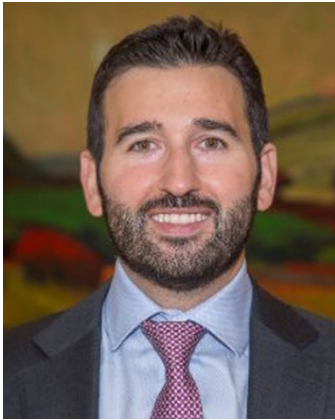


PLANNING AND ZONING



Joseph Leone

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Biographical Statement

- Attorney and founder of The Law Office of Joseph Leone specializing in commercial and residential real estate transactions, including building and zoning matters
- Holds a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center
- Has lived in Weston for 7 years with 3 children currently in the Weston school system
- Previously served as a member of Weston’s Economic Vitality Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen

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

In recent years, Weston residents have expressed an ardent desire for additional amenities and commercial business in Town Center. While Weston’s 2020 POCD calls for a more vibrant Town Center, primarily effectuated through modification of Weston’s zoning regulations to create a “Village District”, Weston has not adapted to these new guidelines and Town Center remains mostly, frustratingly unchanged. Our elected and appointed officials must do an immensely better job understanding the POCD and putting it into action, through fostering public-private partnerships and beyond. Absent such efforts, Weston may fail to attract new residents and thrive.

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

Our Planning & Zoning Commission plays a critical role in shaping and determining, among other things, Weston’s overall aesthetics, its commitment to green spaces and the availability of affordable and senior-friendly housing. As a real estate attorney accustomed to analyzing zoning regulations and navigating complex property-related issues, I will be able to hit the ground running upon joining P&Z. I’m excited to collaborate with other members of the Commission to ensure that Weston continues to modernize while maintaining its core values and that fair, capable oversight is devoted to the Town’s future projects and developments.

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

During recent meetings in which the Planning & Zoning Commission deliberated a special permit for commercial use within the Village District, the Commission seemed unclear and disunited as to its degree of scrutiny in considering the application and the process for approving the same. If Weston is to implement the POCD and move the Town forward, then each member should have a firm grasp of Village District regulations and the corresponding role of the Commission. I will work with my fellow P&Z commissioners in a diligent, bipartisan fashion to resolve this ineffective approach to administering our Village District.