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TOWN OF NEWTOWN
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Police Commissioners
Special Meeting, Thursday, December 21, 2017
Town Hall South Conference Room
3 Main Street, Newtown

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PRESENT: Chairman Joel Faxon, Vice-Chairman Brian Budd, Andy Sachs.

ASSENT: Scott Cicciari

ALSO PRESENT: Chief James Viadero, Joan Plouffe, Maureen Crick Owen

Chairman Faxon called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Action on Selection to Fill Commissioner Vacancy – Joan Plouffe presented her resume (Attachment A). She thanked the commission for the opportunity to apply. She has lived in town for 20 years and had previously practiced law before raising her family. She has been to many town meetings and understands the budget and CIP process. She has experience in advocacy and that experience is important. She is a big advocate of a larger facility, law enforcement is critical to a successful community.

Chairman Faxon moved to approve the selection of Joan Plouffe to the board of Police Commission to fill the spot that was held by Dan Rosenthal until the next election unless otherwise noted in the charter or state statute of CT. Brian Budd seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Having no further business the Board of Police Commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 5:48pm

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk Pro Tem

December 21, 2017

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Dear Commissioners Faxon, Budd, Cicciari and Sachs,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you about my interest in filling the vacancy on the Police Commission.

I have a legal background, having received my JD from Syracuse University College of Law. I am a skilled listener, writer and researcher. I am also good at setting policy and regulations. I am able to make difficult decisions.

I am dedicated to Newtown, having lived here for 21 years. I have attended a myriad of town meetings and am very familiar with all aspects of the budget process and the CIP process. I have been involved in a number of boards and commissions. Most recently, in November of 2107, I served as Campaign Chair for the DTC; I am proud that 27 of our 29 candidates were successful.

It is my belief that law enforcement is a critical and integral part of a successful community. I have talked with First Selectman Rosenthal about the Police Commission and reviewed meeting minutes and find the position on the Commission to be compelling. After having attended the December meeting, I am even more passionate about serving on the Commission; I was impressed with the approach to serving the public and our community and the collegial nature of the members of the commission.

I am a strong advocate for, and committed to, supporting our police department, a new police station, and appropriate budgets for our police department. My extensive background in advocacy will be helpful in achieving those goals.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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I am enthusiastic and work well collaboratively. I am strategic, principled, analytical and committed, and have a strong work ethic. I am an attentive listener, and am friendly, tactful and an articulate communicator. I am dedicated to, and passionate about, Newtown.

Selected contributions:

Newtown Democratic Town Committee 2017- current

Candidates Committee 2017- current

Campaign Chair- Municipal Elections, 2017; committed to be campaign chair for future elections

Founder and Coordinator of DTC Mentoring Program, 2017-

Coordinator- Roberts Rules Workshop, 2017

Commissioner - Newtown Commission on Aging 2010-2015

Chair, Nominating Committee, 2013; Member, Nominating Committee, 2012; Bylaws Team, 2012- 2015; Finance/Legal Team, 2012-2015; Grants Team, 2012-2015

Member - Search Committee for Assistant Principal- Newtown High School, June, 2013

Member- Charter Revision Commission. 2005.

Member - Tools for Schools Committee – Newtown Public Schools 2010 – 2011

Member- Strategic Planning Committee – Newtown Public Schools 2008

Head O' Meadow Elementary School (HOM):

Instructor- Junior Achievement 2010 – 2012

Co-Chair- HOM Referendum 2006 - 2010
Co-Chair- Advocacy Committee 2005 - 2009
Volunteer- PTA High School Expansion Forum 2008
Chair- Cultural Arts Committee 2006 - 2007
Library Volunteer 2009 – 2010
Co-Chair- Budget Committee 2005 - 2009
Executive Board & Second Vice President- Parent Teacher
Association 2006 – 2008
Chair- Nutrition Committee 2007 - 2008

Other:

Executive Board & Second Vice President I Reed Intermediate
School PTA 2007 – 2008
Newtown Board of Education Head O'Meadow PTA Representative
2004 - 2009
Author of Board of Education Update and Budget Update Newsletter
2004 - 2008
Member- Food Service Committee 2004 - 2005

Professional Experience:

Litigation Associate- Ryan, Ryan, Johnson, Clear & Deluca,
Stamford, CT 1990 – 1996
Assistant County Attorney- Westchester County, White Plains, NY
1989 – 1990

EDUCATION & AFFILIATIONS

Member, Connecticut and New York State Bar Associations

College of Law, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, 1989
JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

The George Washington University, Washington, DC, 1986
BACHELOR OF ARTS (Major: Speech Communications, Minor:
Psychology)