

POLICE COMMISSION



John Dembishack

Democratic Party

Biographical Statement

John has been a Weston resident since 2009, with over 20 years of experience as a first responder. John is an active member of Weston Fire and EMS, serving two terms on the FD's Executive Committee. John is an experienced IT professional and leads a dynamic team at a CT-based consulting firm as a Director. John and his wife Ali have 2 children, a daughter who attends kindergarten at HES and son age 2.

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

A big selling point of Weston is privacy and space and yet lack of amenities or simple yet modern improvements that can bring our town in to the 21st century is often at the top of the collective complaint list. Well intentioned projects end up being the topic of the day on social media. Complacency and lack of the willingness to take action to make a positive change is one of the most significant issues we face as a community. Stepping up to try and drive positive changes is a much more valuable proposition than settling for the status quo.

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

Weston is lucky to have many long serving volunteers, however I feel that it's time for a new voice at the table that is more representative of the residents of this town. I believe that my personal experience as a first responder with young children in school, can help bring a different perspective to the table. I can understand high pressure, emergency situations from the perspective of a first responder and the need for accountability as a resident. Ultimately, I believe that we have a responsibility to help make a positive change where we live for everyone in our community.

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

There is a need on this commission to rebuild trust with the community and bring transparency to residents and officers alike. I plan to work with commissioners and the WPD to understand best practices and bring communication to the forefront. Fostering accountability among commission members and the WPD will help drive decisions that are in the best interest for our town. I believe adhering to record keeping policies in accordance with the law and providing a platform for police matters for all residents in a timely and appropriate manner is paramount to rebuilding trust and providing transparency.