



Eileen Donoghue
City Manager

October 8, 2020

Mayor John J. Leahy
and
Members of the City Council

RE: Sustainability Council Appointment

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as City Manager under Chapter 9, Article XI, §9-40, I am appointing Carolyn McCarthy, 36 Puffer Street, Lowell, MA 01851 to a two year term to the Sustainability Council which term shall expire on October 13, 2022 or until such time thereafter as a successor is appointed and qualified.

Under the above-referenced code, confirmation by the City Council is required for this appointment. I have attached her resumé for your review.

I would be happy to answer any inquiry you may have concerning this appointment.

Very truly yours,

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Encl.

cc: City Clerk
City Council
City Auditor
Human Relation Manager

MIS
Sustainability Council
Diane Tradd Asst. City Mgr/Dir DPD

Boards/sustainability

CAROLYN MCCARTHY

PROGRAM ASSOCIATE

Lowell, MA, USA 



OBJECTIVE

As a Lowell native who has worked, studied, and travelled across six continents, Carolyn's ambitions lie in aiding the City of Lowell's transition from a historic leader in the Industrial Revolution to a pioneering model for sustainable post-industrial cities. Her work in trans-disciplinary collaboration position her to do so.

EDUCATION

University of Bergen, Norway
2016 - 2018
Master of Philosophy
System Dynamics

University of Vermont, USA
2011 - 2015
Bachelor of Sciences and Arts
Global Studies, Spanish, Dance

Universidad de León, Spain
2014
Level B2 Spanish Language,
History, and Literature

LANGUAGES

English - Native
Spanish - Fluent

SKILLS

public speaking
consensus building
climate change science and policy
communication
event design and facilitation
web design and development

EXPERIENCE

UMass Lowell Climate Change Initiative, February 2019 – Present
Program Associate

- Contribute to research on climate change education, communication tools, and the development of models for climate and energy decision support
- Launched and manage communications across platforms: website, social media, mailing lists, events, and webinars

Vibrancy Institute, LLC, October 2017 – July 2019
Consulting Analyst

- Designed strategic planning process for state-wide, cross-sector initiatives dedicated to the renewable energy transition (Vermont Energy Future Initiative) and educational equity (Open Opportunity – MA)
- Modeled, analysed, and communicated key system-wide structures, dynamics, insights, and assessment measures
- Designed and facilitated network events, webinars, interviews, and focus groups to leverage field expertise and lived experience using systems thinking-based methodologies

Lowell Public School System, January - June 2018
Long-Term Substitute, Parent Liaison

- Delivered History and Dance curriculum to classes of 25 at Lowell High School, Followed IEPs
- Liaised in Spanish and English between educators and caregivers at the James Sullivan Middle School

Achievements: Secured three years of \$175,000 annual funding for the Sullivan Middle School's Summer and After School Programs as co-author 21st Century Grant Proposal