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To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Donna D. Holaday, Mayor
Date: September 15, 2021
Subject: Appointment

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, the following named individual as a member of the Newburyport Waterfront Trust. This term will expire on December 31, 2023.

Leslie Eckholdt
36 Warren Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

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September 9, 2021

Mayor Donna Holaday
Donna Musumeci, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
City of Newburyport
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Donna's,

As you likely have heard, I am interested in applying for an open seat on the Waterfront Trust Board.

My reasons are several. As was the case when I was on the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority, I am very interested in the creation of a great waterfront park for the City. While working in Boston and from my travels, I saw how important and effective fine parks were to the quality of life in the city. I would like to be of assistance with the future development of our remarkable park.

While on the NRA, I served as a liaison to the Waterfront Trust in order to keep the NRA informed of its work. Because of this, I was able to know the Waterfront Trust's members and staff and the excellent work they were doing. I would bring this background experience to the Board.

I served as treasurer to the NRA and could bring that skill set to the Waterfront Trust.

Being a member of the Waterfront Trust would be an opportunity to be of service to this community, which has been such a pleasure to live in. I enjoyed serving on the NRA and would welcome the continuance of this kind of work.

Thank you for your consideration of my application to the Waterfront Trust.

Sincerely,
Leslie Eckholdt

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Work Experience

- 1963 - 1965 Administrative assistant & librarian, Boston University,
Boston, MA
- 1965 - 1969 Academic advisor, University of MN, Mpls., MN
- 1969 - 1971 College counselor, Metropolitan State University, Mpls., MN
- 1971 - 1977 Reference librarian, American Community School, Beirut,
Lebanon and Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, MA
- 1979 - 1988 Mortgage lending officer, consumer lending officer, branch
manager, Home Savings & Loan, First Federal Savings &
Loan, Norwest Bank (now Wells Fargo Bank), Mpls., MN
- 1989 - 1994 Broker's assistant and stock broker, Smith Barney Securities,
Prudential Securities, Mpls., MN
- 1995 - 2000 Retirement plans department manager, Colonial Mutual
Funds, Boston, MA
- 2000- 2007 Retirement plans specialist, MetLife Inc., Boston, MA
- 2007 - Retired

Education and Background

Brown University, BA degree 1963
Art history major studied with Professor William H. Jordy, a leading
American architectural historian.

University of MN, College of Education MA degree 1969
College counseling program.

Series 7, 63, 65 Licenses and CFA Level 1

Extracurricular interests: Historic architecture and preservation, current events, politics and history, travel, gardening, art & art history. Founding member of Roof Overhead. Newburyport Redevelopment Authority 2014-2019