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Representative Town Meeting (RTM)
DISTRICT 7

Candidates

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
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Representative Town Meeting

2-YEAR TERM (UNSALARIED)

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DISTRICT 7 - North Center

Polling Place: Greenwich High School Auditorium 10 Hillside Road Greenwich

Vote for 20 or Less

Debbie L. Applebaum P-NEW Kimberly Morgan Blank Ellen M. Brennan-Galvin Petition Mary G. "Nanette" Burrows Thomas J. Cahill James E. Cecil P-NEW Jill S. Cobbs Denis M. Cronin P-NEW Alice B. Duff Kimberly S. Fiorello Elizabeth "Betsy" J. Galindo William W. Galvin, III Petition Hilary A. Gunn Lucia D. Jansen Scott E. Kalb P-NEW Kamran Kashef P-NEW Elizabeth "Wynn" McDaniel Henry A. Orphys Doreen M. Pearson P-NEW Elizabeth A. Perry Luke Szymczak **Petition** Mike Warner **P-NEW**

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Appelbaum, Debbie L. 10 Dearfield Lane Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Retired Elected Member of the Greenwich Board

Biography: Twenty-eight year Greenwich D7 resident. Elected to BOE 2013-17. Board Secretary. Committees: policy, finance,

negotiations, strategic planning, HR, capital projects, Student Govt. FS youth services. PTA President North Street, Central, and GHS. Junior League member 1995-present; Sustainer Chair. U. Pennsylvania BA, Urban Economics 1980. Married 33 years, mother of two.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Over nearly 20 years, I have focused on volunteerism and public service in town. This has included working with multiple town officials, boards and departments on numerous projects related to education and quality of life in Greenwich. I have experience from both the inside and outside of our town government and understand the governing process. It is this broad perspective I wish to bring to the RTM. I support thoughtful, researched decision making with the best interests of all constituents in mind. I want to help make Greenwich the best it can be now and into the future.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today? Greenwich has a wonderful history of low taxes, excellent schools and services in a pleasant living environment of open space, waterfront and bucolic "urban" centers. Looking forward, voters worry about Infrastructure, Economic Development and Town Services. How to improve and maintain aging infrastructure - education buildings, sports and recreation facilities as well as community gathering spaces? How to approach economic development to increase revenues, attract investment, meet future needs yet stay true to who we are? How to bring Town Services into the 21st century yet maintain personal attention? Thoughtful, people-centered approaches, can meet these current and future residents' needs.

Current RTM committee assignment: Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Blank, Kimberly Morgan 124 Brookside Drive

Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Management Consultant

Biography: Kim has lived in Greenwich since 1998. Her three children attend public school. She works part-time for McKinsey & Co. Kim has been an active volunteer with the PTAs, Red

Cross, & Red Ribbon Foundation. She has an AB from Harvard in Government, and a JD from Yale Law School.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

It has been a true privilege to serve on the RTM for the past 12 years. I am currently Chair of the Education Committee. I am proud of how the town has supported its school system through a period of challenges and change. I consider myself a true moderate on most issues and try to balance the town's fiscal needs with the need to provide exceptional services for town residents. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to consider a wide variety of local issues and to have a positive impact on the town through my work on the RTM.

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

- 1. We need to continue to make Greenwich an attractive choice for residents, maintaining low taxes and excellent services. This is particularly challenging as tax rates in Connecticut make it less competitive than it has historically been.
- 2. We need to continue to support our schools and invest in their infrastructure in order to provide an excellent education for residents and attract newcomers to Greenwich.
- 3. We need to better address challenges that have come from changes to the town over the past two decades. These include increased traffic, lack of parking, and the changing character of neighborhoods.

Current RTM committee assignment: Education Number of terms served on RTM: 6

Brennan-Galvin, Ellen M.

