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# **VOTER'S GUIDE 2017**

**Representative Town  
Meeting (RTM)**

**DISTRICT 11**

**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 11 - Northeast

Polling Place:  
North Street School Gymnasium  
381 North Street  
Greenwich

Vote for 24 or Less

Victoria C. Bostock – P-NEW	Richard J. Neuman
William R. Collins	David E. Oliver
Thomas M. Devaney	Gregg O'Neill Pauletti – P-NEW
Susan D. Fahey	Ralph E. Penny
Joseph Fahys	Jonathan Pierce Redmond
Despina K. Fassuliotis	Stuart E. Reider
Tracy H. Freedman – P-NEW	Kimberly D. Salib – P-NEW
Karen B. Giannuzzi – P-NEW	Michael L. Spilo
Margaret G. Heppelmann – P-NEW	Cathryn F. "Cathy" Steel – P-NEW
Todd Kennedy	Rebecca Z. Steinfeld
Susan C. Khanna – P-NEW	Elisabeth G. "Lisa" Stuart – P-NEW
Ajit K. Laroia	Richard C. Wellington, Jr.
Adam L. Leader	Gregory J. Zorthian
Dana G. Neuman	

See detailed candidate information on following pages.



**Bostock, Victoria C.**  
8 Copper Beech Road  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** homemaker and community volunteer  
**Biography:** I grew up in Rye, NY and attended public schools, graduating from Rye High School...graduated from Duke('85) and moved to NYC to work in publishing and pr... I moved to

Greenwich 23 years ago with my husband Dan and we have three kids; Sam, 24, Anna, 21, Luke, 15.

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

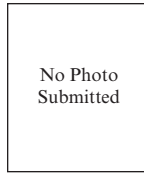
I grew up in a family that believes and contributes to public service. I have served many organizations on a volunteer basis. More currently, I have served as the Upper School Division Rep for the Brunswick Parents Association and the Corresponding Secretary for the Greenwich Academy Parents Association. I was a trustee of Greenwich Academy from 2012-2015. I am the vice chair of the Library Board at Duke, where my colleagues and I have overseen the unprecedented expansion of the library complex. My children are getting older and I have more time to serve the town I love.

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

Making sure everyone understands we are part of a state that is facing serious financial issues...creating economic incentives for people to want to work and live in Greenwich and CT... Watching to make sure the state doesn't push more tax burdens down to the town level... Keeping Greenwich vital and fiscally healthy by keeping budgets under control...

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Collins, William R.**  
59 Husted Lane  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Food Company Owner  
**Biography:** I am married with three children ages 15, 13, 11 and have lived in Greenwich for 20+ years. I am actively involved in my children's sports teams and charities. I am an entrepreneur

who started and built the Marie Callender Frozen Food brand sold in supermarkets.

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

I have enjoyed having the opportunity of being on the RTM for the past two years and would love to continue to do so. The town is very well run and managed and does an excellent job of balancing priorities with tax revenue in a way that allows the town to invest in capital projects that benefit the town's citizens while slowly increasing taxes.

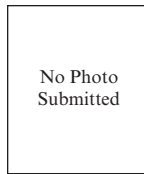
**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**

Balancing the wishes and desires voters have against the long term and short term tax revenues. Secondly ensuring our community continues to invest in our children so that we have safe schools and rising standards. Lastly, the town needs to be focused on citizens who need help whether it be due to domestic violence, assistance for people with disabilities, and Senior care.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Parks & Recreation

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

**Devaney, Thomas M.**  
Did not reply



**Fahey, Susan D.**  
10 Cedarwood Dr  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Founder and Principal International Jewelry Co. and Philanthropist

**Biography:** Born Nutley, New Jersey to first generation

Italian-American parents; attended Rutgers School of Business, graduated President of my class; worked at Lehman Brothers and Morgan Stanley in High Yield Bond and Institutional Equity Research Sales Divisions for nine years; Founder/CEO of the non-profit People Against Childhood Epilepsy in NYC, 1996-2011.

