

Bristol Town Administrator

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Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 7:36 AM
To: Bristol Town Administrator
Subject: Fwd: Volunteer

We have another ARPA Funding Committee application!

– Ian

Ian Albinson, Selectboard Vice-Chair
Town of Bristol

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From: Alison Thompson DaBica <campdabica1@gmail.com>
Date: Jan 5, 2022, 7:24 AM -0500
To: ianalbinson+Sb <ianalbinson+sb@gmail.com>
Subject: Volunteer

Dear Mr. Albinson:

Hello! My name is Alison DaBica and I write to you today because I’m very interested in becoming a becoming a volunteer for the ARPA Funding Committee.

I became a Bristol resident in April of 2014 when my husband and I purchased our home and relocated our family to West Pleasant St. We chose Bristol as our home for many reasons. A few that jump out; we were excited about a walkable community with two schools, a library, a hopping downtown and a vibrant recreational department. Through various activities, festivities and gatherings we have found some amazing friends and excellent neighbors. Throughout the years, my husband and I have become more and more involved in the community. I believe it is time for me to serve in a capacity that I can bring some of my knowledge to the table and help our town prosper.

I am a former 5th and 6th grade teacher. I always knew I wanted to become a teacher and follow in my mother’s footsteps. I graduated in 2000 from Trinity College of Vermont with my degrees in Elementary Education and History. After a long term substitute position, I was hired to have my own classroom in July 2001. I began teaching in 2001 and earned my Master’s in Educational Leadership in 2006 from UVM. I loved my career as a teacher and all of the wonderful opportunities it afforded me. I was employed by the ANWSU district until my maternity leave began on May 29, 2013. I decided to resign my position and I focused on raising our son, which continues to be my focus today.

I have always been a huge fan of educational opportunities and really love the idea of always learning. Although I have not been in a public school classroom full time, I am currently a substitute teacher and substitute para educator at Bristol Elementary. These positions have rekindled my desire to be an advocate for children. I’m learning so much on a daily basis. I have also been learning a great deal over the last eight years as a parent, partner, community member and educator. Some of the educational opportunities I have engaged in during the last few years are the following;

- I)I became a birth to teen certified yoga instructor
- II)I am a member of the All Learners Network
- III)In 2021, I completed Introduction to Family Engagement through Harvard EdX

IV)Four Winds volunteer at BES (2018-present)

V)Friends of BES PTO president (2018-2020)

VI)Classroom volunteer at BES (2018-present)

During the 2020-2021 school year I homeschooled our son due to the pandemic. I became a second grade teacher and absolutely loved it. I am passionate about our children and their educational opportunities whether it be at a public or private school or in a home school setting. I am also passionate about our community. I believe that I have the experience and I know I have the desire to help our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Alison E. DaBica, M.Ed