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# **VOTER'S GUIDE 2017**

**Representative Town  
Meeting (RTM)**

**DISTRICT 8**

**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)

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## DISTRICT 8 - Cos Cob

Polling Place:  
Central Middle School Cafeteria  
9 Indian Rock Lane at Stanwich Road  
Greenwich

### Vote for 26 or Less

Jonathan H. Bates	Thomas F. McGarrity
Peter E. Berg	Janet Lee McMahon – <b>P-NEW</b>
Deborah D. Berner	Richard J. Margenot – <b>Petition</b>
Joshua H. Brown	Carol S. Marino-Zelenz – <b>P-NEW</b>
Francis J. Burgweger, Jr.	Linda A. Moshier – <b>P-NEW</b>
Jill M. Capalbo – <b>P-NEW</b>	Cheryl A. Moss – <b>P-NEW</b>
Randy Caravella	Rommel Nobay
Andrew M. Chapin	Barbara B. Ozer – <b>P-NEW</b>
Christopher Cleary – <b>P-NEW</b>	Michael J. Petrone – <b>P-NEW</b>
Anne O. Connerty – <b>P-NEW</b>	Robert J. Peyton – <b>P-NEW</b>
M. Irene Dietrich	Caryn S. Rosenbaum – <b>P-NEW</b>
Philip A. Dodson	Mary M. "Molly" Saleeby – <b>P-NEW</b>
John R. Eddy	Lisa A. Seglem – <b>P-NEW</b>
Christine L. Edwards	Stephen R. Shealy – <b>P-NEW</b>
C. Nick Edwards, III	John A. Shulman – <b>Petition</b>
Jennifer L. Freitag – <b>Petition</b>	Alison F. Soler – <b>P-NEW</b>
Steven A. Gordon	Carol A. Swift – <b>Petition</b>
Klaus H. Jander	Christopher R. von Keyserling
Laura I. Kostin – <b>P-NEW</b>	

See detailed candidate information on following pages.



**Bates, Jonathan H.**

83 Orchard Street  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Teacher

**Biography:** A graduate of New Canaan High School and Amherst College, I moved to Greenwich in 1981 to teach and coach at The Greenwich Country Day School. My wife, Abby,

and I have three married children, all of whom attended Greenwich Country Day and Greenwich High School.

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

As I end my first term as a member of the RTM, I realize how much I have learned about how our Town government works, and how the RTM functions. I am greatly impressed with the dedication and effort of so many of my RTM colleagues, who work along with Town employees to make this such a wonderful town in which to live. With the advantage of my first term experience, I now look forward to being a more knowledgeable and contributing member of the RTM in the years ahead.

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

The most important issue facing Greenwich voters on November 7 is to select local leaders who will focus on the needs of the community. We live in an increasingly polarized nation. At the local level, however, we have the opportunity to put aside such differences so that we can concentrate on those things which are most important to Greenwich. I hope to help the RTM to fulfill its responsibilities to approve the Town's final budget and capital expenditures, to ratify or reject Municipal Improvement applications, and to see that other major decisions are made in the best interest of Greenwich.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Transportation and Alternate to Public Works

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



**Berg, Peter E.**

28 Dandy Drive  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Community Activist

**Biography:** Greenwich Library -- former Trustee, Co-Chair Cos Cob Library Building Committee Friends of Cos Cob Library -- former Treasurer. BET --'04-'05. Greenwich Land

Trust -- former Director. Treasurer -- Jim Himes for Congress'08, 7 other candidates. Opposed inappropriate development: Banks, Pinetum cell tower Cos Cob Assn -- Secretary

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

If you don't like what you are seeing, run for something.

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

1. Help develop and adopt new Town land use plan, due in 2019, to address crippling traffic congestion, dwindling open space, crumbling athletic facilities. 2. Narrow the Achievement Gap. 3. Advocate for an Economic Development Plan that addresses the projected 20% drop in town population by 2040, per CT State Data Center at UConn.edu

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Land Use (Chair since 2010)

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 7



**Berner, Deborah D.**

86 Dandy Drive  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** retired teacher and volunteer

**Biography:** I was a pre-school/music teacher in Greenwich for 30 years. We have lived in Greenwich since 1966 and our sons have attended Cos Cob, Central and the High School.

Education: University of Buffalo & Columbia University. I volunteer as a Bruce Museum docent and play the keyboard at the Nathaniel Witherell chapel service.

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

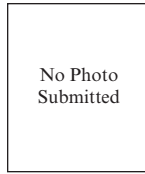
I am committed to supporting that special quality of life that we all enjoy in our town of Greenwich as well as voting for budgets that are affordable for all our citizens.

