

VOTE May 3, 2005

Wheelock College Hawes & Monmouth Streets	PCT 1
Coolidge Corner Branch Library 31 Pleasant St.	PCT 2
Theresa Morse Apts. 90 Longwood Avenue	PCT 3
Lynch Recreation Center 609 Brookline Avenue	PCT 4
New Lincoln School 19 Kennard Road	PCT 5
Schluntz Gym BHS 115 Greenough St.	PCT 6
Arthur O'Shea House 61 Park St.	PCT 7
Devotion School Gym (Stedman St. Entrance)	PCT 8
Brookline Senior Center 93 Winchester St.	PCT 9
Fire Station # 7 665 Washington St.	PCT 10
Driscoll School Gym 64 Westbourne Ter.	PCT 11
Runkle School Gym Clinton Rd. Entrance	PCT 12 PCT 13
Heath School Gym 100 Eliot St.	PCT 14
Fire Station # 6 962 Hammond St.	PCT 15
Baker School Aud. 205 Beverly Rd.	PCT 16

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www.town.brookline.ma.us/gis/maplib/newprecincts

Andrew Fischer

for Selectman

WHY I'M RUNNING FOR SELECTMAN

Last year, I jumped into the race for selectman because I felt there should be a debate and a choice about Brookline's future. Even with a late start, I managed to generate that debate because of the support from people like you. Now, I am encouraged to run again, not so much from the strong showing I made as a first time candidate, but from the strong response to the issues I raised: hearing the neighborhood's voice in planning and development; controlling and limiting growth; making town government more open, inclusive and responsive; preserving greenspace and the environment. These issues struck a chord. Now I feel an obligation to carry the



debate forward and I am seeking your support to do so.

Brookline is a wonderful place to live. We have good schools, fine parks, and a healthy mix of urban culture and open greenspace. But I would like us to be more. I would like not just to protect our haven of

parks and schools but to be a model to the rest of the country, a model of how a community can grow while preserving a rich and nurturing diversity. I would like Brookline to be a model of open government, where the neighborhood vision is what drives and controls development.

The 2004 election has also inspired me to run again for selectman. It is clear that we will need to continue to fight for the ideas that we fought for in that election. And as Tip O'Neill used to say, all politics is local. As a selectman, I know I can be a voice for you on these issues and more. **This is where it starts...**

TOWN BOARDS MUST BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE PEOPLE

I believe in the common sense of ordinary citizens and the ability of neighbors to know how to solve problems in their neighborhoods. There is a lot of process in this town but while everyone is allowed to speak their mind, what they say is too often

ignored, whether it is about enforcement issues, parking issues or new building proposals. Public hearings aren't much value if the boards and bureaucracies just ignore what neighbors are saying.

I want town boards that listen and are responsive

to every one of us who speaks.

If the appointed members of town boards don't want to consider what we are saying before decisions are made, then they should be replaced by appointees who will.

"SMART GROWTH" FOR BROOKLINE

To maintain the Brookline we all love we must find ways to generate new revenue. The alternatives, are either accepting the unacceptable - significant cuts in our school budgets and services, or burdening homeowners with a never

ceasing string of tax override campaigns.

This is why I am an advocate of smart growth - growth that can enhance our community with development that we can be proud of while broadening our tax base, development

that is planned by and with the community, and not imposed on us. To develop in Brookline, developers must include mitigations that will satisfy a community that wants to reduce congestion, traffic and pollution and increase green space and public space. Smart Growth is development that is built around multi-modal mass transportation, while minimizing pollution and the suffocation caused by more cars and traffic. It is development that values open space and human scale.



*"When you grow in a way that preserves community character, protects open space and the environment, strengthens the local economy, and uses taxpayer dollars efficiently, then you are accomplishing **Smart Growth**. If growth decisions cause open space to be lost, local businesses to fail, air quality to deteriorate, and commute times to double, then most people wouldn't consider those decisions very smart."*

Carl Costello, Greening America Productions

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One more tool for neighborhoods ... a Tree Preservation By-law

As Selectman, I will propose a Tree Preservation By-law that will require preservation of any tree larger than 8 inches in diameter during building construction in Brookline, unless the Town permits otherwise. This will not only preserve green space: it will give us one more tool to control and tailor development, especially development that could erode the greenspace, air quality, and bird habitats in our neighborhoods.

