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# **VOTER'S GUIDE 2017**

**Representative Town  
Meeting (RTM)**

**DISTRICT 5  
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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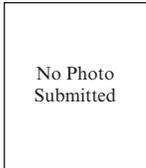
## DISTRICT 5 - Riverside

Polling Place:  
Riverside School Gymnasium  
90 Hendrie Avenue  
Riverside

Vote for 18 or Less

Jason Auerbach – <b>Petition</b>	Martin Robert Krasnor
Jennifer L. Baird – <b>P-NEW</b>	Shawn J. McDonnell
Jeffrey S. Bardos	Anna M. Monteiro – <b>P-NEW</b>
Michael E. Basham – <b>P-NEW</b>	Paul A. Olmsted
Joseph H. Benoit, Jr.	Andrew A. Oram – <b>P-NEW</b>
Robert K. Brady – <b>P-NEW</b>	Danyal Ozizmir
Edward T. Broadhurst, III – <b>Petition</b>	Karen S. Oztemel
Ella D. Cohen	Brian P. Peldunas
Nancy E. Cooper – <b>P-NEW</b>	Thomas G. Petersen, Jr.
Stephanie L. D'Alton Barrett – <b>P-NEW</b>	Patricia H. Roberts
Christina S. Downey – <b>P-NEW</b>	Jeffrey B. Sahrbeck – <b>Petition</b>
Delbert G. Eberhardt	Ashley M.B. Smith – <b>P-NEW</b>
Edwin D. Hardman, Jr. – <b>P-NEW</b>	Joan B. Thakor – <b>P-NEW</b>
Susan M. Jaffe – <b>P-NEW</b>	Peter B. Van Duyne – <b>P-NEW</b>
Lucy B. Krasnor	Kathryn L. Walker – <b>P-NEW</b>

See detailed candidate information on following pages.



**Auerbach, Jason**  
 18 Field Rd  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** Residential Mortgages  
**Biography:** Did not reply  
**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**  
 Did not reply

**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
 Did not reply  
**Current RTM committee assignment:** Education Committee  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** Did not reply



**Baird, Jennifer L.**  
 175 Riverside Ave.  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** Digital Media Executive / Consultant  
**Biography:** A longtime digital media executive and entrepreneur, I'm also a mother of five children who attend(ed) Greenwich Public Schools. Locally, I've been involved in sports

teams, scholastic debate, and special education advocacy. Beyond town, I advise and volunteer with several non-profits, primarily literary arts and mental health organizations.  
**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**  
 I'm running for RTM because I care about the future of Greenwich and I believe the organization can benefit from fresh ideas and new energy. I'm a compassionate pragmatist and my experience running businesses both for Fortune 500 companies and early stage start-ups has given me perspective on what it takes to make an organization successful. I know how to prioritize, communicate a clear vision, and advocate effectively to achieve objectives. I hope that through my service on the RTM, I will contribute to maintaining Greenwich's outstanding services and be a positive, powerful voice for my neighbors.  
**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
 1) Partisanship is driving an ideological divide in organizations that should be neutral and serve the interests of the community, not party politics. See, for example, the current debate over charter change and the Board of Education. 2) Communication. Too many people don't even know what the RTM does or what issues it faces. It's time to modernize and improve communication between local government and residents. 3) Budget: We need to find smart, effective ways to invest in our community, while being fiscally responsible stewards of our town's natural and financial resources.  
**Current RTM committee assignment:**  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



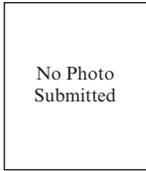
**Bardos, Jeffrey S.**  
 14 Druid Lane  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** Consultant  
**Biography:** I have represented District 5 for 2 terms, serving as the district delegate on the RTM Finance Committee. I have 30 years of experience in the financial services industry. I believe

we need to control the rate of growth in taxes and bring more discipline to the budgeting process.  
**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**  
 I like giving back to my community where my family and I have lived for over 20 years. My broad experience in financial services gives me a valuable perspective on the fiscal issues facing the town and the state. I also want to continue to support programs and services that make Greenwich an excellent place to live and work.  
**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
 #1 - Dealing with the State of Connecticut's fiscal situation. The amount of outstanding state debt, coupled with the state's unfunded pension obligations, have the potential to put pressure on Greenwich residents' income and real estate tax rates.  
 #2 - Maintaining an excellent public school system. We face several political and economic threats to our school system which makes up over 40% of our town budget.  
 #3 - Maintaining the residential character of the Town. Continued development puts pressure on the Town and State infrastructure, causing stressful traffic and potentially changing the character of the Town.  
**Current RTM committee assignment:** Finance Committee  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 2