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

I was raised to believe we have a responsibility to give back and leave this world a better place. I have lived in Greenwich 20 years, with my husband and 3 children. After being on many local and national boards of schools, hospitals and foundations I decided to put my philanthropic time in locally. I have enjoyed 8 years serving District 11, all 8 years on the Education Committee. I have also been honored to serve 4 of those years as District Vice Chair and Chair. District 11 works well together and we have been able to effect great change.

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

While there are many many issues facing the RTM...I believe 3 important issues are 1-Our state capital and how the leadership will handle the financial shortfall. Teacher pensions being pushed down to the town level will be concerning, as well as the new hospital tax reimbursements. 2-The LCC Settlement of the Fireman's contract outcome and what to do about our fire stations. 3-Taking care of and updating our town infrastructure, school system, parks, beaches, museums and fields while also trying to be fiscally cognizant of our mill rate and tax levy. Resolving pension burdens will also be front and center

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

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 8

Fahys, Joseph  
Did not reply



**Fassuliotis, Despina K.**  
62 Ridgeview Avenue  
Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Retired Teacher and Paralegal  
**Biography:** English Teacher and Reading Supervisor, New York City (35 years); Paralegal (15 years); Brooklyn College (BA, English); College of New Rochelle (MA, English); over 50

year resident of Greenwich; past-president and current member of Church of Our Saviour Friends of the Poor; married to William, four children raised in Greenwich.

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

My family has a saying, "Those who do not care to serve, get the government they deserve." In my close to twenty years of service to District 11 in the RTM, I have served on the Health and Human Services Committee and the Education Committee. I have served many years as Chairperson of District 11. As part of my Chairmanship of the RTM 75th anniversary celebration, I researched the history of the RTM and produced, with my daughter, a pamphlet outlining the history of the RTM. I believe in participating in our Town government which is why I am running.

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

My three concerns are taxes, capital projects and town spending. With the way things are going in Hartford, Greenwich taxes are bound to go up. As of today, we don't have a clear picture about how adversely Hartford will impact our Town. When the RTM is approached to fund capital projects the Town should know where the funds are coming from and whether promises made as to funding are truly in hand. We need to reduce Town spending without sacrificing the services we have all come to expect by increasing Town employee productivity.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Alternate Transportation Committee

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 9



**Freedman, Tracy H.**  
45 Perkins Rd  
Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** stay at home mother/fitness instructor  
**Biography:** I am a lifetime Greenwich resident and mother of five. I graduated from Greenwich public schools and have an MBA from Columbia University. I currently work for my family

business and a local fitness studio. Volunteer commitments have included schools, Families for Greenwich Hospital, Room to Read and college associations.

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

Greenwich is a special place to live and raise a family and I would like to to part of the process that helps Greenwich meet the needs of its residents. Living in Greenwich for most of my life, I have a unique perspective and commitment to the town. Raising a family of five, I understand the needs of the families that live here. As a graduate of Greenwich public schools, I believe in strong support for our schools. Greenwich is truly my home and I would like to be part of the team that makes Greenwich great.

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

It is vital that Greenwich continues to support and improve upon its essential services-those that make it such a special place to live and raise a family. The challenge is to do so while maintaining prudent fiscal policy and responsible spending of taxpayers dollars. Greenwich must continue to care for and invest in its school system-maintaining high academic and facility standards The town needs to find creative solutions to its infrastructure challenges (i.e, improving recreational facilities, solving traffic and parking issues) despite the state budget issues that will affect our town.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Giannuzzi, Karen B.**  
39 Perkins Road  
Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** stay at home mother  
**Biography:** I am a former corporate lawyer and professor and a mother of four children. I have lived in Greenwich for over 20 years and am the founder of a local charity, Mothers For Others.

I have held various volunteer positions through the PTA, athletic teams, educational programs and my church.

