

BOARD OF FINANCE



Theresa Brasco

Republican Party

Biographical Statement

Professional:

- 20-year career in structured capital finance for domestic and international corporations in U.S. and foreign debt and equity markets.

Weston:

- Board of Finance
- Registrar of Voters
- Select Committee for School Construction
- Friends of Weston Senior Center
- Weston Historical Society, Treasurer
- Aspetuck Land Trust, Finance Committee
- Weston Women's League, Treasurer
- WHS Swim and Dive Team parents, Treasurer
- WHS College and Career Center
- Math Olympiad

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

From the perspective of a 27-year Weston resident with two grown children educated in the Weston schools, it is keeping our Town attractive for those raising children and for empty nesters and childfree families. Continuing and growing a demographic balance creates a richer community of experiences and is crucial to sustaining the long-term support of Weston Public Schools and the financial health and vitality of the Town.

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

The Board of Finance is responsible for Weston's financial activities and represents the public in this process. In my opinion, to advocate for the taxpayer's interests fairly and effectively, it is necessary to be data driven, have a strong financial background and a deep knowledge of the Town of Weston's fiscal profile over time. In addition to holding these qualifications, I have dedicated my experience to analyzing both Weston specific and peer group historical and comparable data in evaluating budget and other financial requests. I have shared this in meetings and will continue to do so.

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

Every financial decision made by the Board of Finance is integrated with and impacted by past, present, and projected future expenditures. When making data-based decisions, optimally functioning boards work collaboratively, actively considering and respecting each members' input. This approach allows colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to ask important questions and have them answered for the benefit of the public the board represents. It enables the board to make decisions based upon the diverse experiences and perspectives of its members. Improvement is needed here. My approach will continue to be fact based and collaborative.