136 Maple Avenue Greenwich 06830

Occupation: retired: international civil servant (UN) and college professor (Yale)

Biography: Smith AB, Columbia PhD. Senior researcher and subsequent senior management position at United Nations (26

years); Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Lecturer and Sr. Research Scholar, Graduate School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Yale University (8 years). Other activities: Chair, World Affairs Forum Board; LWV. 33-year Greenwich resident.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Whereas many town residents are mainly aware of and concerned with local neighborhood issues, being on the RTM, particularly for multiple terms, makes one thoroughly aware of the multiple issues facing the town: e.g., financial challenges such as pension obligations and the need to keep the mill rate down; land use and environmental issues; the need for historic preservation; the need to devise creative solutions to provide affordable housing, and so on.

Interviewing candidates for the positions that keep our numerous committees and commissions functioning in the best possible way is also an important aspect of being on the RTM.

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

First, the need to preserve the character of Greenwich, including preventing the incursion of commercial development into residential neighborhoods, devising ways to preserve mature trees (and not just town trees), and preventing large-scale development such as taller residential buildings and cluster housing. Second, devising creative ways to increase affordable housing, such as including accessory and illegal apartments.

Third, maintaining fiscal responsibility, such as constantly scrutinizing pension obligations and health care plans for town workers and devising ways to contain costs. **Current RTM committee assignment:** Land Use Committee (Secretary, 3 terms) Number of terms served on RTM: 6

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Burrows, Mary G. "Nanette"

29 Hillside Drive Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Financial advisor

Biography: Raised in Greenwich, daughters attending private and public schools. Active on pta's or parent board of GA and Higischool for 16 years. Also on boards of Greenwich Arts

Council, Hortulus etc..

BA Smith College, MBA Columbia

17 years in finance on Wall Street or at Mobil/Exxon. 9 years overseas

O: Why are you running for RTM?

Having grown up in Greenwich, I am focused on preserving its natural beauty and environment, as well as its fiscal soundness. Having two daughters attend Greenwich Highschool, I care deeply about improving education in our town (I served 6 years on Education). I'm also concerned about our beaches and parks. Flooding is one area of concern. I have been on Parks & Rec for two years. I also served on the Community Development Block Grant program and have seen firsthand the needs of Greenwich families. We need to work even harder to support these groups with diminishing federal funds.

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

The most important issue for the RTM is assuring the fiscal soundness of the Town (not raising taxes) while maintaining schools, infrastructure and the environment Continuing to improve the educational system

Preserving the environment

Current RTM committee assignment: Parks & Recreation

Number of terms served on RTM: 4



Cahill, Thomas J. Did not reply

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Cecil, James E. 49 Fox Run Lane Greenwich 06831 **Occupation:** Investor

Biography: Jay is a Partner at an investment fund Avidity

Partners in town.

Jay helped found a non-profit organization, SEAL Future

Foundation to assist retiring Navy SEALs transition from service to private sector. Jay has lived in Greenwich with his wife and two young children since 2008.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I think RTM serves a valuable role for the town community. It should facilitate equitable and pragmatic solutions and be an apolitical environment. I would like to work with members collaboratively to preserve our town's good reputation and to ensure fiscal prudence while continuing to invest in the broader community. The broader economic environment within the state and the northeast is changing. I'd like to be part of making sure Greenwich remains a standout community amidst this shifting landscape.

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

The town's fiscal standing and budget relative to short and long term planning needs The quality of our towns children's educational system

Ensuring an equitable and fair tax environment for town residents.

Current RTM committee assignment: Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Cobbs, Jill S. 1 Maher Court Greenwich 06830 **Occupation:** Consultant

Biography: RTM Incumbent; Longtime Greenwich Resident; Attended Local Schools; Duke University BS Civil Engineering; Columbia University MS Industrial Engineering; Raised Family

in Greenwich; 20 Years Corporate Experience in Engineering and Information Technology; Past Chairman - Greenwich Continuing Education Advisory Council; Current Greenwich Library Board Member; Secretary RTM D7 and Public Works O: Why are you running for RTM?

