

May 21, 2025

TO: TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: ALAYNE WHITE, Chair 250 Commission

RE: Recommendations for Alternate Positions for 250 Committee

I recommend the following four people to be added to the 250 board to serve as alternates.

Craig Evans (writer, community activist, time on his hands, Bristol resident for 20 years and great enthusiasm)

Lisa Newcity (owner of FENWICK AND OLIVER and works at RWU, great business in community)

Sara Griffin (youth services librarian,)

Paul Vallaro Sr. Worked for town for 30 years and has a lot of experience behind the scenes, lights, camera, action kind of human and can really help with logistics) Also served on Bristol Fire Dept for 46 years and lots more.

With Lou Cirillo resigning, I don't see a need right now to appoint a replacement- I think we will be fine with these additional alternates who have committed to attending meetings.

I am still looking for someone from manufacturing / Unity Park or Broadcommon as well as a restaurant owner, but they can always come to the meetings and serve more as advisors and volunteers for projects.

Thank you,

Alayne White

Lisa Newcity is a professor of legal studies and pre-law advisor at Roger Williams University where she has been on the faculty for twenty-five years. Her interest in law and government began with the ceremonies marking the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976 and she has remained committed to democracy, the rule of law, and the importance of civic education ever since.

Lisa purchased a home in downtown Bristol in 2016 where she now resides with her partner Donald Ruest, a craftsman who produces custom wood décor pieces for the business he and Lisa launched in downtown Bristol in late 2022. Their home goods and gifts shop (Fenwick & Oliver), offers handcrafted pieces from local artists as well as a number of items carefully curated for Bristol residents and visitors. The Fenwick & Oliver name is a nod to the couple's addresses when they first began contemplating starting a business together (Fenwick Road in Riverside for Don, Oliver Street in Bristol for Lisa). They are both thrilled and grateful to call Bristol home and to support the community that has been so gracious in welcoming them.