

BOARD OF FINANCE



Michael Imber

Democratic Party

Biographical Statement

A Weston resident since 1997, Michael Imber has 30 years' experience as a financial advisor to distressed private and public sector clients. He represented creditors in several municipal bankruptcies, including the City of Detroit. Michael served as a member of the Connecticut Pension Sustainability Commission and has testified before the Connecticut General Assembly on budget matters. Michael currently serves as the Board Chairman of the Connecticut Democracy Center, a non-partisan not-for-profit that advocates civics education.

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

Weston is at a decision point for investing in school and municipal infrastructure that could demand the issuance of significant debt. Such a financing would impact the town's budget and tax structure for many years to come. Expert leadership will be critical to navigating this decision in the next 18 months. Developing the necessary tools and information set to support a town vote on such a bond issue will require professional expertise and thoughtful analysis.

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

I want to serve Weston with my 30+ years of finance and operating consulting experience. I have professionally consulted states, counties, and cities on many of the issues that impact Weston. No other candidate can make that claim. My experience includes budget planning, financial restructuring, cost management, performance improvement, pensions, forecasting, and fiscal sustainability. I will advocate for the application of best practices and strong internal controls in the financial administration of town government.

My wife Nancy and I raised and educated our twin sons, Gabe & Marty, in the Weston Public Schools. We believe in our town's schools.

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

Financing a significant investment in our schools and municipal infrastructure will be the biggest issue facing the Board of Finance. Our role will be to forecast what Weston can afford based on various long-term forecast scenarios to create spending ranges while working to maintain our AAA credit rating. This is a task I have done many times in private and public sector financing situations and one that I feel very comfortable leading. My analytic approach will be data-driven and seek to provide the necessary fact set to inform the electorate on any bond issue vote.