With my background and training in engineering and information technology and love of Greenwich, I have much to offer to the RTM. My longterm residence in the Town has given me personal knowledge of the school, system, parks, and recreational services, social services and land use issues. My past corporate management experience has been invaluable in assessing the needs of the community and the financial resources available to provide these needs.

O: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today? Since the State of Connecticut undoubtedly will reduce its traditional financial commitment to Greenwich, the RTM must deal with the reality of a more stringent budget than in past years. Among important issues facing the RTM: maintaining the Town's infrastructure, including schools'aging physical plants, civic centers, and roads; providing excellent education; and addressing toxicity of playing fields and building sites.

RTM members must understand their responsibility to Greenwich residents is to deliver excellent services while keeping in mind that these homeowners and businesses are also taxpayers who have the option of moving to other areas.

Current RTM committee assignment: Public Works Committee Number of terms served on RTM: 1.5



Cronin, Denis M. 40 Glen Road Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Real Estate Development

Biography: I grew up in Manhasset, NY, attending both public and private schools before moving on to Colgate and then Fordham Law. Currently work in real estate development

focusing on residential and commercial properties. I moved to Greenwich 4 years ago with my wife Maggie, who was raised here in Town.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I believe wholeheartedly in public service and community involvement. Soon after arriving in Town, I began volunteering as an assistant coach for the 8th grade Greenwich Youth Lacrosse (GYL) program. Through GYL, I have seen firsthand the outstanding level of community involvement, exceptional Town facilities, and numerous public works that Greenwich has to offer. I hope to become further involved in the community by serving on the District 7 RTM.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today? 1. Education-Strong public schools are the foundation of robust communities. We need to invest in both the infrastructure as well as individuals that teach our children. 2. Public Works-Property values are driven by demand to relocate to our Town. People choose Greenwich for the low taxes, public services and recreation facilities. We need to maintain services that make the Greenwich a standout community. 3. Funding-To fund public works, we need to know how tax dollars are spent. With my real estate background, I will ensure we are fiscally responsible in developments

and find ways to increase revenue through public private partnerships.

Current RTM committee assignment: Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Duff, Alice B. 63 Midwood Rd. Greenwich 06830 Occupation: Realtor

Biography: As a Realtor for over 30 years, I have been active selling our lovely community. I've served on numerous boards including Greenwich Hospital, Red Cross, Board of Realtors,

Community Answers, Smith College Club and public and private school committees. Being informed about events in town is part of my job.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Serving on the RTM shows what a wonderfully diverse community we have. I have enjoyed getting to know people from all parts of town. I like that RTM is nonpartisan. We all have the Town's best interests at heart.

Traditionally, people have moved to Greenwich because of our low taxes. I want to help keep it that way while also improving our town facilities, including schools, in a way that makes sound fiscal sense. I appreciate it when my constituents contact me about issues that matter to them. I would like to continue trying to make a

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today? Keeping taxes low while improving town owned properties and facilities (including schools) and roads.

Increased traffic is a huge issue. Buildup on I-95 and the Merritt force drivers onto our narrow, curvy roads, making walking and biking dangerous.

Preserving a sense of community by encouraging villages throughout town.

Current RTM committee assignment: Appointments

Number of terms served on RTM: 10



Fiorello, Kimberly S. 1 Grove Lane Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Stay-at-home-mother

Biography: Collections Committee, Greenwich Historical Society. Board member, Arch Street Teen Center. Former reporter for Far Eastern Economic Review and Asian Wall Street

Journal in Hong Kong. Wife and Mother of school-age children. Harvard College, A.B. Economics. 1 year at U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

To continue to serve my neighborhood and be a voice for limited government and fiscal prudence on the RTM.

O: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today? One - Board of Education can do better! Demand transparency and accountability for \$1BN capital spending plan. Prudence is a must. BOE's woeful track record managing capital projects is concerning. TWO -- Keep Greenwich's Disciplined, Thrifty, Can-Do Yankee Spirit! Keep our spending under control. Do not take on long-term debt to overspend and burden future generations. THREE -- Keep Greenwich's charming New England character. Encourage developments that fit our neighborhoods and enrich family and community life.

