

FIRST SELECTMAN



Kirby Brendsel

Republican Party

Biographical Statement

Kirby leads Sustainability and Environmental, Social and Governance initiatives at Welltower Inc., a real estate investment trust. Kirby is a US Army veteran, serving as a Military Intelligence Corps Major. Kirby earned a BA from the College of William and Mary, and an MBA from Rice University. Kirby has served on the Board of the Aspetuck Land Trust, the Lachat Farm Commission, the Sustainability Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission and the Historical Society.

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

While I have successfully worked to address multiple issues facing Weston, such as protecting the environment and advocating for fiscal responsibility, the most significant issue facing Weston today is the desire by political elites in Hartford to regionalize Weston's schools, and to take away local control of our zoning. In 2019, Democrats in the legislature attempted to force smaller school districts to merge with nearby cities. This year, Democrats tried to impose state-wide zoning laws. As Weston's First Selectman, I won't remain silent. I'll use every means at my disposal to fight for local control of schools and zoning.

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

I love our wonderful town of Weston. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to lead and continue to give back as your First Selectman. I'll call upon my previous experience, which includes my corporate background and many years of service on the Board of Directors of the Aspetuck Land Trust, the Lachat Town Farm Commission, the Town Sustainability Committee, the Parks & Recreation Commission, and the Weston Historical Society. This background has given me a wide range of experience in protecting our local environment, adding amenities, controlling costs, and working together in a bipartisan manner to build our local community.

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

Leadership. I believe in the future of Weston and that all of us as can live as good and respectful neighbors. The key is to ensure the Board of Selectmen focuses on the most pertinent and impactful items, leverages a strategic approach, and actually makes timely decisions and actions, to jointly move forward together and make a difference. I know there is always more we can do to enhance our community, and I want to continue to build on my experience to lead that change. There's work to do, but there are great days ahead for Weston, and I want to help lead us there.