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# VOTER'S GUIDE 2019

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**VOTE TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5**

**POLLS OPEN  
6 A.M. TO 8 P.M.**

For additional information on voting, visit [www.LWVG.org](http://www.LWVG.org)

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# Election Day Information

## Late Voter Registration

After October 29, 2019, only those who have become new residents, new citizens or turn age 18 may register in person at the Registrars' Office. However, if you are unable to register to vote by the normal deadlines, a new election law passed in Connecticut in 2012 provides for Election Day Registration (EDR) in general elections as your last chance. If you choose to register on Election Day, you must appear in person at Town Hall and provide proof of your identity and residence. A current and valid Connecticut driver's license with your Greenwich address will satisfy both requirements. Other options for proof of identity include a birth certificate, social security card or current student photo ID from an institute of higher education. Proof of residence must include your current address. You will be asked to fill out a voter registration application and affirm—in writing—that you have not already voted in this election. If you have been registered to vote in another Connecticut town, the election officials must contact your former town to verify your voting status. When this is completed, you will be able to cast your ballot right there. As there is only one location, the lines might be long.

## Finding Your Polling Place

The chart on this page shows the voting districts in Greenwich, including the exact address of the polling locations for each district. You can look up your registration information by visiting [www.greenwichct.gov/vote](http://www.greenwichct.gov/vote) and click on the link that says "Check to see if I am registered/Find my polling place". You may also call Town Hall (203-622-7889 or 203-622-7890).

## Checking In – Bring an ID or Affidavit Required

A sample ballot will be posted at each polling place, and the Moderator will be available to answer questions you may have. Prior to voting the Identification Clerk will ask "To expedite the voter check-in process do you have an ID with you?" Acceptable ID is any preprinted form showing your name plus one of these three: address, signature or photograph. If you do not have an ID with you, you will be directed to the Moderator who will assist you to fill out and sign an affidavit affirming your identity. You then will begin the check-in process providing your street name and your legal name to the Official Checker.

## Getting Your Ballot

After check-in, the Ballot Clerk will provide you with a paper ballot and privacy sleeve and answer any questions you may have. You may use any available privacy booth to complete your ballot. All booths are equipped with pen and magnifying sheet. Use the pen to completely fill in the oval next to the candidate of your choice.

## Using the Optical Scanner

Place your ballot in the privacy sleeve and proceed to the tabulator (optical scanner). Remove the ballot from the privacy sleeve, cover the ballot with the sleeve, and insert the ballot into the scanner either right side up or down. The machine immediately scans the ballot, counts your vote and stores the ballot in a locked compartment.

## Checking for Mistakes

Should you make a mistake in marking your ballot, the Optical Scanner will reject it immediately and

return it to you. Errors include selecting too many candidates or circling an oval rather than filling it in; or there may simply be stray marks on the ballot. The Machine Tender will assist you by reading the error message in the optical scan display window. You will be directed to the Ballot Clerk who will provide you with another ballot. The Ballot Clerk will mark the previous ballot "spoiled" and will place the spoiled ballot in a receptacle for this purpose. You then can start over.

## Writing in a Vote

You may write in the name of a candidate that does not appear on the ballot. If you write in a name, it counts as part of the total tally of votes permitted for that office. If only one vote is permitted, you will not be able to vote for another candidate for that office. Depending on the position, in order to be valid, a write-in candidate must be registered with the Town Clerk or Secretary of the State prior to Election Day. If you write in a name, you must also fill in the appropriate bubble so that the Optical Scanner knows there is a write-in vote and can sort your ballot for manual counting at the end of the night.

## Asking for Assistance

If you are in the privacy booth and unsure about how to mark your ballot, two election officials of different political parties will be able to assist you from outside the privacy booth. If you are visually impaired or otherwise handicapped, you may choose another voter to be with you, with the permission of the Moderator, but this person cannot be your employer or a member of your union leadership. Or you may ask the Moderator to allow you to vote on the IVS handicap equipment provided at each polling location.

## Voting at Curbside

For voters who are temporarily disabled due to recent accident or illness, poll workers can bring a ballot and a privacy sleeve to the car. The voter should bring someone with them to the polling place to alert the poll workers of their presence.

## Voting by Absentee Ballot

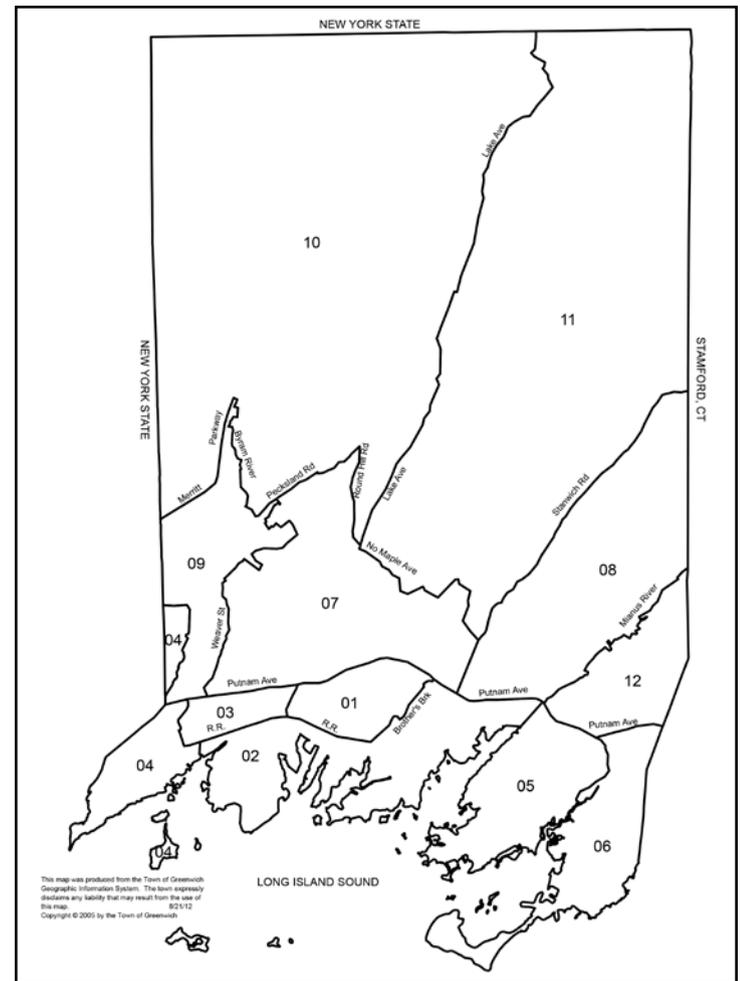
If you are a registered voter, you may vote by absentee ballot if you are:

- Ill or physically disabled;
- Going to be out of town during voting hours;
- In the armed forces and out of town during the voting hours;
- A member of a religious group not permitted to vote on Election Day;
- An election official.

