



JOSHUA BROWN

Party: Republican

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

A: Born and raised in Town. Have been a volunteer firefighter of more than 25 years (Round Hill and Glenville), and an EMT volunteering with GEMS. Decided to serve my neighbors by joining the RTM (Town legislative body) for 31 years (and still going). Former chairman of RTM Finance Comm, Education Comm, District I, current chair of RTM Town Services and Labor Contracts. This gives me a deep understanding of the Town and how it operates.

I was a management consultant for 35 years and now coordinate compliance risk reporting in a large bank. Married with 6 children and 1 grandchild.

Q: What are two of your favorite things about Greenwich?

A: The parks. With the variety of things to do, enjoying the hiking, biking, kayaking and paddle...so much to do.

Volunteerism. So many residents are involved and provide valued support for the community in such a variety of ways. Something for everyone...

Q: What professional, volunteer, or public service accomplishment in the last 12 months are you most proud of and why?

A: I and my wife recently were certified and joined the Town's Emergency Response team. We believe in serving our neighbors in times of crisis. I was elected chairman of the RTM Labor Contracts Committee and am working with all members to improve how it functions and engages with the Town and with other RTM committees. We updated the RTM rules to establish a more effective committee with almost unanimous support. My wife and I went on a church mission trip to Uganda to serve the poor, the orphans and the injured. It was an amazing experience; we were touched deeply.

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

A: The BET functioning constructively and more proactively. If elected, working with all the BET members, I would work to improve the transparency of the budget process and its deliberations. I would, as I have done with my RTM committees, engage directly with my constituents, listening to their concerns and developing solutions to address them. Needing to prioritize what can be done and how to fund them effectively is essential as there are financial challenges coming in the coming 5 years that we need to get through. This better longer-term capital planning. All BET members need to engage with civility and find the right way forward.

Q: How do you plan to serve your constituents who didn't support you in decisions that affect our town and their lives?

A: Listening to their concerns and developing solutions to address them, collaboratively, transparently. Challenging the status quo while being fiscally conservative.

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 support that decision. It was unfortunate how that all came about. The BET's budget guidelines were not published timely so the BOE could not take them into account as they created their budget request. There are savings / efficiencies that could be done without reducing the schools performance nor the opportunities for all students. The BET needs to work more closely with the BOE on this. The BET members should have worked more collaboratively to address the schools needs while holding to reasonable funding needs. I will work hard to deliver practical guidelines, engage in transparent, constructive and collaborative discussions with all BET members to provide the schools funding they need to provide the services we expect and need.