

Kimberley Driscoll Mayor

Office of the Mayor

April 8, 2021

Honorable Salem City Council Salem City Hall Salem, Massachusetts 01970

Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council:

I reappoint, subject to City Council confirmation, Steven Smalley of 141 Washington Street #2 to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of 2 years to expire 4/11/2023.

I recommend confirmation of this reappointment and ask that you join me in thanking Mr. Smalley for their continued dedicated service and commitment to our community.

Very truly yours,

Kimberley Driscoll

Mayor

City of Salem



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Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council:

I am pleased to appoint Ms. Allie Shvonski of 52 Northey Street to the Salem Cultural Council for a three-year term to expire April 8, 2024. This letter is being sent for informational purposes as no City Council confirmation is required.

Ms. Shvonski recently moved to Salem and serves as the Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives for the Town of Swampscott. Prior to that she served in a number of roles related to promoting arts and culture, including as the Programs Director for the Coalition for Arts, Culture, and a Healthy Economy in Medford, administrator for the New England Foundation for the Art, and communications manager for Emmanuel Music in Boston. Ms. Shvonski served on the Medford Cultural Council from 2014 to 2016 and earned her Master's degree in Arts, Community, and Education from Lesley University, during which she interned with the Cultural Organization of Lowell.

We are fortunate that Ms. Shvonski is willing to serve our community in this important role and lend her dedication and expertise to Cultural Council and its work.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Driscoll

Mayor

City of Salem

CC: Allie Shvonski

John Dobroski, Chair, Salem Cultural Council

Julie Barry, Senior Planner for Arts & Culture, City of Salem



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Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council:

The enclosed Resolution recognizes and celebrates the dedication and hard work of the hundreds of Salem residents who serve on Salem's municipal boards, commissions, committees, and task forces.

We are truly fortunate to have this incredible team of almost entirely volunteer board members, providing their time and perspectives to help ensure Salem is a community that works for and welcomes everyone. Our continued success, well-managed growth, and professional approach to City planning and operations in so many areas are largely thanks to these volunteers' input and decisions. Many are leaders in their fields, including a fair number whom we would never be able to afford to hire; Salem is privileged to benefit from their expertise in these volunteer roles.

During the COVID-19 pandemic especially, service on these boards has been challenging. Pivoting to remote participation and virtual meetings required an enormous amount of patience and a willingness to learn an entirely new set of skills. Salem's board members did just that, however, and still managed to keep the pace of their work and deliberations on track and on target.

Please join me in thanking these individuals for their tireless efforts and the countless hours they have devoted to making Salem a better community for us all.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Driscoll

Mayor

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Resolution Recognizing the Service of Salem Board & Commission Members

<u>WHEREAS</u>: Salem's many boards, commissions, task forces, and committees are well-served by the more than 200 residents, mostly volunteers, who serve and dedicate their time to the important work of these municipal bodies; and,

<u>WHEREAS</u>: Every board and commission in the City has been established pursuant to a relevant statute, ordinance, or the City Charter and is by that imbued with its own authority and area of responsibility, reflective of Salem's well-functioning 185-year-old municipal government; and,

<u>WHEREAS</u>: Salem's board and commission members bring a wide variety of skill sets, backgrounds, expertise, and professional credentials to their work; and,

<u>WHEREAS</u>: These Salem residents demonstrated enormous flexibility and commitment to the continuity of their deliberations and work during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

<u>WHEREAS</u>: Nearly every Salem board and commission member who requires City Council confirmation of the Mayor's appointment to their role has received it unanimously; and,

<u>WHEREAS</u>: The work of Salem's boards and commissions continues to be of critical importance as the City grows and moves forward, including regarding transportation, land use, planning, zoning, housing, accessibility, climate change resilience, public health, education, small business growth, race equity, consumer protection, conservation, historic preservation, and so much more.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor of the City of Salem and the Salem City Council express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to every member of Salem's municipal boards, commissions, task forces, and committees.

<u>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</u>: That this Resolution be made a matter of record of these proceedings, and that the City Clerk prepare and send a suitable copy of this Resolution with a copy of the City Seal on behalf of the Mayor, the City Council, and the residents of Salem to the member of every Salem board, commission, task force, and committee.