You may obtain an application for an absentee ballot by calling, writing, or going into the office of the Town Clerk at Town Hall, 101 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT (203-622-7897). When your application is returned to the Town Clerk's office, you will be issued an absentee ballot and two enclosure envelopes. The sealed marked ballot and signed outer envelope must reach the Town Clerk's office before the close of the polls on Election Day, November 5. If you have gone to the Clerk's office for your application, you may receive and complete your ballot at the same time.

## For Your Information

No one is permitted to electioneer or solicit votes for a political party or candidate within 75 feet of a polling place or inside a polling place.



## Greenwich Polling Places by District

### DISTRICT 1

Julian Curtiss School Gymnasium  
180 East Elm Street  
Greenwich

### DISTRICT 2

Town Hall, first-floor  
Meeting Room  
101 Field Point Road  
Greenwich

### DISTRICT 3

Western Middle School Gymnasium  
1 Western Junior Highway  
Greenwich

### DISTRICT 4

New Lebanon School Gymnasium  
25 Mead Avenue  
Byram

### DISTRICT 5

Riverside School Gymnasium  
90 Hendrie Avenue  
Riverside

### DISTRICT 6

Old Greenwich School Gymnasium  
285 Sound Beach Avenue  
Old Greenwich

### DISTRICT 7

Greenwich High School Auditorium  
10 Hillside Road  
Greenwich

### DISTRICT 8

Central Middle School Gymnasium  
9 Indian Rock Lane at  
Stanwich Road  
Greenwich

### DISTRICT 9

Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic  
Center  
449 Pemberwick Road  
Greenwich

### DISTRICT 10

Glenville School Gymnasium  
33 Riversville Road  
Greenwich

### DISTRICT 11

North Street School Gymnasium  
381 North Street  
Greenwich

### DISTRICT 12

North Mianus School Gymnasium  
309 Palmer Hill Road  
Riverside

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## First Selectman

2-YEAR TERM (SALARIED)

Vote for One

The winner of the First Selectman race holds the office of First Selectman; The two highest vote getters from that race and the race for Selectman will serve on the Board of Selectman. Candidates for First Selectman responded to two questions in on more than 100 words per question. Candidates for Selectman responded to one question in no more than 100 words per question. Replies are printed as received.



**Jill Oberlander**  
Democratic Party  
19 Bush Avenue  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Biography:** Chair Greenwich Board of Estimate & Taxation; 10 years Greenwich government (BET; RTM); Cornell University; University of Chicago Law School. Jill practiced law at Weil, Stroock, NYS Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and the Downtown Alliance. Non-profit experience (United Way CPC, LWVG, The New Jewish Home (senior care), Belle Haven Land Company).

**Q: What are your priorities for the Town for the next term?**

**A:** Economy, Education, and Environment. An economically vibrant Greenwich is essential to support all our town services and preserve our low mill rate. As First Selectman, I will implement a business retention, development and attraction plan; establish an Economic Development Office to promote business; and address parking and traffic issues that undermine economic growth and resident satisfaction. Greenwich families deserve a top-notch education system with excellent teachers and 21st century facilities. I will collaborate with the Greenwich Public Schools and local independent schools to ensure the success of all Greenwich students. Greenwich should be a leader in environmental innovation and efficiency.

**Q: What are the key challenges facing the Town in the next term?**

**A:** Providing the services Greenwich residents value while maintaining a low mill rate. Greenwich needs to consider innovative ways to deliver service. I will evaluate work rule changes to allow shared services, new revenue streams, and opportunities for grant funding and reducing costs.

Prioritizing the many needs for infrastructure investment. Underfunding of infrastructure has led to emergency repairs, unnecessary litigation, and facilities that aren't representative of our community values. I will evaluate capital project management procedures, including the ability to manage projects, and press for faster clean-up of contaminated soil.

Restoring confidence and collegiality in government. Tone comes from the top.



**Fred Camillo**  
Republican Party  
35 MacArthur Drive  
Old Greenwich, CT 06870

**Biography:** Fourth generation Greenwich resident, I have started and managed several small businesses in town, volunteered for four decades, served in both local government and the state legislature, served on several boards, committees, and task forces, both in town and at the state level.

**Q: What are your priorities for the Town for the next term?**

**A:** I would:

Strive to make Greenwich the envy of the state with a focus on energy policy, aesthetics, conservation and quality of life issues.

Address town properties that are under used or in need of repurposing and incorporate public/private partnerships into all new projects.

Make communication with residents a priority through weekly emails as well as allowing for more citizens to attend BOS meetings by holding meetings in different venues and at different times of day.

I will work to keep our mill rate low and avoid the mistakes of Hartford and other towns who incurred too much long-term debt.

**Q: What are the key challenges facing the Town in the next term?**

**A:** While Greenwich has been well-run, it faces a stagnant state economy and painful tax increases from the majority party in Hartford.

Next year's property revaluations will also present a challenge due to diminished real estate values.

Soil remediation, athletic field demand, and finding ways to pay for services that run deficits without raising taxes are just some of the other challenges we are facing.

I am ready to meet each one of these challenges with the same passion and focus I brought to my other roles as a public servant and will be ready to do so on Day One.

## Selectman

2-YEAR TERM (SALARIED)

Vote for One



**Sandy Litvack**  
Democratic Party  
41 Baldwin Farms South  
Greenwich, CT 06831

**Biography:** I graduated from UConn and Georgetown Law, was Chairman of a major NY law firm, DOJ official, and a business executive. I moved to Greenwich in 2005 and have lived here since then with my wife, Joanna, and

our three boys. I have served as a Selectman since 2017.