CREATIVITY IN FINDING NEW REVENUE CAN AVOID CUTS IN SCHOOLS AND SERVICES

If we are going to avoid budget cuts and preserve the quality of our schools and town services, then we must be creative about finding new sources of revenue.

In the short term, we can take such common sense

steps as identifying the many out of state and out of town cars that are garaged in Brookline and collect the Excise Tax due.

In the longer run, we can explore buying the distribution grid from N-Star and Brookline becoming a

"MUNI", our own municipal power company, like Belmont and Concord. This would not only generate significant income for the town but could also cut our utility bills significantly.

CANDIDATE'S WEBSITE:

<http://www.fischerforselectman.com>

"Building a campaign website is the kind of creative use of modern technology that I hope to bring to Brookline town government when I am elected," says Fischer, adding that he became a "21st Century candidate" by following the strategies of pioneer groups like MoveOn.org and recent candidates like Howard Dean and John Kerry.

WHO IS ANDREW FISCHER?

Andy Fischer is a 21 year Brookline resident who has dedicated his professional career to public service. He came to the United States as an infant, with his parents, Holocaust survivors, in 1950.

Andy worked his way through the University of Pennsylvania, coming to Massachusetts to attend a MAT program at UMass in Amherst. Andy taught high school in the Boston Public Schools for 8 years during the tough years of de-segregation, while attending Suffolk University Law School at night. He began his present career as a civil rights lawyer in 1980. In doing so Andy achieved a dream

his father was unable to attain. Andy's father too was trained as a lawyer but was barred from practicing because of anti-Semitism.

Andy carries his father's legacy in another way: *"My father always said that education was essential to democracy. I've inherited that belief. Schools are not just where we learn but where we learn about each other, about the many different types of people that make up our great country."*

A board member of Kadimah Toras Moshe and member of the Brookline Havurah Minyan, Andy's leadership

opposing the closing of the Cleveland Circle JCC led to his appointment to the original Brookline-Brighton Service Development Fund Board. He is a board member of the Law and Social Action Committee of the Jewish Alliance for Social Action and the current chair of the Civil Rights Section of the American Trial Lawyers Assoc.



A commuter cyclist, Andy's interest in "smart growth" evolved from his years as a bicycle advocate. He served as president of the state bicycle coalition, MassBike, and was one of the founders of the town Bicycle Committee.

Andy married Linda Jason in 1977 and their three children, Shira, 26, Miriam, 25 and Ted, 19, are each Brookline High School graduates.

Supporting Small Business

If we want to keep our neighborhood commercial centers healthy, we need to help small and family businesses manage the costs of operating in Brookline. Otherwise we will be left with nothing but chains and box stores. We need to find creative ways to help our local merchants.

With Wireless Internet Access

One way to do this is for the town to be a "wireless" town. My idea is to make Brookline the first "WiFi" town in Massachusetts, with town wide wireless Internet access. So far 48 municipalities have wireless broadband networks. In being the first town in Massachusetts to be a wireless free zone, we could provide our merchants with a competitive edge, our citizens with town wide wireless Internet access at a cost less than current cable costs and provide revenue for the town!

FISCHER'S COMMITMENT TO VOTER RIGHTS LEADS TO DOJ INVOLVEMENT IN PCT. 1 STATE REP. ELECTION

Andy went to El Salvador to serve as an observer in the 2004 presidential election. He then served as an observer with the Democratic Party legal team in Florida last fall. But he says the worst election

improprieties he has observed were in our own backyard, in Brighton.

As a poll worker for 2002 state rep candidate David Friedman (now legal counsel to the Mass. Senate), Andy observed a pattern

of "extra" help certain City of Boston election officials offered, leading Russian immigrant voters to vote for Friedman's opponent, State Rep. Brian Golden. Andy's complaint to the City Election Commission led

the Department of Justice to send observers to the March 15, 2005 special election to fill the seat, which includes Brookline's Precinct 1 as well as parts of Brighton and Allston, now vacated by Golden.

