

## April 2017 Quabbin Harvest Board Candidate Statements

### Paula Boyle

I am interested in being a member of the QH BoD. I hope that my experiences as a volunteer for two years and employee for almost a year-- which has given me a deep understanding of the day to day at QH will give me insight that may be useful to the Board of Directors of Quabbin Harvest.

I also have a pool of business experiences to draw upon, to help guide QH into its future. Highlights from my career include:

- **Epicurean Caterers** (1985-1988) *Catering Director* for parties and events up to 350 people
- **FitCorp** (1987-1989) *Assistant Director, Aquatics Division, trained staff and helped American Red Cross re-design their swim levels and publish new guidelines.*
- **Big and Tall Shoppes of America** (1989-1992)
  - *Started in RMSA (retail management POS software), became assistant buyer and wrote software to automate the buying across America, then was and promoted to Director of Advertising for all the stores in the USA. Hired models, actors, photographers. Bought radio and print ads and catalogs, and acted as creative director for all spots. Specialized in rapid sales analysis and advertising to increase seasonal turn rates.*
- **BIS Strategic Decisions/Giga Information Group** *Industry Analyst (1992-1995)with software expertise developed in workflow, document management, imaging, groupware (Lotus Notes), email, communications, e-learning and knowledge management. Quoted in Wall Street Journal, CNET, Computerworld and other industry publications. Wrote and sold forecasts, consulting and market analysis for fortune 100 companies including IBM, Microsoft, Adobe, Oracle, Xerox PARC, Sun, HP, Wang, and Digital. Hired as a public speaker and considered a member of the press at global IT conferences.*
- **Kinetic Information** (1995-2001) *Partner, Industry Analyst, Consultant, and Author. Co-authored and published 2 books, one of which: Webweaving: Intranet Extranets and Strategic Alliances was nominated as a top 10 business book of the year in UK in the year 1999.*
- **Southbrook Academy** (2000-2004) *Built tech lab and developed and taught integrated technology education programs for grades k-6. Conducted professional development classes for teachers to improve use of tech.*
- **Boyle Care** (founded in 2001) *built a nursing home and services in my parents home to manage their disabilities and provide long term care. Managed the build, finances, and all nursing staff through to passing in 2009.*
- **Northbrook Academy** (co-founded in 2004, retired in 2015) *a non profit private school for grades 5-12, Served as CEO, and later Headmaster. Also taught a few classes in Spanish, music, technology, English literature, and directed all musical theater productions.*
- **Interface Precision Benchworks** *Orange MA Member board of directors 2015-date*

## Marcia Gagliardi

Dear members of Quabbin Harvest Cooperative,

Please consider me enthusiastic about standing for election to the Quabbin Harvest board of directors despite the fact that I am too busy, really, to take it on should I be elected. If I am elected, I will do my best to honor my commitment conscientiously. I will endeavor to volunteer time above and beyond meetings, *although* I must say that my time is already much taken up with my business and other volunteer commitments.

My qualifications for the board are sparse, on the one hand, and varied on the other. On the sparse side, I have little claim to affinity with those who have worked hard to establish the coop, and I have little prior experience with food coops. On the varied side, I have served on (who knows?) maybe fifteen North Quabbin boards in the past forty years. I was president of the Rotary Club of the Athol-Orange Area and chair of the Athol Area United Way campaign so long ago that it doesn't matter that I had those responsibilities.

Since 1987, I've been proprietor of Haley's. We publish books and have 150 or so ISBN titles mostly written by people who are not me. We buy and sell what we call antiques. Lately, I've sustained myself financially by editing for pay.

I've been arrested more than fifty times since 1996 for civil resistance to war, nuclear weapons, and nuclear power. From 1987 to 1991, I was outreach coordinator for the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. From 1975 to 1987, I taught English at Athol High School. From 1969 to 1972, I worked as assistant to the managing editor of the Athol Daily News. I have a bachelor's degree in European History from Tufts University (1969). I graduated from Athol High School in 1965.

Peter Gagliardi was my husband till we divorced in 2007. I have three adult daughters.

Pat Larson and Cathy Stanton recommend me for election to the Quabbin Harvest board of directors.

Thanks for considering me for election to the board of directors.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Gagliardi

Pat Larson

I believe that it is important to have people committed to Quabbin Harvest as a local food cooperative serve on the board during this time of transition from founding board members to newer people volunteering with the coop. I have been a volunteer with the coop since the end of the first summer when I helped with weekly distribution of produce outside OIC. I worked in Orange between 1990 and 2004 as a site director for the Orange site of The Literacy Project. Since my retirement I have continued to be active with community organizations and projects as a resident of Orange.

Thank you for considering this intent to run for the Quabbin Harvest Board of Directors.

Sincerely,  
Pat Larson

Cathy Stanton

I'm a 25-year resident of the North Quabbin area (I currently live in Wendell), a writer and scholar, an enthusiast about local food and farming, and a true believer in cooperatively-owned and independent small businesses as a way to re-scale and humanize our economic lives. As a board member, I bring experience in arts administration, non-profit organizations, and project management, with particular strengths in communication, publicity, and education. For the past several years I've been researching issues relating to local food systems and I believe I can contribute thoughtfully to discussions about ways to strengthen the co-op's management and marketing within the particular challenges that we face in our area. I've also been involved in efforts to support the local farmers markets, including through cross-promotion with the co-op.

Over the past couple of years, I've been shifting my shopping and eating habits so that I can support the co-op more consistently, and I've found it very rewarding to get more involved in the community of people who make the store a reality. I recognize that we're at a crucial juncture financially and I'm eager to do what I can to help get us onto a more solid and profitable footing, and to contribute to making Quabbin Harvest a vibrant community space in downtown Orange for many years to come.

William Lane

I wish to join the Quabbin Harvest Board of Directors. As a member of the North Quabbin community, I see the local food co-op as a great asset and would like to see it grow. While I have no prior experience as member of a cooperative, I'm an avid consumer of locally harvested/raised grocery items and have shopped at many other food co-ops, and so I believe my perspective could be of use to the board. I also work for a small business that meets regularly to discuss issues, similar to the format of Quabbin Harvest board meetings.

Regards,  
William Lane