

## Precinct 1 Town Meeting Member

7 for 3 years

1 for 1 year

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### **Incumbents**

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This is the toughest question from the LWV I have seen for many years. The problem is that members do not find them very useful. Frankly, it seems that the written material we get gives all the information, often in more depth than the presentations at the information meetings, but often the information at the meetings offer not much more information or insights than the written materials. One suggestion I would make is drop the prohibition on debate in the information session. Arguments might serve to raise issues that are raised for the first time at

Town Meeting for which members and proponents and opponents are unprepared. At least some early argument would make the information meetings livelier

New Candidates

**Noah S. Michelson**