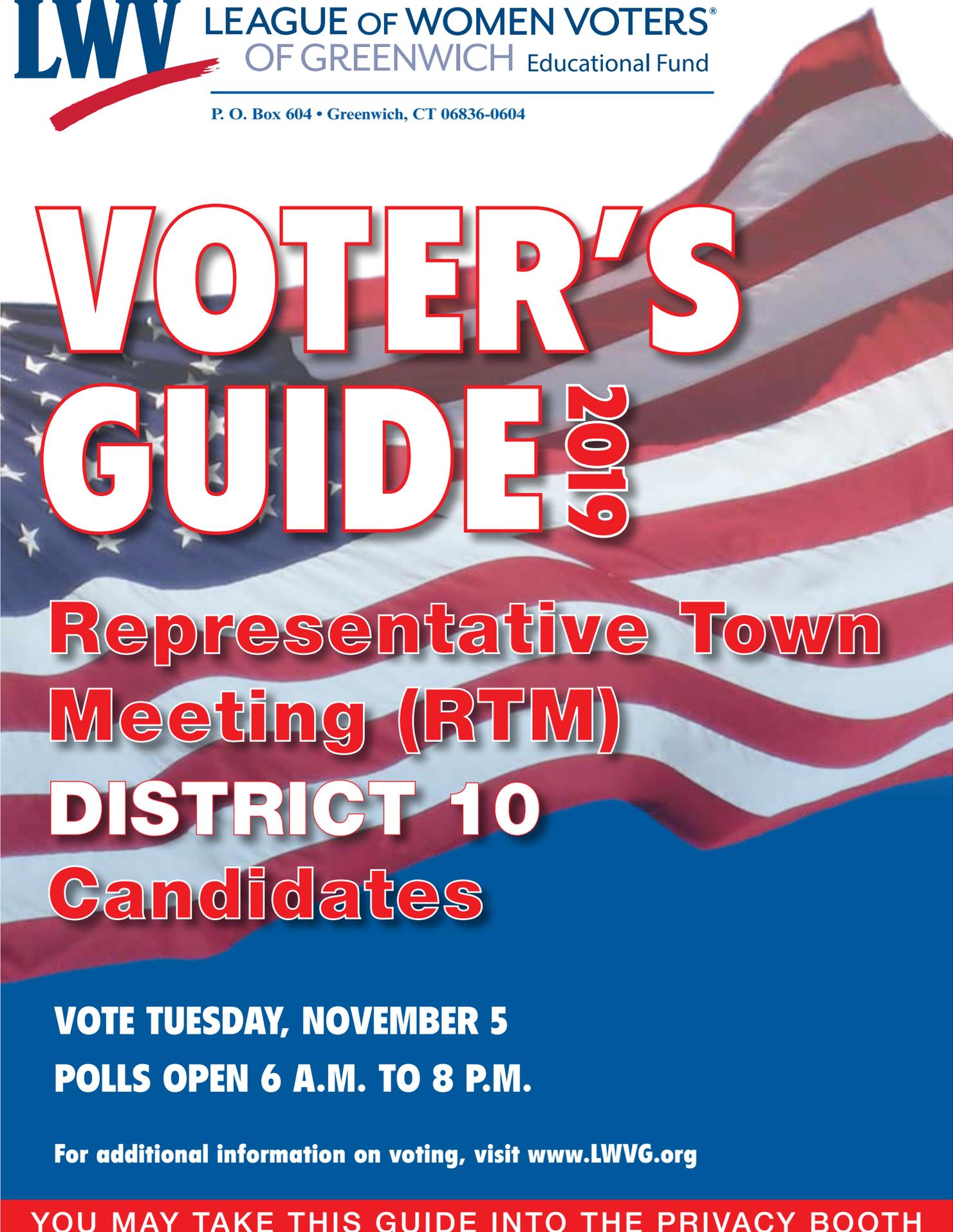




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Representative Town Meeting (RTM)

