



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

Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Floor 3
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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: Tourism Commission

Name: Vaughn Hazel Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Length of Residence in Sitka: 49 years Registered to vote in Sitka? Yes No

Employer Business Name and your position: USFS (retired) Sitka Wildlife Tours van driver

Organizations you belong to or participate in:
ADF&G Hunter Ed Instructor
SSA Woman's Pistol League Range Master assistant
Grace Harbor Church

Explain your main reason for applying:
I am a long time Sitka resident now retired, with children and grandchildren living here and have an interest in seeing a beautiful community that is no longer economically thriving, remain a viable option for all people who want to live here.

What experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?
I am a retired career Federal Employee working in public works contract prep and administration working both in resource extraction from the Tongass National Forest as well as recreation projects with entirely different set of visions and values. There I learned interdisciplinary team approach and

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: As stated, for 3 years have been employed in tourism driving a tour van 3 days a week. I have first hand knowledge of some impacts of tourism on residents of Sitka but believe common sense mitigations working with industry are possible.

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: 10/14/24 Applicant Signature: Vaughn Hazel

Resume of Vaughn Hazel

Tongass NF Construction Engineer

My Engineering career began in July 1975 as a Survey Aid on P-line crews with an occasional L-line project. Later that season I became a Party Chief and ran a P-line crew. The following year I ran another survey crew from May thru October. I continued working seasonally 76 thru 78 building survey camps and then surveying roads from then as a crew boss until October of 1978 when I accepted a WAE appointment and became a Road Inspector on a Timber Sale contract until winter shutdown.

While a temporary employee I also worked on numerous residential houses constructed in Sitka on Edgumbe Dr. Harris Island, other locations doing framing, plumbing, roofing, hanging sheetrock and general labor.

Under the Project Engineering team organization I did a mix of Pre-Construction Survey and winter Road Design as well as Road Inspection on Timber Sales from 1978 thru 5/30/81.

At that time I accepted a CE-Tech GS-7 with the new Project Eng who succeeded my previous boss. My duties now became Chief of Parties for 3 survey crews and 2 Construction staking crews during field season and Road design and training during winters. After learning some design techniques from RDS system I went to Rich Hovey PE's Low Standard Road Design Class in Bozeman and shortly after this the FLRDS system was implemented.

November of 1983 I was accepted to GS-9 C.E. Tech position on a different Project Engineering group and the following year Inspected on the first of many Public Works Road Construction projects. These hard money Contracts were AQ weighed quantities for borrow. These hard money contracts ended with TTS Funds elimination and so program transitioned back to TS road Construction.

From FY 1982 thru 1993 Tongass Eng remained an SO organization although the Forest went back to Districts in 1983. I continued on Project team(s) doing all phases of road packages. During this time Linear Grading was introduced and refined instead of designs to establish contract quantities.

In 1996 I received a GS-11 as a primary assistant to Transportation Engineer. Along with all previous duties and responsibilities of Preconstruction and Construction as COR and ER now included BMC Bridge Inspections and Reporting. The position included additional duties of fleet with boats and vehicles. Somewhere in 1995 and well into 1996 assisted in writing Regional and Forest Special Project Specs to compliment new National Specs. Began working on Regional cost guide and the A10 Tables for 5 year transportation plan/ program in this period. During this period of time I attended ACAD trainings in Seattle.

Thru the downsizing of 90's and a succession of Supervisors I continued with increased project workloads of varying size and complexities. Several Bridge and Culvert replacement contracts. The Hoonah Warehouse facilities contract dispute and claim settlement. Also minor paving of parking lots. In 2000 I was COR on Mendenhall Campground Ph 2 which was over 1 million dollar Contract in Juneau involving Roads, Building Construction. Trail Construction, Aggregates and paving. Engineering personnel went back onto districts during this period although I remained in SO Engineering Organization.

In 2001-2007 I transitioned again into an SO Oversight Position as an assistant to Forest Engineer Larry Dunham. This included problem solving of Road/LTF Construction problems on PW and Timber Sale Contracts. Engineering was now again at District Level in Alaska Region. During this period I became NCCP Forest Coordinator, originally for the North Tongass, a carryover from the Three Areas which soon phased into NCCP for the entire Tongass.

