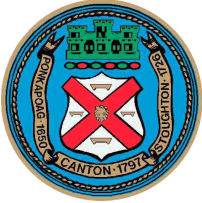


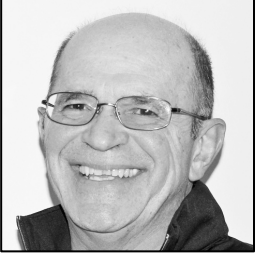



	Jeremy Comeau	Chris Connolly	Victor Del Vecchio	Tom Theodore
				
Development	<p>We are starting to become over-developed on the residential side, and I have taken concrete steps to address this through proposed zoning changes at annual town meeting. On the commercial side, Canton has a healthy tax base and is in a good position financially, but I think we need to be selective about the types of commercial developments we allow and carefully consider all impacts — traffic, environmental, and otherwise.</p>	<p>I feel that we are pretty much ‘maxed out’ in terms of residential development, which burdens our schools and municipal services and exacerbates our traffic problems. We need to make an effort to protect our infrastructure and preserve our affordable housing percentage. I do think we could benefit from more commercial development, particularly on Route 138, where so many of the vacant buildings could be put to much better use.</p>	<p>Canton is in a good place in terms of commercial development, even with the impending departure of Reebok. We continue to attract new companies to the town, which translates into good jobs and added tax revenue. With respect to residential development, I side with those that disfavor rentals at this point in our town’s life cycle, but I support condos as a way to attract young professionals and allow older residents to stay in the community.</p>	<p>I think we have a pretty good balance between commercial and residential development, but I do not want the town to become overcrowded. Increased development is tied to the traffic problems that we face, and the addition of new housing impacts our schools. As a lifelong resident, I would like to see Canton on the smaller side. I also think we should look to preserve more of our open space for all of our residents to enjoy.</p>
Traffic	<p>Traffic is a significant concern of mine, and I have a few potential solutions that I’d like to explore. For one, I think we need to look into hiring a part-time traffic engineer to work with the other boards and identify ways to improve traffic flow. I would also like to empower the Blue Ribbon Traffic Committee so that it can take action and be more than just a sounding board.</p>	<p>Canton bears the burden of being a cut-through town that is located near several interstates. Still, there are changes that can and should be made. For instance, I think we need to re-evaluate how traffic flows in the downtown and perhaps restore the turning lanes that were eliminated a number of years ago during the streetscape project.</p>	<p>We can’t stop traffic, especially given Canton’s location, but we can regulate it to be safer and allow for less gridlock. A good example of this are the intersection improvements we made at Dedham and Chapman. I have also been a vocal proponent of improving Randolph and Washington and think it should be our top priority moving forward.</p>	<p>Traffic is a major problem, particularly during peak periods. However, let’s wait until the state completes the improvements on Dedham Street; then we can see how it’s affecting our town and start hitting the trouble spots. In the meantime, I have a few ideas for small improvements that we could try and we should also solicit ideas from residents.</p>

Fiscal health & priorities	Canton is certainly in a strong fiscal position, but there are a few issues that warrant some attention or at least a closer look. In particular, some of our town workers have yet to finalize a contract, and I want to be sure that we pay our employees appropriately. I would also be open to increasing funding to help combat the opioid epidemic.	Canton is in a great spot financially, and municipal department heads seem to be happy with the level of funding they have received in recent years. Furthermore, I have faith that the town will remain in this position thanks to the excellent work of the finance director, the Finance Committee, and the various town leaders.	Canton's fiscal condition is excellent, perhaps the best it has been in my 33 years in the town. However, I share the concerns expressed by school leaders regarding its per-pupil spending and would be open to shifting revenues to the school side to prevent further slippage. I would also like to see more money spent on roadway improvements.	I personally do not see many areas that are lacking right now, but I do believe it is the job of the selectmen to make sure the various town departments have the resources and tools they need to do their job properly. If there is one area that I would direct more resources to, it would be substance abuse education and drug prevention efforts.
State of the schools	As a Canton Public Schools alumnus, I am proud of the achievements of our students and I have great faith in the leadership of our schools. If elected, I pledge to work with the School Department to make sure that they have what they need to educate our students properly.	With two children now at the high school, I have nothing but good things to say about the schools. In terms of recent funding concerns, I think it is up to the school leaders to convey what difficulties they are experiencing and it's something the town should take a close look at.	The health of the schools is a top priority of mine and an important driver for the economic vitality of the town. As a stated above, I share the recent concerns voiced by school leaders and would be open to changing the funding formulas for a period of time in order to help the schools catch up.	The school system is the backbone of the town, and Canton has always enjoyed a strong reputation for its schools. I do agree that space is an issue and we should look carefully at all of our options. I also think we should look at our school spending and try to identify ways to save some money.
Term limits	I am in favor of self-imposed term limits — I served 3 terms on the Planning Board and felt that was enough. However, actual term limits, at least at the local level, feels undemocratic to me and takes away choices from the voters.	I do not have a strong opinion on this, but generally think that how long someone serves should be up to the individual candidate as well as the voters. In my case, I felt that 2 terms on the Planning Board was sufficient.	I have never been in favor of term limits and I think the electorate determines how long we should remain in place with their votes. I am far more concerned about the low voter turnouts in the past several elections.	I am a strong supporter of term limits and it has nothing to do with the performance of our elected officials. I think people can become complacent when they serve for extended periods and I do not think it is healthy for them or for the town.
Regional ice rink	Hockey is a very important part of this town and is important to me personally. However, putting sentimentality aside, Canton is still the best location for a new regional public ice rink. Furthermore, we have	I most definitely want to see a new public rink in Canton, and it should be noted that the town still has a lease agreement with the state DCR that we could enforce. I think it was unfortunate what state Rep. John Rogers	I have been a vocal proponent of getting a public skating rink built in Canton, and I helped draft the letter that the BOS sent to the DCR outlining the reasons that Canton is the preferred choice over Norwood. Those	I can't believe that it has taken two and a half years to get to this point, but I would love to see a new public ice rink in Canton. It was a big part of our recreation program and we lost a lot of history with the closure of