DISTRICT 10

Candidates

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Representative Town Meeting

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DISTRICT 10 - Northwest

Polling Place:
Glenville School Gymnasium
33 Riversville Road
Greenwich

Vote for 20 or Less

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| Natalie J. Adee P-NEW | Lawrence S. Malkin |
| Gerald L. Anderson | Nancy H Marshall |
| Granit Balidemaj P-NEW | John Mastracchio |
| David W. Blob | Diana Dale Singer P-NEW |
| P. Jude Collins | Alan A. Small |
| Allyson T. Cowin P-NEW | Sheryl B. Sorbaro P-NEW |
| Nancy E. Gray | Jane S. Sprung P-NEW |
| Mareta C. Hamre | Louisa H. Stone |
| W. Brooks Harris | Joanna R. Swomley |
| Katherine V. Hynes | Sophie M. Veronis P-NEW |
| Sara A. Kessler | Svetlana Wasserman P-NEW |
| Rachel Khanna | |

See detailed candidate information on following pages.



Adee, Natalie J.
34 Will Merry Lane
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Former Product Developer
Biography: Moved to Greenwich District 10 in 2015 from California. For 11 years I worked in the high tech industry developing products integrating Nickel Titanium Alloys. For

the past 10 years I have devoted my time to my family, and community.

Q: Why are you running for RTM? I believe it is important to be active in ones community and the RTM provides the opportunity for every resident to be involved. I plan to be an advocate for our district and to continue to make Greenwich a wonderful place to live for all.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

- 1) Town Services from safety to education
- 2) Debt
- 3) Property Values

The state of Connecticut is continuing to increase taxes and drive businesses and residents out of the state. Greenwich is feeling this pressure. As a town we need to focus on what Greenwich residents want from their town and what they need from their town. With creative collaborative solutions I believe we can develop opportunities for the success of our businesses, our residents, and our students.

Current RTM committee assignment: Town Services Alternate

Number of terms served on RTM:



Anderson, Gerald L.
138 CLAPBOARD RIDGE RD
GREENWICH 06831

Occupation: Executive
Biography: I am the President of American Gas & Chemical. I majored in economics at Harvard. My MBA and JD are from Columbia.

I have been a Delegate to a number of RTM committees: Appointments, BOC, Town Services, Education.

I was on the Moderator's Technology Committee, until I became District Chair.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I have enjoyed working for the Town's best interests. For a number of years I was the vice-chair of the District while Joan Caldwell was the Chair. For the last 2 terms I have been the Chair.

District 10 has a terrific group of members, who I enjoy working with and who are great contributors to the Town. I hope you will give me the privilege of continuing.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

- 1. A Fire Station for the Northwest section of Greenwich.
- 2. Town's finances and Mill Rate increases.
- 3. Town's capital budget, including school renovations.

Current RTM committee assignment: Chair District 10

Number of terms served on RTM: 8



Balidemaj, Granit
652 riversville road
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Alba's Restaurant - Hospitality Industry
Biography: I am a first generation U.S. born American. I have served the town of Greenwich on the RTM, serving as one of the youngest members at the age of 25 in 2015. I am looking to

represent the community and the institutions of Greenwich, with integrity, honor and respect.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

There is a unique correlation between the hospitality industry and the political landscape that uniquely prepares me for public service. In both industries you must be able to serve, treat people with respect, be humble and be able to operate in a high stress environment.

I believe I have the necessary skills to ensure that our town continues to thrive, and be an optimal place to live, to work, to build a family and to retire.

I want our children to grow up in a town that is united, and working together towards building a thriving and better future.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

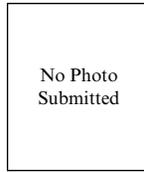
Educational excellence in the classroom because education is much more than schooling. It is the whole range of activities by which families and communities transmit to a younger generation, not just knowledge and skills, but ethical and behavioral norms and traditions.

We need to lead the building of the future and focus on technology by investing in our town services and security for a more efficient and cost-effective town, to lead an evolving world and better serve citizens.

Make sure that that we have responsible capital management and debt policies and not placing future generations in financial burden.

Current RTM committee assignment:

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Blob, David W
43 Day Road
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Portfolio Manager
Biography: I am an equity derivatives portfolio manager for JD Capital Management in Greenwich.

