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Selectmen's forum tomorrow

WINSTED — The Winchester Taxpayers' Association is sponsoring the first of two forums for Board of Selectmen candidates tomorrow night at the Eagles Club on Elm Street.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and the forum will promptly begin at 7:30 p.m. The forum is open to the public.

"We really want people to know if they want to make a good decision in a couple of weeks (at the election) we're going to give them the opportunity to do so," Beverly W. Naleite, president of the taxpayers' group, said.

The forum, which will concentrate on policy issues, will take place in two parts: A panel comprised of Naleite, community lawyer Charlene LaVoie, a Gilbert School student, a Hartford Courant reporter, a WSNB reporter and a Register Citizen reporter will ask questions for the first portion of the forum. During the second half questions will be taken from the audience, Naleite said.

Candidates will have two minutes to respond and a one-minute rebuttal time. Eugene P. Falco, associate professor of social services and academic division director at Northwestern Connecticut Community College will be moderator.

The taxpayers' group also has a second forum planned for Oct. 23 at the Eagles Club. The second event will deal primarily with financial issues confronting the town.

The group sponsored a "Meet the Candidates" night last week and a forum for the Board of Education that did not work out well, Naleite said. Several selectmen candidates failed to show up and none of the candidates for the school board attended.