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Dear Members of the Town Council,

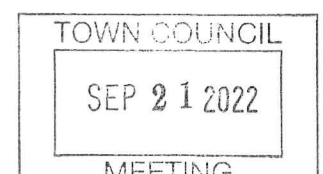
Please accept my application for consideration as an alternate member to the Bristol Planning Board or Zoning Board Of Review. I believe I have a lot to offer the town with my professional expertise and experience. These boards are the place where town members make decisions that will enhance the town for years to come and as a Landscape Architect with over 20 years of experience in the field of Landscape Architecture and Architecture, I believe I am the right person for the next open position. In addition to a Masters in Landscape Architecture, I also have a BS in Environmental Planning and Design. I understand town planning, smart growth, and development.

While I am new to Bristol, I am very happy to be back in my home state of Rhode Island. My family and I have bought our forever home here and are looking forward to making a positive impact in our town and in our community. In addition to my commitment to my profession and professional endeavors, I have always been committed to our community. I was a team manager for our son's baseball team for 4 years while we lived in Cambridge. I was also very active a neighborhood action committee that worked with kids and parents to create positive change in our neighborhood. Since moving to Bristol, I have become a volunteer at Linden Place, donated design advice to anyone who asks, and am on the Board of Directors for Thrive Outside. I love where our family has landed and am very interested in being involved in this town for many years to come.

Best Regards,



Jessalyn L. Jarest, ASLA



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Education

Rhode Island School of Design
Masters of Landscape Architecture
2000 - 2003

Cook College, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Bachelor of Science, Environmental Planning and Design
1994 - 1998

Registration

Landscape Architect, Commonwealth of Massachusetts #1603, State of
Rhode Island LA704, State of Maine, LAR5035

Design Practice

Jessalyn Jarest Landscape Architecture LLC, Cambridge, MA
Founder + Principal
March 2010 - present

Jessalyn Jarest Landscape Architecture (JJLA) is a design driven studio focused on finding ecologically relevant solutions for evolving landscapes. Our work focuses on the integration of ideas and site, experience and ground, and developing spaces that meet the needs of our clients. We strive to find an artful expression through landscape that is both beautiful and functional. JJLA understands that each site is unique and each project approach must be an individual expression of place. We find the design process to be most successful when we are able to work together as part of a team. Fundamental to our approach is the fluid collaboration between clients, architects, and consultants.

COLLAB Landscape Collective, MA, ME, RI
Founder + Principal
March 2017 - present

COLLAB is a collaborating laboratory of five independent, women-owned landscape architecture practices. We share a commitment to beauty and ecology, and we all are passionate about communication in the creative process and precision in construction. COLLAB celebrates our complementary strengths and enables us to team up and direct those strengths toward more complex and far-reaching commissions.

Keith LeBlanc Landscape Architecture, Inc., Boston, MA
(currently known as LeBlanc Jones Landscape Architects)
Associate
April 2007 - February 2010

Valued team member for multiple single family residential projects in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Completed projects from concept design through construction administration.

Ryan Associates, Waltham, MA
Project Manager
October 2005 - April 2007

Project Manager and lead designer for single family, multi family residential, and campus planning projects across Massachusetts. Led projects from concept design through construction documents.

Design Practice (continued)

LANDWORKS Studio, Inc., Salem, MA Designer Landscape designer and team member for single family residential projects in MA. Valued team member on complex development projects in Cambridge, MA, South Boston, MA, and Pittsburg, PA.	April 2004 - October 2005
Geller DeVellis Inc., Boston, MA (currently known as Stantec, Inc.) Designer Landscape designer and team member for multi-family condominium development in Brookline, MA and Charlestown, MA. Designer and team member for a mixed use campus in Dedham, MA.	June 2003 - April 2004
Geller DeVellis Inc., Wellesley + Boston, MA (currently known as Stantec, Inc.) Design Intern	Summer 2001 + Summer 2002
Tappé Associate, Inc. Boston, MA Administrative Assistant and Marketing Assistant	January 1999 - August 2000

Teaching

The Boston Architectural College TM 421 + 7421: Site Design This course exposes architecture students to site analysis, building-site relationship and grading drainage, site circulation systems, and the fundamentals of site design.	Fall 2006 - Spring 2016
TSM 2003: Sitework Work with other instructors and department heads to develop pilot course that pairs Sitework and an advanced studio. This course exposes architecture students to site analysis, building-site relationship and grading drainage, site circulation systems, and the fundamentals of site design in relationship to architecture.	Fall 2012 - Spring 2016
Guest Studio Critic - Boston Architectural College	Spring 2006 - present
Guest Design Critic - Northeastern University	Spring 2014
Thesis Panel Critic - Boston Architectural College Guest Critic for Thesis Seminar. 2013 - present Scott, Heather. 2012 Miller, Andy. 2011	2011 - present

Publications

Exhibitions

Design Jury, Northeast Hardscape Expo, 2022

Lectures

Panels

Guest Panelist, NECMA Connecticut Career Day, March 2022

Design Jury, Boston Society of Landscape Architects Design Awards, 2020

Guest Panelist, Women in Landscape Architecture; Nichols House Museum, Boston, MA, August, 2019

(re)inhabiting infrastructures: an urban weave; jessalyn l. jarest, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI, May, 2003

Landscapes of Water: History, Innovation, and Sustainable Design; Joseph James, Jessalyn Jarest, Jessica Leete; Bridging the Divide, Sustainable Development of the Mill River in New Haven, Connecticut; Ed. U. Frattino, A. Petrillo, A. Petruccioli, M. Stella, Uniongrafica Corcelli Editrice, Bari, 2002

Bridging the Divide: Sustainable Development of the Mill River in New Haven, Connecticut; Editor and Contributor, RISD, Providence, 2002

Innovation Presentation; Presenter, Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, presentation to public officials, community groups, academics, and professionals of studio and research work, NYC, April 2003
Landscapes of Water; History, Innovation, and Sustainable Design International Conference; Presenter, Monopoli, Italy, September 2002

Honors +

Activities

Honors

Department of Landscape Architecture Service Award, RISD	2003
Department of Landscape Architecture Fellowship, RISD	2000 - 2003
Bigalow Scholarship	2002
RI Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Scholarship	2001, 2002
Leadership Excellence Award, Cook College	1998
Leadership Retreats, Cook College	1995 - 1998

Activities

Board of Directors, Thrive Outside, Bristol, RI	2022 - present
Co-Editor - BSLA Fieldbook 2021	2021-2022
BSLA Fieldbook Editorial Board	2019 - present
Member - American Society of Landscape Architects	2006 - present
Member - Boston Society of Landscape Architects (BSLA)	2006 - present
Dept of Landscape Architecture Board of Trustees, RISD	2003 - 2009
Boston School Yard Initiative	2002 - 2003
Co-coordinator of Lecture Series: Dept of Landscape Architecture	Spring 2002
Co-coordinator of published work for Bridging the Divide Studio	Spring 2002
Dean's Assistant, Division of Architecture and Design	Fall 2001
Student Liaison, Graduate Class of 2003 - Department of Landscape Architecture	Fall 2000 - 2003
