



Kevin J. Murphy
City Manager

November 16, 2017

Mayor Edward J. Kennedy Jr.
and
Members of the City Council

RE: Conservation Commission

Dear Mayor Kennedy and Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as City Manager under Mass. G.L. Chap. 40, sec. 8C, it is with pleasure that I am appointing Bonni L. Dinneen, of 279 Wentworth Avenue, Lowell, MA 01852, to the Conservation Commission which term expires November 21, 2020, or such time thereafter until a successor is appointed and qualified.

Since under the above-referenced statute confirmation by the City Council is not required for this appointment this letter is notification of such.

I would be happy to answer any inquiry you may have concerning this appointment. I have attached her cover letter and resumé for your review.

Very truly yours,

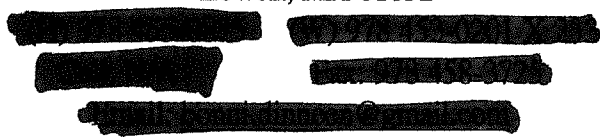
Kevin J. Murphy
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cc: City Clerk
City Solicitor
Human Relations
MIS

Conservation Commission
Asst. City Manager-Director DPD
City Auditor

Bonni L. Dinneen
279 Wentworth Avenue
Lowell, MA 01852



November 13, 2017

Kevin Murphy, City Manager
City of Lowell
City Hall
Lowell, MA 01852

Dear City Manager Murphy:

I am respectfully requesting, as a resident of Lowell, that you might consider my interest in becoming a member of Lowell's Conservation Commission. I am submitting my credentials (attached) in the field of Conservation and Environmental Concerns. My acquired knowledge, background and activities over the years, may be of value to our very important city board.

Thank you for your consideration in my interest and application.

Cordially,
/s/
Bonni L. Dinneen

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National Garden Clubs, Inc.:

2011-2013 Education Chair, non-print and Central and So Central states, GSS Accrediting Chair
2010-2011 Assistant Schools Coordinator
2009-2010 Developed & Promoted Garden Time - On line Gardening Study School
2009 Received NGC Presidential Citation - Houston 2009
2007-2009 President=s School Gardens Project, Chairman
2014-present Education Chair, Central, So Central New England, Rocky Mts and Pacific states
Gardening Study Accrediting Chair

New England Region:

2011-to present Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl Chair – Promotion of Environmental Concerns
2009-2010 Garden Time - On line Gardening Study School Chair and Smokey Bear Co-Chair
2007-2009 President=s School Gardens Project, Chair, and SPROUTS
2005-2007 Unified Project Chair, Garden of Youth: Sprouts!
2003-present Wildlife and Endangered Species Committee Chair

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts:

2011-2013 NGC Special Projects Coordinator
2009-2010 Garden Time - On line Gardening Study School Chair
2007-2009 Northern District Director; NGC Smokey Bear / Woodsey Owl, chair
2006-2007 Executive Board Recording Secretary
2005-2009 Gardening Study School Chair
2005-2007 NGC Convention 07 Fundraising Committee/ Program Chair: Victorian Affair
NGC Convention 07 Table Hostess Chair
2003-2005 NGC Principal Financial Group Grant, Historic Gardens State Chair
2003-2001 NGC Year of the Rose Project, State Chair
2011-to present Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl Chair – Promotion of Environmental Concerns
2014-present Environmental Education Chair, New England states
2016 Awarded the Norma Zettler Club Award for Aviary Study

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts/NORTHERN DISTRICT (26 clubs 1,460 members):

2011-2013 Awards Chair
2009-2011 Former District Director / Advisor
2007-2009 DIRECTOR
2006-2007 Executive Board Recording Secretary
2006-2007 Northern District Assistant
2006-2009 District Flower Show Committee
2007-present Wildlife/Endangered Species/Wetland Conservation Committee Chair
2017-2019 Environmental Education Advisor

Local: Lowell Garden Club/ Lowell MA Organized 1927 Federated 1968 Members 131 May, 1998)

- 1998-1999: Recording Secretary
1999-2004: President
 Club Awards: GCFMA President=s Bowl
 GCFMA Historic Grant Recipient \$500
 GCFMA/ Northern District: Pauline Bowden Silver Tray
 City of Lowell: Key to the City
 Mayor=s Award for First Night Celebration
 Awarded 2 parcels of green space for City Gardens- [The RES]
2000-2004: Beautification Program Commonwealth of MA/ Superior Court
2004-2006: Grants and NGC Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl Chair
 Club Awards: NGC/NER First Place Winner
 NGC Principal Financial Group Grant for Historic Garden Project
2006-2008: NGC Convention 07 Committee Chair

Local con=t: Curbs & Cobblestones Garden Club/Lowell, MA Organized 2005 Federated 2006 (Founder)

- 2011-2017 President
2009-2011 President - Awarded (April, 2010) City of Lowell Green Space for NGC Blue Star Garden
2005-2007: Chair- Blue Star Veteran=s Program
2006- to present Chair - Beautification Program Commonwealth of MA/ Superior Court
2006 –to present Montly Envirmental waareness for Adults and Childre, specifi goals and Projects
2016 Conducted “ a Big Year” the listing of birds, & migration routes. Over 300 species recorded.

