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# **VOTER'S GUIDE 2017**

**Representative Town  
Meeting (RTM)**

**DISTRICT 1  
Candidates**

**VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

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

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# Representative Town Meeting

2-YEAR TERM (UNSALARIED)

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

## DISTRICT 1 - South Center

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

### Vote for 19 or Less

Andrea E. Anthony  
Katharine Ashworth – **P-NEW**  
Judy G. Badia  
Carl G. R. Carlson, Jr.  
Edward D. Dadakis – **Petition**  
Jessica B. DelGuercio – **P-NEW**  
Dean C. Goss  
Dean L. Goss  
Judith G. Goss  
Alanna M. Hynes – **P-NEW**  
Kieran E. Ingold  
Frederick Lee, Jr  
Anthony G. Lopez – **P-NEW**  
Jaysen Lee Medhurst – **P-NEW**  
Russel G. “Grant” Perkins, Jr.  
Daniel E. P. Quigley  
Robert Robins  
Elizabeth “Sanders” Mills – **Petition**  
Melinda K. “Mindy” Smith – **P-NEW**  
Helma H. Varga  
James D. Vaughn  
Marla M. Weston

See detailed candidate information on following pages.



**Anthony, Andrea E.**  
 5 Putnam Hill 2A  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Tutor: basic technology skills-part time/private clients  
**Biography:** IBM 1981-1993, NY; Subcontractor to IBM, 1995-2001, OH and NY; Fordham University 2006-2013,

NY. (communications, technology, budget administration, bookkeeping). RTM (NEW member); Technology instructor - Greenwich TechLounge; Board Member - Greenwich Club; Former Board Member - Putnam Hill Co-op. BBA (cum laude), Pace University, New York (+26 credits toward MBA)

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

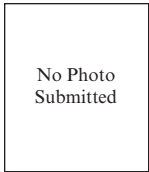
I am a brand NEW member of RTM (March, 2017), so am learning the ropes. Before I was elected by the District, I had prepared to become a knowledgeable member by attending every single RTM and District Meeting for the previous 12 months. This provided me with familiarity with the system. So, I have only begun to contribute to the responsible governing of the Town. Originally from New York, I have lived in Greenwich for 11 years. I am running to support and improve Town activities, automate Town systems, maintain a reasonable budget, improve communications between residents and RTM.

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

- (1) Retaining and attracting BUSINESSES AND MERCHANTS, especially to downtown Greenwich, and improving PARKING to help address this
- (2) Managing a balanced and reasonable BUDGET in general; and fighting to obtain the funds due us from the State for building the New Lebanon School
- (3) Encouraging COMMUNICATION (possibly forums) between citizens and RTM members, especially at the District level

**Current RTM committee assignment:** I have requested Education or new Technology Cte.(not assigned yet)

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



**Badia, Judy G.**  
 23 Locust Street  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** RN  
**Biography:** My name is Judy Geib Badia. I'm a registered nurse. I'm a graduate of Norwalk Community college and Sacred Heart University. I hold a Masters degree in Nursing

Administration. I've been employed at Greenwich Hospital in various roles for over 28 years. I have also served on school boards.

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

My love of this town and desire to increase my involvement.

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

What concerns me most right now is the State of the state with the financial difficulties of the states now facing any impact on the town of Greenwich. I am concerned about the safety of our children in the schools.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** District 1, alternate for health and human services

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



**Ashworth, Katharine**  
 141 Overlook Drive  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Director of Growth Marketing, Art Money  
**Biography:** I'm a working Mom of three who's lived in Greenwich for a total of 10 years. I'm Marketing Director at a FinTech company, and have extensive volunteer experience in

Greenwich as Treasurer of ISD PTA and Christ Church Nursery School, various PTA committees and as a Girl Scout troop leader.

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

My family loves living in Greenwich. In fact, we moved away for 5 years and returned to Greenwich because we recognized what a wonderful community Greenwich is.

Greenwich is strongest when people get involved, so I am running for RTM to contribute my energy, ideas and skills to help make Greenwich the best it can be. As a Mom of school-aged children I would bring an important perspective to the RTM, and I hope to represent the concerns of the community on the RTM.

