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Adam Chapdelaine
Town Manager
Town Hall
Arlington, Massachusetts
Via Email

RE: Interest in being appointed to the Community Preservation Act Committee

Dear Adam: I am interested in being appointed to the CPC to help get the Act successfully started in Arlington. As you know, I am passionately interested in parks and our historic resources. And, in my work, with the statewide Community Preservation Coalition and with the Housing Corporation of Arlington, I have expanded my interests to affordable housing statewide and in Arlington.

As part of the statewide Community Preservation Coalition, I worked to get the Act passed in legislature in 2001, attended the signing with Gov. Cellucci at Stonehurst in Waltham, and have been head of the statewide Coalition Steering Committee ever since. The dream of 2001 is now a reality in 45% of the Commonwealth. For example, 8500 affordable housing units have been provided throughout the state.

I live in East Arlington, and have been active in Arlington politics for decades. I helped found the Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park and the Arlington Land Trust, among other organizations. As a Selectman, I worked with Brian Sullivan on budgets and, behind the scenes, in getting him to bend during the GIC negotiations. My role, as one of the leaders of "Yes for Arlington", also assisted the Town, the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen in securing a financial future for Arlington for almost a decade.

Having run my own landscape architectural business for 34 years, I am financially savvy, if not public about it. I run large design and construction projects for the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs' Gateway City Parks Program. This past June, we let five different construction contracts in five different cities. In the last year, the value of the work under construction totaled about 15-20 million dollars. I invite your interviewing committee to look at my attached resume and to visit my website listed above.

My work to stop the Mugar development is not out of character. East Arlington is plagued with flooding and has been for decades. I am first a landscape architect who understands the land. The land cannot support a 219 unit development that will push water into my neighborhood. I strongly support the HCA's 40B development on Westminster and their other efforts.

My long career and my work in Arlington has made me a pragmatist. I compromise when needed. I think that the Arlington CPC process should be one of listening and gathering information from the community first of all. The Community Process is integral to a

successful outcome for the CPA in Arlington. There are a lot of differed CPA projects that need to be funded but, like the Capital Plan, they need to be stretched out over a period of years. My goal would be, after the listening phase and the inventory work, to draft a five year plan of eligible CPA projects that works cooperatively with the Capital Plan.

I hope you will consider my application,

Clarissa Rowe
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Parks

Gateway Sheldon Street Park, Fitchburg, Massachusetts; Veterans' Park, Holyoke, Massachusetts;

Swasey Field, Haverhill, Massachusetts; Monoosnuc Brook Walk, Leominster, Massachusetts, and others, all part of the Gateway City Parks Program, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Georges Island in Boston Harbor, MA for the Island Alliance with McGinley Kalsow

Peddocks Island in Boston Harbor, MA for the Island Alliance with Bruner Cott

Nathan Tufts Park, Somerville, MA, for the City of Somerville

Halls Pond Sanctuary Restoration Project, Brookline, MA, for the Town of Brookline

Cape Cod National Seashore General Management Plan, for the National Park Service

Alewife Brook and Mystic Valley Park Lands, Cambridge-Somerville-Medford, MA, for the MDC

Soule Playground, Brookline, MA, for the Town of Brookline

Shipyard Park, Phase III, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, MA, for the BRA

Transportation, Urban Design and Streetscape

Barnstable Municipal Airport, Barnstable, MA, for the BMA Commission, with Edwards & Kelcey, Horsley Whitten, Brown, Lindquist, Fenuccio, and Raber Architects, and Earth Tech Architects

Crosby's Corner, Route 2, Lincoln and Concord, MA, for MHD, with The Louis Berger Group

Charles St./MGH MBTA Station Replacement, Boston, MA, for the MBTA, with Elkus

Manfredi Architects, Ltd./HDR Joint Venture

Historic Landscapes

Capital Needs Projects for the Boston Common and Public Garden Update in 2012

Georges Island Visitors Center, for McGinley, Kalsow Associates, and DCR

Chestnut Hill Waterworks Redevelopment, Boston, MA, for JV Diamond & Co. and E.O. Fish

Paul Revere House Property, Boston, MA, for Paul Revere Memorial Association, Fennick I McCredie

Corson Block, New Bedford, MA, for the National Park Service

Boston Common Visitors Center, Boston, MA, for the City of Boston Public Facilities Department,
with The MacPherson Partnership – Architects

Winthrop Park, Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA, for the Program on Public Space Partnerships, City of Cambridge Community Development, and the Winthrop Park Trust

Corporate and Commercial

Chatham Bars Inn and Resort, Chatham, MA, for Capital Properties, Inc.

