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VOTER'S GUIDE 2017

**Representative Town
Meeting (RTM)**

DISTRICT 2

Candidates

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

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Representative Town Meeting

2-YEAR TERM (UNSALARIED)

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

DISTRICT 2 - Harbor

Polling Place:
Town Hall, first-floor Meeting Room
101 Field Point Road
Greenwich

Vote for 14 or Less

Frank J. Baratta
Duncan G. Burke – **Petition**
Nancy B. Burke – **Petition**
P. Jude Collins
Donald R. Conway
John C. Cracraft
Franklin I. David
Fridolf A. Hanson
Michele F. Klosson – **P-NEW**
Katherine N. LoBalbo – **Petition**
Kristine S. Lowe
Mary Ellen D. Markowitz – **P-NEW**
Michael J. Metzger
Cecilia H. Morgan
Wilma Nacinovich
Lorelei Brooke O'Hagan – **P-NEW**
Eileen J. Toretta
Douglas J. Wells

See detailed candidate information on following pages.



Baratta, Frank J.
48 Morningside Drive
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Property Manager

Biography: Moved to Greenwich in 1976 and returned in 2008 with my wife, two children attending CCS and CMS. Work as a property manager in town. Duquesne University graduate. Serve

on Land Use Committee and an alternate of Parks and Recreation. Cub Scout Den leader and volunteer in and school events.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I have seen Greenwich change over the last forty years. Some changes have been good and some change could have been better thought out. Change and growth can occur in a positive way to accommodate and benefit our entire community. We should strive to have a community that is a great place to live, work and educate our children with reasonable taxes and efficient amenities. one year and it takes longer to grasp the issues and ways and means of this unique government body. I would like to continue my quest to serve and contribute.

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

Soil Remediation, town compensation of state funding for schools and the revision of the POCD and FAR regulations. As a result of the lack of a state budget many towns including Greenwich will have to make up for the deficit of state funding for our schools and municipality. Now more than ever do we need resourceful leadership. We will have to prioritize the allocation of money in a comprehensive manner to these three (and others) issues that have been lingering. It is a time to work together in order to preserve what is important to the people of Greenwich.

Current RTM committee assignment: Land Use Committee, Alternate - Parks and Recreation Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 0.5



Burke, Duncan G.
22 Windrose Way
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Investment Advisor

Biography: Darien Schools, Taft , Dartmouth BA, Columbia MBA . Amax. Dean Witter (merged Morgan Stanley) 70-90 Managing Director, Investment Banking. Registered Investment

Advisor with several fine firms to date. Board of Soc. Services. Board Chamber of Commerce. Board Boys and Girls Club. Board and past President Greenwich Horseneck Club

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Running for RTM to continue to have a part in ensuring that Greenwich has the finest schools and education possible, enjoys the amazing natural beauty while respecting a wonderful history in our residential and business neighborhoods. Conservation and environment have to be top priorities. Also, with our state in financial crisis, we have be mindful of current spending while preparing for unexpected curve balls from a nearly bankrupt state. Greenwich should probably be concerned about regionalization issues that come up.

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

1-maintaining quality of schools and services while also focusing on reasonable tax increases. 2-trying to deal with potentials forced on u by out-of-control state financial problems. 3-addressing transportation issues (traffic) and situations like Eversource and High Speed Rail proposals not really in control of town leaders.

Current RTM committee assignment: Legislative and Rules

Number of terms served on RTM: 8



Burke, Nancy B.
22 Windrose Way
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Volunteer - RTM District 2

Biography: Education: Vassar College - AB Manhattanville College - MFA Town Boards: Representative Town Meeting (Appointments, Health and Human Services) Board of Social

(Human) Services Audubon English Speaking Union Rotary Parent boards Pen Women Other: Grace Notes Family Centers - Den for Grieving Kids Bruce Museum Bush-Holley House Greenwich Hospital Auxiliary

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

The local Representative Town Meeting is the heart and soul of Greenwich. It is a form of democracy which addresses all Town issues in a bipartisan and thoughtful way. This volunteer body is made up of residents who give their time to best serve their district and community. I strive to help maintain the quality of life for young and old in Greenwich without unduly burdening the taxpayer.

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

The overall Budget of the Town with its \$250 million debt plus millions in unfunded liabilities and of the uncertain budget of the State of Connecticut: The capital project for New Lebanon School. The operating costs for personnel in Town.

