

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON

SHORE PROTECTION BOARD

Please complete the application by typing or printing legibly in ink. Applications should be submitted to the Town Clerk (360 South County Road, Palm Beach, FL 33480, via facsimile 561-838-5417, or via e-mail to townclerk@townofpalmbeach.com) no later than 5 p.m., 11 calendar days prior to the Town Council meeting in which the appointment will be considered. Completion of this application requires that applicant has reviewed certain Town documents as noted in this application. To review or obtain a copy of the documents please contact the Town Clerk's Office (561-838-5416). Please feel free to attach any additional background information to this application form.

Name: Ronald P. Russo, Jr. E-mail Address: ron@beachlabs.org

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I am a resident of the Town of Palm Beach RR (please initial) KD

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 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.

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

~~I am lucky enough to live on the ocean. The beach is my backyard. Everyday I head out to the beach to take a long walk or jog and~~

~~inevitably I come back with an armful of garbage. I don't see this as a passing problem but rather one that is in dire need of a solution.~~

~~I started my non-profit BeachLabs.org in an effort to bring awareness to the local community to save our beaches / environment.~~

2. How many meetings of the Shore Protection Board have you attended in the last year? 0

3. 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 records, etc.

none

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

none

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

I founded BeachLabs.org because I am passionate about the cause.

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

I have none.

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

I have high morals and logic as seen in this video:

<https://beachlabs.org/stop-tractors-from-shredding-plastic-on-our-beaches>

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Palm Beach Civic Association | <input type="checkbox"/> North End Property Owners Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens' Association of Palm Beach | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Alliance of Palm Beach |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Nonprofits First</u> | |

9. Present occupation: Consultant Number of years 12

Employer: BeachLabs.net

10. Past occupation(s): Investment Banker Number of years 13

Employer(s): CapStone Investments / US Euro Securities

11. Please provide details regarding your educational background.

I grew up in NJ and attended public school until 10th grade. At that point I transferred to Seton Hall Prep to play
ice hockey. I made varsity my sophomore year and made the Dean's List every quarter. After high school I graduat-
ed from St. John's University in NY and started on Wall Street.

12. To enable the Town Council to consider potential conflicts of interest, please provide the following information regarding family members who live and/or work in the Town of Palm Beach including your spouse, parents, siblings, or children, as applicable.

| Family Member Name | Relationship | Address | Occupation | Employer |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| Julia Russo | X-Wife | 3230 S Ocean Blvd | None | None |
| Stella Russo | Daughter | 3450 S Ocean Blvd | 3rd Grade | PB Public |
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13. Have you ever been convicted of a crime or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime other than minor traffic violations. No

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

☐ I will resign from the n/a if I am appointed to the position I am
(board/commission/committee)
seeking in this application.

15. In the event you are applying to be a Regular Member of the Shore Protection Board and you are not successful, will you accept appointment as an Alternate Member of the Commission should the Town Council wish to appoint you as an Alternate Member? Yes ☐ X No ☐

The following information is needed to facilitate Town reporting requirements in Florida Statute 760.80. Please check one in each category.

RACE

- ☐ African American
☐ Asian American
☐ Hispanic American

- ☐ Native American
☒ Caucasian
☐ Not known


GENDER

- ☒ Male ☐ Female

PHYSICALLY DISABLED

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

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 or dismissal after appointment.

Signature:  Date: 11/09/2019

Please attach proof of Town of Palm Beach residency (as listed on page 1) with this application.

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