

## 2011 Weston Voters' Guide

# Weston votes

The following Voters Guide was compiled along with the League of Women Voters of Weston. Candidates for the Nov. 8 municipal election were asked to answer a general question within a word limit and to provide a brief biography and photo.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan 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 may 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](http://www.lwvweston.org) or write to PO Box 1081, Weston, CT 06883.

## FIRST SELECTMAN

Two-year term. Vote for one. One to be elected.  
*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.*



**DAN GILBERT**

*Republican*

Ever increasing taxes are our greatest challenge. Increasing property taxes and the increased state income and inheritance taxes push people out of Weston and threaten the quality of our schools.

I'll form a team of elected officials, town employees and members of the public to create a financial plan we'll share with the public. The plan will include potential property tax increases, needed capital projects, and future debt service.

We must plan to assure we control property taxes, have great schools, support our neighbors in need, and support our seniors.

### Biography

- Selectman, two years
- Planning and Zoning Commission, six years
- Weston resident, 25 years
- U.S. Army, 1st Lieutenant
- GE Corporate Staff
- BS, MBA, MA, Ph.D. (Educational Psychology)
- Volunteer: AmeriCares Homefront, Warm-Up Fund, Saint Francis Eucharistic Minister

### Question:

**What do you see as the greatest challenge facing Weston government, fiscally or otherwise?**



**GAYLE WEINSTEIN**

*Democrat*

Despite having created town-side budgets that were a reduction over previous years, fiscal management will remain the greatest challenge facing Weston government. We must continue to find ways to keep taxes manageable for all Weston residents.

Regional cooperation, as well as working closely with the Board of Education, to share essential services, equipment and purchases must be considered.

By enabling online payments for programs and tax collection, we have been able to provide better service. We will continue to look for opportunities to update the town's core services.

### Biography

- First selectman, 2009 - present
- Selectman, 2007-09
- Vice chairman, Regional Economic Development District
- Vice chairman, CCM's Task Force on Children, Youth & Families
- Board Member, Connecticut Citizenship Fund
- Former PTO president

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Two-year term. Vote for one. Two to be elected from a pool, which includes the two candidates listed below and the unsuccessful first selectman candidate.

*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:

**What do you see as the greatest challenge facing Weston government, fiscally or otherwise?**



**DAVID G. MULLER**

*Democrat*

With an economy that continues to crawl along, the biggest challenge facing Weston is budget stability.

Having completed two budget cycles with minimal increases and many efficiencies realized, we must focus on how to maintain services to town residents in challenging economic times without resorting to tax increases that would further burden Weston's diverse population.

Charter revision is also of

prime importance in determining how we govern ourselves.

### Biography

- Selectman, 2009 - present
- Board of Finance, 2005-09
- P&Z, 2001-05
- Library Board, 1999-2001
- Chairman, Town to Town Partnership, 2005-06
- Medical Reserve Corp Volunteer
- Volunteer with Make-A-Wish Foundation; board member, Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestra
- Employed in investment management industry, focused on emerging markets

## TOWN CLERK

Four-year term. Vote for one. One to be elected.  
*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 is your greatest challenge as Town Clerk?**



**DONNA M. ANASTASIA**

*Republican*

Communication with the residents of the town is one of the greatest challenges for our office and for many town clerks. Each year we try to improve on getting the information out there.

Our technology department has made a huge difference in the election process for both voter registration and absentee ballot voting, issuance of gaming licenses and permits and dog registrations to name a few. Our land record search program has proved a valuable tool for attorneys and title compa-

nies throughout the state. Our challenge is reaching as many residents as possible, including those that do not have Internet capability.

### Biography

I have lived in Weston for 25 years along with my four children, Justine, Anastasia, Jason and Ryan, who I am proud to say all graduated from Weston High School.

This November will mark my third term as town clerk/registrar of vital statistics, along with my invaluable Assistant Ellen Jones.

I am a member of the CTCA and NEATC and a volunteer for the Westport, Weston, Wilton Medical Reserve Corp.



