

## Westport Weston Family Y Names New CEO

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**UPDATE** The Westport Weston Family Y today announced the appointment of Robert D. (Rob)



Reeves as its new chief executive officer.

**Rob Reeves:** takes over in January. *Contributed photo*

Reeves, 50, who has held a similar position at the Bangor, Maine YMCA for nine years, succeeds Helene Weir who announced in July that she was leaving after two years to take the top position at the Calgary Y in her native Canada. (See [WestportNow July 7, 2008](#))

Reeves, who takes up his new position at the beginning of the New Year, has worked at various YMCAs for almost 30 years, according to Troy Ellen Dixon, Y spokeswoman. He joined the Bangor Y from the Harrisburg, Pa., Area YMCA where he was senior vice president.

Reeves and his wife Joanne have two daughters, Courtney who is a sophomore nursing student at Salem State College in Massachusetts, and Victoria, who will be a junior at Staples High School.

At the Bangor Y, Reeves has had responsibility for two full facilities – the YMCA and former YWCA – which includes three pools, two gyms, two fitness centers, three aerobic studios, a climbing gym and racquetball courts, and other facilities, according to a Family Y news release.

Ian Bruce, board president, said, “Given the sheer number of facilities and programming for which he has been responsible, plus his management of a \$4.1 million budget and nearly 300 full- and part-time staffers at a YMCA that serves 2,400 members, Rob brings a significant amount of relevant experience to the Westport Weston Family Y.”

Board member Lee Stacey, who served as chair of the committee handling the CEO search, said the Family Y worked with a consultant from Y-USA over a period of several months refining the job description, then reviewing the credentials of those who came forward to be considered for the position.

“The search produced a number of qualified candidates, but Rob quickly rose to the top based on his level of expertise and his demonstrated success at meeting significant challenges,” she said.

Stacey said the search committee was unanimous in its recommendation of Reeves for the CEO position, the board of directors voted unanimously to accept the recommendation and the trustees endorsed the appointment.

Reeves began his Y executive career with responsibility for a Y program department at the Merrimack Valley YMCA in Massachusetts in 1979.

As the senior vice president of a Harrisburg Area YMCA, Reeves completed a \$1.7 million renovation project in eight months and under budget, the news release said. Reeves joined the Bangor Y as its executive director in 1999.

He said he looked forward to leading the Westport Weston Family Y as it moves to its new home at Mahackeno.

“Over the past three years, the Family Y has overcome numerous hurdles to gain the various permit approvals for building a new facility at the Mahackeno property,” he said.

“And the governance and leadership has been successful in its efforts. The opportunity to lead the Family Y toward fulfillment of this long-held dream was very appealing.”

Reeves, a native of Connecticut, said he looks forward to being closer to family and friends, and added: “I know I’ll have to hit the ground running in January.”

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