



## STEPHEN MESKERS

**Party:** RTM has no party affiliation

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

**A:** I moved to Greenwich in 1997. I worked on Wall Street in the financial industry. We raised three children all graduates of Greenwich high school and I've served on the RTM for approximately 20 years and I've been the state representative for the last seven years. I'm in my fourth term currently.

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

**A:** I think the town suffers from lack of financial planning. Projects have been either ignored or delayed or summarily removed from our planning process. I think we need to look at our sewer treatment plant. We need to look at a stormwater drainage. We need to consider how many buildings or structures the town owns and when they are replaced or the roofs are replaced that solar incorporated to reduce our operating expenses.

**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 don't think mature adults should be reducing the school budget in the last minute unplanned thoughtless exercise. I don't have an objection to managing the town of finances an oversight of the Board of Education budget, but I think the proposed cut to the budget should've been set out at least 72 hours prior to the final vote so we could look at the alternatives in potential budget cuts and we could better deal with the issue.

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

**A:** I think I have served for a total of 14 terms

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

**A:** I had spent 14 years on the education committee and recognizing that my role in the state government as a state representative may provide us with funding opportunities.