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

1. To offer an excellent school system to our children while dealing with less financial support from our state government. 2. To improve our traffic conditions on local roads and make conditions more conducive for safe biking and walking. 3. To continue to improve the water quality at our town beaches and keep our parks beautiful.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Health and Human Services: alternate

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



**Brown, Joshua H.**

7 Stanwich Road  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Risk Management

**Biography:** Born and raised in Greenwich, married with two children coming through the public schools; former volunteer firefighter; successful professional, leading local and global

teams to develop and deliver solutions addressing complex regulatory and risk matters. Former Chair RTM Finance, VChair Budget Overview, VChair Labor Contracts and current Chair Education Comm

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

Born and raised in the Greenwich, I believe strongly in our Town. I have significant experience in and demonstrated ability to work with all members to achieve the best for all our residents. I work to transform our government to be more efficient, to deliver better services, to set Greenwich apart from other Towns, making it a most desirable place to live and raise a family. With the budget crisis at the State, we must plan for its potential impact on our Town finances and not let it negatively impact our community by not allowing important services to be provided.

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

1- Impact of the State budget crisis on the Town, efforts to push additional costs on the Town will impact our ability to provide important services / programs to all residents. 2- Educational stability, with ever rotating leadership, the school system struggles to provide the greatest learning opportunities for all students to achieve their best. Providing sufficient funding, while holding the BOE accountable to deliver is ever more important, to prepare all our children to contribute to society, work and raise families. 3- Parks, enhancing both the passive and active parks offerings to our residents.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Chair Education Comm, District 8 Acting Chair

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 22



**Burgweger, Francis J., Jr.**

24 Cat Rock Rd  
Cos Cob 06807-1704

**Occupation:** Retired Attorney

**Biography:** Greenwich resident 32 years. B.A., Yale; J.D., UPenn. Commission on Aging; Neighbor to Neighbor; Greenwich World Hunger; Former Affiliations: United Way

Board and Planning Council; Scoutmaster, Troop 10, Cos Cob; Christ Church Outreach Commission; Partner, O'Melveny & Myers; Captain, U.S. Army, Vietnam 1965 – 1966 Bronze Star for Meritorious Service

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

The RTM - one of several organizations that enable a person to become involved in the Town's life - also enables its members to make beneficial and lasting contributions for the Town's betterment. Some personal examples: negotiated the final terms securing a \$500,000 grant from SHPO for the Greenwich Point Old Barn; chaired the First Selectman's Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee; member, committee that updated and revised budget resolutions; conferred with constituents, Town agencies and Town Attorney to propose and finalize legislation on senior tax relief and other issues; addressed the RTM in opposition to an encroaching cell phone tower.

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

Work Force Housing. Eliminating the shortage of affordable work force housing would have many benefits, including reducing traffic congestion by reducing the concentration of commuters and allowing Town agencies to retain experienced teachers and first responders. Senior Population: Many studies show Greenwich's senior population increasing, and Greenwich is the first Connecticut town named Age/Dementia Friendly. The RTM needs to support these continuing developments. School Budget: The Board of Education has the greatest share of the Town budget. A new school is proposed for New Lebanon, but the State may withhold its funding. I support the Board of Education's efforts.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Legislative & Rules Committee, Vice Chair since 2008 Claims Committee, member since 2007

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 7



**Caravella, Randy**

17 Tomney Rd  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Owner Post Wines & Spirits

**Biography:** I have lived in Cos Cob and Greenwich for 50+ years, I have owned owner Post Wines & Spirits in Cos Cob for the last 30 years Married an have a 6 year old daughter Gabby

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

As an RTM incumbent, I have great concern for our town finances and the balance between raising or/ lowering taxes but in teh same time improving services for our residents.

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

1)Traffic congestion and planning and zoning regulations 2)The town budget especially with the inability of the state to pass a current budget 3)Better sports and recreational facilities , especially at our schools and parks, and to better plan for the future on how to make our facilities at least equal to our surrounding towns

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Did not reply

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



**Capalbo, Jill M.**

2 Capalbo Place  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** chiropractor

**Biography:** Jill Capalbo, a 3rd generation resident of Greenwich. Her background is healthcare. Self-employed at Capalbo Chiropractic in Stamford, she holds a Doctor of

Chiropractic degree from New York Chiropractic College. A member of St Lawrence Society in Cos Cob and on the Board of Directors for Regency Towers in Stamford.

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

I've lived in this town my whole life. Growing up here I can see how far we've come. Right now our country, our state and our community need our help. When I read about the shortage of people running for RTM (this has now changed), I saw it as an opportunity for me to help. I truly care about my hometown, and the people in our community. If I can participate in making it better, keeping it a wonderful town to live in and grow up in, then I'm happy to help by representing District 8 in our local RTM.

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

The education and wellbeing of our children. The trickle down issues from what is happening in our state and how it is effecting our local community. The integrity of our local government and our candidates for local office.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Chapin, Andrew M.**

190 Bible St  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Land Steward

**Biography:** Life long resident of Greenwich. The last 25 years in Cos Cob Married with 3 children - Nancy (wife), Tyler, Katie, & Pierce Children attended Greenwich Public Schools Syracuse

University, BA in Policy Studies Worked for a fortune 500 corporation for 20+ years. Worked last 6 years for Greenwich Audubon

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

I believe it is important to be engaged in the community and to give back to the town that I and my family have enjoyed for over 50 years. There are many wonderful aspects about our town that help to make Greenwich a place we want to live. There are also many competing needs and interests that have to be considered in a balanced manner to weigh what is in the best interest for the people of the town.

