

## BOARD OF FINANCE



### **K. Rone Baldwin**

Republican Party

#### **Biographical Statement**

Rone has served on the Board of Finance since 2017, and is currently a member of Weston's Insurance Advisory Committee. He's also a member of Norfield Church and the Kiwanis Club. Rone is a retired executive with over 35 years experience across the insurance sector. He was previously CEO of One Call Care Management, EVP at Centene, and COO for Guardian Life. Rone has an MBA from Harvard Business School and BA from Amherst College.

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

The most significant long term issue facing Weston is navigating the challenge of (1) maintaining what has traditionally made Weston special (rural character, excellent schools), while (2) evolving effectively in the face of key challenges and opportunities we face. These challenges and opportunities include: (a) continuously moderating town spending and taxes; (b) wisely maintaining and upgrading our facilities, amenities and services responding to the changing needs of our citizens; and (c) addressing state proposals to alter local zoning and regionalize schools, which financially burden more affluent towns like Weston to address state challenges.

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

To leverage my financial, business and local experience, along with my common sense, balanced perspective to help address the challenges and opportunities Weston faces. I have served on the Board of Finance for over 4 years and currently serve as Vice Chairman. I am active in the community, spending time and money supporting a range of community organizations as a volunteer and Board member, including Norfield Church, Kiwanis, Lachat Town Farm, and Waveny Lifecare Network.

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

Our priorities are: (1) ensuring excellent schools and high quality town services; (2) moderating our town spending, tax burden and mill rate; (3) maintaining a strong balance sheet, including a AAA rating; (4) charting a smart path to investments in capital for school and town facilities, and equipment and road paving; and (5) wisely taking advantage of our current excess surplus.