**DENNIS TRACEY**

*Republican*

The greatest challenge in town is balancing the budget. We have an increasingly difficult task ahead of us. The economic environment is difficult for our town and its residents, while state income and other taxes are rising dramatically.

In this challenging environment, we must find a way to support our schools and provide adequate government services, while not increasing taxes.

The schools are our most valuable asset. For those of us who send their children to the Weston schools every day, it is a critical service. But even for those who don't, the schools are the backbone of our community and the key asset supporting our real estate values and enabling our town to remain vibrant and strong.

We have invested in our children and our schools and we must continue to do so, while recognizing that our ability to control spending

is critical to making Weston affordable and viable.

### Biography

- Resident of Weston for eight years
- Married to Marcia Hamelin; four children: Kristen, 24; Libby, 23 (graduate of WHS); Janey, 20 (graduate of WHS); Henry, 14 (ninth grade, WHS)
- Education: Cornell University (BA 1978); New York University School of Law (JD 1981)
- Work Experience:
  - Regional Managing Partner of international law firm
  - Practicing lawyer since 1981
- Community Service:
  - Co-chairman, Weston Charter Revision Commission
  - Chairman, Weston Legal Review Committee
  - Chairman, Lachat Building Committee
  - WHS and WMS Mock Trial Team Parent Coach
  - Supporter, Weston Domestic Violence Task Force and Teen PeaceWorks

## TAX COLLECTOR

Two-year term. Vote for one. One to be elected.  
*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 deferment. This is a salaried position.*

**Question: How closely related are the nation's economic conditions to your success in collecting taxes levied in the Town of Weston? What is Weston's current collection rate?**



**CHARITY NICHOLS**

*Republican*

During the past 24 years in the tax office, I have maintained one of the highest collection rates in Connecticut. Naturally, the economic climate has had an effect on many of our citizens, but very few

foreclosures in Weston have been as a result of the actions of my office.

I will continue to work with those who are affected in these difficult times.

### Biography

I have lived in Weston with my family for 37 years.

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### BOARD OF FINANCE

Six-year term. Vote for four. Four 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 do you see as the role of the Board of Finance in maintaining services while keeping taxes reasonable?**



**MICHAEL CARTER**  
Republican

The most important role of the BOF is to balance three sometimes conflicting objectives: 1) maintaining the town's financial health, 2) providing essential municipal services and 3) limiting local tax rates.

There are times when these issues can be aligned. For example, by rebuilding our general fund since 2002, Weston cushioned the blow of the recent economic downturn. Not only did we not cut

back on municipal services, unlike most of our neighbors; we refinanced \$49 million of debt, relying upon our AAA rating, saving \$2.8 million.

This was spent on a middle school roof and other investments. I am devoted to maintaining this critical balance.

#### Biography

- Board of Finance
- President, Weston Sports Commission
- President, Weston Little League
- Managing Director, Carter Morse & Mathias, an investment banking firm



**STEVE EZZES**  
Democrat

There is an axiom "when the money is gone, you have to think smarter." Weston is at a strategic point where the town needs to fundamentally re-examine itself.

At every inflection point, there is a complication. The complication is our economy. Weston government needs to be smaller and creative.

Having more than 30 years of experience in the public and private sectors, I welcome the

opportunity to volunteer my services. A current member of Weston's Board of Finance and Westport's for 10 years, I believe I am uniquely qualified to meet these challenges.

#### Biography

- Weston BOF, two years
- Westport BOF, 10 years (chairman for eight years)
- Former Weston town moderator, Building and Legal Committees
- Weston resident, six years
- Investment manager
- Board of directors of numerous non-profits and corporations globally



**DAVID FINKEL**  
Republican

When spending taxpayers' money, "buying smart" is imperative. And, it can be accomplished while maintaining excellence in education and other town services.

What goes into buying smart?

- Detailed itemization and cost/benefit analysis of proposed expenditures
- Research on what neighboring towns are paying as "benchmarks"
- Competitive negotiation leveraging comparative data
- Ongoing monitoring and

reassessment of expense priorities

Throughout my career, I've focused on "buying smart" — getting the same or better value, for less. It's my profession today.

