

Town of Sharon Planning Board

Minutes of 7/12/22

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	

Meeting Initiation

Chair Pannone called the meeting to order.

Mr. Maidman, Mr. Blaszkowsky, and Ms. McLaughlin were also in attendance.

As required by MGL Chapter 41, Section 11, notice of a vacancy on the Planning Board was posted upon receipt of the resignation of Mr. Yu and the Select Board and the remaining members of the Planning Board will appoint someone to fill the vacancy to the next Town election on May 16, 2023, when the term of the open seat expires. Three candidates submitted letters of interest and resumes before the deadline of 5pm on Thursday, July 7, 2022, Ms. Jenna Martin of Billings Street, Ms. Laura Nelson of Edgehill Road, and Mr. Xander Shapiro of Billings Street submitted letters of interest in consideration of the open seat. Each candidate was given an opportunity to answer questions asked by the Select Board and the Planning Board.

1. What is your time commitment for this position? Once the appointed term expires, do you intend to run for the seat?
2. What is your interest in the Planning Board?
3. What is your impression of what the Planning Board does?
4. What skills can you bring to the Planning Board?
5. Have you ever been to a Planning Board meeting, watched a meeting, or have you been part of other similar boards in the past?
6. What are your interests within the position?
7. What is your availability outside of the regular Thursday evening meetings? Are you able to respond during the day if necessary, or attend meetings on other days of the week if needed?

Ms. Martin grew up in Quincy but her mother is a Sharon native. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's in public policy from Northeastern University. She has since completed law school and now works for a think tank that works on land use policy. She was an intern at MA Land Court and saw interesting cases while there. She now has more time and is interested in serving the community. She indicated that she would run in May if selected to fill the vacancy.

Ms. Nelson has lived in Sharon for 27 years and spent 11 years on the Finance Committee. She has worked in various industries as a scrum master. She enjoys living in Sharon and has been

active in her neighborhood as well as in the community. She also indicated that she would run for the seat in May if selected.

Mr. Shapiro currently serves on the Economic Development Committee which he feels would complement the work of the Planning Board. Mr. Shapiro has experience in community development. He has an MBA and has served in several corporate and non-profit roles. He enjoys being active in Town.

Both Boards thanked the candidates for their time tonight. Ms. Switekowski hopes they will all stay active if not chosen for this role. It was agreed that an appointment would be made at the Select Board's next meeting on August 2.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to adjourn their meeting at 8:05 pm.