**Basham, Michael E.**  
 219 Riverside Avenue  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** Private Investor  
**Biography:** 35 year Riverside resident Riverside Yacht Club River House Board of Directors Youth baseball and lacrosse coach Former senior US Treasury official responsible for Federal

credit policy, advisor to the Secretary on domestic finance policy issues Former investment banker advising local and state governments on financial issues and public/private partnerships.  
**Q: Why are you running for RTM?**  
 The mismanagement of our State's finances will most likely result in an increased financial burden on Greenwich taxpayers. As a result, we must recognize this new economic reality and focus on ways to ensure that we can continue to provide the services, infrastructure, facilities and schools that make our town such a desirable place to live. To that end, it is important that the RTM assists in making smart fiscal policy decisions for the town, so that taxpayers get cost effective government that is able to maintain our quality of life in a responsible and prudent manner.  
**Q: What are three important issues facing Greenwich voters today?**  
 The reduction in state financial support and the impact on our tax base. The need to maintain the quality of our school system under increasing budget pressure from reduced state support. Making sure taxpayers get value for their tax dollars.  
**Current RTM committee assignment:**  
**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0



**Benoit, Joseph H., Jr**  
 43 Riverside Avenue  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** Retired  
**Biography:** Third generation resident of the Town of Greenwich. Graduated from St Mary High School. US Navy & Viet Nam Veteran 1968/1972. 38 year veteran of the Greenwich

Fire Department retired Deputy Chief/ Fire Marshal, 27 years as Fire Marshal. Married Mary Ziac, 2 children, Victoria & Joseph III.

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

After growing up here and spending a career working for the Town in the Fire Department, I feel that I have a unique perspective of this Town. Being the Fire Marshal required my involvement in every aspect of the Town government from the Selectman's Office to all Departments including P&Z, DPW, Parks & Rec. and Police Department. I feel very fortunate to have lived and worked for Town of Greenwich and now I wish to use the knowledge I acquired by continuing to serve the Town on the RTM.

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

Budget, Taxes and maintaining the character of the Town.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** 2 terms on the Appointments Committee

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



**Brady, Robert K.**  
 16 Terrace Avenue  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** Retired  
**Biography:** Engineer, CPA, 45 years Riverside, 2 years BET member, BET Audit Committee; 20 years RTM District delegate to Education Committee, 10 years Chairman, GHS Building

Committees 1994 - 2002, 2008 - present, First Selectman's Pedestrian Safety Committee, Neighbor to Neighbor Board, Friends of Greenwich Point Board, US Navy veteran.

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

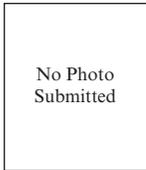
1. The most critical issue coming before the RTM in the next term is the party balance of the Board of Education. I believe retaining the present balanced board structure is essential to good education in Greenwich. The RTM controls this issue, and each vote is critical. 2. The RTM plays an important role balancing Greenwich's "Quality of Life" with budget constraints, both current and capital. The two major elements of this are the Plan of Conservation & Development ("POCD") and the Town's Budget. The POCD is the Town's long range plan and is controlled by the RTM.

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

1. The Board of Education structure. It should be maintained as a "balanced board". 2. Preserving Greenwich's "Quality of Life" - education, parks, infrastructure and The Plan of Conservation and Development. The POCD is prepared by P&Z subject to RTM's approval and lays out a long term vision for the Town to guide operational and capital expenditure planning. 3. Having a budget structure that balances current services, capital investment and financing at the lowest taxpayer cost.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Broadhurst, Edward T., III**  
 9 Druid Lane  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** Realtor  
**Biography:** A Riverside resident since 1990. I worked in the financial markets for 30 years in New York and London before becoming a Realtor. I have a Bachelor's Degree from Bucknell

University and an MBA from NYU. I am married to Kelly and have 2 children, Ted and Hannah.

