

# FIRST SELECTMAN



## **Samantha Nestor**

Democratic Party

### **Biographical Statement**

- Member of the Board of Selectmen, Selectwoman 2018-2021; First Selectwoman 2021
- Member of the Board of Education, 2017-2018
- Founding Partner at Chrysanthemum Partners, a Strategic Communications Consulting Firm
- Extensive Experience in the Not-for-Profit and Art Sectors with Positions at:  
The Frick Collection, New York Public Library, Elle Decor, and Metropolitan Home Magazine
- Author of Two Books:  
The Luxury Bathroom and Living with Wine
- Graduate of Cornell University, B.A. Art History and Communications

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

The perception that Weston is a town divided, perpetuated by social media, is increasingly preventing us from achieving our collective goals. The Weston I know has a great sense of community, beautiful landscapes, and is not nearly as acrimonious as isolated voices portray it to be. The 513 new families who have moved to Weston since 2019 demonstrate we remain a choice destination to live.

We should welcome respectful and informed opinions, as well as vigilant scrutiny of town leaders. But, emotional diatribes can not be allowed to replace factual analysis when discussing town matters—especially in virtual forums.

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

I am running for First Selectwoman because Weston is at a crossroads. In the next ten years our town has an opportunity to become one of CT's premiere municipalities by investing in our infrastructure. I'm the right leader to ensure these changes are executed properly and efficiently.

With my experience on the BOE, as Selectwoman, and First Selectwoman, I appreciate how arduous initiating projects and seeing them through to completion can be. Our town needs an experienced leader with the know-how and relationships with other government officials so they can get to work on day one. I'm that leader.

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

The BOS will need to address our dilapidated facilities. Weston's schools, town buildings, and roads are in desperate need of repairs. Whether its completely rebuilding or rehabilitating our structures, what Weston needs most is a comprehensive capital plan which surveys recommended improvements, estimated costs, and financial modeling to guarantee the necessary funding mechanisms are in place.

I would initiate the creation of this plan, splitting it into four parts: a total facilities review, 10 year capital budget, bonding plan, and grant application strategy. These elements will be critical parts of securing a prosperous future for Weston.