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

I believe the RTM is in need of a greater voice from parents of school aged children. These are the voices that represent the future of our wonderful town. I would like to see the RTM more accountable to the people who make use our town services-the town parks, beaches, athletic fields and schools. By being part of the RTM, I believe I can better represent the interests of the children and the families who live in our district by supporting fiscally balanced yet compassionate ideas and laws.

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

1. The proposed Town Charter change that will result in a partisan Board of Education and that does not take into account the voting population (the unaffiliated voter). 2. The budgetary issues (i.e., pensions of town employees, the affect of the state budget crisis and decrease funding) that must be balanced against the infrastructure and educational needs of our schools across the district. 3. The concern that many people in town do not understand the job of the RTM and how it should more efficiently and effectively operate and fairly represent the people who make up Greenwich.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** n/a

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



**Heppelmann, Margaret G.**

15 Wyngate Road  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Private funding for health research  
**Biography:** Education: University of Minnesota - BSc Civil Engineering and MBA, Columbia University - Post-bac Biotech. Work Experience: Twenty years marketing and strategy,

management and consulting in the technology sector in US and UK. Ten years health research. Twelve year volunteer Student Employment Services Family: Husband Mike Wacek, 3 children.

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

I have lived in Greenwich for 20 years and I care about Greenwich. It is a great place to live, and I want to see it remains so. I have paid close attention to Town of Greenwich issues for many years, and believe that the RTM has a pivotal role in ensuring that Greenwich stays the community we want it to be. I have reached a point in my life where I have time and skills to offer and think that becoming an RTM member will be a valuable investment for me and allow me to serve the community.

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

1. Town Budget. We need to balance funding for town services including schools, social services, police/fire, infrastructure, town amenities, and pensions. We need to support what makes Greenwich an attractive place to live, while keeping taxes at an affordable level. 2. Town Revenue. Demographics, industry trends in finance and housing, and state budget woes will put pressure on funding sources for the Town of Greenwich. 3. Maintaining Greenwich Quality. We need to maintain the high quality of our schools, town services and amenities. Given revenue pressures, that will require greater efficiency and creativity.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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

**Kennedy, Todd**

Did not reply



**Khanna, Susan C.**

26 Carrington Drive  
Greenwich 06831

**Occupation:** Homemaker

**Biography:** I am an eighteen-year resident of Greenwich who has raised two children, now teens, here. My prior community commitment includes chairing events and serving on committees

to support our schools, the YWCA, ONSF Foundation, among others. Previously I held executive positions in publishing and advertising.

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

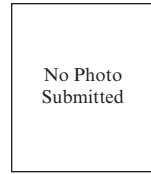
Greenwich is a wonderful town for families and people in all stages of life. I want to ensure that our town government truly reflects our residents and gives voice to each of the many and diverse points of view that are present in our town.

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

Greenwich must have a sensible and fairly structured school board. We need transparency and honesty in all offices including the Parking Department. We should also devote efforts toward developing safe and accessible walking and bicycling paths to improve the quality of life in our town.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Laroia, Ajit K.**

31 Fairway Lane  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** student

**Biography:** Undergraduate: Drexel University (Mechanical Engineering) Graduate: University of Pennsylvania (MBA) Work History: Xerox corporation/ Dir. of strategy Current

interests: Student of History, Science and Technology

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

To be involved, and potentially influence the priorities of the town, and ensure the town budget is responsive to those priorities.

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

1. Sustaining the quality of life in Greenwich that makes the town attractive to new residents and businesses. 2. Ensuring that the Budget of the town of Greenwich is flexible and responsive to changes occurring in our environment (reduced state funding, Pension liabilities among others)

**Current RTM committee assignment:** cover BET Budget discussions for District 11

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



**Leader, Adam L.**  
 7 Stoney Wylde Lane  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Product management  
**Biography:** Current RTM member: Education Committee Alternate; RTM's ex-officio member of the New Lebanon School Building Committee. Product manager at Google (11 years) and

Microsoft (5 years). MBA from University of California, Berkeley. BA in Math from Dartmouth College. Married with three school-age children. Resident, 4 years.

