# TOWN OF WILTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

# BOARD AND COMMISSION CANDIDATE SUBMISSION BY A POLITICAL PARTY (DEMOCRAT)

Please fill out the following for each candidate being endorsed for a Board or Commission appointment. This application plus additional materials should be emailed to Jackie Rochester in the First Selectman's office. Please note each candidate must also complete a Candidate Application.

Board or Commission: Wilton Fire Commission

Candidate: John R. Hall, 341 Olmstead Hill Road, Wilton, CT 06897

Number of applicants interviewed for the position: at least 5

The Democratic Town Committee endorses Mr. John Hall's candidacy for a position on the Wilton Fire Commission with great enthusiasm. John previously served the Town as the chair of its Inlands Wetlands Commission and after "terming off" now wishes to devote his time and considerable talent to serving the town again.

John is a graduate of Wilton High School and has lived in town most of his life. He is an attorney with the Norwalk firm of Lovejoy & Rimer, P.C. which had, until relatively recently, an office in Wilton. He served as a volunteer with Wilton CERT for many years. He knows how to serve on a board effectively, whether as its chair or as one if its "worker bees". He possesses an uncommonly keen insight into many issues, often being able to see "outside the box" when necessary. He has the internal strength necessary to serve effectively in a stressful public position. We are certain that John will be an effective and valuable member of Wilton's Fire Commission.

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## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CANDIDATE APPLICATION

All candidates who wish to be considered for appointment to a non elected Board or Commission or appointed to a vacancy on an elected Board filled by the BOS must complete this application. Where appropriate, candidates may choose to reference an attached resume, containing the required information.

Board or Commission: Wilton Fire Commission

Candidate: John R Hall

Contact information: (203) 803-9706 (cell)

Political Affiliation: Democrat

Addresses for the last 10 years: 341 Olmstead Hill Rd., Wilton CT (since 1997) (also 1963 to

1969; and 1976 to 1983)

Employment history for the last 10 or more years: Please see resume attached

Post high school degrees and certifications: *Please see resume attached* 

Wilton town or community volunteer positions for the last 10 or more years: *Please see resume* attached

## Please attach a statement including, at a minimum why you are seeking the appointment and your qualifications for the appointment.

I am interested in the position as a member of the Wilton Fire Commission for several reasons:

1) I believe that fire safety and emergency services are among the most important services a Town can provide its residents; 2) My experience with Wilton CERT—both the training and the hours spent in nasty weather conditions when called out—has provided me with a good understanding of the conditions under which first responders serve, which I believe is important to working with them and the issues the commission deals with; 3) My experience as an attorney has provided me with a general understanding of contract, employment and labor issues; 4) I am a team player, and on a tiny commission like this, cooperation and compromise seem important; and 5) I love my Town and want to provide service to it where needed.

Please submit this application and, if applicable, your petition to the First Selectman's office.

Once all applications are received, interviews will be scheduled.

#### JOHN R. HALL

341 Olmstead Hill Road Wilton, CT 06897 (203) 762-7844 (H)

#### Education

<u>University of Connecticut School of Law</u> Hartford, CT JD, *cum laude*-1989

<u>Exeter University</u> Exeter, England Exchange Program-1988

<u>University of Connecticut</u> Storrs, CT BA, Political Science-1984

Wilton High School Wilton, CT Class of 1979

### **Employment History**

August, 2014 to present: Lovejoy & Rimer, PC

Norwalk, CT—Member

Practice includes all aspects of residential and commercial real estate, including purchase, sale and refinance closings, foreclosure litigation; mortgage loan workouts & Short sales; land use applications, appeals and litigation; land title litigation and boundary line disputes, commercial leasing; and landlord/tenant litigation.

October, 2001 to July, 2014: John R. Hall, Attorney at Law

Norwalk, CT

Practice same as above.

October, 1998 to March, 2001: Chicago Title Insurance Company

Stamford, CT—Counsel

Responsible for underwriting risk and advising attorneys on residential and commercial real estate transactions in Southern Connecticut. Also responsible for providing counsel and guidance on 1031 Tax Free exchanges, zoning compliance, and environmental risk assessment.

October, 1996 to September 1998: Old Republic National Title Insurance Company

### Stamford, CT—State Counsel

Responsibilities were very similar to those listed above, only with more involvement with sales and insurance regulatory matters, and less emphasis on commercial transactions.

May 1990 to September 1996: Cartoon News Syndicate.

New York, NY-Editorial Cartoonist

#### Volunteer Work

Board Member, Norwalk River Valley Trail, 2019 to present Chairman, Wilton Wetlands Commission, 2012 to 2018
Board of Trustees, Masonicare of Newtown, 2000-2007
Board of Trustees, Masonicare Health Care Center, 2007-2012
Building Trustee: Temple Lodge 65, Westport, CT 2008 to 2018
Volunteer, Wilton CERT, July, 2005 to September, 2016.

Avocations: children's book writing and illustration; various outdoor activities.