



# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

## BOARD DETAILS



OVERVIEW



**SIZE** 8 Seats



**TERM LENGTH** 36 Months



**TERM LIMIT** N/A

### Overview

The Zoning Board of Appeals consists of 5 regular members and 3 associate members, all appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Five members sit on each case brought before the Board. They have the power to hear and decide the following petitions:

Appeals from decisions of the Building Inspector

Special Permits as allowed within the Natick Zoning Bylaws

Variances from the Natick Zoning Bylaws  
Appeals in accordance with Section 8 of Chapter 40A of Massachusetts General Laws

Variances for commercial and residential properties



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## BOARD ROSTER



**KATHERINE M DURRANE**

**2nd Term** May 02, 2017 - May 02, 2020

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen

**Position** Member



**DAIVA IZBICKAS VERSELIS**

**2nd Term** May 02, 2017 - May 02, 2020

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen

**Position** Member



**DAVID R. JACKOWITZ**

**2nd Term** May 02, 2016 - May 01, 2019

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen

**Position** Vice-Chairman



**SCOTT W. LANDGREN**

**4th Term** May 02, 2016 - May 01, 2019

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen

**Position** Chairman



**GEOFFREY S LEWIS**

**1st Term** May 01, 2017 - May 01, 2018

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen

**Position** Member



**JASON P. MAKOFSY**

**1st Term** Jul 01, 2015 - May 01, 2018

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen

**Position** Member



**ROBERT K. STECKBECK**

**2nd Term** May 02, 2016 - May 01, 2019

**Appointing Authority** Board of Selectmen

**Position** Associate Member



**VACANCY**

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## Profile

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City

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State

01760

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

☒ Precinct 5

Home: (508) 423-4660

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

CDM SMITH

Employer

SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL

Job Title

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

Zoning Board of Appeals: 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?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION; ZBA; WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

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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?**

To continue to review applications for relief from the zoning by-laws; to assist residents with their permitting needs.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Licensed attorney, licenced professional civil engineer.

**Please list any professional affiliations.**

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

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# Profile

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Middle Initial

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City

MA

State

01760

Postal Code

What district do you live in? \*

☒ Precinct 9

Mobile: (617) 780-7804

Home:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Colliers International

Vice President

Employer

Job Title

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Member of Zoning Board of Appeals, June 2017 to present Town Meeting Member April 2010-April 2011  
Parking Advisory Committee December 2015-June 2016 Affordable Housing Trust Fund December 2015-June 2016

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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?**

I remain interested in serving on the ZBA because it aligns with my personal and professional interests. As a city planner working in the real estate development business, I understand the need for growth in a responsible manner that benefits the town. I am also interested in design and ensuring that development enhances the community and the town.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

I worked at the Boston Redevelopment Authority for 15 years overseeing the review processes for dozens of high profile projects in Boston. I understand zoning law, design, regulatory process and practices, and the development process. I also served in the town of Natick's Community and Economic Development office from 2015 to 2016 and understand the needs of the town.

**Please list any professional affiliations.**

Urban Land Institute National Association of Industrial and Office Properties

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

Home improvement Travel Coaching softball

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## Summary of Qualifications

**Program and Project Management:** Guided the approval and entitlement of complex real estate projects in the City of Boston. Directed and implemented the BRA's housing and funding programs.

**Financial Analysis:** Analyze development budgets and operating pro formas to determine financial feasibility and make recommendations regarding appropriate project mitigation.

**Strategy and Communications:** Extensive experience delivering testimony at legislative hearings, handling press inquiries, and conducting public meetings.

**Neighborhood Planning:** Directed the planning and redevelopment of the Charlestown Navy Yard. Responsible for developing a strategic plan for MCCA-owned property in South Boston.

**Policy Development and Implementation:** Developed and supported the BRA's legislative agenda, balancing the needs of competing internal and external stakeholders. Served on several commissions and task forces.

**Research and Analysis:** Prepared over two dozen reports on Boston's real estate markets, economy, and demographics.

## Professional experience

### Colliers International Vice President

June 2016 to present

- Lead City and State permitting processes for clients' development projects
- Provide advisory services to clients seeking to sell, purchase, or develop property

### Town of Natick Senior Planner

December 2015 to June 2016

Planner for Natick, MA (pop. 33,000)

- Lead the disposition process for two parcels in Natick Center. Town aims to provide parcels at no cost in exchange for a private development program including 400+ structured parking spaces for town businesses, residents, and employees.
- Conducted site plan review for various projects including local shopping center, industrial uses, R&D facilities, and multi-family housing.
- Managed the acquisition of Rights-of-Way for the Cochituate Rail Trail from CSX, Phase I testing, title research, and takings process.
- Managed the design of the Cochituate Rail Trail and the Route 27 improvements with MassDOT.

### Massachusetts Convention Center Authority Senior Project Manager

April 2013 to November 2015

Member of Capital Projects Team responsible for the planning, design, permitting, and construction of the proposed Boston Convention & Exhibition Center expansion and related projects.

- Directed the design, permitting, and construction of a parking lot and private roadways to serve two new hotels totaling 510 keys.
- Led pre-development activities for two parking garages including planning, permitting, siting, design guidelines and financial analysis.
- Prepared and evaluated Requests for Proposals for architectural, engineering, and permitting firms.
- Represented the MCCA on the South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan charged with identifying transportation improvements in the South Boston Waterfront.

## **Boston Redevelopment Authority**

**September 1997 to March 2013**

### **Senior Project Manager**

**2005 to 2013**

- Responsible for managing and coordinating the Article 80 design and development review of complex commercial, residential and institutional projects throughout the City of Boston.
- Directed the planning and development of two million square feet in the Charlestown Navy Yard (CNY), including revisions to the design guidelines and development plans, the disposition of BRA-owned land, tenant relations, environmental concerns, and coordinating the approvals of federal, state and local agencies with regulatory authority over the CNY.
- Developed and implemented the City of Boston's Inclusionary Development Policy, producing over 1,500 units of affordable housing and raising over \$30 million for housing programs.
- Analyzed development budgets and pro formas of developments and made funding recommendations to the BRA Director and Board. Assisted and advised developers in meeting their affordable housing and mitigation requirements under the City's policies.

### **Assistant Director of Policy**

**2001 to 2005**

- Developed and implemented the BRA's internal and external policies.
- Conceived, drafted, and supported the BRA's housing, economic development, and municipal finance legislation for consideration in the Massachusetts General Court.

### **Senior Research Associate/Economist**

**1997 to 2001**

- Worked closely with the BRA's Chief Economist to analyze and report on issues of interest to the Agency. Prepared over two dozen reports on varied topics such as the history of Boston's economy, the demand for student housing, the balance between housing and commercial development in the South Boston Waterfront, and the results of the 2000 Census.

## **Education**

### **Master of Planning, Urban and Environmental Planning, 1997**

- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

### **Bachelor of Arts, Government and Politics, 1993**

- George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia

### **Professional Development Courses, 2005-2008**

- MIT Center for Real Estate, Cambridge, Massachusetts

### **Emerging Leaders Program, 2002, UMass Boston**