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Taxpayer Group to Conduct Candidate Interviews

Westford, Mass. – March 31, 2008 – The Westford Taxpayers Association (WTA) will conduct both written and in-person interviews with candidates who are competing for two open positions on Westford’s Board of Selectmen in the town’s annual election scheduled for May 6, 2008. In the written section, candidates will be asked about rules and procedures guiding municipal government. The in-person segment of the interview will use questions submitted by voters. In-person interviews will be recorded and an audiocast will be available at WTA’s website (www.westfordtaxpayers.org) for easy access by Westford voters. The WTA interviews have been designed to complement other candidate-familiarity forums that already exist.

“It would have been great if all candidates could participate in these interviews,” said WTA president Diane Weir, “however, I understand and respect the reasons given for not participating. In this important election, I’ll be looking at all information available to evaluate my choices and encourage others to do so as well.” Invitations to participate were extended to all four candidates and replies were received. Candidates Kelly Ross and Valerie Wormell have agreed to participate in both the written and in-person interviews; candidate Robert McCusker will participate in the written interview, but declined the in-person interview; and candidate Kirk Ware has declined to participate in both the written and in-person interviews.

About the Westford Taxpayers Association

The Westford Taxpayers Association is a non-partisan, all-volunteer organization dedicated to promoting cost-effective, efficient, and open government in Westford, Mass. The group exists to benefit all Westford, Massachusetts residents and taxpayers and represents every category of taxpayer in the town. The association's website (www.westfordtaxpayers.org) offers relevant information to Westford taxpayers and includes a mechanism for website visitors to anonymously report abuses of taxpayer money. The association exists as a private civic organization under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Service code. The Westford Taxpayers Association's continuing efforts are made possible by voluntary contributions, which are the association's primary source of revenue.

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