

To: The Winchendon Selectmen Board

Experience and Informational Bio for Cynthia (Cindy) Landanno

As a way of introducing myself please let me share that I am a long time Winchendon resident going back as far as growing up on Lake Monomonac each summer. Somehow all my life paths have continued to bring me back to this community that I have grown to just love. When I was first married and we were looking to build our first home, we choose to build in town, and we lived and raised our family there until just recently. During the last year we built a new home and also choose to remain in Winchendon in what will soon be our retirement home.

Not only has Winchendon been my home for the majority of my life, but it has also been where I spent most of my career as an educator. I was very fortunate to be hired in 1982 as a first-grade teacher in the Memorial Elementary School. I spent the next 32 years of my career working in many different roles including teacher, special education Team Chair, the district's early childhood coordinator and then 15 years as the district's Special Education Director. While 6 years ago an opportunity took me to a new position of Executive Director for CAPS Collaborative, a special education school, I still have an opportunity to work closely with the Winchendon Public Schools even in my new role.

In addition to my fondness of the schools in town, I have also been a strong supporter of the Clark Memorial YMCA. I have been a member since I was young women and have served on the Board of Directors for many years. Spending 9 plus years as the Board Chair. I have been involved in all the many community events sponsored by the Clark Memorial YMCA as well as serving on many special committees. None as important as the Capitol Campaign that helped raise the funds to renovate the Clark Memorial YMCA to be ADA compliant and build the new Childcare Gymnastics complex. I am very proud of the work that we have done and the special way that the Clark is such an important part of the Winchendon community.

In addition to serving on the YMCA board of directors I am also an active member of the United Parish Church. For several years I have also been involved with the House of Peace and Education (HOPE), a nonprofit that works with underserved youth and families in the Gardner/Winchendon area. In addition to that work, I also serve as an Advisor on the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation and I am happy to be involved in an organization that is such a valuable support system to our community.

Recently I was honored to be selected to take on the role of Trustee for the Clark Memorial YMCA. I hope the above information helps you to know a little more about who I am and provides you with information needed to support my nomination to the Clark Memorial YMCA Trustee position.

Sincerely

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