

Special Town Council Meeting

October 2, 2023

10:00 AM

Town Council Chambers

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I. ZOOM LINK FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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II. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

III. PLANNING COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

A. PC/BOA Interviews

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recess or Adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ii) and to consider matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party in accordance with Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(iii).

V. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

VI. ADJOURN

Please note that at any point during the meeting, the Mayor may change the order of items listed on this agenda. In order to ensure that you are present at the time your item of interest is discussed, please join the meeting at the beginning to hear any changes to the schedule or agenda.

STAFF REPORT



Meeting Date:	October 2, 2023	Meeting Title:	Special Town Council
Submitting Department:	Town Clerk	Presenter:	Lynsey Lenamond
Agenda Item:	Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment (PC/BOA) Appointment	Public Comment:	Yes

Purpose & Policy Considerations.

The purpose of this item is for the Mayor and Council to consider an appointment to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment ("PC/BOA"). The Council has three applicants to consider, whose names are Rick Gordon, Michael Barry, and Laura Bonich.

Requested Action.

Staff requests Council to interview candidates and appoint a new board member to the PC/BOA.

Recommendations.

Staff recommends one of the interviewees be appointed to the PC/BOA.

Background.

The PC/BOA has 3-7 members, with each term lasting three years. There are currently six active members on the board, and if an appointment is made today, the board would have its maximum number of members, which is ideal for quorums and continuity. The other current members are Katie Wilson, Anne Schuler, Thomas Smits, Abigail Petri, Steph Wise, and Christie Schutt.

Analysis.

Section 2.40.010 of the Municipal Code relates to the Planning Commission and states, in relevant part, that the Planning Commission "*shall consist of an odd number of not more than 7 members and not less than 3*". The PC/BOA members are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Town Council.

Possible Alternatives.

1. Make appointments at a later date.
2. Direct staff to advertise for more letters of interest.

Comprehensive Plan & Priority Alignment.

The Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment helps to ensure we accomplish Section 3, *Responsible Growth Management*, and Section 4, *Town as the Heart of the Region* of our Comprehensive Plan.

Fiscal Impact.

Advertising costs for the PC/BOA vacancy were approximately \$1,500.00.

Staff Impact.

Staff spent approximately 8 hours organizing advertising, speaking with applicants, relevant department heads, preparing a staff report, and will include updating the volunteer board database.

Attachments or Links.

Letters of Interest.

Suggested Motion. *Council always has the option to adopt, approve with conditions, continue, or deny items.*

Mayor: I nominate _____ to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment for a three-year term, expiring September 30, 2026.

Council: I move to consent to the appointment of _____ to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment for a three-year term, expiring September 30, 2026.

Mayor: I appoint _____ to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment for a three-year term, expiring September 30, 2026.

Laura Bonich

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August 16, 2023

RE: Town of Jackson Planning Commission

Attn: Lynsey Lenamond, Sr. Deputy Town Clerk

Mayor Morton Levinson:

I am writing this letter to express an interest in an appointment to the Town of Jackson Planning Commission. I have been a resident of Jackson for almost 10 years. I currently serve on the Housing Supply Board (through December 2023) and Energy Conservation Works Board (through June 2024). I was also a member of the North South Park Steering Committee and chaired the PAC for the Community Solar SPET ballot initiative. I am retired after 30+ years primarily in civil engineering consulting (Vice President at NV5 a publically traded firm). My husband, Jim, is a retired federal employee and currently a Jackson Hole Fire & EMS volunteer. Since my husband has training every Wednesday night, I can easily commit to twice a month Wednesday Planning Commission meetings.

My professional experience is primarily in project planning and entitlement with an emphasis on horizontal infrastructure and infrastructure sustainability. I have provided strategic planning approaches to all aspects of land development projects, including physical and policy land planning, infrastructure master planning, design, financing, entitlements, sustainability, permitting, and regulatory compliance. I have worked on the due diligence, acquisition, entitlement and design of over 100,000 , single-family lots and thousands of square feet of commercial, mixed use and redevelopment projects in 11 states. Working in numerous town and county jurisdictions has given me a broad understanding of land use regulations and zoning. In addition to my professional engineering licenses, I am a LEED accredited professional and helped develop the LEED for Neighborhood Development rating system. I think my experience would be complementary to the current mix of professionals on the Planning Commission and look forward to discussing the opportunity. I have also attached my resume.

Sincerely,



Laura Bonich, PE LEED AP

From: [Michael Barry](#)
To: [Lynsey Lenamond](#)
Subject: Application for the Planning Commission/BOA
Date: Friday, August 18, 2023 2:58:39 PM
Attachments: [2023 Summary Resume - Michael Barry.pdf](#)



Dear Mayor Morton Levinson,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the Planning and Zoning Commission/BOA. My diverse business background, notably recapitalizing an insolvent residential builder and land developer, combined with my deep appreciation for Jackson Hole, positions me well to contribute to shaping our town's growth and development.

Since moving to Jackson in 2017, I have seen some of the changes and challenges our community faces. Having lived in numerous communities both within the U.S. and abroad, I bring a unique perspective that I believe would add value to the commission.

Furthermore, I have a passion for mixed-use living spaces, which promote diversity in both residential accommodations for varied income groups and commercial activities. I am keenly aware that balancing such growth without compromising our cherished natural resources or the character of our community presents its challenges. However, I am confident that my skills, dedication, and past experiences equip me well to make a constructive impact on the commission.

I kindly request you consider me for the position. I have attached a summary of my experience for your reference. Please do not hesitate to contact me at _____ if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Mike Barry

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From: [Rick Gordon](#)
To: [Lynsey Lenamond](#)
Subject: PLANNING and ZONING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Date: Friday, August 18, 2023 6:38:16 PM



Dear Town Officials,

I am writing to apply for a position on the Planning and Zoning Commission/Board of Adjustment. I lived in Driggs back in the 1990's, have been out here almost every winter since about 1980 and moved to Jackson permanently last August, renting in "Midtown" near Target and Gariman Park.

I think I can bring much relevant perspective to the Planning Board having seen the changes in the region over the years, many of which I think I appreciate more upon moving back 30 years later and seeing the many positives of additions such as the Arts Center, Library, and bike pathways.

I have extensive experience serving on town committees, having been on the school board for over 20 years, as well as on the boards of the local Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, and local rec area. I also organized and coached our area youth soccer and nordic ski programs and have been looking for ways to be more involved in the Jackson community.

Last year I taught math at Summit Innovations High School. I currently am a mentor for the TEAMS program at Silicon Couloir and hoping to work with their Leadership Institute, I coach for Jackson Hole Youth Soccer, serve as an Ambassador for Teton Backcountry Alliance and do part time work with Wyoming Stargazing.

My professional experience is primarily in education, having helped found a Middle-High School in Vermont that I directed for over two decades. I also have started several small businesses, own rental properties in Wisconsin, and designed and built a well appointed tiny home, giving me a range of experience with architecture, construction, town planning, and building code for real estate, schools, ADUs, and other facilities.

Although I have been a homeowner for over 30 years elsewhere, I think being a renter here offers a perspective that is valuable in some of the many decisions that come before this board.

I am a flexible thinker who is open to exploring ideas without a preset ideology and who values more what makes common sense than any particular agenda. I am good with numbers and was an Environmental Policy major in college so familiar with issues of natural resource management, policy and public engagement. I know what it takes to make a board work and know what it takes to manifest an effective planning effort and underlying process.

I am happy to provide more information about my education, work experience, and anything else that might be useful in this appointment process.

In advance, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rick Gordon
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