Current RTM committee assignment: Alternate for Health and Human Services Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Galindo, Elizabeth"Betsy"J.

34 Maher Avenue Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Residential real estate agent

Biography: McGill University: B.A./Graduate Diploma of Mgmt. Greenwich Real Estate Agent - Halstead Property. Financial Banking background: Montreal, NYC, CT. Board

Member: Financial Planning Association - Fairfield County Chapter.. Greenwich Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year - 2007.

Member of Greenwich Historical Society. Have lived on Maher Ave for 20 years.

O: Why are you running for RTM?

I was appointed to the RTM in January 2019 to fill an interim opening in District 7. This has provided me the opportunity to appreciate first hand the knowledge and expertise of our Town's RTM members. My background in finance and my exposure as a real estate agent to the neighborhoods of Greenwich, its schools, Town Hall Dept's such as P&Z and Wetlands, and POCD initiatives have proven helpful in my being able to contribute in a meaningful way.

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

Generically, Greenwich's issues involve: its fiscal position within and independent of Hartford; its aging infrastructure; and its goal to provide the best of services to the broad socio-economic spectrum of its population.

The impact of the drop in real estate values of Greenwich's tax base requires strong prioritizing of new capital projects, and professional overview of maintenance/ improvements to current infrastructure so as to avoid unbudgeted and unexpected repair expenses.

Operating efficiencies must continue to stay at the forefront as a way to keep and augment services, and to ensure they are balanced across all segments of our

Current RTM committee assignment: Number of terms served on RTM: 0.5



Galvin III, William W

136 Maple Ave. Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Retired - Corporate and Financial

Communications Consultant

Biography: Yale BA, Columbia MBA. Investment banking followed by career in financial communications. 20 years with

my own consultancy. Other activities: Chair Family ReEntry, World Affairs Forum Board, Senior Warden - St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Former board member Big Brothers/Sisters (NY). 48-year Greenwich resident.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Greenwich, including the school budget, is a \$450+ million enterprise with multiple layers of increasing complexity in the context of a fragile and uncertain state-ofthe-state. Our evolving community faces changing priorities and increasingly will be confronted with choices between "wants" and "needs" if our property tax levels are to be maintained. In this environment, the RTM will be a critical component in TOG's government, requiring its members to be both highly informed and engaged. My multiple involvements in Greenwich over many years, coupled with my high level of interest and broad experience, qualify me to continue on the RTM.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today? First, property values: The state's finances, the flat grand list, changing demographics, rapidly rising union contract settlements, etc. – all impact our ability to fund the Greenwich of the future.

Second, more than ever, Greenwich citizens/taxpayers in the future will be pressed to consider alternatives and make often difficult choices among competing projects or initiatives, a process in which the RTM has an important role.

Third, with the continuing expansion of commercial and institutional development, maintaining the neighborhood character throughout the town in keeping with the POCD will be an ever greater challenge.

Current RTM committee assignment: HHS Committee - VC, BOC - Alternate; also IWWA (12 years), Selectman's Property Committee, former board member Dept of Health and Human Services.

Number of terms served on RTM: 5





Gunn, Hilary A. 64 Zaccheus Mead Ln. Greenwich: 06831 Occupation: Dispatcher

Biography: The George Washington University, BA

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I believe if you're interested in state and national politics,

you ought to first be involved on the most local level. The stronger we grow our neighborhoods and towns, the better able we will be to then effect change within broader boundaries. Equally as important, I love this town and her residents fiercely and hope to preserve and perfect our charm and unique culture for future generations. I am proud to be a part of a body that brings government and citizenry together to create change, and look forward to continuing to do so when reelected this November.

