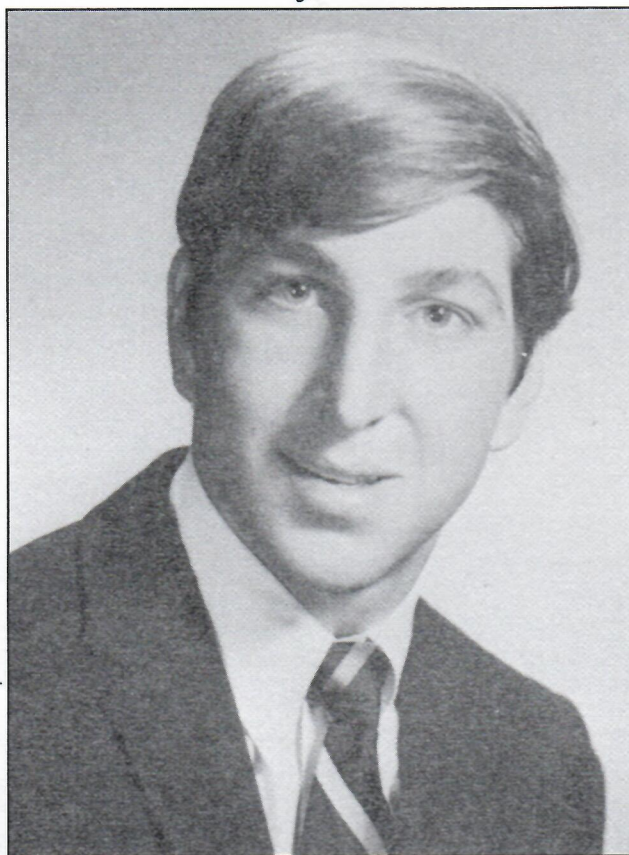


# *Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame*



**Gary Peter DiNardo**  
**Public Official**  
*Class of 1971*

Football. Orchestra. Wrestling. Those were the areas in which Gary Peter DiNardo gained eminence while a student at Watchung Hills. As a football player, from 1967-1970, he earned a varsity letter. He was a 4 year member of the orchestra, and from 1967-1971 was on the wrestling team where he was good enough to be offered a full wrestling scholarship to the University of New Hampshire.

Upon graduation, he attended a Joint Program of M.I.T. and Woods Hole, and, as the youngest Master Diver, he not only served as part of the dive team of Jacques Cousteau, but also wrote the YMCA diving safety curriculum that is still used today.

His "dry land" accomplishments are equally noteworthy. His career in public service began when he was named to the Warren Township Board of Adjustment in 1992, where he served until 2000. At that time, he was elected to the Warren Township Committee, and subsequently elected Mayor, a position to which he was elected 5 times.

Gary's accomplishments in the position of Mayor are well-documented: His support in the acquisition of over 500 acres of open space; the development of parks and playing fields, including football and soccer turf fields, and a handicapped-accessible playground. Also noteworthy are his speedy and effective efforts in providing aid to township residents impacted by hurricanes in 2011 and 2012. In 2002, he was appointed by then Governor McGreevey to the Advisory Board of the New Jersey State Inspection Program.