Nathaniel Witherell.

Current RTM committee assignment: Budget Overview Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 8



Collins, P. Jude
67 Circle Drive
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Real Estate Appraiser

Biography: Resident since 2001, married, father of 3 sons (attending GHS and CMS). Raised in adjacent Village of Rye Brook. Graduate of Fordham University. Real Estate Appraiser

since 1984. RTM member since 2015. Served on Transportation, Education, Land Use and Appointments Committee of RTM. Volunteer at local clubs and school events.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

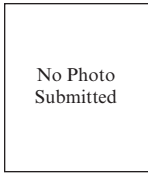
Being part of the RTM has enabled me to learn about the workings of the Town, and the people that make it our desired place to live. I try to be objective, fair, impartial and make decisions that will hopefully benefit the interests of District 2 as well as all of the residents of Greenwich. I want to insure that Greenwich will be a place that my children will want to raise their future families. I promise to be attentive, informed, and sincere.

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

The issues facing Greenwich voters are taxes, education and quality of life. Our State is facing extreme budget difficulties which will eventually impact our local budget. Increasing our property taxes will reduce real estate desirability. Reducing services in an attempt to stop mill rate increases will also hurt house demand; both affecting property value. Our school system is a major reason why people live in Greenwich; we must improve our student's outcomes and plan for a changing economy and workforce. We must balance all of these items while ensuring that Greenwich is a desirable place to live, visit and work.

Current RTM committee assignment: Delegate to Appointments Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 2



Conway, Donald R.

49 Sachem Lane
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Real Estate Agent

Biography: I worked in both Book and Magazine Publishing. More specific, manufacturing, for some 43 years. Now retired, I am a volunteer for Call a Ride, President of the Greenwich

Retired Men's Association, record and televise all TOG Public meetings and a member of the RTM for 41 years.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I believe it is the responsibility as a resident to be involved in the Town he/she lives in. In the RTM one gets the chance to set policy that hopefully makes the Town a better place to live.

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

1) The financial responsibilities the Town faces. 2) Planing and Zoning of our various neighborhoods. 3) Over employee levels in most of our Town Government Departments .

Current RTM committee assignment: Public Works

Number of terms served on RTM: 21



Cracraft, John C.

7 Relay Place
Cos Cob 06807

Occupation: Institutional Salesman

Biography: 17 year Greenwich resident. I've also worked in town that entire time for a financial services company. Former "commissioner" of the Cos Cob T-Ball league. Coached baseball

last summer and will most likely again this year.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I am fiscally conservative. In the six years I've been on RTM I've tried to vote my conscience by taking an objective view rather than just going along with the crowd. I've had three children in the school system. One is now a senior at college, the second is in eighth grade at Central Middle School, and the third is a fifth grader at Cos Cob School. I like to say that Greenwich is arguably the best place on earth to live. I would like to contribute to keeping it that way.

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

Mainly keeping spending under control. We've made progress, but need to continue to be vigilant.

Current RTM committee assignment: Town Services

Number of terms served on RTM: 3



David, Franklin I.

64 Circle Drive
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Computer Engineer

Biography: Franklin grew up in India and has an Engineering degree in Electronics and Communication. He moved to Greenwich in 2002 and worked in the financial industry for

many years. Franklin started his own IT consulting service in 2012, majority of his current clients are non-profit organizations.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Giving back to a community that has been a source of joy for my family is a duty that I don't want to neglect. To preserve and pass on the many privileges that we enjoy to future generations. To make sure the needs of my neighborhood is not overlooked or neglected. while at the same time making sure my neighbors are aware of our town policies especially those that might have an impact on our neighborhood.

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

Keep Greenwich attractive for families to move in and raise kids. Especially in an environment where Connecticut as a state is becoming more and more unattractive. Retain the talent required to maintain high standards of education without overspending. To be the best employer without bankrupting the town's finances. Improve town's infrastructure of roads, bridges, water, drainage, technology etc. to provide a safe and comfortable living place for people of all ages.

Current RTM committee assignment: Transportation

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Hanson, Fridolf A.

355 Shore Rd
Greenwich 06830

Profession - Senior Lender; Alternative Asset Manager

Fridolf has extensive experience in originating, structuring and executing leveraged finance structures for middle market sponsored and non-sponsored transactions. Specific focus on

senior first lien term loans, bifurcated term loans, unitranche facilities, 2nd lien notes, mezzanine debt and equity co-investments

Klosson, Michele F.
Did not reply



LoBalbo, Katherine N.