#### Biography

- 12-year Weston resident
- Married, two daughters currently in the Weston schools
- Former CEO of publicly traded company, overseeing \$200-million annual budget
- Wharton Business School graduate
- Currently an expense reduction consultant; recently saved Weston schools \$164,000 on office supplies



**LARRY SKOR**  
Democrat

Weston's Board of Finance plays two critically important and potentially conflicting roles.

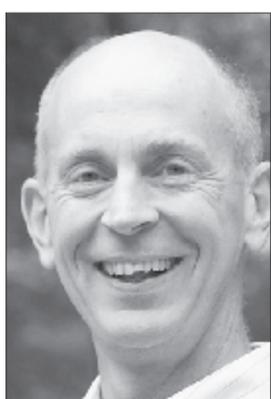
The first is overseeing the funding of our services, facilities and schools that make Weston one of the most desirable communities in Connecticut.

The second is ensuring that we do so in a fiscally responsible manner so that Weston remains affordable to those

who live here.

#### Biography

- Certified Public Accountant
- 15 years of professional finance experience at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte & Touche and General Electric
- Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Masters, tax specialty, from the University of Florida
- Active volunteer in Fairfield County charities
- Weston resident since 2006
- Married with two children in the Weston Public Schools



**JERRY SARGENT**  
Republican

Finance has a fiduciary responsibility to manage Weston's financial health. The board considers tax collection rates, reserves, and economic conditions to make the determination of health.

Practically, what that means is that finance provides perspective to the community — it guides the town through the annual budget process and assesses the short term (is the budget addressing today's needs?) and the long term (how does this budget fit into and address the long term objectives of the town?).

Finance evaluates the short and long term impacts of maintaining and enhanc-

ing government services on the mill rate, and then makes a judgment, balancing the desires and needs of all taxpayers. The board is guided by professionals from the school system and town government when making that judgment.

#### Biography

- Incumbent member of finance board with 16 years experience
- Weston resident for 22 years
- Married with three children, all educated in Weston schools
- Employed by MasterCard International
- Strategic Planning Committee, Board of Education
- Past board member, Literacy Volunteers, Weston Little League

### 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 is your motivation for running for the Board of Education?**



**NINA DANIEL**  
Republican

The only non-incumbent Board of Education candidate, I will assure that our children continue to receive an outstanding education. I recognize this is a special challenge given today's economic climate.

#### Biography

Academic Background: Alumna of Bryn Mawr College (BA, cum laude), and Princeton University (MA and teaching fellow), Fulbright

Scholar to Latin America.

Family: Two sons attended Weston schools. Last year, host mother for the exchange student from China. My father, as Weston first selectman (1967-69), helped plan Weston's new K-12 school system.

Public Service: Currently serve on boards of Norwalk Hospital's IRB, CT Fulbright Alumni Association, Weston Historical Society, Weston Kiwanis, League of Women Voters, Weston's Commission on Aging, and Charter Review Commission.



**DANA A. LEVIN**  
Democrat

Education is the most important gift a community can bestow on its youth. Without the tools for success, how will Weston and our nation progress?

We have made much progress during my current term, installing a team of dynamic educators who share the goal of preparing our students for the challenges they will face. Concurrently, we have been

fiscally responsible; budget increases averaged less one percent annually. We need to continue on this track.

#### Biography

- A.B., Vassar College; MBA, The George Washington University
- President, Hurlbutt Elementary School PTO
- President, Weston Advocacy Group for Education
- More than 15 years experience financial management
- Weston resident since 1999



**PHIL SCHAEFER**  
Democrat

It is gratifying to be involved in a school system that is always seeking to better itself.

Various important initiatives, which include our AIM project and new teacher evaluation plan, will help make the classroom experience become even more dynamic for all students.

