



Tom Garben

Candidate for Planning Commission
Alternate, New Fairfield

Tom is currently on the **New Fairfield Board of Finance** and is currently a member of the **Pension & Bonding Subcommittee** and the **Audit Subcommittee**.

As a software developer with special expertise in financial services and a business entrepreneur for the past 30 years, Tom will bring engineering, time management, and communication skills to the Planning Commission.

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. In his leisure time, Tom enjoys playing racquetball, hiking the Connecticut trails, and sailing on Candlewood Lake.

Tom understands the importance of commitment to the **Planning Commission** and its important role in serving all the citizens of New Fairfield. Tom pledges to work together cooperatively and across party lines with our other boards and commissions to serve the residents of New Fairfield.

If elected, Tom pledges to:

- Make sure that additional sidewalks in the Center of Town and the proposed Margerie Reservoir Trail are planned to help benefit the town in the best ways possible.
- Make sure that all real estate matters are attended to fairly and in a professional manner.
- Help keep New Fairfield's development policies in line with its economic base and the Town budget.

"I will keep a line of communication open between the people who are planning the direction the Town is moving in and the people who approve the cost to move in that direction. I will also make sure that the strategic planning for New Fairfield continues to make New Fairfield a wonderful place to live."