



## Virginia (Ginnie) White

I am an attorney (retired) and was a partner in large international law firms. My practice was concentrated in commercial litigation in both federal and state courts. In addition, I served as chair of the Environmental Department of my firm for several years. I was graduated from Rutgers University (BA, English) in 1974 and from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1982. My husband, Bob, also is a retired attorney.

I was honored to be appointed to the Council in March 2022. I have been privileged to serve on the Board of Governors for the Clubs, where I am Secretary and as such, a member of the Executive Committee. This has allowed me to help facilitate coordination between the Clubs and the Council on various matters important to the island as a whole, such as erosion and shoreline stabilization, storm and stormwater management, and infrastructure improvements. Previously, I had the privilege of serving the Club in several capacities, including six years on the House Committee, which I chaired for four years; the BHIC Hurricane Florence Facilities Committee; the Nominating Committee; and I participated in the process of forming the Facilities Committee. For the Conservancy, I was a turtle nest monitor for the 2018-2020 seasons, and sold raffle tickets along with other volunteer work.

Among the principles I adhere to are: community service; integrity; candor and transparency; patriotism; fiscal responsibility; inclusiveness; and pragmatism.

I think of all property owners, whether full or part-time, as constituents deserving the same level of service from the Council. Over the years, my husband and I have been visitors, part-time residents, primary residents, and now, full-time residents. All deserve the Village's consideration and attention. Renters and day-trippers are important to the island's economy and should be welcomed and treated respectfully. However, I do not believe we should prioritize occasional visitors over homeowners.

Regarding my philosophy on addressing infrastructure needs for growth vs. the associated costs borne by property owners, the Council and Village staff work together to identify the most efficient and cost-effective solutions. Additionally, we work with our attorneys and lobbying consultants to obtain federal and state grants and reimbursements to help with island expenses. Moreover, the Council looked at the various requests for capital outlays and deferred those not immediately needed. I do NOT want to increase property taxes but will vote to do so when necessary to provide the infrastructure and services that owners have come to expect.

Going forward, it is clear that the ferry, tram, parking and barge need to remain a consolidated transportation system, and that it is safe, reliable, and reasonably priced. Beach renourishment is and will remain important to the entire island. Safe drinking water, and when necessary, wastewater treatment plant upgrades, also are important concerns. The Council formed the Commercial Area Planning Task Force, which is working on establishing design guidelines for future commercial development. Maintaining the island's natural beauty and low density, while allowing for construction of needed enterprises, will continue to require focus.

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