

# Board of Directors

## Candidate

### Melissa Foley



**What is your favorite Tidal Creek Co-op product or food?** The Sunday Hot Bar's Spanakopita !!

**How often do you shop at the Co-op?** I shop weekly at the Co-op.

**Do you have any experience sitting on a Board of Directors?** Yes, I have volunteered, been an employee, and was a Board Member at Tidal Creek until I moved out of state in 2010. We moved back 2 years ago in 2016.

**What unique skills or perspective do you feel you would bring to the Board?** I started my career after studying to earn my B.S. in Business Administration as the General Manager of my Family's retail window and door company for 15 years. I have business in my blood. My next chapter was being a full-time stay-at-home Mom while working part-time in healthfood stores for the past 20 years. I feel my business sense coupled with my health food store/cafe experience will help me to be an asset to our BOD.

**What is your reason or motivation to run for the Board of Directors?** I miss having a more active role in our Co-op and I think being a BOD member will give me the opportunity to get back in there and help our Co-op strive to be the best it can be through equality, equity, democracy, and solidarity! I want to be part of a Co-op BOD that is honest, open, socially responsible and cares for others.

**What is your vision for the future of Tidal Creek Co-op?** I believe we need to keep looking to the future without losing sight of right now. I know we have a lot of competition in the grocery arena, but we are unique in that we are a Co-operative business. We need to get the word out there in the community that we are here to stay and being part of our Co-op is a rewarding experience.