

Weston Votes 2007

The following Voters Guide was compiled by the League of Women Voters of Weston. Candidates for the Nov. 6 municipal election were asked to answer a general question and to provide a brief biography.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan volunteer organization, which encourages active and informed participation of citizens in government, seeks to increase understanding of public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The Weston league sponsors public forums at which voters can see and hear candidates discuss the issues; helps register voters; holds open meetings on issues of current interest and importance; and studies and takes action on issues on which the membership has developed a position by consensus of the membership.

The league supports or opposes legislation after thorough study and substantial membership agreement. The league does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The Weston league has published two informative brochures for Westonites: "Town of Weston: Guide to Government" and the "Know Your Town Directory." Both publications are available in the library or at Weston Town Hall.

Any citizen may become a league member. Visit the league's Web site at www.lwvweston.org or write to PO Box 1081, Weston, CT 06883.

FIRST SELECTMAN: Two-year term. Vote for one.

The First Selectman is the chief executive officer of the town, presides over the Board of Selectmen, and is an ex-officio member of all other boards and agencies. This is a salaried position.

Question: Currently one third of Weston's voters are unaffiliated. Does this concern you? Would you take measures to increase the participation of these voters in local government?



WOODY BLISS
Republican

While we all might like greater participation in the political process, I believe at the local level that the lack of participation is a strong indicator that the residents are satisfied with the job being done in Weston by the elected and appointed officials. The current Boards of Education, Finance and Selectmen, along with all the other boards, commissions and committees, have worked well together to make Weston the outstanding town it is in which to live.

Biography

Weston resident: 33 years
All three children graduated from Weston High School
Retired IBM executive
Board of Selectmen: 8 years
First Selectman: 6 years
Board of Finance: 3 years
Co-chaired Kelda Coalition, which permanently protected 1,141 acres in Weston
Led the effort to prevent 345-kV power lines coming through Weston



GAYLE WEINSTEIN
Democrat

Unaffiliated does not, and should not, mean uninvolved. By restoring transparency, opening the lines of communication, and encouraging public dialogue, more residents, regardless of party affiliation, will be willing to participate in our government.

Historically, the Democratic Town Committee has shown a willingness to interview and nominate unaffiliated candidates for appointed positions. All openings for select committees should be openly advertised, and candidates should be chosen based on their ability to do the job.

Biography

- Weston resident for 12 years.
- First PTO president of the intermediate school
- Co-chairman, Memorial Day Fair
- Hadassah Connecticut Region Co-Organization VP (8,000 members)
- Statewide Advocacy Chairman, Hadassah
- Select Committee for Veteran's Affairs
- Woodlands Coalition
- Westport/Weston Health District Volunteer

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Two-year term. Vote for one.

The Board of Selectmen consists of the first selectman and two selectmen. The board has certain financial powers and may pass ordinances. It hires town employees at the department head level, other than those of the Board of Education. It appoints officers of the town and members of appointive boards and commissions, coordinates town agencies, administers the road program, and supervises the spending of all appropriations except those for the school system.

Question: Currently one third of Weston's voters are unaffiliated. Does this concern you? Would you take measures to increase the participation of these voters in local government?

STEVEN L. EZZES

Democrat

Independence is a New England hallmark. The challenge is to include unaffiliated voters in town government. This calls for open and participatory leadership. Gayle Weinstein and I are committed to reaching out and encouraging everyone, regardless of political affiliation, to become involved in town activities. We plan on taking government to the people by meeting with individuals and groups regularly. In doing so, we can attract everyone to serve on town boards and commissions.



Biography

Moved to Weston 2 years ago from Westport. Chairman of Westport's Board of Finance for 10 years. Member of Weston Building Committee and Trustee of Westport/Weston YMCA. Extensive municipal and corporate experience in financial and management matters. MBA from UCLA.

JAMES MAGGIO

Unaffiliated

Petitioning Candidate
While many Westonites refer to me as the "independent" candidate, I am actually the sole unaffiliated candidate in this election. This puts me in a unique position to stimulate debate and gives me the privilege of serving as an example to others who would choose to become part of our government while maintaining their independence. There can be no failure in my bid for office, as it serves as stimulus for change and inclusion of all voters.



Biography

My family and I have called Weston home for 11 years. A volunteer in varied town, community, and private organizations, my 30-year professional career in dentistry evidences my ability to listen intently, process all information available, and provide evidence-based solutions.

