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A True Copy. Attest:



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Kiely, MacDougall, Mathews, Molisse, Shanahan

NAYS: Abbott, Belmarsh, Burga, DiFazio, Happel, Heffernan,
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Robert L. Hedlund
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MEMORANDUM

23 122

TO: TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: MAYOR ROBERT L. HEDLUND *Robert Hedlund*
RE: APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
(ALTERNATE)- MICHAEL PIZZIFERRI
DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

I hereby submit the following measure for consideration by Town Council:

In accordance with Section 2-10 of the Town Charter, I respectfully submit the name of **Michael Pizziferri** of **45 Durant Road, Weymouth, MA 02190** for appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate), filling a 2-year term due to expire on June 30th, 2024.

*Replacing former member Russell Drysdale, III

** Must be voted by 16 October 2023*

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Town Council

MICHAEL D. PIZZIFERRI

45 Durant Road, Weymouth, MA 02190 | 617.347.5270 | michael.pizziferri@gmail.com

Mayor Robert L. Hedlund
Town of Weymouth
75 Middle Street
Weymouth, MA 02189

August 7, 2023

Dear Mayor Hedlund:

I write to express interest in joining the Planning Board for the Town of Weymouth. I am excited by this opportunity to serve the community and believe I would bring a unique skillset and perspective to the work of the Planning Board.

My fiancé and I bought our first home in South Weymouth in April 2022. As new residents and first-time homeowners, we have felt welcomed by our Weymouth neighbors. Having grown up in Quincy, I was familiar with Weymouth but since moving have learned even more about our vibrant community, especially in each of the villages.

Weymouth has a unique mix of assets that make it attractive to new residents and has led to so much growth in recent years. Investments like the Columbian Square Improvement Project have only increased that attractiveness. I thank you for your Administration's support of that growth. As a member of the Planning Board, I would hope to support continued growth and represent the perspective of newer residents in our community. Changes at the state level, including the MBTA Communities Act and a new Governor's Administration, will require our town to respond. It would be an honor to help ensure our Town's plans, including its Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan, match our residents' needs and meet state requirements.

I am personally motivated and interested by housing and economic development policy and believe town planning plays an essential role in creating vibrant communities. In addition to this personal interest, my career is closely tied to policy work at the state and national level. This policy experience helps me navigate complicated issues and communicate effectively. I would happily apply my professional skillset to support the work of the Planning Board.

It is a great time to be in Weymouth as our town grows and adjusts to changes in our region. Thank you for considering me for a role serving the community that we cherish.

Sincerely,

Michael Pizziferri



TOWN OF WEYMOUTH BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

The Mayor is seeking citizens who wish to serve on Town Boards and Commissions established to assist and advise the Town on specific matters. Please complete this application in full (attach a resume and other information which may assist the Mayor and the Town Council in making its selection) and file it with the Mayor's Office. The Mayor reserves the right to reject any applications. Some appointments are subject to confirmation by the Town Council.

Name: Michael Pizziferri Email: michael.pizziferri@gmail.com

Home Telephone: 617-347-5270 Work Telephone: 617-515-3197

Residence Address: 45 Durant Road, Weymouth Zip: 02190

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: Consulate General of Canada in Boston

Educational Background: B.A. International Relations, Brandeis University

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups:

MassEquality LGBTQ Rights Organization (statewide);

Member of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church (Hingham)

City Boards and/or Commissions on which you have previously served: N/A

The reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor: I am a new resident and first-time homeowner with an interest in housing and economic development policy. I am excited by the chance to bring this unique perspective to the town's planning. I support continued growth in Weymouth and hope to help the Planning Board and Mayor ensure that growth continues sustainably while benefitting current and future residents.

Please detail specific areas of expertise: Policy research, communications (including digital), board management and participation.

Please detail specific areas of interest: Housing policy, economic development

Available for meetings in the (check one): daytime evenings both

Resident of the Town since what year: 2022

Appointees and incumbents may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, as required by the Town Council Rules or the Mayor. The statement may require a declaration that you have no interest in conflict with the Town of Weymouth. Please return your completed application to the Mayor's Office, 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA 02189.

The Mayor will keep applications on file.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of Applicant: Michael Pizziferri Date: 8/7/23

Printed Name: Michael Pizziferri Date: 8/7/23

WEYMOUTH BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Place a number next to your preferred position(s) (up to four choices) with #1 being your first priority.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Assessors | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Emergency Planning Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Elder Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>1</u> Planning Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Library Trustees | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Registrars of Voters | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> WETC Board of Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Weymouth Historical Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Preservation Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Weymouth Housing Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Weymouth Redevelopment Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Steering Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Weymouth Contributory Retirement Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Coalition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth of July Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals |

*Members are appointed by Mayor Hedlund and require Town Council approval.

