



**League of Women Voters
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VOTER'S GUIDE 2017

**Representative Town
Meeting (RTM)**

DISTRICT 3

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.

DISTRICT 3 - Chickahominy

Polling Place:
Western Middle School Gymnasium
1 Western Junior Highway
Greenwich

Vote for 11 or Less

Robert J. Allen
Louise T. Bavis
Thomas Philip Conelias
Dawn M. Fortunato
Ed J. Lopez – P-NEW
Rosalind Nicastro
Sylvester J. Pecora, Sr.
Adam A. Rothman
Steven P. Rubin
Allison M. Walsh

See detailed candidate information on following pages.



Allen, Robert J.
23A Putnam Green
Greenwich 06830
Occupation: Retired

Biography: I am a retired Chemical Engineer. For 25 years I worked for General Foods. My first experience was working on the development of new processes for new products or

evaluating current processes for efficiency or costs. It was here I became involved with computers. I became conversant in FORTRAN, Basic,...

Q: Why are you running for the RTM?

I have lived in Greenwich for over 40 years. I have used all the public facilities such as the parks, the beaches, and the golf course. When Tom Conelias, the chairmen of District 3 asked me if I could fill an opening in September of 2009, I thought this was a chance to get more active in the town. I have never regretted it.

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

1. An aging inventory of school and town buildings. 2. An uncertain source of state funding and a potential for new state charges. 3. Continuous pressure to build apartments and houses on shrinking available land.

All 3 issues will change the character of the town. Building will change the look and feel and will impact our school system by adding students. The town is a \$400 million business that services 60,000 citizens. When you consider a third of the budget services the 8,000 students you must consider you can neither borrow nor wish your way out of our problems.

Current RTM committee assignment: Budget Overview Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 4.5

Bavis, Louise T.
Did not reply



Conelias, Thomas Philip
37 Edgewood Ave Apt B
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Refuse collector

Biography: District 3 chairman for 10 ears married with seven grown children

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Concerned about town issues

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

Achievement gap 2nd selectman should resign his position for shop lifting voting methods in town are unfair having etc and dtc picking candidates

Current RTM committee assignment: Appointment and town services

Number of terms served on RTM: 5



Fortunato, Dawn M.
26 Booth Court
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Home Maker

Biography: Strong willed determined homemaker, studied at the school of hard knocks, driven by integrity and honesty.

Masters no, bachelors no, Associates in science, street smarts and

common sense YES!

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

To make a difference in our town. To protect the health and safety of children and residents, create unity and keep people in the know of the many happenings within our town. To break the North, South, East and West side barriers and the stigma that shines through the lack of equality in education, racially imbalanced schools for a decade + and running, a massive achievement gap for the non-affluent limited to the West side of town, contaminated soil on our school fields and in our parks, massive flooding issues just to name a few.

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

Not keeping up with local politics and weighing in on critical issues that are changing our town. Lack of voter turnout specifically municipal elections. Studies show that demographics, socioeconomic status and Race/ethnicity play a large part of a lower voter turnout. Something that is long overdue for change if a difference is desired to be made. Voting in the same Elected officials does not leave room for change nor make for a fair or balanced government. It leads to corruption, favors and & backroom deals. Only voters have the power to break the cycle.

Current RTM committee assignment: Land Use

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Lopez, Ed J.
 3 View Street 1F
 Greenwich 06830
Occupation: Public, Government, and Entertainment Consultant
Biography: Ed is Owner and Chief Consultant of Wolf & King Strategies, where he is responsible for domestic and international consulting in public, government, and entertainment relations. His experience spans the US Army Military Intelligence Corps, University of Connecticut, Habitat for Humanity International, Hard Rock International, and the United States Senate.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?
 As someone who chose to move to Greenwich, and specifically Chickahominy, I am keenly interested in preserving the values and ideas that have made Greenwich one of the top places to live in the United States. It's important that development in our neighborhood and in Greenwich unfold commensurate to our environmental and conservation needs and with careful consideration and respect for our town's history. It is paramount to give continuity to the fiscal policies that have made this a great and attractive place to live. I want to serve our community by providing the leadership necessary to accomplish these goals.

Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?
 Three key issues the RTM must focus on include: (1) *strengthening our economy* so it doesn't succumb to the poor management afflicting our state - Greenwich should be a robust example of fiscal responsibility for the rest of Connecticut, (2) *supporting sustainable development and growth*: strengthening our economy while preserving the town's heritage, legacy, and natural resources, (3) *strengthening our education* so it remains an example of excellence for the rest of the state and the country to emulate no matter what part of Greenwich the school is in. The RTM should usher change in our town with these goals.

