

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
INTERVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – December 8, 2020**

6:00 p.m. - Introduction to Remote Meeting

As meeting host, Diane Wackell stated that this Open Meeting of the Board of Selectmen Interview Committee is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19. In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, the Town of Northborough has been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location.

Ms. Wackell added that all members of the Board of Selectmen Interview Committee are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. The Order allows this Committee to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. The public is encouraged to follow along using the posted agenda. Members of the public who wish to view the live stream of this meeting may do so by going to "Northborough Remote Meetings" on YouTube via the link listed on the posted agenda.

Lastly, ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will not feature public comment.

Ms. Wackell confirmed that the following members of the Board of Selectmen Interview Committee were remotely present and could be heard.

Selectman Leslie Rutan
Selectman Timothy Kaelin

INTERVIEWS FOR THE MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Selectman Kaelin reviewed the scope of the Master Plan Implementation Committee and what the anticipated meeting schedule might look like with each of the applicants.

Eugene Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy has lived in Northborough for 42 years. He is a retired Urban and Environmental Planner having worked for municipal government, as well as in the private sector. As Assistant Director to the Department of Community and Economic Development with the Town Framingham, his municipal planning experience includes comprehensive land use planning, housing, zoning, economic development, transportation, capital budgeting and regulatory experience including familiarity with state and federal environmental regulations. He was involved with reviewing and assisting the Framingham Planning Board and Board of Selectmen in preparation of Framingham's Master Plan update.

Eugene Kennedy Cont. . .

Mr. Kennedy stated that if appointed to the Master Plan Implementation Committee, he would look forward to working with the multiple town departments, boards and committees and would rely on their professional knowledge, as they are the driving force in implementing the committee's recommendations. It's important that the Board of Selectmen is overseeing this effort in terms of supporting the final resolutions to some of the committee's recommendations.

Michael Bernzweig

Mr. Bernzweig has lived in Northborough for 15 years and has two children enrolled in the Northborough School system. He is owner of Detector Electronics Corp, a local business known as the largest internet retailer of hobby security and industrial metal detectors in the country. He feels that his experience with strategic planning, economic development, project management and implementation would be an asset to the Master Plan Implementation Committee.

Mr. Bernzweig added that although his major area of expertise is in distribution, he highlighted his experience as a detail oriented individual, who is comfortable working in teams and with multiple stakeholders. His ability to coordinate complex projects would also be an asset to the Committee.

Judy Boyle

Ms. Boyle indicated that she has lived in Northborough for 15 years and raised two children through the Northborough School system. She has served as a coach, teacher in religious education, and as secretary and then president of the Lincoln Street School Parent Teacher Association. She also serves as a Chapter Leader of the Northborough-Southborough Neighbor Brigade charitable organization. As a Real Estate Agent, she has sponsored numerous community and school events throughout the year.

Ms. Boyle added that the way to make effective change is to get involved. She has a genuine desire to ensure that decisions about future town development encourage positive growth while maintaining the integrity of the town.

Rick Leif

Mr. Leif indicated that he has lived in Northborough for 36 years. He has served on the Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Board and as Vice-Chair on the Master Plan Steering Committee. He also serves as Treasurer on the Board of the Northborough Affordable Housing Authority Corporation.

Mr. Leif added that through his work with all of these organizations, he has a good handle on the needs of the Town and with his knowledge and expertise he would be able to make significant contributions to the Master Plan Implementation Committee. He enjoyed the time spent serving on the Master Plan Steering Committee and would like to continue to see it through the implementation process working with the various Town departments, boards and committees.

**DELIBERATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

Selectman Kaelin acknowledged that Selectman Rutan and himself enjoyed interviewing and hearing the experiences and credentials of the following applicants, of which any of them would be suitable to serve on the Master Plan Implementation Committee. He thanked the following for their interest in serving their community:

John Wixted
Dario DiMare
Fran Bakstran
Jeanne Cahill
John Campbell
Eugene Kennedy
Michael Bernzweig
Judy Boyle
Rick Leif

Selectman Rutan again thanked all of the applicants and recognized that every one of them would be an asset in one way or another to this new Committee. She encouraged those that are not selected for appointment to visit the Board and Committee page on the Town website to see what other Boards and Committees have openings.

Following a private review of their notes from each interview, Selectmen Kaelin and Rutan agreed on the applicants that would provide the necessary knowledge, experience and expertise in a variety of different areas and would help the implementation of the Master Plan be successful considering the many different components to it.

Selectman Kaelin moved the Subcommittee vote to recommend Fran Bakstran, Rick Leif, Jeanne Cahill, Eugene Kennedy, Dario DiMare and John Campbell for appointment to the Master Plan Implementation Committee at the December 21, 2020 Selectmen's Meeting; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows:

Selectman Rutan "aye"
Selectman Kaelin "aye"

ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Kaelin moved the Subcommittee vote to adjourn; Selectman Rutan seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken as follows:

Selectman Rutan "aye"
Selectman Kaelin "aye"

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Wackell
Executive Assistant to the
Board of Selectmen

Documents used during meeting:

1. December , 2020 Meeting Agenda
2. Applications to the Master Plan Implementation Committee