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

I believe in service to the town that has been such a joy in which to live. I have been a member of the RTM for over 13 years and hope that my contributions have been beneficial. Our obligations to the community are not met just by paying our taxes. We should strive to do more for our neighbors and our town. Participating in the process is part of how I meet my community obligations.

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

The real problem facing Greenwich is how do we manage change. There are financial challenges ahead and not only of our own making. Increased pressure on real estate development and deteriorating municipal infrastructure are 2 areas that will have major impact on how we conduct our daily lives. How do we maintain our educational excellence while making sure that less fortunate students receive the extra attention they deserve? These are all part of the changes we are challenged to meet. The Town must find a balance between many hard choices.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Land Use

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



**Cohen, Ella D.**  
 50 Lake Drive South  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** Financial Services/Asset Management Attorney  
**Biography:** My family moved to Riverside in 2008. My husband is a small business owner in town with an office on Arch Street. We have three children in the Greenwich Public School system,

one in Riverside and two in Eastern. I work in Manhattan as a financial services attorney.

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

I was elected by the District 5 RTM members in April to fill a vacancy. Though my time on the RTM has been relatively short, I quickly learned the breadth of issues that come before the RTM. I believe it is extremely important to preserve the level of resources and services available in Greenwich. Though Greenwich has amazing public schools, they can still be improved. The current CT budget crisis will have a disproportionate impact on the citizens of Greenwich. I believe that my financial services background will prove helpful in evaluating and balancing the varying needs of the town.

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

Greenwich voters are concerned about the fiscal health of the state of CT. As a result, they are concerned about the impact this will have on Greenwich services and resources. Voters are also extremely concerned about their children's education. They want to improve education quality for all of the town's children. Voters want accountability from their representatives at all levels of government. They want their representatives to be thoughtful and prudent before allocating the town's limited resources and to really consider the costs and benefits of the items that are up for approval.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Alternate Health Human Services

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 0.25



**Cooper, Nancy E.**  
26 Cherry Tree Lane  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Director

**Biography:** Currently, Director and Audit Committee Chair of three public and one mutual insurance companies. Former CFO of Fortune 500 software company. Currently, a Governor

of Riverside Yacht Club and a past president of my homeowners' association. Over 37-year resident of Riverside. Married, with two daughters.

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

As a long-times Riverside resident, with a great love of our town and with a great concern for the local impact of our State's budget crisis, I recognize the need to get involved. As a unique nonpartisan legislative body with oversight capacity, the Greenwich RTM offers a great opportunity to make a contribution. I have the skills and experience to help in the difficult trade-off decisions our town will face. My focus will be to ensure key priorities are wisely funded.

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

We are entering a very different period. The state's financial condition will continue to negatively impact Greenwich financially for the foreseeable future. Ensuring that key town services are identified and appropriately funded will become more difficult to do and will require reduction of non-key services. To keep Greenwich attractive, one must be mindful of keeping the mill rate growth low.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**D'Alton Barrett, Stephanie L.**  
15 Carriglea Dr  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Teacher

**Biography:** I have lived in Riverside for over 20 years and raised my family here. I'm a teacher and have taught and volunteered in GPS since 2011. I helped start a Room to Read chapter, a

charity building schools, libraries and providing scholarships to girls in developing countries.

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

I'm running for RTM this November because I don't think there's a better place to live than Riverside. I want to be involved in preserving the things that are great about Riverside and work on the areas which Riverside residents feel the need for improvement. I want to learn what concerns the Riverside community and how, together, we can make it an even better place to live.

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

Some areas that concern me as a Riverside resident are education, transportation and the environment. A vital, nurturing educational system is key to a healthy community. I have had experience both as a teacher and a parent with children in the school system and I know how important good schools are to a community. The other areas that interest me are transportation and the environment. They not only impact the Riverside community directly because of our proximity to interstate 95, Metro North Railway and the LI Sound, but they affect our nation and our planet.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Downey, Christina S.**  
11 Lockwood Road  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** homemaker/volunteer

**Biography:** I am an attorney who also holds an MBA and have lived in Riverside for 24 years. Over this time I have volunteered with numerous local organizations, including various PTAs, the

Junior League and the GHS Band Program. My three children attended Greenwich Public Schools from Kindergarten through GHS graduation.