#### Biography

- Member of BOE since 2002, chairman since 2009

Chairman of board's Executive/Personnel, and Finance Committees; member of Curriculum Committee

- CPA, commercial real estate broker, and media work
- Chairman, Duke University's Alumni Admissions Advisory Committee, Fairfield County
- Member, Board of Directors, Norwalk Youth Symphony
- Duke University, BA; New York University, MBA
- Lived in Weston since 1996, along with wife Wendy and two children



**ELLEN HARWOOD UZENOFF**  
Republican

My motivation for running for re-election is my strong sense of commitment to the children, schools and community of Weston, and to always strive to develop the best program with the most fiscal responsibility.

I respect the process, and the teamwork, and I look to the challenge with optimism.

#### Biography

Member of BOE since

November 1999. 12 years experience including:

- Chairman (5.5 yrs), currently vice chairman
- School Building Committee, 2000-08 during construction project
- Married — Bob Uzenoff; mother of Sarah (WHS 1999) and Andrew (WHS 2008)
- 28-year resident of Weston
- Professional background: client service coordinator and caseworker for children and adults with full range of disabilities

### BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Four-year term. Vote for one. One to be elected.

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 the considerations for the granting of an assessment appeal?**



**SUSAN SEATH**  
Republican

Considerations for granting an assessment appeal: Proof of comparable properties that are relative to the last town property valuation date.

#### Biography

- Weston resident: 12 years
- Coldwell Banker, realtor: 6 years

Board of Assessment Appeals: since 2007

- Current/Past Community Involvement: Norfield Congregational Church, board member; ADAP, board member; PTO, board member; Weston Women's League, board member.

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## 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 do you see as the benefits and risks of regional planning?



### JANE CONNOLLY

Democrat

Regional Planning can be a blessing and a curse. It can create efficiencies, but can subjugate a small town's needs to those of towns with substantial commercial bases, public transportation and multiple dwellings.

Hartford is considering redrawing boundaries to include different towns in our planning region and allowing that body to impose taxes to benefit that region. Weston should be repre-

sented regionally by both P&Z and BOS, not one selectman, to ensure Weston's interests are brought to its citizens for consideration.

#### Biography

- 17-year resident; three children attended Weston schools
- Attorney — real estate litigation — White & Case LLP
- P&Z: six years; vice chairman
- Co-authored Town Plan of Conservation and Development and various regulations



### KEN EDGAR

Democrat

We should (and do) coordinate with our neighbors on issues affecting our region. However, we can never allow that to interfere with home rule (i.e., our ability to decide as a community what's best for Weston).

#### Biography

Family: Wife, Denise Harvey, two children; in Weston since 2006.

Retired Lawyer: Former Partner, law firm of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett.

Recognized in "Best Lawyers in America."

Weston Appointed and Elected Positions: Co-chairman, Charter Revision Commission; Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate.

Other Community Activities: Chairman, Weston Community Service Coalition; Kiwanis.

Education: Haverford College; NYU School of Law.

Credentials and Views on Regional Planning: ZBA service; land use seminars; vast experience drafting and interpreting regulations.



### PIERRE J. RATTÉ

Republican

The benefits of regional planning are to enhance a community with an articulated vision, including elements of safety, community organization, environmental integrity and aesthetics.

The risk of planning is infringement of private property rights.

#### Biography

- Lived in Weston 16 years.
- Three children through Weston schools

- Norfield Church: chairman of trustees, deacon, all-round volunteer
- Education: MBA, New York University; masters regional planning, Univ. of Pennsylvania
- Profession: Real Estate/Planning/Consulting
- Director strategic planning real estate, Pfizer, Inc.
- President Institutional Ag Services, Ltd. — land sales, planning, asset management
- Interests: Tennis, squash, skiing, cooking, reading, learning.



### DONALD SALTZMAN

Republican

Concerned about the future of Weston if we join a Council of Governments. We lose home rule on zoning and taxes.

Large cities and towns will dictate laws good for them and bad for Weston.

#### Biography

- 31-year resident of Weston
- 25-year elected member of

- land use boards
- 12 years ZBA, eight as chairman
- 13 years P&Z, five as chairman
- Working to protect our zoning and privacy of residents
- Chairman of Tower Committee, worked to put towers on town land — NOT in your neighbor's back yard.



