

ROBERT CAMARA

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Name ROBERT CAMARA
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Board Member ROBERT CAMARA
Status Validated

Board (Rank)	Vacancies	Status
Conservation Commission (0)	0	Pending
Recreation Board (1)	0	Pending
Historic District Commission (2)	1	Pending
Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) Representative (3)	0	Pending

Basic Information

Name
ROBERT CAMARA

I would like to be appointed to the position because:

I am writing to express my interest in serving the Town of Bristol because, as a relatively new Bristol resident, I have more than two decades of professional experience in public service, communications, policy analysis, and intergovernmental coordination, as well as over 20 years of direct municipal board service. My background combines hands-on local governance with senior-level federal experience in environmental, transportation, and infrastructure-related agencies, allowing me to contribute thoughtfully, collaboratively, and effectively to the Town's boards and commissions. Most recently, I served as Chair of the Somerset Conservation Commission, where I oversaw staff and budgets and guided the review of complex and high-visibility projects involving wetlands, coastal resources, energy infrastructure, and environmental remediation. This role required careful interpretation of regulations, coordination with applicants and municipal boards, and a strong commitment to protecting natural resources while supporting responsible development—experience directly relevant to conservation matters and CRMC coordination. In addition, my service on the Somerset Playground and Recreation Commission and Community Preservation Committee gave me practical experience overseeing recreational facilities, small capital projects, and community-

Contact Information

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Yes, I am a resident
Yes

Email

Phone

Occupation

Yes, I am a city employee
No

focused investments. As a former Chair of the Somerset School Committee, I bring a strong understanding of public budgeting, policy oversight, labor negotiations, and transparent decision-making in a public forum. Professionally, my career with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has strengthened my ability to analyze policy, communicate complex issues clearly, work with diverse stakeholders, and support senior leadership in high-accountability environments. These skills translate well to board service that requires careful review, public engagement, and coordination with state and local partners. I am deeply interested in contributing to Bristol's stewardship of its natural resources, historic character, coastal environment, and recreational assets. I value collaborative governance, respect for regulatory frameworks, and thoughtful decision-making that balances preservation with community needs.

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Robert Camara, MPA
71 Sea Breeze Lane
Bristol, RI 02809

Dear Members of the Town Council and Appointing Authorities,

I am writing to express my interest in serving the Town of Bristol in an appointed volunteer capacity on one or more of the following boards: the Conservation Commission, Recreation Board, Historic District Commission, and/or as Bristol's representative to the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC).

I am a Bristol resident with more than two decades of professional experience in public service, communications, policy analysis, and intergovernmental coordination, as well as over 20 years of direct municipal board service. My background combines hands-on local governance with senior-level federal experience in environmental, transportation, and infrastructure-related agencies, allowing me to contribute thoughtfully, collaboratively, and effectively to the Town's boards and commissions.

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Thank you for your consideration. I would be honored to serve the Town of Bristol and am happy to discuss how my background could best support any of these boards.

Sincerely,

Robert Camara

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Work Experience:**Senior Public Affairs Specialist**

U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration -
Washington, DC (Remote) - **6/2023 – 9/2025**

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

- Researched, wrote, edited, and developed content for a variety of public affairs materials, including press releases, media advisories, talking points, briefing papers, fact sheets, articles, and other items.
- Assisted in all aspects of press events, special activities, and public information campaigns, including participating in planning, development, implementation, and evaluation.
- Developed communication plans for agency rulemaking activities in cooperation with Policy staff.
- Extensive support to and interaction with top political and career executives, primarily working with national and stakeholder media.
- Supervised communications support contractors.

Communications Specialist

U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, DC (Remote) - **12/2018 – 6/2023**

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

- Managed contract for the Agency's Digital Signage communications system, including budget, assistance, content management, and user training.
- Served as a communications liaison to various FAA Lines of Business/Staff Offices and other agency communicators.
- Provided logistics and scripting for the Assistant Administrator's employee engagement activities, including special events, town halls, all hands meetings, site visits, webinars, and video broadcasts.
- Developed communication strategies and plans and assist with execution of activities for various programs in AFN including Records Management, Small Business Office, Acquisition Learning, and New Employee Orientation.

Communications Specialist

U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Aviation Administration – Washington, DC (Remote) - **10/2016 – 12/2018**

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

- Developed long- and short-term communications strategies, based on program analyses.
- Managed and coordinated Workplace Evolution marketing/communications/outreach with the Office of Communications, Regional Offices, and other Lines of Business.
- Managed federal contract and budget for National Digital Signage program – coordinated with all Regional Offices, Communications, and IT.

Regional Internal Communications Specialist

U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Aviation Administration - Burlington, MA - **11/2008 – 10/2016**

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

- Developed long- and short-term communications strategies, based on program analyses.
- Led Regional outreach efforts and assisted National and Regional staff with Aviation and Space Education (AVSED) outreach.
- Managed large-scale external events.
- Managed and facilitated region-wide Organizational Performance efforts through Quality Management System (QMS)/ISO.
- Reviewed Agency grants.
- Led and served on groups/teams charged with supporting corporate leadership, horizontal integration, and special projects.
- Performed management and policy analyses.

Regional Account Manager

U.S. General Services Administration - Boston, MA - **5/2003 – 11/2008**

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

- Built strategic relationships with Federal agency clients regarding presence in federally controlled facilities including large infrastructure/construction projects.
- Liaison between agency clients and property development team members, based on Federal Acquisition Regulations.
- Mediated project disputes between GSA and client agencies.
- Coordinated team activities to ensure positive communication with other federal agencies.

Coordinator, Communications and Outreach

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Washington, DC - 8/2000-5/2003

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

- Developed, executed, and evaluated targeted, national environmental education/social marketing strategies for National Program Chemicals Division (NPCD).
- Worked with national associations, private corporations, and state and local governments to have them market EPA materials and messages.
- Coordinated outreach activities and events extensively with CDC, HUD, USDA, and HHS on program-related issues.
- Grants Management, Deputy Project Officer, and Contracting Officer Representative responsibilities.

Municipal Experience:

Somerset Conservation Commission – Chair – 2003-August 2025

- Oversaw staff and budget for board charged with enforcing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.
- Managed high-visibility project applications like LNG siting, Offshore Wind siting, and Coal-fired Power Plant cleanup.
- Provided oversight for watershed/coastal management applications.
- Coordinated board activities with Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and other relevant municipal boards.

Somerset Playground and Recreation Commission – Member/Clerk – 2018-August 2025

- Managed development of small construction projects and recreational activities.
- Provided oversight of town beach and playgrounds.

Somerset Community Preservation Committee – Member – 2018-August 2025

- Reviewed budget and recommended projects funded by the MA Community Preservation Act.

Somerset School Committee – Chair – 2011-2014

- Provided oversight of Superintendent and senior staff.
- Managed development of \$13M school budget, including presentations to Town Meeting, various boards, and community groups.
- Oversaw construction of regional high school building and the regionalization of the high school with both Somerset and Berkley.
- Led contract negotiations with Educators and other school unions.

Education:

Bridgewater State University - Bridgewater, MA

Master's Degree

Major: Public Administration

Relevant Coursework:

- Public Policy, Public Budgeting, Public Management

Westfield State College (University) – Westfield, MA

Bachelor's Degree

Major: Mass Communication **Minor:** Political Science

Relevant Coursework:

- Public Relations Management, Marketing Management, Writing for Public Relations, Propaganda & Persuasion, Mass Media, and Politics

References available on request.