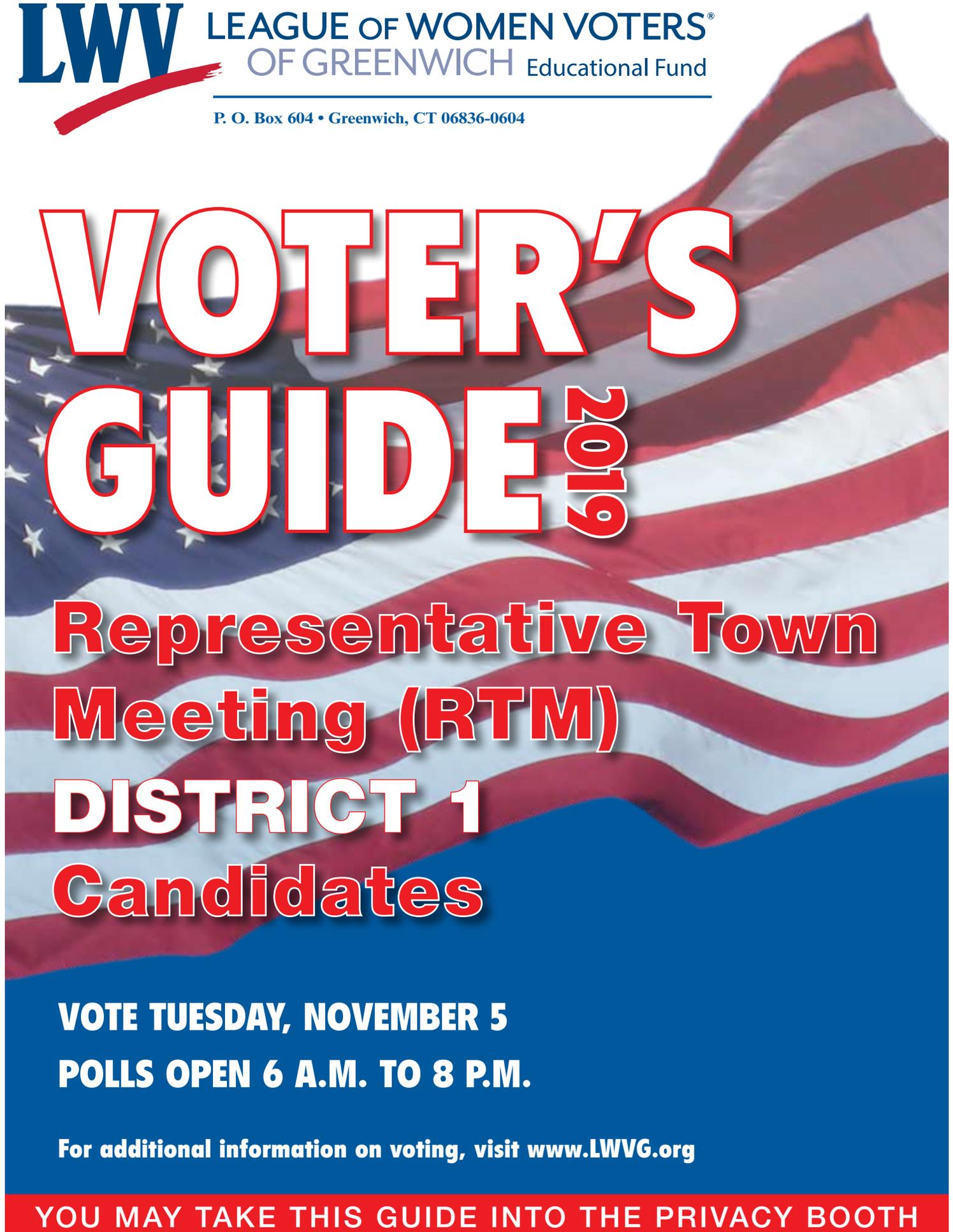




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# VOTER'S GUIDE 2019

## Representative Town Meeting (RTM)

## DISTRICT 1 Candidates

**VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

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# Representative Town Meeting

2-YEAR TERM (UNSALARIED)

Candidates with no designation following their name are current RTM members who attended more than two-thirds of both the general and district meetings since the last election or since becoming an RTM member. Candidates with Petition following their name are current RTM members but have attended fewer than two-thirds of both general and district meetings since the last election or since becoming an RTM member. Candidates with P-NEW following their name are not current RTM members. Voting and attendance records of all RTM members are available for review at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall, daily 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and on the Town website: [Greenwichct.org/government/RTM](http://Greenwichct.org/government/RTM).