**Q: How do you view your role as Selectman in the next administration?**

**A:** I have a unique background, as a leader in the legal world, the corporate world and the federal government. I have served as US Assistant Attorney General and Vice Chairman of Disney. Jill Oberlander and I are focused on 3 E's: education, economy and environment. My greatest contribution given my background – which no other candidate possesses – would be to revitalize our economy. This is vital because it impacts our mill rate, our ability to attract residents and the value of real estate. We need an economic plan, which I can develop and implement, to protect the future of Greenwich.



**Lauren Rabin**  
Republican Party  
56 Glenville Street  
Greenwich, CT 06831

**Biography:** I have served on many diverse town Boards (currently an elected BoE member) and committees, giving back to the community and loyally serving the town where my children and I were raised. I concurrently held a 35-year career in the technology industry, with roles in Marketing, Communication and Training.

**Q: How do you view your role as Selectman in the next administration?**

**A:** I view my role as Selectman on the 3-person Board of Selectmen in three major ways. First: satisfy the required responsibilities such as Ombudsman, nominations to Boards and Commissions and Traffic Authority. Second: focus on where I can add value for our schools, infrastructure/development, economy, environment/waste reduction, public safety, recreational spaces and a commitment to serving seniors and those with any form of disability. Third: as a local leader, I am committed to collaborating with our state and federal representatives as we connect to the greater concerns facing our state and country.

## Board of Assessment Appeals

2-YEAR TERM (UNSALARIED)

Vote for Any Three

**Joseph S. Huley**  
Democratic Party  
21 Scott Lane  
Greenwich, CT 06831

**Jeff Reardon**  
Republican Party  
11 Connecticut Avenue  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Jack M. Kriskey**  
Republican Party  
19 The Avenue  
Greenwich, CT 06831

**Mark Pruner**  
Republican Party  
44 Burying Hill Road  
Greenwich, CT 06831

# Board of Estimate and Taxation

2-YEAR TERM (UNSALARIED)

Vote for Any Six

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation will be elected by the BET members and must be of the party receiving the highest number of votes in this race. Candidates responded to two questions in no more than 100 words per question. Replies are printed as received.



**Elizabeth Krumeich**  
Democratic Party  
16 Perryridge Road  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Biography:** BET, 2 terms, Clerk, Chair Law Committee, Nathaniel Witherell Liaison. Board member, At Home in Greenwich. Former president, LWVG; co-president, North Street School PTA.

Former corporate counsel; LeBoeuf, Lamb. 35-year resident, Married and 2 grown daughters who are GHS graduates. J.D. Catholic University (Law Review). B.A. Kirkland College (Hamilton Trustee).

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** The current budget process is effective. The First Selectman, the Board of Estimate and Taxation, the Board of Education and the Representative Town Meeting all carry out separate functions but work in tandem to ensure that there is communication within the Town government. BET members have numerous opportunities to speak with Department heads and Board and Commission heads to understand the nuances in both the capital and operating budgets. Once we approve the budgets, the BET members attend RTM meetings to discuss the critical items and respond to questions. Increased communications among the various governmental groups leads to greater consensus.

**Q: How should long-term infrastructure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** Prioritize infrastructure projects that support public safety, protect the environment and bring educational facilities up to Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Each project's financing should be determined based on community need, regulatory requirements, scope of the project, length of time the structure will be in service and funding needed for the project. The Town should use long-term financing (up to 20 years with low interest rate) to fund soil remediation and projects similar to the purchase of the Pomerance property. The BET needs flexibility when financing costly infrastructure projects that reflect the Plan of Conservation and Development of the Town.



**Leslie L. Tarkington**  
Republican Party  
76 Hillside Drive  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Biography:** Board of Estimate and Taxation (2006-Present); Budget, Law (former Chairman), Human Resources (former Chairman), Audit Committees; former Clerk; Assessor's Office; MISA.

Nathaniel Witherell Board (2004-2006); Secretary, Building Committee (Chairman). Northeast Greenwich Association Board. Financial management: Citigroup; Ford Motor. MBA, Darden, University of Virginia; BA, Connecticut College. Married. Resident, 47 years.

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** The budget process is a transparent, nine-month cycle of financial communications, dialogue, and cooperation between the BET, First Selectman, Department heads, and RTM. Town Department heads report to fourteen Appointing Authorities including the First Selectman, BOE, BET and other Boards and Commissions. To preserve the Town's quality of life, manage revenues, operating and capital costs, and retain the highest debt rating, participants must understand the breadth of issues. Meetings are telecast and there are public hearing opportunities for advocacy and taxpayer input prior to decision meetings. The budget process is orderly with consensus achieved within the Town organizational complexity.

**Q: How should long-term infrastructure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** Greenwich's modified pay-as-you-go debt policy to finance projects with two-year notes and five-year equal annual amortizing bond payments minimizes debt costs for taxpayers. This financing method allows the Town to proceed with major capital and infrastructure projects. Debt is issued annually when money is spent. Longer term debt has higher interest costs over a longer period. Sewer Plant Improvement and Nathaniel Witherell are funded with twenty-year debt as they generate revenue streams to service their debt. Greenwich residents benefit from lower property taxes as a result of previous BET financing decisions to limit debt maturities and debt service burden.



**David Weisbrod**  
Democratic Party  
97 Husted Lane  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Biography:** Chair, BET Audit Committee; Chair BET Investment Advisory Committee. Former Chair Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals. Former Vice Chairman of JPMorgan, responsible for

Risk Management. Former US Country Head for the London Stock Exchange Group. BA Cornell University; MBA NYU.

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** The current budget process works satisfactorily but could be improved. A positive is the BET budget guideline that assists Town departments in developing operating and capital budgets so that the services and infrastructure are balanced with the cost to provide them. Changes to consider include better integration with the First Selectman and focus on multi-year implementation. There are two ways to keep our mill rate low: reduction in services or more efficient delivery of existing services. Both of these paths require strong leadership, extensive collaboration with stakeholders across the Town and a willingness at times to make difficult decisions.

