

P. O. Box 604 • Greenwich, CT 06836-0604

# COLERS GULLES

Representative Town Meeting (RTM)
DISTRICT 6
Candidates

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
POLLS OPEN 6 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

For additional information on voting, visit www.LWVG.org

# **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 6 - Old Greenwich**

Polling Place: Old Greenwich School Gymnasium 285 Sound Beach Avenue Old Greenwich

## Vote for 20 or Less

Thomas J. Byrne Marilyn Ross Cahn Michael C. Carter Robert A. Cenci Paige A. B. Davis – **P-NEW** Carol C. Ducret – Petition Candace V. Garthwaite Michele M. Graham – **P-NEW** Jacqueline K. Hammock Coline Jenkins Gunnar E. Klintberg Leander Krueger – P-NEW John D. Lobrano Arline Lomazzo

Brian J. Maher Al D. McCready Stephen R. Meskers Katharine W. "Kerry" Meyers – P-NEW JoAnn D. O'Hara – **P-NEW** Jennie A. Pastor – P-NEW Monica Prihoda – P-NEW Victoria B. Quake David H. Rudolph George A. Sorenson – Petition Horst Tebbe Alexis Voulgaris George Michael "Mike" Weiksner Victoria Martin Young – **P-NEW** 

See detailed candidate information on following pages.



Byrne, Thomas J. 337 Sound Beach Ave. Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: High school physics teacher

Biography: Graduate of Yale and Stanford Law. Lived in Greenwich 33 years with wife, Megan. Four children (Joseph, Merrill Lynch in Greenwich; Daniel, Greenwich firefighter,

Michael, Captain, SBVFD, and Kristina, US Navy pilot) all graduated Greenwich public schools. Grandfather of three. I teach physics in a public high school in Westchester.

#### O: Why are you running for RTM?

I want a meaningful role in crafting the decisions that affect my family and my neighbors. The RTM is the closest thing to real democracy that exists today. Residents of all economic strata, ages, gender and political persuasion come together to debate important financial and planning issues in an intelligent and respectful manner. The RTM will be making important decisions in the next few years that will have long term implications for the services offered by the Town and the work force the Town can attract. For more information on the RTM, check out these videos: https://vimeo.com/180110071 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zEmaE8bnfno

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

Greenwich is a well run Town. It is unique because its residents have supported strong public schools and public safety while conservatively managing its financial affairs. But it faces pressure today from several sources: Irresponsible fiscal policy in state government and state laws that threaten local control of decisions on education, zoning, and labor agreements. Greenwich must remain affordable to families and seniors. The Town's state and local representatives must work to free Greenwich from the yoke of state government so that the Town continues to be the envy of the state and the premier place to live in Connecticut.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Claims Number of terms served on RTM: Did not reply



Cahn, Marilyn Ross 2 Fairfield Avenue Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: physician (retired)

Biography: I am vice-chair, Greenwich Board of Health; a medical advisor influenza clinics; member Medical Reserve Corps of Greenwich; past president, Bruce Women's Golf Association;

past board member, Greenwich Meals-on-Wheels. I have lived in this area for over 30 years, more than 20 of them in Old Greenwich.

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

I have served on the RTM since 2006, and wish to continue to do so, contributing to the welfare and quality of life of Greenwich/Old Greenwich.

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

Important issues in Greenwich concern health, safety and quality of life. I support the Greenwich Department of Health, police, fire, and emergency medical services, as well as entities such as the Griffith Harris Golf Course.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** town services Number of terms served on RTM: Did not reply



Carter, Michael C. 32 Lockwood Drive Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: Real Estate Finance

Biography: My parents moved to Greenwich in 1970 and I attended Eastern and GHS. I have an Architecture Degree from Harvard and an MBA from Columbia. I returned to Greenwich

with my family in 1995. My 3 children graduated from GHS. I have worked for 30 vears in Real Estate Finance.

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

While its role is not so widely known in Town, the RTM is the legislative core of Greenwich. It writes ordinances, approves budgets, approves capital projects, approves long term planning and approves the members of almost all of the Town's managing boards and commissions. I enjoy the involvement and responsibility of working on the RTM and want to contribute to the decisions that keep our town a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

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

1. Continuing to improve the performance and experience of students in Greenwich schools. This requires proper planning of programs, proper maintenance and allocation of facilities and efficient financial support from the Town. 2. Proper land use planning to avoid overdevelopment. This includes moderating commercial development, and balancing the need for even distribution of affordable housing in all parts of Greenwich with maintaining its residential character. It also requires moderation of the exploitation of FAR loopholes. 3. Improving Town Department operating efficiency to manage budget growth while providing the services we rely on with proper maintenance of all our beloved facilities.

