



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Form CPF M101: STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE MUNICIPAL FORM

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Office of Campaign and Political Finance

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 55, as amended, organization of a candidate or candidate's committee as follows:

CANDIDATE: Full Name: Laura Gardner
 Residential Address: 17 Cottage St.
 City / State / Zip: Fairhaven, MA 02719
 E-Mail Address: Laura.truff@gmail.com Phone #: 508-542-7152
 Party Affiliation: Independent (If applicable)

OFFICE SOUGHT/PURPOSE:
 Title: School Committee Candidate District: _____
 Candidate without committee (check if applicable). If checked, do not complete committee or officer sections: sign as candidate, date and file with clerk or local election official.

COMMITTEE: Name of Committee: Committee to Elect Laura Gardner
 (The name of the committee must include the candidate's last name)
 Committee Mailing Address: 17 Cottage St.
 City / State / Zip: Fairhaven MA 02719 Phone #: 508-542-7152

OFFICERS:

Chairperson: <u>Laura Gardner</u>	Treasurer*: <u>Anne O'Brien</u>
Residential Address: <u>17 Cottage St.</u>	Residential Address: <u>29 Main St</u>
City / State / Zip: <u>Fairhaven MA 02719</u>	City / State / Zip: <u>Fairhaven, MA 02719</u>
Phone #: <u>508-542-7152</u>	Phone #: <u>339-907-9179</u> Email: <u>anneobrien000@gmail.com</u>

*A public employee may not serve as treasurer of any political committee (see reverse)

Additional officers may be listed on page two.

Check applicable box before signing:

Candidate with committee: I hereby 1) consent to this filing; 2) understand that a candidate shall not consent to the organization of more than one account or committee on their behalf; 3) am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election; and 4) may not serve as treasurer of a political committee organized on my behalf.

Candidate without committee: I hereby 1) consent to this filing; 2) understand that a candidate shall not consent to the organization of more than one account or committee on their behalf; 3) acknowledge if I become a public employee I must organize a committee and may not serve as treasurer; and 4) am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55 including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

[Signature]
Candidate's signature

Date: 3/26/23

I hereby accept the office of Treasurer of the above-named committee. I affirm that I am not a public employee as defined by M.G.L. c. 55, s. 13. I understand that: 1) I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election; 2) if after my acceptance of this office I become an appointed public employee, I must resign this position and notify OCPF of my resignation; and 3) a candidate may not serve as treasurer of the political committee organized on their behalf.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

[Signature]
Treasurer's signature

Date: 3/26/2023

I hereby accept the office of Chairperson of the above-named committee.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

[Signature]
Chairperson's signature

Date: 3/26/23

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS:

Other Officer/Title: _____	Other Officer/Title: _____
Residential Address: _____	Residential Address: _____
City / State / Zip: _____	City / State / Zip: _____
Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____

DEFINITION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

M.G.L. Chapter 55, Section 13 states that a person who is employed for compensation by the Commonwealth or any county, city or town (other than an elected official) may not directly or indirectly solicit or receive political contributions. Such persons may not serve as treasurers of any political committee. If you are unsure of your status, please contact OCPF for further guidance.

SELECTED EXTRACTS FROM M.G.L.C. 55**Section 1 defines a candidate's committee:**

"Candidate's committee", the political committee organized on behalf of a candidate The term "candidate's committee" shall also apply to the campaign fund of a candidate who has not organized a political committee for the purpose of carrying out the election campaign of such candidate or who receives contributions or makes expenditures independently of said committee.

Section 2 requires candidates to keep certain records:

Every candidate shall keep detailed accounts of all contributions received by him, or by a person acting on his behalf and of all expenditures made by him, or by a person acting on his behalf. Said accounts may be kept by an agent duly authorized thereto, but the candidate shall be responsible for said accounts, which shall be kept separate and distinct from all other accounts and shall include contributions made by the candidate The candidate shall preserve all receipted bills and accounts relative to all contributions received, expenditures made and any other campaign finance activity. ...The candidate shall preserve said receipted bills and accounts for six years from the date of the relevant election....

Section 3 requires the director to:

"assess a civil penalty for any [late filed] report ... of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day ... [up to \$5,000 per report]. In the case of failure to file by a candidate or a candidate's committee, the civil penalty shall be assessed against the candidate

Section 5 outlines statements of organization of political committees:

Each political committee shall organize by filing with the director or, if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, with the city or town clerk, a statement of organization.