**Q: How should long-term infrastructure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** The First Selectman needs to improve the CIP process to include prioritized ranking based on an objective rating system. Town "wants" should be distinguished from Town "needs". Failure to preserve our infrastructure results in deferred maintenance causing wasteful expenditures on patchwork fixes and kicking current needs down the road. That would be fiscally irresponsible. If an asset such as a new school building has a long physical life, longer term financing could be considered, especially given today's exceptionally low interest rates. Under no circumstances however should aggregate indebtedness be expanded to jeopardize the Town's well earned AAA rating.



**Karen Fassuliotis**  
Republican Party  
26 Skylark Road  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Biography:** 50-year Greenwich resident; Greenwich High School graduate; New York University (BA, Biology); St. John's University (MS/PhD, Toxicology/Pharmacology); Pace Law School (JD). Practicing

Attorney; Past Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs. Current BET Member (Human Services and Law Committee); past RTM member (HHS Chair). (Two-time recipient, Greenwich Probate Court Pro Bono Award.

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** As a current BET member, I can appreciate the number of hours devoted by BET volunteers in preparing, reviewing, debating, and ultimately approving the town budget. I support changes to the financial forecasting of proposed capital improvement projects and a better system for prioritizing what projects are done when. With the grand list reassessment looming, I would still like to see the BET review its "low but predictable" tax increase policy and look to zero-based budgeting, do a top-to-bottom review of Town services and institute a formal procedure to measure and review the productivity and efficiency of these services.

**Q: How should long-term infrastructure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** After our town experienced near bankruptcy, a prudent policy was created for capital projects to "pay as you go", which was later amended to a "modified pay-as-you-go" policy. I am comfortable with the current policy. I disagree with those who want long term bonding – a policy that too often encourages more spending than available tax resources and guarantees that future BETs will be restricted in the budgetary options available to them due to a larger annual debt service. The BET's modified pay-as-you-go makes fiscal sense for our taxpayers and for our future generations of taxpayers.



**Leslie Moriarty**  
Democratic Party  
150 Parsonage Road  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Biography:** BET (2015-present, Budget Committee Chair); RTM (2013-2015); Board of Education (2005-2013, served as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary); PTA Council (2002-2005, served as President,

Vice President). Work Experience: former Group VP for financial and strategic planning, W.R. Grace & Co. Education: BA, Wesleyan University; MBA, Harvard Business School. 27-year Greenwich resident.

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** The BET's core function in managing the Town's financial affairs is to implement controls and determine budgets that support Greenwich's short and long term vision. Under Democratic leadership, the BET has focused on balancing fiscal discipline (that is, low taxes) with the expense levels for valued Town services, strong public schools, new initiatives for longer term issues, and capital investments to maintain and improve Town assets. Strong BET leadership with transparent and thorough budget reviews are required to continue to find that right balance to deliver the low taxes, strong schools and great services that our residents expect.

**Q: How should long-term infrastructure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** I support the implementation of proven financial management practices including a less formulaic approach to debt maturities than currently implemented. Capital needs over the next decade are expected to double, and it will be necessary to adopt alternate capital structures in order to not fall behind again, especially for school facilities. Flexible bond maturities will be an important tool to fund large projects, based on considerations of the life of the asset, interest rates and competing capital needs. Taxpayers will benefit from lower debt service by utilizing this commonly accepted practice in most AAA-rated municipalities.



**Michael S. Mason**  
Republican Party  
40 Ridge Street  
Cos Cob, CT 06807

**Biography:** I am a Greenwich native. GHS Class of 1981. Wife, Michele, daughter Julia. Owner Westchester Aeronautical Corp., Past Master Acacia Lodge #85. Former Amergerone Volunteer Fire

Co. member. Current BET Chairman. Previous service, RTM 12 years. District 8 Chairman. Chairman RTM Parks & Recreation Committee, 8 terms B.E.T.

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** The Budget process is continuous, whereas in the past it wasn't. We always look to improve communications with the Department leaders, The BOE, The First Selectman and all the other various Appointing Authorities, Boards and Commissions. Increasing the use of technology, increased details about prior and current spending in order to be more strategic when planning for the out years.

**Q: How should long-term infrastructure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** Capital projects, capital maintenance will require increased Capital Asset Management as reported by our latest Consultant. DPW and School prioritization will be needed and very important moving forward. The town will benefit by this with these efficiencies and lower total project costs. Financing, currently the financing model works well. Current capital models (in the town budget) indicate that the current financing method will work well for the next decade. Financing has not been the hold back for accomplishing the work since we currently are running a couple years behind schedule with some projects.

# Board of Estimate and Taxation

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**Miriam Kreuzer**

Democratic Party  
57 Maple Avenue  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Biography:** Greenwich resident of 9 years. Current RTM Member, Legislative and Rules and Retirement Board liaison. Greenwich Academy Parents Association Treasurer and Books4Everyone volunteer.

Former Goldman Sachs Executive Director Hedge Fund Strategies Group Co-Head of Global Macro Research and Family Centers ESL tutor. BA, Middlebury College. Married with two young girls.

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** The BET should more proactively engage with the First Selectman and Town departments in the early stages of budget formulation; otherwise, it is often difficult to discern possible and realistic cross departmental efficiencies. Suggestions offered late in the process do not have the benefit of being fully vetted and are often ineffective. Capital project projections for the medium to long-term should be based on rigorous processes and schedules of best-in-class maintenance. Comparisons with similar sized Towns should be used as a method to highlight large deviations, ask questions, consider fresh perspectives and ensure the most efficient management of Town resources.

**Q: How should long-term infra structure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** The CIP Committee should be reinstated and should be balanced in both political party and geographical representation. Prioritization should be in areas where the Town is not meeting minimum standards or has risk exposure. Unfortunately, due to lack of rigorous maintenance, renovation and rebuild schedules over decades, various large projects are coming due simultaneously. Capital projects with long-useful lives should be matched with longer-term debt (up to 20 years). With interest rates at historically low levels, this is the most efficient, pragmatic, and fair way to manage much-needed investment in our Town, particularly if it is subject to a cap.



