taxes in the State are hitting businesses and residents, provide your insights and perspective on how you believe those should be balanced in Wrentham.

Board of Health

What do you see as the biggest issue the Board of Health is facing in Wrentham in the upcoming years?

Moderator

During the last special town meeting, members of the public and certain committee members were disrespectful and demeaning to several speakers. How will you ensure that you create a safe and respectful space in future town meetings so that all viewpoints can be heard without name-calling?

Wrentham School Committee

What is your experience with public schools? Have you attended School Committee meetings or spent time in our schools?

Library Board of Trustees

I find myself frequenting the Franklin library with my littles over ours, not due to its aesthetics, but due to its availability of activities. How would you improve the community's engagement with the library?

Wrentham Housing Authority

What would be your biggest issue to tackle with both New Emerald and Garden Lane in your term? Would you consider more community outreach in order to achieve these issues if possible?

Constables

A constable comes with a considerable amount of entrusted power. Will you serve the community lawfully and justly to the best of your ability?

Town Clerk

As an elected representative for our town, you will be representing the entire community. How do you go about keeping a pulse on the town to get a feel for what this community needs/wants? How are you involved in the community outside of politics?

If time permits, the Facilitator will ask additional questions that have been submitted by residents. As these questions are not being provided ahead of time, they will not be directed to any particular candidate, and thus they may be answered on a volunteer basis.

3. Wrap Up – Each candidate will be asked one of the following questions (3 minute responses)

- If you are currently an elected or appointed official, what accomplishment over the past three years by your body is the most significant or impactful, and how did you contribute to that?
- If this is the first office you are seeking, what accomplishment of any organization you are part of (to include your occupation) is an indicator of what you can contribute to the office you are seeking?

Master Plan Information

Wrentham's 2030 Master Plan was completed over two years ago. It contains 8 goal topic areas, 32 individual goals, and over 200 strategies supporting the goals. It can be found at the following link:

<https://www.mapc.org/resource-library/wrentham-master-plan/>

For anyone unfamiliar with this document, a good starting point is the listing of the eight goal topic areas and supporting strategies listed within the Executive Summary on pages 7 and 8. Additional details can then be found for each goal topic area in the chapters that follow.

Some of these goals relate directly to individual boards or offices and some do not. In answering the question, candidates should feel free to reference any goal or strategy of their liking regardless of whether or not there is a direct relationship with the board or office you are running for.