I live in Greenwich with my wife, Mimi Duff, and 4 daughters, who each attend the Greenwich Public Schools.

We are active in the community - I'm a steward for the Greenwich Land Trust.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I want to make sure Greenwich remains an attractive and safe suburb which young families choose to raise their children and where families will want to remain after their children have moved out. I think this means a focus on a strong school system and quality of life. It also means that we should exercise fiscal prudence and carefully judge the merit of proposed capital improvements especially in the face of deteriorating property values (notably in back country Greenwich).

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

- 1) Maintaining property values and making sure Greenwich remains one of New York's most appealing suburbs
- 2) Maintaining the quality of the school system while contemplating substantial capital investment
- 3) Contemplated changes to the character of the town through development

Current RTM committee assignment: Finance (Alternate)

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Collins, P. Jude

1358 King Street
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Real Estate Appraiser

Biography: Resident since 2001, married, father of 3 sons (2 attending GHS, 1 in college). Raised in adjacent Village of RyeBrook. Graduate of Fordham University. Real Estate

Appraiser since 1984. RTM member since 2015. Served on Transportation, Education, Land Use and Appointments Committee of RTM. Volunteer at local clubs and school

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Being part of the RTM has enabled me to learn about the workings of the Town, and the people that make it our desired place to live. I try to be objective, fair, impartial and make decisions that will hopefully benefit the interests of District 10 as well as all of the residents of Greenwich. I want to insure that Greenwich will be a place that my children will want to raise their future families. I promise to be attentive, informed, responsive and sincere. I recently moved from D2 to D10 and will protect the interest of the backcountry.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

The issues facing Greenwich voters are taxes, education and quality of life. Our State is facing extreme budget difficulties which will eventually impact our local budget. Increasing our property taxes will reduce real estate desirability. Reducing services in an attempt to stop mill rate increases will also hurt house demand; both affecting property value. Our school system is a major reason why people live in Greenwich; we must improve our student's outcomes and plan for a changing economy and workforce. We must balance all of these items while ensuring that Greenwich is a desirable place to live, visit and work.

Current RTM committee assignment: Secretary/Delegate - Appointments Committee, Delegate Land Use

Number of terms served on RTM: 3



Cowin, Allyson T.

660 Lake Avenue
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Retired Attorney specializing in Education Law and Policy

Biography: I was an attorney specializing in providing educational options for underprivileged children. We have lived

in Greenwich for 20 years and I have been an active volunteer at our three daughters' schools and in the Greenwich community. I graduated from Duke University and Washington University (St. Louis) School of Law.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I am running for the RTM because I would like to use my background in Public Policy to help develop and implement non-partisan solutions to the issues facing the RTM and our Greenwich community. I hope to help create and advocate for policies that are fiscally responsible, protect our property values, serve the needs of our community, and attract new families to Greenwich. My goal is to build bridges, bring people together with common solutions, and promote innovative ideas, including public/private partnerships.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

I believe that three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today are: (1) fiscal responsibility, or managing the town's expenses to provide services in the most cost effective manner, with as little waste as possible, and keeping taxes as low as possible; (2) balancing planning and zoning and building codes so that we can preserve our beautiful town but not stifle desirable new development; and (3) preserving the character of Greenwich by being environmentally conscious, maintaining and improving our schools, roads and infrastructure, and preserving and enhancing our parks, green spaces, shoreline, neighborhoods and facilities without wasteful or excessive spending.

Current RTM committee assignment:

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Hamre, Mareta C.

42 Sherwood Avenue
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Corporate Bankruptcy Attorney (Partner) -- Retired; First Church of Round Hill Pastor --Retired

Biography: Education: AB Harvard College; JD Berkeley Law; M.Div. Union Theological Seminary. Community: Greenwich

Alliance for Education Board; Greenwich Fellowship of Clergy Executive Committee; Greenwich United Way Advisory Council; GHS "We the People" Coach; GHS PTA President; Greenwich Basketball Association Coach (Championship Winner); First United Methodist Church Trustee, Lay Leader, Teacher.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Greenwich has the opportunity to build on its historic commitment to leading the way forward in a changing world. However, it will thrive only if it prepares to meet the complex demands of the 21st century. Greenwich is falling behind communities that plan and invest for the future. It is aging without attracting the younger people it needs, and our property values reflect that trend.