**Laura Erickson**

Democratic Party  
67 Club Road  
Riverside, CT 06878

**Biography:** Resident since 1993. Former BOE Chair. Served 13 years on RTM. Past PTA Co-President GHS and Riverside School. Current Board member of United Way of Greenwich and Norwalk

Community College Foundation. Former commercial banker in technology sector. Married 30 years and mom of three. BA Middlebury College.

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** The current budget process is comprehensive, as it should be, and very time-consuming. I support streamlining to reduce the number of hours town employees spend away from their principal duties of delivering services to taxpayers. I would also like to see: 1) adding more public hearings; 2) better communication including use of GCTV and an effort to push out minutes of budget-related meetings for those interested, 3) developing a "mini-budget book" which would include charts and executive summaries making the budget more readable and accessible and 4) operating budgets which extend past one year to frame the big picture.

**Q: How should long-term infra structure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** Generally, capital projects are categorized as i) maintenance, ii) improvements and iii) new initiatives. Maintenance and modest improvements to extend the useful life of a facility should be financed with current year tax receipts and the use of short-term debt. Longer term (15-20 years) financing for significant improvements and new initiatives thoughtfully vetted should be considered. Greenwich's triple AAA credit rating means very low interest rates. The current financial model restricts maturities to 7 years (with some exceptions) causing a logjam. Projects get pushed out and end up costing more. Financing should be viewed non-politically as a management tool.



**Jeffrey Ramer**

Democratic Party  
2 Wesskum Wood Road  
Riverside, CT 06878

**Biography:** BET, six term incumbent. RTM, District Five. Board of Ethics, former chair. PTA, president twice, Greenwich Public Schools. Riverside Association, former president. Greenwich United

Way Board. Greenwich Library trustee. First Congregational Church outreach. Hot Line Board. Greenwich Emergency Medical Services first responder. Cos Cob Power Plant Committees, two, chaired one.

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** Yes. Nevertheless, it could be improved by:

1. Perform a periodic BET internal review of the programs and services being provided by individual departments for a deeper understanding of those programs, and to be less dependent upon the budgeting decisions of the departments themselves.
2. Require that the Capital Improvements Committee and First Selectman create a prioritization of the proposed capital projects, after separating out those that are pure maintenance.
3. Establish a separate agency, partially independent from Town Hall and Schools Administration, with a developed skill for the management of major capital projects of both Town and Schools.

**Q: How should long-term infra structure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** (a) Mixing in some longer term bonding on capital projects having longer service lives, spreads the cost across future users, rather than disproportionately upon current residents; (b) Longer maturities taken now capture the benefit of temporarily lower current rates; (c) Longer term borrowing creates opportunity to advance projects needed now, which otherwise would be delayed in the funding queue; (d) Cost of higher interest rates on longer term maturities is partially offset by repayment in dollars devalued by inflation; (e) Mix of maturities is a hedge against the risk of coming back to market in momentarily adverse future credit markets.



**Bill Drake**

Republican Party  
50 Breezmont Avenue  
Riverside, CT 06878

**Biography:** An investment executive and lifelong resident of Greenwich, Bill is honored to be nominated to continue to serve on the BET, where he is presently a member of the Nathaniel Witherell

Strategic Planning Committee and Vice Chairman of the New Lebanon School Building Committee.

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** Our budgetary practices are excellent. The independent bond rating agency Standard & Poors evaluated our budget process when they awarded Greenwich their highest rating, triple-A, in January 2019. S & P wrote: "...very strong management, with strong financial policies and practices....strong budgetary performance....very strong budgetary flexibility....very strong liquidity....very strong debt and contingent liability position....low overall net debt....rapid amortization....strong institutional framework....Given the town's conservative approach to budgeting and careful management of expenditures, we expect performance to remain strong." These are the successful results of long term Republican leadership of the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

**Q: How should long-term infra structure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** Our sewer infrastructure has a very long useful life and is financed over 20 years. Most of the rest of our infrastructure is financed over seven years. This approach has worked extremely well for the residents of Greenwich. Our public infrastructure of 15 high-quality public schools, extraordinary parks, new Police and Fire Department facilities, extensive well-maintained roads and other Town facilities is the fruit of this long-established, conservative approach to debt. Using debt sparingly has meant low taxes, a policy that benefits every resident. The current proven approach will continue to have my strong support.



**Andy Duus**

Republican Party  
26 Cherry Tree Lane  
Riverside, CT 06878

**Biography:** Greenwich resident for 39 years, married for 43 years, with two daughters. Harvard MBA, now retired from a career in finance. Active in local non-profits, including St. Paul's Episcopal Church

and the Riverside Yacht Club. Completing first-term on the BET, with service on its TNW, Audit and Investment Advisory committees.

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** The Town's budget process has worked well in the past. A set of unprecedented challenges, including (a) declining incomes, (b) declining home values, (c) increasing tax rates and (d) new limits on tax deductibility, however, have arisen in recent years. The budget process now requires greater flexibility to consider structural cost reductions.

**Q: How should long-term infra structure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** In recent years, the Town has prioritized investment through its Capital Improvement Program. The process appears to work well. For many decades, the Town has funded capital investment through a combination of taxes and borrowings (aka future taxes). There has been little need to use additional long-term borrowings because it would add cost (debt always adds costs and longer-term debt is usually more expensive than shorter-term debt) and would not be 'fairer' necessarily (every year the Town funds a portfolio of capital investments of varying terms and the annual increase in aggregate capital investment has been fairly steady).



**Debra Hess**

Republican Party  
4 Kensington Court  
Old Greenwich, CT 06870

**Biography:** I am a Greenwich resident for over 15 years, raising my daughter. I am active in the community. I have 30 years of extensive and relevant finance experience, including operating a finance

organization. I served as a CFO (mostly public companies) for 14 years. I have led complex finance organizations.

**Q: Are you satisfied how the current budget process works? Do you support any changes?**

**A:** I believe the current process works, but I also believe in challenging the status quo. We need to take a long-term view of the budget and implement efficiencies through changing processes, using technology and shared services. In my first term, we started the conversation and approved some funding.

When determining the current year's budget, our process should consider multi-years involving the long term as well as the near term, especially as it relates to capital assets. Identifying key drivers, while performing sensitivity analysis, will assist in delivering a low and predictable mill rate over time with services our residents want.

