

RTM

JANUARY 17, 2012

RESUMES

CANDIDATES

FOR

MODERATOR

AND

MODERATOR PRO TEMP

**NOTICE OF CANDIDACY
OF THOMAS J. BYRNE
FOR POSITION OF RTM MODERATOR**

Pursuant to the RTM Sense of the Meeting Resolution dated October 26, 2011, I submit this notice of my candidacy for the position of RTM Moderator.

Personal Information: Married, four children, resident of Greenwich for 27 years.

Education: Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
Bachelor of Arts, cum laude

Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, California
Juris Doctor

Professional: High School Physics teacher, Westchester County, NY

RTM Member, 1988 – present. Moderator (8 terms); Chair, District 6 (3 terms);
Member, Education Committee (4 terms); Member, Claims Committee (11 terms).

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December 23, 2011

Mrs. Carmella Budkins, Town Clerk
Town of Greenwich
Town Hall
Greenwich, Ct

BY HAND

Dear Carm,

Please consider this notice of my intention to seek the position of Moderator Pro Tempore at the Representative Town Meeting in January.

I have held that position for some years as you know, and believe that I have demonstrated my ability to lead the meeting in the calm, orderly discharge of its duties which is the real purpose of the position.

Equally important to the RTM is the fact that I have the trust and respect of the Moderator who over the years has come to depend on me to help him. I am respected by, and have a good working relationship with town department heads and serve as their liaison to the Moderator.

These responsibilities are not articulated anywhere but are nonetheless vital to the smooth, disciplined process of the RTM. They have more to do with human relationship than technology and there is, in my judgment, no substitute for that in government.

Attached is a thumb nail sketch of my service in Town Meeting. It by no means reflects all forty years of service but it does show that over those years three Moderators, Al Varner, Judge David Tobin and Tom Byrne trusted my judgment enough to appoint me (twice as chair) to a Special Committee on Rules and Procedures of the RTM. I am thoroughly familiar with these.

For these reasons I again will ask the support of my fellow delegates for Moderator Pro Tempore.

Sincerely,



Joan Caldwell

Brief Statement of Past RTM Experience

First elected in 1965, served continuously since

Served on Education Committee

Health Committee

Labor Contracts Committee

Member 1973 -

Chairman 1980 – 1985

1997 - 2008

District Chairman

1991 -

Special Committees

Moderator's Committee to Study RTM Rules & Procedures

1971 c(Appointed by Al Varner)

1996 (Appointed by Dave Tobin)

2008 (Appointed by Tom Byrne)

Fiftieth Anniversary Committee (Chairman)

Committee to study committee & district attendance (1975)

Task force to study GFD response times & procedures (1983)

Committee on Decorum

Special Committees relative to Labor Issues

To study effect of Ad Hoc pension increases (colas)

To study origin and necessity of Gwch Pay Plan (Collaborative
with BET)

Paul F. Curtis

Personal

Native of Greenwich, life long resident

Married to Donna Vittl Curtis, two children attending Western Middle School

Education

Greenwich Country Day, Brunswick School, Greenwich High School, 1978

Bachelor of Science, University of Connecticut, 1986

Volunteer Service

Greenwich Hospital volunteer *(2 years, 1972)*

Disaster Volunteer, American Red Cross *(22 years, 1976)*

GEMS volunteer and EMT-I *(3 years, 1986)*

Greenwich Community Television/Channel 79 *(2004 to present)*

Representative Town Meeting *(6 terms)*

Finance Committee *(2 terms)*

Town Services Committee *(2 terms)*

Budget Overview Committee *(1 term)*

Technology Advisory Committee *(currently)*

Two of the three primary responsibilities of the Moderator Pro Tempore of the RTM is to ensure the members have complete and accurate information about the items we are called to vote upon. In order for the members to make an informed decision, they need to have available to them all the details that should be considered. It is the job of the Moderator Pro Tempore to make sure that the explanatory notes contain the additional information and explanations concerning the items on our agenda. Additionally, the Moderator Pro Tempore needs to keep the information up-to-date and disseminate that additional information to the members and our constituents.

Prior to this past year, the source of official RTM information has been in a printed, posted, and mailed format. I plan to bring this system into the new century and use technology to make information accessible to our body and the residents of our town. We have already established an RTM website where information is available electronically to everyone everywhere. I will continue to build this site to meet our membership's needs, including detailed agenda explanatory sections, so our members can be well informed of the issues prior to the meeting.