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



Nicastro, Rosalind
 7 Putnam Green, Apt. A
 Greenwich 06830
Occupation: Retired
Biography: I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I received a Bachelor's Degree in political science from UCLA. After Graduating I worked for 13 years as a computer programmer, systems analyst and project manager. I have been a Greenwich resident for nearly 40 years (North Mianus, mid country and Chickahominy.)

Q: Why are you running for RTM?
 I love Greenwich and am very happy to continue to be part of the RTM. In addition to being a voting member of Health and Human Services, I serve both the Budget Overview and the Public Works committees as an alternate. I have almost 100% attendance at each of my committee meetings. I love the concept of the RTM, where we have retained the concept of "government by the people..." I feel that my analytical abilities, coupled with an innate sense of fairness and ability to understand both sides of an issue place me in a somewhat unique position.

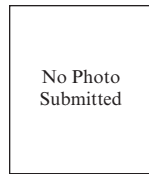
Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?
 1. The deteriorating financial condition of our state. 2. The increasing number of unfunded state mandates that will cause property taxes to rise. 3. The lack of proper maintenance of our buildings for decades has left the Town playing "catch up" today at a much higher cost. Voters need to decide what issues are important to them and contact their local representatives.

Current RTM committee assignment: Health and Human Services
Number of terms served on RTM: 6



Pecora, Sylvester, Sr.
 14 Charles St
 Greenwich 06830
Occupation: Retired
Biography: 5 years RTM member RTM committee is D P W Chairman Chickahominy Neighborhood Assoc. Board member of G.R.A.B. Trustee of St Rochs Church Volunteer for AT

HOME in Greenwich
Q: Why are you running for RTM?
 No one available, so I stay
Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?
 Contamination Infustructure Pension (defined Benefits should be changed)
Current RTM committee assignment: DPW
Number of terms served on RTM: 2.5



Rothman, Adam A.
 22 Livingston Place
 Greenwich 06830
Occupation: Financial Services Executive
Biography: I have worked in financial services for the last 30 years. I have a Dual BA from American University in Business Administration and Political Science. I have lived in Chickahominy for 10 years. I am Board Member of "The Pinwheel Project" we provide children in medical crisis with support services.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?
 Greenwich is a great place to live and raise our families. We have a few issues I hope to continue addressing including the reduction in the grand list and the ramifications on our tax base. The increasing cost of labor contracts and the possible reduction in the head count of our employees and how best to manage a possible reduction in services.

Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?
 1. Managing resources and infrastructure with decreasing tax revenue. 2. Bruce museum expansion. 3. Remediation issues at the town dump

Current RTM committee assignment: Town Services
Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Rubin, Steven P.

24 Spring Street
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: CEO-Launell Incorporated

Biography: I have been a resident of Greenwich since 1985. I am the owner of an apparel company that I started in 1987 that provides uniforms for major theme parks, casinos, schools, and

businesses. I have served on several non-profit boards and volunteered my time locally.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I am running for my third term on the RTM. As a member of the Education Committee, I have been working toward trying to continue the high quality of education that Greenwich has long been able to attain. It is my hope to continue to work toward the goal of providing as much support for our education as possible.

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

1) Keeping the policies as non-partisan as possible. There are serious concerns that the two parties are more focused on their politics rather than the optimal welfare of the town and its residents. 2) There are more non-party registered voters in Greenwich than affiliated ones. Yet, the powers of the parties make it near impossible for an "Independent" to be part of the BET or BOE, etc. 3) We need to continue growing our environmental awareness in shrinking our waste of natural resources.

Current RTM committee assignment: Education, CDBG, Transportation

(Alternate), Appointments (Alternate)

Number of terms served on RTM: 2



Walsh, Allison M.

22F Putnam Green
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Attorney

Biography: I am a lawyer with a background in finance, government and environmental law and policy. I have lived in Greenwich since 2001, in D3 since 2012. I have one school-age

child.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I am on the RTM, having filled the seat of someone who left midterm. District 3 faces many challenges: environmental health and education are under attack. Last budget, D3 leaders helped defeat a proposed \$270K cut to Hamilton Avenue school, the only cut proposed of its size to any elementary school. Western Middle School fields need remediation. I am working on hazardous waste issues at present. Our district needs strong leaders who will defend their right to public education and public health, and I am proud that we on D3 have worked as a team to do that.

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

Education: Budgetary pressure on education increases each year, threatening quality and equity. Environment: Greenwich has a legacy of illegal or imprudent dumping of hazardous materials in places such as schools where they are found and do not belong. Finding and remediating these, and avoiding introduction of new hazards, need to be prioritized. Budget: The state's budget is in disarray; we face potentially large cuts in state funding to pay for education, public works and other essential government services. We must exercise care in making these decisions, ensuring we fund what is important while minimizing our tax burden.

Current RTM committee assignment: Legislative and Rules, Transportation

Number of terms served on RTM: 1