W. GLENN MAJOR

Republican

Voters tend to register according to their national perspective. Issues concerning Weston are not rooted in philosophical ideology but, rather, in "community" concerns. Rarely is there a partisan vote within Weston.



However, the positions on boards and commissions are filled through the two-party system, "possibly" frustrating interested unaffiliated voters. It is an imperfect system, but it is the most effective system.

It is imperative that we, as voters, participate. Unaffiliated voters wishing to serve must make their talents known. There may be an inherent cost of no affiliation but a cost not so insurmountable as to require change.

Biography

A lifelong resident of Weston, I am currently a selectman. Elise and I have two children, both attending Weston schools. I have served on numerous boards/commissions, including the Weston Historical Society, High School Scholarship Committee, and ADAP. I am volunteer counsel to the Weston Warm-Up Fund and a partner at Sherwood & Garlick in Westport.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS:

Four-year term.

The three-member Board of Assessment Appeals hears and acts on appeals from property owners who disagree with the assessed value of their property, as set by the latest town wide valuation. Property can be real or personal.

Question: What are homeowners' rights and responsibilities under the assessment appeals process?



SUSAN SEATH
Republican

All homeowners have the right to an appeal if they feel that the town assessors have erred in the valuation of their properties. The board (a review body that serves independently of the assessor) enables homeowners to be heard by their peers at no expense.

Homeowners must make a written application to the board before Feb. 21 and at the meeting in March, consent to be sworn in, and give facts required by the board. If they are not satisfied with the board's decision, they must file a suit against the town within 60 days of the decision. This suit will be brought to the superior court of the judicial district for the county in which the property is located.

Biography

I have resided in Weston for 11 years and am currently a Realtor for Coldwell Banker Riverside, Westport. Prior to this position, I managed residential and commercial properties throughout Fairfield County. With my experience in the various aspects of real estate, I feel that I am qualified for the position on the BAA. I have extensive knowledge of many of the homes in our town and an understanding of the assessment and appeals process. I am a board member of the high school PTO, a committee member for the United Way of Westport/Weston, a board member of Elder House in Norwalk, and actively involved at Norfield Congregational Church.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: Four-year term. Vote for four. Four to be elected.

The seven-member Planning and Zoning Commission has two legislative functions. The planning function includes subdivision administration, master plan development, approval of public improvement projects, and, with the selectmen, optional development of a capital budget. Through zoning, the commission regulates land use, population density, and building size. It hears and decides special permit applications.

Question: What zoning regulations would you endorse to allow the building of smaller, low maintenance homes and garden apartments (possibly in cluster configuration) in Weston at the Jarvis Military Academy, Davis Hill or other town properties?

JANE CONNOLLY

Democrat

Weston, as a low density, residential, rural community, seeks to preserve the quality and quantity of its natural resources. Since it relies on privately owned wells and septic systems, Weston's surface and groundwater sources must be protected to ensure the health and safety of its residents. Hence, we have two-acre residential zoning.



The clustering of multi-family, attached housing is not currently permitted. Alternative housing opportunities are, however, provided. Accessory apartments are permitted in residences by special permit and borders and roomers are also allowed.

The proposed development would result in intensification in use, which Weston's natural resources and infrastructure may or may not be able to sustain.

In the event such a project is proposed, studies and public hearings would be held to ascertain the new direction of, objectives for, and impact on Weston and its natural resources and infrastructure, and whether the land chosen is suited for the proposed purpose.

Biography

I have been a resident of Weston for 13 years. As a litigator, I have confronted many zoning and real estate development issues. I am currently not practicing as an attorney. I have been a member of The Planning and Zoning Commission for two years and act as its vice chairman.

KATHERYN H. GREGORY

Republican

While the Planning and Zoning Commission has jurisdiction concerning buildings and construction, the ultimate decision about town property use, such as Jarvis Military Academy, lies with the town.

In the process of developing the Town Plan of Conservation and Development 2010, numerous public hearings will be held to understand the views of our residents. Should this surface as a prominent issue in the hearings, I will work diligently to address the needs of our residents while ensuring the character of Weston is preserved.