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

Maintaining and improving the character of the town - The character of Greenwich is comprised of neighborhoods, schools, parks, facilities, and many other things. These things need to be preserved and enhanced to make sure Greenwich remains a wonderful place to live. Improving Infrastructure - managing infrastructure requires a disciplined approach that that allows the town to consistently invest in key components in a fiscally sustainable manner without deferring expenses on critical items until they become much more expensive projects. Budget - Managing the town's expenses to provide needed services while not allowing costs and taxes to balloon.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Chairman, Parks & Recreation Committee

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

Cleary, Christopher  
Did not reply

Connerty, Anne O.  
Candidate withdrew



**Dietrich, M. Irene**  
37 Gregory Rd  
Cos Cob 06807  
**Occupation:** Retired  
**Biography:** 44 year resident. Retired teacher from Larchmont, NY. First RTM term: 1987 - 2001: member Health and Human Services and Education Committees. Second term 2009: serving

as member to Transportation & alternate to Appointments. Volunteer: Relay for Life, Literacy Volunteers of America, Neighbor to Neighbor, United Way Reading Champions.

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

My prime responsibility is to represent the will of the voters of my district. I routinely poll my constituents for their views on both the major and controversial items that come before the RTM. The key to the continued success of this representative form of government rests in the concerted actions of the representatives themselves: listening, weighing various opinions, validating aggregated results and finally casting votes in accordance. I have served District 8 with respect and civility and strongly believe this caring mode of exchange among the citizenry to be essential to both Greenwich's endurance and its growth.

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

There are many essential services that require the town's continued support. The direction of our school system, our infrastructure, and our cultural centers are under scrutiny. The aforementioned institutions and more currently require consideration in the contexts of major growth and large investments. It is prudent that RTM address these items while carefully remaining true to our historically fiscally responsible methods of funding.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Alternate

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 11



**Dodson, Philip A.**  
18 Field Road  
Cos Cob 06807  
**Occupation:** Retired  
**Biography:** Long time resident grew up in Greenwich and educated in our public schools. University of New Haven, B.S. Business Administration & Criminal Justice. Public Safety

career and EMT that served Greenwich for 28 years. RTM District-8 member since 2012 seeking 4th term. RTM committees: Town Services, Secretary Public Works Committee.

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

I have always been involved in Greenwich community and interested in local issues. District 8 is where I grew up and my family has long time RTM service representing the district. My mother was a District 8 representative for 20 years which influenced me to also serve on the RTM. My Public Safety career involved me for many years serving in our community and local government. I am an experienced and dedicated RTM member that decides issues in best interests of our town and citizens. I also support our tradition to conduct RTM responsibilities on a non-partisan basis.

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

1) RTM is responsible to review and make final approval of our town budget. State cutbacks in all funding to Greenwich make it more difficult than ever to manage our financial affairs and maintain town services and infrastructure. 2) Greenwich education faces challenges in maintaining high standards of achievement and to resolve our deficiency in meeting state mandated diversity levels at several schools. 3) Traffic congestion is always an issue that just keeps getting worse. If CT institutes border tolls on I-95 & Merritt Pkwy, then Greenwich will have additional impact of vehicles exiting onto our local roads to avoid them.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Secretary of Public Works Committee

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



**Eddy, John R.**  
 9 Kent Place  
 Cos Cob 06807  
**Occupation:** Small Business Owner, Public Service  
**Biography:** My wife Leslie Van Orsdel and I have lived on Kent Place in Cos Cob for 25 years and we love living here I own a small business and have backgrounds in graphic design and

theology

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

I have served on the RTM for 4 years and as chairman of the Appointments Committee for the last two. My focus has been on improving some of the processes we use in the RTM that allow us make informed decisions. I'd like to continue this work.

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

The most important issue facing voters is our form of government. Good government requires intentional and informed participation by all of us. Next is attention to how we spend our money. We are in a financially challenging period and navigating this will require either innovation and difficult choices — or the default of paying much higher taxes. Lastly are the perennial questions of what kind of Town we want to be and what it will take to get there. I encourage all neighbors to participate in the upcoming public hearings supporting our next 10-year Plan of Conservation and Development.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Appointments (Chairman)

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

**Edwards, Christine L.**  
 Did not reply

**Edwards, C. Nick, III**  
 Did not reply



**Freitag, Jennifer L.**  
 211 Bible Street  
 Cos Cob 06807  
**Occupation:** Retired Attorney  
**Biography:** District 8 resident for 21 years; law degree, Columbia University; litigator at White & Case, 7 years; retired to raise daughter, who attended Greenwich public schools from kindergarten through 12th grade; served on Executive Boards of North Street and Central PTAs; Junior League; Bruce Museum Council; Save the Children.

