

# POLICE COMMISSION



## **Peter J. Ottomano**

Republican Party

### **Biographical Statement**

Peter was born and raised in Weston, and is a graduate of Weston High School. He attended Franklin & Marshall College and Suffolk University Law School. Peter moved back to Weston in 1994 with Kristine and their son, Jason. Kristine was active in Weston Newcomers, Senior Lunch Program, and PTO, while Peter coached Little League and Rec Soccer. Peter has a law practice in Westport and has served 20 years as member and Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners. Peter's father Gill served as a volunteer fireman in the 1950s, and as a volunteer constable in the 1960s. Peter looks forward to continuing the family commitment to community service in Weston.

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

In addition to continuing academic excellence in our schools, maintaining roads and bridges, finding a new tenant for the Town Center market, resolving the Lachat Town Farm issues with some neighbors and overall controlling property taxes, the most significant issue facing our town today is the restoration of faith and trust that our police department strives to treat everyone, citizen and visitor alike, with impartial fairness and equanimity every day in every situation that involves any level of a police response. I know this to be the true mission of our department, from Chief Henion to every single officer in the patrol division serving Weston.

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

I am running for the Board of Police Commissioners to further give back to the town of Weston, which has been home to four generations of my family. My interest is to serve Weston taxpayers by achieving the best department to serve and protect our citizens at the most economical cost possible.

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

Some of the most important issues facing our Board of Police Commissioners include negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement, re-confirming public trust in our department, and deciding whether the Town of Weston will adopt a proposed ordinance to appoint a civilian police review board, pursuant to the police accountability act, to oversee complaints against the police department. However, the appointment of a civilian police review board, whose exclusive purview would be to address infrequent police complaints already overseen by our elected civilian police commissioners, would be redundant and is not needed in Weston. In my experience, our department receives on average no more than one complaint per year against any officer for any reason.