

My name is Dru Mercer Georgiadis and I feel I am best suited to represent the voters in the Fairfield Beach area for many reasons. My husband and I moved to the home we still live in 32 years ago. To that house, we brought home our four boys who went on to attend Sherman, Tomlinson and Fairfield Ludlowe High School. During the years that I was busy working, raising my kids, volunteering for PTAs and coaching boys lacrosse, other residents stepped up and served Fairfield as my RTM representative. Now that I have time, I am proud to step up and be your elected volunteer as a District 9 member of the Representative Town Meeting.

Specifically, I feel the issues of greatest concern to the FBRA membership include items both small and large. Some of the larger concerns include the oversight of the Penfield rebuild which includes how the rebuild is handled and ensuring that the budget does not exceed the enormous price ticket already approved for this project and paid for out of the remediation fund. I proposed an amendment to manage to project in stages, to help control and manage costs, but it was voted down due to time pressure. How Penfield is managed can impact a concern I think we all share, flood and erosion. Having lived in the beach area for the 1992 storm, Irene, and Sandy, I am fully aware of how the infrastructure of our neighborhood can impact us all. Outdated and broken storm culverts contributed to the slow speed with which the waters receded after Irene and Sandy. In 1992 the water was gone in 2 days. I am focused to make sure that the infrastructure in place, works as designed. Attention needs to be paid to our storm drains and have them all cleaned annually at the beginning of hurricane season. I was a sponsor of the noise ordinance update and believe that in our highly dense neighborhood, guidelines for neighbors can be helpful and support the kind of community we all moved here to enjoy. Sometimes it's the small things that impact your life the most. I am a good listener and like to think I am available to my constituents. In the 4 terms I have served, I have helped our community by responding to neighborhood safety needs when called upon to act. Some of the accomplishments I am most proud of include the following. 1: Sherman School fence. 2: Slow school zone painted on Judson and Beach Road 3: Trash can at Fairfield Beach Road/Birch Road beach entrance 4: 4-way stop and crosswalk at Sunnie Holme and Beach Road.5. Flashing stations and crosswalk by St Paul's Nursery school/First Church/Town Hall. All these accomplishments, which impact safety in our community, fall outside of my duties as your RTM representative. I look forward to continuing to serve all my friends and neighbors in District 9.