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August 1, 2022

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to reappoint Susanna Lannik of 25 Essex Road, Chestnut Hill 02467 as a full member of the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission. Her term of office shall expire on July 15, 2025 and her appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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# Application Form

## Profile

Susana \_\_\_\_\_ Lannik \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

susana@lanniklaw.com \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address

25 Essex Road \_\_\_\_\_ Suite or Apt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address

Chestnut Hill \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_ 02467 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Postal Code

### What Ward do you live in?

Ward 7

Mobile: (617) 257-6749 \_\_\_\_\_ Home: (617) 738-4069 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Lannik Law LLC \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Job Title

### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission: Submitted

### Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

#### Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I have loved serving on the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission and would like to continue that service. It has been a pleasure to work with my colleagues on the board.

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

The position I am re-applying for with this resume is to serve on the Chestnut Hill Historic Commission Newton, Massachusetts. The skills and experience I bring to this position include a very broad legal knowledge in some areas that may relate to the work of the commission. This includes a knowledge of environmental law. I am familiar with the construct of regulatory schemes as a result of that knowledge and of my work with the Massachusetts Division of Medical Assistance on behalf of my clients. I also have a knowledge of architecture due to my background in art history. I have a passion for old buildings, and a belief in the need to preserve them if at all feasible. At the same time, as a homeowner, I am aware of the need to balance practical needs of a homeowner to have a home that functions well for them in this day and age with preservation. I have lived in Chestnut Hill for twenty years now, and have had the opportunity to briefly serve as an author for the short-lived Chestnut Hill Magazine.

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## SKILLS

- Legal Writing.
- Working knowledge of Medicaid regulatory scheme both federal and Massachusetts.
- Writing also for laypersons in my area of law and some creative writing.
- Environmental laws and litigation.
- Some language skills in French and Italian.
- Understanding of architectural blueprints and renderings.
- Knowledge of Art History.
- Familiar with regulatory compliances in the Medicaid context, financial areas, and environmental areas.
- Licenses, petitions and waivers. Obtained in the Probate and Medicaid context.

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## WORK HISTORY

**Lannik Law, LLC, 01/2006 to Current**  
**Self- Employed** – Newton, MA

Lannik Law, LLC specializes exclusively in:

1. Estate Planning. Estate Tax Considerations and Drafting appropriate documents.
2. Interpret laws, rulings and regulations for individuals in the Medicaid, Probate and areas.
3. Asset Protection for the Second Half of Life.
4. Draft strategy letters for long term care clients and estate planning clients.
5. Special Needs Planning.
6. Probate of estates.
7. Medicaid Advocacy for long-term care clients.
8. Develop memoranda related to client situations.
9. Work to apprise clients of potential risks and costs associated with each course of action.

**Mendel & Associates, 01/2004 to 01/2006**  
**Associate** – Waltham, MA

1. Interpreted laws, rulings and regulations for individuals in the Medicaid, Probate and Disability Law Areas.
2. Analyzed probable outcomes of cases using knowledge of legal precedents.
3. Drafted strategy letters for long term care clients.
4. Drafted documents including wills, trusts, durable powers of attorney, health care proxies and advance directives.
5. Represented firm in Probate court proceedings.
6. Wrote memoranda related to client situations.
7. Apprised clients of potential risks and costs associated with each course of action.

**Law Offices of Susana Lannik; Re-named Arber, Lannik and Badaloto, LLP, 07/1982 to 01/2004**  
**Attorney** – Brookline, MA

1. Counsel to clients in areas of estate planning/asset preservation, Medicare/Medicaid issues and Advocacy, health care proxies, probate, guardianship, wills durable powers of attorney, long-term care and asset protection planning, elder consumer issues and domestic relations matters.
2. Served as GAL; Rogers Counsel, Monitor and Special Master in Norfolk, Middlesex and Suffolk Probate Courts.

3. Outside advisor to nursing home management company and an assisted living corporation.
4. Residential real estate transactions.(early in the practice)
5. Served as outside counsel to small businesses, managed zoning rent control problems, some commercial leasing; evaluated and conducted personal injury cases and domestic relations actions. (early in the practice)
6. Contract Negotiations and consumer protection. (early in the practice)

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#### EDUCATION

**J.D.:** Law, 1982

**Suffolk University Law School** – Boston, MA

**Master of Arts:** Art History, 1971

**Boston University Graduate School** – Boston, MA

**Bachelor of Arts:** Arts History, 1969

**New York University** – New York, NY

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#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Member of the Chestnut Hill Historic Commission/Publications.
- Author for Chestnut Hill Magazine, during its short life! (2014 – 2015)
- Published Book: Blooper Episodes in Estate Planning and Elder Law.
- Published Book: Seven times Seven, 49 Cat Tails. (poetry book)
- Article: Estate Planning Magazine: Long-Term Care Insurance, When Crisis Calls for Creativity.
- Served as Brookline Town Meeting Member, Precinct 13.
- Brookline Zoning Board of Appeals and Conservation Commission.
- Mashpee Conservation Commission.
- Finance Committee, Congressman Joseph Kennedy and State Auditor Joe DeNucci?

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#### AFFILIATIONS

- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Member, former Board Member and former Chair Programs.
- Massachusetts Bar Association.
- Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce.
- Mashpee Chamber of Commerce.
- National League of American Pen Women, Inc. Emeritus
- Boston Ballet Overseers.
- University of North Carolina School of the Arts. Board of Visitors Emeritus.

- Hadassah.