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

1) The ever-increasing financial burden of local labor agreements, largely unquestioned by those tasked to represent taxpayer interests. Past efforts to remain competitive have spiraled out of control, and threaten our town's financial standing. 2) Unfettered development that is changing the very nature of this town, and threatening the peace of mind and even safety of local residents. Developers come with deep pockets ready to strong-arm the process, constituents deserve voices fighting for their interests. 3) A consistently uncertain fiscal future for the state of Connecticut, making the creation and control of local spending patterns evermore difficult yet increasingly important.

Current RTM committee assignment: Town Services

Number of terms served on RTM: 2



Jansen, Lucia D. 8 Sidney Lanier Lane Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Former Technology Executive

Biography: I am a 27-year Greenwich resident, married with a daughter in the public schools. I hold an MBA and have over 15-years successful management experience with leading

technology companies. Have held various RTM leadership positions bringing with me a strong work ethic, integrity, and collaborative approach.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I care deeply about preserving our high-quality town services, schools, and recreation facilities while keeping Greenwich affordable for our diverse residents of young families and seniors alike. CT continues to experience significant economic pressures from weak economic growth and high legacy costs. Next fiscal year is our Grand List reassessment, which is likely to put additional weight on the town budget. I believe my in-depth knowledge of town finances, experience working through large and complex issues, combined with my high energy level, enables me to tackle the important work and decisions ahead.

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

- 1- Maintaining our high-quality services in a climate of weak economic growth and the ongoing state fiscal crisis;
- 2- Hartford imposed new school costs and unfunded state mandates that could impact our local school control and spending;
- 3- Maintaining the character of our neighborhoods from high density development. Current RTM committee assignment: Budget Overview Committee, Chairman Labor Contracts Committee, Delegate

Number of terms served on RTM: 8



Kalb, Scott E. 36 Park Ave Greenwich 06830 **Occupation:** Consultant

Biography: Worked in finance for 30+ years as MD of Equity Research and International Asset Management at Citigroup, and as CIO of Korea's \$130 billion sovereign wealth fund. Currently

advising public pension funds on responsible and sustainable investing. Greenwich resident twenty years; raised four children here; Oberlin College BA, Harvard MA.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I care about our town and want to make sure we do everything we can to strengthen our economy, maintain and improve our outstanding public services and protect our environment. Our infrastructure needs attention, including our schools, transportation and public works. Our natural resources, including parks and coastline, need to be preserved for current families and future generations. Our downtown needs fixing to attract and retain businesses. To meet these challenges, our town management must be efficient, fiscally prudent, environmentally sound and open to new ideas. With strong financial, business and environmental experience, I believe I can make a difference.

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

- 1. Population trends in Greenwich are declining. We need policies that will attract and retain new families and businesses, helping to bolster our tax base and contribute to future growth.
- 2. Infrastructure spending is a disaster that needs to be addressed. Lack of maintenance, poor renovation planning and rebuild delays have led to costly overruns and huge price-tags for projects.
- 3. For District 7, traffic remains a concern, especially around the high school, and revitalizing downtown is critical for our community.

Current RTM committee assignment: Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Kashef, Kamran 14 Grove Lane Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Software Engineer

Biography: Kamran is a University of Michigan graduate with degrees in Computer Engineering (BSE) and Applied Mathematics (MS) and is a CFA charterholder. Kamran has been

a professional technologist for over 15 years with most of that time spent running a software development and consulting business.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

RTM is an opportunity for me to give my time, effort and experience back to the community and society that has offered so much to me and my family. I would like to lend my expertise to guide sustainable technological and financial decisions for Greenwich. As a systematic problem solver, I am practiced at objectively facilitating constructive conversations and believe that is an asset to any large organization including the Town of Greenwich.