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

I want to serve in our volunteer model of town government. I support excellence in GPS academic achievement. So I have focussed my RTM attention on the education capital projects and operating plans. I want to participate in budget decisions trading off excellent town services versus responsible current and future tax levels. My priorities are: 1) academic achievement via implementing personalized learning 2) deciding the right level of resources to achieve excellence for all students including those underachieving, with special needs, and English-language learners; and 3) structural changes to town and state government to enable Greenwich to operate more effectively.

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

1. Managing costs vs. revenues. Balancing town service levels against flat taxes, flat population, but growing labor costs and mandates
2. Attracting jobs and families (and slowing or preventing out-migration) to protect property values and tax base.
3. Staying ahead of state budget troubles. State support for Greenwich has been reduced to almost zero despite us sending \$500M+/year to Hartford in taxes. Town leaders need improved strategies and program innovation to protect taxpayers from these worsening externalities.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Education Committee (alternate). New Lebanon Elementary School Building Committee (RTM's ex-officio representative)

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



**Neuman, Dana G.**  
 86 Burning Tree Road  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** volunteer  
**Biography:** Resident since 1993. 2 boys attended K-12 at our public schools. Assistant Chair, District 11 . Volunteer Firefighter since 2001. President,

Amogerone Volunteer Fire Company. Co-Chair, Greenwich Volunteer Fire Association. Worked for Bloomberg LP 1985-1997. Returned 2008-2010 during tumultuous time. Certified Pet Therapy team working in our schools, libraries, senior homes. Coordinator, Healing Hounds of Stamford Hospital. JinShinJyutsu practitioner.

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

I believe that it is important to stay involved in the community which means having a say in local government. The RTM is a unique opportunity to make sure that my beliefs as well as my neighbors are represented. To quote our past District Chair Person, Despina Fassuliotis: "If you choose not to serve, you get the government you deserve."

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

The budget and how we balance fixed union salaries & benefits vs town services & infrastructure without sending our taxes sky high. Hazardous materials continually being unearthed. Development and it's effects on our schools and the environment

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Parks & Recreation

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



**Neuman, Richard J.**  
 86 Burning Tree Rd  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Financial Advisor  
**Biography:** Financial Advisor focusing on municipal bonds for 38 years. Greenwich Volunteer Fire Fighter for 16 years and Assistant Chief for the last 6 years.

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

I am continuing my service to the Town of Greenwich. I have served on the RTM for 10 years and have been involved with the Town Services Committee for all of my terms. I was Vice Chairman for 2 terms and I have been Chairman for the past 2 years. Town Services has overview of 12 town departments, including Police, Fire, GEMS, HR, Purchasing and The Town Clerk. I am very familiar with the departments personnel and their budgets. I will continue to work with department heads to keep their performance high with their limited budget increases.

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

The state budget and its effect on the New Lebanon School building project. Finding a permanent, right sized home for GEMS, including heated indoor space for ambulances. Which town services are your priority to pay for with tax dollars.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Chairman of Town Services

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



**Oliver, David E.**  
 1 Winterset Road  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Finance & Banking  
**Biography:** Resident of Greenwich since 2005. Married, father of two boys in elementary school. Parkway School PTA member. Youth sports coach/manager - hockey 3 seasons, soccer 4 seasons,

baseball 3 seasons.

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

I am running for re-election to the RTM to promote the balanced use of our limited financial resources. The Town's budget is under pressure due to the State's fiscal emergency yet there are pressing infrastructure and operating needs that must be met.

