

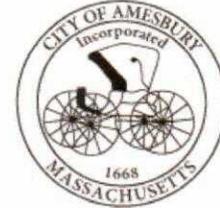
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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO  
CITY BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION

The city appreciates your interest in serving on one of its Boards, Committees or Commissions. Please complete this form and return it to the Mayor's Office in City Hall.

Name Tana L. Brennan

Home address 11 Collins St. Amesbury, MA 01913

Mailing address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number 978-388-7205 /Business # 617-304-1077

Email address tana.brennan@comcast.net

Please indicate which Board, Committee, or Commission you are applying to be appointed to:

Board of Health

Landry Stadium Commission

Cable Advisory Commission

Liquor Licensing Commission

Cemetery Advisory Committee

Master Plan Implementation & Oversight Committee

Conservation Commission

Parks & Recreation Commission

Council on Aging

Registrar of Voters

Cultural Council

Tree Board

Fence Viewers

Trustees of War Memorials

Health Care Trust Commission

Woodsom Farm Committee

Historical Commission

Zoning Board of Appeals

Lakes & Waterways

Ad hoc Committees- Please Identify \_\_\_\_\_

Sub Committees of the City Council\*

Traffic and Transportation

\*\*\*Fill vacancy of elected position – Identify Elected Board School Committee

\* Please send applications for City Council Sub Committees to **City Clerk's Office at**, City Hall.

1. Please explain why you would like to serve on a particular Board, Committee, or Commission. If necessary add additional sheets.

*Please refer to the attached letter of interest.*

2. Please briefly describe your education and any relevant work or life experience or other activity which, in your opinion, would be beneficial in carrying out the responsibilities of this office. If necessary, attach additional sheets or your resume.

*Please refer to the attached letter of interest.*

3. Please list any city offices you have held in Amesbury or elsewhere.

Date appointed or elected	Office	Term Expired
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<i>None</i>		

4. Public service on a Board, Committee, or Commission can be demanding. Please indicate the realistic time commitment you are willing and able to make.

1 hour per week

2-4 hours per week

4-6 hours per week

Other

Additionally, please describe any standing commitments you may have which might conflict with set meeting schedules.

*None*

5. How did you hear about the vacancy on this City Board, Committee or Commission?

City Hall Information Board

Council, Board, Committee or Commission Meeting

Newspaper

City Website

Word of mouth

Other:

6. APPLICANT'S STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE: I hereby submit this as my application for the position I have indicated on the front of this form. I understand that my completion of this form in no way assures appointment. All Board, Committee, and Commission vacancies will be filled by citizens deemed most qualified to serve in a particular capacity. I also understand that in the event that I am appointed to a position, my activities will be governed by the Massachusetts Conflict of Interest Law (M.G.L. c 268A), the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law (M.G.L.c.39), the Massachusetts Public Records Law (M.G.L. c. 66), the Massachusetts Campaign Finance Law (M.G.L. c 55), the Amesbury City Charter and ordinances, and all other applicable federal, state, and local laws or regulations.

Signature

*Lana Brewer*

Date

*1/31/17*



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January 31, 2017

City of Amesbury  
City Hall, Clerk's Office  
62 Friend Street  
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Attn: City Councilors and School Committee Members

Dear Councilors and School Committee Members,

Please accept my application for appointment to the City of Amesbury School Committee and accompanying resume.

My interest in serving as a member of the School Committee stems primarily from my deep-rooted belief that every child is deserving of and entitled to an education that will prepare him or her to enter the independence of adulthood as a good citizen and a critical thinker. Access to such an education, however, does not happen automatically or organically. It is our responsibility as adult members of a community to deliberately construct this opportunity, make it available to every child, no matter their life circumstance, and be ever vigilant that the education we are providing to our children continues to live up to the promise we have made them. As a School Committee Member, my commitment would be to see that Amesbury Public Schools delivers on its mission statement to ensure:

*that **ALL** students experience success through the development of attitudes and skills necessary for lifelong learning by providing the highest quality staff, meaningful learning experiences, and a vitally involved community. (emphasis added)*

We are accountable to the students of Amesbury, and as a School Committee Member I will operate under the conviction that implementing best practices in our schools and meeting the needs of each student are not optional. This conviction will be guided by the philosophy that it is our duty as the guardians of our children's future to "find a way or make one," and whatever sacrifices that need to be made ought to be made by those most able to bear them.

I have been connected to Amesbury Public Schools in one manner or another since 2007 when my then four-year-old son was screened for and admitted to the preschool program at Amesbury Elementary School (AES) with an IEP. He remained a student at AES through the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. My daughter followed behind him into the preschool program as a community partner and continued on through the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I was a weekly volunteer in both my children's classrooms each year. I also served on the PTA and was the director of the After School Enrichment Program for both elementary schools for 2 years. In 2013,

twenty years after earning my B.A. in Political Science and Spanish from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, I enrolled in a graduate program for Elementary Education at Salem State University. This decision was inspired by my children's experiences in school and the obvious difference that a capable, confident and compassionate teacher can make in a child's life. It's my belief that more such teachers are needed, as are fresh perspectives in educational policy and philosophy. I spent many of my pre-practicum hours in both AES and Cashman Elementary School, as well as at Hill View Montessori Charter School in Haverhill, and completed my student teaching in a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom at AES. I was awarded both my Masters in Education and my Massachusetts teaching license for grades 1-6 this past spring.

My graduate courses did not just shape my ability to deliver instruction to elementary-aged children, but also encouraged me to think critically about public education in America, explore the various theories of education and reform movements that have helped to mold our current system, and research the laws and trends that influence the future of education in Massachusetts. I welcome the opportunity to use these skills and those I've developed in my years as both a mother and professional to serve the students of Amesbury as a member of School Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tana Brennan". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long, sweeping tail.

Tana Brennan

