



## MARY MANUEL TOBIN

**Party:** RTM has no party affiliation

**Mailing Address:** 42 Park Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT, 06870

**Q: Please provide a brief biography of yourself for the voters.**

**A:** We moved to my husband's hometown of Old Greenwich from the Bay Area in 2019, and are grateful to be part of a vibrant and engaged community. I've spent my career in philanthropy and the nonprofit sector, leading grant-making initiatives and, for the past decade, consulting with foundations and nonprofits on their strategy and program development. Locally, I'm an active member of Impact Fairfield County and serve as Board Vice Chair of Waste Free Greenwich. I have a son in 5th grade at Old Greenwich School and enjoy hiking, birdwatching, and seeing live music.

**Q: What are one or two pressing challenges of the upcoming term and how would you approach them?**

**A:** One of the main areas of focus for the RTM is to review and approve the town's annual budget, and we need to ensure that we are adequately funding much needed capital improvements for our children's schools, pedestrian safety, and flood mitigation. I approach these challenges by listening and learning from our town department heads on what the needs are, lifting up the concerns of the residents in our district, deliberating in our committees with respectful dialogue, and then making an informed vote.

**Q: In April, the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) voted to reduce the Greenwich Public Schools budget by approximately \$4 million. This reduction allowed GPS to increase its budget year over year by 3% (vs 5%). [Minutes of the FY 2025-2026 Budget Decision Day Three (3) Meeting of the BET held April 4, 2025]. What is your position on this decision?**

**A:** I am strongly against this decision. The resulting cuts to cover the \$4M budget gap mean that GPS start times have been moved up, teachers have been laid off, and the ones who remain continue to be asked to do more with less. This is unacceptable. We can do better.

**Q: Number of Terms on RTM (Incumbents only)**

**A:** 2

**Q: Current Committee Assignments (Incumbents only)**

**A:** Delegate to the Education Committee.