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

It has been a privilege to represent District 8 on the RTM for the past six years, and to serve as an Alternate Delegate to the Education Committee. I care deeply about our town and about our District. I would like to continue to work to ensure that, while being fiscally responsible, Greenwich provides its residents with the highest quality schools, facilities, services and infrastructure possible. I strive to make well informed decisions and always to do my best to educate the other members of our District on all facets of the issues taken up by the Education Committee.

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

1): Electing representatives who commit to spend their tax dollars wisely to provide them with the best possible quality services, schools, facilities and infrastructure. 2): The proposed Town Charter amendment to change the Board of Education from an 8 member body with equal representation by both political parties to a ten member board with the possibility for one party to hold a majority. I oppose a politicized BOE. 3): Whether the town should proceed with the New Lebanon School building project - and what the scope of the project should be - if the State fails to provide 80% reimbursement.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Alternate to Education Committee

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



**Gordon, Steven A.**

23 Clover Place  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Executive

**Biography:** Born and raised in Greenwich returning here 23 years ago. Divorced with two children now 26 and 24 educated in Greenwich public school system. Employed in investment

brokerage business for 34 years the last 10 as executive director at Oppenheimer & Co Inc.

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

Joined in 2009 after feeling that government had let us down causing the 2008 financial crisis. I like the grass roots of the RTM and that it is truly representation for the people by the people

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

Education infrastructure, reducing taxes while maintaining and improving services

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Town services

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



**Jander, Klaus H.**

307 Stanwich Road  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Biography:** I graduated from Cornell Law School (1964) and worked mostly on various mergers & acquisitions and commercial litigations. I am active in Greenwich pro bono and

civic activities. I am on the Greenwich IWVA (Inland Watters and Wetlands Agency) and a member and Director of the Retired Mens Association (RMA).

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

I am running in order to actively volunteer and participate in preserving the many outstanding and positive civic aspects of this community. RTM membership truly provides the best way for deeper insight into the many varied issues faced and dealt with regularly which make Greenwich the success that it is. Only active participants can fully appreciate all the many fine results of the efforts by the talented volunteers and municipal staff which bring about the consistently good results for this Town.

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

1) Maintain and improve the attractive town character as well as bring more clean environmentally friendly businesses and jobs to Greenwich to further stabiles our taxes and excellent credit rating. 2) Force better management and supervision of our Town Pension Fund and to increase the actual annual returns so as to substantially reduce the annual shortfall subsidies from our local taxes. 3) Continue serious fiscal vigilance, responsibility and restraint in the Town Budget especially in light of the State of Connecticut's fiscal chaos and crisis.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Land Use Committee, Town Claims Committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** Did not reply



**Kostin, Laura I.**

344 Cognewaugh Rd.  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Journalist

**Biography:** I am a journalist and I have lived in Greenwich for nearly 15 years. I love calling this town home and so does my family. I want our parks and schools to be the best they can be so

our children have safe places to play and learn.

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

I don't believe that democracy is a spectator sport. Be the change you want to see in your neighborhood, your town or your country. Don't curse the darkness, light a candle.

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

I am worried about the safety of our schools, parks and fields that might be sited on toxic soil. I also believe that our children should not be playing on fields made up of ground up car and truck tires that contain known carcinogens.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**McGarrity, Thomas F.**

399 Stanwich Road  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Biography:** I was born, raised and have lived in Greenwich most of my life. I graduated from Colgate University and went on to a career in television advertising in NYC. My children went to the

local public schools. I am currently on the Board of Parks and Recreation.

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

After being elected for an interim position in District 8, I am running for a full term. My experience as a RTM member means I can hit the ground running. I firmly believe it is important--especially in this political atmosphere--to have a civil discourse and a respectful dialogue with all the issues Greenwich is dealing with. If an Irish guy—who doesn't speak Spanish—can successfully run network advertising sales for Univision, I believe I can creatively solve problems. I know Greenwich and I am open to diverse ideas to get the best possible outcome. Time to "give back".

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

1-Keep our financial house in order—Connecticut is experiencing a fiscal challenge which can only negatively impact Greenwich. We need to make tough but fair decisions to keep Greenwich's balance sheet strong. 2-Greenwich is GREAT—It is great because of our diverse population, our proximity to NYC, our beautiful parks and beaches and our outstanding schools. Let's always focus on what makes Greenwich GREAT. 3-Be respectful and SERVE the people of Greenwich—Let's not fall into the same trap our national political leaders have. We all have a "G" on our jerseys!

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Budget Overview Committee (BOC)

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



**McMahon, Janet Lee**  
23 Old Stone Bridge Rd  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Stay-at-home-mom/Homemaker  
**Biography:** My family has lived in District 8 for just over 9 years. I am a SAHM/homemaker with a background in technology. My two children attend GPS and I serve on the North Street School

PTA, PTAC Digital Learning Environment committee and served on the Executive Board of my Homeowners' Association.

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

While Greenwich as been good to me and my family, I strongly believe it can be better. My background is in technology and one of my goals will be to improve communication and information exchange between the town and its residents. Improved information exchange will lead to increased civic engagement, and, ultimately, increased transparency and accountability. I also wish to have my young family's unique and diverse interests represented in town government, as I believe the current composition of the RTM does not accurately reflect the demographics of the town and District.