**Q: How should long-term infra structure projects be prioritized and financed?**

**A:** We need to maintain and improve our capital assets with a long-term perspective. Through technology, we can more effectively prioritize and manage capital while ensuring we are not over paying.

I believe the modified pay as you go financing has served Greenwich well and continues to be the best path forward. We clearly see the danger of what borrowing has done to our state, which is in fiscal crisis.

Through proper and active management, I believe our infrastructure, including the schools, can be adequately prioritized and maintained through this borrowing method, while not overburdening our residents and future generations.

Candidates responded to two questions in no more than 100 words per question. Replies are printed as received.

**Karen Hirsh**

Democratic Party  
33 Homestead Road  
Greenwich, CT 06831

**Biography:** For a decade, Karen has actively worked for positive change in our schools as Past-President of Greenwich PTA Council and Glenville School

PTA. The proud parent of two GPS students, she served on Connecticut PTA and Greenwich YWCA's Boards, worked in communications and has a degree in Psychology from Cornell.

**Q: What measures are used to evaluate the performance of the District?**

**A:** We use multiple systems, including Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability System and several internal tools, to measure performance. The state system provides a good snapshot of where we are by using multiple factors, including test scores, student well-being and growth, to evaluate how well we prepare students for success. Internal tools, focused on academic and non-academic goals in our Strategic Plan, need improvement. Data is used to set goals, support curriculum and ensure every student is reaching the highest level of academic achievement. Parents should also understand how to use this data to help support their student's education at home.

**Q: What initiatives do you support to lessen/eliminate the achievement gap?**

**A:** Every student has unique skills and talents as well as gaps between current knowledge and their potential. Educators need to know where students excel and where they need support to determine what can be done in the classroom and at home to close that gap. Students should be motivated and engaged in their learning. They need a balance between technology and hands-on learning and supplemental support if they have not achieved mastery. Parent involvement also has a direct impact on student achievement. To lessen the gap, we must improve the home-school connection, helping parents become partners in their students education.

**Christina Downey**

Democratic Party  
11 Lockwood Road  
Riverside, CT 06878

**Biography:** I am a 26 year resident of Riverside, and my three children are all graduates of the Greenwich Public Schools. My background as an attorney and

member of the RTM, along with my community volunteer activities, give me the requisite skills and perspective to serve on the BOE.

**Q: What measures are used to evaluate the performance of the District?**

**A:** The District must use more than standardized test scores to evaluate its performance. It needs to analyze multiple measures, including indicators for social and emotional health, in addition to the academic data. Furthermore, all stakeholders should have an opportunity for input, so that the District can get feedback from the various constituents in determining the success of its programs. Personalized learning provides opportunities for holistic goal setting for students and provides another indicator of progress. The District's technology facilitates evaluation, feedback, and communication in a timely manner while also providing accountability and needs to be utilized to do so.

**Q: What initiatives do you support to lessen/eliminate the achievement gap?**

**A:** There are several ways the District can attempt to lessen the achievement gap. First, it needs to provide high quality early childhood education, possibly expanding existing programs or partnering with organizations in town, to minimize the gap which exists for many students as they enter kindergarten. Second, it needs to strengthen the home-school connection with parents and caregivers; get them engaged with academic and social emotional learning goals and strategies and give them the tools to help their student(s). Third, personalized learning must continue, and be focused on these students' particular needs so they achieve greater growth.

**Gaetane Francis**

Democratic Party  
11 Treetop Terrace  
Greenwich, CT 06831

**Biography:** Gaetane has served the community for 24 years as a physician, hospital Executive Board member, PTA Council co-chair and more. She was

elected to the BOE where she served as vice-chair and chair of the policy and ad hoc strategic planning committees. Both her sons attended the Greenwich Public Schools.

**Q: What measures are used to evaluate the performance of the District?**

**A:** While everyone has their own method, performance is primarily measured through standardized tests. Recently, this has been expanded to look beyond absolute score to growth. While this helps to evaluate students, many important "21st century skills" are not included in these tests. The District Vision of the Graduate includes capacities such as communicating effectively for a given purpose, generating innovative ideas, and collaborating effectively with others. The district should continue to find ways to improve and measure these skills in students, but none of these aims should overshadow student well-being and fostering students' own sense of success.

**Q: What initiatives do you support to lessen/eliminate the achievement gap?**

**A:** The district's goal is for every student to achieve his or her potential. I support initiatives that have been proven to help students overcome external obstacles. Increasing parent engagement and student time in school through preschool, summer school, and after school programs have been shown to help. In addition, I support mastery-based learning, which ensures students are prepared to succeed at their next challenge even if they have faltered previously. We must also ensure that "closing the gap" also closes the excellence gap by supporting all of our students to reach their full potential and not just "acceptable" achievement.

**Joe Kelly**

Republican Party  
1 Windrose Way  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Biography:** Originally from Queens NY, Joe moved to Greenwich 22 years ago. He received a BBA from Iona College. He spent 25 years working in

the financial business located in London, Tokyo and New York. He is presently the CEO of Uranium Markets and President of Forestland Development. He is an...

**Q: What measures are used to evaluate the performance of the District?**

**A:** Candidate chose not to respond.

**Q: What initiatives do you support to lessen/eliminate the achievement gap?**

**A:** Candidate chose not to respond.

**Karen R. Kowalski**

Republican Party  
17 Barton Lane  
Cos Cob, CT 06807

**Biography:** We have lived in Greenwich for ten years with our three children. I am a practicing lawyer. I am avid soccer player. I am President of the

Westchester Women's Soccer League. I also sit on two boards, one for a NYC public highschool and the other for Gonzaga University.

**Q: What measures are used to evaluate the performance of the District?**

**A:** Student achievement can be one indicator of school effectiveness, but this should not be measured by student performance on one or two tests given during the course of the year. Student performance should be based on year-over-year improvement to show that the Greenwich school district is out-teaching its peers. Student performance should also be professionally assessed by the classroom teacher through daily in class and homework assignments. The District should also be evaluated on per-pupil spending, course offerings, technology in the classroom, prime instructional time, the availability of arts and athletic programs, student on-time progression through school, and college acceptance.