Current RTM committee assignment: Vice Chairman of the Land Use Committee Number of terms served on RTM: 4

No Photo Submitted Cenci, Robert A. 6 Tod's Driftway Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: N/A

Biography: USMA grad 1967 Vietnam Vet Wharton MBA Former Goldman Sachs General Partner Career focus municipal bond finance.

#### O: Why are you running for RTM?

To gain a forum to provide advice to town leaders based on my experience in municipal investment banking

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

Poor capital financing practices of BET resulting in substantial real dollar cost to town taxpayers. Dangerous deferrals of critical capital maintenance and improvement projects at a time of historically favorable financing environment deferrals which will likely result in higher construction and financing costs in the future. I

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Alternate - finance. Delegate parks and rex Number of terms served on RTM: 2



Davis, Paige A.B. 1 Arbor Lane Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: Executive Functions/ ADHD Coach

Biography: I attended Colgate University and worked in private banking. I've had extensive involvement in the Greenwich Public Schools as a leader and participant in many vital task forces.

I have lived in Old Greenwich for 24 years and am a vocal defender of our beloved

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

I am running because I believe in the RTM. I believe in civic duty and participation in town governance. I have attended and spoken at many town meetings about issues that I am passionate about: our schools, outcomes for special needs students, sensible real estate development, and management of town funds. Also, I believe the RTM, as a representative governing body, should reflect the broad range of constituents that make up our town of Greenwich. As a woman, mother, and 26-year resident, I have the experience and courage to represent the needs and values of Old Greenwich

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

1) We need sound financial management of our town resources and highly qualified leadership to guide Greenwich through the serious economic struggles facing Connecticut. 2) We need real choice in our town elections. Our two dominant political parties often choose members of critical Greenwich committees from behind closed doors. We need more diverse representation, including Independents and Unaffiliated candidates as well. 3) Living in Old Greenwich has been a blessing and it is disturbing to see development and construction projects that have a permanent detrimental impact on our town. We need to have a greater say in these matters

**Current RTM committee assignment:** 

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Ducret, Carol C. 9 Tod's Driftway Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: Owner-Small Manufacturing Business Biography: Greenwich Native. B.S. in Business Education from Univ. of Bridgeport. Taught Adult Ed. at GHS. Past volunteer in the school system. Currently active in the Old Greenwich

Garden Club. Part owner of a small manufacturing business. Three children-one a teacher at OG; grandchildren in Greenwich Public Schools.

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

As a life-long resident of Greenwich I have always been interested in civic affairs. I believe it is important to have a voice in the decision-making process of the town. I have tried to represent the viewpoint of my fellow residents when taking a vote on matters that will affect our town. One of the great things about being on the RTM is that it is a non-partisan organization that works well together to solve issues facing our community.

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

Because of the financial crisis in Hartford and possible loss of funding, the RTM must make tough choices to keep taxes low while preserving the quality of life in Greenwich The quality of Greenwich education is one of the main reasons people chose to live in town, we must continue to improve our excellent school system. The Eastern Greenwich Civic Center needs to be improved not only for our part of town but all of Greenwich. It should include more meeting rooms,, playing fields, and rental space. We should be able to show a profit if the facility is modernized.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Transportation

Number of terms served on RTM: 10



Garthwaite, Candace V. 36 Park Ave Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: Executive Search, Executive and Career Coaching **Biography:** • Twenty-five years of executive search work across major industries • Talent management consulting • Results Workplace and Conversational Intelligence Coach training and

experience • Entrepreneur with a track record of success and integrity • PhD in Education • Policy research for the Connecticut Department of Education and the National Association of State Legislators

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

I have volunteered for this role because I want to do my part to protect and improve our quality of life in Greenwich. I stand for: • Excellent public schools • A nonpartisan Board of Education • Judicious use of our tax dollars • Maintaining and improving our parks • A serious look at traffic and safety issues in our town • Smart investment in infrastructure to protect our homes and the environment

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

Many of our Town sewers and storm drains are in need of repair or replacement. Our schools, service buildings, and parks must be maintained and improved to continue to provide an excellent quality of life town wide. The challenge of maintaining modest tax levels means that we have to look at the the Town's debt policy. We need to place greater emphasis on matching the useful lives of assets with the terms of bond issues. I believe in balanced growth to preserve our neighborhoods and villages with more attention to pedestrian safety and the protection of trees and green-space.