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

The Board of Education charter change is one that I feel very strongly about, as it will impact thousands of public school students, including my own two children. I've stated it before and I will state it again: the charter will not be revised on my watch. I also feel that the traffic situation in town is dire and needs to be addressed immediately, as it only continues to get worse. Finally, I am concerned about increasing taxes/mill rates, as I am fiscally conservative and will fight to make sure taxes are not increased without proper justification/investigation into alternative measures.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Margenot, Richard J.**  
8 Cat Rock Road  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Biography:** I am a lifelong resident of Greenwich. I attended local schools at Central and Greenwich High. My family has been in Town for over 100 years. I have been practicing law

in Greenwich for over 32 years in real estate estate and financial matters, also volunteering with several Greenwich nonprofits.

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

I love my Town and want to be part of something important like Town Government. I live in Cos Cob which has the most open space of any district. Open space is one of many features that make Greenwich unique. People come to Greenwich for its open space, parks, and natural resources, as they come here for fine schools, health care, sound government, employment opportunities, vibrant business districts and interesting residential neighborhoods. The RTM is a place to collaborate with neighbors to ensure the features that make Greenwich unique remain a part of our Town as it grows and changes.

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

1. The proposed ordinance banning waste associated with natural gas and oil extraction (fracking waste) should be passed now by the RTM just as 27 other Towns in Connecticut have passed such an ordinance. 2. We must keep Nathaniel Witherell as our Town nursing home and strive to upgrade our facility so that our elderly population can get the services they require. 3. We must keep an appropriate level of services, and budget for those services accordingly. We must vet budget requests to ensure that our budget is lean and deliver the services that residents require with minimum waste and taxes.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Claims Committee

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



**Marino-Zelenz, Carol S.**  
14 Mimosa Drive  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Business Manager, Financial Services  
**Biography:** Born/raised in Cos Cob (District 8/Pin Oak Lane) where my parents still reside. Homeowner since 2000 in District 8/Mimosa Drive where I live with my family. Work as a Business

Mgr. in Financial Services. Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering and MBA in Finance. Graduated GHS in 1985. Hands-on active community volunteer.

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

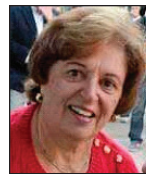
4th generation town resident with first-hand understanding of the needs of multi-generational members of the community ranging from children to aging parents. My town knowledge, engineering degree and project mgmt. experience makes me very qualified to represent District 8 and contribute in a non-partisan manner to the future of the community that I love. Volunteer experiences: leading Cub Scout Pack 23 for four years (until 2016) and volunteering in my children's schools and other town organizations. I am prepared to make the time commitment the RTM requires. I am unaffiliated and not part of a larger group seeking election.

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

Fiscal Responsibility. Constituents expect that funds will be used responsibly, where topics/projects are evaluated in a non-partisan manner with a view on the long-term impact to the town while considering the impact to property taxes. Public Safety. Risks to the community evolve as both society and technology continuously changes, it is important that the town is united in continuing to provide a safe place for residents and the ongoing support of our public servants. Town Character. The character of Greenwich is important and impacts its desirability. The dialogue had and decisions made by the RTM impact the town for generations.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Moshier, Linda A.**  
211 Valley Rd  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Retired  
**Biography:** I arrived in Cos Cob 49 years ago upon marrying local native Royce Moshier. Living on Valley Road along the Mianus River ever since, I have seen Greenwich grow and

continue to flourish. Serving four terms on the RTM starting approximately 1989, I was the alternate on the appointments committee.

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

After fifty wonderful years living in District 8, serving the RTM with honor is a true way for me to "give back." I am driven to maintain Greenwich as a fantastic place to work, live, and raise a family. I will tap our greatest resource, the District 8 constituents, for guiding thoughts regarding decisive town issues as well as general town improvements. Actively involved in the volunteer community, I continue to develop open, constructive, and insightful lines of communication with our voters. Put plainly, the good people of Cos Cob and Greenwich know that they can speak to me honestly.

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

First, the maintenance of Nathaniel Witherell Home for our senior residents who have lived in, worked in, and supported our wonderful town. I support the Home and its residents as they have helped make Greenwich the great place it is today. Second, the preservation of our Town of Greenwich beaches and recreational opportunities. I am a passionate supporter of our spaces and active organizations. Third, the existence and health of largely volunteer-run organizations. I will continue to be a dedicated and caring volunteer as the drive to help others fills so many with a boundless energy, myself included.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Did not reply

**Number of terms served on RTM: 5**





**Moss, Cheryl A.**  
210 Bible St  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Photographer

**Biography:** Born and raised in Greenwich, I have three boys who attended GHS. Prior to running my own photography business, I worked in recycling and environmental consulting. I have

volunteered with GHS PTA, Greenwich Water Polo, and GHS Teams: Swim, Rugby, and water polo including financial management for GHS water polo.

