

Town of Windsor

Memorandum

January 14, 2020

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michael Stallings, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Appointment of Planning Commissioner

As you are aware, Council needs to appoint one new member to the Planning Commission to replace Mr. Lynch who resigned at the end of 2019. Attached you will find resumes from parties that were interested earlier this year but were not appointed.

I have not received any additional names since the last Town Council meeting.

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Biography

- Resident and homeowner in Windsor since 2013
- Currently employed by Isle of Wight County Schools
 - Oceanography teacher at Smithfield High School
- Member of Windsor Congregational Christian Church
 - President of the Men's Fellowship (2019)
- Member of Windsor Ruritan Club since 2016
 - Vice President (2017)
- Education
 - Ph.D. in Soils and Biogeochemistry (2007) University of California, Davis, CA
 - M.S. in Forest Resources (1999) University of Georgia, Athens, GA
 - B.S. in Water Resource Management (1992) University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
- Completed a Community Planning course at the University of New Hampshire (4.0 GPA)
- Past Employment (selected)
 - Senior Research Specialist, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ (2008 – 2013)
 - Hydrologist, USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Research Station Durham, NH (1993 – 1996)

To: Michael Stallings, Town Manager
From: Sue Worsham Meadows
Date: January 2, 2019
Subject: Short personal history

My name is Sue Worsham Meadows. I have been a resident of the Windsor area since 1976, moving to the area because my late husband accepted employment in Isle of Wight County. Since 1986, I have resided in my current location (40 Church St).

I have watched the Town of Windsor experience growth in population and services. I have enjoyed the small town atmosphere and look forward to the town continuing to grow in a controlled manner that is beneficial to the citizens presently and for many years in the future.

I was first introduced to the concept of Planning and Zoning when my husband, Danny, served on the Planning Commission for the Town of Windsor.

I have a B.S. in Business Management from Berea College, Berea, Ky.

I have worked at a trucking company interpreting manual policy as related to freight charges. I retired after working for 22 years as an Eligibility Worker for the Isle of Wight Department of Social Services. At that position I was responsible for interpreting Medicaid and SNAP (Food Stamps) policy in order to determine eligibility accurately for applicants. I also worked closely with the Social Services Director and the Emergency Management Department for the county to plan/prepare for any shelter needs during an emergency need within the county.

I currently volunteer at the Western Tidewater Free Clinic two mornings a week, processing applications/reapplications for eligibility.

I am an active member of Antioch Church. There, I serve as Financial Secretary and work with the children in the Awana program as Awana Secretary.

I have spent many years serving the citizens of the area through my employment and volunteer activities and feel I can serve the citizens of Town of Windsor effectively on the Planning Commission.

Tony Ambrose
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Michael Stallings
Windsor Town Council
Windsor VA

I moved to Lovers Lane in Windsor in 1989. I relocated from the Outer Banks of North Carolina where I had worked most of my adult life in the construction industry.

I grew up in rural North Carolina where I witnessed the death of the Town that I once called home. This was due to improper planning and the unwillingness to change.

Since I have lived in Windsor, I have been active supporting the community when there was a need because I feel community involvement is necessary in a small town.

I have been a member of the Windsor Congregational Christian Church since 1989. Committees I have been on and involvement include: Property Committee (Co-Chairman); Men's Fellowship (President); Board of Deacons; Finance Committee.

I joined the Windsor Ruritan Club within a short time of moving to the area but needed to resign for several years due to my work schedule and travelling that was involved. I rejoined the club around 2008 and I have been Vice President, and I'm currently the Chairman of the Public Service Committee.

I am currently a member of the Isle of Wight/Smithfield/Windsor Crimeline where I am the Co-Chairman.

I understand the commitment that will be required for the position on the Planning Commission and I appreciate your consideration.