## DISTRICT 1 - South Center

Polling Place:  
Julian Curtiss School Gymnasium  
180 East Elm Street  
Greenwich

### Vote for 19 or Less

Andrea Edwards Anthony  
Katharine Ashworth  
Joshua H. Brown  
Carl G. R. Carlson, Jr.  
Edward D. Dadakis **Petition**  
Laura A. Feda **P-NEW**  
Alison Ghiorse **P-NEW**  
Dean C. Goss  
Dean L. Goss  
Judith G. Goss  
Alanna M. Hynes **Petition**  
Frederick Lee, Jr  
William B. Lewis, Jr. **P-NEW**  
Jaysen Lee Medhurst  
Elizabeth Mills "Sanders"  
Ryan C. Oca **P-NEW**  
Daniel E. P. Quigley  
Robert Robins  
Helma H. Varga  
Marla M. Weston  
Maxwell P. Wiesen **P-NEW**  
Lihong Zhang **P-NEW**

See detailed candidate information on following pages.



**Anthony, Andrea Edwards**

5 Putnam Hill 2A  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Retired 2013. Fordham University (6 yrs.) budget planning - Graduate School institute; IBM Corporation (15 yrs.) publication databases (information development); administrator Electric Car program

**Biography:** BBA Business and Marketing (cum laude). Plus credits earned toward MBA (incomplete). Fordham University (6 yrs.) - budget planning for Graduate School grant-funded institute. IBM Corporation (15 yrs.) - publications databases (information development). IBM Watson Research Center - admin on high-end scientific visualization systems experimental project. Greenwich resident 13 yrs.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Having served two years, I feel increasingly better informed with regard to the management of our Town and plan to continue on this path. The workings of the RTM are fascinating; "DEMOCRACY IN ACTION". Having attended 99.9% of meetings: RTM, District, and Committees, my commitment is solid; my efforts are consistent. I have gone beyond specific responsibilities by attending multiple Town meetings and workshops to have the background to better respond to concerns of constituents. Greenwich is strong, but we are at a critical point with the State of Connecticut's financial and political challenges. I am here to serve.

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

1-BUDGET MANAGEMENT: Oversight and management of the Town, Nathaniel Witherell, GEMS, Fire Department, Education, and Recreation budget efficiencies. Emphasis on excellence of schools and maintenance of Town infrastructure.  
2-STATE: Evaluation of fiscal responsibilities and methods to create revenue for the State, while protecting Town of Greenwich assets and financial position.  
3-PLANNING & ZONING: Thoughtful and intelligent foresight and planning of appropriate new building developments in congested traffic areas such as Central Greenwich. Growth with manageable impact on Town character and parking. Preserving and protecting historic districts.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Technology Advisory Group (goal is to bring tech efficiencies to RTM); Health and Human Services

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1



**Ashworth, Katharine**

141 OVERLOOK DR  
GREENWICH 06830

**Occupation:** VP Digital & US Marketing - Love Good Fats  
**Biography:** I'm a working Mom of three who's lived in Greenwich for a total of 12 years. I'm VP Marketing for a natural food startup and have worked at Pepsico, American

Express and TD Bank. Past volunteer experience includes Treasurer of ISD PTA and Christ Church Nursery School.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I am running for a second term on the RTM because I believe it is important to contribute to the community and that Greenwich is strongest when people get involved. I ran for the RTM in 2017 to share my voice and skills to help make Greenwich the best it can be. I have learned a lot on the RTM during the last two years and I hope to leverage my experience and continue to represent others in District 1 during in a second term on the RTM.

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

1.Support for Greenwich Public Schools - the Greenwich public school system is an important part of why many families decide to move to our town. We need to continue to support the people and facilities that make GPS great. 2. Attracting businesses to Greenwich, including merchants to the many vacant storefronts on Greenwich Avenue. 3. Prudent fiscal management of the town budget - thoughtful use of taxpayer dollars is a priority.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Parks & Recreation

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1



**Brown, Joshua H.**

89 Putnam Park  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Risk mgmt

**Biography:** Born and raised in Town. Consultant on organization, governance, systems and processes with a focus more recently on risk and compliance. Former Chair of RTM

Finance and RTM Education committees. Two wonderful college students who came through our public schools.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

Giving back to my community. Being a voice for maintaining a town while embracing new ideas, invigorating our community to participate in its betterment (be involved)

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

Delivery of best services to all the residents, employees and visitors, efficiently. Deciding on the right capital projects needed and how to best fund them. Improving the way we get around safely (roads, pedestrian, bike)

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Labor contracts (chair), finance committee, special committee on rtm governance (vice chair)

