

WE NEED YOU...

BECAUSE WOODBURY NEEDS YOU!

Woodbury values and preserves its past, but depends for its future on all of us who enjoy the good fortune to live here. Our country setting, quality schools, classic New England charm, and town-meeting government are the rock-solid foundation of the town.

Our challenge is to protect, uphold, and improve on Woodbury's historic foundation. Our goal is to meet that challenge by striving for and actively participating in a sound, sensitive, modern town government. We invite you to join with us, the Woodbury Democrats, by adding your talent, energy and experience to ours to help build a successful future for Woodbury.



Yes, I would like to get more involved with the Woodbury Democratic Town Committee!

My contact information:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Please clip and mail to: Woodbury DTC
PO Box 1137
Woodbury, CT 06798

... or sign up on our website at www.woodburydems.org!

WOODBURY DEMOCRATS

TOWN COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

- Elect highly qualified Democratic candidates at all levels
- Improve public knowledge about important town-wide issues
- Significantly increase community involvement in government
- Promote the exchange of ideas, opinions and information
- Support the state and national Democratic Party

TOGETHER,
BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY



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THE WOODBURY DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

A GREEN FUTURE

We believe that the Woodbury of tomorrow begins today. Its blueprint, Woodbury's *Plan of Development and Conservation*, can help us secure what we enjoy now—and enhance it for future residents. To preserve the Best of Woodbury for generations to come, we must

- **regulate** land use boldly, yet realistically
- **inviolably protect** our open space, ridgelines, aquifer and water quality
- **enforce** fair, effective regulations
- **encourage** creative partnerships for open space acquisition and preservation

A SOUND FINANCIAL FUTURE

We believe that to ensure a sound financial future for Woodbury, fiscal responsibility must complement the *Plan of Development and Conservation*. Our operating and capital budgets must reflect the needs and resources of our fellow residents. To accomplish this, we need

- **prudent budgets** based on realistic estimates of revenues and expenses
- **affordable property taxes**, assessed and collected fairly
- **accountability and cost-effectiveness** throughout our town government

WHAT WE BELIEVE

A BETTER BUSINESS FUTURE

We believe that to preserve Woodbury's unique character, business development must always enhance what we pass on to future residents, while reflecting the vision of past generations. This requires:

- **environmentally sound** business development
- **even-handed** land use regulations
- **carefully planned** commercial zones
- **responsible support** for agriculture and other environmentally-sensitive businesses

A POSITIVE EDUCATION FUTURE

We believe that to maintain our well-regarded Regional School District #14, and to guarantee its improvement to meet the future needs of the children of Woodbury and Bethlehem, everyone must strive to achieve

- **constructive participation** in and support of education by all residents
- **sound management** of education budgets
- **intelligent planning** and aggressive quality goals for education

We believe that Woodbury's future depends on all of us. We believe that our leadership and your support will assure the Best of Woodbury for all of Woodbury — today and for tomorrow.

WHO WE ARE

WOODBURY DEMOCRATS

Membership on the Democratic Town Committee (DTC) is open to all registered Democrats in the Town of Woodbury. We invite all Democrats and unaffiliated voters to attend our regularly scheduled meetings, held at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of each month at the Shove Building Conference Room. Come to learn more about our participation in and sponsorship of community-wide programs such as the Woodbury Scholarship Fund, the Washington DC Interns program, the Adopt-a-Road clean-up program, and other activities.

OUR TOWN GOVERNMENT

Woodbury's citizen-centered town meeting form of government is the enduring legacy of our colonial roots. The Town Meeting functions as our local legislature, and guarantees government by the governed, the bedrock of any democracy. At least two town meetings are conducted each year. The town budget is reviewed prior to a referendum in May. The Board of Selectmen, our executive branch, presents the town's Annual Report in November. Active voter participation in this historic form of government is encouraged, so that all voices count, just as they have from the founding of the town.

Much of the governance of Woodbury is conducted by volunteer boards and commissions, elected or appointed, with members nominated by the major political parties. Balanced representation is ensured by the Woodbury Town Charter and the General Statutes of Connecticut. As with town meetings, active participation is essential to preserving the effectiveness of town boards and commissions. The Town Clerk's office posts public notices of the times, places, and agendas for all board and commission meetings, and publishes minutes afterward. Meetings are open to all.