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

Having been born and raised in Greenwich, I have seen many changes to the Town and know what a wonderful place it is and what it requires to continue to meet the needs of its residents, new and old. I feel I could be an asset to the RTM in helping to define what facilities are needed or need improvement to keep this Town the gem that it has always been. The skills I have learned over the years will make me a valuable contributor to the RTM from the start, if I am so fortunate as to be elected.

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

Of the three most important issues which face Greenwich residents, the top one is keeping control of the Board of Education non-partisan by having equal numbers of democrats and republicans at all times. The second would be to reign in expenses by looking at all our budget items to maintain our fiscal responsibility, and protecting our parks and beaches which are the key to our Town's natural beauty.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Nobay, Rommel**  
39 Dartmouth Rd.  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Self-employed

**Biography:** Princeton '89, Yale '99. Health Care Big Data SME, currently "on break" from being a senior corporate consultant to attend to my kids/family and fully immerse myself in in the

community though volunteering, civic and political engagement. Cherishing the time spent with family, friends and community before resuming work.

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

- Represent the interests of my neighbors and myself as homeowners and residents of Cos Cob and the Town of Greenwich - Contribute to the town by volunteering my background and expertise in Health Care, Statistics and management - Fully immerse myself in the minutiae of issues affecting my family, neighbors and community and navigate to a collaborative solution amongst stakeholders - Volunteer my time and effort to make our community as good and inclusive as it can be for as many people as possible - Lend an increasingly rare viewpoint in support of education, environment and fiscal responsibility

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

1. Finding a fair and expeditious solution to delivering appropriate facilities for New Lebanon families without overspending, overbuilding or redistricting. 2. Ensuring we continue a century long tradition of having a balanced Board of Education allowing us to focus collaboratively on the comprehensive, science based and inclusive education of our children without regard to partisan politics. 3. Finding a way to enable the Town to remediate disregarded playing fields, parks and failing civic facilities while balancing taxes, first responders, Nathaniel Witherell and other social service funding needs.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Health and Human Services (Delegate)

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



**Oxer, Barbara B.**  
10 Orchard Street  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Educational Administrator

**Biography:** Barbara Brennan Oxer is a fifth generation life-long Greenwich resident, who has lived in Cos Cob with her husband, Rusty and sons for the last 35 years. She is the Assistant

Principal of Cos Cob School, founder and corporate officer of a family service business and a Certified Public Accountant.

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

I am extremely fortunate to have been born and bred in Greenwich and to have raised my five sons in Cos Cob. I'd currently like to support this district and town to ensure the services I have come to enjoy and make "Greenwich First" continue to thrive and improve. My knowledge and experience in finance and as an educator and administrator working with the Greenwich Board of Education since 2002 give me invaluable insight in making and supporting recommendations for improvement in various areas. I look forward to working with the RTM and town officials on behalf of my constituents.

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

Three important issues facing Greenwich voters today are highlighted by the following inquires Greenwich voters should consider: • How does the uncertainty of the State of Connecticut financial position impact Greenwich's fiscal decisions; • How do the town's current operations need to respond to the changing fiscal, environmental and digital environment to promote effective and efficient functions; and • How do we sustain reasonable and responsible growth while maintaining the character of our neighborhoods and schools, private property rights and ensure the accountability of the town's departments and ethical behavior owed to the citizens of Greenwich.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Petrone, Michael J.**  
4 Sayles St  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Risk Management

**Biography:** A 4th generation resident of Cos Cob, Mike Petrone is a devoted husband and father of two who enjoys giving back to his community by coaching local youth sports. A graduate

of Greenwich High School and UCONN, Mike currently serves as SVP and Deputy Chief Compliance Officer at Synchrony Financial.

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

Being born and raised in Cos Cob and coming from a family with deep roots in this community, I have seen first-hand how it has grown and evolved through the years. Cos Cob has embraced its increasing diversity while also remaining true to its neighborhood values. We have a saying among my family and friends that in Cos Cob, it's always '75 and Sunny. I am seeking election to the RTM so that I can help maintain this tradition, reinforce our neighborhood values and ensure that our collective voices are heard among the broader Greenwich community.

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

• Maintaining fiscal discipline to ensure Greenwich can continue to offer valuable community services in the face of declining state resources without placing an undue financial burden on its citizens. • Striking a balance on planning and zoning and building codes so that we can preserve our high community standards while not stifling new development. • Ensuring local parks and recreation resources serve all members of the community fairly and equitably and returning our local youth sports leagues to excellence.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