Tony Ambrose

Desiree P. Urquhart

Desiree P. Urquhart is a writer, lobbyist, cultural arts developer and fundraising consultant. Her career spans over 30 years as a technical writer and proposal coordinator for several Fortune 500 engineering design firms in Washington, DC, Baltimore, Maryland and New York before gradually transitioning into arts administration and arts education. Currently, she is Grants Coordinator at Paul D. Camp Community College in Franklin, VA where she has raised over \$2.8MM for the college since joining in March 2016.

In 1999, she began her 13-year relationship with Arena Stage, the preeminent regional theater in Washington, DC. There she served in numerous capacities including as Director of the Allen Lee Hughes Fellowship Program, Director of Community Engagement, Director of Corporate Development, Director of Government and Community Relations and as Associate Executive Director. During that time, she was instrumental in the selection of Bing Thom Architects for the new 200,000sf Mead Center for American Theater complex. As the theater's lobbyist, she successfully raised over \$35 million from the public sector for the theater's \$150 million capital campaign, including \$300K in direct Congressional earmarks.

In 2005, Desiree left Arena for a brief assignment as Vice President of Arts Education at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark where she oversaw 27 arts education programs in music, dance, theater and writing, and managed a \$3.5 million budget. While at NJPAC, she planned, organized and hosted with her staff the first national conference on Arts and Aging in partnership with the National Center for Creative Aging, AARP, the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, and the Center on Aging-Health & Humanities at The George Washington University. As a result of the conference's overwhelming success, Desiree served as a project partner on the development and publication of the 2007 resource guide, "Creativity Matters: The Arts and Aging Toolkit."

After two years, Arena Stage recruited her back to Washington where she was requested to continue her lobbying efforts and service as the theater's liaison to the Southwest waterfront community. Within 18 months, she successfully secured a \$10 million loan from the District of Columbia Government through a revenue bond financing agreement. She also served as the theater's lead representative to secure agency approvals for the theater's 2010 move back into its renovated and expanded facility.

In 2013, Desiree launched her own consultancy to provide fundraising, lobbying, intellectual property brokering, writing and editing services. Clients have included cultural arts organizations, educational institutions, travel planners, small town governments and professional services firms.

Desiree attended Drexel University (1971-1974) but married and started a family before graduation. She is proud to be a Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude graduate of Wellesley College (Davis Scholar Class of 1999) and a National Urban Fellow (Baruch College Class of 2001). Her volunteer and community service experience includes: Board Member (Wellesley College Alumnae Association, 2014 - 2018); Planning Commissioner/Vice Chair (Town of Colonial Beach, VA, 2008 - 2013); Program Chair (AARP Chapter #5309, 2013 - 2016); Fundraising Chair (U.S. Friends of Teboho Trust, 2010 - 2012); and Contributing Writer (Windsor Weekly Newspaper and the Western Tidewater Magazine since April 2015).

The Board of Directors of the
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is honored to recognize

Desiree P. Urquhart

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Charlie W. Elgin, Jr.
President

Mike Chandler

R. Michael Chandler
Director of Education

Ricky Vaughan is 59 years old and is a Safety Manager working for the Department of Defense. He is responsible for doing Safety inspections in Naval Shipyards to insure their employees are working in a safe environment. He grew up in Windsor Virginia, and has lived in Isle of Wight County all his life. He lived in Carrsville for 15 years and was a member of the Carrsville Fire Department while living there. He is now a member of the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department. He started out as an Explorer Jr. Fire Fighter in 1976 while attending Windsor High School, and then rejoining the Windsor Fire Department in the year 2000 when moving back into the town of Windsor. Ricky has been a baseball coach for the Windsor Athletic Association for over 25 yrs., and helped to build the current ball fields off of Hwy. 258. Ricky has also been a volunteer for the Isle of Wight County Fair helping to set up for the fair, as well as working as a stage hand during the fair. Ricky enjoys spending time with his 3 grandkids, playing his guitar, and working with the kids group at Elevate Church.