

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

May 23, 2017

Chairman Michael L. Champoux called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira, Edward P. Loud, Sr. and Michael V. McCoy. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

Chairman Champoux asked those present to rise and led the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Champoux advised that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to conduct interviews with those residents interested in serving on the Board of Appeals. He advised that candidates were not obligated to attend as this was intended to be an informal meet and greet. He advised that the Board is grateful for the interest in the position. Members of the Board were in agreement that it would be beneficial to conduct a public forum for the applicants to meet with the Board. Chairman Champoux advised members of the Board that the process will be to allow the candidate approximately five minutes to introduce themselves and allow ten minutes for members of the Board to ask questions.

### **MARK NELSON**

Mr. Nelson did not attend the meeting. At the meeting held July 25, 2016, Mr. Nelson stated that he is a resident of 4 Poplar Street and has lived in Town since 1955. He became involved in construction in 1968 and he began building new homes and developing private ways in 1984. Mr. Nelson stated that he has received certificates for completing four land development law classes. He stated that he is familiar with Massachusetts General Laws relating to land use, the zoning by-laws, inhabitant by-laws and the rules and regulations of the Board of Appeals and Planning Board Subdivision Control.

### **JOSEPH LAVINO, PharmD, RPh, JD**

Mr. Lavino thanked members for the opportunity to meet with the Board. He stated that he moved into Wilmington approximately two years ago and wanted to give back to the community. He recently campaigned to be a member of the Board of Selectmen and he expressed interest in serving on the Board of Health. Mr. Lavino advised that he is a pharmacist and works for CVS Health in their legal department and explained his responsibilities. He is married with two children who attend Wilmington Public Schools.

### **NEAL J. COUTURE**

Mr. Couture stated that he recently moved to Wilmington from Washington, DC. He is an Associate Dean of Finance and Administration at Boston College. He teaches Business Ethics, Pricing, Marketing and courses on doing business with the government. Mr. Couture stated that his children are grown and live around the world. He and his fiancé were looking for a community where they would fit in and enjoy their careers. He believes in engaging in your community and he has volunteered for the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) when his children were younger and Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Couture saw the notice of the vacancy on the Town's website and stated that he does not have experience with the Board of Appeals. He stated he has been an active member of a number of communities. He opined that his biggest skill is that he has broad-based business experience and noted before he was in academia, he worked in the aerospace and defense industry having worked for NASA and large defense contractors. Mr. Couture stated that if he is not selected to serve on the Board of Appeals, he will seek another volunteer opportunity.

### **RAYMOND LEPORE**

Mr. Lepore stated that he is a life-long resident of Wilmington. His family arrived in Wilmington between 1927 and 1930. He spoke of his memories travelling to Silver Lake before his family moved to Town. He recalled attending school in Wilmington, visiting George Spanos' Restaurant and decorating the center of Town with his brothers. Mr. Lepore stated that he wants to ensure his children have a home in Wilmington, as his parents did for him.

Mr. Lepore stated that he served on the Board of Appeals for four years before serving on the Board of Selectmen. He knows the rules and regulations of the Board of Appeals, is familiar with how the Town operates and has developed land in Wilmington. He is aware of sensitive areas in Town.

### **MICHELE PELTZ**

Ms. Peltz thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet with them. She stated that she and her husband moved to Wilmington with their daughter approximately two years ago. She stated that she attended law school in Massachusetts. Ms. Peltz is a conveyancing land use zoning attorney and currently does "of counsel" work with law firms in Massachusetts and Connecticut. She noted that her "nine to five" job is conducting real estate claims in Waltham. Ms. Peltz stated that she wanted a volunteer opportunity where she could mesh her professional and private lives. She stated that she would not seek another position if not appointed to the Board of Appeals because she would not add value to another Board.

### **MAJOR ROBERT N. OLIVERI, U. S. AIR FORCE RET**

Chairman Champoux and members of the Board thanked Major Oliveri for his service. Major Oliveri stated that he grew up in Worcester and worked for Raytheon for 30 years, was in the military for 31 years as a reservist, was activated for nine years for three wars. Major Oliveri provided additional detail of his service including his deployment in Iraq and stated that while deployed he decided that if he returned home, he would not work. Major Oliveri retired from Raytheon and the military at age 55 and has since been volunteering at the VA for returning troops. He stated that he is 90% disabled veteran and participates in some of the support groups. He moved to Wilmington in 2016 and his wife has lived here for 22 years. Major Oliveri stated that he served on Acton's Board of Health for 20 years. In addition, he obtained his Construction Supervisors' License and renovated 14 homes, 13 condominiums in Acton. He is also a Notary. He stated that he is interested in the Board of Appeals but is willing to volunteer elsewhere as he wants to be part of the community. He recalled his Dad telling him that 'family is not first' it is Country, God, Family, without a country, you do not have a family. It was instilled in him that you serve your country and community first.

### **EDWARD PALERMO**

Mr. Palermo stated that he has been a resident of Wilmington for 41 years. He raised his family in Wilmington and his young grandson currently lives with him and is enrolled in the public schools. He retired approximately 2 years ago and described his employment history in the semi-conductor business, capital equipment installations and secure identity business. He stated that he has coached Little League, T-Ball and Soccer and stated that the Board of Appeals is of interest to him based upon recent applications that have been submitted to the Board of Appeals and decisions made.

## **BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL TO BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 30, 2020**

Chairman Champoux and members of the Board agreed that there were multiple candidates that were qualified and they were confident each would benefit the Town. Chairman Champoux asked if the Board would like to make comments. Members thanked the candidates for their willingness to step forward and hope that those not selected would consider another position on the Town boards and committees.

A motion was made by Selectman McCoy, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of four, with Chairman Champoux opposed, it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Selectmen appoint Raymond N. Lepore as a member of the Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 30, 2020.

Members of the Board of Selectmen encouraged the other candidates to remain engaged in the community.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Palermo offered congratulatory comments regarding the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility. Selectman Caira congratulated those involved in the grand opening and noted its success.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Selectman Bendel wished residents a happy Memorial Day and thanked those who served in our nation's armed forces.

Selectman McCoy stated that he requested Ms. Gingrich be invited to a meeting to discuss future development. He requested that she be invited to the June 26, 2017 meeting. Chairman Champoux stated that he would review with the Town Manager to ensure that it would be an appropriate meeting.

Selectman Loud stated that he became aware that the Wilmington Police Department was awarded a grant from the Cummings Properties.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Selectman McCoy, seconded by Selectman Loud and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Selectmen adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary