

MARK BLUVER NOMINEE QUESTIONNAIRE

Question 1- Why do you wish to serve on the Board?

To help guide the Co-op as it moves into an exciting new phase in the greater Greenfield community. In the 50 years I've lived in Franklin County, I have seen and experienced the value of the Co-op and its importance in the lives of all our citizens. It would be an honor to devote my time to help shepherd the Co-op towards the future in an inclusionary way.

Question 2 – What do you see as the significance of the Co-op and what is your relationship to the Co-op/that significance in the community?

In my experience the Co-op has always been more than a place to buy groceries; it has given me an opportunity to connect with friends; to support local farms and to interact with some of the more progressive members of the greater community.

Question 3- Work/life experience regarding general skills:

My work as a criminal defense lawyer for the past 17 years has been focused on serving the more marginalized people in our community when they have been confronted by the criminal justice system. As a supervising attorney to the Bar Advocates (court appointed lawyers) I have attempted to insure the concept of equal justice no matter the defendant's background, ethnicity or economic circumstances.

In an earlier time (1989-1992) I was a supervisor in the Attorney General's office; prior to that I was a lawyer at a national law firm in NY, focused on complex business issues, including financial and HR issues.

At an even earlier period of my life, I ran a children's theater based here in Greenfield; the company played local schools and taught out of work artists to work with children. The company had some success and played throughout the eastern part of the United States, internationally at the Fools Festival in Amsterdam and at the Kennedy (not Trump) Center.

The combination of these experiences has provided me with a set of life skills that I hope to bring to the Board.

Question 4 – Regarding specialized Skills

My business experience running my own theater company and law firm, coupled with my legal background has provided me with the experience to understand the complexities of finance and business organizations. Throughout my career, my work has been collaborative; a skill which I believe is necessary and transferable to future work as a Board member.

Prior Board experience: I was the Board President of the Franklin County Board of Bar Advocates between @ 2019 and 2024. I also sat as a Board member of the Sandglass Theater, an internationally established puppet theater in Putney Vt.

Question 5 – Re Policy Governance

I don't have any comment on policy governance; it seems designed to allow the Board to offer assistance to the manager in meeting the goals established by the Board in collaboration with the manager.

Question 6- Other relevant information

In Sept 2025 I mostly retired from the practice of law. The opportunity to be a Board member would satisfy my desire to continue to contribute to my community and to engage in some meaningful work.

Mark H. Bluver

Submitted Jan. 30 2026

NOMINATION FORM

Candidate's Name: Mark H. Bluver

Candidate's Town or City: _____

Year Member-Owner Joined: _____

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

I nominate the above candidate to run for a seat in the 2026 Board of Directors election of Franklin Community Cooperative:

1. Member-owner name (print): Wendy Sibbison

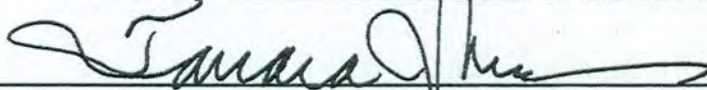
Town or city of residence: Greenfield

Signature: 

Approximate year member-owner joined: 1990?

2. Member-owner name (print): Tamara Erickson

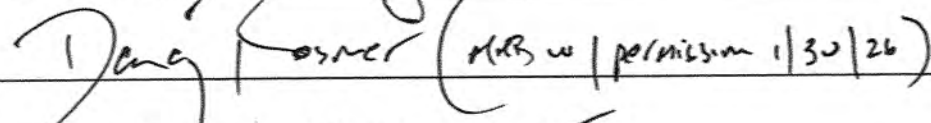
Town or city of residence: Greenfield

Signature: 

Approximate year member-owner joined: 2020

3. Member-owner name (print): Darcy Rosner

Town or city of residence: Greenfield

Signature:  (with permission 1/30/26)

Approximate year member-owner joined: 2015

Date Received: 1/30/26

Please Return Form To: BOD Clerk, by January 30, 2026