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 13

**Carlson, Jr. Carl G. R.**

Did not reply



**Dadakis, Edward D.**

81 Mallard Drive  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Broker

**Biography:** A life long Greenwich resident, I attended Greenwich public schools graduating from the UConn at Storrs. I am widely engaged in the community having supported many

community groups including Boy Scouts, TAG, GEMS, Glenville Volunteer Fire Company, and the 4th of July flag raising on the plaza at Town Hall.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I'm running to keep Greenwich a quality town where people want to live and raise their families. We have many pressures on our resources. We need to use them wisely. Elected officials who support spending must remember it is not their money, the money belongs to Greenwich taxpayers. We have enormous responsibility to spend those funds wisely and efficiently. We can have nice things but we can't overspend. A good example of the town's failures is the \$50million spend for the GHS auditorium. We could have spent 30%less and had similar capabilities & quality. We cannot continue to do this.

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

1. Declining home values means development of strategies so people want to live here. An experiential downtown, good schools,resources and low taxes I oppose long term borrowing. It'll send Greenwich towards fiscal ruin just as it did in Hartford.
2. Quality of our schools instructionally and physically- We already have three brand new schools and we need to fix current facilities. But we must not overspend and do the improvements as cost effectively as possible. Teachers must be challenged to be the best.
3. The severe damage that 40years of Democrat rule has done to Connecticut forcing people to move.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Claims Committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 20

**Feda, Laura A.**

Did not reply



**Ghiorse, Alison**

194 Putnam Park  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Event Planner

**Biography:** I was born and raised in Greenwich. After graduating from Greenwich High I moved to the Bay Area. In 2014 I returned and have lived in District 1 for five years. As a

former chef and supporter of Greenwich Community Gardens, I'm committed to sustainable food practices and environmental conservation.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

When I moved back to Greenwich I decided to make a concerted effort to be actively involved in the town and make my contribution. Therefore, I want to have a better understanding of how decisions are made and have a voice within the decision making process. In addition, I want to learn from my neighbors what their concerns and priorities are, and represent them accurately and honestly.

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

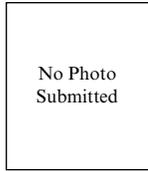
- Thriving public educational system.
- Maintaining and fostering our public resources and historical character.
- Environmental conservation.

**Current RTM committee assignment**

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0

**Goss, Dean C.**

Did not reply



**GOSS, DEAN L.**

21 Ridge Street  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** RETIRED COLLEGE PROFESSOR

**Biography:** RAISED IN NEW CANAAN I HAVE BACHELORS AND MASTERS IN ENGINEERING.THE LAST 25 YEARS WERE SPENT IN COLLEGE TEACHING..AS DEPARTMENT

CHAIR I LED OUR DRIVE TO ARCHITECTURAL ACCREDITATION.PRIOR TO THIS IPROJECTS TOOK ME TO SEVERAL STATES AND SOUTH AMERICA.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

THE RTM SEEMED A GOOD WAY TO SERVE THE TOWN WITHOUT GETTING OVERLY IMMURSED IN PARTY POLITICS. I WAS RAISED IN A TOWN THAT STILL HAD TRUE TOWN MEETINGS. THE RTM SEEMED A MORE CIVIL WAY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS. THE CONCEPT OF GIVING BACK IS OFTEN STRESSED. THE MEETINGS CAN BE ENJOYABLE AS WE EMERGE. I HAVE ALWAYS FOUND THAT MOST MEMBERS LIKE THE NON-PARTISIAN ASPECT AS ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF THE RTM. I RUN, I HOPE I COMTRIBUTE. I ENJOYED THE ENTREE IT HAS GIVEN ME TO SERVE ON A NUMBER OF THE SCHOOL BUIDING COMMITTEES.

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

FOUR PROBLEMS ARISE FROM THE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS OF THE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT.FIRST IS THERE AN AMPLE WATER SUPPLY? SECOND IS THE EXISTING SEWERING SYSTEM ABLE TO CARRY THE INCREASED LOAD? THIRD CAN GRASS ISLAND BE MADE ABLE TO HANDLE THE INCREASED LOAD ? AND FORTH WILL GRASS ISLAND BE ABLE TO PRODUCE A DISCHARGE THAT WILL MEET ANY STATE REQUIREMENT FOR POLLUTION CONTROL IN LONG ISLAND SOUND? COUPLED WITH THE VARIETY OF CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE IN VARIOUS LEVELS OF DISCUSSION POSE ISSUES ENOUGH

