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Retired

Employer

Job Title

Applicants are encouraged to attend or read the minutes of several meetings of the body to which they are applying, if possible.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Community Preservation Committee: Submitted

Are you a registered voter in the Town of Natick?☒ Yes ☐ No**Have you ever attended a Natick town meeting?**☒ Yes ☐ No**Have you ever served on a board, committee, or commission in the Town of Natick?**☐ Yes ☒ No**If yes, please list name(s) of board, committee or commissions, along with date(s) of service:**

Member - Town Meeting 2022

Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission? Are there any changes you would like to see to these boards, committees and/or commissions?

I moved to Natick in August of 2014 to be closer to my daughter and two granddaughters. I soon met Pat Conaway and began helping him "keep Natick beautiful". Through my granddaughters I got to know the Natick Public Schools and the great work they are doing (my personal knowledge relates to Lilja and Wilson). I joined the Natick Historical Society and became aware of the rich history of this area. Seeing a possibility to learn more about Natick and give back to my community I ran for and was elected to Town Meeting in 2022. Being retired I have the time and talents to help the CPC develop the processes and procedures needed to ensure the CPA funds the Town receives in the future are deployed to provide the greatest good to the taxpayers of Natick.

Are you a graduate of the Natick Community Services Citizen's Leadership Academy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please list any skills or specialized knowledge you can bring to these boards, committees and/or commissions.

I believe my professional experience and volunteer activities uniquely qualify me to provide a big picture perspective on the critically important work of this brand new committee. I expect the committee will get multiple conflicting demands for limited resources. Before we can objectively evaluate these funding requests the committee will need to develop a process and procedures to determine how we pick and choose the best projects for funding, while considering both short and long term goals and funding needs. As detailed below I have experience in all three areas the CPA identifies for potential funding. As a professional auditor and internal auditor I am well qualified to look at competing projects with an eye toward which projects will bring the greatest benefit to the Town at the lowest cost. My professional experience included training in a variety of skills that I will bring to the CPC. These include keeping an independent and objective attitude and how good internal controls and processes support the achievement of identified goals. I often worked in environments where the auditors were tolerated but not welcomed. Our work had to be fully supported and clearly written to gain acceptance. As a result, the focus was always on compliance and assessing whether or not the program was effective in achieving its goals. While living near Albany, New York I served as a volunteer board member at the Albany County Historical Association and on the Board of Support Ministries for Persons with HIV/AIDS. The Albany County Historical Association owns and maintains an historic home in Albany, New York. I served as treasurer of that board for several years and understand the value of historic buildings and what they bring to the community. The Historical Association had a small operating budget and it was important to get as much value as we could from each dollar. I also served as treasurer on the board of Support Ministries which provides housing for persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. During that time being homeless with HIV/AIDS was tantamount to a death sentence. Having access to a stable housing environment was literally a life saver. Support Ministries was funded largely by a state grant, and compliance with state rules and regulations was critical. After moving to Natick to be near my daughter and granddaughters I continued to volunteer in a variety of areas. I was a founding member of Renewable Natick, an organization that formed to encourage Natick to be more sustainable. I have a love of open spaces and met and worked with Pat Conaway. Pat and I tackled some nasty Japanese Knotweed in Pegan Cove and I have continued that work for the last 8 years. More recently I have served as an official trail steward at Pegan Cove working with the Trails and Forest Stewardship Committee. I am a founding member of EcoNatick, the organization that reinvented "Earth Day All Around Natick", and I serve on the board of Keep Natick Beautiful. I put my financial skills to work as the Executive Financial Officer of the First Congregational Church of Natick, chairing the Finance Team. The team is responsible for developing the annual budget for the church for approval by the congregation and monitors the church's finances during the year. I was treasurer of the very successful Capital Campaign the church conducted in 2021-22, during Covid and without a settled pastor.

Please list any professional affiliations.

I earned my Certified Public Accountant certification while working for a national CPA firm and later became a Certified Internal Auditor while employed by the State of New York. Both of these certifications required continuing education credits and I kept current in all areas while I was employed by New York. I was an active member of local chapters of both the Association of Government Accountants and the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Let us know what other specialized interests or hobbies you might have.

As mentioned above I spend a good deal of time supporting EcoNatick, Keep Natick Beautiful, performing trail steward responsibilities at Pegan Cove and supporting the First Congregational Church of Natick. I keep up with local news and events through Coffee With a Purpose, and serve on the advisory group that supports the organization. I am looking forward to using my time, talents and passion to continue to give back to the Town of Natick if you offer me the chance to serve on the CPA Committee. Thank you for your consideration of my application.

Applicants are encouraged to upload a resume, accepted file types are listed below.

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