



# RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

## BOARD DETAILS



OVERVIEW



**SIZE** 11 Seats



**TERM LENGTH** 36 Months



**TERM LIMIT**

### Overview

The Recreation and Parks Commission is comprised of Natick residents; 5 elected members and 4 appointed. The commission is an advisory board who serves as the eyes and ears in the community regarding the recreational needs of residents. The commission meets on the first Monday of each month. Community attendance and input regarding programs and facilities is welcome!



DETAILS

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## BOARD ROSTER



**JASON BRANDT**

1st Term Jul 01, 2016 - Jun 30, 2019

Position Member

Appointed by Board of Selectmen



**BARBARA FAHEY SANCHEZ**

1st Term Mar 29, 2017 - Mar 31, 2020

Position Member

Appointed by Elected



**MICHAEL FAIR**

5th Term Mar 29, 2017 - Mar 31, 2020

Position Chairman

Appointed by Elected



**DAN KEEFE**

No Term

Position Recreation & Parks Assistant Director

Appointed by Board of Selectmen



**RICHARD LEBLANC**

1st Term Mar 30, 2015 - Jun 30, 2018

Position Member

Appointed by Elected



**SETH LEVINE**

6th Term Jul 01, 2016 - Jul 01, 2019

Position Member

Appointed by Board of Selectmen



**DAVID ORDWAY**

8th Term Mar 30, 2016 - Mar 26, 2019

Position Member

Appointed by Elected



**JESSICA ORDWAY**

3rd Term Mar 30, 2016 - Mar 26, 2019

Position Vice Chairman

Appointed by Elected



**KAREN PARTANEN**

No Term

Position Recreation & Parks Director

Appointed by Board of Selectmen



**WAYNE SZRETTTER**

9th Term Jul 01, 1991 - Jun 30, 2018

Position Member

Appointed by Board of Selectmen



**VACANCY**

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## Profile

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Natick	MA	01760
City	State	Postal Code

### What district do you live in? \*

☒ Precinct 5

Mobile: (508) 314-4410	Business: (508) 314-4410
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

Cottage Cleaners	President
Employer	Job Title

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### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Recreation & Parks Commission: Submitted

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### Are you a registered voter in the Town of Natick?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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### Have you ever attended a Natick town meeting?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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### Have you ever served on a board, committee, or commission in the Town of Natick?

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**If yes, please list name(s) of board, committee or commissions, along with date(s) of service:**

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## **Interests & Experiences**

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission? Are there any changes you would like to see to these boards, committees and/or commissions?**

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I think that this town has so much to offer to its residents and our family has been active with Parks all along. Most recently with Pat Conaway and his clean up crew. I also served many years ago on the Friends of the Morse Institute Library. Now with an empty nest I'm looking to get more involved. I also co-founded Fido of Natick over the last 4 years and we have built a wonderful community and raised quite a bit of money for a dog park here in Natick

**Are you a graduate of the Natick Community Services Citizen's Leadership Academy?**

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☐ Yes ☒ No

**Please list any skills or specialized knowledge you can bring to these boards, committees and/or commissions.**

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As a citizen of Natick now 23 years, And founder of FiDO I have learned so much about how this town works and how citizens can help build a wonderful town

**Please list any professional affiliations.**

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**Let us know what other specialized interests or hobbies you might have.**

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Wow this sounds serious....I am a steward if all parks and land. I care deeply about our town and not for nothing know more about the impact of pet waste and the environment than the average citizen. I have not attended NCSCLA due to work conflicts

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Profile

MARGARET WATERS

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City State Postal Code

What district do you live in? \*

☒ N/A

Home: (410) 585-7153 Home:

Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Employer Job Title

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I moved back to the area 2 1/2 years ago and I would like to start being actively involved in the Town. I would like to see more activities for adults in their 30's and 40's and more use of the beach at Memorial Beach (beach volleyball etc.). I would like to see the Town develop partnerships with other town clubs.

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While living in Maryland, I sat on the Board of a Homeowners Association (HOA) as an officer as well as sitting on different committees like the Activities, Communications and Street Festival Committees. I was also one of the founding members of the swim team in our community.

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# MARGARET A. WATERS

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Professional with over 20 years of experience that has demonstrated the capacity to provide comprehensive unwavering support for executive-level staff and attorneys including scheduling meetings, coordinating domestic and international travel, and effectively managing all essential tasks. Expert at developing and maintaining detailed administrative and procedural processes that reduce redundancy, improve accuracy and efficiency, and achieve organizational objectives. Proven ability to lead seamless implementations and deliver results in supporting complex, deadline-driven operations; able to identify goals and priorities to resolve issues in initial stages.