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

1. Support for Greenwich Public Schools - the school system in Greenwich is fantastic and an important part of why many families decide to move to Greenwich. We need to continue to support the people and facilities that make GPS great.
2. Management of town roads and infrastructure - with the drainage issues during big storms and the impact on town residents and businesses it is important to fund the most impactful public works projects.
3. Prudent fiscal management of the town budget – thoughtful use of taxpayer dollars is a priority.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Carlson, Carl G.R Jr.**  
 20 Lenox Drive  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Private Investor  
**Biography:** Born Greenwich Hospital in 1949. Graduated Greenwich High School August 1966 (Class of 1967). B.S. Chemistry Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1968). M.S.

(Mathematics) Stanford University 1969. Ph.D. (Math) Stanford University 1973. Member RTM 1992-Present. Member RTC 1996-Present. J. P. for town of Greenwich

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

I originally ran for RTM in 1991 because the tax increases had been too high. They are still too high. I believe that the tax increases should be no more than one percent (1%) above the inflation rate. In my nearly twenty-six year career in RTM I have voted "YES" on only one budget, the others I usually abstained on! My view has been that the B.E.T. has not done satisfactory jobs for the homeowners of Greenwich

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

1. Containing the growth of the budget so that middle class homeowners are not hurt over time by expansionary tax growth.
2. Polluted soil around schools and other Town property.
3. Problems with inappropriate developments and the problems they cause to long established neighborhoods.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Appointments

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



**Dadakis, Edward D.**

81 Mallard Drive  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Broker

**Biography:** A life-long Greenwich resident, I've been involved in local government and politics since I attended Central Middle School. I first ran for the RTM after returning to Greenwich

from college. Professionally I'm a corporate insurance broker. I've authored a column about Greenwich happenings in the local weekly for 15 years.

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

Its important to run for RTM because it provides an access point for your friends and neighbors into government. Practically everyone who peruses the RTM directory knows someone who can help them gain access to a governmental official. I favor governmental fiscal responsibility and support our Selectmen and BET in their cost containment efforts, both operating and capital, but will challenge them when they haven't done enough. There's an increasing demand on the left in Greenwich to burden residents with more debt. I oppose that because I believe Washington and Hartford has imposed more than enough debt on future generations.

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

The overriding issue is the morass in Hartford where many years of irresponsible taxing and spending has Connecticut teetering on a fiscal abyss impacting Greenwich many ways. Already Governor Malloy is eliminating the limited state aide Greenwich receives despite our residents sending more tax dollars to Hartford than any other town. Hartford Democrats are salivating to impose a state-wide property tax. This year their budget proposed a 5 mil tax on recreational properties. Their next goal is to impose a tax on all property statewide. If successful Greenwich residents' property taxes will increase almost 50% impacting our Town severely

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Legislative & Rules, Claims

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 19



**DelGuercio, Jessica B.**

21 Grigg Street Apt 2B  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Owner, Evoke Marketing

**Biography:** A seasoned lifestyle marketing specialist, Jessica is the owner of Evoke Marketing, a local boutique public relations, and social media agency, and founder of PAWS of

Greenwich, a nonprofit working to make Greenwich more pet-friendly.

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

As an RTM representative for District 1, I will be committed to listening and advocating for our neighbors and their community concerns. Being a local small business owner and nonprofit founder, I am a passionate and engaged member of our community dedicated to being a voice of flexibility, possibilities, and vision.

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

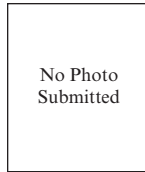
Connecticut's poor financial status and the implications for Greenwich residents. Migration of businesses and residents from Connecticut to other income and business-friendly states. Stall in real estate and the decrease in median home sales.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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

**Goss, Dean C.**

Did not reply



**Goss, Dean L.**

21 Ridge Street  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Retired College Professor

**Biography:** 60 year resident of Greenwich. Raised in New Canaan. BSCE from UCONN and MCE from Univ Of Delaware in 1955. Several years in Structural Design of Industrial Plants.

30 years as Professor of Architecture during which I served as Department Head for 15 years.

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

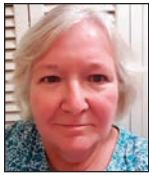
I have found this a good way to give back to the town without the need to spend time in purely political activity. It also allows me use what I learn professionally to the benefit of the Town. And it extends the range of people you get to know.

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

Getting the funding problems associated with the New Lebanon School squared away. For the next few years we must budget very carefully so that looming loss of State grants is not a sudden and massive problem. And we must review our P&Z regulations so as better control the large projects that seem to be spring up. The burden they tend to place on all the town services seems all too often to be ignored.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Public works

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



**Goss, Judith G.**

20 Putnam Park  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Retired

**Biography:** Judy was born at Greenwich Hospital, attended Greenwich public schools, and has lived much of her life here. After retiring from a varied career, she became involved in civic

affairs. She also volunteers at American Red Cross, and at Connecticut Ancestry Society, which spurs her interest in genealogy.

