

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION



James Carlon

Republican Party

Biographical Statement

Jim has been a resident of Weston for over 20 years, and a practicing real estate transactions attorney for over 22 years. He previously served on the Planning & Zoning Commission from 2013-2016 and as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He is a veteran of the US Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General's Corps where he achieved the rank of Captain and earned three Army Commendation Medals for meritorious service. He received his honorable discharge in 2019.

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

Weston is at a significant competitive disadvantage relative to other towns. We have had a dearth of commercial activity in Town and this legacy deficiency has been highlighted by the closure of our market and pharmacy in recent years. We are fortunate to have wonderful schools, and they should be applauded and proudly heralded as our crown jewel, but they cannot be the sole driving force that attracts people to our Town.

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

I've had the privilege of serving previously on the Planning & Zoning Commission, as well as the Zoning Board of Appeals. I am motivated to return to public service and to lend skills and talents, informed by over 20 years of experience as a real estate attorney, to help the Town that I have called home for over two decades.

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

We are in the midst of passing a resolution to adopt new zoning regulations to create a Village District. The purpose of the Village District initiative is to lay the groundwork for increased, but responsible, commercial development in our Town, and to help address our need for affordable housing. The biggest challenge is to ensure that this vision respects our history as a Town, and blends as seamlessly as possible into our traditionally rural aesthetic.