

# CALL FOR CANDIDATES!

## HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES



### ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE LIBRARY?

If so, we invite you to consider becoming a Trustee of the Howland Public Library!

#### WHAT DOES THE ROLE ENTAIL?

As a Trustee, you'll be involved in a variety of exciting initiatives, including addressing the needs of our aging building and facilities, enhancing diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusivity within the board and library policies, and ensuring responsible financial oversight. Trustees also play a vital role in crafting library policies, engaging with the community, and advocating for the library's mission. Working closely with the Director, Trustees help shape the library's Long Range Plan.

#### WHAT'S THE TIME COMMITMENT?

Trustees convene in-person for board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7PM, typically lasting one to two hours. Committee meetings occur less frequently, but you should expect to dedicate around two hours per week to library-related matters. Trustees are also required to complete two hours of trustee education annually, provided by MHLS. It's worth noting that many of our Trustees are parents and/or hold full-time jobs.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RUN?

Any United States citizen aged eighteen or older who has been a resident of the Beacon City School District for at least thirty days prior to the election is eligible. We currently have four vacancies on the board, offering terms ranging from two to five years.

#### WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO CANDIDACY?

Prospective candidates must obtain petitions from the library, have them notarized, and return them to the library clerk by **5PM on March 25, 2024**. Petitions must bear the signatures of at least 25 eligible voters within the Beacon City School District.

**THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 25, 2024.**



### KEY DATES



**PETITIONS  
DUE**

**MARCH 25TH**



**ELECTION**

**APRIL 25TH**

### Questions?

Contact Phoebe Zinman:  
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**JOIN US IN MAKING A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON OUR  
COMMUNITY THROUGH THE HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY!**