**Current RTM committee assignment:** PUBLIC WORKS , DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 18

**Goss, Judith G.**

Did not reply



**Hynes, Alanna M.**

282 Overlook Dr  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Corporate Strategy

**Biography:** I was born and raised in Greenwich (District 1 and 5) and moved back to District 1 in 2015 to raise my family. I have served in the RTM for the last two years in addition to being an

active community member in my church and neighborhood.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

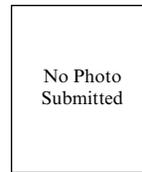
I have enjoyed serving on the RTM and having the opportunity to give back to my neighborhood and town. My professional experience in finance and corporate strategic planning informs how I evaluate ideas with a view towards delivering long term value for the community. District 1 is fortunate to have many amenities and serve as the heart of the town and as such our RTM members play an important role in making sure that we preserve what makes our neighborhood unique. I love living in Greenwich and am passionate about maintaining the character of our downtown community for future generations.

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

1. Downtown development: It is important that we continue to encourage responsible stewardship of existing commercial and residential properties to ensure a vibrant downtown.
2. Demographics: As many longtime residents are aging it is important that while we continue to build and attract new residents we focus on protecting the ability for residents to age in place and remain active members of our community.
3. Fiscal responsibility: We must continue to provide excellent town services to residents without overburdening ourselves with current or future debt.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Town Services

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1



**Lee, Jr Frederick**

164 East Elm Street  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Management Consultant

**Biography:** A former senior level finance and marketing executive with a Fortune 500 Retailer. Currently working with established and startup fashion designers and companies to

help them realize their potential by improving their sales, operations, growing their marketing presence and raising capital for expansion. A Greenwich resident for over 17 years.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I joined the RTM when a local senior citizen community was in jeopardy of being overtaken for for-profit use. After 9 years this has now come back to life in a new form. We need to protect those who don't have a voice and have been a substantial part of the Greenwich community. Involved in the development of the town POCD and matters of overdevelopment and traffic congestion in our town. There needs to be a rational voice on development so we do not lose what makes Greenwich a special community as a place to live, raise children and retire.

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

Overdevelopment /Oversized Residential Projects- the town is on the verge of losing the character of what makes it special. The demolition of single family residential properties replaced by multiple dwellings and oversized housing are both taking away Greenwich character and causing flooding and drainage issues for our neighbors. Flooding - overdevelopment of single family properties is overtaxing the existing town infrastructure and the impervious surfaces creates drainage issues for downstream neighbors.

Infrastructure Decline - our sewer systems need major upgrades with superstorms that we are encountering more consistently, our town is in jeopardy of catastrophic situations to life and property.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Land Use

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 5



**Lewis, Jr. William B.**

58 East Elm Street  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Financial manager

**Biography:** Town resident for over fifty years. Fourth generation GHS graduate, as are my three children. Hold BA, MS and MBA degrees. Previously served on the RTM for four

years in the mid 1990's.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

The town is special not just by grace of God or our beautiful landscape and harbors, but also by the hard work and vision of our forerunners in local government. For example, they rightfully resisted the siren song of long-term borrowing that would push payments to future generations; they established a single uniting and diverse high school for the whole town; they avoided oversized parking structures (to maintain a sense of town rather than city.)

I enjoyed my previous service on the RTM; the meetings can be long but the effort to preserve our special history is well worth it.

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

1. Improving playing fields and parks, in quantity and quality.
2. Resolving the tension between curtailing overdevelopment (oversized multifamily structures) and complying with the special exemptions (associated with work-force and affordable housing) that are hyper-driving the development.
3. Preserving populist input. Efforts to insulate the government (increasing petition requirements, lengthening terms, preserving party hegemony) all must be resisted. Also, public-private partnerships and land deals must be scrutinized at all levels.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Budget Overview and Finance (during prior service)

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 2



**MEDHURST, JAYSEN LEE**

196 Putnam Park  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Financial Services

**Biography:** Most importantly, I am father to two wonderful children and husband to my beautiful wife. After 15 years in advertising, marketing, and design, I currently work in finance

and hold a B.A. in Political Science from Columbia University. In 1999 I met James Brown at the Salt Lake City airport.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

There are few better places to live and thrive than Greenwich. I simply want to give back to the town I love so much.

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

**Education:** We have a profound responsibility to provide our children with the best possible foundation for success. Their achievements benefit the town immeasurably.

**Infrastructure:** Vitally important, yet rarely noticed, strong and efficient infrastructure is essential to keeping our town a premier destination to live and work.

