



## **ANNA S. POVINELLI \***

**Party:** RTM has no party affiliation

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

**A:** My husband Tom and I have been Greenwich residents for 30 years, raising our 4 children in town and having them all attend Greenwich Public Schools. I have been involved in various school, community and charitable organizations over the course of my residency. I began my career as a certified public accountant at a big four accounting firm, have a background in finance and currently work in the SEC regulatory compliance field. My husband is a local business owner. I graduated from Northeastern University in Boston with a degree in Business with a concentration in accounting.

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

**A:** Managing the town's operational and capital budget while maintaining a reasonable mill rate is always a challenge. Therefore ensuring Greenwich town funds are spent wisely, while prioritizing funding needs is a fine balance that will be solved with negotiation and collaboration. Ensuring Greenwich Public Schools are funded in order to provide a rigorous education for all students in a safe environment is paramount. Supporting the town's police and safety departments is also critical in order to keep our town residents protected and secure from crime.

**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:** Each governmental body focuses on their charter and responsibilities. It is important for GPS to be properly funded to support teachers in delivering the best education to all students in a safe environment. GPS is the largest expenditure in Greenwich's budget, therefore the BET and GPS need to work more collaboratively throughout the year so that situations such as last year are addressed earlier in the budget process. GPS attracts families to Greenwich, as does a relatively low mill rate, so each governmental body needs to understand and put in perspective the needs of the town's financial requirements. A duty is owed to spend taxpayer dollars wisely while providing the best for Greenwich residents.