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

- 1) The extent and duration of town financing through debt
- 2) Real estate development and zoning
- 3) Public school infrastructure project selection and financing

Current RTM committee assignment: Number of terms served on RTM: 0



McDaniel, Elizabeth"Wynn" 24 Glen Road

Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Finance Manager

Biography: I am a lifelong Greenwich resident and graduated from Greenwich public schools. I am married to Andrew who is a 4th grade teacher and we have two children. I work at a

computer company and over the years have enjoyed being involved in many local community volunteer organizations.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I have been on the RTM for two terms and have gained significant knowledge about the local government, from the First Selectman's office to the RTM to the BET to the BoE. In my first term, I was on the HHS Committee and in my second term, I became Chair of our District. I know our voice in the RTM makes a difference, and I have enjoyed being part of a group of volunteers with a wide background of experience who are passionate about their Town. It has been an exciting experience and I look forward to another term.

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

- 1) State of Connecticut fiscal crisis and potential impact to Greenwich; this has been a cloud hovering over Greenwich and all municipalities in CT, how is Hartford going to resolve their fiscal issues and how can we minimize impact to Greenwich
- 2) Maintaining our neighborhoods from over development; this is a critical area for my District; I have attended many Planning and Zoning meetings about decisions that could bring significant change to our neighborhood.
- 3) Maintaining current infrastructure of our schools and remediation of school fields; we need to ensure there is oversight and maintenance of our existing school infrastructure

Current RTM committee assignment: I am District 7 RTM Chair Number of terms served on RTM: 2



Orphys, Henry A. 4 Dearfield Lane Greenwich 06831

Occupation: Tax Attorney/CPA

Biography: I was born and raised in New Orleans and have lived in Greenwich since October of 1995. I am a tax attorney and CPA. I have worked as in-house tax corporate counsel and Vice

President of Tax for major corporations. I have also worked as a municipal finance attornev.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

During my 37 years in the workforce I have accumulated broad experience in finance, tax and legal matters. As a former municipal finance attorney representing towns issuing municipal bonds I am also familiar with municipal finance matters. I served on the Finance Committee during the 2018-1019 term and was a member of the debt policy study group that analyzed the costs of long-term debt and shortterm debt and published a report containing the results of that analysis. I hope to continue to use my legal and financial knowledge to help the Town make analytical, fact-based spending decisions.

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

- 1. Maintaining town services in the face of the State of Connecticut's fiscal crisis without placing undue burdens on Greenwich's taxpayers.
- 2. The danger that the atmosphere in Washington will spill over to Greenwich and generate animosity and a sense of partisanship within the RTM. Whatever a person's view of the national political situation may be, those views should not prevent members of the RTM and other Greenwich officials from working together collaboratively to resolve local issues important to all Town residents.
- 3. The erosion of the town's tax base at a time when significant capital projects are under consideration.

Current RTM committee assignment: Finance Number of terms served on RTM: 1

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Pearson, Doreen M.

64 Maple Ave. Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Retired: Owner/Manager of The Stanton House Inn along with my husband Tog Pearson. We restored this historically plaqued mansion and successfully grew our business hosting guests from near and far.,

Biography: Born in Fairfield County, attended UCONN and earned a BS in Nursing. Married and moved to Greenwich, 1977. My husband, a Vietnam veteran and lifelong Greenwich resident and I raised 4 children, Kylea, Trais, Caitlyn and Colin. All attended Greenwich Public Schools. For 35 years, operated a small business, Stanton House.

O: Why are you running for RTM?

Entering retirement. I've become increasingly involved in issues that affect our quality of life here in central Greenwich. I have attended RTM meetings and vocalized my concerns. Observing the Planning & Zoning Commission, Historic District Commission, Land Use meetings and neighborhood association meetings, I realized that residents and taxpayers need to be cognizant of the changes occurring under town regulations. Town volunteer appointments come from this body. Districts need to be certain representatives will listen to constituents and vote their consensus. I will be an active member of this important decision making body and thereby contribute to our Town.

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

- 1. Unbridled development that ignores the greater good, safety, traffic and environmental impact, threatening our infra-structure, water supply, and increasing air and noise pollution. Little regard for aesthetics or surrounding properties.
- 2. Historic preservation and maintaining the distinct character of Greenwich's many unique neighborhoods.
- 3. Flight of senior citizens who intended to "age in place" but no longer find Greenwich welcoming.