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

Judy wants to give back to her home town. She hopes to contribute to maintaining and improving the great school system, preserving the abundance of park lands, and managing the other amenities that make Greenwich such a wonderful place to live and raise a family, with an eye to controlling costs so that it is also a viable option for retirement.

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

\* Curbing increases in the mill rate is essential to keeping Greenwich an attractive place to live. Redundancies in the Town budget and operations need to be addressed, and there are areas where greater efficiencies can be gained. \* A more holistic overview needs to be made of soil contamination and remediation - assessing progress on sites that have been identified, and taking lessons learned to protect particularly our youngest citizens from exposure and to avert potential future surprises. \* Some of our public works infrastructure and buildings are aging. We need to be mindful to avoid unexpected, budget-busting repairs.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Town Services and Community Development Block Grant

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



**Hynes, Alanna M.**

282 Overlook Drive  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Finance

**Biography:** Alanna was born and raised in Greenwich and recently returned to town with her family. She graduated from Brown University and has an MBA from The Tuck School at

Dartmouth. She has spent her career in finance and currently focuses on technology strategy for a major financial firm.

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

I was born and raised in Greenwich and believe strongly in the active involvement of citizens in determining how our town is run. I am passionate about this community and want to ensure that the town continues to be an attractive and welcoming home for young families like mine as well as a supportive community for long term and aging residents. I believe I can bring my financial strategy experience to bear in helping the town to make prudent investments and come up with innovative solutions. This will ensure we keep taxes low while funding strong schools and town services.

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

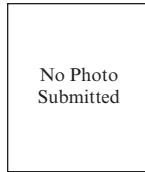
I believe three key issues facing the town are the financial condition of the state of Connecticut, vacant downtown storefronts and supporting the aging population. Connecticut as a state is struggling financially and Greenwich needs maintain its secure financial position in the face of increasing pressure from Hartford. Greenwich Avenue rents are too high resulting in many open storefronts which hurts all retailers and indicates we do not have a sustainable downtown retail/business environment. Finally, Greenwich residents love this town and supportive senior services are essential so all residents can remain in town and part of our community.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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

**Ingold, Kieran E.**

Did not reply



**Lee, Frederick Jr.**

164 E Elm Street  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Management Consultant

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

their dreams by improving their operations, growing their marketing presence and raising capital.

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

I originally joined the RTM when a senior citizen community was in jeopardy of being overtaken for for-profit use. Since then I have been involved in the development of the last town POCD and in matters of overdevelopment and traffic congestion in our town. There needs to be a rational voice on development so we do not loose what makes Greenwich special and for a place to live and raise children.

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

Overdevelopment - the town is on the verge of losing the character of what makes it special. The demolition of single family residential properties replaced by multiple dwellings are both taking away Greenwich character and causing flooding and drainage issues for neighbors. Flooding - overdevelopment of single family properties is overtaxing the existing town infrastructure and the impervious surfaces creates drainage issues for downstream neighbors. Infrastructure Decline - our sewer systems need major upgrades that have been neglected for decades, with superstorms that we are encountering on a more consistent basis our town is in jeopardy of serious flood damage.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Land Use

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



**Lopez, Anthony G.**

260 Davis Avenue  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Educator

**Biography:** I've lived in Town with my wife and three children for six years. I've been a teacher and dean of students at a K-8 school in Bridgeport, and special education assistant in Greenwich

schools. I recently accepted a position as CEO of a non-profit organization serving individuals with developmental disabilities.

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

I'm running for RTM because I want to make sure that people have a voice in their town government. I believe that becoming a member of the RTM requires that we be fully committed to focusing on the residents of this town, and what is in their best interests. None of this is about me, or any other candidate on the ballot. It's about you, the residents. I am running for you - to carry your concerns, desires, your needs, and your families into every meeting and to make your voice matter in every vote that takes place.

