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Infrastructure & Engineering

Joseph Jabour has been a resident of Garden City for 21 years and is founder of JAJ Engineering PLLC, a Consulting Engineering firm. He has over 45 years of experience in building construction, engineering, forensics, consulting and construction management. He has developed a number of projects over his career and now practices as a consultant in the industry. He received his Civil Engineering degree from the NYU School of Engineering, a Master of Science degree in Engineering from Columbia University and is a Registered Professional Engineer in New York, New Jersey and Florida. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, associate member of the National Academy of Forensic Engineers, member of the American Civil Engineers, and a member of the National Honor Society of Civil Engineers.

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Stephen Fereance, a 15-year resident of Garden City, brings extensive experience in capital construction projects and finance. He has a career spanning 22 years working in both the healthcare and utility industries, providing financial services, audits, contractor procurement, project management, and quality control.

Joe DiPrisco, a 25-year resident of Garden City, has an extensive background in business management and financial services. After a full career in the finance industry, he joined the senior leadership team of a large mechanical contracting company in NYC that managed a wide range of mechanical construction projects for some of the largest general contractors in NYC. He helped grow the business and manage the company for nearly 10 years before his recent retirement. He has also been a long-time volunteer for the St. Anne's CYO program, where he served as Treasurer for 19 years.

Cristina Handal is an architect and material health expert with global experience in architecture and urbanism. As a researcher and consultant at the Healthy Materials Lab, she is dedicated to creating healthier physical spaces for all. She holds degrees in architecture from Barnard College and Columbia University, as well as advanced degrees in urban ecologies from Parsons School of Design and The New School, where she earned her PhD. In addition to her research and practice, she teaches architecture and community-driven urban design studios.

William Kuhl, a Garden City resident for 50 years, has been a practicing Landscape Architect, registered in multiple states, for more than 57 years, 33 of those as head of his own firm. He joined Saratoga Associates in 2006, serving as Chairman of the Board until 2020, where he continues providing services as Alliance Principal. He has provided design and consulting services for projects throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia, receiving more than 100 national design awards, including 8 Presidential Design Awards. He was the prime consultant on the streetscape designs on Seventh Street, Franklin Avenue and New Hyde Park Road and the Historical Toll Lodge in Garden City. He has also served on three different teams for the proposed redesign and/or renovation of St. Paul's.

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Liz Kelly has been a resident of Garden City for 29 years and brings extensive financial experience to the committee. She started her career in investment banking, issuing municipal bonds. She then moved on to senior roles in Corporate Treasury for banks and specialty finance companies, where she was responsible for issuing corporate debt and equity and managing relationships with financial institutions. In addition to her financial expertise, she is focused on clear and transparent communication regarding St. Paul's.

Gerard Smith, a lifelong resident of Garden City, spent 43 years as a Partner negotiating large contracts with financial institutions. He held positions on the Board of Governors at Cherry Valley Club during the reconstruction of the clubhouse in the mid 90s. He has a strong commitment to the community since all of his children went through the school system.

Jim Burbage moved to Garden City in 2020 with his wife and three young boys. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and Fordham University School of Law. Jim is a recently elected partner at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, an international law firm based in New York. As a restructuring lawyer, he brings commercial sensibility and a unique problem-solving perspective to the advisory committee.

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