Early Endorsers

Sumner Kaplan, Hon. Chair
(Former State Representative)

Martin Rosenthal, Hon. Chair (Former
Chair BOS, TMM Pct. 9)

State Rep. Frank Smizik
Former State Rep John Businger

School Committee Members

Ruth Kaplan, TMM Pct. 13

Susan Senator

Former SCM Nancy Heller, TMM Pct. 8

Former SCM Joyce Jozwicki

Housing Authority

Barbara Sard

Michael Jacobs

David Treitsch, TMM Pct. 4

Library Trustees

Michael Burstein, TMM Pct. 9

Dennis Geller

Gary Jones, TMM Pct. 3

Town Meeting Members

Robert Abrams Pct. 3

Dixon Bain Pct. 11

Carol & Frank Caro Pct. 8

Chris Crowley Pct. 7

Martha & Frank Farlow Pct. 4

Jeannette Feuer Pct 9

Tom Gallitano Pct. 16

Jon Garfunkel Pct. 10

Phyllis Giller Pct. 14

Annette Gregson Pct. 14

Betsy Shure Gross Pct. 5

Isabella Hinds Pct. 11

Barr Jozwicki Pct. 9

Ponnie Katz Pct. 7

Gerald Koocher, Pct. 16

Virginia LaPlante Pct. 6

Werner Lohe Pct. 11

Nancy Madden Pct. 3

Harry Margolis Pct. 12

Lois Martin Pct. 3

Hugh Mattison Pct. 5

Bruce Moore Pct. 9

William Powell Pct. 9

Shirley Radlo Pct. 9

Randy Ravitz Pct. 8

Evelyn Roll Pct. 8

Sloan Sable Pct. 7

Maxine Shaw Pct. 6

Leonore van Krusenstein Pct 5

Jonathan Wadleigh Pct. 3

Donald Warner Pct. 13

Stanley Wayne Pct. 11

Bruce Wolff Pct. 2

Brookline Activists

Jane Alper

Matthew & Anne Alvarado

Robyn & Larry Baras

Stephanie & Alex Borns-Weil

Stephen Burrington

Cathleen & Stanley Cavell

Susan & Abram Chipman

Michael Cutler

George Dargo

Gayle & Andrew Davis

Carl Dreyfus

James & Claire Duggan

Susan Ellis

Stanley Eskin

Jim Franco

Evelyn Frankford

Francis Ganong

Bonnie & Yuval Gilbert

Jay Gonzalez

Steve & Vicki Greenzang

Barbara Grosz

Lisa Guisband

Steven Heiken

Robert Houseman

Sue Tamber Houseman

Katie Jozwicki

Sharon Jason & Pavel Kyn

Anita Johnson

Julie Johnson

Shu Kahn

Nancy Karp

Kate & Steve Kelly

David Kroop & Elissa Yanover

Karen Kruskal & Sheera Strick

Toby Kusmar

Richard Larson

Marian Lazar

Butch & Bernie Lofchie

Anne Lusk

Randolph Meiklejohn

Mark Michelson

Burt Nadler

Marilyn Newman

Mary Nickerson

David & Daria O'Connor

J. Archer O'Reilly

Shirley Partoll

Barbara Pastan

Ben & Brenda Rich

Clint Richmond

Richard Rosen

Bill Rosenberg

Harriet Rosenstein

Amy Schectman

Mitch Rosenberg

Rochelle Ruthchild

Deborah San Gabriel

Bill & Lois Shaevel

Stuart Shieber & Cassia Wyner

Charles & Michelle Silbert

Jerry & Cynthia Silbert

Robert Sneirson

Bernard "Bunny" Solomon

Cynthia Snow

Lonnie Standish

Roberta Steinberg

Avishai Shafrir

Mel Stoler

Abby Swaine

Bruce Taub

Cornelia van der Ziel

Stephen Vogel

Crispin Weinberg