Current RTM committee assignment: Vice Chair District 6, Alternate Delegate to **Public Works and Appointments Committees** 

Number of terms served on RTM: 3



Graham, Michele M. 28 Midbrook Lane Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: Senior Director, Strategy - MarketSmiths Content Strategists

Biography: Old Greenwich resident for 26 years. Co-Chair ISD formation committee. PTA president. PTA Council. Co-chair of

Swim Across America, helping to raise \$1+ million for cancer research. Marketing strategist and copywriter—work in agencies and as freelancer. Mother of three, all attended Greenwich public schools.

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

I am passionate about our town. I helped to create ISD, which served as a model magnet school and was the first IB program in New England. I've served on many school advisory committees and worked with Greenwich Library. I've seen our Town grow and change—for better and for worse. The RTM needs people who know, really know Greenwich and bring a fair perspective. With my children fully grown, I have both the time and experience to thoughtfully weigh the difficult decisions the RTM will be faced with.

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

Our public schools are the stewards for our children. We need to provide the resources so that our educators can do their jobs. We also need to be judicious with how our money and support is allocated. Our infrastructure is in dire condition relative to contemporary demands. We need to address roads, sewers, flooding, congestion, and safety. And we need to lay the groundwork for the future. How do we accomplish all our goals within a defined budget? With our state in fiscal chaos, the demands to do more with less will be challenging. I bring creative, strategic thinking.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** 

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Hammock, Jacqueline K. 51 Forest Ave #93

Old Greenwich 06870 **Occupation:** Real Estate Broker

Biography: Served on the RTM since 2005. I have been on the Finance Committee for the last 8 years and was formerly on the Budget Overview Committee and Dept. of Public Works. I

started in Riverside (District 5) and moved to Old Greenwich (District 6). Secretary

of the Condemnation Commission

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

I have lived in Greenwich, gone to school here, raised a family here, and now have grandchildren here. I want to continue to help keep Greenwich great and affordable for young and old alike.

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

Greenwich is a big town with many groups and lots of needs. The finances and budget are important to figure how best to keep our balance in meeting those needs.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Finance committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 6



Jenkins, Coline 20 1/2 Forest Avenue Old Greenwich 06870 Occupation: public servant

Biography: Four generations of my family periodically lived in and built Greenwich. My financial base is inherited real estate in Greenwich. Routinely I volunteer my time and money to

nonprofits at town, state, and national levels, including National Parks, NYC Parks, museums and publishers, who portray women rights and American history.

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

I believe democracy is a participatory sport. Public service is only as strong as we, the people, make it. For 30 years, I have served this community in a variety of capacities, including as a member of the legislative body (RTM), Old Greenwich Association, O. G. Garden Club, PTA, Boys & Girls Scouts, Greenwich Harbor Association, and Friends of Greenwich Point. When I cast my votes, I take into consideration the goals and needs of my constituents. As long as I remain a citizen of Greenwich, I will serve the town and its common good.

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

Good land use and development: Our town needs to balance change with its impact on traffic, public safety, schools, and the preservation of our neighborhoods. Predictable property taxes and sound budgets: We need quality services in education, parks & recreation, public safety, social services and public works projects - delivered at reasonable costs to taxpayers. Attracting the best public servants to town government: The basis of good governance is the work of elected or hired men and women with useful skill sets, values, and life experiences. Finally I deeply believe in Freedom of Information, as sunlight is a great disinfectant.

Current RTM committee assignment: Chair of District 6

Number of terms served on RTM: 15



Klintberg, Gunnar E. 22 Shore Road Old Greenwich 06870 **Occupation:** Businessman

Biography: Born in Stockholm, Sweden. American citizen 1998. Graduated Dartmouth College 1972. Lived and worked in Stockholm and Moscow, USSR 1976-79. 1979 moved back

to the US and worked in NYC until moved to O.G. in 1983. Worked with a small investment firm in Greenwich until 2010. Now semi retired.

