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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 16, 2018

TO: Board Members

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Commission for Arts and Culture

This memo is to request the Board's approval of my appointment of Kimberley Harding, Arlington, MA, to the Commission for Arts and Culture, with a term expiration of 6/30/2021.


Town Manager

Kimberley Harding

Fiber Artist/Educator/Volunteer

Skills & Expertise

Event Planning
Organization Skills
Non-profit Volunteering
Communication
Fiber Arts Teaching
Team Leadership

Education

Boston University School of Education

Master's Degree, Special Education and Teaching, 1991 - 1992

Boston University School of Education

Bachelor's Degree, Special Education and Teaching, 1983 - 1985

Tufts University

French and Anthropology, 1980 - 1982

Employment

Artist

October 2015 - Present

I make art baskets from painted watercolor paper as well as functional and decorative baskets from hand-dyed rattan.

Experience in Special Education

- Practicum Supervisor for Boston University School of Education, Boston MA, Spring Semesters 1993, 1995
 - Behavior Management Consultant, Sept 1992 to June 1994
 - Inclusion Intern, Bowen School, Newton, MA, Sept 1991 to June 1992
 - Head Teacher, League School of Boston, Newtonville, MA, December 1990 to June 1991
 - Unit Coordinator, Learning Center for the Multiply Handicapped, Waltham, MA, Aug 1987 to Jan 1990
 - Teacher, Learning Center for the Multiply Handicapped, Waltham, MA, Oct 1986 to Aug 1987
 - Teacher Behavioral Intervention Project, Arlington, MA, May 1985 to Oct 1986
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Volunteer Experience

Co-Chair, Arlington Cultural Council

July 2017 – present

Co-lead monthly meetings of the ACC, which awards Massachusetts Cultural Council funds to community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences. Serving on the ACC since December 2016, I have worked in conjunction with the members of the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture to develop the parameters for merging the two town agencies.

Founder and Co-Organizer, ArtLinks Arlington

March 2017 – Present

I co-founded this artist network with Lidia Kenig-Scher to provide a venue for Arlington artists working in all media to connect and support one another. We have grown the organization to include 116 members as of September 2018. We hold monthly meetings where artists share the techniques and inspiration and also provide information regarding the business of being an artist.

Trainer, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts

July 2013 – June 2017

Trained new troop volunteers in basic responsibilities of their new position.

Event Organizer, Arlington Girl Scouts

May 2006 – June 2017

I organized several town-wide Brownie to Cadette badge workshops for girls. In addition, I was on the planning committee for our annual town-wide, all-level Girl Scout Sunday event, with typical attendance of 75-200 girls.

Troop Volunteer, Arlington Girl Scouts

February 2004 – June 2017

I mentored a group of girls in a troop setting that incorporates the Girl Scout Leadership Experience; participate in Service Unit meetings and activities; work cooperatively with other troop volunteers and the girl family and friend network. I have been a volunteer with two troops. The first was from 2004-2012 and included between 7 & 10 homeschooled girls. These girls started out ages 8 to 12. In 2014 I started a new troop with two other volunteers with 11 kindergarten girls.

Service Unit Coordinator, Arlington Girl Scouts

June 2011 – August 2015

Facilitated and oversaw the work of the Service Unit Team in partnership with Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEM) staff. Assisted volunteers in developing and retaining Girl Scouting within the Arlington Service Unit. Coordinated town-wide Girl Scout activities.

Encampment Director, Arlington Girl Scouts

June 2007 – June 2015

Coordinated and oversaw encampment committee of adult and girl volunteers organizing three separate town-wide weekend camping events. Events ranged in attendance from 52-172 girls and 22 to 53 adults. Coordinated registration, transportation, recruitment of activity facilitators and safety protocols.

Archery Facilitator, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts

October 2009 - October 2013

Taught groups of Girl Scouts fundamentals of archery

Youth Program Volunteer, Arlington Community Media, Inc

March 2007 – June 2013

Coordinated several youth programs at our local community access cable station.

2007-08: Ran a group for homeschooled students ages 12-14 who created stop-motion animation videos 2008-09: Parent coordinator for Arlington Middle-school Producers, which produced a news program 2009-12: Coordinated a group of homeschooled students ages 11-14 who created improv comedy videos 2010-2013: Coordinated a group of high school students who created a science program aimed at middle schoolers.

Teacher of Homeschooled Students

September 2003 – June 2013

I developed and taught courses for 6 to 9 homeschooled students ranging in age from 5 to 16. These included history, geography, and puppetry (elementary), early American and world history (middle and high school), physical science (middle school), and biology (high school).

Media Manager, Arlington Girl Scouts

September 2007 – June 2011

Promoted and increased awareness of the benefits of Girl Scouting and the activities of Girl Scouts in the Arlington, MA. Collaborated with the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEM) Media & Public Relations Manager to maximize visibility for Girl Scouts in the media.

Ads and Exhibits Coordinator, La Leche League of MA/RI/VT

September 2007 – May 2009

Recruited advertisers and exhibitors for annual two-day breastfeeding conference

Area Conference Supervisor, La Leche League of MA/RI/VT

May 2004 – July 2005

Coordinated and oversaw organizing committee of 20 volunteers to produce annual two-day breastfeeding conference for over 300 participants at the Radisson in Chelmsford, MA.

Conference Speaker, La Leche League of MA/RI/VT

April 2005 – May 2009

Gave presentations at several Area Conferences

District Advisor, La Leche League of MA/RI/VT

November 2001 – November 2003

Provided support and guidance to about 20 breastfeeding counselor volunteers. Organized two training workshops to keep skills fresh.

Guided Walk Leader, Habitat Sanctuary

Spring 1995 – December 1999

Committee Member Arlington Partners in Education

April 1994 – June 1995

Volunteer Case Reviewer, Department of Social Services

December 1992 – May 1995

Professional Organizations

National Basketry Organization

Northeast Basketmakers Guild

Surface Design Association

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October 31, 2018

Re: Appointment: Commission for Arts and Culture

Dear Ms. Harding:

As a matter of the standard appointment procedure, the Select Board requests that you attend a meeting of the Select Board at Town Hall, Select Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, on Wednesday, November 14th at 7:15 p.m.

It is a requirement of the Select Board that you be present at this meeting. Your presence will give the Board an opportunity to meet and discuss matters with you about the area of activity in which you will be involved.

Please contact this office to confirm the date and time with either Fran or Ashley at the above number.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
SELECT BOARD

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie A. Krepelka".

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

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