In order to prosper going forward, we need sophisticated planning and investment to meet changing demands. I want to be part of that process.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1. Smart planning and investment to retain our place as a world-class place to live. 2. A once-in-a-generation opportunity to negotiate a deal for the town's 53% ownership interest in real estate at the train station valued at \$330 million. To capture that value and to make sure that the station is maintained to the standards appropriate for Greenwich, the town needs sophisticated professionals who can go toe-to-toe with the developer and the developer's professionals. 3. Developing green, sustainable solutions to our transportation, housing and infrastructure needs.

Current RTM committee assignment: Labor Contracts Committee (Secretary); Education (Alternate); Budget Overview (Alternate)

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Harris, W. Brooks

11 Gate Field Drive
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Self Employed

Biography: Grew up outside of Philadelphia. Lived in NY for 15 years before moving to Greenwich in 2005. 3 daughters (9th, 11th and college senior) and one son (9th). Degrees from Penn

in computer science and finance and MBA from Stanford. Worked in finance for 25 years. Now self-employed.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I have lived in Greenwich for 14 years and been a member of the RTM for the past two. My education, experience in finance (I ran a capital markets desk on Wall Street for over 15 years) and service on the RTM Finance Committee has allowed me to make a positive contribution, keeping our taxes and borrowing low while financing the investment the Town needs. Since I work for myself now, I have the time to devote to the RTM, and I am committed to working diligently to make Greenwich the best it can be!

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

Our most important issue is ensuring our town provides the services we need, efficiently and fairly. These include our schools, our infrastructure, our amenities and the other programs which make Greenwich the vibrant community it is. As the Town prepares to spend as much as \$1 billion to upgrade and improve our schools, I have worked with the Town Comptroller and BET to assure any plans are executed prudently and do not raise debt or taxes too much. Finally, we must work together and be guided by what is best for the town and not be distracted by special interests.

Current RTM committee assignment: Finance Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Hynes, Katherine V.
3 Cloverleaf Lane
Greenwich 06831
Occupation: Attorney - Westchester County Attorney's Office, Civil Litigation Bureau
Biography: Born in Greenwich, moved to District 10 with my husband in 2015 and joined the RTM in 2016

Current RTM District 10 Member, Board Member of the Round Hill Association
Graduate of: Convent of the Sacred Heart; Brown University; Fordham University School of Law

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

My interest in public service led me to pursue a law degree, and I have worked in the public interest sector of law since graduation. Greenwich has a strong history of excellent volunteer leadership, and the RTM is a great example and one I am proud to be affiliated with, working to ensure that the interests of my neighbors in District 10 are represented by our leadership. My work on the Legislative and Rules Committee, as well as an elected member of the Claims Committee allows me to use my legal knowledge to contribute to the town.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

The Plan of Conservation and Development has long stated a desire to preserve and protect the character of Greenwich. Recent development proposals in our district, along with projects throughout town have the potential to negatively impact residents, and potentially conflict with the POCD and its stated goals. Greenwich is a strong community with active volunteer involvement which augments services provided by the town and this public/private coordination should be encouraged.

The town government must strive to continue to provide excellent services to all our residents, especially education and social services, by ensuring that town assets and budgets are managed efficiently.

Current RTM committee assignment: Legislative and Rules Committee, Claims Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 2



Khanna, Rachel
163 John Street
Greenwich 06831
Occupation: Author
Biography: I was born and raised in France. I hold a B.A. from Bryn Mawr College, and an M.A. in political science from Columbia University. Subsequent to a career in market research

and marketing, I trained as a chef and health counselor. I am currently working on my second cookbook.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

My husband, children and I moved to Greenwich from New York City in 2000. My family and I value Greenwich, and everything it has to offer. I have been committed to serving our community throughout my time in Greenwich, with a particular focus on community and natural resources, and healthy children and families. I would like to further my commitment to Greenwich by continuing to serve on the Representative Town Meeting (RTM). I believe that my participation on the RTM will strengthen the values of our town: diversity, leadership, respect, and investment in the town's public services and natural resources.