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

Have always had a keen interest in what's going on in our community in particular as far as new development and traffic is concerned but also issues re Greenwich Point. Been to numerous P&Z and Wetlands hearings over the years and believe that we can actually have an impact on the development of our village but only if we engage early on in the process. Being on the RTM has given me that opportunity. Also strongly believe that in order for democracy to work you have to get engaged.

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

1. Over development. Believe in stricter regulation for new developments particular in already dense areas such as Old Greenwich and Riverside, 2. Not expanding and keeping infrastructure up to par. Sewer manholes continue to overflow even after minor rain storms and the municipal sewage plant continues to have to dump raw sewage in the Sound. Also places like Old Greenwich and other shoreline villages should put all cables and wires under ground. Certain streets really look"third world". 3. How to fund future infrastructure projects in the light of future decreases in State funds coming to the Town.

Current RTM committee assignment: Alternate on Land Use Number of terms served on RTM: 2



Krueger, Leander 19 Meadow Place Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: Mother of three and registered architect Biography: Growing up across the sound in Oyster Bay, I was an athlete, active volunteer and diligent student. After public high school I attended Yale (BA) and University of Pennsylvania

(M.Arch). I now live in OG with my Texan husband and three children (6, 9, 11) who attend local public schools.

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

I'm running for RTM because I love Greenwich and want to be a part of setting a fiscally responsible course for the future. My education in architecture included studies of town planning and investigations into why some towns thrive and some struggle. I'm focused on contributing to the betterment of our town's municipal services, infrastructure, land use and growth in the face of growing state and federal budgetary restraints. We are fortunate to live in a terrific town with fabulous people and services and I want to help ensure that that is the case for our children as well.

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

Three important issues facing Greenwich today: 1) Fiscal stability – insulating Greenwich from the fiscal ineptitude in Hartford and protecting our future by being fiscally responsible, including actively managing ongoing retirement obligations; 2) Quality Infrastructure - sensibly investing in town infrastructure upgrades including road works, drainage projects, city park improvements, technology updates and school renovations; 3) Ensuring premium quality of life – maintaining superior municipal services and addressing issues such as intelligent housing development decisions, traffic and parking challenges and lack of sidewalks near schools.

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

**Educational Fund** 



Lobrano, John D. 21 Sylvan Lane Old Greenwich 06870 **Occupation:** Attorney

Biography: My wife and I have raised our three children in Old Greenwich where we have lived for more than twenty years. I am a graduate of Amherst College and NYU law school. I have

practiced corporate law at a large international law firm in New York and London since 1983.

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

I am a strong believer in civic engagement. My family and I have been blessed to live in in this vibrant community for many years. Serving as a member of the RTM has afforded me the opportunity to give back to the community and to work actively to preserve and promote the village of Old Greenwich in particular and the town of Greenwich more generally. I have learned much about town government in my first term as a representative of Old Greenwich and I look forward to continuing to serve District 6.

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

The town of Greenwich and the village of Old Greenwich remain wonderful places to live and raise a family but both face challenges. The character of the town is regularly threatened by ill-considered development-- vigilance and activism are vital. Maintaining public schools of the highest quality is essential to future success of our children and the long-term health of the town. Fiscal responsibility is likewise critical if Greenwich is to continue to attract families and businesses.

Current RTM committee assignment: Legislative & Rules Committee Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Lomazzo, Arline 14 Shady Brook Lane Old Greenwich 06870 Occupation: Retired Teacher

Biography: OG resident 50 years. Graduate Columbia University BS/Teacher's College MA. Bridgeport Univ. Business School 6th year Professional Diploma in Public Administration.

Selectmen's Pedestrian Safety Committee 21 years & created 15-year Town Master Plan. Active role in Town's purchase of 17-acre Laddins Rock Park. Teacher -Greenwich Public Schools 31 years.

#### O: Why are you running for RTM?

Greenwich has provided my family and me with amenities that are rare for any town. I educated my four children, use Tod's Point almost daily and have valued decades of relatively low real estate taxes. Those are the reasons I moved to O.G. The town never let me down. Having the opportunity to serve our town is a privilege and I have always sought to involve myself in any effort or project that would benefit all of Greenwich, not just O.G. I was proud to support major public/private projects: GHS auditorium, Byram Park pool complex, Public Safety complex, etc.