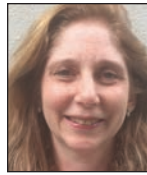
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Peyton, Robert J.**  
 18 Schubert Lane  
 Cos Cob 06807  
**Occupation:** Media Buyer  
**Biography:** Husband and father. I am a 10 year resident of Greenwich. I love this town and everything it has to offer.  
**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I feel it is my civic duty to be more involved with what is happening in this town and do my part to ensure we address the current needs and prepare for the future.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
 - Schools and educational facilities are my top priorities. - Environmental protection  
 - Ensuring our tax dollars are being allocated appropriately  
**Current RTM committee assignment:**  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Rosenbaum, Caryn S.**  
 6 Nassau Pl - Unit 3  
 Cos Cob 06807  
**Occupation:** Marketing Consultant  
**Biography:** I'm a resident of Cos Cob for over 20 years and I have 2 children in the Greenwich public schools. As entrepreneur with my own consulting business, I pride myself on

being creative problem-solver that knows how to get things done.  
**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I'm ready to give back and contribute to this great town. I feel that I can offer a fresh perspective and seek to find common-sense solutions to the issues we face. Further, as a working mother, I believe I can serve to represent the concerns of families.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
 -Keeping politics out of education. We need to maintain our current charter, so that there is equal representation from both parties. -Repairing and maintaining our school facilities -Banning fracking waste from being used in our town to keep toxic chemicals out of our soil and water  
**Current RTM committee assignment:**  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Saleeby, Mary (Molly) M.**  
 10 Benenson Drive  
 Cos Cob 06807  
**Occupation:** self-employed  
**Biography:** I have lived in Greenwich since the age of two. I attended Greenwich Public Schools and Mount Holyoke and Dartmouth colleges. My professional background is non-profit

fundraising, consumer marketing, and administration. I have several nieces and a nephew attending Central Middle School and Greenwich High.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**  
 I cherish my wonderful hometown and its abundant resources. Over the years I have been successful in implementing beautification in my neighborhood and a safety upgrade at the Cos Cob train station. I would like to participate in a greater capacity to contribute to change and improvements where needed town-wide as there are many issues. Being the aunt of children in the school system who are also involved in sports and music, decisions concerning the education and welfare of our students are of particular interest.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
 1) allocation and use of town budget 2) interior/exterior conditions of the public schools. Parents want better maintenance and facilities improvements now, while the long-term, 15-year plan is determined 3) cleanup of toxic PCBs at Greenwich High School  
**Current RTM committee assignment:**  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Seglem, Lisa A.**  
 50 Orchard Street  
 Cos Cob 06807  
**Occupation:** Risk Manager  
**Biography:** I'm a risk management professional with more than 20 years of experience in banking and financial services. I have a bachelors degree in accounting and an MBA in international

business. I moved to Greenwich 13 years ago, and purchased my home in Cos Cob in 2008.

**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**  
 During the past decade, I've watched our once financially stable state slowly deteriorate. The financial situation will have a long term impact on our beautiful town, including our home values, the education of our children, and the affordability of housing and services for our residents. As a financially conservative individual, I believe that we will need to work together to find creative methods to control our spending while not reducing the services that our town provides. We have some very challenging years ahead, but we can overcome these issues with persistence and dedication.

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
 The most important issue is the effect of the state budget cuts which will have a significant impact on our local budget. The second is the ratings of our public schools. We all know that one of the most important factors when considering where to buy a home is the rating of the schools. Our public schools are ranked well below those of nearby towns that are commutable to Manhattan. The third factor is the overbuilding with large facilities and housing complexes which is causing overcrowding and changing the character of our historic neighborhoods.  
**Current RTM committee assignment:**  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Shealy, Stephen R.**

314 Valley Rd  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Banker

**Biography:** Born and raised in Greenwich. Graduate of Greenwich High School, Ohio Wesleyan University and Quinnipiac College School of Law. I also work in Greenwich.

I volunteer for the United Way of Greenwich. I graduated from the Greenwich Citizens Police Academy. I'm a current Member of Greenwich Bar Association.

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

I'm looking to give back more to the community through membership in the RTM. I want to preserve the special character of Greenwich for future generations to enjoy as much as I have my entire life.

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

What makes Greenwich different from surrounding communities is 1) great schools 2) low crime and 3) low taxes. The town budget directly impacts all three issues and I will work towards closer RTM oversight on the budget to effectuate these three priorities. The budget must keep taxes low and eliminate wasteful spending, while still making necessary investments in education and public safety. I will work to make sure our zoning rules are enforced to preserve our character as a town, rather than a city.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Shulman, John A.**

32 Mimosa Drive  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Executive - Textile Manufacturing/Services

**Biography:** Business Executive (self-employed) 30 years. Cos Cob resident 32 years. Member RTM. Board of Directors, Neighbor-to-Neighbor (local charity); chaired strategic

planning committee. Founder, RISE Zambia Initiative (college scholarship program in Zambia, Africa). Former arbitrator, AAA (retired). Member, World Presidents' Organization

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

I have broad business experience and deep roots in Greenwich. I would like to think my background is valuable. Those with whom I have served for a number of terms have referred to me as "the voice of reason" during heated debates. We have some difficult issues facing the town; a balanced perspective is, I believe, important. I also have no particular political leaning and, therefore, no fixed agenda.