### RIDGE YOUNG

Democrat

Working together with other communities in our area is a good idea. However, we have to be careful not to let regional planning get out of control.

P&Z is unanimously opposed to converting SWRPA from an RPA to a COG because we want to make sure regional planning decisions are made in public forums here in Weston by elected planners and select-

men, and not by eight individuals in Stamford.

#### Biography

- 10-year resident of Weston
- P&Z commissioner since 2008
- 2010 POCD Natural Resources Subcommittee
- B.A., Muhlenberg College
- Worked on Wall Street for 25-plus years in financial planning
- Volunteer, Strays and Others and Westport Animal Shelter

## 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:

What role does the Police Commission play in the supervision and guidance of the police department?



### WILLIAM J. BRADY

Republican

Police commissioners are empowered by CT General State Statutes, with general management supervision of the police department, property, equipment, and budget. Commission has sole power of appointment, promotion and termination of officers.

Functions as the town traffic authority and answers police department and citizen's concerns regarding use of traffic control devices.

#### Biography

- Police Commissioner, 14 years
- Weston Republican Town Committee, Medical Reserve Corp, Norwalk Hospital Community Advisory Board, and Weston Kiwanis Foundation.
- Retired executive of IBM; held management positions in plants, field, marketing, personnel, finance and product development
- United States Army veteran
- Weston resident for 29 years, children graduates of WHS.



### JESS DIPASQUALE

Republican

The role of the Police Commission is management supervision of the Weston Police Department, including equipment and personnel utilized for department operations, while monitoring the annual budget.

Commissioners have control over appointment, promotion, and termination of officers. The commission is responsible for contract negotiations for the chief and the department's training and performance goals.

The commission maintains

safe roads and addresses public safety concerns for citizens.

#### Biography

- Police Commissioner for past five years
- Member of the Republican Town Committee
- Member of the Weston Historical Society, Founder's Circle
- Chairman/CEO of Alliance Group, Inc.
- Graduate of Syracuse University
- Weston resident for 18 years with wife, Andrea, and five children attending Weston schools



### BETH GRALNICK

Democrat

The Police Commission, by state statute, has the overall management and supervision of the police department, is responsible for the fiscal and administrative policies of the department, has the authority of all department appointments, promotions and removal of officers, oversees the department's rules, regulations, policies and procedures, and negotiates the union contract.

The Commission, as local

traffic authority, determines speed limits and signage on town roads.

#### Biography

- 38-year Weston resident
- Police Commissioner for 20 years
- Police Commission vice-chairman
- Past chairman of the Weston Democratic Town Committee
- Two children who graduated Weston High School
- Retired television news producer
- Graduate of the University of Pittsburgh



### SUSAN MOCH

Democrat

The Police Commission serves as the board of directors for the Weston Police Department and oversees the critical functions of the department.

Perhaps the most important function of the commission is its role in trying to ensure that the police officers hired are the best fit for our community and its needs.

#### Biography

- 18-year Weston resident
- 35-years of experience with police departments as a prosecutor and defense attorney.
- 12-year member of Panel of Moderators
- Member of the Charter Revision Commission
- Member of the Democratic Town Committee
- Former member of the Domestic Violence Task Force
- Member of the Weston Women's League
- Former Girl Scout Leader

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

To fill vacancy for two years. Vote for one. One to be elected.

Question: What do you see as the benefits and risks of regional planning?



### BRITTA LERNER

Republican

Regional planning gives Weston a say in neighboring towns' infrastructure and land use plans that may affect us, allowing for a cooperative approach to regional development.

However, if regional planning grows beyond being a complement to local planning, the resulting bureaucracy can disenfranchise towns from their own planning decisions.

#### Biography

- 20 years communications business experience
- 13 years Weston homeowner

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- Two years managing property as president of the Norfield Children's Center
- Ongoing zoning experience, N.Y. state
- Commissioner, Weston Planning and Zoning; trustee, Norfield Congregational Church; philanthropy chairman, Hurlbutt PTO; vice chairman, Weston Republican Town Committee
- Affiliations: League of Women Voters; Aspetuck Land Trust; Weston Garden Club; Weston Education Foundation

## 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: What are the considerations for the granting of a zoning variance?**



### BOB GARDNER

Democrat

Bob seeks a second full term on the "court of last resort" for every Weston homeowner, the Zoning Board of Appeals. Only the ZBA is empowered to grant relief from zoning regulations or even from existing zoning decisions through variances, powerful and permanent solutions.