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

(1) Greenwich faces significant pressure by real estate developers that threaten to undermine our zoning regulations. This will affect our quality of life especially in O.G. and Riverside. (2) Short term - 5 yr. borrowing is being used as a vehicle to allow us to complete major infrastructure projects, storm water and sewer pipe replacement/relining; building maintenance and road paving, etc. without financial support from the state as in the past. (3) There may be a serious push to move to long term (20 yr.) bonding which could put a heavy burden on future years' taxes. Current RTM committee assignment: Chairman - Public Works Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 16



Maher, Brian J. 26 Rocky Point Rd. Old Greenwich 06870 Occupation: Retired Banker

Biography: 40-year resident District 6, US Army Veteran, retired banker, last position was Chief Credit Officer for a Fairfield County bank holding company. Current RTM member

and the President of Meals on Wheel of Greenwich. This year, with 75 volunteers, the organization delivered over 22,000 meals to the residents of Greenwich.

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

Two years ago, when I first ran for RTM, I wanted to give back to the community that gave so much to my family. Now, after two years on the RTM and a member of the Appointments Committee, I have a much better understanding of the working of the town and the 17 agencies that provide oversight to the needs and working of Greenwich. With this knowledge I will be a more effective member of the RTM. I am dedicated to Greenwich and the RTM and will work for the success of both.

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

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: The RTM Budget Oversight Committee is doing a good job in reviewing the Town's budget, asking the prudent questions to control cost. This has resulted in budget reductions for the last two years. EDUCATION: Our three children attended Greenwich public schools and five of our seven grandchildren are currently enrolled. I know the importance of a good education. HOUSING: We must all be diligent in resisting projects such as 143 Sound Beach Ave. It is the responsibility of every voter to be aware and educated concerning the impact on our quality of life.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Appointments Number of terms served on RTM: 2



McCready, Al D. 3 Kernan Place Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: University Professor

Biography: After a successful consulting career with Ernst &Young then Deloitte &Touche, Al earned a doctorate at George Washington University and now teaches at a major university. A

long-time Old Greenwich resident, he's a member of the GHS PTA and serves on the boards of non-profits in the Greenwich area.

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

Teaching doctoral candidates in a College of Education has given me significant insights into the state of education in our country. I believe my doctoral studies in organizational governance have given me insights into town governance issues; and the organizational change and organizational leadership courses I teach give me a continuing flow of ideas and inspiration regarding the application of best practices in governance of our town. My consulting work was helping large organizations with the effective implementation of efficient new strategies. As a long time resident, I want to apply these skills to having the town operate efficiently.

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

It's widely acknowledged that the state of Connecticut is careening dangerously close to bankruptcy, but will avoid that through draconian budget reductions. Deep-pockets Greenwich will be taxed more and receive less in returned taxes. State education grants and payments will decrease, perhaps to virtually zero. Those of us with children in the school system recognize state funding and town education spending plans are two significant issues. A third issue for the town and especially in our District, is the management of commercial development. The Sound Beach apartment building plans are of great significance to us and to the town.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Education Alternate Number of terms served on RTM: Did not reply



Meskers, Stephen R. 18 Lockwood Avenue Old Greenwich 06870 Occupation: Banker

Biography: I am a 20 year resident of old greenwich. I was raised in Mamaroneck, went to university in NY. I have a bachelors in Liberal Arts, MBA in Finance. I have had a 30 year

career in international banking. My wife Monica and I raised three children here in Greenwich.

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

I believe in public service and feel honored to have the privilege to represent old greenwich in the RTM. The towns infrastructure has been allowed to decay and has not been properly maintained be it the old Hamilton Avenue School, Binney Park, Todds Point; or the New Lebanon School. I have and will continue to fight to improve the quality of the services we want and need. We need to invest in our future and continue to make Greenwich a wonderful place to live

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

1 I think logical and orderly development is key to growing our tax base and maintaining the quality of Life. We need a professional development plan to prevent developers from dropping new high density apartment units on top of us wherever they want to. 2 Our Schools are a key component of out property values we need to protect and invest in them. Classroom size student teacher ratio and achievement levels are key. 3 Education is a non-partisan endeavor lets keep one party control of our school board off the table.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** education Number of terms served on RTM: 5



Meyers, Katharine"Kerry"W. 6 Grant Ave Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: physician Biography: I am a Greenwich native and graduate of GHS. After

attending Yale University and working on environmental policy, I completed degrees in medicine and public health. I returned in

2003 and settled in Old Greenwich where I am raising my three children and working in a nearby medical practice.