The statement of organization shall include: (1) the full name of the political committee, which, if organized on behalf of a candidate, shall include the name of the candidate in said name; ... (2) the address of the political committee; (3) a statement of the purpose for which the political committee is organized; ... (4) the name and residential address of the chairman and the treasurer; (5) the name, residential address, and position of other principal officers, including officers and members of the finance committee, if any, and; (6) the name and address, if known, and party affiliation of each candidate the political committee is supporting; provided, however, that if a candidate is nominated without reference to a political party, the name of his political party shall not be required

Any change in information previously submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported to the director, or if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, to the city or town clerk, within ten days following the change.

Each political committee shall have a treasurer who shall qualify for his office by filing a written acceptance thereof with the director, or if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, with the city or town clerk. Said treasurer shall remain subject to all the duties and liabilities imposed by this chapter until his written resignation of the office is received or his successor's written acceptance is filed as aforesaid. No person acting under the authority of, or on behalf of, any political committee shall receive any money or anything of value, or expend or disburse the same, or incur expenses while it has no treasurer qualified as aforesaid

Each treasurer of a political committee shall keep and preserve detailed accounts, vouchers and receipts as prescribed for a candidate by the provisions of section two. Each treasurer of a political committee shall keep said records for a period of six years following the date of the relevant election

No expenditure shall be made for, or on behalf of, a political committee without the authorization of the chairman or treasurer, or their designated agents

All funds of a political committee shall be kept separate from any personal funds of officers, members or associates of such committee

IMPORTANT: M.G.L. c. 55, s. 5 requires that any changes in the information provided on this form shall be filed within ten (10) days of said change. Further information can be obtained from OCPF by phone at (617) 979-8300, via e-mail at ocpf@cpf.state.ma.us or on the web at www.ocpf.us



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Form CPF M 102: Campaign Finance Report Municipal Form

TOWN CLERK
ROUD 2023 MAR 27 PM 2:45

Office of Campaign and Political Finance

File with: City or Town Clerk or Election Commission

Fill in Reporting Period dates: Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

Type of Report: (Check one)
 8th day preceding preliminary 8th day preceding election 30 day after election year-end report dissolution

Laura Gardner
Candidate Full Name (if applicable)
School Committee Candidate
Office Sought and District
17 Cottage St.
Residential Address
E-mail: laura.truff@gmail.com
Phone # (optional): _____

Committee to Elect Laura Gardner
Committee Name
Anne O'Brien
Name of Committee Treasurer
17 Cottage St.
Committee Mailing Address
E-mail: anne.obrien000@gmail.com
Phone # (optional): _____

SUMMARY BALANCE INFORMATION:

Line 1: Ending Balance from previous report	
Line 2: Total receipts this period (page 3, line 11)	644.98
Line 3: Subtotal (line 1 plus line 2)	644.98
Line 4: Total expenditures this period (page 5, line 14)	644.98
Line 5: Ending Balance (line 3 minus line 4)	0.0
Line 6: Total in-kind contributions this period (page 6)	—
Line 7: Total (all) outstanding liabilities (page 7)	—
Line 8: Name of bank(s) used:	

Affidavit of Committee Treasurer:

I certify that I have examined this report including attached schedules and it is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and complete statement of all campaign finance activity, including all contributions, loans, receipts, expenditures, disbursements, in-kind contributions and liabilities for this reporting period and represents the campaign finance activity of all persons acting under the authority or on behalf of this committee in accordance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 55.

Signed under the penalties of perjury: Anne O'Brien (Treasurer's signature) Date: 3/27/23

FOR CANDIDATE FILINGS ONLY: Affidavit of Candidate: (check 1 box only)

Candidate with Committee
I certify that I have examined this report including attached schedules and it is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and complete statement of all campaign finance activity, of all persons acting under the authority or on behalf of this committee in accordance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 55. I have not received any contributions, incurred any liabilities nor made any expenditures on my behalf during this reporting period that are not otherwise disclosed in this report.

Candidate without Committee
I certify that I have examined this report including attached schedules and it is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and complete statement of all campaign finance activity, including contributions, loans, receipts, expenditures, disbursements, in-kind contributions and liabilities for this reporting period and represents the campaign finance activity of all persons acting under the authority or on behalf of this candidate in accordance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 55.

Signed under the penalties of perjury: [Signature] (Candidate's signature) Date: 3/27/23

