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## **The Weston History & Culture Center Elects New Officers**

August, 2023 (WESTON,CT) – The start of the new fiscal year is a time of transition at The Weston History & Culture Center, as new programs and plans for 2023-2024 are introduced and a new president is elected.

Kathleen S. Failla has been elected as the president of The Weston History & Culture Center board, taking over from Leigh Meccay, who will remain on the board as treasurer. Failla is a longtime advocate for the Weston History & Culture Center, having served as a trustee, on and off, since the 1990s. Most recently she served as a member of the executive board and as secretary. A former communications executive, who is a writer and editor, Failla served as municipal historian for the Town of Weston (1995-2012) and is the author of “Images of America: Weston.” She is past president of the League of Women Voters of Weston and a founding member of the Women’s Campaign School at Yale.

Meccay steps down after serving three years as president of the Weston History & Culture Center, a tenure that featured a full return to in-person events following the pandemic shutdown, as well as the successful reopening of the historic Coley House in October 2022, and the creation of the Daniel E. Offutt, III Sculpture Garden. During her term, she led a rebranding of the Weston Historical Society to its new name, The Weston History & Culture Center, which enhances the full scope of its programs.

In addition to Meccay, the other new officers elected include Vice President Skip Shaeffer, a retired investment manager and long-time Weston resident, and Secretary Deb Alderson, a licensed realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services New England Properties.

Continuing board members include Kirby Brendsel, Kareen Kanaga, Jon Rogers, and Leslie Weiss. Susan Moran, a former board member, who served six years as a trustee until term limits



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required her to step down, has rejoined the board and is responsible for membership. Moran recently retired from a career in broadcasting. She is a former Registrar of Voters of Weston and is active at Norfield Church, the League of Women Voters of Weston, and the local chapter of PEO International which helps women with scholarships and grants.

The Weston History & Culture Center is located at 104 Weston Road Weston, CT. Parking is FREE and located in our parking lot on High Acre Road. Exhibit Open Hours are on Thursdays and Sundays from 1pm – 4pm. Currently on view in the Visitor’s Center is “Weston Illustrated: Penned, Painted and Sculpted” which runs till February 25, 2024. Guided tours of the award-winning Coley House take place on Thursdays and Sundays at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. Grounds and the Daniel E. Offutt III Sculpture Garden are open everyday, dawn till dusk.

## About the Weston History & Culture Center:

The Weston Historical Society D/B/A The Weston History & Culture Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Since our founding in 1961, the Weston History & Culture Center has carried out its mission to "discover, collect, and preserve Weston's heritage, promoting understanding of and context to local, regional and world events." The Center would like to thank its annual sponsors: Fairfield County Bank, KMS Team at Compass, Aquarion Water Company and the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust. For more information and how to donate, visit [www.WestonCTHistory.org](http://www.WestonCTHistory.org) or email: [info@westoncthistory.org](mailto:info@westoncthistory.org) or call: 203-226-1804.

Image 1: Kathleen S. Failla

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Caption: Kathleen S. Failla, longtime advocate for the Weston History & Culture Center, having served as a trustee, on and off, since the 1990s, has been elected as the president of the organization, taking over from Leigh Meccay, who will remain on the board as treasurer. Most recently Failla served as a member of the executive board and as secretary. A former communications executive, who is a writer and editor, Failla served as municipal historian for the Town of Weston (1995-2012) and is the author of “Images of America: Weston.” For more information on the Weston History & Culture Center, visit: [www.WestonCTHistory.org](http://www.WestonCTHistory.org).



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