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

Growing up in Greenwich and having been back for the past 14 years I know our town well and deeply appreciate all it has to offer. I love my community in Old Greenwich and joke that I will never move away from my neighbors. I have volunteered in local charities and been an active member of the PTA and the Greenwich Medical Reserve Corps. I was inspired by the last election to run for office and work toward positive change. I believe I can represent the interests of District 6 and help bring people together in these challenging times.

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

As Greenwich and specifically District 6 grow, we need to plan for development that will maintain the spirit of our community while preserving our resources and open spaces. We also need to address our growing infrastructure issues and better prepare for weather, flooding, and health emergencies. Finally, in a time of potential state cuts to education, we need to carefully plan our budget to maintain funding for our schools.

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



O'Hara, JoAnn D. 20 Lincoln Ave Old Greenwich 06870 Occupation: Real Estate Agent

Biography: I have lived in Greenwich for 23 years. My husband and I raised three children who all went through the public school system. I was a stay-at-home parent while starting a small

business, "The Art Lab." I am now a full-time real estate agent at Berkshire Hathaway in Old Greenwich.

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

I am running for the RTM because I love our town and want to make it even better. I especially appreciate the fact that the RTM is non-partisan. I am looking for a concrete way to be more involved in our great community and the RTM seems like the perfect way to contribute.

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

An important issue facing voters in Greenwich is taxes vs. budget. Our historically low property taxes (compared to neighboring towns) makes Greenwich an attractive place to buy homes. Figuring out how to create more revenue without raising taxes is important to us all. Quality of life issues are so important. Traffic affects all of us who live in Greenwich. It seems to be getting worse even though our population has not grown. Complacency in the town government is also an issue. We need fresh ideas and energy from informed decision makers. I want to be part of that effort.

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



Pastor, Jennie A. 49 Benjamin Street Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: Operations for a local investment group **Biography:** I am a working mother of 3 children (current ages 10, 7 and 4) who has lived in Old Greenwich for the past 6 years. I have previously worked in the technology sector and most

recently owned and operated my own e-commerce business.

#### O: Why are you running for RTM?

I love our small corner of the world and I wanted to to find ways to become a more active member of the community and I see the RTM as a great way to achieve this. I hope by being involved I can also encourage more civic engagement amongst my friends in the community through sharing information about the issues facing the town. I feel passionately about the Greenwich Public School system, as well conserving our parks and fields and ensuring safe streets and roads for all of our pedestrians and cyclists.

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

1) The Board of Education is facing a move to change the town charter that will end rules that prevent one political party from holding a majority on the board of education - these rules exist for very good reason and are in the vast majority of district boards across the US. 2) Reform of the RTM - I don't believe the RTM accurately represents the diversity of Greenwich residents and I hope to be part of addressing this and I also believe there is great opportunity to improve its efficiency 3) The Budget!

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



Prihoda, Monica 9 Highview Avenue Old Greenwich 06870

**Occupation:** Former Communications Professional Biography: Old Greenwich resident for 24 years, raised my family here; Communications professional: Merrill Lynch, The First Boston Corporation (Credit Suisse), New York City

Commission for the United Nations and for the Consular Corps; State University New York, Potsdam; CAGV, SandyHook Promise, Walking with Purpose; Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters.

#### O: Why are you running for RTM?

I am doing this because I love and care about our community as I am sure you do. I am concerned about traffic, the safety of pedestrians, especially children and bicyclists, maintaining the integrity of Old Greenwich village vis a vis development and infrastructure, maintaining a sustainable, clean environment and quality education to support our teachers and children.

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

1. Makeup of the Board of Education. 2. Traffic/infrastructure. 3. Environment. **Current RTM committee assignment:** Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Quake, Victoria B. 52 Park Avenue Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: Non-Profit Volunteer

Biography: Victoria Quake has been a Greenwich resident for 12 years and lives in Old Greenwich with her husband and two children. She is an active volunteer and leader in many local

organizations including schools, First Congregational Church, Junior League of Greenwich, Good Dog Foundation and the RTM of Greenwich.

