



Old Lyme Republican Town Committee

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Old Lyme Republican Town Committee Announces Candidates for 2023 Municipal Election

John Mesham and Judith Read Lead 2023 Slate

Old Lyme — Tonight at their Caucus, the Old Lyme Republican Town Committee voted in their slate of candidates for the upcoming 2023 municipal election.

“Our candidates are all people with extensive and relevant experience for the offices for which they are running. Our committee is proud to endorse them. These candidates were selected because they each have proven track records of public service and community involvement,” said RTC Chairman Randy Nixon.

Leading the slate of candidates for the position of First Selectman is retired State Trooper **John Mesham**, a 30-year resident of Old Lyme. “I am thrilled by the enthusiastic support of my fellow Republicans,” said Mesham. “I have received many calls of encouragement from unaffiliated voters since announcing my intention to run, so I look forward to a wide base of support in the campaign and election.”

Selectman Candidate **Judith Read** said, “I thank the Old Lyme RTC for endorsing my candidacy for Selectman! It is humbling to receive such ardent support from my friends, family, and community. I look forward to representing and serving all people of Old Lyme as we help to lead our small town to a positive and exciting future.”

After deciding not to run for a tenth term, longtime Republican First Selectman Timothy Griswold declared, “We have a great slate of candidates and I feel confident I will be leaving Old Lyme in good hands with the Mesham and Read team at the helm. I know they are committed to fiscal responsibility, excellence in education, and protecting the natural beauty of our town.”

Selectman Matthew Ward, an unaffiliated but Republican-endorsed candidate, decided to not seek reelection after taking a new job opportunity in his trained profession of accounting. Ward is, however, running for the position of Town Treasurer. “I wanted to stay involved with the town and Treasurer gives me that opportunity while exercising my accounting education,”

said Ward, also a retired State Trooper. “I worked with John Mesham for many years and I know his leadership and management will be a great benefit to Old Lyme.”

The full slate of 2023 Republican candidates:

First Selectman: John Mesham

Selectman: Judith Read

Town Treasurer: Matthew Ward (U)

Tax Collector: Suzanne Thompson

Board of Finance: H. Perry Garvin III

Board of Finance Alternates: Maria Corrao Marchant and Matthew F. Olson

Board of Assessment Appeals: David W. Evers, Jr.

Planning Commission (Term Begins 2023): Barbara Gaudio

Planning Commission (Term Begins 2024): Donald Willis

Zoning Commission (Term Begins 2023): Paul Orzel (U)

Zoning Commission (Term Begins 2024): Tammy Tinnerello

Zoning Board of Appeals (Term Begins 2023): Dan Montano

Zoning Board of Appeals (Term Begins 2024): Nancy Hutchinson (U)

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates: Roderick Clingman, Peter Lucchese, Brian Cole (U)

Regional Board of Education: Steven Wilson, Suzanne Thompson, Michael Presti