

Town of Sharon Planning Board

Minutes of 8/02/22

Planning Board met in conjunction with the Select Board

Planning Board Members

Pasqualino Pannone, Chair	David Blaszkowsky
Rob Maidman, Vice Chair	
Open Planning Board seat	
Shannon McLaughlin, Secretary absent	

Joint meeting of Selecyt Board with the Planning Board to fill vacancy

Both Boards met jointly on July 12th, 2022 to interview Xander Shapiro, Laura Nelson, and Jenna Martin to fill the Planning Board vacancy created by Kai Yu's resignation. The Planning Board opted to wait until this evening to deliberate and make an appointment.

Mr. Blaszkowsky felt that all three candidates were well qualified. He feels that Mr. Shapiro stood out due to his entrepreneurship which perhaps brings the insight needed for appropriate development and an ability to make sound decisions.

Although Mr. Pannone agreed with Ms. Pierre-Louis and Ms. Switekowski that being spread out on multiple boards is a concern, his rationale was about is who is the best candidate for the Planning Board right now. Mr. Shapiro has a head start on some of the topics already on the Board's plate. It was also felt that he was well prepared for his interview.

Mr. Maidman explained that he views the interim and elected appointments as two separate seats. Planning Board has vital items which still need attention. Mr. Shapiro's enthusiasm and thorough sense of Town is important. Mr. Maidman also serves on multiple Boards and is very acutely aware of areas where conflict may be issue. He feels Mr. Shapiro will be equally responsible in his roles.

MOTION: To appoint Xander Shapiro to the Planning Board until the Annual Town Election in May, 2023.
(Blaszkowsky - Smith-Lee)

Switekowski: AYE	Pannone: Aye
Pierre-Louis: AYE	Maidman: Aye
Smith-Lee: AYE	Blaszkowsky: Aye
6-0-0	PASSES

The Planning Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:19 pm.