



Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions City and Borough of Sitka

Board/Commission/Committee: Historic Preservation Commission

Name: James Poulson Preferred Phone: _____

Address: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Fax Number: _____

Length of Residence in Sitka: 50+ years Registered to vote in Sitka? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Employer: Verstovia Corp.

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

Sitka Fine Arts Camp board of directors, Sitka Historical Society, Sitka Maritime Heritage Society, Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Explain your main reason for applying:

I enjoy celebrating and preserving Sitka's rich history.

What background, experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?

I maintain several historic buildings in Sitka. I earned a master's degree in historic preservation from Boston Architectural College in 2019.

Please disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment. These may include but are not limited to:

- A substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment.
- An immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment.

My sister may be paid for her time administering and working on preservation grant projects considered by the commission.

Please attach a letter of interest, outline, or resume which includes your education, work, and volunteer experience that will enhance your membership.

→ (To be considered, your application must be complete AND be accompanied by one of the above supporting documents.)

Date: 7-27-2021 Signature: James Poulson

Your complete application and resume should be returned to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Please note: all information submitted will be made public and published online. Appointments are normally made during open session of an Assembly meeting, 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

Return to:

Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist, 100 Lincoln Street
Fax: 907-747-7403 Email: cityclerk@cityofsitka.org

James Poulson

EDUCATION:

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts with majors in English and art history, 1988

BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL COLLEGE

Master in design studies in historic preservation 2019

WORK EXPERIENCE:

PHOTOGRAPHER, Daily Sitka Sentinel PROPERTY MANAGER, Verstovia Corporation

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Property manager of three National Historic Register-listed buildings. Preservation consultant on National Historic Landmark Sheldon Jackson campus.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee board member 2018-present

Sitka City and Borough Historic Preservation Commission member 2011-present

Founding member of the Friends of Sitka National Historical Park 2015

Board member of Alaska Arts Southeast 2013-present

Board member of Sitka Community Land Trust 2014-2020

E.W. Merrill Project board treasurer 2014

Community Schools soccer coach 2009-14

Sitka Maritime Heritage Society volunteer 2010-present

Mt. Edgecumbe Preschool board president 2008



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NAME	CONTACT NUMBERS	TERM STARTS	EXPIRES	CATEGORY
ROBERTA LITTLEFIELD 4102 Halibut Point Road	738-4004 c 747-3444 h robbylittlefield@gci.net	7/13/10 4/24/12 5/27/15 6/26/18	01/27/12 4/24/15 5/27/18 6/22/24	Chair At large
ROBERT SAM 456 Katlian Street	623-7097 bob.sam@sitkatriben-sns.gov	2/24/15 2/27/18 3/9/21	2/24/18 2/27/21 3/9/24	Vice Chair STA
JAMES POULSON 1610 Sawmill Creek Rd	747-3219 w 747-6567 h james.poulson1@gmail.com	2/22/11 2/25/14	2/22/14 2/25/17 9/8/18 8/30/21	Secretary Historical Society
SCOTT SALINE PO Box 3183	738-7889 c shsaline@gci.net	4/26/16	4/26/19 5/14/22	At large
CHUCK MILLER 314 Katlian Street	738-4025 chuck.miller@sitkatriben-sns.gov	7/14/20	7/14/23	Native Community
ANNE POLLNOW PO Box 6326	738-0794 anne@sealevelsitka.com	4/28/15 4/25/17	4/22/17 4/25/20	Vice Chair At large
ANA DITTMAR	623-7537 Anadittmar1@hotmail.com	4/10/12 5/27/15 6/12/18	4/10/15 5/27/18 6/12/21	At large
Ben Mejia Planner I	747-1814 ben.mejia@cityofsitka.org			Staff Liaison/ Secretary
Crystal Duncan PO Box 174	738-1910 assemblyduncan@cityofsitka.org			Assembly Liaison

7 members from selected categories 3-year terms

Sitka Historical Society (1), Native Community (2) - one representing Sitka Tribe of Alaska, At-Large (4)

Established by Ordinance 92-1075, Amended by Ordinance 93-1150, Addition by Ordinance 97-1409

Second Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. – Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive

Revised: June 24, 2021