Biography

I have more than 12 years experience serving in the natural gas and electric utility industry. My experience includes engineering design and oversight, customer service leadership, compliance management, and operations leadership. I resigned from a general manager position in 2003 to raise my family.

Since moving to Weston four years ago, I have been active in the Weston Newcomers Club, serving as an activity chairman, Black Rock Congregational Church, serving as a coordinator for children's programs, and Community Bible Study, serving as a group leader.

DON SALTZMAN

Republican

At the present time, there are no zoning regulations that will allow a dwelling unit on less than two acres (except pre-1953 lots). Two acres with one dwelling has proved very effective to protect our wells and aquifers and allow proper septic systems.

The Town Plan of Development does not currently address cluster zoning. Accessory apartments are available to those who want low maintenance dwellings.

Biography

24 Years of Land Use experience:
• 12 years on ZBA, eight years as chairman
• 12 years on P&Z, current chairman
Chairman of Communication Tower Committee
21 years on Cable TV Advisory Council, chairman and current vice-chairman
Five years as chairman of Statewide Cable Council for SNET



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BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Four-year term. Vote for two. Four to be elected.

The seven-member Board of Education is responsible, by state law, for the education program, school facilities and transportation, school staff, and professional personnel.

Question: What will you do to balance budgetary constraints with staffing requests, curriculum needs, and maintenance requirements of school facilities?

DANA A. LEVIN Democrat

I am passionate and committed to keeping the high quality of our schools while ensuring that each student can attain their personal best.

I believe that long-range planning and accurate cost estimates are essential, as is the vision of where we see ourselves going as a district. Only then can we prioritize academic and facilities needs keeping in mind budgetary constraints.

Our imperative is to provide a 21st Century education while remaining ever mindful of the increased costs of deferred facilities maintenance, and the need to adhere to a schedule to keep costs down.

Biography

I am Hurlbutt PTO President and oversee the activities of more than 40 board members. I am responsible for the PTO Web site and have implemented new organizational systems. Married to Paul Levin, I have three children in the Weston schools. I moved to Weston in 1999 and am a past-president of the Weston Newcomers Club.

A graduate of Vassar College with an MBA from The George Washington University, I spent many years as a financial professional in aerospace, public television and motion pictures, specializing in the development, implementation and analysis of multi-million dollar budgets.



PHILIP SCHAEFER Democrat

Providing a fiscally responsible Board of Education operating budget, while at the same time trying to address the needs and wants of a high performing school system has always been a challenging task. Prioritization is an important element in achieving this.

The Board of Education and the Board of Finance need to continue to strengthen its working relationship, which is a critical component of maintaining and improving the quality of our school system.

Biography

I am the Vice-Chairman of the Weston Board of Education (Board member since 2002), and also chair the board's Policy Subcommittee. In addition, I am a member of the board's Executive, Curriculum, and Finance Subcommittees, as well as the board's representative to the district's Wellness Committee.

Along with my wife, Wendy, and our two children, I have resided in Weston since 1996. I am a CPA, commercial real estate broker, and am involved in voice-over and on-camera media work. I hold a BA degree from Duke University, and an MBA from New York University.



ELLEN HARWOOD UZENOFF Republican

Every year at budget time, the same solid process must be followed. The Board of Education must always weigh all aspects of any budget request, whether they be staffing, curriculum, maintenance, or any other, and set priorities.

There needs to be a system-wide plan and course of action in response to any requests, that is, establish the needs, find the available resources, and prioritize the implementation.

Biography

- Resident of Weston: 23 years
- Married, husband Bob, two children: Sarah, 26, Andrew, 17, both of whom attended Emmanuel Nursery School and Weston Schools K-12
- Member Board of Education since 1999, chairman since 2005
- Member School Building Committee, May 2000 through present



LES WOLF Republican

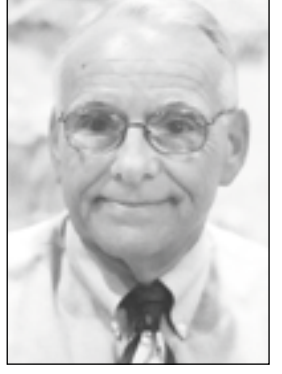
Having served on finance and education boards, I am well aware of the balance that must be struck between continually improving our schools and the associated taxpayer cost.

The key is to meet community expectations for an excellent school system while constructing a budget that carefully looks at each element of expenditure to assure fiscal responsibility while continually searching for cost saving opportunities.