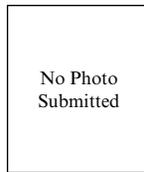
**Growth:** Preserving the unique character of Greenwich, while thoughtfully planning for the future.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Finance and Land Use

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1

**Mills "Sanders", Elizabeth**

Did not reply



**Oca, Ryan C.**

119 Havemeyer Pl  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Biography:** Born and raised in Greenwich. Employed as an attorney for the last 4 years, working in environmental law and securities law.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I previously served on the RTM for two terms, having the privilege to be the secretary on the Health and Human Services committee and an alternate for the Legislative and Rules committee. During my time on the RTM, I gained insight into the issues facing our community and the need for civic engagement, and I am well qualified to help Greenwich grow and continue to be the outstanding place to live that I grew up in.

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

The first is education. Having gone through our public-school system, I know firsthand how critical it is to our children's future to make sure they are well supported to give them the best chance for success. Second is infrastructure. To be competitive and to continue to be a place that is attractive to professionals, we need to invest in, and take care of, our existing infrastructure. Lastly, we need to do all of this in a financially sensible way that keeps our taxes low, allowing for a greater diversity of people to live here.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Quigley, Daniel E. P.**

25 West Elm St #35  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** At home Dad

**Biography:** Dan grew up in Greenwich and after graduating GHS in '90 he went on to graduate from Syracuse University in '94. He enjoyed a 20yr career in Financial Services (15 at Merrill

Lynch) and is now an at home Dad. Dan lives in downtown Greenwich with his wife and son.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I was elected to the RTM in 2017 and I strongly believe in giving back to one's community via public service. Making our town run efficiently is not an easy task but I am reminded constantly how effective a participatory democracy can be if you engage with your constituents on a regular basis. The people in our community deserve our best efforts 100% of the time. Having participated as both a District 1 RTM member and as its representative to the Finance Committee I've seen up close how rewarding it is to deliver for our residents.

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

Ensuring that Greenwich stays on a fiscally intelligent path going forward. This means ensuring we do not over extend our finances by embarking on an unsustainable path of over borrowing to finance capital projects.

Preserving our status as a "low tax" municipality and our strong public schools so that we remain an attractive community to raise a family and run a business and live. Harvesting sensible development opportunities that will enrich our downtown areas and make Greenwich a more attractive destination while growing our economy. Growth and forward thinking is essential to future success.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Finance Committee D1

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1



**Robins, Robert**

25 West Elm Street #16  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Private investor

**Biography:** CT Board of Governors for Higher Ed, CT Governor's Blue-Ribbon Panel on Education Cost-Sharing, President Clinton's Working Group on the 25th Amendment,

CIA Daily Brief Group for Kennedy and Johnson. Professor/Deputy Provost, Tulane University, Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission. Ph.D. Political Science, Duke University. Full bio in Who's Who in America, 1987-present.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I want to participate in making Greenwich the best town in Connecticut. My service on the local, state, and national levels will help me to accomplish that.

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

1. Social and economic inequality
2. Fiscal integrity
3. Public quality of life, especially in central Greenwich.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Public Works (backup)

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 3



**Varga, Helma H.**

74 Bruce Park Ave  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Retired Hotel Executive

**Biography:** My Education was in Germany where I was born. In November 1963 I immigrated to the USA. Moved to Greenwich in 1966. Married in 1966, divorced in 1977. 2 Sons. Opened

several Hotels in Stamford, White Plains and New York City. Joined the RTM November 8th 2011.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

To keep informed about the issues facing Greenwich.

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

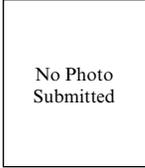
Nathaniel Witherell  
Senior Housing  
Utilities

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Transportation Committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 4

**Weston, Marla M.**

Did not reply



**Wiesen, Maxwell P.**

35 Widgeon Way

Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Real Estate Salesperson

**Biography:** Educated in Scarsdale, and at Case Western Reserve University (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.). Instructor of English Literature at U. of Cincinnati, head of a sales organization in N.Y.C, and,

for 26 years a realtor in Greenwich; Published poet, and proficient artist. I continue to paint and write, and sell homes.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

As a realtor, I have been dismayed at the lack of visual oversight and square footage allowances by Planning and Zoning. Setbacks of 10' in R-7, for example, create density issues; removal of trees from building lots contribute to pollution, and inappropriate, and conflicting home designs diminish the beauty of the town. A prime example of poor decision making was the second sub-division of Anderson Ridge, allowing homes of all sizes and shapes to sit side by side, often on lots 1/2 the size of the original sub-division allowances. While other issues come to mind, This would be my focus.

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

1) home and land development into the future 2) adequate parking in the downtown area 3) balances the fiscal needs of the town while maintaining our low mill rate.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

**Number of terms served on RTM: 0**

**Zhang, Lihong**

Did not reply