### **EXECUTIVE CHAMBER**





### **RHODE ISLAND**

### FRANK J. PICOZZI MAYOR

December 20, 2021

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

Pursuant to the City Charter, City of Warwick, R-61-550,

Entitled

### "WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION"

I hereby appoint:

#### **CYNTHIA KWOLEK**

87 Darrow Drive Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

Ward 7

Term to expire January 1, 2023

VICE: Robert Clark

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Frank J. Picozzi

Mayor

12-20-21

Date

## **BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHY**

**Board or Commission:** Warwick Wildlife and Conservation Commission

Name: Cynthia Kwolek

Address: 87 Darrow Dr., Warwick RI 02886

E-mail: C.A.Kwolek@gmail.com

Education: BA Biology, University of Rhode Island 2007; MS Environmental Science (Focus on Sustainable Agriculture and Entomology), University of Rhode Island, 2010.

Related Experience: I have 15 years of experience working in the Agricultural field, working with promoting and supporting sustainable agricultural practices, pest management, and invasive pest monitoring and response. I also have 8 years of experience in urban forestry, working with tree inventories, beneficial impacts of trees on the urban environment, and impacts of development on the urban forest. I have 9 years of experience working with invasive exotic pest monitoring including insect and disease pests of agricultural and forest importance.

Employment: Senior Environmental Planner at RI DEM Division of Agriculture. I serve as our State Survey Coordinator for the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey which is a nationwide program that monitors for the presence of invasive pests that have the ability to cause disruptive ecological and economic damage if present. I have been in this position since 2018 and employed in this program since 2012.

What is your interest in serving on this board? I am interested in serving the Warwick Wildlife and Conservation Commission because, as a lifelong resident of Warwick, their mission to preserve our City's natural resources while promoting responsible development is important to me. I feel my professional attributes and experience enable me to provide a balanced perspective and knowledgeable expertise to aid in advising this board along with my dedication to wanting the best for our City. Not only educated in aspects of urban environment, but I am also an active member of our Warwick community and frequent enjoyer of Warwick's parks, beaches, coves, and natural areas.