52 Loughlin Avenue
Cos Cob 06807

Occupation: Perkins Eastman Architects, DPC

Biography: Katherine is a 4th generation Greenwich resident and homeowner since 2009. She lives with her husband and daughter in Cos Cob. A Lehigh University graduate and current

member of the Mianus River Boat and Yacht Club, Bruce Museum, and the parish of Saint Catherine of Sienna.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I believe in being an active participant in my community and hope to continue to serve the Town of Greenwich and residents by contributing over a decade of my experience in project management and design – in my first term I worked with the Greenwich Point Conservancy as part of a special committee to finalize the acquisition of a federal reimbursement grant for the Old Barn at Greenwich Point. I am running for RTM because Greenwich is a part of my family heritage - it's past, present, and future.

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

1. Responsible land use and development in accordance with the Plan of Conservation and Development.
2. Appointment of qualified, active, and knowledgeable candidates to Town positions.
3. Reviewing the proposed budget with a focus on maintaining a low mill rate without a reduction of services by looking for efficiency and minimizing redundancy.

Current RTM committee assignment: Park and Rec, Town Services (alternate)

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Lowe, Kristine S.

75 Indian Field Road
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Management Consultant

Biography: Kristine Lowe has worked as a management consultant to the life sciences industry for 36 years, during which time she co-founded and led the boutique firm, Easton

Associates. She is a Williams College alumna, native New Englander, and 24-year Greenwich resident whose two children graduated from Greenwich High School.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

As I approach a time when I can step back a bit from my professional commitments, I am eager for opportunities to contribute to the community around me. My career as a business consultant has provided me with analytical skills and insights into people, processes and problem-solving which I hope will be of value in town government. I believe it is important to be actively involved in order to help to address tough challenges. I joined District 2 of the RTM in May 2017 to fill a vacancy and am now running for my first full term in office.

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

Greenwich should pursue steps to minimize the local impact of the state budget crisis, which is rippling through multiple areas of our community including our real estate market, our school system, and our ability to attract new residents. In the face of uncertain state funding, there is a need for careful planning on many town projects. In addition, preserving the fundamental character of the town while not inhibiting appropriate commercial and private development requires thoughtful oversight. Lastly, maintaining the high quality of our schools, including ensuring and validating that our playing fields are toxin free, should be a town priority.

Current RTM committee assignment: Alternate to the Education Committee

Number of terms served on RTM: 1



Markowitz, Mary Ellen D.

10 Loughlin Avenue
Cos Cob 06807

Occupation: Psychotherapist

Biography: Mary Ellen Markowitz graduated from Boston College with a degree in English and Secondary Education, and NYU with a Masters in Clinical Social Work. She has served on

the Boards of Friends of Social Services, Cos Cob Library, and school PTAs. I am a psychotherapist in private practice in Greenwich.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I am running for RTM because I am extremely interested in supporting and maintaining our excellent public school system. As the mother of four daughters who all graduated from Greenwich High School with the tools necessary for future success, I feel strongly that we need to continue to aspire for academic excellence for the benefit of all residents of our diverse town. Greenwich has a wonderful quality of life, and I want to maintain the special character of our town. I believe we can accomplish this while still maintaining the town's current conservative fiscal policies.

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

Education is the backbone of our town. Without a superior school system we will fail our children, lose our reputation as an outstanding place for young families looking to move to the suburbs, and suffer declining property values. We need to support our teachers and provide every child a quality education. Maintaining conservative fiscal policies insures that we continue to enjoy modest and predictable property tax increases. Transparency regarding soil contamination throughout town will allow us to understand threats that may exist to our health and safety, and have an open discussion about a plan to address these issues.

Current RTM committee assignment:

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Metzger, Michael J.
35 Morningside Drive
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Attorney

Biography: I've been a practicing attorney for 30 years, working in the financial services area for the government, in private practice and in-house. I've been married for 29 years to my

better half, with 3 beautiful daughters, each of whom have been educated by the Greenwich public school system.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I would like to continue representing Greenwich and D2 to deliver cost effective services to Greenwich taxpayers consistent with its historic traditions and to modernize for future generations. I would focus on changes essential to Greenwich residents, such as education, health care, and parks and recreation facilities. I also would focus on reasonable budgets for infrastructure necessary for long term growth and prosperity for current Greenwich residents and to attract new residents and businesses.