**Q: What initiatives do you support to lessen/eliminate the achievement gap?**

**A:** We can tackle the achievement gap by linking school and home.

We need close cooperation between schools and parents. Classroom accomplishments need to be reinforced at home. Parent involvement is essential. Second, teachers need to know what students are doing well and where they struggle. Teachers should monitor a student's progress monthly to pinpoint a student's gaps and create a plan focusing on how to address the weaknesses. Lastly, struggling students should get more instruction time in small groups with more repetition. When learning is matched to the student it increases motivation and engagement, which is a winning combination.

# 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 Vote for Any 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**

## District 2 - Harbor Vote for Any 14 or less

Frank J. Baratta **P-NEW**  
Michael E. Basham  
Duncan G. Burke **Petition**  
Nancy B. Burke  
Donald R. Conway  
Jessica B. DelGuercio **Petition**  
Laura P. Gladstone **P-NEW**  
Kenneth S. Greenberg **P-NEW**  
Jill T. Kelly **P-NEW**  
Michele F. Klosson  
Katherine N. LoBalbo  
Kristine S. Lowe  
Brad I. Markowitz **P-NEW**  
Mary Ellen D. Markowitz  
Cecilia H. Morgan  
Wilma Nacinovich  
Lorelei O'Hagan  
Averardo "Aldo" Pascarella **P-NEW**  
Pragati Soni **P-NEW**  
Eileen J. Toretta  
Erika Walsh **P-NEW**  
Douglas J. Wells

## District 3 - Chickahominy Vote for Any 10 or less

Louise T. Bavis  
Martin C. Blanco **P-NEW**  
Elias Judd Cohen  
Thomas P. Conelias  
Ed J. Lopez  
Rosalind Nicastro  
Sylvester J. Pecora, Sr.

Adam A. Rothman  
Steven P. Rubin  
Allison M. Walsh

## District 4 - Byram Vote for Any 17 or less

Javier A. Aleman  
Ronald F. Carosella  
Andrea J. Casson  
Elizabeth J. "Liz" Eckert **P-NEW**  
Robert J. McKnight, Jr.  
Alex J. Popp, Jr.  
Maria Madeleine Popp  
Romulo E. Samaniego  
Diego Sanchez  
Josiane M. Schaffner-Parnell  
Ryan T. Smith **P-NEW**  
Samarpana Tamm  
John J. Thompson **P-NEW**  
J. Robert Tuthill  
Donald R. Vitti  
Lucy von Brachel  
Bonnie Zeh

## District 5 - Riverside Vote for Any 18 or less

Jennifer L. Baird  
Joseph H. Benoit, Jr.  
Edward T. Broadhurst, III  
Nancy E. Cooper  
Stephanie L. D'Alton Barrett  
Stephen F. Dolan **P-NEW**  
Allison C. "Icy" Frantz **P-NEW**  
Paul R. Herman **P-NEW**  
Lucy B. Krasnor  
Hale H. McSharry **P-NEW**  
Anna M. Monteiro **P-NEW**  
Paul A. Olmsted  
Danyal Ozizmir  
Christopher J.A. "Skip" Parker, Jr.  
**P-NEW**  
Bruce P. Pflug  
Patricia H. "Patty" Roberts  
Allison W. Rogers **P-NEW**  
Ashley M. B. Smith  
Joan B. Thakor  
Peter G. Van Duyne **Petition**  
Kathryn L. Walker  
Catherine L. Whitaker **P-NEW**

## District 6 - Old Greenwich Vote for Any 20 or less

Thomas J. Byrne  
Marilyn Ross Cahn  
Robert A. Cenci  
Carol C. Ducret  
Candace V. Garthwaite  
Coline Jenkins  
Gunnar E. Klintberg **Petition**

Leander Krueger  
Arline A. Lomazzo  
Brian J. Maher **P-NEW**  
Janet S. McGuigan **P-NEW**  
Stephen R. Meskers  
Jo Ann D. O'Hara  
Barbara E. O'Neill **P-NEW**  
Monica Prihoda  
Victoria B. Quake  
David Rudolph  
Gary Segal **P-NEW**  
David P. Snyder **P-NEW**  
Alexis Voulgaris  
Victoria Martin Young

## District 7 - North Center Vote for Any 20 or less

Debbie L. Appelbaum **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**

## District 8 - Cos Cob Vote for Any 26 or less

Hector E. Arzeno **P-NEW**  
Lisa Becker Edmundson **P-NEW**  
Peter E. Berg  
Francis J. Burgweger, Jr.  
Jill M. Capalbo  
Randy Caravella **Petition**  
Adele Carroll **P-NEW**  
Neil A. Caton **P-NEW**  
M. Irene Dietrich  
Philip A. Dodson  
John Eddy  
Christine L. Edwards  
Jennifer L. Freitag  
Dana Gordon **P-NEW**  
Carlton M. "Carl" Higbie, IV **P-NEW**  
Laura A. Kostin  
Richard J. Margenot  
Carol S. Marino-Zelenz

Janet Lee McMahon  
Linda A. Moshier  
Cheryl A. Moss  
Robert B. Moss **P-NEW**  
Andrew Oliver, II **P-NEW**  
Caryn S. Rosenbaum  
Mary M. "Molly" Saleeby  
Alison F. Soler  
Donna S. Thibault **P-NEW**

## District 9 - Pemberwick/Glenville Vote for Any 21 or less

Phyllis R. Alexander  
Seth W. Bacon  
Michael P. Brescia  
Claudia A. Carthaus **P-NEW**  
Barbara T. Darula  
Melissa Evans  
Betsey S. Frumin  
Donna F. Gaudioso-Zeale  
Anne N. Jones  
Mark R. Kordick **P-NEW**  
Deborah R. Krauthaim  
Abbe F. Large **Petition**  
Brian J. Malin  
Lauren B. O'Keefe  
Brian R. Raney  
Ferdinando G. Schiro  
Jonathan R. Shankman  
Lillian S. "Sharon" Shisler  
Joanne I. Steinhart **P-NEW**  
Patricia "Patti" Strazza  
Jane C. Weisbecker **Petition**  
Carol A. Zarrilli