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

During my residency here, my family has utilized Town of Greenwich facilities in numerous ways, so I have a strong foundation of knowledge for what the Town has, and what it lacks or needs, in terms of both infrastructure and facilities. Recently an empty nester, I have ample time to commit to the RTM, putting my skills to work, and anticipate being a contributing member from the outset. I hope to bring my experience as a resident to the issues which are coming before the RTM, both in terms of the Town's needs and how to budget wisely for them.

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

Three significant current issues for Greenwich voters and residents are: 1. What is the level and type of Town services residents want to maintain, along with how the Town can best pay for those; 2. How residents want our elected bodies to be structured and function, particularly the BOE and the RTM; and 3. Looking at the impact of the decisions we make in terms of how the Town is perceived as an attractive place to live or conduct business.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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

**Eberhardt, Delbert G.**  
Did not reply



**Hardman, Edwin D., Jr**  
 46 Carriglea Drive  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** Real Estate Investment  
**Biography:** 22-year resident. Sons are GHS graduates currently pursuing science careers. Army veteran, career in real estate investment (Morgan Stanley, Warburg Pincus). Provide

scholarships for veterans' education. Board of Relief International (humanitarian relief to Sudan, Yemen, Syria, etc.) and a foundation, which funds science research. West Point, Harvard Business School graduate.

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

I have volunteered for many school, athletic program and home building projects here and in Fairfield County. I think every citizen has an obligation to participate in and contribute to civil society. Today we have a divided electorate so each of us has a responsibility to engage with one another to understand those differences and diffuse the rancor that has slipped into politics and society. In the army, business and philanthropy I have worked with diverse groups to harness men's and women's contributions to solve problems. I believe I can contribute to the RTM in a similar manner.

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

1. Education - Our schools have excellent programs for students in need of help and those in advanced level courses, but other students need more science, math and technology, essential for jobs and college. Also, teachers are overburdened with administrative tasks at the expense of time with students. 2. Housing - We have an acute shortage of housing that our public servants can afford. It is critical to the fabric of our town that more of our police, firemen and teachers live here. 3. Financial Management - The Town's expenses continue to grow pushing taxes higher.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Jaffe, Susan M.**  
 4 Weston Hill Road  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** Stay at home mom  
**Biography:** Prior to 2009, I worked as an asset-backed securities banker for Credit Suisse and other banks. Before my MBA from Cornell, I worked as an environmental consultant. While in

Greenwich, I was co-owner of a start up, Turq Swimwear. I am currently a PTA and community volunteer.

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

In the New York City metropolitan area, Greenwich has a unique resume: lower taxes, excellent schools and amenities, brand recognition, and a commutable distance to the city. I believe all of these attributes contribute to the long term strength of the community and that a balance between these features must be sought...not one at the expense of the others. I commit that I will participate in the RTM as a truly non-partisan community member in service to the entire community.

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

1) Greenwich needs to broaden its economic base from the hedge fund industry. I believe a true economic development plan is needed, including finding ways to employ the many underutilized women living in the area. 2) Our Board of Education needs to remain an equal bi-partisan board. I don't believe interjecting the possibility of a flip-flopping political majority will improve our schools. Our current system encourages moderation from both parties and, historically, has had very few irreconcilable votes. 3) We need to protect our environmental assets in the most cost effective way possible.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Krasnor, Lucy B.**  
 21 Spruce Street  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** Senior VP Strategy Mortgage Greenwich, CT  
**Biography:** My husband and I moved to Riverside from New York City 44 years ago. Previously, I had a career as an investment officer at two large banks in New York. Our two

children are grown and live nearby. For many years I have been involved in various community activities.

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

I am very concerned with issues which are polarizing and politicizing the RTM which has always been a non political body. I strongly oppose a charter change which would alter the way the members of the Board of Education are elected. I firmly believe that the Board of Education should not be controlled by one political party. For 70 years the Board of Education has had 8 members- 4 Republicans and 4 Democrats. I believe this issue will come to the RTM for a vote and it is urgent that we oppose a Charter change.

