



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



<b>Meeting Date</b>	01/09/2019	<b>Department</b>	City Council
<b>Agenda Item</b>	4.5 Interview Candidates for vacant Council Seat District 2		
<b>Est. Cost</b>	n/a		

<b>Background Information</b>	<p>Attached are Statements of Interest for parties that are willing to serve in the newly vacant Council Seat for District 2.</p> <p>You have three Statements of Interest attached. The order of interview will be alphabetical.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kerstin Gilg</li> <li>2. Amy Rees</li> <li>3. Karen Tucker</li> </ol> <p>This interview process will be unscripted along with questions being generated by the existing Councilors.</p>
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<b>Requested Action</b>	n/a
<b>City Manager and/or Finance Review</b>	n/a
<b>Council Vote/ Action Taken</b>	
<b>Departmental Follow-Up</b>	

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



**Statement of Interest  
Gardiner City Council**

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Name: KERSTIN GILG Voting District: 2

Mailing Address: 285 HARRISON AVE, GARDINER MAINE. 04345

Physical Address: 285 HARRISON AVE, GARDINER MAINE. 04345

Telephone #: 207-332-4775 (please check) Home  Work  Cell

Email Address: KMGILG@GMAIL.COM Years as a Gardiner Resident: 11

Please describe your education and/or experience that relates to municipal government

My educational background is in the arts - a bachelors in theatre studies and a masters in arts technology.

A have served as the design chair with Gardiner Main Street and am currently on the Gardiner Board of Trade.

I am co-owner of the Artdogs Studios on Water Street and have done public installations in the downtown for

the past 3 years . I also work for the State of Maine as an arts administrator and am very familiar with the protocols around public service.

Please describe your interest in serving on the Gardiner City Council

I believe I would be a valuable voice serving on the City Council. I am optimistic about the opportunities

that the city has, and realistic about what needs to be done to achieve them. I have attended several City

Council meetings and appreciate the process by which decisions are made. I have been a public

servant for over a decade on the State level and am interested in contributing to my local community.

(please turn over and complete form)



What skills, interests, perspectives, and resources can you bring to the Gardiner City Council, should you be chosen to fill the seat:

I have experience as a program administrator, grant writer, report author and public speaker.

I also have my own creative practice and small beekeeping business - so there is that. I will give my time, energy, and thoughtfulness to the job and work to make Gardiner an inclusive City that uses the best ideas from all it's citizens in its policy decisions.

Are you currently a city employee, or been employed by the city in the past year?

Please check: \_\_\_ yes  no

If applicable, is your spouse/partner/domestic partner currently a city employee, or been employed by the city in the past year? Please check: \_\_\_ yes  no

Serving as a Gardiner City Councilor sometimes requires a lot of time be dedicated to attending meetings, work sessions, serving as the Council representation on Boards/Committees, and some City sponsored events or other special events in/around the City. Would there be any conflicts with your schedule to commit the time needed to be a Councilor?

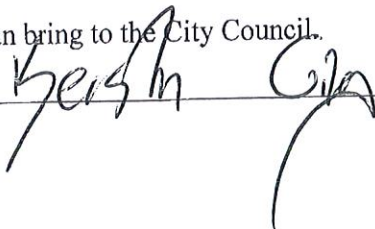
yes \_\_\_ no If yes, please explain:

I have a job that is very flexible regarding my time, however there may be occasions that will take priority over my Council service. In addition I have two children (6 and 10) who also may require my attention at times.

Any other information you feel is important for the City Council to know in regards to your possible appointment? I am excited by the opportunity to be a part of the Council and will feel honored if selected for the position.

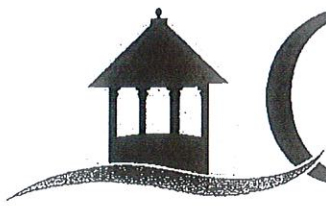
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

11/14/2018



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Name: Amy Rees Voting District: 2

Mailing Address: 7 High Holborn St., Gardiner

Physical Address: same

Telephone #: 207-415-2021 (please check) Home  Work  Cell

Email Address: amyelvirarees@gmail.com Years as a Gardiner Resident: 12

Please describe your education and/or experience that relates to municipal government

I am a local business owner (European Auto Service) and have over 20 additional years of management experience. I am a former President of the Gardiner main Street BOD, and former VP of the Gardiner Board of Trade. Current Treasurer & VP of KVHS Board.

Please describe your interest in serving on the Gardiner City Council

I enjoy public service and have a deep love & commitment to the City of Gardiner & its residents. I look forward to working with others in City Government to move the City forward economically while preserving quality of life.

