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Kerem Dinlenc

Republican Party

Biographical Statement

- Weston Economic Vitality Committee Vice Chair
- Vice President, Supply Chain Planning, Tiffany & Co
- Married with 2 children (ages 8, 5) in Weston Intermediate School and Hurlbutt, respectively
- MBA from Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, BA from Cornell University
- From Scarsdale, NY. Lived in Tokyo, Japan 2008-2018
- 5x Marathon runner

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

Weston is a beautiful town that is frustratingly close to perfection, but stumbles on its ability to execute and perhaps finance projects and develop the town further to offer simple amenities for its citizens. Some of these goals are not exactly lofty...pickleball courts, dog parks...yet ensnarl the town in years-long circular handoffs, indecision and analysis paralysis. We've finally taken an important step by zoning more of the town's center commercially, but need strong leadership, project management and real estate/retail knowhow to actually develop this area to a center that benefits the town's citizens with the basics we're hoping for.

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

It was love at first sight when I moved to Weston four years ago. I was compelled to contribute however I could. I was the founding member of the Economic Vitality Committee only months after moving here because I wanted to maximize the town's potential. One of the core principles of our campaign was to promote the idea of a village district with more amenities. I'm thrilled that more of this area has since been zoned commercially. When Stephan asked me to run with him I knew it was the best way I could continue with this vision.

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

We must continue focusing on our schools and ensure they remain the blue ribbon institutions that they are. What makes a school great is not the building it's in, but the teachers, librarians, principles and academic spirit that define it. These are the areas that deserve our biggest investments. We can't afford another \$80M bond for an unnecessary new building, which is in the works. Stephan and I are committed to developing the school's facilities in a more measured and balanced manner that will still let us invest in other areas of the town.