



## Hodges Square Village Association Board of Directors Member Profile

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<b>Education (Please list each institution &amp; degree)</b>	CCSU BA, New School for Social Research MA Rensselaer Hartford Leadership Program Over 35 years of professional training
<b>Why are you interested in serving on the HSVA Board of Directors?</b>	My commitment to the Hodges Square Village community has grown from a long history of living in New London and searching for ways to help revitalize neighborhoods that were once vibrant. Returning that in a new form is one of my personal missions and the mission of TVSC.
<b>Please list the specialized training, employment, or volunteer experience which will add value to the HSVA Board of Directors by you being a member.</b>	40 years leading and managing complex projects including neighborhood development. As a leader of a nonprofit I have provided support and direction to help cultivate living economies in New London with New London Local First. Provided the city with a robust series of farmers markets and a plan to grow our urban agriculture economy.
<b>What additional skill, interest, or passion will you contribute to the Board of Directors of HSVA by your membership?</b>	My focus is on the environment and economics of the neighborhoods and commercial districts. One key area is helping to determine a financing model (or models) that can help assure sustainable revitalization. I have strong analytical and business skills. Launched New London Local First to strengthen New London's businesses through a buy local campaign. Urban farming is another strength that has launched multiple projects including NL Field of Greens Farmers' Markets and the Greater New London Farm to City Coalition. Building and supporting teams and nonprofits is a significant talent as well as finance and local economics.
<b>Please describe what motivated or triggered you seek membership on HSVA Board of Directors at this time?</b>	My initial interest came with an early study of the area called Re-Connect New London in 2009 to determine how to knit the northeaster section of New London to the rest of the city given the devastation the highway system created with the

	<p>bridge/highway and disruption of the neighborhoods many of which were lost. I see that as a vital place for residents and businesses, and as a major gateway into New London.</p> <p>The Re-Connect study launched the Place Making project that evolved into the Hodges Square Village Association and Riverside Park Conservancy.</p>
<p><b>Please list other boards of directors you are <i>now</i> serving on, providing, Names, addresses, and missions for each.</b></p>	<p>Thames Valley Sustainable Connections, Inc.</p>
<p><b>Please list other boards of directors you previously served on, providing names, addresses, and missions of each.</b></p>	<p>Past board member of New London Landmarks  <a href="http://www.newlondonlandmarks.org/">http://www.newlondonlandmarks.org/</a>          Preservation and economic development          49 Washington Street New London          Past board member of New London Rotary  <a href="http://www.newlondonrotary.org/">http://www.newlondonrotary.org/</a>          Community and international giving          No physical address.          Numerous professional boards over the last 40 years.</p>
<p><b>I agree to follow board duties:</b></p> <p>&gt; <b>duty of care:</b> This means that a board member owes the duty to exercise reasonable care when he or she makes a decision as a steward of the organization.</p> <p>&gt; <b>duty of loyalty:</b> is a standard of faithfulness; a board member must give undivided allegiance when making decisions affecting the organization. This also means that a board member cannot use information obtained as a member for personal gain, and must act in the best interests of the organization.</p> <p>&gt; <b>duty of obedience:</b> requires board members to be faithful to the organization's mission. Board members cannot act in a way that is inconsistent with the central goals of the organization. A basis for this rule lies in the public's trust that the organization will manage donated funds to fulfill the organization's mission.</p>	<p>Agree with the 3 Duties.</p>