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

I am running for re-election on the RTM as I want to be involved in making important decisions facing Greenwich. I want to do my part to ensure that Greenwich remains an attractive place to work, live and raise a family - for my children and for generations to come.

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

The RTM votes on many vital issues that have long-term impact on our town. I believe we need to approve the annual town budget while maintaining a low mill rate and predictable taxes. It's also important to invest in our fields, parks, existing structures and capital projects and prioritize the health and safety in our town for all residents.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Parks and Recreation Committee Alternate Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Rudolph, David H. 51 Forest Ave. Unit 88 Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: privacy consultant

Biography: David was born in Stamford; lives with his family in Old Greenwich. B.A. from University of Wisconsin-Madison, MBA from Georgetown, and J.D. from UCONN. At UCONN,

David provided free tax help to low-income taxpayers. Worked on NSS PTA for two years. David is seeking his second term on the RTM.

## Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I want to make a positive difference in the lives of Greenwich citizens. Along with creating a fiscally efficient government, it's important to remember elected officials are put in office to identify and compassionately address a range of issues. I cherish the opportunity to tackle challenges facing our diverse population and believe I have the skills, temperament and integrity to be an effective RTM member. I look forward to ensuring that Greenwich remains the best place to live, learn and work. If I have the opportunity to serve the community, I will strive to do so with patience and transparency.

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

1. We must be proactive and prepare for likely cuts in payments to Greenwich resulting from what is being reflected in current state budget proposals. I want to ensure we maintain town services at acceptable levels. 2. It is vital to employ the best trained teachers possible. Research shows inspired teachers influence student achievement. Therefore, we must support both new and experienced educators while continually sustaining high standards. 3. New construction can benefit our community but must be considered with the assurance that the health, safety and quality of life for residents are maintained.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Appointments Number of terms served on RTM: 1

No Photo Submitted

# Sorensen, George A.

12 Fairgreen Lane Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: Chairman, FE Clean Energy Group

Biography: I am the founder and Chairman of FE Clean Energy Group, a firm specializing in emerging market clean energy investments such as hydroelectric plants, wind farms, ethanol

plants and biomass generation plants. I have lived in Old Greenwich for more than

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

I originally got involved in the RTM as a result of my concerns about constant property tax increases resulting from Town spending increases which I felt could be reduced and/or better controlled. I am on the Budget Oversight Committee of the RTM and represent District 6

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

The timing of the disbursements for the New Lebanon School construction. Due to the budget impasse at the State level, it is unclear when and what amount will ultimately be authorized by the State for construction of the New Lebanon School. I am not in favor of spending any more money on New Lebanon until we know exactly what the State will be paying. The town has spent significant sums of money on upgrading the facility with the promise that the facility would become financially self-sustaining. What alternatives should the Town be thinking about.

Current RTM committee assignment: District 6 representative to the Budget Oversight Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Tebbe, Horst 16 Cove Road Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: Retired/Volunteering

Biography: 42-year Old Greenwich resident, married, 5 children who all attended Greenwich Public Schools K-12. Former Chief Financial Officer & Chief Information Officer of Fortune

500 company. PhD. Computer Science University of Pennsylvania. Currently Call-A-Ride VP, Retired Men's Association Membership Chair, RTM ex-officio representative on Harbor Management Commission.

#### O: Why are you running for RTM?

During the short time I have already served, I feel that I have contributed to sound decisions on support of our schools, the Harbor Management Plan and other decisions that have come before the RTM. Most importantly, though, I now have a good understanding of how our Town government in general, and the RTM in particular, works. This will allow me to represent the needs and preferences of the voters of District 6 very effectively during the coming term. As a long-term resident active in the community, I believe I understand the concerns of District residents, and represent them effectively.

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

The most important issue facing us is supporting the services and amenities that make Greenwich the very desirable place to live and raise our families, during a time of great financial stress at the State level. Previous State financial support can no longer be expected, so appropriate management of our Town financial affairs will be crucial during the coming term. This is why I joined the Budget Oversight Committee of the RTM, which also calls on my experience as a former chief financial officer. Other important issues are maintaining neighborhood schools, and maintaining the smalltown character of Old Greenwich.