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

1. Huge buildings with many apartments are going to change the character of our town and inordinately affect traffic and safety. 2. Town owned properties should continue to be leased for \$1.00 a year to non-profit organizations such as the Old Greenwich Yacht Club, the Teen Center, and the River House (adult day care). These organizations provide vital services to town residents and their leases should be renewed. 3. We should continue to make every effort to have 4 paid firefighters on duty in each firehouse at all times. This change would coincide with national firefighting guidelines.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Chairman District 5 RTM

**Number of terms served on RTM: 19**



**Krasnor, Martin Robert**  
 21 Spruce Street  
 Riverside 06878  
**Occupation:** President Mortgage Lending Brokerage  
**Biography:** Riverside resident for many years. Active in many civic areas. Board member of OGYC, At Home in Greenwich, Local Religious Institution, Riverside Association, and The

Center for Chamber Music. Senior parents fundraising for Emory University and Washington University St Louis, Mo. President of Strategy Mortgage Corp, Greenwich for 23 Years.

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

I believe Riverside should receive it's full share of Board of Education resources especially regarding gifted children enriched motivational classes as well as students with special needs with remedial problems. Although Riverside scores well as a whole, these students should get special attention. The conservative movement in Greenwich is indiscriminately cutting town department budgets which will diminish the reasons we live in Greenwich. The State's financial problems will not affect Greenwich to the degree we have to change our towns character. The only way to learn what's going on in Greenwich is to be on the RTM.

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

Until recently Old Greenwich and Cos Cob had only two fire fighters on duty in each firehouse. For firemen to enter a burning building there must be 3-4 firemen responding. The BET fought increasing fire staffing until the First Selectman reassigned personnel to have a minimum of three at each station. I campaigned for three years to achieve 3 to 4 firefighters in Riverside. The school board has always been balanced with 4 Republicans and 4 Democrats as to not give any political party a majority. The recent Republican proposal will end this non-partisan arrangement. I'm against this.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Legislative and Rules Committee

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

**McDonnell, Shawn J.**  
Did not reply



**Monteiro, Anna M.**

11 Linwood Ave  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Self Employed Consultant

**Biography:** Anna has been an integral part of our community. With two children in GPS, she has sat on the capital committee at ISD, volunteered at countless school events and coaches

OGRCC youth basketball. Anna has 25 years' of experience leading business strategy and product development efforts in the financial industry.

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

Like many of you, I was shocked over last year's tax adjustments. After learning more about how decisions are made, it reinforced my commitment to be part of the process. Fifteen years ago, my husband and I chose Greenwich to raise our family. As a small business owner with two children at EMS, I'm concerned with how we sustain a "Grade A" education for our children and preserve our beautiful, secure community while keeping property taxes from spiraling out of control. As your dedicated representative, I will apply a pragmatic decision-making approach to address all the issues we face.

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

Among the many important issues facing Greenwich, there are three areas I would focus on to help us attract and retain good citizens and uphold property values:

- better schools: I want GPS to reach national rankings, as they did 20-30 years ago,
- better infrastructure: I want to make sure our roads, playing fields and community facilities are brought up to par in comparison to other suburbs in the tri-State area,
- better safety: I want to make sure traffic issues are considered in our zoning for new development. These can be accomplished while maintaining sound and prudent fiscal practices.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Olmsted, Paul A.**

25 Hendrie Ln  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Consultant

**Biography:** Thirty years' experience in the energy and utility businesses BA: University of California, Berkeley; MBA: NYU Stern School of Business Three children, all in public schools

Serve on two town-wide PTA committees; past Riverside Book Fair Treasurer Coach youth soccer and basketball Past senior church leader, First Congregational Church

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

I believe it is important to focus on the needs of Greenwich: our great neighborhood schools, the success of all our children, and our financial stability and security.

Greenwich must maintain its financial footing in the face of headwinds ahead. Our property taxes have been rising well beyond the rate of inflation. Governor Malloy's administration is passing along financial obligations onto towns like Greenwich to cover the State's budget shortfalls. The RTM must be a thoughtful and responsible body and recognize the implications and magnitude of the decisions we make on the long-term vibrancy and financial security of our town.

