

March 25, 2022

Catherine Piantigini
Director of Libraries
Somerville Public Library

Dear Ms. Piantigini -

I appreciate the opportunity to apply to serve as a member of the Somerville Public Library Board of Trustees.

In both my personal and professional lives, I deeply value public service. My volunteer experiences would make me an asset to the SPL. From 2012-2015, I served as a member of the Kennebunk Free Library Board of Trustees. For two of those years, I chaired the Finance Committee as Library Treasurer. From 2015-2020, I served as a Commissioner of the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission and served as Vice Chair for two of those years. I have worked in various federal and state government roles, which will help me to advocate effectively on behalf of the SPL with elected officials and their staff members. As Chief of Staff for state Senator John Keenan of Quincy, I drafted and filed an amendment that would provide at least \$600,000 for the city of Quincy for capital improvements including, but not limited to, roofing for the Thomas Crane Public Library. This provision became law.

I have had the good fortune to spend a great deal of time at the SPL, particularly at the Central Library and at the wonderfully upgraded West Library. For close to a year, I have actively participated in Books & Brews, and am looking forward to its next meeting in April.

I love the SPL and hope to have the opportunity to make its three branches an even greater asset to its patrons and my community. I appreciate your consideration of my candidacy and am available to answer any questions you might have about my interests and qualifications.

Sincerely,
Mark Sternman