

Town of Paxton
Planning Board



Approved 7/17/23

Special Meeting jointly with the Board of Selectmen
Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:00pm held at the Public Safety Building, 576 Pleasant St, Paxton, MA

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBER	PRESENT (X)	ABSENT (X)
Neil Bagdis	X	
Jeffrey Kent	X	
Robert Pelczarski	X virtually	
Peter Schur	X	

(NB) called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

New Business

Two candidates for the open Planning Board member position were David Bloom and Jason Burgess. Each candidate spoke, giving their qualifications and reasons for wanting to join the Planning Board. Jason Burgess stated that he is a builder that has done work in Town and has lived here many years. He understands the importance of zoning bylaws and wants to try to keep the same character of the Town. David Bloom stated that he had lived in Paxton previously, moved out to NJ, and has now recently moved back. He had served on the Town Counsel in NJ for 10 years and is an engineer by trade. Both were asked how they heard about the open position. Jason stated he had heard about it from Hank Stidsens son. David stated he had heard about it from Neil B. at least a couple of months ago. Both were also asked if they felt they had any conflict of interest that would interfere with their ability to be on the Planning Board. Both stated none. It was explained to them about the appointment until the next Town election next May and then they would need to run for the five-year term.

Julia Pingitore opened the meeting up to discussion. (NB) He did not want to debate each candidate as he felt they were both qualified. (JP) She added that the BOS would like to encourage "new blood" on the PB but also on other boards and committees. Carol Riches said that whoever is not appointed could always run for election next May.

A roll call vote was taken and was as follows:

Neil Bagdis David Bloom
Jeff Kent David Bloom
Rob Pelczarski David Bloom
Peter Schur David Bloom
Julia Pingitore Jason Burgess
Carol Riches David Bloom
Kirk Huehls David Bloom

6-1, in favor of David Bloom.

Motion (PS) seconded (JK) to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm, vote 4-0, all in favor.

The next meeting, if needed, will be on Monday, July 17, 2023.

**documents referenced located on file in the TSC office

Respectfully submitted,


Sheryl Lombardi