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

- 1) The State of CT's fiscal crisis has reduced financial support for the Town and may result in higher State and local taxes;
- 2) Delayed infrastructure spending has resulted in a backlog of projects (some schools, EGCC, Dorothy Hamill Rink) that will require large capital expenditures in the future;
- 3) The absence of consistent administrative leadership (Superintendent, Principal turnover) negatively impacts the ability of the school district to address its ongoing challenges.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Town Services (D11 alternate)

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



**Pauletti-O'Neil, Gregg**

23 Fairfield Rd  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Mental Health Program Manager

**Biography:** Gregg has lived in Greenwich for 6 years with his wife Heidi and two young daughters Annaleis and Willa. With a graduate degree in counseling, he has spent his career working

to support others, and is currently working with individuals living with psychiatric disorders helping to improve their cognition.

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

I am running for the RTM because I believe civic engagement is fundamental to every community, and I believe my demographic is underrepresented in our town. Furthermore, I believe my expertise in counseling and human services can bring a positive perspective to the town dialogue.

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

Three important issues that I believe are facing Greenwich are affordability for young families, knowledge of community resources, and sustainable growth. Greenwich will continue to be a destination for people to settle, however it is increasingly becoming a place where young people decline to stay due to other areas offering similar opportunities which cost less. We need to figure out a way to encourage young families to settle in our town. This will allow sustainable growth. Greenwich offers tremendous amounts of community resources, however most residents do not know what they are. Providing more knowledge about services is critical.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Penny, Ralph E.**

68 Stanwich Road  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** CERT. FIN. PLANNER(CFP)

**Biography:** BA- Denison Univ. MBA-Columbia Univ. Retired Military- 30 years in Navy. I have a Financial Planning Practice- office in White Plains. Am active in the community.

Past President of the WP Rotary. Past Chair / current board member of the YMCA of Central/Northern Westchester. 27 yrs. resident of Greenwich.

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

I want to give back to the community, having lived 27 years in Greenwich. I am especially interested in the issues in my district 11. Have organizational skills and management experience which I think I can contribute to the RTM and make a difference.

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

1. Budgetary issues - funding the unfunded pension obligations 2. Taxes - continued focus on the balance between funding community services and keeping the mill rate low enough to continue to attract new residents. 3. Education - funding the school system to provide high quality of support to our students and teachers. Resolve the in-fighting with the BOE.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Health and Human Resources

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

**Redmond, Jonathan Pierce**

Did not reply



**Reider, Stuart E.**

22 Birch Lane  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** retired

**Biography:** Wharton School, Univ of Pennsylvania BSc London School of Economics graduate studies Banking in NY, Tokyo, London, HK: Community Relations for Greenwich

Japanese School Greenwich resident 35 years Cable Council of SW CT Greenwich Emergency Medical Service, former Board Member

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

The RTM provides the best form of government and it's worthwhile to be a participant. I, as others, have learned much about the town and its diversity. It's the best source of information on what's taking place, and it gives the opportunity to opine and vote on current issues. Working with others is rewarding -those with various backgrounds and interests who represent their district

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

Taxes Efficiency of government Retaining the character of Greenwich

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Appointments Committee - vice chair

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



**Salib, Kimberly D.**

118 Taconic Road  
Greenwich 06831

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Biography:** Actively involved in the Greenwich community, Kimberly has held positions in the Parkway PTA, Junior League, and on fundraising committees for the Bruce Museum,

Greenwich Hospital, and Greenwich Arts Council. She studied Economics at Georgetown University and worked as an investment banker. Married with three sons who attend Parkway.

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

Greenwich is a special town. When I read about issues in the state government (budget crisis and deficits) adversely affecting our town and schools, I discussed my concerns with community members and decided to get more involved. My professional background in finance, experience with local nonprofits, and willingness to deeply understand the issues will help me make informed voting decisions for the RTM. Most importantly, my perspective as a mother of three children in public school will make the RTM more truly representative of town residents. I want to dedicate my time to help Greenwich with the challenges facing it.

