

To: Bill Rossi, Warren Doty and Jonathan Mayhew  
Re: Consideration for Appointment as At Large Member of the Community Preservation Committee

Thank you for your consideration for appointment to the CPC.

My career background is in Marketing, Sales and Promotions, first within the film industry in New York City, and later for a small chain of bookstores in the Boston Area. For the last 12 years I have been designing and selling jewelry for my company Island Girl Designs.

After living in New York for seven years, I moved to Chilmark for the first time in 1998, when I began working from home for a Calif. film distribution company. In 2000 I accepted a position with a small chain of bookstores in the Boston area, and re-located, only to return to the Island in 2002 to assist my father in starting a charter fishing business. By this time I had started designing jewelry, and was eager to make the jump to self-employment.

In 2007, due to a family member's declining health I relocated back up to the Boston area. During that time period I joined as a member the Brookline, MA Green Dog Committee. A pilot program to allow off leash hours in the town's parks. The pilot program was adopted, after 2 years, as a regular program under the Parks and Recreation Dept. for the town of Brookline. The Committee was charged with finding a balance between the park use for sports, children and the general public use of the land, along with time periods that dogs could use the land for off leash activities. We also researched and implemented green solutions for trash and dog waste.

In 2010 I was elected as a Trustee for the Brookline Village Lofts Condo Association. I spent five years on a three member board of a historic piano factory building, that had been renovated into 21 condo units. Along with annual budget balancing, the Board met quarterly to supervise the Management Company, for the Association, and to vote on all repair and improvements to the common areas. We also reviewed and approved renovation plans for the individual units. I was also put in charge of landscaping supervision, and worked to substantially lower the expenditures, by switching to a more cost effective plan.

I returned to Chilmark in the fall of 2015. I have been enjoying being back on the Island full time. I'm working from home, exploring the beaches with my trusty lab, and using the library for a steady stream of reading material. Me, my mother, and sister, just completed our 14th year selling at The Chilmark Flea Market, and I have become an active contributor to The Vineyard House, in my father's memory. I've been hoping to find a way to participate in the community and thought the CPC might be a good fit, for my background and skills. I attend Town Meetings, and have been following the issues online and in the newspapers.

Please let me know if there is any other information I can provide you with.

Best Regards,  
Lisa Burkin