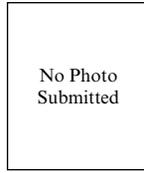
Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

I think the three most important issues facing Greenwich today are:

- 1) Maintaining the high quality of our school system to achieve the best outcomes for students;
- 2) Ensuring the preservation and sustainable use of the town's natural resources;
- 3) Maintaining and investing in the public services that make Greenwich a unique and desirable town for families.

Current RTM committee assignment: Health & Human Services

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Kessler, Sara A.
67 John St
Greenwich 06831
Occupation: Nurse at Greenwich Hospital
Biography: University of Pennsylvania BA
Fairfield University BSN
Have owned my home since 1980

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Would like to use my life experience to benefit our town

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

Congestion of our roads and development of open spaces

Current RTM committee assignment: Health and Human Services alternate

Number of terms served on RTM: 0.5



Malkin, Lawrence S.
One Hardscrabble Road
Greenwich 06831
Occupation: Investor
Biography: I have extensive work experience in the financial sector, having served as the Chief Executive Officer at Riversville Capital as well as having worked at McKinsey & Company and

Cravath, Swaine & Moore. I have a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a bachelor's and master's degree from Stanford University.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I would like to leverage my financial experience to ensure that Greenwich continues to provide excellent services to all of its citizens in a fiscally prudent manner. I believe it is imperative for backcountry to receive its fair share of Town services to ensure our safety. My family has lived in District 10 for over 14 years, and I want to help Greenwich continue to be the best place to live.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

- 1. Greenwich needs to preserve its excellent level of town services in order to maintain its position as a highly desirable place to live.
- 2. We must ensure that our budget is handled in a fiscally responsible and prudent manner.
- 3. Greenwich needs to maintain its unique character, particularly in preserving open spaces.

Current RTM committee assignment: Budget Overview Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Marshall, Nancy H.

297 Round Hill Road
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Retired attorney

Biography: I spent most of my career in public service, working as a prosecutor in Manhattan under Robert Morgenthau. When I subsequently stayed home to raise my children, I devoted as much

time as possible to community service, primarily in local schools. My degrees are in government (Harvard) and law (Columbia).

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Serving on the RTM is a fantastic way to engage in the community, to get to know one's neighbors, to hear those neighbors' concerns, to learn the substance and competing considerations of local issues, and to be involved in the process of building consensus. Some prefer to approach the budget with a hatchet or rubber stamp depending on their political leanings, but I believe the vast majority of residents want representatives who will take the time to evaluate expenditures and projects thoughtfully, considering the costs and benefits from a number of perspectives. I hope to keep listening, learning and contributing.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1)Greenwich Public Schools Master Plan. The town has contracted a plan recommending \$750 million in spending over the next 15 years to address the deteriorating facilities of our schools. The implementation of this plan should be monitored closely. 2)Northwest Fire Station: The town must address the gaping hole in fire protection coverage in the northwest corner of Greenwich. This safety issue directly affects residents of District 10, and indirectly affects all residents of Greenwich. 3)Resisting the partisan politics that have crept into our local government and returning focus to our shared interest in maintaining the quality of life in Greenwich.

Current RTM committee assignment: Education, Parks and Recreation

Number of terms served on RTM: 6



Singer, Diana Dale

74 Porchuck Road
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: President & Founder of Diana Singer Education

Biography: I raised my family in Greenwich and have lived here 25 years. A teacher I founded and am the President of Diana

Singer Education a consulting and enrichment company . Secondly, I founded the Porchuck Association which lobbies the town for safety, and beautification of back country.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I believe in volunteerism. Taking the time to pick up a clipboard and make the world a better place. I love Greenwich, and now that I am an empty nester I want to give back more to the community I am proud to call home. I'm a successful educator, business entrepreneur and public safety advocate who is a dedicated , cooperative and thoughtful organizer.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

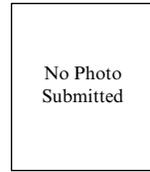
First, we need to make sure Greenwich continues to have a low milk rate, strong services and a exceptional school system to attract and keep families. Secondly, we need to make sure Greenwich continues to provide excellent services to all residents. Backcountry Greenwich has the right to be protected by a strong first responder network like all our citizens, and we must control commercial and non- commercial speeding traffic through our blind, narrow country roads. Third, RTM is non partisan and should remain impartial and undivided.