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

State finances are in terrible shape; greater tax burden will fall to Greenwich and its residents. Greenwich property taxes have increased by over 50% over the past 10 years, even as the grand list has shrunk. Town needs to practice financial discipline Improve education for all -- focus on students' individual needs

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Town Services

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



**Oram, Andrew A.**

36 Hearthstone Drive  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Recently Retired

**Biography:** Married, Riverside resident since 1994; daughter and son in college; each attended RS, EMS, GHS. MBA Finance; BA Economics. Managing Director; 42-year career

in finance, framing the issues and finding solutions to clients' complex challenges. Retired. Not previously involved in government, will bring new eyes to Greenwich's opportunities and challenges.

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

Over the past 23 years, I've learned of Greenwich's needs and opportunities and a sense for what household budgets across all districts can bear. On behalf of all households, the RTM's focus on the difference between truly high-benefit needs versus costly wants is key. My economics/finance education and profession included continually assessing how best to allocate always scarce current and long-term resources amongst competing uses, finding solutions to complex problems. I bring that objectivity to the RTM with unbiased eyes. I believe Greenwich also shouldn't be misled into lowering the affordability threshold for new spending proposals by issuing long-term bonds.

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

Three related issues: (1) Connecticut's budget crisis could impact all district households, reducing family budgets' capacity to afford tax increases if new Greenwich spending proposals needed them. The falling corporate/personal tax base and purchasing power from employer departures and job losses amplifies the potential burden. (2) Voters should continue resisting the flawed thinking in proposals to increase spending power with long-term general obligation bonds. Greenwich is strong now because it always understood that subtle trap. (3) Greenwich remains strongest for all districts with continued clear, thoughtful, differentiation between truly impactful, lasting spending 'needs' vs. spending 'wants' popular at the time.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Ozizmir, Danyal**

85 Club Road  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Retired

**Biography:** Graduated from Columbia in 1985, BA Political Science and Economics. Phi Beta Kappa Summa Cum Laude.

Lived and Worked in Greenwich since 1990, and Riverside since

1996. Worked at Greenwich Capital and SwissRe. Married to Nancy. 3 children, Daniel, Annika and Charlotte. Children attended Riverside, Eastern and Greenwich High School

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

The RTM is a very important part of our town government. Its core role is to hold other officials (BOE, BET, FS) accountable, be the FINAL check on spending and represent the tax payers. Over the last 6 years, I have worked very hard to do this in a bi-partisan way, challenging republican and democratic leaders equally. Greenwich is a great town, with a wealth of human and financial resources. These will be tested over the next several years, I think I can help the town navigate through these times. I'm willing to do the hard work this will take.

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

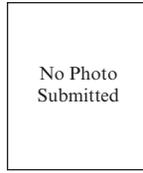
1. The need to maintain our exceptional level of services and schools while controlling the increase in taxes and debt we have experienced. We must have a more efficient government. 2. The State Financial and Economic Crisis are having a very negative impact on our property values, services, town finances and general level of economic activity. We must assure that we are fiscally prudent and strong in this environment where we have NO STATE budget. 3. We must make sure Greenwich is an affordable and attractive place to live.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Vice Chair of the Budget Overview Committee

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

**Peldunas, Brian P.**

Did not reply



**Oztemel, Karen S.**

16 Verona Drive  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Realtor

**Biography:** Moved to Greenwich in 1981, I've called Riverside home since 1990. I'm a Realtor in Greenwich with a marketing background. A past parent volunteer at Riverside School & EMS,

I've volunteered with The Riverside Association & Friends of Binney Park. Proud to have been part of getting sidewalks in Riverside.

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

I love living in Riverside, however the RTM has been a great way for me to be involved in the entire Town. My interests have centered on Pedestrian Safety (I like sidewalks and voted against concurrent pedestrian signals on the Post Road), Parks & Recreation (finally, Binney dredged; no thank you to turf at EMS), Education (important for our kids AND our real estate values), Land Use (thumbs down to the Lockwood Lane/Sheephill Road development & razing historic houses for oversized new construction). The RTM moves slowly, but I'm here for the long haul and hope to continue representing Riverside.

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

1) The State's finances and how it affects our Town's budget really overshadows all the decisions in Town right now. How can we be fiscally prudent yet provide services that are necessary and/or expected? It's a delicate balance and takes imaginative and out of the box thinking at all levels. 2) The Town's growth and development. How does the TOG reinvent itself to attract and keep businesses and services vibrant, keep residential areas safe and not overdeveloped? 3) We are an economically diverse community. How can we ensure Town services support our neediest with State and TOG budgetary challenges ?