	workers who were displaced when the rink collapsed as well as a vibrant youth hockey community that could benefit from the additional ice.	said about Canton in an attempt to gain support for a rink in Norwood, but Canton has better locations and much better access.	reasons include better location and access; availability of insurance proceeds; and a 45-year track record of serving as a dutiful custodian of Metropolis Rink.	Ponky. At the same time, we now have two private ice rinks, and whether all of these rinks can support themselves is an entirely different question.
Paul Revere Heritage Site	As chair of the Revere Heritage Commission, I am very close to this project and think it is extremely important to the future of this town. We still need to see the consultant's final report before making any firm judgments. But I'm excited about the potential of this project and I'm thrilled that we will finally have an actual town common/green.	I support the preservation of nine acres of open space on the site, but I am reserving judgment on the plans for the historic buildings until the feasibility review is completed. I do think it would have made a nice location for a school building. Ultimately, I think a big key to this project is the logistics of parking and access on the site.	I am incredibly passionate about the prospects of building a museum and cultural center at this site — in fact, if I have one legacy in this community, I would like this to be my legacy. The draft report from the consultant we hired suggests the project is doable, and residents should and will be incredibly proud of this project when it is completed.	The proposal that is under review sounds like a great idea — this site and the connections to Paul Revere are a big part of Canton and it's important to keep our heritage alive. In terms of feasibility, I think a lot of it will have to do with what goes on around it. However, I am not sure if the two buildings alone will be enough to pull in tourists.
Community Preservation Act	I am an eager supporter of the CPA, which has funded several important projects since its adoption. I also understand the program well, having served on the CCPC. I do think we need to explore more funding opportunities for community housing, and I think we can achieve this with assistance from the town planner.	I think the CPA is good for Canton, and I am pleased that there is a vetting process before a project can be considered for funding at town meeting. I am also encouraged that we're starting to see requests for the other areas covered under CPA, such as recreation.	I am a huge supporter of the CPA and think it has been splendidly successful since its adoption in 2012. From new tennis courts at CHS to the purchase of a new town green at the Plymouth Rubber site, the CPA has enabled the town to fund important projects that we otherwise would not have had the money to fund.	I am definitely in favor of the CPA as it provides the town with another funding source that we can tap into — assuming those funds are used properly. For instance, I am pleased that the CCPC recommended funding for two playgrounds, but I don't like when a lot of money is spent on surveys and studies, which to me is wasteful.
Social media and communicating with citizenry	Social media is an excellent way for town officials to connect with citizens and get our message out. I also think we need to start posting meetings on social media sites, which allows you to reach a different audience. But I would still encourage people to use traditional	Social media and digital communications can be valuable tools, but I do not think the Board of Selectmen, for instance, should be responding directly to Facebook posts. On the other hand, items such as meeting minutes and agendas should be available	Social media is a great communication tool, and the BOS, with assistance from the state, is working on a citizen engagement project to make better use of our digital resources. We cannot and should not govern through social media, but we can use it to improve	I definitely think the town should take advantage of social media to get opinions and ideas from residents and also to get a dialogue going between different groups. I personally would not use it to state my views, but I generally believe it is a good thing when people have

	communication channels, including making phone calls and attending meetings.	online and updated regularly.	information sharing and connect with the citizenry.	access to the ones making the decisions.
--	--	----------------------------------	--	---