



Village of Tivoli, NY
Mayor
Bryan F. Cranna

Cranna Appoints Griffith to Fill Vacant Trustee Seat

Tivoli... Village of Tivoli Mayor Bryan F. Cranna announced today the appointment of Joel Griffith of Tivoli to Village Trustee. The Trustee seat became vacant after Cranna resigned the seat after four terms on March 31st to become Tivoli's Mayor. In accordance with Village Code, the Mayor has the authority to appoint an individual to fill any vacancy on the Board of Trustees without board approval. The appointment was effective May 11, 2011.

Cranna stated, "I am proud to announce the appointment of Joel Griffith as a new member of the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees. As a lifelong resident of Tivoli, a community volunteer, and a much respected resident of our village, I am confident that Joel Griffith is the right person for the job."

Trustee Griffith stated, "It is an honor to accept this appointment to the Village Board. I am eager to begin working with Mayor Cranna, the other Village officials, and the residents of Tivoli. I am committed to preserving the charm and character of our unique Village and enhancing the quality of life for all who call Tivoli home."

Griffith, a registered Independent, graduated from Red Hook High School. He earned his BA with honors at Grinnell College, and his MFA at the Milton Avery Graduate School of the Arts at Bard College. His paintings of Tivoli and its environs have been widely exhibited throughout the Hudson Valley and in 2003 he was named the Painter Laureate of the Village. He has worked as an independent examiner for the International Baccalaureate Organization at Red Hook High School and instructor of drawing and painting in the Bard Prison Initiative.

In addition to his legislative responsibilities, Trustee Griffith will serve as a liaison to various committees such as Architecture and Historic Resources, Justice Court, Natural Resources and the Environment, as well as the Riverfront Project Committee, which he has chaired for the last few years.