## **Experience**

### **Cooley LLP, Boston, MA**

December 2014 to present

#### **Patent Legal Secretary**

- Provide patent legal and administrative support to four attorneys/time keepers.
- Address inquiries from clients and utilize twenty years of patent prosecution knowledge to act as a liaison between attorney, client, and other staff coordinating patent filings throughout entire life cycle.
- Review and maintain accurate case data to review and clear docket daily ensuring correctness of entries and completeness of information.
- Prepares letters, forms, applications and other documents for transmittal to the USPTO.
- Prepares correspondence and various documents for transmittal to clients and Foreign Associates.
- Communicates with Docketing department staff to receive docket numbers, related application information and client status reports.
- Assists with file transfer process as requested by the IP Intake Manager.
- Miscellaneous projects or assignments.
- Manage frequently changing Outlook calendars.
- Manage, maintain and oversee large projects as requested by attorneys.
- Review daily docket to ensure that all deadlines are met.

### **MCCARTER & ENGLISH, LLP, Hartford, CT**

April 2014 to November 2014

#### **Patent Paralegal**

- Develop project plans defining scope, objectives, timelines and deliverables.
- Coordinate international patent application filings with attorneys;
- Review daily docket to ensure that all deadlines are met;
- Review and respond to client inquiries in a timely professional manner;
- Review and analyze correspondence and response deadlines for foreign patent prosecution;
- Prepare response letters, manage soft dates and perform daily docket reconciliation;
- Track, docket and respond to foreign filing formalities;
- Prepare documents to meet formalities requirements; legalize through the appropriate state authorities, consulates and/or embassies.
- Preparation and filing of US patent applications via EFS, which include Application Data Sheets, Power Of Attorney, and Information Disclosure Statements.

### **GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, Global Patent Office - Shelton, CT**

August 2012 to April 2014

#### **Patent Paraprofessional**, March 2013 to April 2014

#### **Temporary Patent Paraprofessional** (through Placement Agency), August 2012 to March 2013

- Coordinate international patent application filing procedures with attorneys;
- Review daily docket to ensure that all deadlines are met;
- Review and respond to businesses (client) inquiries in a timely professional manner;
- Work in partnership with Agents in foreign jurisdictions on filings in non-PCT countries to ensure accurate and timely application preparation and filing;
- Gather and prepare PCT applications, transmittals, and Responses to Invitations to Correct Defects;

- Communicate instructions to foreign agents and foreign patent offices, including national phase and direct non-U.S. filings;
- Review and analyze correspondence and response deadlines for foreign patent prosecution;
- Prepare response letters, manage soft dates and perform daily docket reconciliation;
- Track and docket foreign filing formalities; and
- Prepare documents to meet formalities requirements; legalize through the appropriate state authorities, consulates and/or embassies.
- Preparation and filing of US patent applications via EFS, which include Application Data Sheets, Power Of Attorney, and Information Disclosure Statements.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

\* Upon hire, became an active member of the Data Integration Team, assisting businesses with their mergers and acquisitions.

\* Assisted the GPO Filing Team with updating their process for Legalizations cutting significant costs to the department.

\* In 2013, successfully coordinated over 1900 patent filings throughout the world.

## **FINNEGAN – WASHINGTON, DC**

2000 to July 2012

### Patent Legal Secretary/Executive Assistant

- Provided executive administrative support to three attorneys, of which two are internationally based partners.
- Addressed inquiries from clients and utilize twelve years of patent prosecution knowledge to act as a liaison between attorney, client, and other staff coordinating patent filings throughout entire life cycle.
- Utilized knowledge of clients' needs to input data and generate bills and reports for clients and attorneys as requested.
- Reviewed and maintain accurate case data to review and clear docket daily ensuring correctness of entries and completeness of information.
- Managed frequently changing Outlook calendars and complex international and domestic travel arrangements.
- Managed, maintained and oversaw large projects as requested by attorneys.
- Utilized knowledge of cases to review client bills for appropriateness, resolve discrepancies and make recommendations for revisions as appropriate.
- Supported submission of travel expense reports through Chrome River. (Payment Processing Database)

## **MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS, WASHINGTON, DC**

1999 to 2000

### Foreign Patent Prosecution Filing Specialist

- Supported patent department by overseeing all PCT and foreign applications for the Washington, DC office.
- Maintained an accurate and clear docket calendar. Provided international research to keep current with changes that affect the practice.