Wall USA's, Coordinated Street Furniture Program, Boston, MA, for the BRA

Boott Mills Canalway Project, Lowell, MA, for Congress Group Properties

Campus and Institutional

North Allston Community-Wide Master Plan, North Allston, Massachusetts, for the Boston Redevelopment Authority with the Cecil Group

100 Cambridge Street/Leverett Saltonstall Building Renovation, Boston, MA, for Mass Development, with Elkus Manfredi Architects

Simmons College Library Replacement, Boston, MA, with FHCM-Stopfel Architects

Land Reclamation

Spectacle Island, Boston Harbor, MA, with the Joint Venture of Weston & Sampson/ Century Engineering, for the Massachusetts Highway Department. A sanitary landfill/public park project using compost in manufactured topsoil.

Jack Kerouac Park, Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell, MA, for Lowell Historic Preservation Commission and the National Park Service - presence of old concrete building foundation.

Manchester Riverfront Park System Master Plan, Printworks Park, Gateway Park, and Arms Park Promenade and Steps, all in Manchester, NH, for the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

Housing

St. Paul Housing, Brookline, MA, for Raymond Property Company

EDUCATION

Conway School of Landscape Design, Conway, Massachusetts, Graduate
Bryn Mawr College, Bachelor of Arts

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Former Selectman and Chair, Board of the Selectmen, Town of Arlington, Massachusetts
Chair, Community Preservation Coalition, Boston, Massachusetts
Former Chair, Preservation Massachusetts
Arlington Representative to the Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee with the Towns of Lexington, Lincoln, Concord and Arlington
Founder, member of the Arlington Tourism and Economic Development Committee
American Society of Landscape Architects
Founder and Former President, Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park, Arlington, Massachusetts
Founder, President, Arlington Land Trust, Inc., Arlington, Massachusetts

AWARDS

2011 Preservation Achievement Award from the Boston Preservation Alliance for Georges Island
Visitors Center
2011 Chatham Preservation Award for Eldredge Library Steps
2010 Paul E. Tsongas Profiles in Preservation Award from Preservation Massachusetts
2007 Conservationist of the Year Award, from The Trustees of Reservations for the

Community

Preservation Coalition, Clarissa Rowe, Chair of the Board

2006 Olmsted Award for excellence in landscape preservation at Nathan Tufts Park in Somerville,

Massachusetts, from Preservation Massachusetts

2004 Preservation Commission Award for Hall's Pond Sanctuary Restoration in Brookline,

Massachusetts

2004 Preservation Award for the Restoration of Nathan Tufts Park in Somerville, Massachusetts,

from the Massachusetts Historical Commission

2002 Green Seal Award from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

2000 Boston Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award for the work on Spectacle Island,

Boston Harbor, Massachusetts

1995 Federal Design Achievement Award for the Lowell Performance Pavilion in Boarding House Park in Lowell, Massachusetts

1995 Technical Excellence for Volunteer Actions Award by the North American Lake Management Society for Menotomy Rocks Park, Arlington, Massachusetts

1992 Excellence on the Waterfront award for Lowell Canalway, Lowell, Massachusetts

1988 Boston Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award for Winthrop Park, Harvard Square,

Cambridge, Massachusetts

PUBLICATIONS

Special Events on the Boston Common: Best Management Practices, for the Friends of the Public Garden, July 2008

Capital Needs Projects in Boston Common and the Public Garden, for the Friends of the Public Garden, March 2006.

Rowe, C. and Stuart, E. (Ed.) Restoring Urban Wetland - Pond Systems, in *Handbook of Water Sensitive Planning and Design*, CRC Press LLC, 2002.

Management of Exotic Species, Hall's Pond, Brookline, MA, Report to The Town of Brookline Conservation Commission, May 1998.

MDC Parkway Restoration: A Master Plan for Segments of the Alewife Brook and Mystic Valley Parkways, for the Metropolitan District Commission, 1995.

Cape Cod National Seashore Summary Management Plan, for the NPS, North Atlantic Region, 1995.

Special Events on the Boston Common: Budgeting for Landscape Mitigation, for the Friends of the Boston Common and Public Garden, 1995.

Soil Specifications and Installation and Composting Plan for Spectacle Island, a report on D021A, Materials Disposal System Project, for Century/Weston & Sampson Joint Venture, 1992.

Manchester Riverfront Park System, prepared for the City of Manchester Parks and Recreation Department, by Brown and Rowe, November 1981.

Kuwait Waterfront Project Master Plan, a study for the Municipality of Kuwait, prepared by Sasaki Associates, Inc. with Ghazi Sultan and Kuwaiti Engineers Office, 1978.