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

**Number of terms served on RTM:** 10



**Petersen, Thomas G., Jr.**

134 Lockwood Road  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Retired

**Biography:** Lived in Riverside with wife Kathy for 33 years. Son went through the Riverside School system and excelled at Greenwich High School. I currently volunteers at Greenwich

Hospital as a Healing Touch Practitioner. Active in church community. Successful career in publishing at FORBES Magazine.

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

Don't complain, do something about it. I return every call, text and email received and I have an exemplary attendance record at the RTM. Riverside's greatest asset is its schools. These must be given every opportunity to function at a level of excellence. I want to ensure that Riverside receives it's rightful share of the overall town budgetary pie. Thoughtful and compassionate budget restrictions must be implemented to hold tax increases in check. Budgets are created years in advance. We can address them long before they get to the RTM.

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

The town of Greenwich needs a comprehensive near and long term program addressing the needs of its education system. Traffic in Greenwich has become a lifestyle issue. Measures sensitive to the town's beautiful environment addressing this need to be implemented. Town spending has increased out of proportion to inflation or any other recognized index. I am a fiscal moderate. I did not vote in favor of the 2018 Town Budget which in my estimation contained extravagant items. Greenwich can no longer count on Hartford for financial assistance with its schools, roads etc. Now more than ever financial restraint is necessary.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Public Works; Transportation Committees

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

**Roberts, Patricia H.**

9 Bramble Lane  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Retired

**Biography:** Appointed to the RTM January 2015, I am a former CEO and President of two insurance companies for GeneralRe/Berkshire. After a 36 year professional career, I transitioned

upon retirement to volunteer leadership positions in both Greenwich and Stamford serving on both the Greenwich Boy Scouts and Inspirica Boards.

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

Greenwich, like many other towns in Connecticut, is facing tough decisions as the State works through its issues. We need to act with fiscal restraint to ensure that the Town of Greenwich and its citizens weather this financial crisis. Over the 36 years, I developed the skills necessary to help navigate these types of issues. We have tough decisions ahead of us as a town, but with hard work we can preserve the quality of our town and maintain our strong financial balance sheet.

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

The three important issues facing Greenwich all centers on having smart fiscal restraint. Whether it is looking at the size of the town budget, or any proposed new town construction or the unique services we provide in town, we need to be watchful of our collective pocketbook of our citizens. I feel strongly that we must prioritize the services offered, curb town spending, and develop a comprehensive plan for all public school buildings and their playing fields before we allocate additional money.

**Current RTM committee assignment:** Health and Human Services, Claims Committee, Community Development Advisory Committee

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

**Sahrbeck, Jeffrey B.**

16 Welwyn Road  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Financial Advisor

**Biography:** My wife Heather and I moved to Riverside in 2007 and now have three great children, Ainsley, Tommy and Maya. Two of our kids attend Riverside School, with the third to join

them next year. We are members of First Church and I have served on the RTM since 2013.

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

I originally ran for the RTM after hearing about the school redistricting plans in 2013. Over the last four years, I have learned a tremendous amount about how this town is run. While I think the town does many things well, there is A LOT of room for improvement especially when it comes to how the town spends your money. I am running for the RTM to make sure that the town exercises greater fiscal discipline than in the past, while maintaining key services: good schools, safe neighborhoods and a well maintained infrastructure. I know it can be done!

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

While there are many ways to help the town leadership, the main areas of RTM focus should be on stemming rising taxes, determining what services the town should provide, and making sure it provides them well. I have voted against the budget every year I have been on the RTM because I think the rise in spending is unsustainable (and am likely one of the only individuals who can say that as the Budget passed 176 to 9 my first year). I promise to be a voice of reason on the RTM to keep taxes low while maintaining key services.

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

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

**Smith, Ashley M.B.**

25 Lake Drive South  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Stay at home mother

**Biography:** I am a lifelong resident of Riverside. I attended the Greenwich Public Schools, Vanderbilt University, and earned an MA in Education. I currently live in my childhood home with my

husband, a 4th grade son at Riverside School and a 5-year daughter who will attend Riverside School next fall.