## District 10 - Northwest Vote for Any 20 or less

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

## District 11 - Northeast Vote for Any 23 or less

Victoria C. Bostock  
Adam M. Brodsky **P-NEW**  
Thomas M. Devaney  
Susan Fahey  
Tracy H. Freedman  
Karen B. Giannuzzi  
Margaret G. Heppelmann  
Susan C. Khanna  
Dana G. Neuman  
Richard J. Neuman  
David E. Oliver  
Gregg O. Pualetti **Petition**  
Ralph E. Penny  
Brad Radulovacki **P-NEW**  
Stuart E. Reider  
Kimberly D. Salib  
Michael Spilo  
Cathryn Fineman Steel  
Ronald G. Strackbein **P-NEW**  
Elisabeth G. "Lisa" Stuart  
Thomas M. West **P-NEW**  
Gregory J. Zorthian

## District 12 - Havemeyer Vote for Any 22 or less

Hajime J. Agresta **P-NEW**  
Thomas Agresta  
Francia Alvarez **Petition**  
Craig W. Amundson  
Glen A. Canner  
Jeffrey W. Crumbine **P-NEW**  
David de Milhau  
Ryan M. Fazio **P-NEW**  
Mary C. Flynn  
Barbara Galton Hindman  
Mary A. Keller  
Paula Legere Micklely **P-NEW**  
Aaron J. Leonard  
Robert T. May  
Miriam Mennin  
Ellen Murdock  
Jocelyn Y. Riddle **P-NEW**  
Joseph S. Smith, Jr. **P-NEW**  
Jane S. Sulich **P-NEW**  
Donald T. Whyko  
Andrew S. Winston **Petition**

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# Town Clerk

2-YEAR TERM (SALARIED)

Vote for One



**Mary "Molly" Saleeby**  
Democratic Party  
10 Berenson Drive  
Cos Cob, CT 06807

**Biography:** Lifelong Greenwich resident. Attended the public schools. Nieces at Greenwich High. RTM District 8 Secretary; Budget Overview Committee Delegate. Parking Ticket Appeal Officer. Volunteer; Greenwich Hospital and Armstrong Court Preschool. Former Development Director WNET/PBS, Marketing Manager Time Magazine. BA, Mount Holyoke College.

**Q: What changes would you support to improve the efficiency of the office?**

**A:** Enhanced use of technology is the single most significant change initiative to support in the Town Clerk's office, which provides vital services to the public, other Town departments, and the Representative Town Meeting (RTM). Technology has been underutilized and further accessing it will lead to greater efficiencies and cost savings. This includes the use of programs for reconciliation, databases for the management of critical information related to the appointments of persons to notable Town Boards, online renewal processes for various types of licenses, and adaptation of technological word processing advances for RTM documents.



**Carmella C. Budkins**  
Republican Party  
56 Alexander Street  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Biography:** Carmella is a 2nd generation Greenwich native & GHS graduate. Community Involvement: Community Centers Incorporated, CT & Fairfield County Town Clerks Association, Chickahominy Neighborhood Association, President, Hamilton Avenue School PTA, Greenwich Board of Health Secretary, PTA Council, Saint Roch Church. Legal Secretary, Administrative Assistant. Husband John, three children, five grandchildren.

**Q: What changes would you support to improve the efficiency of the office?**

**A:** During my tenure as Town Clerk I have implemented several initiatives resulting in positive operating efficiency. Modernized processes to allow the public to remotely access land records & images online. Digitized land records and re-engineered the vital statistics vault to increase capacity and security of related documents. Obtained CT Grant Funds to provide online access to Grantor/Grantee records. Founded and implemented the Town Archive Preservation Program (TAPP). Completed administrative staff cross training. Recently implemented CIVIC CLERK module to improve the process for managing board & commission appointments made by the RTM. Continue to be Compassionate Accessible Responsive Modern.

# Tax Collector

2-YEAR TERM (SALARIED)

Vote for One



**Howard Richman**  
Democratic Party  
506 W Lyon Farm Drive  
Greenwich, CT 06831

**Biography:** Serving first term as Tax Collector. Former candidate for State House 149th District, State Senate 36th District. Served two terms in RTM. Board member of Community Centers, Inc. Moved to Greenwich in 1992. Children

educated in Greenwich public schools. B.S. Communications, Syracuse University. Thirty-five years in magazine publishing business.

**Q: What changes, if any, would you support to improve the efficiency of the office?**

**A:** Will continue successful effort to recoup delinquent tax, increase efficiency and make the office more customer friendly. During first term the office has collected over \$4.2 million in delinquent property tax resulting in a lower tax (mill) rate. Programs already instituted to benefit Greenwich taxpayers: Streamlined deposit process earning additional interest for the Town; eliminated busy season payment window lines; redesigned Tax Collector pages on Town website offering more information; redesigned tax bills to reduce potential error; promoted tax payment online. Office has an open-door policy.



**Heather Smeriglio**  
Republican Party  
56 Sinaway Road  
Cos Cob, CT 06807

**Biography:** Heather and her husband John are third generation Greenwich natives. They have five children and two of their sons have the honor of serving in the Marines. Heather is certified by the State of Connecticut as a Municipal Tax

Collector. She worked in the Tax Collectors Office from 2013-2017

**Q: What changes, if any, would you support to improve the efficiency of the office?**

**A:** Heather has over 33 years in the banking industry where she perfected her customer service skills. She will use her management and organizational attributes to ensure the office runs efficiently. She will review and implement changes as needed. Having a financial background she will compare banking services to make sure the Town is not incurring unnecessary service fees or charges. Heather will use her communication skills to work diligently with other departments promoting a healthy working environment. Additionally, excellent customer service for the taxpayer is Heathers top priority!

# Constables

2-YEAR TERM

Vote for Any Four

**Donnie Romeo**  
Democratic Party  
14 Bonan Drive  
Riverside, CT 06878

**Dawn Fortunato**  
Democratic Party  
26 Booth Court  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Bob Dustin**  
Republican Party  
68 Dearfield Drive  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**John J. Thompson**  
Republican Party  
66 Ivy Street  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Martin C. Blanco**  
Republican Party  
311 Hamilton Avenue  
Greenwich, CT 06830

**Donna Maloney**  
Republican Party  
19 Tamarack Place  
Greenwich, CT 06831



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