Current RTM committee assignment: Public Works.

Number of terms served on RTM: 0

Mastracchio, John

Did not reply



Small, Alan A.

86 Buckfield Lane
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Manager

Biography: Alan is an engineer with degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and University of Pennsylvania in Bioengineering. He also has an MBA from Northeastern

University in its High Technology MBA Program. Alan also is named on more than 12 patents in the medical device and bioabsorbable device area.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

As a member of the RTM for several terms I have enjoyed participating in its work and advancing the Town of Greenwich. Maintaining the town's infrastructure is very important. As a member of the Board of the Northwest Greenwich Association I have worked with others toward the goal of a fire station in the north west section of town and have seen first hand many homes in proximity to mine burn to the ground in serious fires. I will continue to advocate for better fire protection. I have been Vice Chair of District 10 and Chair of the Transportation Committee.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1 The most important issue facing voters in this election is the selection of the Selectmen for the town. Voters should select selectmen who will be fiscally and operationally responsible.
2. Greenwich voters will also be voting for candidates for the Board of Estimate and Taxation and voters should select candidates based on their goal of maintaining the financial operation of the town in a sustainable manner.
3. The most important issue facing District 10 is the protection of their homes and families with appropriate fire and ambulance coverage in the district to improve response times in an emergency.

Current RTM committee assignment: Chair of Transportation Cmte, Governance Cmte

Number of terms served on RTM: 8



Sorbaro, Sheryl B.
34 Khakum Wood Road
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: former elementary school teacher
Biography: I have lived in Greenwich for 25 years and raised my four children here. They attended nursery through high school in Greenwich and participated in town sports and activities.

I graduated from Hofstra University and have a Masters Degree in Elementary Education. I am a former NYC second grade teacher.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I am grateful to live in Greenwich. Now that my children are older I am looking to give back to this wonderful community I call home. I will look for ways to reverse the decline in our property value and will work collaboratively with all who seek to improve our town.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

Preserving the quality of life in Greenwich for all in a fiscally responsible and efficient manner is most important to me. To remain a leading residential town, Greenwich needs to ensure that land development projects are appropriate and sensible. This combined with lower taxes and maintaining great schools will keep our town competitive. Greenwich schools need to continue to develop innovative programs to prepare our children for the 21st century utilizing technology and excellent teachers.

Current RTM committee assignment:

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Sprung, Jane S.
36 Mooreland Road
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Community Volunteer
Biography: Jane has lived in Greenwich for 16 years. Her three children attend local schools. Volunteer involvement includes serving on Parent Boards of her children's schools and the Board

of Round Hill Association. A graduate of Brown University and Wharton Business School, Jane's prior career was in banking and healthcare.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I am proud to be a Greenwich resident, and I want to volunteer my time to make our Town vibrant for families, newcomers and businesses. I believe in continued support for high-quality education, public safety, health and social services, and open spaces while maintaining fiscal discipline and low taxes for future generations. I consider myself a moderate on many issues and will work to balance the town's fiscal needs with the need to provide exceptional services for residents. Given my background and experience, I feel that I can advocate effectively for District 10, and work diligently to make Greenwich exceptional.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1. Given CT's budgetary crisis, Greenwich will have to be fiscally disciplined to maintain our relatively low taxes. We need to make responsible investments to ensure that services, including fire protection, are provided efficiently and fairly.
2. We need to continue to support wise investments in our schools to provide an excellent education for our residents, attract newcomers to Greenwich and to grow local businesses.
3. We must maintain our property values in District 10 and protect our neighborhood's character, environment and our Town from overdevelopment. Let's work together to resolve Town issues and not be distracted by special interests.