Industry uses programs to continually improve product, such as TQM. This has direct applicability to Weston.

Biography

Have served in elected office since 1979, when appointed to the Board of Finance (chairman for eight years) and moved to the Board of Education in 1999 (chairman for three years). Have also served as an EMT for Weston EMS and EMS treasurer for 22 years. On Westport/Weston Y board for eight years and volunteer treasurer.



TAX COLLECTOR:

Two-year term.

The tax collector sends out tax bills and directs the lien and foreclosure process. This office also administers the Senior Tax Relief programs of tax abatement and tax deferral. This is a salaried position.

Question: How does the current economy affect the tax collection rate in Weston? Are foreclosures a factor in tax collection? What is Weston's collection rate?

CHARITY NICHOLS Republican

As you would expect, the current economic condition makes tax collection more difficult. Our collection rate under my direction has always been over 99%. To keep that rate, I have had to resort to more aggressive collection procedures, while still taking into consideration the individual's situation.

Many foreclosures are a result of mortgage defaults, not the actions of my office.

Biography

33-year resident of Weston, married with two grown children



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TOWN CLERK:

Four-year term.

The town clerk's office maintains all Weston's real property records, issues licenses and certificates, and records documents in accordance with state laws and regulations. This is a salaried position.

Question: What are the changes you have made in your department to modernize the vital record-keeping role of your office?



DONNA M. ANASTASIA Republican

In July 2002, the State Library granted the town clerk's office \$5,000 to defray the cost of upgrading the current indexing system. The new indexing program would replace a very old Lotus-based system and have the ability to expand into services not available before.

Weston was the first town in Connecticut to implement the new technology. By the end of this year, all land record images will be downloaded and available to print from the vault. Eventually, the land records will be available online. All recorded maps have been scanned and archived replacing the microfiche system.

Our Historic Preservation Grant for FY 2007 funded the re-creation and off-site storage for the Board of Selectmen, Planning a Zoning Commission, and Conservation Commission minute books. This year, the grant will fund ZBA and Board of Finance minute books. All minute books, Town Meeting books, and Annual Reports should be completed by 2011.

Biography

Weston resident for 22 years. Mother of four children, Justine, (Indiana University), Stacy (University of Connecticut), Jason and Ryan, both attending Weston High School.

Previous experience: Mortgage broker, Sterling Capital Inc.; operations manager, Northeast Region for Citicorp Mortgage Inc.; account manager for Centant Corp.; account executive, Coldwell Banker Mortgage Inc. Volunteer, Westport, Weston, Wilton Emergency Management Program Volunteer, Weston Historical Society Secretary, Board of Finance Member CTCA and NEACTC

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| DEMOCRATIC | Gayle Michele Weinstein | Steven L. Ezzes | | | Michael J. O'Brien | Melissa Z. Koller | | Phillip Lee Schaefer | Dana Aynn Levin | | Jane D. Connolly | | | |
| PETITIONING CANDIDATE | | James M. Maggio | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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TURN BALLOT OVER AND VOTE BOTH SIDES

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| DEMOCRATIC | Robert S. Gardner | | | Harriette Heller | Beth Grainick | | | John C. Hammerslough |
| WRITE-IN VOTES | 15D | 16D | 17D | 18D | 19D | 20D | 21D | 22D |

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BOARD OF FINANCE:

Six-year term. Vote for three. Three to be elected. The seven-member Board of Finance reviews budgetary requests from all town boards. It conducts preliminary budget hearings in the early spring before approving or reducing those requests. The board then submits the proposed town budget to the Annual Town Budget Meeting for its approval.

The Board may also be called upon to approve or reject supplementary or extraordinary appropriations, according to the limits set forth in the charter.

Question: What factors influence your thinking with regard to the amount of tax revenue that can be supported by the town? Do you anticipate a tax increase for the next fiscal year?

MELISSA Z. KOLLER

Democrat

The goal: minimizing Weston's tax burden, while maintaining town buildings and infrastructure, and continuing to meet changing educational needs. By joining with Mike O'Brien, who saved Weston nearly \$1 million in insurance costs, we can achieve that goal.

We want to look for savings in school transportation, excess reserve funds, and the town's runaway legal fees. We must be responsive to the entire community, because the Board of Finance approves every penny that Weston spends.

