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### **Press release from the Woodbury Democratic Town Committee**

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**Woodbury, CT, September 4** - Paul Hinckley, Democratic candidate for Selectman and Lesa Peters, Democratic Town Committee Chair spoke at the Town Committee meeting September 2nd regarding the party's position to **"move forward to achieve sensible and sustainable growth and to preserve our natural resources."**

Mr. Hinckley expressed his concern for the Town's aquifer. He noted that Woodbury's contribution to the Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition decreased from \$20,000 to \$15,000 after he left office as First Selectman, and he praised the current Finance Board for finding a creative way to restore the lost funding without affecting taxpayers. He pledged to do all he can if elected to continue to support the Coalition's efforts.

On another matter related to water and open space, Mr. Hinckley stressed his support for the purchase of the Aquarion Reservoir property. "This acquisition has been a Town priority for over 40 years, and to miss the opportunity to obtain it now would be a shame," he stated. When questioned about the development potential of the property, the former First Selectman responded, "Putting 30 houses on that site would drastically compromise its use as recreational open space, threaten the aquifer, and place a burden on the Town's infrastructure that would not justify the additional tax revenue. Having said that, I am concerned about and would work to find a means to acquire the property at a reasonable cost without bringing an additional burden to Woodbury taxpayers."

Mr. Hinckley cited two candidates running with him for Inland Wetlands on the Democratic ticket as examples of Woodbury's Democratic Party's true commitment to preservation of our resources. Don Richards with over 30 years as an alternate on the Inland Wetlands Agency, is now seeking election as a regular member. Wes Clow, currently an Inland Wetlands Agency alternate, is seeking re-election after completing his first term.

Ms Peters told the Town Committee that Don Richards "is well regarded for his expertise and diligence on the Inlands Wetlands Agency." Regarding Mr. Clow, she stated, "I have periodically attended the Inland Wetlands Agency meetings, and Wes Clow makes his decisions based on the best interests of Woodbury, putting party affiliation aside, as do most responsible and effective members of Boards and Commissions. We are pleased to have an experienced, qualified, and dedicated individual on the 2015 Democratic slate. There is a lot to learn as a member of Inland Wetlands, so supporting a knowledgeable volunteer who wants to continue his service would be best for Woodbury."

The other members of the Row A ticket are Richard C. Snider (Town Moderator), William Monti (Board of Finance), Eileen Denver and Kathryn Sherer (Planning Commission), Bonnie Sherman (Board of Assessment Appeals), Jack Well (Zoning Alternate), and Adam Goldberg (ZBA Alternate). For more information about the 2015 Woodbury Democratic Slate, visit [www.woodburydems.org/campaign2015.html](http://www.woodburydems.org/campaign2015.html).