

# 2018 CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **Kelsey Cass, Athol**

Hi there! My name is Kelsey Cass. I am an Athol native who loves hiking, experimenting with new foods, and yoga. I recently graduated from the University of Vermont and moved back to the area. I feel as though I can bring a fresh new perspective and enthusiasm to the board. I hope that I can be a role model for younger adults in our community to join the co-op and support our local famers and economy. I'm interested in serving on the board because I truly believe that a more just and local food system can positively impact an entire community, which is what the co-op is about.

## **MaryEllen Kennedy, New Salem**



I have lived in the North Quabbin area for over 25 years and have been longtime volunteer at Quabbin Harvest. Now I'm retired, with more time to spend on community projects. Currently

- co-chair of New Salem Broadband Committee, building a fiber optic network in our town
- clerk, WiredWest, a municipal cooperative of towns for broadband in our region
- member of Garlic & Arts Festival organizing committee

My enthusiasm for the co-op's mission to provide healthy food and support local producers have inspired me to run for the board.

## **Eliot Nottleson, Orange**

My family has lived in Orange for 16 years and we love what this community has to offer - both in outdoor activities and the wonderful fresh healthy food offerings - if you know where to look. The Quabbin Harvest opens up the fresh healthy food opportunity to more people, makes it more readily available. I would love for more people in town to discover this and to benefit from it. As a community I feel we need the co-op to remain and grow, to provide for the health of our town!



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## Margot Parrot, Athol



I am running for a second term on the Quabbin Harvest Board because the Co-op is important to me as a farmer selling eggs, as a consumer wanting to buy the highest quality food, as a craftsperson needing a market, and as a community member wanting to keep my shopping dollars local. I have been involved with the Co-op since I first moved to the region, as a volunteer in the store, as a member of the Outreach Committee, and more recently as Secretary of the Board and a member of the Personnel Committee. The Co-op has been in an uphill

battle for survival for several years, and I will do everything I can to keep it going. My pertinent skills involve previously owning and running a retail clothing store, many years of farming, and currently being a law professor. I have also served in leadership positions in state and local government, as well as on the boards of numerous non-profits.

## Ingrid Schatz, Orange

I moved back to my hometown of Orange in 2014 after living in the Boston area for 20 + years. My career as a professional dancer, choreographer and educator was largely in the non-profit sector. I took over The Dance Studio located in downtown Orange in 2013. In the last five years, I have built a studio community that I am very proud of – it is built on clear communication, inclusion, and the belief that all community members have something important to contribute to the vitality of the studio. Having a business on the same block as the co-op means that I am a frequent shopper at the co-op and the more time that I spend there, the more I love our coop. I would like to join the board of directors to help the co-op navigate these difficult times and thrive into the future. I will bring my experience running a successful and growing business in downtown Orange, my experience in the non-profit sector and my passion for vibrant and sustainable community.

