



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	10/06/2021	Department	City Council
Agenda Item	5.a) Council election of an at-large councilor		
Est. Cost	n/a		

Background Information

Gardiner City Councilors will vote on a candidate to fill an at-large vacancy on the council. All interested parties have a deadline to submit their interest to City Clerk Alisha Ballard by noon on 10/1/2021.

The successful candidate will hold this seat until the next election that will be held in June, 2022. The at-large candidate may then choose to run for the seat at that time. If they are successful in their bid, that term will end December, 2022. If the person so wishes, they may run for the at-large seat when it opens up in November, 2022.

Requested Action	"I make a motion to elect _____ to Gardiner City Council effective immediately. "
City Manager and/or Finance Review	
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
	Final to Dept _____	Updated Book _____	Online _____

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express an interest in filling in the vacant City Council Seat. I believe I would be a great addition to the Council, due to my previous experience and the amount of time I have spent within the City of Gardiner itself.

I previously served the Gardiner City Council for three full terms, totaling six years. During that time I oversaw and helped complete many important projects, such as decreasing the tax burden in 2017, the clean up and recovery of the TW Dick property, and support for Gardiner's non-profits, such as the Boys and Girls Club, Johnson Hall, the Food Bank and Gardiner Main Street. In addition, I have always been a proud supporter of the Gardiner Public Library, voting in favor of its budget all six years. I also served on the Audit Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, and Economic Development Committee. During my time as Councilor, I always treated both my fellow Councilors and the citizens of Gardiner with the respect they deserve, and frequently crossed party lines to ensure Gardiner was getting a fair deal.

I have lived and worked in Gardiner for over 29 years. I recently bought a house in the City, ensuring that I will remain here for decades to come. I have worked at the Boys and Girls Club for ten years now, where I have taken care of thousands of the area's children. I have come to know many people within the city, and I am very passionate about improving Gardiner. The people of Gardiner took great care of me as I was growing up, so I do my best to give a lot back now that I am an adult.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter of interest. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I firmly believe that I

would be an excellent addition to the Council. I appreciate all that the City Council does,
and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Scott Williams

60 Pleasant St.
Gardiner, ME 04345
September 30, 2021

Dear Mayor Hart and Members of the Gardiner City Council,

I am writing to express my interest in filling the open at-large City Council position.

My husband and I moved to Gardiner in July 2020 and have fallen in love with our new city. As a Council member, I believe I would bring a valuable perspective as a new resident seeing the great things about Gardiner and opportunities for attracting others to our town.

I have a long and varied set of experiences that I believe would be of use to the City Council. Having held leadership roles in international, national, and local organizations, I am good reflecting my organizations interests in connecting with existing and new partners. As my attached resume reflects, I have retired after working for more than 40 years for the Catholic Church from local parishes to North America representative to Caritas Internationalis, the Vatican body that oversees the global charitable and development activities of the Catholic Church throughout the world. At Catholic Relief Service, I established and led an advocacy office devoted to engaging parish members, donors, and national leaders in supporting public policies that enhanced human dignity. I am a trained community organizer, and throughout my career I have been appointed to numerous city and state committees.

I am currently on two boards. I am the Treasurer of Catholic Mobilizing Network; a national group working to end the death penalty and promote restorative justice. In January I was invited to join the board of Catholic Charities of Maine where I serve on the development and communications committee. I attend St. Joseph Parish and Christ Church. Since arriving in Gardiner, my husband and I have been volunteering with Gardiner Maine Street and I am looking forward to helping with the upcoming Swine and Stein

Prior to moving to Maine, my husband and I lived in Baltimore, Maryland, where I was the Vice-President of Baltimore City Master Gardeners. I was responsible for organizing monthly educational programs and recruiting teachers for our annual state-certified Master Gardener training.

Since arriving in Maine, my husband and I enjoy learning about Maine's rich history, hiking the beautiful trails of our state, and preserving the produce grown in our gardens and purchased at local farmer markets.

I'm grateful to you for considering me for this important leadership position in our city. I wish you all the best as you make your decision.

Sincerely,

Kathleen (Kathy) Brown



PROFILE

I like to bring people together to learn and act, whether that's to solve a community problem, or plant a community garden. My love of travel, history, and reading has allowed me to see challenges from different perspectives, and to be willing to think in new ways to address shared challenges.

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HOBBIES

History/Genealogy
Gardening
Travel

KATHY BROWN

EDUCATION

St, Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Master of Art in Theology

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ
Bachelor of Science, Business Major

WORK EXPERIENCE

Caritas Internationalis, North American Representative
Represented three North American church agencies on Vatican board that oversees development and charitable activities globally.

Catholic Charities USA, Senior Director of Mission
Developed leadership training for diocesan directors, including overseas travel experiences to understand other cultures' responses to charity and development needs

Catholic Relief Services, Director, Community Engagement
Created education and training materials to inspire parish members to engage on public policies to end poverty and protect dignity.

OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Catholic Charities of Maine
Board member and member of the Development Committee.

Catholic Mobilizing Network Against the Death Penalty
Board member, Executive Committee Member, and Chair of Finance Committee.

Baltimore City Master Gardeners
Vice President (ending 2020) Master Gardener, 2019.

Catholic Climate Covenant
Founding Board Member (service ended 2018).