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August 23, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE STEPHEN MCALLISTER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
AND
THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE WARWICK CITY COUNCIL:

Pursuant to Public Laws Chapter 2000-060

Entitled

“LAND TRUST COMMISSION”

I hereby appoint:

ELIZABETH COLT
27 Commonwealth Ave
Warwick, RI 02889

Ward 8

NEW APPOINTMENT –AT LARGE

Term to expire: May 1, 2025

Appointments Chairman Vinny Gebhart

8/23/2023

Date



CITY OF WARWICK

FRANK J. PICOZZI, MAYOR

President Stephen McAllister
Warwick City Council
Warwick City Hall
Warwick, RI 02886

July 13, 2023

Dear President McAllister,

I am writing on behalf of the Warwick Land Trust regarding the addition of a new at-large member. We have several vacancies at the moment and adding strong, energetic new members will increase the vitality and effectiveness of the Committee. In the case of at-large members, the Committee By-laws allow the Land Trust to make recommendations to the Council to fill vacancies.

On June 27, 2023, the Warwick Land Trust approved the following:

MOTION: To recommend to the Warwick City Council the appointment of Elizabeth Colt as an at-large member of the Warwick Land Trust. Vote: Yes – 6. No – 0.

Elizabeth Colt resides at 27 Commonwealth Ave in Warwick, Ward 8. Elizabeth Colt is a long-time Warwick resident and a Professor of Legal Practice at the Roger Williams University School of Law. In addition, she brings non-profit management experience as a past Executive Director of Providence City Arts for Youth! She has also served as a member of the Board of the RI Chapter of the ACLU and on the Board of the (then) Perishable Theater. Attached is a background statement she provided to the Land Trust.

The members of the Warwick Land Trust are pleased to recommend the appointment of Elizabeth Colt to the City Council and respectfully request that the Council acts favorably on this recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jane Kenney Austin, Chair
Warwick Land Trust

Cc: Councilman Gebhart, Nomination Chair
Councilman Sinapi, Ward 8
Sue Cabeceiras, Planning Department
Elizabeth Colt

*new -
2 year at large*

Elizabeth Colt
27 Commonwealth Ave.
Warwick, RI

I am, more or less, a lifelong Warwick resident: I moved here with my family when I was seven and graduated from Toll Gate High School. After college, law school, and working briefly in Georgia, I returned to Rhode Island. My husband and I bought a home in Warwick, in 1997, and raised two children here, both of whom attended Warwick public schools. So, in sum, I have a lot invested in Warwick: its past, its present, and its future.

After high school, I graduated from Barnard College, in New York City, with a major in Urban Studies. After working as a paralegal, I went to and graduated from Emory University School of Law. Post-law school, I practiced in-house with a hotel development and management company, in Atlanta. After returning to Rhode Island, I practiced for another seven years, principally in the civil litigation arena. In 1996, I served as the Executive Director of Providence CityArts for Youth!, a nonprofit in South Providence. Beginning in 2000, I took a position as a Professor of Legal Practice at the Roger Williams University School of Law. I am still teaching and mentoring, and serving on or chairing several faculty committees.

When I returned to Rhode Island in the late 1980s, I served on the Board of the Rhode Island chapter of the ACLU for several years and on its Executive Board, its Legal Committee, and as its representative to the Legal Services Corporation. I also served on the Board of the (then) Perishable Theater, for several years, mostly to provide legal advice. While my children were growing up and though I served in no official capacity, I did volunteer with the relevant PTOs and with the several organizations my children were involved in (e.g., youth sports organizations, etc.).