

## 2019 Board of Directors Candidates



**Mary Wolfe.** I first became interested in food co-ops when I was a young mother in 1970. There were no co-ops in my area of New Jersey, so I started a small cooperative in my house. Years later, I participated in a coop in Florida where I encouraged other members to more fully participate in bulk food purchasing using UNFI. I am a retired I.T. Tech providing a total of 27 years of software, hardware, networking and operations support. I believe this experience may be helpful in the day-to-day operations at Quabbin Harvest. I enjoy a collaborative environment and would be honored to serve on our board in any capacity to enhance and grow our local food initiative.



**Cathy Stanton.** I'm running for a second term on the Quabbin Harvest board because I'm excited by the work I've been involved in over the past two years and eager to find ways to build on it. I believe we're at a point where the co-op can finally get onto a more secure financial footing and realize its potential as a hub for both community-building and the local food economy. My first term on the board has challenged and stretched me in ways that I didn't expect. I've found myself using a lot of skills I already had (organizational development, publicity and communications, fundraising) plus some that I'm still acquiring (facility with financial reporting, retail management, staff supervision). After this steep learning curve, I think I can be of more use to the co-op in this next couple of years, and I'm looking forward to solidifying the gains we've made and stabilizing the store so it can be there for the long haul. I'm also hopeful that I can begin doing more of the educational work that drew me to volunteer at the co-op in the first place, to strengthen our collective sense of how the work we're doing fits within the broader food economy and why it's so important to the future of our communities.



**Marcia Gagliardi.** Quabbin Harvest Coop brings a fine opportunity to the North Quabbin region to support local agriculture while treading lightly on the earth by eating locally. The coop vibe embraces organic products of all kinds that help us to confront the threat of climate disruption. I want to continue to support the coop by serving on the board of directors.



**Pat Larson** is running for her second term on the Quabbin Harvest Board of Directors. She is currently on the QH Outreach Committee and is the Volunteer Coordinator. Since 2010 she has helped with set up and distribution of CSA Shares at the coop. During her first term on the Board she also helped with the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP). Before retiring from paid work, Pat was the site director for The Literacy Project's Orange Adult Education Center site and involved in community issues in Orange. Pat taught for 30 years at many levels and currently continues to work with groups such as North Quabbin Energy and the Orange Town Energy Committee. She also grows vegetables and enjoys bike riding during the warmer months of the year.



**Rick Innes.** I am an original member of Quabbin Harvest and happily remember picking up my first half-share of produce on the OIC lawn that first week! I have tried to support the Co-op in many ways, including donating my composting services for the past 17 months.

Quabbin Harvest has multiple important roles to play as we head into our next ten years: supporting local agriculture, continuing to grow the networks and sense of community felt by all of us especially at the Nov. auction, and contributing to a more vital downtown Orange. I will cherish and support these roles, and aim to help with a disciplined approach to growing QHC membership, participation, and CASHFLOW.

I have been a resident of Orange since 2000 and have served 6 years on the Finance Committee and currently serve on the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. As the Owner/Operator of Clear View Composting for more than a dozen years, I fully understand the challenges of starting and growing a business.

My previous experience includes being Boston's first Recycling Director (1989-94), serving as Boston's Deputy Budget Director (1986-88), and representing Boston on the Advisory Board to the Mass. Water Resources Authority (1985-89).

I would be grateful for your vote.