

Application for Service

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Shore Protection Board: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

I am a resident of the Town of Palm Beach (Initial below)

RM

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Please attach proof of Town of Palm Beach residency. Failure to attach proof of residency shall be grounds to reject your application. Proof of residency shall be either a copy of your Florida's Driver's License matching the address of your residence as shown on this application, a copy of a utility bill in your name at the residence address shown on this application, or by providing an original, fully executed and notarized Declaration of Domicile with this application.

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[Verified - KMC](#)

Please upload proof of residency

Business Owner; Retired
Attorney, Mediator and
Government Official

Occupation

In what area of town do you live?

 South

Interests/Experience

Question applies to Shore Protection Board

Why are you interested in serving on the Shore Protection Board?

I am completing my first term on the SPB. We have accomplished a lot during my first term. I would like to continue to contribute. We live on a barrier island. Coastal Protection is a key element of our Comprehensive Plan. The protection of upland properties is an important concern for all residents, including those in South End condominiums. Communicating the efforts and successes of the Town's shore protection program to Town residents has been a key initiative of this SPB under the leadership of Melissa Ceriale and Warren Belmar. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Citizens Association (CAPB), I am in an excellent position to implement this strategy by facilitating SPB communication in the South End by means of seminars, newsletter articles and education. As an example, in April this year CAPB held a well attended seminar on South End shore protection headlined by Ms.Ceriale and Town Consultants.which led, among other things, directly to the re-engagement of the Sloan's Curve condominium complex with the Town's dune restoration efforts. A second such program headlined by Town Staff will lead off this year's slate of CAPB seminars on November 21. In addition, there are several long-term issues that may finally be in a position to be resolved during the next 3 years. Foremost among them is a real possibility of receiving EPA approval so that Reach 8 will be able to conduct near beach sand renourishment. I would like very much to be a part of that resolution.

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How many meetings of the Shore Protection Board have you attended in the last year?

All - as a member of the SPB

Please indicate if there are any periods of time for which you will be unavailable for meetings.

None

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If you have served on any boards/commissions/committees in the Town of Palm Beach or elsewhere, please list them and include details such as length of service, attendance record, etc.

Shore Protection Board - one 3 year term - attended all meetings

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Please list your qualifications specifically relevant to shore protection, including any degrees or certifications you possess.

Although I have no formal degrees or certifications specific to shore protection, I thought I knew a lot about it prior to service on the SPB from attending SPB, BMA and Town Council meetings, as well as reading Woods Hole reports and attending seminars. However, three years of immersion in shore protection issues and access to the knowledge and expertise of Town staff and consultant experts such as Mike Jenkins and Tom Piero have given me a degree of knowledge of all aspects of the many complex shore protection issues that I could not possibly have imagined prior to SPB service. Now CAPB constituents actually come to me for assistance as a knowledgeable party on shore issues, Its pretty amazing.

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Please describe your experience with the design and/or construction of coastal protection projects.

Coastal protection projects are incredibly complex. Borrowing areas, sand grain size, dredging operations, coastal currents, wave action, hardpan, sand deposit proiles for dune restoration, among many other considerations. The three years of immersion referenced above not only introduced me to all of this but allowed each project, seminar and report to peel back layer upon layer of detail and nuance. Clearly this is second hand experience, but it has permiittted me to become both an increasingly effective SPB member and a conduit or communication between the Town and community members such as my recent facilitation of Sloan's Curve reengagement with the Town

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Please describe any particular knowledge or experience you may have regarding alternative or emerging shore protection technology or coastal management processes.

Alas, none except for information presented to the SPB by members of the public. Frankly, the Town's existing (one might say conventional} shore protection strategy executed under the BMA has been quite successssful

Are you a member of any of the following organizations? (Check all that apply)

Palm Beach Civic Association

Present Occupation

Business Owner

No. of years

20

Past occupation(s)

Attorney, Mediator, International Consultant, Government Official (Clinton and Bush Presidencies), Publishing

No. of years

30

Please provide details regarding your educational background:

BS in Economics, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, JD, Yale Law School

Upload a Resume

Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime other than minor traffic violations?

Yes No

If you are currently serving on a Town board, commission, or committee, please identify in the space below and check the "I Agree" box indicating that you will resign from that position if you are appointed to the position you are seeking in this application.

I agree that I will resign from the board, commission, or committee if I am appointed to the position I am seeking in this application.

I Agree

To enable Town Council to consider potential conflicts of interest, please list the family members who live and/or work in the Town of Palm Beach, including your spouse, parents, siblings or children.

Barbara A Matzner

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

Physically Disabled

Yes No

Ronald F Matzner

I hereby certify that I have read the sections of the Town Code of Ordinances for the particular board/commission/committee that I have selected above and have noted the description of the board/commission/committee and its members' duties, and further I have read the regulations concerning absences and conflicts of interests. I certify the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any falsification of material facts will be grounds for rejection of this application of dismissal after appointment.

I Agree

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Please attach proof of Town of Palm Beach residency (as listed above) with this application.

Please note that Board/Commission applications will expire on December 15 each year.

SHORE PROTECTION BOARD

The Shore Protection Board acts in an advisory capacity and makes recommendations to the Town Council in matters relating to shore protection, coastal management, beach nourishment, coastal armoring, the sand transfer plant, and matters relating to the Town's Lake Worth lagoon shoreline. The scope of the Board shall include long term planning, budgeting, lobbying, public education, and intergovernmental coordination. Members of the Board shall possess knowledge of or interest in shore protection, coastal management, and/or beach nourishment. The Board shall be composed of seven members to be appointed by the Town Council. Members of the Board shall serve for terms of three years. Each member of the Board is required to be a resident of the Town of Palm Beach, except that one member of the Board may be a non-Town resident who possesses specific knowledge or skills directly related to shore protection, coastal management, and beach nourishment. The Board shall hold at least four meetings per year and more if deemed necessary.

Shore Protection Board Application

Personal Background Addendum to Question 10

GOVERNMENT: Ten years in Washington in the Clinton and Bush Administrations. President Clinton's point person for reducing regulations, in the first term as Associate General Counsel at the SBA and in the second term in the White House as Counselor to the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) through which all executive branch regulations passed for approval. During President Bush's first term, helped coordinate interagency and intergovernmental response to disasters as a consultant working out of the Department of the Interior.

LAW: Twenty years general practice in New Jersey, including Municipal Prosecutor in 4 NJ Townships.

MEDIATION: Licensed mediator in Florida and New Jersey.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING: Representing small and medium sized American businesses in the former Soviet Union, and later in Russia and Central Asia.

MEDIA: Publisher of trade and community newspapers in New Jersey.

BUSINESS: Principal in Copa Judaica, House of Raasche and Legacy Judaica, the combination of which is the largest designer, manufacturer and distributor of Judaica, Jewish jewelry and Jewish ceremonial art in North America.