



**CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA  
BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPLICATION**

Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Floor 3  
Phone: 907.747.1826 Fax: 907.747.7403 Email: [clerk@cityofsitka.org](mailto:clerk@cityofsitka.org)

**Submit this completed application AND either a letter of interest or resume to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.**

**Board/Commission/Committee Applying For:** Planning Commission

**Name:** Robin Sherman **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Length of Residence in Sitka:** since November 2015 **Registered to vote in Sitka?**  Yes  No

**Employer Business Name and your position:** Special Projects Director, Sitka Tribe of Alaska

**Organizations you belong to or participate in:**  
Not involved in any Sitka organizations at present

**Explain your main reason for applying:**  
I am interested in land use policy, housing, and economic development, have education and experience in the field, and would like to serve my community.


**What experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?**  
I have a master's degree in Urban and Environmental Policy, a master's degree in public administration, seven years of experience as a municipal planner in a rural community the size of Sitka, and seven years of experience as executive director of a rural regional housing authority.  
**Appointments are typically made during Assembly meeting open sessions. However, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session.** In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed?  Yes  No

**Potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment must be disclosed.** These may include, but are not limited to, a substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment, or an immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment. **Do you have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose?**  Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:** I am related to the owners of Allen Marine by marriage. Neither my husband or I have an ownership interest in the company, but we do receive income of more than \$1,000 annually from the business.

*I understand this is a volunteer position appointed by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly and requires regular meeting attendance. I further understand this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in media outlets. If I am appointed to serve, I will follow all laws, procedures, and practices associated with my appointment.*

*I certify that the information in my application is true and accurate.*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant Signature:** 

## ROBIN SHERMAN

### SUMMARY

- Mission-driven leader with record of integrity and excellence in the public and non-profit sectors
- Record of success in executive management, policy research, planning and fundraising
- Creative, pragmatic problem-solver with superior analytical, strategic and communication skills

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Special Projects Director, Sitka Tribe of Alaska**

**2022 – present**

High-level generalist for Tribal government with diverse portfolio of functions and projects.

#### **Executive Director, Justice Not Politics Alaska**

**2021**

Interim leadership for Justice Not Politics Alaska and JNPA Civics Education fund, 501(c)4 and 501(c)3 organizations that work on judicial independence in Alaska, completed 12 month contract.

#### **Owner and Principal, Cape Decision Consulting**

**2019 – present**

Interim executive leadership, strategy, research, communications, administrative and other services for government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Co-owner with husband Rob Allen.

#### **Affiliate Program Manager, The Alaska Community Foundation**

**2017 – 2021**

Strategic and administrative support, communications, development and program management for Sitka Legacy Foundation, a local Affiliate of the statewide philanthropic organization.

#### **Consulting writer**

**2016 – 2019**

Research, analysis, writing and editing for nonprofit organizations in Alaska and Massachusetts.

#### **General Manager, Raven Radio Foundation**

**2018**

Interim leadership of public community radio station in Sitka, Alaska for six months.

#### **Executive Director, Franklin County Regional Housing Authority**

**2008 – 2015**

Chief executive officer for two public agencies and a nonprofit affiliate providing affordable housing and community development services in rural western Massachusetts. Responsible for staff of 30 and annual operating budget of approximately \$3.4 million.

#### **Research Manager, UMass Donahue Institute**

**2007 – 2008**

Project manager for research on state policy issues for think tank based at University of Massachusetts.

#### **Town Planner, Montague, Massachusetts**

**1999 – 2006**

Supported boards and committees responsible for planning, economic development and conservation in rural community (population 8,800). Wrote grants and administered projects. Initiated RiverCulture, an arts-based economic development program that won a 2011 state award for creative communities.

#### **Farmland Information Specialist, American Farmland Trust**

**1995 – 1999**

Researched and wrote technical publications for national nonprofit. Organized conferences and workshops.

**Education Programs Coordinator, Union of Concerned Scientists**

**1990 – 1994**

Developed and promoted environmental education programs and managed speakers bureau of scientists for national nonprofit.

**EDUCATION**

**Master of Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School of Government**

Focus on state and local government. Winner of Taubman Urban Prize for research on the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act.

