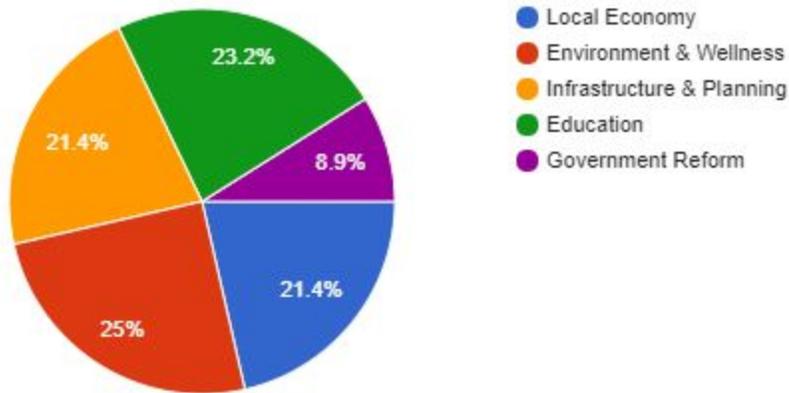


Waterford Green Party Post-Election Survey Results

November 12-19, 2017

1. Which component of our platform is most important to you?



2. Local Economy: Which of the following platform points are most important to you? (Select 1-2)

- Ensuring the town maintains a balanced budget: 56.9%
- Plan and create a welcoming “downtown” commercial center in Waterford: 48.3%
- Incentivizing the creation of new small business: 39.7%
- Working to remove potentially carcinogenic materials from our municipal water source: 39.7%

3. Environment & Wellness: Which of the following platform points are most important to you? (Select 1-3)

- Creating more financial incentives for residents and businesses to utilize micro-generation solar power: 41.1%
- Finding ways to set aside more undeveloped lands to preserve for posterity: 41.1%
- Considering the use of more eco-friendly materials in new infrastructure projects: 37.5%
- Exploring possible ways of curbing local tick populations: 35.7%
- Creating more strict legislation about the use of fertilizers and pesticides near our town's wetlands and waterways: 30.4%
- Examining policies to help slow the rate of coastal erosion: 26.8%
- Banning hydraulic fracturing waste from being carried through, deposited, or stored within the town's limits: 19.6%
- Implementing a small tax on single-use plastic shopping bags: 17.9%
- Discouraging pollution by making penalties steeper: 12.5%

4. Infrastructure & Planning: Which of the following platform points are most important to you? (Select 1-3)

- Advocating for moving power lines underground to avoid storm damage: 51.7%
- Exploring the possibility of creating more bike lanes and sidewalks around town: 48.3%
- Investing in the redesign and reconstruction of roads that are dangerous due to their condition: 44.8%
- Repairing the Oswegatchie Firehouse: 41.4%
- Promoting greater accessibility to all town properties and services: 27.6%
- Utilizing permeable pavements for all roadways and other paved surfaces to minimize the environmental impact of our infrastructure: 22.4%

5. Education: Which of the following platform points are most important to you? (Select 1-3)

- Encouraging the expansion of our schools' vocational programs as a means of providing hands-on learning opportunities and pathways for students interested in pursuing trades and technical careers: 66.7%
- Promoting policies to help Waterford schools move away from standardized testing and teaching to the test: 61.4%
- Emphasizing the need for greater discussion regarding social/emotional health and wellness of our students: 47.4%
- Requesting that one or two current students be elected to represent student interests at each Board of Education meeting in a non-voting capacity: 35.1%
- Supporting student-centered, personalized learning: 22.8%
- Working towards regionalization with other local school systems: 14.0%
- Supporting greater instructional use of technology for all students and educators: 12.3%

6. Governmental Reform: Which of the following platform points are most important to you? (Select 1-3)

- Prioritizing transparency and increasing methods of communications to ensure that town activities can be easily found by the public: 69.1%
- Promote town meetings and vacancies on boards and commissions more publicly: 49.1%
- Instating rank-choice voting in town elections to ensure that candidates with the most widespread support will win out in a fair election process: 41.8%
- Encouraging the town to televise or otherwise livestream all town meetings: 34.5%
- Providing citizens with greater opportunities to meet with elected representatives: 30.9%

7. Other ideas given for changing the town included:

**Ideas presented in this section that were redundant with ideas presented in our platform were not included below.*

- Pushing back school start times for middle and high school students to reduce exhaustion and optimize learning.
- Increase the number and variety of programs offered by Recreation and Parks.
- Publicize summer concerts and revitalize Waterford Week.
- Advocate for off-site long-term storage of nuclear waste from Millstone.
- Resolve the development of Seaside so that the waterfront is preserved for public use.
- Consider having a place at the transfer station to leave items that can be reused by others, such as children's play equipment or furniture.
- Make it illegal to release helium balloons into the air as part of a tribute, celebration, or other festivity.
- Change the way the town ballot lists candidates (not by party).
- Making mental health a priority.
- Additional thought given to the environmental impacts and vision aspect of new businesses/shopping areas and construction projects (e.g. Evergreen Walk in South Windsor).
- 24-hour fire protection.
- Doing more to help the poor.
- More community-wide events.
- Freeze property taxes for senior citizens over 70 years old who have lived in town for more than 15 years.
- More community gardens, with a focus on bee-friendly flowers.
- It would be nice to have a welcoming group/committee of sorts for newcomers. It could promote community and increase a newcomer's knowledge of town happenings.

8. Opinion on Taxes:

- I may be willing to raise taxes, but I wish the government would look for other ways to increase revenue before doing so: 47.4%
- I would be willing to raise taxes to preserve some town services, but there are others I believe should be cut back: 24.6%
- Willing to raise taxes to preserve all town services: 14.0%
- I would not be willing to raise taxes to preserve town services: 10.5%
- Other: 3.6%
 - "I'm not sure, but I do like the plastic bag tax."
 - I am willing to pay more in taxes, but some people don't need to be paid as much".