Current RTM committee assignment: Budget Oversight, Legislative & Rules, exofficio RTM Rep. on Harbor Mgmt. Commission

Number of terms served on RTM: 1.45



Weiksner, Michael "Mike", George

12 Ledge Road Old Greenwich 06870 **Occupation:** Investor

Biography: Dr. G. Michael Weiksner is General Partner at Rostrum Capital and Flat Footed LLC. Ph.D., Stanford University and B.A., Princeton University. Stewardship

Committee at First Congregational Church. Member, OGRCC men's soccer. Elected to RTM, District 6. Has lived in OG for 9 years with wife, Maria, and their 4 children.

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

I ask for your vote to be your voice in Greenwich's legislature, and to keep you informed. The RTM has two primary responsibilities: (1) approve our budget, including our schools, police and fire departments (2) approve nominees for town bodies, like Planning & Zoning, Wetlands and Parks & Rec. The RTM is no longer a rubber stamp. Let's make hard decisions to bring the budget under control while investing in the services that make Greenwich such a great place to live. What's important to you? Please email me at mike@weiksner.com. Your voice & vote

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

1) Invest in our public schools and parks As a parent of four kids and a home owner, I know our schools and parks are treasures. Let's fund and administer these treasures wisely! 2) Protect and advocate for Greenwich in state and federal levels Hartford acts like we are a piggy bank. We are in danger of losing control over our beautiful harbors and even our schools. Let's keep asking questions. 3) Control tax increases Let's make wise investments and hard decisions. Let's not risk driving people away because of high taxes -- Greenwich is a great place to live!

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Transportation

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Voulgaris, Alexis 19 Midbrook Lane Old Greenwich 06870

Occupation: Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Biography: RTM member (12 years). Unaffiliated with any political party. Current Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee (5 years) Professionally, Licensed Clinical Social

Worker Mother of current Greenwich High School students (ISD/EMS graduates) Former OG Association Executive Board Member (11 years) Member: OG Garden Club, Innis Arden Golf Club

#### O: Why are you running for RTM?

I am seeking re-election to the RTM to provide leadership on community issues. As a long time member of the RTM, I have strong nonpartisan working relationships within the RTM, Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Estimate and Taxation that allow me to make a difference on issues that matter to OG residents and the broader Greenwich community. Additionally, as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, I lead oversight of 5 town departments (including the Commission on Aging/the Senior Center, the Department of Human Services, and Nathaniel Witherell) that provide services to our at-need and elderly residents.

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

1. I've lived in OG for 15 years, volunteering actively as my children (now at GHS) attended our public schools, enjoying OG's treasures (Greenwich Point, Binney Park, the village). Maintaining Greenwich's excellent educational, recreational, and civic resources is paramount to our residents'high quality of life. 2. Ensuring Greenwich remains affordable requires limiting property tax increases, making tough decisions about fiscal priorities and negotiating fair sustainable contracts with town employees and service providers. 3. Protecting property values requires attending to flood control and rethinking the cumulative effect of zoning, wetlands, and flood regulations on homeowners' ability to maintain their property.

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



Young, Victoria Martin

29 Keofferam Road Old Greenwich 06870 Occupation: self-employed

Biography: I am a married mother of two children who attend Greenwich public schools. I regularly volunteer for the Greenwich United Way, Community Centers, Impact Fairfield

County and our schools. My graduate degree is in Public Health and I spent my career focusing on access to health care for children.

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

I care deeply about the quality of life for the residents of Greenwich. I am committed to Greenwich public schools and my family frequently enjoys the use of our local Civic Center, parks and beaches. As a homeowner I share concerns about flooding, sidewalk and road repair, balancing traffic flow with safety, encouraging local business, and being a good neighbor. As a resident of Old Greenwich, I would like to maintain the character of our village. We get so much out of living in Old Greenwich and I look forward to giving back by serving on the RTM.

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

Fortunately, voters will have a variety of choices at the polls in November. Identifying and selecting representatives who are authentic, honest, hard-working and truly committed to the interests of Greenwich is critical to our community. The most important issues of the day are: serving everyone's needs with limited resources, balancing development with town character and safety, and ensuring our public schools continue to make Greenwich a community that attracts young families. I would be honored to represent all residents and look forward to being a voice for Old Greenwich on the RTM.

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