MICHAEL D. PIZZIFERRI

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EXPERIENCE

CONSULATE GENERAL OF CANADA IN BOSTON, Boston, MA

March 2023 – Present

Senior Officer, Public and Economic Affairs

- Direct economic advocacy efforts for the Canadian government in the New England region, supporting trade policy goals and access for Canadian companies
- Develop and manage Canada's relationships with key economic stakeholders in New England, including Chambers of Commerce and Trade Associations
- Build coalitions of support for Canada's policy initiatives and interests in the United States
- Advance Canada's academic and research partnerships with institutions in New England

QUÉBEC GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN BOSTON, Boston, MA

November 2016 – February 2023

Government Relations and Public Affairs Attaché

- Directed government relations for Québec in the six New England states, cultivating relationships at all levels of government and across sectors and industries
- Lead Québec's interaction with policymakers on a diverse portfolio of issues including trade policy, economic development, climate change, and public health
- Developed and maintained grassroots support for Québec's policy initiatives on clean energy
- Advised Québec Government action in the United States on energy and economic development policy
- Created a full-service government relations practice for Québec companies active in New England, offering strategic advice for business growth, relationship management, policy analysis and brand development

WORLDBOSTON – A WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, Boston, MA

May 2015 – November 2016

Manager of Operations and Global Education Programs

- Designed, planned, and implemented 40+ large-scale public education and cultural enrichment programs annually, reaching 2000+ members of the community
- Directed communications efforts, including social media strategy and event promotion
- Cultivated relationships with universities, NGOs, corporations, Consulates, and government agencies to ensure continuous engagement with the organization
- Managed program budgets, private and federal grants over \$100,000, and administrative activities across the organization
- Recruited, trained, and supervised interns, staff, and volunteers

RASKY PARTNERS, Boston, MA

June 2014 – May 2015

Public Affairs Coordinator

- Monitored legislation and analyzed local, state, and federal policies for over 30 clients
- Assisted in the organization and implementation of two campaigns, including a statewide ballot initiative and a grassroots municipal level campaign

MASSACHUSETTS STATE HOUSE, Boston, MA

Summer 2012

Intern for Representative Tackey Chan (D-2nd Norfolk, Quincy)

- Conducted research and drafted legislative and policy briefs on community development and energy issues

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

ANDREA CAMPBELL FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL Boston, MA

January 2022 – Present

Campaign Advisor

- Advise and contribute to the Candidate's outreach, including elected officials and community leaders
- Provide staffing and communications support at key community events

ANDREA CAMPBELL FOR MAYOR OF BOSTON, Boston, MA

January 2021 – September 2021

Member, Policy Committee

- Lead author of the candidate's Climate Justice Plan, co-author of Transportation Plan, and contributor to LGBTQ policy platform
- Managed stakeholder contributions to ensure a policy platform that centers the concerns of environmental justice communities and addresses disparities in environmental health, resilience, and access
- Advised on climate change communications strategy and amplified the candidate's message
- Ensured environmental health and LGBTQ priorities are integrated across all policy platforms, including Public Health, Housing and Economic Development

MASSEQUALITY EDUCATION FUND, Boston, MA

President, Board of Directors

May 2019 – September 2022

- Led organizational transition from a focus on legislative lobbying to a statewide focus on advocacy
- Built and fostered a representative board of directors, reflecting regional realities and the intersectionality of the LGBTQ community in Massachusetts

Board Member

September 2022– Present

BOSTON NETWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, Boston, MA

Chair, Board of Directors

January 2017 – July 2020

- Managed incorporation as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, leading the board as inaugural chair
- Achieved 100% board giving and diversified funding sources to build a sustainable funding model
- Developed relationships with local academic institutions as partners for events and as sponsors
- Guided first strategic plan process, establishing a three-year plan for the organization

Member, Board of Directors

July 2020 – July 2022

E D U C A T I O N

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Waltham, MA

B.A. International and Global Studies, Politics, Minor in French and Francophone Studies

UNIVERSITÉ DE PARIS 3 – SORBONNE NOUVELLE (Study Abroad), Paris, France

L A N G U A G E S

Full professional fluency in French; advanced conversational and written skill in Italian; intermediate Spanish