

SELECTMAN



Amy Jenner

Republican Party

Biographical Statement

Amy has lived in Weston for 18 years, and it has always been her ambition to play a significant role in public service. Following graduation from the University of Bridgeport, Amy joined Pfizer Pharmaceuticals where she held senior roles in sales, management and strategy ultimately retiring as Vice President, North American Operations. Amy has volunteered for the past 17 years at Wildlife in Crisis, a local non-profit dedicated to wildlife preservation and land conservation.

In your opinion, what is the most significant issue facing Weston today?

Voters overwhelmingly agree that budget, spending and taxes are Weston's most significant challenges. Year after year our tax increases are more unsustainable, especially when we have one of the highest mill rates in Connecticut. Our budget should be funded by better identifying true priorities and realizing spending efficiencies elsewhere. I would propose a more rigorous and sustainable budgeting process - one that requires transparency on incremental spending and not just applying year-over-year, blanket increases across the board. Related, we must reign in taxes by finding other funding opportunities for our investments.

Why are running for this specific office and what do you bring to it?

I recently retired after 30 years with a Fortune-100 company, where I ran several operational divisions including its North American Operations. Running a town is not unlike running a business operation. The selectman needs to play a strong role in the financial management of the town and needs to be accountable for the execution of municipal services. I am running for Selectman because I believe that is where my skills and experiences can best be utilized in public service.

What is the most important issue this board/commission faces and how would you potentially address it?

Transparency and diversity of thought. The need for diversity of opinion is obvious. But missing from the Board of Selectmen - and all our boards - is diversity of thought and spirited debate. The best decisions are made through a process of incremental improvement of ideas - which might often end in Board agreement rather than partisan alignment. Too often, the Board meetings are nothing more than a series of agenda items that have no real meaningful long term impact on a building a sustainable community. Greater transparency and meaningful debate are the first step towards effective and bipartisan leadership.