**Master of Arts, Urban and Environmental Policy, Tufts University**

**Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Studies and English, Oberlin College**

Phi Beta Kappa, Magna cum Laude

**PUBLICATIONS**

*RAFT in Review, RAFT During the Pandemic.* Policy Reports, MetroHousing Boston, 2020. Author.

*The Massachusetts RAFT Program: Preventing Homelessness, Providing Family Stability.* Policy reports, Regional Housing Network of Massachusetts, 2018, 2019. Author.

*Heat Rises: The Growing Burden of Residential Heating Costs on Massachusetts Households.* Research report, UMass Donahue Institute, 2008. Lead author. Received public service award from Mass Energy Consumers Alliance. Report covered on front page of *Boston Globe*.

*Growing Talent: Meeting the Evolving Needs of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Industry.* Report commissioned by Massachusetts Life Sciences Center and Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, 2008. Lead Author.

*The Massachusetts Community Preservation Act: Who Benefits, Who Pays?* White Paper, Kennedy School of Government, Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston. 2007. Co-author. Received Taubman Urban Prize. Report was the subject of editorial in *Boston Globe*.

*Revisiting Community Preservation.* (Op-ed, *Boston Globe*). July 27, 2007. Co-author.

*Investing in the Future of Agriculture: The Massachusetts Farmland Protection Program and the Permanence Syndrome* (American Farmland Trust, 1998). Lead Author.

*Renewables are Ready: People Creating Renewable Energy Solutions.* (Chelsea Green Press, 1995). Contributing author.

**CIVIC LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

Regional Housing Network of Massachusetts Board of Directors, 2008 – 2015

Greenfield Savings Bank Board of Corporators, 2011 – 2015

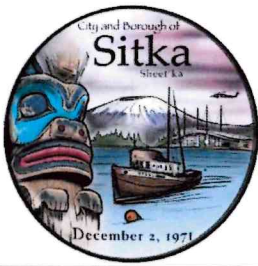
Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, 2005 – 2006, 2009 – 2015

MHIC New Markets Tax Credits Investment Advisory Committee, 2009 – 2015

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Franklin County, 2005 – 2006; 2009 – 2015

Greenfield Community College Foundation Board of Directors, 2008 – 2014

Montague, Massachusetts Town Meeting Elected Member, 1996 – 2011



## PLANNING COMMISSION

| NAME                                       | CONTACT NUMBERS                                  | TERM STARTS   | EXPIRES   | CATEGORY              |
|--|--|---|---|-----------------------|
| CHRIS SPIVEY<br>109 Lillian Drive          | 738-2524<br>spi3050@yahoo.com                    | 12/11/12<br>1/28/14<br>1/24/17<br>1/14/20<br>12/27/22 | 2/8/14<br>1/28/17<br>1/24/20<br>1/14/23<br>12/27/25 | Resigned<br>8/15/2023 |
| DARRELL WINDSOR<br>PO Box 1973             | 738-4046<br>dwindsor@gci.net                     | 6/28/11<br>6/24/14<br>7/25/17<br>8/11/20<br>8/22/23   | 6/28/14<br>6/24/17<br>7/25/20<br>8/11/23<br>8/22/26 | VICE CHAIR            |
| STACY MUDRY<br>PO Box 1366                 | 738-8693<br>stacym@sitkareadymix.com             | 8/27/19<br>8/23/22                                    | 8/27/22<br>8/25/25                                  |                       |
| WENDY ALDERSON<br>714 Etolin Street        | 752-0246<br>wendyalderson@gci.net                | 9/22/20<br>5/11/22                                    | 5/14/22<br>5/11/25                                  |                       |
| CATHERINE RILEY<br>1709 Halibut Pt Rd Spc  | 907-209-2019<br>katie.really@gmail.com           | 10/13/20<br>10/26/21                                  | 10/26/21<br>10/26/24                                |                       |
|  |  |   |   |                       |
| Amy Ainslie<br>Planning Director           | 747-1814<br>amy.ainslie@cityofsitka.org          |   |   | Staff Liaison         |
| Thor Christianson<br>500 Lincoln Street A9 | 738-2491<br>assemblychristianson@cityofsitka.org |   |   | Assembly Liaison      |

5 members from public, 3-year terms

Established by Ordinance 74-118/SGC2.18 & Charter Article VIII

Must be registered to vote

First and Third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. – Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS  
OATHS OF OFFICE**

Revised: August 23, 2023