



# Thomas Garben

## Candidate for Board of Finance Alternate, New Fairfield

Thomas is currently on the **New Fairfield Board of Finance Alternates**.

As a software developer with special expertise in financial services and healthcare industries, and a business entrepreneur for the past 30 years, Tom has an intimate knowledge and hands-on experience in a wide range of industries and services relevant to the inner workings of modern town governance, including: electrical and computer engineering; financial software development; commodities trading; banking; bioinformatics & cancer research; and hospitality management. If elected to the Board of Finance, Tom will draw from his broad skill set and experience to ensure that the residents of New Fairfield have visibility into how each of their tax dollars are spent and can be confident that there is strict adherence to established budgets.

Tom has Bachelor of Science degrees in Physics and Electrical & Computer Engineering from SUNY Fredonia, SUNY Buffalo and a Master of Science degree in Systems Engineering from NYU.

Tom and his wife moved from Westchester County New York to New Fairfield in 2016 for its beauty, access to terrific lakes and ponds, and affordability. Tom is running for the Board of Finance in order to fulfill his civic duty to the town and support efforts to maintain and improve those services needed to keep the town thriving at a tax rate and cost that will be fair and affordable. In his leisure time, Tom enjoys playing racquetball, hiking the Connecticut trails, and sailing at the Candlewood Yacht Club with his wife, two adult children, their friends, and two dogs (Jaxson and Nano).

Tom understands the importance of commitment to the **Board of Finance Alternates** and its important role in serving the citizens of New Fairfield.

### **If elected, Thomas pledges to:**

- Increase visibility of and access to town finances for New Fairfield residents.
- Ensure expenditures of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education are made in the best interest of New Fairfield residents.
- Keep taxes as low as possible while keeping quality of life in New Fairfield as high as possible.

*“I vow to draw from my wealth of experience in order to effectively address the concerns and needs of New Fairfield residents and to enhance Board of Finance oversight of town expenditures and transactions. I want to be on the Board of Finance to assist in ensuring that the quality of life in New Fairfield is constantly improving while local taxes are contained.”*