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

Given that I grew up in Riverside and have chosen to raise my family here, I clearly feel strongly about Riverside. I would like to give back to the Riverside community as part of my civic duty, but also in gratitude for all that Riverside has given and continues to give to me and three generations of my family. Riverside is an excellent place to grow-up, live, and raise a family. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity and challenge to not only maintain this excellence, but also to improve upon it.

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

Three important issues facing Greenwich voters are: 1) Improving/maintaining our public schools, especially in Riverside 2) Keeping taxes low 3) Keeping Greenwich politics local, and not getting swept into a national agenda

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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

**Thakor, Joan B.**

51 Gilliam Lane  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** College Counselor, Former Practicing Attorney

**Biography:** I grew up in a small town in Upstate NY, and lived internationally before moving to Greenwich with my husband in 1999, because this town offers the best of both of those

worlds. I have raised our four kids here, volunteer extensively and have an HR/Legal background.

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

I care deeply for this town. I love its character, charm and diversity, and its schools, parks and waterways. However, I worry about our fiscal soundness, and my goal in running is to look for creative solutions, and make intelligent decisions, to improve our facilities and resources while strengthening our financial health. I hope to make Greenwich more attractive to new and young families who value its vibrancy and quality of life.

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

1. BOE charter change is our most important, most urgent, issue. To preserve the nonpartisan nature of the BOE, we must reject this proposal. The quality of our kids' education is not a political matter! 2. Fiscal strength. Greenwich will face growing budgetary challenges requiring thoughtful decision-making that keeps our schools and facilities strong and our budget balanced, while improving our property values. 3. The RTM should adopt the LWVG's recommendations for reform. These recommendations are conservative, reasonable and long overdue. The RTM must modernize and become more efficient to better serve our world-class town.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Van Duyne, Peter B.**

40 Cedar Cliff Rd  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Commercial Real Estate

**Biography:** Peter, Liz and their family have lived in Greenwich for twenty years; seventeen in Riverside. Their three children have attended both public and private schools and have

benefitted from all Greenwich has to offer. Peter has worked in Manhattan for thirty years in commercial real estate.

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

I am running for the RTM because of the issues our state is perennially facing regarding its budget and the lack of funding to our community to perform customary services. On the local level we must spend our constituents' money wisely to help stop the migration of our neighbors and businesses out of our state. Now with declining state support for our schools, we need to invest thoughtfully so our children can continue to get the best possible education and we can attract the next generation of Riverside/Greenwich residents.

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

The most important issue facing Greenwich today is the unsustainable financial condition of our state. Our state deficit affects what we can accomplish on a local level. However, spending carefully and keeping our mill rate low will enable our seniors and young adults to stay in our community. This will also help attract the next generation of Greenwich families. Hopefully, the state follows through on its commitment for the New Lebanon School so we can continue with our community schools. Lastly, we need responsible development while allowing the property owner to monetize what is likely their largest asset.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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



**Walker, Kathryn L.**

29 Grossett Rd  
Riverside 06878

**Occupation:** Stay at home Mom

**Biography:** I'm a former insurance professional as well as a mother of three children who attend Greenwich Public Schools. My involvement in local organizations include: • Eastern

Middle School PTA, Assistant Treasurer • Greenwich Newcomers Club, Treasurer • Greenwich United Way • Junior League of Greenwich (former board member/ Treasurer) • Open Arts Alliance • PTA Council, Treasurer

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

I am running for the RTM because I care about the future of our town and want to contribute to maintaining Greenwich's outstanding services and natural resources. I am solution focused and always work to achieve an outcome that takes all parties views into account. In my role as a board member for several organizations, I have developed a broad overview of many of the issues facing our town and those of our residents. My goal for serving on the RTM would be to advocate effectively to achieve outcomes that serve my neighbors.

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

**Budget:** My goal is to help find innovative and creative ways to support investment in our town while being fiscally responsible. **Education:** Greenwich has outstanding schools. We need to maintain focus on supporting the great work that is being done while maintaining a non-partisan organization. **Awareness:** It is important to educate Greenwich residents about the issues our town government is addressing.

**Current RTM committee assignment:**

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