## **TESTA, HURWITZ & THIBEAULT, BOSTON, MA (NO LONGER IN BUSINESS)**

1998 to 1999

### Annuity Administrator

- Supported to patent department by preparing and paying annuities for all client portfolios.
- Designated as secondary administrator to the Foreign Filing Administrator.

## **DIKE, BRONSTEIN, ROBERTS & CUSHMAN, BOSTON, MA (NO LONGER IN BUSINESS)**

1994 to 1998

### Floater

- Supported patent secretaries that had overflow work or while on vacation.



## **Education**

### **CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE, BURLINGTON, VT**

Master of Science in Law (Specializing in Managerial Law), 2010

### **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE – ADELPHI, MD**

Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies, 2008

### **NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, MA**

Paralegal Certificate, 1991

## **Skills**

Proficient in Adobe Professional, IPDAS, CPI, and Microsoft Office System; type 50 wpm with complete accuracy.

## **Volunteer Experience**

Central Maryland Swim League, Treasurer 2008-2012

Piney Orchard Swim Team, President, 2006-2012

Piney Orchard Home Owners Association, Secretary 2008-2010.

Piney Orchard Home Owners Association, Communications Chairperson 2010 - 2012

Piney Orchard Home Owners Association, Street Festival Co-Chairperson 2009-2012

Piney Orchard Home Owners Association, Activities Chairperson 2009-2010.

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## Profile

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City

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State

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Postal Code

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### What district do you live in? \*

☒ Precinct 10

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Alternate Phone

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Self, K. W. Van Blarcom,  
Antiques and Appraisal Service

Employer

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Auctioneer and Appraiser

Job Title

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## Interests & Experiences

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I have been actively attending the Rec and Park Commission meetings for the last year and would like to become an official member of the commission to add my interest and experience as a citizen of Natick who cares about all of the parks and the recreation facilities that are the pride of Natick. I would like to see a clear line of spending accountability as it relates to the various parks and recreation facilities in town. Budgets are tight and we all need to make sure we are gaining the maximum value of all our facilities in town and I hope that I can help on the Recreation and Parks Commission in that regard.

**Are you a graduate of the Natick Community Services Citizen's Leadership Academy?**

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I am a strong communicator and have an enthusiasm for our parks and the related recreation facilities and feel I could relay that to my fellow Natick citizens and keep them informed on the issues that concern them relative to all of the parks. Having been and continuing to be an advocate for Shaw Park and Old Town Park in South Natick, I would very much like to expand that advocacy to all of our parks and recreation facilities.

**Please list any professional affiliations.**

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I am an antique dealer, appraiser and collector who still enjoys the hunt for that rare treasure, though with the changing antique market, they are fewer and fewer. I am also a hiker and fisherman and an avid Red Sox fan.

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Kenneth W. Van Blarcom is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Art History.

Mr. Van Blarcom began his career in the Antiques and fine art business in 1975 at Shreve, Crump and Low, Co. in Boston. He served as an associate in the Antique Department there for three years before leaving to start his own antique and appraisal business in the town of Holliston and then Sherborn, Massachusetts.

He joined the Robert W. Skinner, Auction Co. [now Skinner, Inc.] in 1979, becoming the director of the Boston office.

In 1981 he established Kenneth W. Van Blarcom, Auctioneers and Appraisers in Natick, Massachusetts and it went on to become one of New England's premier regional auction houses. After holding over 210 auctions Van Blarcom's has established its reputation for knowledge and professional service as an auctioneer, appraiser and dealer, selling over 50 million dollars in antiques, fine art, silver, jewelry and decorative accessories.

Mr. Van Blarcom has conducted hundreds of appraisals of personal property and fine arts over the last forty years for New England law firms, banks, trustees and insurance companies as well as for individuals. These appraisals have been for insurance, probate and property division. Mr. Van Blarcom is recognized and meets the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service standards for appraisals. He continues to take courses in the antique and fine arts field as well as teach about antiques and the appraisal business to insurance and legal organizations.

Kenneth Van Blarcom's personal approach is the cornerstone of his business. In 1989 he purchased his building at 63 Eliot Street in South Natick where he continues to develop his appraisal and consulting business.

Now in its fourth decade Kenneth W. Van Blarcom and Associates continues to offer professional service, personally delivered, to collectors and individuals in his gallery setting in South Natick or in their homes or offices throughout New England and beyond.