

Lise Coppinger

A bit about me:

In 1983, I moved from Cambridge, MA to the Pioneer Valley to go to school. I fell in love with the area and my husband, Tim, who grew up just up the road on Chestnut Hill in Montague.

After studying sustainable agriculture in college, we moved to Montague to grow organic vegetables and livestock. For ten years, we worked the land at Coppinger Farm where we were one of the first Community Supported Farms in the country, fed 65 families in our local area, including a donated share to the monks at the Peace Pagoda. We had three kids, and got beat up by mother nature while we farmed.

While farming, I also worked at NESEA (The Northeast Sustainable Energy Association) supporting the non-profit in the office and educating people about energy efficient building and sustainable energy. Having found my niche in teaching, I got my graduate degree and was an elementary school teacher for 5 years, two of which I taught at LES. Then Tim wooed me away from teaching and fed my ravenous entrepreneurial needs, owning and running a small residential construction business with a focus on energy efficiency, building science and integrative design.

My joy in work comes from teaching people about building science, troubleshooting problems, coming up with solutions and empowering home owners to make improvements in their homes that benefit the planet as well as their day to day lives. We continue to do this work along with fabricating and installing standing seam metal roofing. (Although many of local roofs are done by us, we did not install the metal roof on the Coop building.)

I am up for re-appointment to the Board:

I joined the Leverett Co-op Board last year at this time, and have been working hard at making improvements to the building as well as other Board duties. I'm committed to continuing to help in any way I can to ensure the health of the business, staff and patrons, and the building. I'd be honored to participate on the Board for another term.

Cheers, Lise

