

POLICE COMMISSION



Dawn Egan

Democratic Party

Biographical Statement

A 29 year resident of Weston, Dawn Egan has dedicated her life to community service. Her emphasis on teamwork and collaboration is exemplified by a proven track record of commitment, integrity, and accomplishments that have touched many levels of our community. While applying best practices as a board member of multiple Weston organizations, her overall commitment is always to improve the safety, health and well-being of those in our town.

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

As the cost of living in Weston continually rises, I worry about our seniors who are on a fixed income. Intergenerational communities create a healthy and compassionate environment and serve us all well. As a former Chair of the Warm-Up Fund, President of Kiwanis and active public school employee, I see firsthand the impactful influence of generational collaboration. How do we keep our town available and livable for our senior population while maintaining the integrity of a community that drew many of us here? I am committed to finding smart and creative solutions to this question.

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

I am running for PC to serve our community and our police department. The new police accountability bill will be a challenge, especially for small municipalities, and will impact policies pertaining to police and their engagement with the community. During my time as police commissioner, I continue to develop a solid understanding of this bill's purpose and its complexities. I am focused on how Weston police embed best practices and how our officers maintain connectedness and personalized policing. As a current PC, I am most proud of the implementation of the Juvenile Review Board and the restructuring of overtime practices.

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

The lack of certified and qualified candidates. During my next term, we may have a number of open positions in our department, and I am concerned with the national decline in qualified law enforcement applicants. Our police commission expends significant blocks of time on our selection process through interviewing officer candidates and performing due diligence on their understanding of laws, dedication to community policing, and their genuine interest to serve the residents of Weston with sincerity and compassion. We must continue to expand our outreach and consider pre-certification possibilities as we look at the health of our overall department.