



VT Digger and the Valley News host forum with presidential candidate Republican Bill Weld 3 p.m. Saturday, May 11

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TDigger and the Valley News are hosting a presidential candidate forum with Republican Bill Weld 3 p.m. Saturday, May 11 in White River Junction.

A traditional fiscal conservative, Weld is the only Republican candidate so far to challenge President Donald Trump in the 2020 primary. [In extensive interview with David Remnick of The New Yorker](#), Weld explains that it is incumbent on him, as a party moderate, to challenge Trump.

The free public event will be held at the Hartford High School gym, 37 Highland Ave, White River Junction.

Weld, 74, is a former two-term governor of Massachusetts, and was the first Republican to be elected governor in Massachusetts in 20 years. He was elected in 1990 with 50% of the vote and reelected in 1994 with 71% of the vote.

The Wall Street Journal and the Cato Institute ranked Weld as the most fiscally conservative governor in the country. He served as national co-chair of the U.S. Privatization Council and of U.S. Term Limits.

Prior to his tenure as governor, Weld served seven years in President Ronald Reagan's Justice Department, as Assistant U.S. Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division in Washington, D.C., and as the U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts, where he won 109 convictions in 111 prosecutions of public corruption. Earlier he was a staff member in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he participated in the Watergate impeachment case, and the U.S. Senate.

As governor, Weld led 16 official trade missions to Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Europe. He is an active member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and served for five years as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, by appointment of President George W. Bush.

Weld has traveled extensively throughout Asia, Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, and North and South America. He serves as an associate member of the InterAction Council, an elected group of former heads of state from throughout the world, which convenes periodically to consider and report on issues of paramount global concern, such as nuclear proliferation, religious sectarianism, natural resources, energy, food and water.