

## BOARD OF FINANCE



### **Travis K. Worrell**

Petitioning Candidate

#### **Biographical Statement**

As a lifelong Connecticut resident raised in Stratford, I moved to Weston with my wife Kate and three children (ages 11, 9 & 4) five years ago. We started our business Westport Auction in 2007 and have grown to over 5 locations and 20 employees. I have enjoyed volunteering my time in town to the baseball program and Scouts as well as being a member of the Norfield Grange. I hope to bring my life experiences and business acumen to improve Weston's financial future for all.

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

The biggest issue facing Weston today is finding a way to responsibly fund our current infrastructure, schools, and town amenities without increasing the mill rate and raising taxes. There are serious decisions that will have to be made in our near future concerning the optimization & renovation of our schools, as well as changes to our town center. With a transparent and responsible budgeting process, Weston should have no problem keeping roads paved, school buildings updated, and resident's requests for amenities answered.

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

I am running for Weston board of finance out of my desire to serve and give back to our wonderful community. The BOF's roll in responsibly funding Weston's budget is immensely important. I feel that I will bring a fresh and creative perspective to the budgeting process while keeping in mind the needs of all Weston residents. I bring knowledge and experience from running a successful local business with my wife for the past 15 years and look forward to steering the board towards transparency, common-sense decision-making, and fiscal responsibility.

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

The most important issue facing the BOF currently is how to responsibly budget & fund Weston's future without raising mill rates or cutting back current services. After many studies, we are without a solution to either fix our current school buildings or close one and renovate the others. Roads have not been maintained and our center has seen better days. There are certainly instances where Weston can make more fiscally responsible choices at a lower cost to taxpayers while funding what Weston needs. I will help guide the town toward right decisions with complete transparency, keeping residents fully informed.