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

**Economic:** Greenwich residents enjoy relatively low taxes while expecting a lot from local government. State aid to Greenwich is being reduced by 85.4% from the current year. Prudent, effective methods of funding projects and fiscal responsibility are important issues. **Education:** The BOE budget is \$150 million which is more than one-third of the total town budget. Effectively allocating and reviewing this budget is another issue. **Town Services:** Greenwich residents enjoy a safe town with beautiful beaches, playgrounds, dog parks and other amenities. They expect the RTM to diligently review resource allocation to enhance the value of their homes and businesses.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Steel, Cathryn "Cathy" F.**

332 Stanwich Road  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Owner of a PR/Marketing/Special Events agency

**Biography:** Greenwich home-owner since 1998 (originally from East Liverpool, Ohio). Graduated GWU ('88), BA in Political Communications/Journalism. Married with two sons (11 &

13). Small business owner since 2006 In my free time, I enjoy running/hiking in Greenwich's parks and visiting Greenwich's libraries. I am also an active community volunteer.

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

For 8 years, I was an active volunteer at ISD, handling PR for the public elementary school and co-chairing fundraising events like the annual Fun Run. Currently, I am refocusing my volunteer time and talents on activities connected to the broader Greenwich community. I am particularly interested in civic-engagement activities (like the RTM) and non-partisan organizations (like LWVG). Most recently, I spearheaded the Greenwich League's National Voter Registration Day activities.

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

1 - Public school education, facilities and funding. Our children are our future!  
2 - Efficient governance and effective stewardship of tax-payer dollars. We need to allocate tax dollars wisely, with concerted effort to maintain the quality of town services for residents.  
3 - Civic engagement and voter choice. We need more citizens to be involved in the political process -- either as candidates or as informed voters. We need leadership that reflects our town's diversity and represents its shared values.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** N/A

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



**Spilo, Michael L.**

386 North Street  
Greenwich 06830

**Occupation:** Entrepreneur

**Biography:** I've lived in Greenwich with my wife, Mita and our 3 children for 20 years. I'm a serial entrepreneur, inventor of 22 patents, and have managed teams from startups to publicly

traded companies. My companies' products are in use by Intel, Microsoft, and others. I have a Wharton MBA.

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

I first joined the RTM in 2002. As an active member, I have learned the importance and value that the RTM brings to making the diverse Greenwich community stronger. On the RTM, I've successfully opposed efforts to place a commercial radio tower near NSS and a commercial intersection near GCDS. I believe my strong management skills and science and engineering background, together with my active engagement with community leaders and members can help achieve our shared goals. I will work to find efficiencies which provide maximum benefit to town residents and the best, fiscally responsible value for our tax dollars.

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

1. Declining public-school education: Data shows that Greenwich has dropped from the number one district in the state in the 1990s to number 32 today, despite spending more per student than our peers, and even after accounting for diversity. 2. Environment and open space: Excessive development is out-pacing our infrastructure and I've fought against the commercialization which is creeping into our residential districts. 3. Public-private partnerships: I believe we should encourage more partnerships with the private sector to help tap the deep pool of talent which is unique to Greenwich.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Public Works

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



**Steinfeld, Rebecca Z.**

16 Tod Lane  
Greenwich 06831

**Occupation:** retired

**Biography:** Greenwich resident 23 years. Two term member RTM. Two term member RTM Finance Committee. Three children graduated from Greenwich Public Schools (K-12).

Former board member Family Services and Banksville Community House. Married. Retired financial professional. B.A. Yale College. M.B.A. University of Chicago.

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

As a two term member of the RTM, I have come to value the importance of Greenwich's grass roots democracy. The RTM not only enhances my civic engagement, it improves the effectiveness of Town government. Analyzing Greenwich's budget and expenditures on the Finance Committee allows me to utilize my financial skills and to give back to the community which my family and I have called home.