Current RTM committee assignment:

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Stone, Louisa H.
17 Sterling Road
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: teacher
Biography: Vassar '53, married Emerson Stone 1955, resident since 1957, 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren. Retired teacher and Greenwich Schools communications aide. Member of LWV since

1957, active in Greenwich Land Trust since 1986, member of Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals five years, and the Commission for 15 years.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I love and care about this town and believe it's important to participate.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1. Preserving a sense of community
2. Preserving the natural environment
3. Maintaining public infrastructure and institutions

Current RTM committee assignment: Land Use

Number of terms served on RTM: 9



Swomley, Joanna R.
41 Baldwin Farms S
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Retired Litigation Partner
Biography: Complex commercial litigator in NYC for 20 yrs (10 as partner). Retired to be with my three boys who were growing up way too quickly. As my last, twins, left for college, I wanted to

become more involved in the Town and ran for, and was elected to, the RTM.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I want to represent and advance the interests of constituents in D10. Particularly I want to continue to advocate for a badly needed 24/7 professionally staffed fire station in the NW area of Greenwich and work on the items in question 2. I want to ensure that Greenwich moves forward in a thoughtful and responsible manner so that we care for our assets and at the same time make those improvements necessary to keep Greenwich a place we all want to live while being mindful of our low mill rate.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

1. For those of us in D10, getting a NW fire station to protect our lives and property. The response times in many parts should be unacceptable.
2. Town planning (or lack thereof) -- we need more transparency and input from the community regarding development (Mel Gibson property for example) and parking and traffic issues in town are out of control and simply must be addressed.
3. How to best and most responsibly finance the school, environmental and other infrastructure needs that must be addressed in order to keep Greenwich the wonderful place it is to live.

Current RTM committee assignment: Public Works, alternate to Town Services

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Veronis, Sophie M.
25 Will Merry Lane
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Homemaker & community volunteer, former teacher.

Biography: I have lived in Greenwich with my husband and four children since 2004. Prior to that we lived in NYC where I

worked as a high school and middle school teacher and also worked for five years at a large international grant-making foundation.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Civic engagement has always been important to me. My family has benefited greatly from living in Greenwich and I would like to give back to the community and help make Greenwich an even more attractive destination for young families looking for a better way of life. I have held many positions on the PTAs of each of the schools my children attended: Parkway, WMS and GHS. This volunteer work and my background in education has made me a passionate advocate for our schools and has strengthened my core belief that great schools make for strong, vibrant communities.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

We need to ensure our school system is properly supported and that our students and teachers have the top notch facilities and educational resources they deserve. This includes the renovation of the GHS stadium and the remediation and timely reopening of the athletic fields at WMS. We need to work on sustainable development, especially in District 10 which has seen a decline in property prices and a steep drop in enrollment in our elementary school. We need to develop "green" initiatives in a responsible, forward-thinking way so that our town is as healthy, clean and environmentally sound as possible.

Current RTM committee assignment:

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Wasserman, Svetlana
37 Day Road
Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Naturalist. Formerly, program director at Open Society Foundation

Biography: I was born in Ukraine and my family immigrated to the United States as refugees when I was a child. After receiving

a PhD in Political Science from Stanford University, I worked at the Open Society Foundation providing technical assistance to governments beginning to export oil and gas.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

If you care about something, you work to protect it. That is my motto. Because I care about the environment, I became a naturalist, joined my town's Environmental Committee, became a member of the Sustainability Collaborative, and raised funds for re-usable bags. Since moving to Greenwich, I became a volunteer for the Land Trust and the Audubon Center. I care deeply about my new home in the backcountry. I'm running to ensure that we can enjoy our quality of life and green spaces for years to come, and receive commensurate fire safety to that of other parts of Greenwich.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today?

- 1) Supporting sustainability, conservation, and alternative energy to maintain a healthy Greenwich for future generations;
- 2) Providing commensurate fire emergency response services to the backcountry;
- 3) Keeping our mill rates low to preserve and grow our home values

Current RTM committee assignment: Alternate, Land Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 0.17