





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 01, 2020

Appointing Authority Board of Selectmen
Position Clerk



DAVID R. JACKOWITZ

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

Appointing Authority Board of Selectmen
Position Chair



SCOTT W. LANDGREN

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

Appointing Authority Board of Selectmen
Position Vice-Chair



GEOFFREY S LEWIS

1st Term Sep 06, 2018 - May 01, 2020

Position Member



MICHAEL LYNCH

1st Term Jun 12, 2018 - May 01, 2021

Appointing Authority Board of Selectmen
Position Associate Member



JASON P. MAKOFSY

2nd Term May 01, 2018 - May 01, 2021

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

Appointing Authority Board of Selectmen
Position Associate Member

Profile

Richard

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Middle Initial

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Email Address

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Street Address

Suite or Apt

Natick

City

MA

State

01760

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *☒ Precinct 9

Home: (508) 479-4025

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin,
Johnson, Harney et al, LLP

Employer

Attorney

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Zoning Board of Appeals: Submitted

Are you a registered voter in the Town of Natick?☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever attended a Natick town meeting?☒ Yes ☐ No

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:

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 am a lawyer. I have practiced in Natick for 26 years. I have also lived in Natick for 29 years. I have had numerous opportunities to appear before the ZBA in Natick and other towns. I would like to assist the Natick ZBA in applying the Zoning Bylaw while considering the various interests of Natick's residents.

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.

Legal knowledge concerning zoning bylaw and case law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Please list any professional affiliations.

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

Squash, tennis, hiking, biking.

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RICHARD B. SCHAFER

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EXPERIENCE

Cunningham, Machanic, et al. LLP, Natick, MA

April 1997 - Present

Trust & Estate Counsel

Of Counsel for general practice mid-size Metro West law firm with a practice focused on servicing clients in the areas of estate planning, trust administration and estate administration.

- Administration of new and existing estates, including all aspects of the estate opening process, estate distributions, terminations, death, gift and GST administration, including preparation of federal gift tax returns and federal and state estate tax returns
- Organize and execute the administration estates and trusts, serving both as a fiduciary (executor and trustee) and as an advisor to the fiduciaries
- Complete and file federal form 1041 and state form 2 income tax returns for both trusts and estates
- Research probate, estate, fiduciary, income, retirement plans and estate and gift tax planning issues and laws and apply them effectively to individual client circumstances
- Advise clients and execute the formation of 501(c) (3) organizations, included securing charitable status determination from the IRS and completing the annual return Form 990 for 501(c) organizations
- Advise clients with regard to understanding of primary asset classes and basic investment strategies. Client assets have included art work, insurance products, securities of all kinds (both inside and outside tax deferred plans), real estate, etc.
- Supervise and advise staff of junior attorney and two estate administration paralegals
- Proficiency with ProSeries software for use in preparing estate, income and gift tax returns

RICHARD B. SCHAFER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Natick, MA March 1992 - March 1997

Attorney, Sole Practitioner

- Solo law practice concentrating in tax and estate planning. Responsible for all aspects of practice including the furnishing and marketing of legal services, accounting for the finances of the practice, and purchasing of computers, books and other equipment to optimize efficiency and effectiveness.

LOURIE & CUTLER, P.C., Boston, MA

December 1988 - March 1992

Attorney

- Lourie & Cutler, P.C. is a law firm specializing in federal and state taxation, and estate planning. Participated in all facets of the firm's practice including congressional lobbying, trial advocacy, business planning, estate planning, tax planning, legal research and writing, and drafting of legal instruments.

EDUCATION

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL

Newton Centre, MA

Juris Doctor:

May, 1988

Grade Point Average:

3.26, Top 25% of class

Admitted to Massachusetts Bar:

December, 1988

WHARTON SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, PA

B.S.E. with a major in marketing:

May, 1983

Grade Point Average:

3.69

Honors and Activities:

Magna Cum Laude Graduate

Four year varsity tennis player

- **Professional and personal references gladly furnished upon request.**