



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **January 8, 2020** at 11:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Pat Sesto

“Greenwich’s Environmental Future”

This week the RMA announced the initiation of a speaker series entitled: “Greenwich: What Does the Future Hold?” The series will be focused on Town of Greenwich governmental activities of current and significant relevance to the Town citizenry. Patricia Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs, will lead off the series with a presentation on “Greenwich’s Environmental Future.”



Whether by design or disaster, Greenwich is changing. As the town searches for answers for the problems created by climate change and sea level rise, steps have begun to ensure that the town has a realistic view of what can and should be done to best prepare our community for these inevitabilities. As Director of Environmental Affairs for Greenwich, Ms. Sesto is in the forefront of helping acquire the documentation needed to guide our next steps. She will speak about the recently commissioned study focusing on the effects of sea level rise on town infrastructure and parks, projects already underway to protect our town, and what future projects may be considered.

Ms. Sesto will also discuss the sections of the newly adopted “Plan of Conservation and Development” that complements the study of sea level rise. She will further provide an overview of the other conservation-related goals of the Plan, such as managing storm water runoff, protecting the public water supply sources, and preserving wild life habitats. She will bring us up to date on the latest initiatives of her department and will answer questions from the audience.

Ms. Sesto has been the Wetlands Agency director for the town of Greenwich since 2015 and was appointed director of the newly formed Department of Environmental Affairs. She began her professional career with consulting firms where she worked with engineers, sanitarians, and landscape architects. Prior to coming to Greenwich, she was the director of environmental affairs for 23 years in Wilton. Her strength in working in a municipal setting is well demonstrated by her accomplishments, including protecting open space properties, establishing a deer management program, and influencing the burial of a high tension power line.

Ms. Sesto holds a B.S. in environmental science from Eastern Connecticut State University. She is the gubernatorial appointee to represent Connecticut on the Interstate Environmental Commission, past Conservation Commissioner in her hometown of Richfield, president of the Norwalk River Valley Trail, and currently chairman of the Inland Wetlands Board. In 2007 Pat received the CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetland Commission’s award, “Conservation Director of the Year.”

Next Week: January 15, Paul Hicks, Author, "The Litchfield Law School: Guiding the New Nation." *The Greenwich Retired Men’s Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40 AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 AM. Programs are at*

the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org