Current RTM committee assignment: Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Perry, Elizabeth A.

24 Maple Ave Greenwich 06830

Occupation: High School Principal

Biography: Liz Perry is an experienced teacher and educational leader, currently Head of Upper School at St. Luke's School. B.A. from Swarthmore College and Ed.M. from Harvard

University. Married to Rev. Maxwell Grant; two children, one at Julian Curtiss Elementary.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I believe in giving back to our town, and I have found the RTM to be a good way to serve. It's important that all perspectives are represented on the RTM, and I bring a focus on education, technology, and how government works. I bring a particular interest in using technology to make the RTM more efficient. Finally, as a public school parent and heavy user of our town's libraries, parks, and shoreline, I believe we must invest responsibly in our town to keep it vibrant for generations to come.

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

- 1. Paving for long-term town projects through responsible planning.
- 2. Ending the revolving door in the superintendent's office so there is consistency in leadership for our schools.
- 3. Attracting families to Greenwich so we strengthen our community and maintain a strong tax base.

Current RTM committee assignment: Town Services (alternate); Technology **Advisory Group**

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



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Szymczak, Luke 2 Andrews Rd Greenwich 06830 Occupation: Finance

Biography: A Greenwich resident for more than 2 decades and Greenwich Public School parent; Extensive experience in finance, capital markets, investment management, technology,

media, and communications; Career that has spanned leading companies in both finance and technology; Bachelors in Engineering, Rutgers U; MBA, Harvard Business School.

O: Why are you running for RTM?

The Greenwich that we have today has been defined by the cumulative contributions made by residents over nearly four centuries. Greenwich is fortunate to have citizen volunteers with a diverse array of skills and experience, and I appreciate the opportunity I have had to contribute to our town. Looking forward, we are likely to face greater budgetary challenges, and I believe my experience on the RTM as well as the finance and management skills I possess will enable me to contribute to maintaining strong services for residents while keeping spending and taxes reasonable and sustainable.

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

1. Maintaining the quality of life and broad range of public services that Greenwich residents have come to expect; 2. Maintaining a high-quality public school system and increasing the focus on the quality of outcomes in our public schools; 3. Managing development in a manner that protects the quality of life in our town while also moving us into the future. For instance, I was in the majority when the RTM voted to respond to residents' concerns about Planning & Zoning Board decisions by preventing a nomination from proceeding. This has increased dialogue with the P&Z Board.

Current RTM committee assignment: Finance Number of terms served on RTM: 4



Warner, Mike 15 Lafayette Court Apt 1F Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Retired-Human Resources Executive Biography: A retired Human Resources executive in the technology and manufacturing industries responsible for managing Compensation, Benefit, Labor Contracts and

Employee Relations programs. Installed corporate defined-contribution pension plans. RTM member from 2007-2017: Chair of Finance Committee, (two terms), Labor Contracts Committee, Public Works and Legislative and Rules Committee.

O: Why are you running for RTM?

I want to continue to influence RTM decisions on Labor Relations, Compensation, Pension and Staffing issues in Town government. I believe it's possible to have a lean, effective Town government while maintaining Town services and our quality of life. Further, I want to use my leverage as an RTM member to stop the unchecked growth of commercial developers in District 7, and to mobilize the community against the unwarranted expansion of auto dealerships and developers in the District who threaten our quality of life, clog our roads and endanger our natural environment, including wetlands and open spaces.

Q: What are the three most important issues facing Greenwich voters today? Stemming the uncontrolled increases in labor cost in Town departments. Controlling operating budgets, while maintaining the current level of Town services; preserving the quality of life for all our citizens; protecting our residential communities from the unchecked growth of commercial enterprises, such as auto dealerships.

Current RTM committee assignment: Number of terms served on RTM: 0