

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN



### **Martin Mohabeer**

Democratic Party

#### **Biographical Statement**

- Lived in Weston 6 years
- Appointed to Board of Selectmen (Aug 2021)
- Weston Education Foundation (Grants co-chair)
- Former (original) member of the town's Diversity Equity Inclusion Advisory Committee
- One of 5 members appointed to the advisory committee to BOE on selection of WPS superintendent (Feb 2021)
- Former first grade room parent; father of first and third grader girls
- Former management consultant/Goldman Sachs investment banker; current private equity professional
- Harvard undergraduate (statistics); Wharton Business School (MBA)

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

We have had many new neighbors move into town in recent years and I believe that we should be reaching out to our new Westonites and learning what is important to them. At the same time, we treasure our long term residents and want to make sure that as we move Weston forward, we maintain those wonderful qualities that brought all of us here in the first place. Many people move here for our schools and our two-acre zoning/open space. Our job as we move forward is to continue our excellence in educating our children and revitalizing our town while preserving our bucolic environment.

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

On a Police Commission zoom meeting, I stated the need for greater examples of diversity on our town boards and commissions and not simply skin color. We have newer residents that bring different thoughts and ideas to problem solving. A former Selectman agreed and stated that he wished more people would step up. So, here I am - stepping up! As a Weston resident of six years, I feel that I can provide a fresh perspective to governing. I also bring a business/finance background that will help the Board of Selectmen navigate the important issues we face with fiscal responsibility.

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

Our town is at an inflection point as there are many key issues facing us with long term impact: town revitalization, excellence and diversity in education and tax rates...to name a few. While we address all of these issues, I think it is important that the Board of Selectmen and all town commissions listen to all of our neighbors, weigh all sides of the issues, make decisions based on evidence and data, be transparent and maintain civil discourse throughout. When we come together as a community, we can get so much more done in a responsible manner.