Biography

Weston Board of Education, current member. Development Officer for \$200-million national non-profit organization. Wall Street Equities Research Analyst. Princeton University, AB (Economics); Dartmouth College (Amos Tuck School), MBA. Moved to Weston in 1990; Fairfield County native; mother of three.



PATTY KOPAS

Republican

The overriding factor that influences my thinking regarding tax revenue is balance.

The Board of Finance guides the town and school leadership to provide adequate resources for identified needs and selective "wants" without unduly burdening taxpayers. We test leadership's thinking and help them distinguish between competing priorities for tax dollars, and encourage public/private partnerships where appropriate.

The amount of the increase I anticipate seeing in the upcoming budget season is between 2.5% - 4%.

Biography

- 20-year Weston resident
- Two children who attended and graduated from the Weston school system
- Serving on the Board of Finance for eight years
- Currently teaching seventh grade at All Saints Catholic School
- Past President of the Weston Young Women's Club



RICHARD NICHOLS

Republican

The level of taxation is determined by several factors: Education budget, selectmen's budget, interest and principal on our bond issues, and capital requests brought to the board. Thoughtful and realistic evaluation of these requests is essential in maintaining a reasonable and appropriate town budget that will be fair to all residents.

My goal is to maintain a level mill rate, but that is dependent of what is asked of us.

Biography

I have been a resident of Weston for 32 years and have served on the Board of Finance for nine years. My legal and financial background in banking and my investment advisory company provides the personal prospective and experience required to serve Weston.



MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN

Democrat

The Board of Finance must balance the needs of Weston's diverse population, from young families to senior citizens. I've worked closely with the town, identifying savings on purchasing decisions.

Melissa Koller and I will forge a better working relationship between the Boards of Finance and Education, which is critical as Weston faces new budget pressures. We'll prioritize use of the general fund for future budgets, maximizing savings, minimizing tax impact, without harming education or infrastructure.

Biography

Weston Board of Finance, incumbent
Weston Select Committee on Insurance, Chairman six years
Managing Director, Marsh & McLennan Companies, 28 years
Arizona State University, MBA
Adelphi University, B.A.
Weston resident for 15 years, married to Sandy O'Brien.



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Four-year term. Vote for three. Three to be elected. The five-member ZBA is a quasi-judicial board that is empowered to hear zoning appeals and grant variances to zoning regulations in cases of hardship. The three Zoning Board of Appeals alternates are called to act in the absence of ZBA members.

Question: The major consideration for the granting of a zoning variance is a legitimate hardship pertaining to the land. Explain what such a hardship might be and why it is limited to the land itself.

ROBERT GARDNER

Democrat

Serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals has been a rare and rewarding opportunity to be of service to the town. In a remarkably impartial, non-partisan environment, the board strives to help homeowners resolve issues, find relief, and improve their style of life.

Not every issue ends happily. Nonetheless, the ZBA exerts extraordinary self discipline, objectivity and concern. I look forward to continued service on the board.

Biography

Weston Zoning Board of Appeals, current member.
Board member, and publicity director: Weston Warn-Up Fund, Inc.
Treasurer, Weston Democratic Town Committee
Marketing consultant: President of Gardner & Company (advertising agency)
Moved to Weston in 1986; married
Bachelor's degree in business administration, majoring in marketing and advertising, from Roosevelt University, Chicago. Also attended the University of Florida



CAROLYN ARMBRUST MULCAHEY

Republican

An example of a hardship in a variance application to Section 321.5 Minimum Set Back Requirements may be a property with one possible direction to expand a pre-existing, non-conforming house (within the minimum setbacks) on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot (less than two acres). Characteristics of the property may include a 1,500-square-foot house, and a well, septic, and rock ledge situated on three of the four sides of the house.

A hardship pertains to the relation of the property conditions with existing regulations; not to limitless issues within control of the applicant/owner(s), e.g. personal tastes.

Biography

I have served on Weston's Zoning Board of Appeals since 2002. My three children and I made Weston home in 1999. I have volunteered with Weston's Cub Scout Pack 75, Weston Little League, the Lachat Advisory Committee, United Way's Community Advisory Council, and Westport Weston Health District's Emergency Response Team.

I am principal of Axxess Group, a business valuation/financial advisory firm, an accredited business appraiser, I hold an MBA in strategic planning/business policy, and a BA in international business.



