

## Candidates

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### Michael White-Democrat



My name is Michael White. I am married with two grown sons, Jeremy and Lyam.

I spent three years in the U.S.

Army and retired in October 1970 due to disabilities incurred in Vietnam. Upon discharge, I returned to college and received my degree in English.

My wife, Lee, our youngest son, Jeremy, and I have lived in Jamestown since 1990.

From June 1974, until my retirement in 2005, I was a federal employee with the US Department of Veterans Affairs. My main job with the VA was to provide customer service and referral activities as a benefits counselor and then supervising all public contact for the VA Regional Office, Providence.

I am former chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Central Baptist Church. I am a member of the Disabled American Veterans and have worked in the past with many independent living centers to assist the disabled in their assimilation into our society. I am a member of the Planning Commission.

Our community is faced with many challenges.

To keep our community young, vibrant and beautiful, we must find a balance between development and development dangers, between

ever growing property values and properties that can be afforded by our children and grandchildren.

We must insure that our children and grandchildren can get a quality education at a reasonable price.

I welcome the challenge of assisting the many businesses in Jamestown that are not accessible to the disabled to become so without damaging the very special atmosphere of our community.

### Ellen Windsor-Independent



My goal overall for Jamestown is an economically thriving community composed of people of all ages and means who will call James-

town home.

I am 53 years old. My BA from Wells College, magna cum laude in economics, 25 years of private stock analysis and financial planning examinations, provide the background for me, as town councilor, to analyze the budget, investigate new income sources, search for debt containment options, all concerns now and in the future.

I have taken courses in architecture at RISD, urban preservation at Roger Williams University, and participated in a Keds sneaker factory conversion to affordable senior housing. These skills can serve as tools to reckon with Jamestown's affordable housing concerns, my second issue.

My background as a supervisor and clinical instructor of the respiratory therapy department at Beth Is-

rael, Harvard Teaching Hospital, as well as my background in economics, makes me particularly aware that this island's water supply, which guides our health and our economy, must be protected to secure our homes and businesses for the future, my third greatest concern.

The expertise of our citizenry, on a volunteer level, will be sought to add to discussions and solutions. The people's right to address their government will be open, responsive and protected.

My husband, Dr. David Coppe, and I have lived in Jamestown for 22 years, in the village over Ken's barbershop, on Hamilton Avenue and now on East Shore Road.

We lived in Boston, London, England and Skaneateles, NY, in the Finger Lakes, before settling in Jamestown. Our sweet beagle, Coco, shares her home with us.

### Stoeckle to be honored by Prout

The Prout School will hold their 4th annual Hall of Fame induction on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Laurel Lane Country Club.

Among the inductees is Jamestown resident Lynn Stoeckle.

Stoeckle is the parent of two recent Prout graduates and worked ceaselessly as president of the Prout Parent Council to develop and strengthen the school. Much of what that group, now known as Parents for Education at Prout (PEP), does is based on Stoeckle's efforts and ideas for creating a cohesive community that appreciates the hard work of faculty, staff, and administration, while also helping to raise funds for the school to ensure its successful future.

## Vision

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survey to use at the work session. The questionnaire has been available online, and also in hard copy at the planning office. Leaver gleaned 10 topics, all related to the village, and presented them to the audience of about 90 residents.

Leaver noted surprise at the seemingly sudden emergence of artists who spoke up for the first time at the vision workshop. Of 72 completed surveys, not one snapshot of artists was mentioned by any participant. "There's an incredible presence of artists here," Leaver said. "Artists are woven into the fabric of the island."

Leaver also noted satisfaction that Jamestown has begun talking publicly about sustainable energy and how it fits into the island's future. He mentioned that Martha's Vineyard has worked with the idea of becoming sustainable for a while. "It's exciting to hear people on Jamestown beginning to talk about it," Leaver added.

Sandy Sorlien, a form-based zoning code specialist and longtime island resident, advised the audience that the form of the community matters. "The form you choose has a tremendous impact on open space," she said.

Many of the participants were notably older. Some voiced support for zero growth. Others supported increased density in the village to support affordable housing. A question that emerged from the evening was, "What happens to young people?"

Town Planner Lisa Bryer reminded those present that the fi-

nal outcome of the public project would be an updated zoning ordinance. "That's why we're here," she said.

Glass-blowing artist Jennifer Clancy thought the evening was great. She mentioned an island map which highlighted places where artists thrive. "The map speaks for itself," she said.

Karen Krider, president of the Conanicut Island Art Association, brought and displayed the map as evidence of a strong artist presence here. She noted 170 artists and artisans that live and work on the island, calling them "an important economic factor."

Clancy commented that very few people, less than 100 in a population of over 5,000, had responded to the survey as of yet. She hoped supporters of the art community would offer input. Clancy also expressed hope that the Conanicut Island Art Association would continue to participate with the town charrette. "If people don't participate, they'll miss out on a big part of it (the town planning)."

Architect Donald Powers emphasized the extensive community outreach his team was conducting. The week of the charrette, Oct. 15 to 19, the consultants will set up a studio downtown for anyone to stop in, see the process, and offer input. Powers called out for special interest groups to speak up, noting people from fire and safety organizations as an example. "We're going to be on display like monkeys in a zoo," he joked in a verbal invitation to the temporary office.

## An evening of adventure for all ages: a live concert with Walkin' Jim Stoltz.

The Land Trust invites you and your entire family to an evening with the famous Walkin' Jim Stoltz.

The multimedia show combines original music, stories and photography that celebrates a love of nature and reflects Jim's experiences along his 26,000 mile hike through America. He has crossed the continent from coast to coast. He has walked from Mexico to Canada, from Yellowstone to the Yukon, and from high in the Arctic to the canyons of Utah.

The performance is more than a concert. It is a journey into our nation's last wild places.

The event is free and designed for all ages, young and old. (Parents are encouraged to join their children.)

Admission, while free, is first come, first serve so please arrive early.



Walkin' Jim's national  
Forever Wild tour at the  
Jamestown Rec Center,  
Saturday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.



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