

POLICE COMMISSION



David Muller

Democratic Party

Biographical Statement

David and his wife Diana have lived in Weston for 25 years. David served on the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen over a 15-year period, taking a 4-year break before being elected to the Police Commission in 2019. David is a full-time portfolio manager, plays bassoon with the Westport Community Band and volunteers with Make A Wish, the Jewish Federation and at Norwalk Hospital's Emergency Department.

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

I believe the biggest challenge in Weston is balancing fiscal responsibility with community expectations of service. Having served as Selectman for 3 terms, I understand the difficulty of crafting a town budget that doesn't over-burden town residents while accommodating the needs of a population with high expectations of municipal services and a top-notch school system. I believe that sustainable community engagement is a huge challenge. Witness the number of town commissions without their full complement of appointed members. As town residents justifiably expect much from the town, so too must the town rely on volunteers to serve in town government.

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

I have enjoyed serving on the Police Commission over the past 4 years, a period that has seen much attention focused on the role of police departments nationally. It has been rewarding serving on an elected body that has supervisory responsibility for Weston's excellent police department, ensuring that state laws and recommended practices are incorporated, that necessary financial resources to maintain equipment and facilities are obtained, and that community and school safety is maintained. I believe I offer my budgetary experience, my level-headed approach to deliberations and my ability to balance community expectations with the job expectations of Weston's policemen.

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

Incorporating the numerous requirements of the Police Accountability Act (2020), making sense of provisions that may apply to Connecticut's larger cities but not smaller towns, and ensuring adequate funding for enhanced training and equipment have been and continue to be the most important issues facing the Police Commission. I have worked to enhance the existing complaint procedure to make sure that Weston residents feel their concerns are heard while ensuring fair treatment of our police officers. As the town's traffic authority, we also work steadfastly to address citizens' increased concerns about speeding, poor adherence to posted signage and unsafe driving.