RICHARD WOLF

Republican

A hardship must be different in kind from that generally affecting properties in the same zoning district and must arise directly out of the application of the ordinance to circumstances beyond the control of the applicant.

A hardship may result from the topography or condition of the land or a location which makes the property unsuitable for the use permitted in the zoning district.

Biography

Weston resident since 1987
Chairman of ZBA, Building Committee, and School Building Committee
Member of the Cemetery Committee
Past president of the General Building Contractors of New York State and a commercial panel arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE:

To fill vacancy for two years. Question: The major consideration for the granting of a zoning variance is a legitimate hardship pertaining to the land. Explain what such a hardship might be and why it is limited to the land itself.

HARRIETTE HELLER

Democrat

No information submitted.



POLICE COMMISSION:

Four-year term. Vote for three. Three to be elected. The seven-member Police Commission is responsible for the management and supervision of the Weston Police Department. The board serves as the traffic authority and as liaison between the public and the police department.

Question: The responsibilities for the management of the Police Department are divided between the Chief of Police and the commission. What are your responsibilities as a commissioner? Would you recommend any changes to the current system?

BILL BRADY

Republican

The Police Commission oversees the operations and management of the Weston Police Department. We hire police personnel, administer the town police budget, and we insure that the planned activities and operations by the Chief of Police are kept within the agreed upon budget guidelines.

We hear grievances of PD personnel or citizens and vote on their dispositions. We insure the proper training and certifications, via the Chief of Police, for all personnel.

I currently serve on subcommittees for communications, information technology, patrol vehicle replacements, and the Search Committee for Chief of Police.

Every year the inner workings of the Police Department get more sophisticated and technical, requiring the police chief to keep abreast and implement the necessary changes for an efficient department.

The new Chief of Police will have a signed employment contract, initiated by the commission. That is a positive change from our current system.

Biography

I am a retired IBM executive and a 26-year resident of Weston. I have been an active volunteer throughout that period of time. I currently serve on the Police Commission, Republican Town Committee, Weston Kiwanis Foundation, Inc. (President), Election Moderator, and the Weston Kiwanis Club Philanthropy Committee. I formerly served on the Land Use Committee, Men's Roundtable, St. Francis Minister of Hospitality, Director of Connecticut Commuter's Inc., Past President of Weston Kiwanis Club, and Treasurer of the Weston Soccer Club.



JESS DiPASQUALE

Republican

No information submitted.



BETH GRALNICK

Democrat

The Board of Police Commissioners, by state statute, has the overall management and supervision of the police department, is responsible for the fiscal and administrative policies of the department, and has the sole authority of department appointments, promotion and removal of officers.

As elected officials, commissioners have a responsibility to the citizens of Weston to be aware of their concerns while providing the town with a highly professional and respected police department.

The Police Chief reports directly to the commission. He/she is responsible for the day to day administration of the police department, provides advice and recommendations to the commission for law enforcement policies, and undertakes any commission directives.

Biography

I've been a police commissioner for 17 years, eight years as vice-chairman, and have lived in Weston for 34. One of my goals as a commissioner is to choose a new Police Chief who understands Weston and will work well with both the citizens of the town and the police department.

I also want to continue to insure the positive relationship between the police, our citizens and our town's youth, maintain a watchful eye on the department's budget while maintaining the services that our town requires, and foster a positive morale within the department.



POLICE COMMISSION:

To fill vacancy for two years.

JOHN HAMMERSLOUGH

Democrat

The responsibility for managing the Police Department rests with the Police Commission. The commission supervises the Police Chief, who runs the day-to-day operation of the department. The commission also provides liaison between the Police Department and residents of the town and other boards and commissions.

I will propose greater contact with other town boards, such as the Board of Education, and other important committees of the town, to provide better solutions to common problems.

Biography

1950-51: Broadcast journalism
1951-53: U.S. Army, Korea, Infantryman 25th Infantry Division; U.S. Army Combat Correspondent
1953-55: Broadcast journalism
1955-57: Math student, NYU
1957-63: Health insurance actuarial work
1963-86: Computerized analysis of investments
1982-present: Litigation support services securities litigation
1967-73: Board of Finance
1973-75: Board of Selectmen
1980s: Board of Police Commissioners