Duties now included the FE representative on Final Acceptance of Roads. I was responsible for Plan reviews of Contract Drawings and Specs, Cost Estimates and maintenance packages. I was also responsible for reviews and approvals of contracted professional Road Designs. We standardized ACAD drawings also during this period I worked independently and closely on Regional Cost Guide updates and revisions in Excel Format. Also during this period the FP-03 National Construction Specifications were adopted by Forest Service and Spec Manger software was implemented to manage Supplements. I wrote most all of the Regional and Tongass supplements to FP -03 for Road Construction and was one of three approvers of specs for construction/Reconstruction/Maintenance. I retained Regional and Forest Approval of Supplements. I also worked directly with Structural Engineers to produce Supplements for R10 Bridges and Log Transfer Facility construction and repair.

From 2007- retirement worked directly for Forest Engineer in Construction Eng Oversight position as well as district liaison between SO Engineering Organization and Sitka District. All Forest Engineering personnel are now centralized in SO's organization regardless of physical location. I still had Pre-Construction/Design review duties, Contracting Officers Rep (PW), Engineering Rep (TS), Inspector/COR/ER oversight and support, NCCP, including Orals Panel member. Regional Cost Guide Support and Project work including Watershed Rehab, Minor Paving, Roads, Road Maintenance and Trails. Occasionally work included Mixed Motor Vehicle Use analysis of road systems and annual prep of Road Maintenance Plans. During the past 10-15 years I have had many FS and commercial trainings including:

Value Analysis, RoadEng, NEPA, ER and Sale Administrator training. Contracting Officers Rep level 2 & 3 plus additional refreshers.

R-6 Motorized Mixed Use Analysis Training. Design –Build Contracting from FHWA. I also attended a NBIS Bridge Inspection Certification Refresher Training in 2016. I attended the full 80

hr NBIS Bridge Inspection Course in 90's in Juneau sponsored by ADOT.

While employed in oversight roles I was required to be certified in various Technical categories such as : Roads, Bridges, Buildings, Concrete, Water and Wastewater Treatment, Asphalt.

My experience and training in SE Alaska low standard road preconstruction, construction, maintenance, and repair is both extensive and diverse. One of the strengths of the Federal System is exposure to many Engineers and Eng Techs with broad and diverse experiences, education, and backgrounds lending to exposure to a myriad of road problems and problem solving techniques.

Most recently since retiring in 2016 I have worked on Grace Harbor Church Expansion under direction of Don Byrd project Superintendent. Duties included:

Demolition of slabs and walls relocation and framing of shear wall and walls. Construction of a 24' x 56' 2 story addition as well as a new balcony inside auditorium. work also included pouring concrete, hanging sheetrock, hanging doors, painting, pulling up carpet installing railing and general laboring and cleanup.

Also worked for City and Borough of Sitka Electrical Dept doing road maintenance work on Green Lake and Blue Lake Roads in 2018 and 2019 working directly for Erin Clay.

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14 October 2024

Assembly of City and Borough of Sitka

Municipal Clerk's Office
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Dear Assembly,

This letter of interest is humbly submitted to you instead of my resume that is literally outdated and needing an update for any future gainful employment. It frankly is also mostly limited to technical experience in Engineering and contract administration work, specifically in construction reconstruction of roads, trails, bridges, small facilities and structures. With some mentoring and technical oversight of younger Engineers work. What my resume does not reveal is my experience and success in forming and maintaining interpersonal relationships working as a public servant dealing with a broad spectrum of stakeholders with vastly different motives and objectives, and getting results. Simply put, finding the "common ground" among groups and building on that to the farthest extent possible. The key to success for this Tourism Commission committee may depend more on clear objectives from the Assembly and Administration than anything else. I believe an eyes and ears wide open with mouth shut approach is needed when dealing with the cruise industry or any profit driven corporation for that matter. I see success in the Public arena as achieving the greatest good possible for the largest number possible, whatever that greatest good is.

I am interested in learning more of what you need from this Tourism Commission to serve the Assembly and citizens to further determine if I have what is needed.

Sincerely,

Vaughn Hazel