

## **Snail of Approval Nomination and Application Process**

- 1 Individuals fill out the Slow Food North Shore Snail of Approval Nomination Form.
  - Slow Food North Shore members may nominate restaurants or artisans of products in and around the Huntington area that follow the principles of good, clean, and fair food.
  - Only Slow Food North Shore members may nominate restaurants or artisans for the Snail of Approval. Applicants are required to be Slow Food members if self-nominating for the Snail of Approval. Restaurants owners or managers may nominate their own business if they are members of Slow Food.
- 2 The nomination form is submitted to the Slow Food North Shore board of directors.
- 3 The nominee is contacted, and, if deciding to proceed, submits the application and fee to the board.
- 4 The board evaluates the application and visits the restaurant or business to fact-check the application.
- 5 The board of directors votes at its next Board meeting.
- 6 The successful applicant receives notice detailing the next steps for receiving the Snail of Approval (fees, rules to maintain good standing). The applicant that is not approved is sent a notice detailing why the application was rejected.
- 7 The awardee receives the Snail of Approval logo to use at the business, on its website, and on promotional materials as desired.
- 8 Awardees are listed, along with a description of products and services, on Slow Food North Shore's Snail of Approval webpage.

## **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Slow Food North Shore monitors the integrity of Snail of Approval restaurants and artisans through ongoing feedback from Slow Food North Shore members.

- Snail of Approval certification is valid for two years; renewal process is the same as the initial process.
- Applicants reapplying must also resubmit the application fee.