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

Three of the most important issues are education, how we spend taxpayer dollars, and access for all residents to needed services, especially for the most vulnerable residents in town - children, seniors, and the often forgotten residents who live below, and just above the poverty line. Greenwich is in a period of transition. We have lost educational funding from the state, home sales have suffered while property taxes increase and the Town budget is cut across the board. With hedge funds leaving the state for Florida, it's time for Greenwich to focus on building an economy for the future.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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

**Medhurst, Jaysen Lee**

Did not reply

**Perkins, Russel G. "Grant", Jr.**

Did not reply



**Quigley, Daniel E.P.**

25 West Elm St #35  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Financial Services

**Biography:** I have lived in Greenwich for the most part since 1977. I attended Greenwich public schools and graduated from Syracuse University in May of 1994. I have had a twenty year

career in the Financial Services industry, and currently live in town with my wife and our son.

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

I am currently a member of the RTM (District 1), but this is my first time running in a town wide election. Having lived in Greenwich for most of my life and now raising a family here with my wife, I believe that I owe something to this community which has provided me so many opportunities. Being involved in town issues via the RTM is the great way to contribute to the community on a grass roots level and it gives an invested resident like myself a voice in the future direction of the town I call home.

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

The most important issue facing the town is the ensuing fallout of the current fiscal problems faced by the State of Connecticut. If the State government does not come up with a sensible fiscal policy to address it's current and future budget issues it will have a give impact on our community. With that in mind, I feel it is also important that our Town government act prudently with tax payer funds over these next few years and not commit to overly grandiose projects. Thirdly, I believe we should remain focused on improving our public schools, a perennial town strength.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Finance Committee - backup

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



**Robins, Robert**  
 25 West Elm Street #16  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Private investor  
**Biography:** CT Board of Governors for Higher Education, CT Governor’s Blue-Ribbon Panel on Education Cost-Sharing, President Clinton’s Working Group on the 25th Amendment,

CIA Daily Brief Group for Kennedy and Johnson. Professor and Deputy Provost, Tulane University. Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission. Ph.D. Political Science. Duke University.

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

I want to participate in making Greenwich the best town in Connecticut. My background in education and in public security will help me make such a contribution.

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

1. Decreasing social and economic inequality 2. Maintaining fiscal integrity 3. Maintaining the public quality of life, esp in central Greenwich

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Education Committee.

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

**Mills, Elizabeth “Sanders”**  
 Did not reply



**Smith, Melinda K. “Mindy”**  
 44 Bruce Park Ave  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Performing Arts Teacher  
**Biography:** Ohio native Melinda “Mindy” Smith earned her Bachelors Degree in Music Education and Masters Degree in Secondary Education from Ohio University, and Masters Degree

in Vocal Performance from NYU. She teaches performing arts, and is the writer behind Thoroughly Modern Mommy, specializing in topics related to parenting, and mental health.

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

My career has helped me get to know all kinds of people. I’ve taught adults on Broadway, and non-verbal children, students in homeless shelters in NYC and those who live in large houses here in Greenwich. My professional goal is to give them all a voice. Many of the RTM incumbents have served our town for decades. I honor and thank them for that. But I am ready to serve alongside them, to give a voice to the families of Greenwich whose voices are not heard as clearly, particularly those with financial hardships and children with special needs.

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

First, as the town changes, the citizens must be heard. Several large development projects are on the line. The needs of those who live in the surrounding neighborhoods must be taken seriously. Second, many educational decisions are based not on research or pedagogy, but on the financial bottom line. The elected official of Greenwich are responsible for the financial security of the town. But they are also responsible for the education of its future citizens. Finally, growth and development in Greenwich has brought traffic and transportation issues that must be addressed.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Varga, Helma H.**  
 74 Bruce Park Av.  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** RETIRED  
**Biography:** CENTRAL GREENWICH RESIDENT + HOMEOWNER SINCE 1966. CAREER : HOTEL EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT , RESTAURANT & ESTATE MANAGEMENT . PARTNERED WITH“ CHALLENGEd PERSONS“ IN N.Y . MEMBERSHIPS : SOCIAL SENIORS @ ST. CATHERINES , SILVERTONES , SENIOR CENTER ART CLASS . VOLUNTEER : PARSONAGE COTTAGE; BOARD OF G.R.E.A.T.S. ;

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

I AM INERESTED IN HELPING THE TOWN OF GREENWICH OPERATE.

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

1) GREENWICH SENIORS, 2) GREENWICH SCHOOLS, 3) TRANSPORTATION, 4) MUTUAL RESPECT N VOLUNTEER GOVERMENT.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

**Vaughn, James D.**  
Did not reply

**Weston, Marla M.**  
Did not reply