

April 13, 2018

Board of Selectmen

Planning Board

Hopkinton, MA 01748

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Dear Chairman John Coutinho and Chairman John Ferrari:

I am submitting my application to be appointed to the open position on the Planning Board to serve until May 2019 elections. I know that all members on the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board know me and my qualifications I can step into this position without a steep learning curve. This is what I would say at my interview for the appointment:

My name is Ken Weismantel and I live at 145 Ash Street. I believe that the Planning Board can benefit from my institutional knowledge and experienced town government leadership that I bring. With a new Principal Planner just hired and relative inexperience on the Planning Board, this is important.

I was Chairman of the Planning Board for 6 or the 10 years I have served. I did not miss a meeting in 10 years. I led the Board's efforts to update the Master Plan and chaired many subdivision hearings, Site Plan reviews, and Scenic Road hearings. I served on the Zoning Advisory Committee as Chairman and led the public process to write the OSMUD zoning bylaw and amendments to many key zoning bylaws. Our committee rarely lost a two-thirds vote to approve zoning changes at Town Meeting. I currently serve as Vice Chair of the Center School Reuse Advisory Team.

I was elected Department of Public Works Commissioner, Cemetery Commissioner, and Water/ Sewer Commissioner. I am an active participant in Town Meeting. I have been appointed to numerous committees in the town. I had volunteered for the Train Station restoration, and currently help keep the Common fountain operational.

I am a Governor appointed Public Member of the Commonwealth's Water Resources Commission which sets water policy for the state. As a member of the Commonwealth's Metro West Suburban Edge Community Commission we recently submitted our final report on this region and the economic, transportation, and development issues facing our region.

I am the father of three grown daughters and grandfather of four grandchildren. My wife Margaret and I have lived in Hopkinton since 1981. I received a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a MS in Industrial Administration from Purdue University. I am a USAF veteran. I am now retired having completed a career in managing high tech equipment projects in the defense, government (including international) and scientific sectors.

I would be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Ken Weismantel