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

1. The poor financial condition of the Connecticut State budget, and the likely disproportionate impact on Greenwich residents based on policies of the current administration. 2. The need to cut back on Town of Greenwich annual budget increases and better allocation of resources. 3. The need to thoughtfully address various proposed changes to the education facilities and budgets and the possible shifting of students across school districts.

Current RTM committee assignment: Finance Committee Member, D2

Number of terms served on RTM: 2



Morgan, Cecilia H.
3 Kinsman Lane
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: Civic Volunteer

Biography: Born NYC, grew up there and Greenwich, attended Riverside School and Greenwich Academy. Resident current address since 1980. CT Real Estate Broker Licensee, singer,

photographer, writer. Vice Chair 2 terms RTC. 22 years as RTM District 2 Delegate to Health and Human Services Committee. Community activist, Intervenor, Town vs. Eversource!

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Having served almost twenty two years on the RTM, I believe these years give me valuable institutional memory, a depth of knowledge about how the Town government functions, how it serves our citizens and how occasionally ego gets in the way of progress. We don't directly make policy. We are a non partisan entity, but our studious consideration of how the taxes used to pay the bills that run the Town from schools to sewers lines sometimes needs a skeptical eye to keep things in check. It is an honor to serve my hometown in the purest form of Democracy.

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

1] Much of our infrastructure is in a critical state with a continual interruption of daily life from water main breaks and crumbling roads and schools and parks that require rehabilitation. 2] Our leaders in Town and Hartford must remain on top of externally imposed projects that may have dire consequences for Greenwich. At present is the Eversource project, the outcome not yet concluded. The NEC High Speed rail line will be a disaster if the Town cannot muscle the ammunition to fight its proposed location. 3] Traffic and the lack of civility it provokes create worsening dangerous conditions Townwide.

Current RTM committee assignment: Health and Human Services

Number of terms served on RTM: 11

Nacinovich, Wilma
Did not reply



O'Hagan, Lorelei Brooke
42 Butler Street
Cos Cob 06807

Occupation: Financial Services

Biography: I'm a full time working mom of two beautiful boys. I grew up in California, then years in New York City, starting with an MA in Public Policy at Columbia University.

I've worked in financial services for 18 years after two years in Haiti as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

I'm running for RTM to bring both a professional and a mom perspective to body that is tasked with preserving what's best about Greenwich and driving changes needed to support growing and changing families. Our children deserve a safe, clean, inclusive town that celebrates the history and charm, as well as evolves to welcome newcomers. Greenwich is a wonderful place to live and decisions made by the RTM have the power to keep it that way. I love it here and want to be part of the fabric of this community. I'm starting by volunteering my time and energy.

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

Like many places, Greenwich is expensive to live and faces budget challenges to keep the schools and services at their best. I believe Greenwich needs: a transparent and inclusive RTM, wise and thoughtful tax planning, and innovation technologies to make the town and services efficient, organized and easy to navigate.

Current RTM committee assignment:

Number of terms served on RTM: 0



Toretta, Eileen J.
30 Lakewood Circle North
Greenwich 06830

Occupation: retired

Biography: I was active in the public schools and leadership roles within the PTA. I also volunteered at church, Greenwich hospital/hospice and several non-profit boards. We are members

of local clubs and a homeowners association. After my MA degree, my experiences were in the fields of both education and environmental businesses.

Q: Why are you running for RTM?

Forty years of living here, raising four children and being an active volunteer and participant, have given me a deeper understanding of the culture and history of Greenwich. I care about the future of this town and have had the opportunity to serve on the RTM for the past four years. Serving there has given me insight into the issues, procedures and processes within this governing body. It is my intention to bring current and past knowledge to the RTM and best serve the town to move in a direction where it maintains and enhances its many redeeming qualities.

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

The financial stability and cost control of the town should be carefully monitored and reviewed. It is especially important now as the number of resident retirees is growing and state aid is diminishing. There should be an increased focus and programs to address the substance abuse issues like opioid use and other destructive social problems within our town. There is a need to retain the integrity, quality and nature of Greenwich with respect to its schools, recreation, green space, zoning and infrastructure.

Current RTM committee assignment: Human Health Services

Number of terms served on RTM: 2

Wells, Douglas J.
Did not reply