

NOMINATION FORM

Candidate's Name:

Candidate's Town or City:

Year Member Joined:

Nominations for the directors shall be made by petition, signed by at least three members of the Co-op. (Only one signature per member number for this nominee.)

I nominate the above candidate to run for a seat in the 2025 Board of Directors election of Franklin Community Cooperative:

1. Member Name (print): Terry Plotkin

Town or City of Residence: Greenfield MA

Signature: Terry Plotkin

Year Member Joined: 1984

2. Member Name (print): George Toulountzis

Town or City of Residence: Greenfield

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Year Member Joined: 2002

3. Member Name (print): John P. Cervasco

Town or City of Residence: Northfield, MA

Signature: John P. Cervasco

Year Member Joined: 2018


Date Received: 1/31/2025

Please Return Form To: BOD Clerk, by January 31, 2025

Bill Bickford

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1-31-2025

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- 1) I wish to serve on the Board to play a more active role in guiding the development & growth of the Coop.
 - 2) the Coop's roll as an agent of growth and strengthening of the local economy has been significant. It has been rewarding to play a part in this development as a member and consumer. It has been a way for us to participate collectively in the maintenance and expansion of our regional economy. We have helped keep Main Street Greenfield alive and now we are on the precipice of changing shells like a hermit crabs by moving to the former Wilson's Department store which itself was a major economic force at one time for Greenfield.

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3) I have been involved with the coop since before it's birth. Before the coop there was a buying club. I am a firm believer in cooperatives and worker owned businesses being the economic model for the future. I have been part of a wonderful team of co-workers at CSO's program, Respite, where there is much communication. In my personal life, I have been very much focusing on financial literacy. I would love to extend that desire to learn to the Coop's financial workings. I am the father of an 11 year old son as well as a 23 year old daughter. I am very optimistic that I will be able to fulfill the requirement of 8 to 10 hours per month needed for this endeavor. I commit to learning about & using Policy Governance.

4) I was a member of the original Green River Cafe collective in Greenfield. I also had a consignment shop for art as well.

My current employment at Respite can be quite complex as many people are involved, both clients and co-workers. I am currently studying real estate and the feasibility of purchasing a home/apartment building.

I am currently a member of a union at my job.

I had a consignment store for one year in Greenfield.

I have been growing plants and food for over sixty years. I have a plot at Just Roots Community Garden.

I have much experience as a cook/chef. I have prepared vegetarian food for 100 or more people. I love learning about new foods.

5) I need to delve in to studying our Policy Governance approach. I am usefully ignorant in this area

6) I am 100% committed to Franklin Community Coop.