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Sasaki Associates

Employer

Architect

Job Title

Applicants are encouraged to attend or read the minutes of several meetings of the body to which they are applying, if possible.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Historical Commission: 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:**

Natick Historical Commission, 2019-present Natick Design Review Board (designated member of Historical Commission), 2022-present

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?

For the past three years, it has been an honor to serve the town on the Historical Commission and I would very much welcome the opportunity to continue doing so for another term. Since joining the Commission, I have earned the trust of my fellow Commissioners and the Chair to be approved to the role of designated Historical Commission member to the Design Review Board, where I have had the pleasure of serving since January 2022. I thank the Board for their consideration.

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.

My education and experience as a registered architect has given me a breadth of knowledge on topics ranging from architectural history, urbanism, and construction technology, as well as a skill set that includes architectural design, construction detailing, and construction administration.

Please list any professional affiliations.

Member, American Institute of Architects; Member, Boston Society of Architects

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

Applicants are encouraged to upload a resume, accepted file types are listed below.

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Upload a Resume

Experience

Architect Sasaki Associates – Watertown, MA 2019 – present

- Working as a project architect on a series of cultural buildings sited in a new public park in Central Florida, as part of a multi-disciplinary design team
- Currently focusing on the development of technical details and façade systems for multiple buildings

Project Architect DACON Corporation – Natick, MA 2018 – present

- Worked in a design-build setting on commercial ground-up and renovation projects including office buildings, industrial facilities, and life sciences projects.
- Responsibilities included full engagement through all phases for multiple simultaneous projects, with responsibilities including conceptual design, client presentations, presentations at municipal hearings, consultant coordination, construction documentation production, building code analysis, detailing and construction administration.
- Lead the in-house effort to implement Revit on incoming projects and organized a framework for BIM best practices and currently advising colleagues on project-specific Revit solutions.

Selected Projects

ABI-LAB 2 Natick, MA 2018 – present

- New core, shell and tenant improvements for four-story, 68,000 SF life sciences research lab incubator for biotech startup tenants. Currently in design development.
- Responsible for conceptual design, advising Director of Design on building code and constructability concerns.
- Primary project contact for client for project scoping, programming, and design.
- Currently leading construction documents effort, managing support staff and consultant coordination.

54 Middlesex Turnpike Bedford, MA 2017 – 2018

- Intensive renovation and addition to a three-story 50,000 SF mixed-use core-and-shell building with a particular focus on developing the building envelope, façade systems and lobby interiors.
- Responsible for refining architectural concepts based on early schematic documents and developing all architectural documentation, coordinating with in-house estimators with respect to cost constraints during the development of the budget and schedule, and forensic investigations of the existing building, and all consultant coordination. Project closeout in Fall 2018.

Staff Architect

Elkus Manfredi Architects – Boston, MA

2014 – 2017

- Worked directly with project managers and principal to produce documentation from concept design through construction documents for national and international developer clients.
- Project roles typically focused on developing technical solutions for building envelopes and working closely with consulting engineers to coordinate systems and satisfy client objectives while maintaining a high level of architectural design integrity.

*Selected Projects*200 Amsterdam Avenue

New York, NY

2015 – 2017

- New 112-unit, 670-ft tall, 400,000 SF concrete structure luxury condominium tower for developer client group.
- Responsible for developing details for curtainwall and masonry facade under direction of project manager.
- Produced design development, permit, and 100% construction document sets as part of large project team, with a focus on façade detailing, MEP systems coordination, and building code compliance.

River Park

West Lebanon, NH

2015 – 2016

- New core and shell design for 60,000 SF steel framed mixed-use lab building, targeting LEED Gold rating as part of a new life sciences campus.
- Created multiple concept design iterations with principal for client approval
- Led structural and MEP integration from schematic design through construction documents, guiding development of project to maintain sustainability objectives and fit within restrictive zoning parameters. Ran project team coordination meetings during construction documents phase.
- Produced GMP construction documents set as part of two-person team and took part in page turns with general contractors during bidding and negotiation phase.

South Car Park Overbuild

Al Maryah Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE

2015 - 2016

- New design for 80,000 SF retail addition over existing concrete parking garage as part of extension to Al Maryah Central shopping mall, including multiple anchor tenants, bridge to mall and elevated public park.
- Performed intensive design study with principal in developing exterior facade system.
- Responsible for taking existing concept design and further developing project through design development phase, focused on structural coordination, code review and building envelope.

Job Captain

O'Sullivan Architects – Reading, MA

2006 – 2014

- Worked directly with principal throughout all phases of mid-rise multifamily residential development projects on existing urban sites, often involving the adaptive reuse of existing structures.
- Performed zoning, feasibility and building code analyses, produced design concept documents, construction documents and performed construction administration.
- Responsible for researching evolving energy code requirements and developed resources for staff training, reviewed the work of fellow staff.

*Selected Projects:*Penniman on the Park

Allston, MA

2011 – 2015

- New construction of five story + podium, 43,000 SF residential project containing 36 dwelling units on existing contaminated urban site adjacent to city park, scheduled to start construction in 2014.
- Involved in all phases, including production of approval and feasibility design documents, responsible for coordination with MEP, structural & geotechnical consultants, and general contractor on pre-construction items.

The Emerson Lofts

Cambridge, MA

2010 – 2013

- Adaptive reuse of a 1909 manufacturing building, converted into luxury condominiums in North Cambridge. City requirements mandated the project meet the equivalent of LEED Certified. This four-story, 32,000 SF project contains 16 dwelling units.
- Involved in all project phases. Coordinated and integrated consultants' designs, produced construction documents and performed construction administration including shop drawing and submittal review.

Draftsman

Pullman Modular Industries – Worcester, MA

2005 – 2006

- Produced construction and fabrication documents and code research for modular residential and commercial projects up to 4,000 SF.

*Education***Temple University**

Philadelphia, PA

2000 – 2005

- Bachelor of Architecture, cum laude, 2005.
- Thesis: *"Mediating Social Dis/connection in Standardized Culture,"* 2005
- Attended Temple University Rome, 2004
- Participated in Acoma Pueblo, NM independent study, researched vernacular building techniques on-site and created 3D model and renderings using Form-Z for use in preservation & restoration, 2002-2003.
- Second Place, Buell Kratzer Powell Student Portfolio Award, 2003
- Studio work selected for Temple Architecture Gallery 2000-2002, 2004-2005

Skills

- Proficient in Revit, AutoCAD, SketchUp, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign

Certifications

- Registered Architect (*licensed in MA*) 2010 – present
- Member, American Institute of Architects 2013 – present
- NCARB Certificate 2011 – present