Other:

- 2002 to 2008 Treasurer Merrimack Valley League of Catholic Women
2006 to present Advisor GCFMA Environmental Council
2005-2008 Newsletter Editor GCFMA, Gardening Study Council
2006- to present Beautification Program Commonwealth of MA/ Superior Court
2006- to present Environmental Program Commonwealth of MA/ Superior Court
2007 to present Appointed to SJC: Commonwealth of MA Environmental Program
 Green Team, Educational Outreach

Personal:

- 2005: NGC/GCFMA Gardening Study School Consultant; (Master)
2005: NGC/GCFMA Environmental Study School Consultant; (Master)
2004: NGC/GCFMA Landscape Design School Consultant; (Master)
2016: NGC/GCFMA Flower Show (Master)
2008: NGC 4 Star Member Award
2016: NGC 5 Star Member Award –Master in 4 schools Environmental, Landscape Design, Gardening Study and State/Region/ National and International Flower Show Judge

2004 GCFMA-Northern District Recipient **THE PAULINE JENSEN AWARD**

A **Silver Tray**, given to an individual who has done outstanding work as a member of a Federated Garden Club achievements in the following areas: civic development, community relationships, **conservation**, and design including flower shows, environmental issues, garden therapy, horticulture, junior gardening, landscape design and other activities that promotes the objectives of NGC.

2003- Awarded **Key to the City of Lowell - Mayor Rita Mercier**

In recognition of garden club activities, long time (1970) board member of various city committees and charter member of Lowell: The Flowering City the initiative of Lowell becoming a State and National Park

2012 – to present: National Wildlife Federation Award for residential protected habitat.

Publications:

1. Community Action Environmental Awareness Pamphlet; *Willy Waterwise*
2. Unified Project Chair, Garden of Youth: Sprouts! *My Garden Tools Coloring Book and Journal (K-6)*
3. Landscape Design School (Study Abroad- Italy) Harvard/ Radcliffe Series; Harvard University Press *PERSPECTIVES. Ninfa: Once a Ruin ~ Now an Enchanted Garden*
4. *Victoriana: Lifestyles and Traditions of the Period.* (Resource of period designs for flower shows)
5. The National Gardener- Landscape Design Angle- Easy Children=s Projects - Winter 2008
6. The Craze of E-Study; Winter 2010; Garden Time, Fall 2009; and On-Line School, Summer 2009

7. NGC- Keeping in Touch

May/June 2010 The Advantage of Garden Time- NGC Online Gardening Study School

Aug/October 2009 Garden Time- NGC Online Gardening Study School

May/July 2007 Introducing President=s School Garden Project

May/July 2008 President=s School Garden Project (Year One)

Nov/Jan 08-09 News Flash! President=s School Garden Project Funded for 2008-2009

8. **The Mayflower- GCFMA, Inc.** State publication (6 times annually) - **DISTRICT DOINGS-** Northern District 12 articles featuring the 26 clubs and their special projects from 2007-2009

9. A collaborative of writers to create a visitors 18 page high gloss brochure for the National Park Visitors Center, sponsored but the Better Business Bureau, and the Lowell: The Flowering City Committee, funded in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council entitled:

Lowell: The Flowering City; Our Neighborhoods (my contribution was Centravile/Christian Hill) Along the Greenway of the National and State Park.

10. 2014- to present: Member Moment articles: [Environmental contributing editor] – A Garden club monthly newsletter editorial on Environmental concerns. (A sampling of articles and projects below)

June 2016- Reduce your carbon Foot Print and enhance our Plant’s Sustainability

2016- 217 articles: Aphrodite Frilliary, Regrow Food in Water, Save Heirloom Plants, Understanding Garden Pests (good bug/bad bug); Too Hot to Handle: City landscape, the method of deep watering, MA White Pine concern;

A Big Year: the study of aviary migration (project)

Youth:

March 2016; Your Botanical Awareness Coloring & Activity Book 12 pages Plants in your Garden & City

April 2016: Your Environmental Awareness Coloring & Activity Book 12 pages MA Endangered Wildlife

May 2016: Your Landscape Awareness Coloring & Activity Book 12 pages Living with your Backyard

Critters

Summer 2017 Youth: 10 week Environmental Program: *The Frighten Frog* a program series of outdoor instruction and study of Wetlands; its plant and creature habitat (final program project: children created a traveling, tri-fold story board of their projects, displayed at flower show in the Educational Exhibit Section.