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

Fiscal - Budget cutbacks at the state level have and will increasingly put significant pressure on town finances. Education - Tend to defer to residents/RTM members who have school-age children; I do not believe it is my argument to have past a reasonable level of achievement. Quality of Life - Balanced development. We are not a village. We are also not a big city. Day-to-day issues like traffic and emergency services are the kinds of issues I believe the RTM should focus on.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Claims, LCC (Alternate)

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 7



**Soler, Alison F.**

4 Kent Place  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Director of Philanthropy

**Biography:** A Greenwich resident of 28 years, 20 in Cos Cob, I have served on the Cos Cob Library Board, PTA boards, and enjoy giving back to the community I love. My husband Steve

and I have raised two great daughters (GHS 2013 and 2016 graduates) and I'm invested in Greenwich.

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

I care deeply about the quality of life in Greenwich. I have seen many changes in town over the past 28 years—some great and some less so. Good quality of life means our parks and fields are in great shape, all schools are top notch, first responders have what they need, we have excellent programs and facilities for seniors, traffic is under control, and growth in the town keeps with the character of our neighborhoods. I want Greenwich to be a great place to live, work, and play and hope you will vote for me in support of the same.

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

- Make sure growth is consistent with the character of our neighborhoods and doesn't increase traffic or town expenses.
- Ensure facilities and programs are strong for our seniors; our parents live in town and I know first-hand how important this is.
- Insist on excellence in all our schools for all kids; with more than 40% of Greenwich's operating budget allocated for education, it's critical those dollars are spent wisely. I approach every issue with an open mind and common sense. I ask questions, problem solve, and listen to all aspects before making a decision.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Swift, Carol A.**

27 Grove Street  
PO Box 134

Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** Philanthropy & Serving the Citizens of Greenwich

**Biography:** Non-partisan, creative, intelligent, sympathetic and energetic RTM member Public policy professional Parent

of Greenwich HS graduates 2017 Co-Chair, Greenwich Hospital "Under the Stars" which raised \$400,000 for Women's and Children's Services! Greenwich Parks junkie & dog lover I support a non-partisan RTM and ascribe to gender neutrality. I #VoteSmart.

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

I believe in the power of citizen-driven government and would like to continue to serve the Town I call home. Government and politics have been a life-long calling for me. After graduating from Georgetown University with a degree in political science, I spent the next decade in Washington working on public policy issues on the federal, state and local levels of government, before relocating back to Connecticut with my family and working with non-profits. The Town has complex social and financial issues, and my education, experience and energy can help represent the interests of voters in District 8.

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

1. Fiscal responsibility in light of the state budget crisis 2. Providing a safety net for our most vulnerable citizens and a good education for youth 3. Maintaining our high quality of life without "breaking the bank"

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Secretary of District 8; Appointments Committee

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



**von Keyserling, Christopher R.**

P.O. Box 35  
Cos Cob 06807

**Occupation:** PRIVATE SERVICE

**Biography:** 70 YRS. IN GREENWICH,35-COS COB; COS COB  
ASSN.; HUD COMMUNITY GRANT (V.CH.)20 YRS.; RTM D-8  
(CH)36 YRS., APPOINTMENTS CTTE. (CH.)20 YRS., LAND USE

CTTE 10 YRS., L&R CTTEE (ALT); BLUE RIBBON COMMISSIONS: CC POWER PLANT  
(TWICE), & HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMISSION ON AGING DEPTS MERGER;  
NATHANIAL WITHEREL; PARSONAGE COTTAGE; CCS; HOUSING.

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

ASA YANKEE CONSERVATIVE, ALL SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
FISCAL STEWARDSHIP WHICH ENSURES THE EXCELLENCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE  
AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR ALL OUR RESIDENTS. I WISH TO HELP MAINTAIN  
GREENWICH AS A SELF-GOVERNED COMMUNITY WHICH PROVIDES VALUE AND  
SECURITY FOR ITS RESIDENTS. THERE SHOULD BE A GRACEFUL LIFESTYLE FOR  
RICH AND POOR. THERE MUST BE A MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THE DISTINCT AND  
DIVERSE CULTURES OF EACH OF THE TWELVE PARTS OF GREENWICH. I WISH TO  
REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF COS COB RESIDENTS; TO BE ACTIVE AND  
INFORMED IN MATTERS BEHIND ALL RTM VOTES, TO SPEAK FOR THE VOICELESS.

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

1.) MAINTAINING A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF PRESENT CHALLENGES  
AND THE HISTORIC CONTEXT WITHIN WHICH THEY WERE CREATED; OVERVIEW  
AS AN ANTIDOTE TO THE PREVALENT "SILO SYNDROME" THINKING. 2.)  
MAINTAINING A RESPECT FOR RESPONSIBLE AND THOUGHTFUL POSITIONS  
AND PROPOSALS THROUGH THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE CHAIR. 3.)  
PROVISION OF PUBLIC DEBATE WITHOUT THE FANATICAL BULLYING AND  
CHARACTER ASSASSINATION OF PUBLIC VOLUNTEERS IN THE MEDIA. 4.)  
PROTECT GOOD CITIZEN PARTICIPATION THROUGH EQUAL APPLICATION OF  
RULES AND LAW. 5.) PRINCIPLES OVER PERSONALITIES; INTELLECT OVER  
EMOTION; AND HUMAN COMPASSION.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** CHAIR, DISTRICT 8

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 16