(please turn over and complete form)



What skills, interests, perspectives, and resources can you bring to the Gardiner City Council, should you be chosen to fill the seat:

I am an excellent & thoughtful communicator. I have owned a successful business in Gardiner for 11 years. I have basic accounting skills and experience with budgets and projections. I am an avid gardener, have a husband of 25+

Are you currently a city employee, or been employed by the city in the past year? years, 2 grown children & 2 grand children.

Please check:  yes  no

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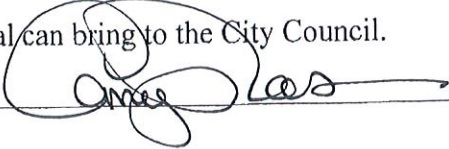
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yes  no If yes, please explain:

The only other time commitment I have beyond my business, are KVHS Board Meetings which are typically on Tuesdays.

Any other information you feel is important for the City Council to know in regards to your possible appointment? I am an excellent problem solver and work well with a wide variety of people from differing backgrounds

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Signed:  Date: 11.14.18

November 26, 2018

Dear Gardiner City Council,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Amy Rees to fill the vacancy on the Gardiner City council. One of the first times I met Amy was when she invited a group of community members to gather at her house and discuss the merits of the City applying for the Heart and Soul Community Development grant from the Orton Family Foundation. What I observed of Amy during that meeting is what I have come to expect from her. Amy has the rare quality of having both strong conviction and an open mind. This quality, among all others, makes her, in my opinion, an excellent candidate for City Council.

My primary experience with Amy has been on the Gardiner Board of Trade and with Gardiner Main Street. However, she is well known and respected around the community for her generosity, kindness, and commitment. Amy previously served as both the President and the Treasurer at Gardiner Main Street, as well as an at-large board member. As a Board member, and a member of our community, she was always a great advocate of Gardiner, a level-headed voice, and a careful listener.

Amy and her husband Rob have made significant investments in Gardiner since they made it their home many years ago. They transformed the historic Central Street School into a beautiful home and home workshop, invested in European Auto Service, providing jobs and economic activity, and invested significantly in the Water Street Café during the risky early phase of Downtown Gardiner's growth curve.

Amy has a great sense of public service. I am certain that her reasons for wanting to serve on the Gardiner are to make Gardiner a better place, not to make a political statement. I have seen her work with many different types of people – those with whom she agrees and those with whom she does not. She treats both with equal respect and expects the same respect in return.

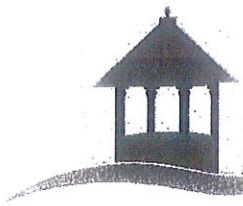
I am proud to have served Gardiner as the director of the Main Street program and as your Economic Development Coordinator. Gardiner will always have a special place in my heart, and I know that the citizens of Gardiner, those whose success depends on its success, will always have the greatest to give and the greatest to gain. I wish you all the best as you face continued succession of leadership. These decisions are important – the character of the person you appoint is more important, in my opinion, than their specific skills or their politics. Amy Rees is a person of great character and fortitude – she is careful, thoughtful, and has the right perspective and temperament to make a great City Councilor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Wright', with a stylized, cursive flourish.

Patrick Wright





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Name: Karen Tucker Voting District: 2

Mailing Address: 261 Harrison Ave, Gardiner

Physical Address: same

Telephone #: 207-530-2754 (please check) Home  Work  Cell

Email Address: KmTucker1@gmail.com Years as a Gardiner Resident: 14

Please describe your education and/or experience that relates to municipal government

Education - Communication/Conflict Resolution

Experience: Public Health; Served on several City Committees:

Heart + Soul, Recycling, Cobbossac Trail, Brownfield Grant,

Duct Tape Committee, Marijuana Advisory Committee Harrison Trail

Gardiner Representative on the KRRT Supervisory Board. Creation.

Please describe your interest in serving on the Gardiner City Council

Having attended and spoken at City Council meetings  
in the past, I am impressed with the Council's work.

I hope to serve the constituents in my District,  
representing their interests as Gardiner  
moves forward in the upcoming challenging  
time of the Bridge Repair Rebuilding.

(please turn over and complete form)



What skills, interests, perspectives, and resources can you bring to the Gardiner City Council, should you be chosen to fill the seat:

*Listening, Problem Solving, articulating and summarizing discussions, Bridging the differences that naturally arise. Balancing economics and aesthetics in the city, especially during*

Are you currently a city employee, or been employed by the city in the past year?

*The exciting changes in the next few years*

Please check: \_\_\_ yes  no

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\_\_\_ yes  no If yes, please explain:

*note: I am now semi-retired*

Any other information you feel is important for the City Council to know in regards to your possible appointment?

*I Look forward To working with you, and am passionate about Gardiners continued community growth.*

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Signed: *Arms Tucker*

Date: *12/12/2018*