

# City of Amesbury Massachusetts

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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 Jill S. Currier

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health              | <input type="checkbox"/> Landry Stadium Commission                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cable Advisory Commission    | <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor Licensing Commission                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Advisory Committee  | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan Implementation & Oversight Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission      | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Commission                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Aging             | <input type="checkbox"/> Registrar of Voters                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Council             | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic and Transportation                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence Viewers                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Board                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Trust Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustees of War Memorials                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission        | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodsom Farm Committee                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakes & Waterways            | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals                          |

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

Fill vacancy of elected position\* – Identify Elected Board Amesbury Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

\* Please send applications for elected positions 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.

I would like to serve on the board of the Amesbury Housing Authority because I have committed my career to providing affordable housing to the community. I am currently the Executive Director of the Salisbury Housing Authority, and I believe a strong and knowledgeable board of commissioners is vital to the successful operation of an agency. Every individual and family deserves access to a safe, affordable home that is managed efficiently by caring personnel. As a member of the AHA board, I would dedicate myself to the proper oversight of the authority to further its mission of delivering excellent housing to low income members of the community.

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.

I studied political science and sociology during college at UMass Amherst and Salem State, but was always dedicated to homelessness prevention and housing access. I have worked as a consultant to a domestic violence program where I assisted their clients and trained their employees on housing matters, worked as the Director of Housing at the Somerville Homeless Coalition, and am the current Executive Director of the Salisbury Housing Authority.

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

<i>Date appointed or elected</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Term Expired</i>
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N/A

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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.

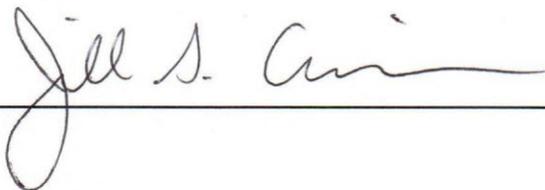
My work schedule is flexible and as Salisbury Housing Authority is a smaller entity, I am on site 24 hours per week. I am available at the regularly scheduled time for AHA meetings and can adjust my schedule to accommodate special meetings.

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



Date

2/7/18

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## JILL S. CURRIER, MPHA, MCPPO

### WORK EXPERIENCE

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2015 – Present      Salisbury Housing Authority      Salisbury, MA  
***Executive Director***

- Manage eighty units of elderly and non-elderly disabled housing and fifty-eight Section 8 vouchers

2013 – Present      Certified National Veteran Caregiver      Bedford, MA

2009 - 2013      Transition House      Cambridge, MA  
***Housing Consultant for Domestic Violence Victims***

- Facilitated housing meetings for up to 20 clients who are victims of domestic violence regarding housing search, emergency housing applications, and planning for the transition to permanent housing
- Benefit access, employment search, and resume development with clients to increase their opportunities for independence
- Representation at housing and benefit appeals and eligibility meetings

2007 - 2012      Somerville Homeless Coalition      Somerville, MA  
***Housing Services Director***

- Overseeing tenant selection for HPRP and Permanent Supportive Housing programs
- Maintaining client records/files in accordance with HUD and other funding source requirements
- Supervise staff of three housing case managers and two shelter managers, providing one-on-one guidance at regular meetings to review files and progress
- Work with fellow agencies in catchment area to facilitate best practices for serving homeless and near-homeless clients in Somerville area
- Work with client caseload of 20-50 individuals and families on housing search, benefits, employment, referrals, and other client-identified goals
- Attend eligibility and appeal meetings with clients to assist in the housing acquisition process
- Offer follow-up services including individualized service plan to address post-homelessness issues and experiences and help client to stabilize their new living situations

2006 – 2007      First Parish      Cambridge, MA  
***Tuesday Meals Program Director***

- Program director for soup kitchen that serves meals and donates clothing to more than 100 homeless and low-income individuals weekly

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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Somerville Housing Authority Somerville, MA  
*Member of 2009-2010 Resident Advisory Board*

- Invited to participate as agency member on the SHA's Resident Advisory Board for the 2009-2010 period
- Working with other agencies and current tenants on the SHA's plans for the coming year, including possible federalization of some state properties, grants to tenant organizations, and policy concerns

2009-2012 Metro Boston Network Somerville, MA  
*Somerville Tenancy Preservation Collaborative*

- Invited to participate in a funding opportunity through HPRP funds designed to provide successful intervention to residents of public housing in Somerville
- As representative for the North Street/Clarendon Hill developments, responsible for holding on-site office hours each week to meet with clients for case management
- Solely responsible for dissemination of up to \$1200 per eligible resident family in funds as a diversion from Emergency Assistance shelter with a total project operating budget of over \$80,000 shared by 4 other agencies

#### ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING/CONFERENCES

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- Massachusetts Public Purchasing Officer Certification, 2018
- Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator Certification, 2017
- Housing Quality Standards Inspection Certification, 2016
- Annual trainings by Mass Continuing Legal Education and the Mass Law Reform Institute on the following topics:
  - Unemployment Insurance and Representing Clients at Denial Hearings
  - Immigrants and Access to Public Benefits
  - Food Stamps/SNAP
  - Supplemental Security and SSDI
  - The Changing Face of Senior Health Care
  - Assisting Families Experiencing Homelessness: Emergency Assistance Shelter
  - TAFDC and EAEDC Legal Tactics
  - Supports for Working Families: How to Maximize Income and Reduce Expenses
  - Health Care Access Programs Under Health Reform