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Winchendon Board of Selectmen 109 Front Street Dept. 1 Winchendon, MA 01475

Dear Winchendon Board of Selectmen and Beals Memorial Library Trustees,

My name is Caela Provost, and I am writing to officially express my interest in the vacant position on the Board of Trustees of the Beals Memorial Library. As a proud graduate of Murdock/Middle High School, a lifelong advocate for learning and education, and an avid bibliophile, I know that I would make an exceptional addition to the Board.

I have been a supporter and patron of the library since my Aunt Lynn (Miss Murray) took me and the rest of my Toy Town Elementary 4th grade class on weekly/biweekly field trips to check books out of the library. These visits to my local library instilled in me a strong sense of community, a deep desire to explore the world of books and words, a better understanding of Winchendon's history, and (of course) a true appreciation of my town's beautiful library.

Public town libraries play a pivotal role in connecting people to their communities. Beyond the vital service they provide in introducing children and adults alike to new places, people, eras, and events through the lens of literature, they also serve as cornerstones of educational events and meeting places for community gatherings. Furthermore, public libraries such as the Beals Memorial Library are edifices of equality. They are centers of learning for all peoples, no matter their class, income, background, age, race, or sex. In order to open a door to new settings, characters, and adventures, all one must do is ask for a library card.

I am passionate about and grateful for the Beals Memorial Library and all of the great work its employees, trustees, and volunteers have done throughout the years in order to better our community. It would be a true honor and privilege to serve, promote, and champion this pillar of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and please stay safe and healthy during these unfamiliar and unnerving times.

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