To gain a variance, a hom-

owner must demonstrate an "exceptional hardship" (not financial) in meeting town regulations.

#### Biography

Bob and his wife Joan, moved to Weston in 1986. He is a retired owner and copywriter for his advertising agency.

An active volunteer, he also serves on the Warm-Up Fund Board and is a member and treasurer of the Weston DTC.



### MARILYN PARKER

Democrat

When granting a zoning variance and guiding the progress of the town it is important to balance the needs of the community with the needs of the homeowner. Appeals must be considered with caution and compassion in order to protect the town's character and environment while serving the requirements of individual families.

It is important citizens of

Weston learn and understand the zoning laws and how they are applied so the appeal process is constructive.

#### Biography

- Weston resident for 17 years
- Relative experience includes licensed real estate sales, interior design, and business management
- Previous appointments as Board of Tax Assessment Appeals alternate and Weston Public Library Board member



### JEFFREY TALLMAN

Republican

An applicant must consider all practical alternatives which most closely comply with existing zoning regulations.

Are there any negative long term consequences of granting a variance? Is the commission consistent in granting like type variances?

An applicant must be mindful of negative impacts on neighbors.

#### Biography

- Moved to Weston in 1967 with his wife Ariane.
- Served on the Board of Assessment Appeals for three years
- Jeff's twin boys attended Weston schools through eighth grade and his daughter for 10 of 12 years.
- Builder in Weston for 40-plus years,
- Extensive zoning experience and a history of practical land use.



### RICHARD B. WOLF

Republican

Zoning variances are granted when a strict application of the regulation would create exceptional difficulty or unusual hardship and the hardship under consideration is unique to the property and not shared by other neighboring properties.

#### Biography

- Weston resident since 1987
- Licensed architect and prin-

cipal of a NYC construction company

- ZBA member more than 15 years and past board chairman
- Member of the Building Committee for more than 20 years and past chairman of the Building and School Building Committees
- Past member of two Weston Town Cemetery Committees
- Past member of the Lachat Education Center Committee

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE

**Question: What are the considerations for the granting of a zoning variance?**

**To fill vacancy for two years. Vote for one.**



### JOHN MORAN

Republican

There are many considerations for the granting of a zoning variance, and we are guided by many rules spelled out in Weston's zoning ordinances.

When an applicant faces a unusual hardship by complying with the current zoning regulations, a variance will be considered. Also, this hardship needs to be unique to the applicant.

#### Biography

- Weston Resident for 17

years

- MBA, Wharton Business School
- JD, University of Pittsburgh
- One year as ZBA alternate
- Seven years as corporate labor lawyer for Westinghouse Broadcasting
- 20 years as VP Human Resources for Westinghouse Broadcasting and Cable/CBS
- Seven years as VPEmployee and Labor Relations for Madison Square Garden
- Three years Trustee, Norfield Church

**Four-year term. Vote for one. One to be elected.**



### GLENN C. VAN DEUSEN

Republican

I believe the considerations are well expressed in the CT General Statutes, which state variances should be limited to extraordinary situations that must: a) be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning regulations; b) consider the public health, safety, convenience, welfare, and property values; c) be used only with parcels having unusual conditions that cause "exceptional difficulty or unusual hardship," and d) must not be used if the regulations provide that certain

prohibited uses may not be permitted by variance.

#### Biography

- I have lived in Weston for 17 years
- I am new to Weston politics, and have never run for office before
- Current community service includes: Kiwanis, AmeriCares, Weston Warm-up Fund wood splitting, and St. Francis of Assisi Network of Care
- I am the owner of a business that specializes in brand strategy and design.
- My goal is to bring a fair and balanced perspective to the Planning and Zoning appeals process and decisions.

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