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

1) Greenwich should maintain it's services and infrastructure, even in the current fiscally challenging environment. Our roads must be paved. Our parks and libraries are critical. 2) Greenwich must ensure that it's public schools remain outstanding. This is a civic imperative and the value of our homes is dependent upon school quality. 3) Greenwich must meet it's obligations to its stakeholders. We should facilitate services for domestic abuse victims and aging residents. And we must balance these priorities with sound fiscal policies.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Finance Committee

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





**Stuart, Elizabeth G. "Lisa"**  
 519 North Maple Avenue  
 Greenwich 06830  
**Occupation:** Mom & Volunteer  
**Biography:** B.A. 1983, Univ. of CA; M.A. 1990 Public Policy & Administration and Social Work, Columbia; career in women's sports and foster care before raising children; current Trustee: Greenwich Boys & Girls Club (Board Chair 2013-16), Waterside School, GrassrootSoccer; former Trustee: Greenwich Country Day School, Greenwich Soccer Association, Red Ribbon Foundation

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

As a Greenwich resident for 24 years, I hope to enhance the town that has greatly benefitted my family. I aim to utilize my public and non-profit experience working with youth to serve all our community members. I believe my experience making tough choices with limited resources at the Boys & Girls Club could be especially valuable. I am deeply interested in local issues, and I would strive to make a meaningful difference. With my children grown, service to the RTM would be my top priority and I would be fully committed to the needs of our town.

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

We must work together to find a long-term, sustainable solution to the growing costs of pension obligations and other postemployment benefits for Greenwich town employees. Given our state's current fiscal crisis, we need to be prepared for the possibility that CT passes funding obligations, such as teacher pensions, on to its municipalities. Greenwich is a remarkable place to live and work, but continued excellence is a challenge. We have to assess improvements to infrastructure (including schools and recreational facilities) while remaining mindful of minimizing the tax burden on residents.

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



**Wellington, Richard C., Jr.**  
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**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**

I am fascinated that the RTM enables citizens to participate and have a voice in Greenwich government. I listen to my friends and neighbors. I hear their concerns and issues and bring them to the Town Meeting. Greenwich is a special town. I am a lifelong resident, local business owner, five term RTM Member and a past member of Town Boards and Commissions and Community Not-for Profit Organizations. My wife teaches in the Greenwich School system and my son and daughter both graduated Greenwich High with honors and Varsity Captain designations. The RTM allows me to be of town service.

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

First, a fiscally sound budget. A policy that maintains the public services that keep Greenwich attractive and plan for future capital needs with a well managed town budget that maintains a moderate mill rate. Second, support for local town organizations that enhance the quality of life within the town through partnerships and support of groups that provide education, recreational, athletics, visual and performing arts programs. Finally, public safety. Recognizing and supporting our First responders, Fire, Police and Emergency Services. Supporting infrastructure to encourage safe outdoor activities for senior, adult and youth groups including: bicycles, walkers, hikers and runners.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Delegate - RTM Transportation Committee  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 5



**Zorthian, J. Gregory**  
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**Biography:** • 25 year Greenwich resident • Active local volunteer--Assistant Scoutmaster BSA Troop 9, past Director, NEGA, past President, Yale Alumni Association of Greenwich  
 • Media executive at Financial Times, Forbes, and Time magazine • B.A. from Yale, M.B.A. from Harvard. • Spouse Robin Zorthian former President of North Street PTA, children attend Greenwich public schools

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

I run because I want to be involved in the future of my community and believe I can make a difference. I run because I have skills and experience that can help my community be better. My business career in the media world has taught me how to budget, and then how to meet that budget. I have learned how to identify and solve challenging issues. I have experience in using technology to save money. I have applied many of these skills during my first term on the RTM and I hope to continue to use them in the future.

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

Among the issues facing Greenwich, three are: the future of the town's finances, the quality of education, and the continued reputation of Greenwich as a desirable place to live. First, while Greenwich's current financial position is sound, we face challenges in the future as state support disappears and Hartford pushes retirement obligations on the town. Second, while we have the highest education spend per student in Connecticut, our test scores do not reflect that investment. Finally, land use and planning issues are crucial to preserving the things families seek when they move to Greenwich.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Budget Oversight Committee  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 1